

### ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY 15th September 2024

# ST PAUL'S NEWS

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### WELCOME

At St Paul's *"we love because God first loved us"* (1 Jn. 4:19).

We believe in the inherent goodness of all people - that the divine dwells at the heart of all living things. We believe the whole world is sacred and so we seek to celebrate God's presence among us with joy.

As such, we are committed to the spiritual growth and wellbeing of all who seek a place to belong.

St Paul's is an inclusive church, welcoming all and offering equal opportunities for those seeking an authentic spiritual community. Rev Andrew Cooper - Parish Priest

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Quandamooka people and their elders past, present and emerging. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.



- Celebrating Anglicare Sunday
- Bush Church Aid and us
- Gladly Gazing at the Garden
- The Vicar's Voice and more...

# **Celebrating Anglicare Sunday**



### We celebrated Anglicare Sunday last Sunday

We welcomed E M Tooth's Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Care Deb Stengert. It was such a pleasure to have Deb with us. We showed the great little mission video that has lots of folk from EM Tooth in it then Deb shared some of her experiences and ministry. We gave her a blessing on behalf of all the staff, gave thanks for the dining table arrangements made by the MU ladies and shared some special cupcakes.

Above: Deb, Mutzi, Shirley and Desley share Maryanne's Anglicare Cupcakes.

St Paul's Anglican Community, Manly gathers for worship every Sunday at 9.30am in the Chapel, Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota. We welcome you!

# **Community Matters**

### **BUSH CHURCH AID: 105 YEARS OF SPREADING THE GOSPEL IN THE OUTBACK.**

Sandra Davis writes; The Bush Church Aid Society of Australia usually referred to as BCA- is one of St. Paul's many outreaches and was born on a cold, wet and windy night in Sydney on 26th May, 1919, shortly after the end of World War 1. Its vision was to provide pastoral and spiritual care for the First Nations Peoples and settlers in remote areas of Australia.

In the 1920s , BCA hostels provided accommodation and support for children who had to leave their remote homes for their education. In the 1930s BCA's medical ministries were established. A flying medical service was established. eventually taken over by the Royal Flying Doctors Service. The mineral and opal boom of 1950 – 1980 presented opportunities for further expansion out west. The new millennium saw the introduction of FIFO mining chaplaincy, together with scripture teaching and drought relief work. The BCA adapts continually to meet the needs of the people it serves.

One hundred and five years later, the vision remains the same. The BCA continues to provide and pay for full time personnel in the remote parts of Australia. In partnership with Anglican Dioceses and other Christian ministries across the country, Bush Church Aid places committed gospel workers in a variety of locations so all Australians have the opportunity to hear the life-changing message of Christ.

Two ways of supporting the work of this valuable outreach are depositing money into the cardboard money boxes issued by the BCA and collecting new or used postage stamps, which are sold at various auctions and sales throughout the year.

In 1995, the late Pat and Derek Hunt were appointed St. Paul's Box Secretaries for BCA and coordinated the collection of our money boxes. They were succeeded by former parishioner Michael Tung Yep, followed by Beverley when

Michael moved to North Queensland to be closer to his recently widowed father. Our current BCA coordinator is Beverley Schmidt, who collects our moneyboxes in March and September each year.

Last year, BCA received \$3063.72 from the bulk sale of stamps donated from our supporters all across Australia. We also received \$1804 from the sale at auction of 149 stamp albums, numerous first day covers and a range of other items. Thank you for all your donations; please keep it up!

#### Over the years, the

appearance of the boxes has changed: originally they represented a bush bark hut. By the 1980s they had morphed into a blue box, which some of us here at St. Paul's are still using. The latest version is a tan and cream stone cabin, complete with a welcoming family and a dog. The amount of funds in the boxes is recorded on a sticker attached to the base of the box and a thank you note inserted into the slit on its roof.

This week I delivered over 2,540 used stamps to Reverend Mike Uptin in Sunnybank. These stamps had been given to me over the past three years by various parishioners, colleagues and friends. If you would like to donate any stamps you have accumulated, I would be delighted to pass them on to Mike in due course. I am told that stamps are much in demand by collectors nowadays and a good price is paid for them.

REMEMBER: Sunday, 15th September is collection day for our boxes or cash donations!





Current BCA sites around Australia



BCA ladies out west. C 1935 and an open air service in 1950





The look may have changed but the passion for the Good News of Jesus remains the same.

### The Vicar's Voice

Every week I am constantly amazed at the wide range of stuff I have to choose from when putting together the newsletter. For a small community we are certainly dancing with the stars in terms of connection and involvement.

I'm chuffed that group engaging with our Season of Creation events is... appropriately for our time at Bethania Street Community Garden... growing!! Gaze at the Garden was a joy filled moment to pause and smell the flowers, take a mindfulness walk, share some noticing and chat over a beverage. This Sunday we are back at Lota Park to Stare at the Seas. Join us! No experience necessary.

Thank you to all who helped make our raffle a great success. Here's our lucky winners First Prize: Nancy Curtis Second Prize: Norm Wilson Third Prize: Shirley (Sandra's Friend0

The Raffle raised \$531.50... Mr Treasurer will be pleased at that and the additional \$458.35 from a balmy Saturday morning at the Carina Car Boot Sale Stall. That's our best result this year!

Sandra often sends me lovely photos she has taken and I love this one of our crafty couple Lyn and Colin offering the work of their hands for the greater glory of God. A superb crocheted altar cloth from Lyn with intricate lace to match the one on our side table... and a tray filled with red cedar crosses crafted by Col from kneelers at Old St Pauls. We are so grateful for their talents.

### Blessings on your head and hearts Andrew













## TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope (Rom 8:19-25)

Sunday Stare at the Sea Lota Foreshore Park @ 4.30pm Sunday 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th September Gaze at the Garden Bethania Community Garden, Lota Sunday 8th September @4.30 pm

Short creation centred reflection and prayer followed by a glass of something refreshing and nibbles.

Bring your refreshments, a folding chair and appropriate clothing

> Contact Fr Andrew priest@stpaulsmanly.org

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

# Anglicare Southern Queensland

### Service of Remembrance

Anglicare and EM Tooth invite clients, residents and friends to share this opportunity to gather, light a candle and give thanks for the lives of our loved ones.

### The Chapel at Lota House Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 9.30am

Light Refreshments will be served following the service.



### **MOTHERS' UNION INVITATION**



### Tuesday 24th September LOTA HOUSE CHAPEL

162 Oceania Terrace, Lota

9.30 Prayer Service 10.15 Guest Speaker –Senior Sergeant Debbie Phillips Speaking on Elder Abuse 11.15 Morning Tea and fellowship

Senior Sergeant Debbie Phillips is the State Disability & Elder Abuse Coordinator from the Domestic, Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Unit of Queensland Police.

Please contact Manly MU President to add your name to our list of attendees - Ailsa Gill ailsajgill@gmail.com.au

ST PETER'S CAR BOOT SALE 86 Bride St Wynnum \$15 per Site + \$5 per table

SATURDAY 21ST SEPT 8AM – 1130AM

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT 0493 145 893



St Paul's will be there and we need help. Set Up and/or Pack Up Customer Service Provide Bric-a-Brac, plants, books, baking or preserves. Have a chat to Nick Crisp if you can assist Scripture Readings This Week Proverbs 1:20-33 ; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Next Week: Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

#### For your prayers:

- The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- The Diocese of Melbourne
- The Parish of South Brisbane
- Anglican Overseas Aid
- St Paul's School, Bald Hills
- Kim, Yvonne, John, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad

We give thanks for life of Michael Clifford and pray for his family as they grieve his loss. May he rest in peace.

### The BCA Prayer

Lord our God, help us to remember those who live in isolated and remote parts of our land. We ask you to strengthen and encourage all whose ministries are supported by The Bush Church Aid Society.

Refresh them in times of discouragement and loneliness and call others to stand with them in the task of making Christ known. Grant that, through the ministry of the Word and Sacraments, through caring service and by support for young people, the message of your redeeming love may be proclaimed and accepted by the people of our land. We ask these things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

# what's On

#### This week

Monday 10.30 EM Tooth Community Worship, Activities Room

**Tuesday 9.30** EM Tooth Service of Remembrance **Wednesday 7.30** Wynnum Men's Fellowship Group St Peter's Hall, Wynnum

Thursday 9.30am Tatters and Chatters in the Parlour Saturday Car Boot Sale stall at St Peter's, Wynnum Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel 9.30am Sunday 4.30 Stare at The Sea SoC reflection, Lota Park

#### Coming up

September 24th MU Eucharist and Guest Speaker "Elder Abuse"

October 3rd Tatters and Chatters 9.30am October 5th Car Boot Sale, Meadowlands Rd, Carina October 6th St Francis Day Pet Blessing October 7th Parish Council Meeting

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

### Heidi's Hi From our Community Coordinator Mother Earth

I belong to this land It runs through my veins It's the earth in my bones It's the dry dusty plains It's the whispering wind As she blows through the sand It's the sparkling salt water That trickles through my hands It's the feeling I get When I return to my place It's deep down inside me It's my Mother Earth space. I belong to this Country I've walked in her dust I have weathered her storms I have learned from her past It is respect for my Mother It meanders through my mind It clings to my spirit To my soul it does bind It's that feeling I get When I walk in this place It's deep down inside me It's my Mother Earth space.

While the author of this poem is anonymous, it resonates with the voices of many Indigenous Australians who express their spirituality, respect, and responsibility towards the land through art and storytelling. This piece beautifully captures the deep connection that Australia's Indigenous peoples have

with their environment, viewing the land as a living entity that nurtures and sustains life. Let's cherish and protect our environment Heidi



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