



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY
Lent Two 16th March 2025

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.

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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.



- Lent Stuff
- Hope25 and us
- A Garden Full of Hope Quiet Afternoon
- Community Joy Matters

A Stormy Community Indeed!



No... we are not having fights and altercations! Cyclone Alfred posed some challenges that we had to work together to overcome.

As it turned out Alfie lost his puff as a cyclone but as a storm kept us on our toes. Archbishop Jeremy and regional Bishop John reached out and encouraged us to take extreme caution and, particularly in coastal communities, to make the call to minimise travel. Pretty much every parish along the coast, including our neighbours Wynnum, Waterloo Bay and East Redlands, and many inland, chose to suspend in person worship and many like us offered online opportunities.

At St Paul's we offer a Zoom option every Sunday so it wasn't too hard to get folk to gather. Some of us were still challenged with internet signal and at various times Rev Andrew and the LA had to step out and try other data streams. It all worked itself out in the end and the simple liturgy for the First Sunday in Lent went ahead. It was actually nice to hear the lyrics of our hymns read by Mel as poetry... well she mostly spoke.... Couldn't help bursting into beautiful song at some points. 22 folk in all joined in prayer.

There's more about our Lenten signs of hope inside.

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

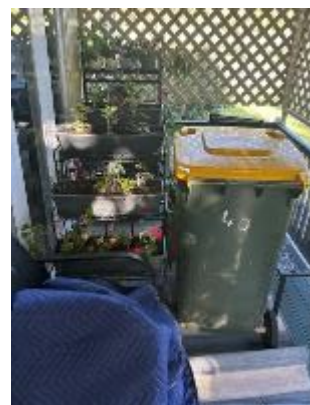


Hope25 is an initiative of the Mission and Ministry Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia. It is an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus for every parish and community in the Australian Anglican Church that runs from Easter to Pentecost 2025. Hope25 is an opportunity for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus. The Hope25 website says: *“Imagine every Anglican Church, in every town and city, in every suburb and community, all working in the same season to proclaim hope in our uncertain world.”*

Hope25 suggests we start thinking and planning during Lent... to refresh us to proclaim the Hope that is Jesus every day but especially after Easter... and to lay strong foundations of prayer.

Rev Andrew writes: I've made a conscious decision to have a Lo-Doom Lent. I talked a little about it here last week but those who follow me on Facebook can see that each day I post something that gives me joy. For me finding joy among the dross is a key part of maintaining Hope. I'm trying to train myself to see Joy... and that can take effort. So here's some of the things that gave me Joy last week...

Helping Hands: Multiple offers to help prepare the vicarage for the arrival of Cyclone Alfred. A task that would have taken me hours, involved trip hazards and loud groans... but with help took 20 minutes. All my bits and bobs safely stored on the front porch.



Colour in the Garden: My bit of garden really suffered with the heat and humidity of summer. I lost lots of my herbs but with help planted some things as the weather cools. I found joy in the rich oranges of marigolds among the parsley and thyme.

Coffee after Alfie: The first coffee in one of my favourite cafes after the big wet had dissipated. I lost power twice so there was no drinkable milk in the house and my grocery delivery hadn't arrived, so to go out and savour a hot flat white made by skilled barista hands was a real joy and a sign that the worst of the storm had passed. There may have been eggs and a wee bit of bacon involved but I resolutely tried not to enjoy them too much in Lent. Failed!



St Paul's is conducting Lent reflection and discussion on the following days:

- **Tuesdays 9.30 a.m.** except March 25th @ Chapel
- **Tuesdays 7 p.m.** via Zoom on March 11, 18, 24, April 1st.
- **Lent Quiet Afternoon on 29th March, 1.30-5.30 pm** @ Bethania St Community Garden

Tuesday Evening Zoom Gathering

You can use the Zoom link for our Sunday Worship

Or

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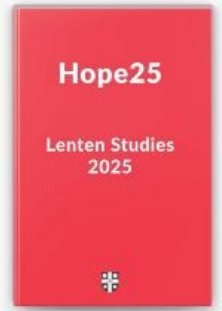
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Expression of Interest Sign up at the back of the Chapel

More Joy in Gathering with Community

Sunday Zoom.... As I said on the front page, the ease of organising gathering online when it was too dangerous to venture out was a joy. Also a joy to see nearly all our Bevs... I think there are four at St Paul's... and folk like Miriam I haven't even had the chance to meet yet. Priceless.

Wednesday Eucharist and Study with St Peters: Rev Sam asked me to fill in for him over at St Peter's. What a joy to connect again with that unique group of faithful ones and then to share some of the Hope25 Lenten Study booklet. Simple things like forming a wobbly circle, sharing in pairs or threes and bouncing off the material in the booklet was really special.



Tuesday Reflections and Discussions:

Two opportunities on Tuesday to unpack the Gospel from last Sunday. A joy to spend time looking at the depth and nuances of the text we just don't get to do in one of my short (but beautifully crafted!?) Sunday sermons. Some really insightful discussion around the nature of evil and temptation and the not so simple topic of 'What about the Devil?' That is a huge thing for another time but I shared one of my favourite cartoons ... Calvin and Hobbes pondering the depths... they always give me a smile.

Resident's Eucharist: We started our new monthly Second Wednesday at 2pm Service just for the residents. What a joy to sing, listen and pray with 14 lovely souls from EM Tooth with great help from Bev and Darryl. Another joy was the willingness of the Lifestyle team to gently gather and deliver the flock!

What about you? Send me a sentence and a pic of something that gives you joy this week and I'll publish here!

You can find out more about Hope25 by visiting: <https://www.hope25.com.au/>

Full of Hope and Full of Life A Lent Quiet Afternoon at Bethania Street Community Garden. Cox Park, Bethania St, Lota

Saturday 29th March, 1.30pm – 5.30 pm

One of the calls of Lent is to take time to pray,
ponder and practice peace.



We invite you to give over an afternoon to just waste time with God in the beautiful surrounds of the Bethania Street Community Garden. There will be times of community prayer, plenty of holy pauses, material to bounce ideas off, a chance to smell the flowers and ponder the message of life and hope a garden provides. We will end the day watching the sun go down with snacks and refreshing beverages.

What to bring: A folding chair, sun and insect protection, things to help you pause like your bible, writing or drawing materials, craft stuff, something to share for afternoon tea, some nibbles to share at sunset, your own cooling beverages in your own cooler bag and a gold coin donation. Coffee, tea and water provided.

Tatters and Chatters... WE WILL TRY AGAIN!!! NEXT THURSDAY 20th March

From March Tatters and Chatters will have a new place and time.
Wynnum Library Meeting Room from 2pm -4pm

Our first attempt was cancelled due to Cyclone Alfred... but we will persevere!

Chat to Bev and Robyn for more details

Scripture Readings: Lent Two

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Next Week: Lent Three

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

For your prayers:

- ◆ The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- ◆ The Diocese of Newcastle
- ◆ The Parish of Bundaberg
- ◆ Inala Careforce
- ◆ The Glennie School, Toowoomba
- ◆ **Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Shirley, Vivien**

A Prayer after the Storm

God of heaven and earth,
Source of All,

The storm passed, the tempest moved on.

Thank you for the kinship of neighbours and friends
As we work together to clean up after the squall.

Thank you for providing safety

To our family and friends throughout the gale.

Thank you for the emergency and rescue workers

Who kept watch and risked their lives
for our community.

Bless all who were injured with healing and recovery.

Provide food and clothing,

warmth and comfort, to all still in need.

Blessed are You, our Rock and our Shelter.

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What's On

This week

Monday 9.30 EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room

Tuesday 9.30 Bible Reflection and Discussion @ Chapel

Tuesday 7-8.30 Zoom Lent Reflection Group

Wednesday 8-11am Rev Andrew at Pete's Pantry

Wednesday 7pm Men's Ministry, Wynnum

Thursday 2-4pm Tatters and Chatters @ Wynum Library

Sunday 9.30 Parish Eucharist, Lota House Chapel and MU Wave of Prayer

Coming up in March

25th MU Lent Quiet Morning 9.30am

26th MU Lady Day Cathedral

29th Lent Quiet Afternoon

30th Mothering Sunday and MU Collection

Look for Lent Study Times Inside!!!

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.



Parish Council

Meeting

This Sunday after the service!
Please pray for our work.

THANK YOU Manly Parish for
your support furnishing the
Rectory for Fr Vijay
and his family



Anglican Parish of
Waterloo Bay

We have been very blessed to be offered items of furniture from parishioners from St Paul's, and also from a lady who is a friend of a parishioner in your Parish.

Waterloo Bay Parish is very grateful for your support. We will have a very well-furnished Rectory for Fr Vijay and wife and 2 daughters.



Hello from Bev Giles.

Bev sent her regards during our monthly visit with communion. Rev Andrew was struck by the beautiful orchid that has been giving Bev hope and joy for weeks.

Bev is always interested in our doings, loved getting a copy of the AGM Report and of course joins us every Sunday via Zoom for our Sunday worship.

Let Rev Andrew know if you'd like communion at home, a cuppa in a café or a visit if he hasn't got around to your place recently!

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