



ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN COMMUNITY, MANLY
Lent Five Sunday 6th April 2025

ST PAUL'S NEWS

JESUS CHRIST | SPIRITUALITY | COMMUNION | TRADITION

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

Contacts

PARISH PRIEST

Rev Andrew Cooper
0447 409 188

priest@stpaulsmanly.org

PEOPLE'S WARDEN

Dr Jennifer Crisp
0423 782 646

PRIEST'S WARDEN

Mr Rob Wilson
0414 270 006

Parish Mobile 0491 062 877

office@stpaulsmanly.org

www.stpaulsmanly.org



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.



- Bush Church Aid appeal
- Mothering Sunday doings
- Easter Services details
- Tatters and Chatters @St Peter's

Getting to know the neighbours!

Rejoicing in our partners in mission in the bayside!

Rev Andrew had the pleasant task of swanning around to catch up with some of our local ecumenical brothers and sisters. Pictured are Trish Stapleton, the relatively new Parish Manager AND Pastoral Associate and Hugh Davies from St John Vianney's Catholic Parish. Also pictured are folk from Bayside Uniting Church, minister Reverend Craig Blackburn and music ministry leader Erin.



We met to float some ideas of how we might collaborate in bringing the gospel alive together in the Bayside. There are amazing resources among our churches and much good will in celebrating the unique perspective each community is gifted with. First up is some small starts with a shared sunrise service on Easter Sunday morning.

Have a look inside for more details of the our Sunrise Easter celebration



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



Going the distance

Bush Church Aid is all about Aid to the Church in the Bush; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the life-changing gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia. BCA sends Field Staff to support local churches and initiatives all over Australia.

An interview with Kyabram based BCA Field Staff Jacob Kelly

What led you to feel called to train for ministry?

I really felt called, and I felt the desire to do everything I could to play my part in God's kingdom. The more I followed that call, the more it just seemed that ministry was the way to do that, and the thing that God was calling me to. I was the most hesitant person going into ministry. I did a lot to try and run away from it, because I really didn't think it was the right thing.

How do you see it fitting in the big picture of God's work in the world?

I was reading 1 Corinthians 3, and Paul talks about people building the foundation of God's house, and the debates about different apostles and so on. And he says at the end of the day, the foundation is Christ.

That's how I see what I'm doing in Kyabram: encouraging the people here to follow Jesus, to play their role as God's people in God's kingdom. The prayer is at the end of the day, is that God gets proved faithful.

How do you see God at work through your work?

Probably the greatest thing I see God at work in is in a ministry of healing and reconciliation.

One thing that is quite prevalent in our town and community is domestic violence, and the other thing is trauma. Farmers and the farming industry have the highest rates of deaths in workplace accidents, so most people know someone who has died on a farm, and often in quite a gruesome way. So, learning to live again after trauma, is something I'm often invited to be a part of. It's wonderful to see God give people hope after they've had trauma in their family, trauma in their relationships, trauma in their life.

That really comes from God's big story of Jesus overcoming trauma and tragedy and bringing hope. And that big story plays out in little stories across our church and our community.

One story that comes to mind is a family that we were able to share Jesus with. Mum and Dad had both been through rehab, they'd both experienced tons of violence and abuse in their lives. Somehow, they got connected with our church, and we were able to share the message of Jesus – something they'd never heard before. They were awestruck by what Jesus would do for them. All their life they'd known people who would take from them, or hurt them, not people who would do something for them, or give up their life for them. And that really overwhelmed them, they said, "How can we get Jesus in our life?"

We've seen a large amount of growth at the church across the last three years, particularly in families, but also across the whole span. Even this year, we've had about 10 people join our church. Given we're a small church this is a lot. We average about 50 on a Sunday.

What encourages you in your work?

I'm connected with Bush Church Aid, and I'm encouraged by the many people who've heard God's call and chosen to go to all sorts of rural, regional and remote places.

I grew up with violence in my household, and something that encouraged me was the local church that I was a part of. They really invested in my life. They saw themselves as the hands, feet, heart, and mouth of Jesus, so they came with that sense of healing, sense of hope.

When I remember what Christ has done for me, that work started with the incarnation, finished on the cross, but is still carried out by the work of people in churches; that encourages me to keep going, because of the ministry I've received from Christ through them.



Source: <https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/>

Bush Church Aid boxes are due for return next week on Sunday 13th April.

Read more about the work of BCA
<https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/>

Pink Power for Mothering Sunday



Well, its Rose actually! One pithy response to saying Pink is “Jesus ROSE from the dead, not Pinked from the dead!” But anyhow... why Rose? On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate a little bit of rejoicing in the midst of the desert of Lent. During both Advent and Lent, we get to have a peek at a rare colour of vestments which only come out twice a year: in Advent on Gaudete Sunday and in Lent on Laetare Sunday. Both of these days are a reminder of the joy of the forthcoming seasons. In this moment of Lent, we fast, but we know that our fast is not eternal. We know there is hope ahead for us. Therefore, we don these rose-coloured vestments as a reminder of the hope and joy of the coming season of Easter.

Why Mothering Sunday?

According to the BBC... that great liturgical resource... During the Middle Ages, the custom developed of allowing people who had moved away from where they grew up to come back to visit their home or 'mother' churches, and their mothers, on the fourth Sunday of the Christian festival of Lent. At the time, it wasn't uncommon for children to leave home to work when they were as young as 10 years old, so this was an opportunity for families to meet up again.

And why Simnel Cake?

Traditionally made for the fourth Sunday in Lent, also known as Refreshment Sunday of Lent when the 40-day fast would be relaxed. Often 11 marzipan balls are used to decorate the cake, symbolising the 12 apostles minus Judas Iscariot. Sometimes 12 are used, representing Jesus and the 11 apostles. Lent is a time of year when food stocks were low, and the high-calorie simnel cake was useful nutrition. The meaning of the word "*simnel*" is unclear: there is a 1226 reference to "*bread made into a simnel*", which is understood to mean the finest white bread, from the Latin *simila*, "*fine flour*" from which '*semolina*' also derives.



And the posies?

The tradition of posies (small bouquets) on Mothering Sunday stems from the custom of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, picking wildflowers along the way to visit their mothers or their "mother church". In many churches its to honour those who have acted as mothers to others. Given the complex nature of families where mothering is often done by non-biological parents or where the experience of mothering is not always positive, we often give everyone a posie and pray for all the beautiful but sometimes complex facets of mothering.

A Prayer for Mothering Sunday

Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joy of family life.
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.
Let your love be present in every home, and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of all who come.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

So now you know. Many thanks to the MU members who prepared cake and posies for us to mark the day.

Sources: <https://www.ctkparish.com/>; www.bbc.com; www.wikipedia.org

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."



Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Eucharist

The Wilson Home

Thursday 17th April @ 6pm

Rev Andrew and the Wilson Family invite you to Join us for a beautiful blend of new and old as we share a simple meal of soup and bread. We will reflect on how Jesus used meals to teach, heal and build community, followed by the traditional Maundy Thursday foot washing – all are invited to wash and be washed... and then a relaxed celebration of the Eucharist... all in the familiar surrounds of a family home.

RSVP essential by Sunday 13th April.

Sign up at the back of the chapel or email Rev Andrew



He is not here; he has risen, just as he said



Joint Churches' Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday 20th April 2025, 5.30am

Lota Foreshore Park, Lota

A simple gathering of folk from Bayside Christian churches.
Prayer and praise to celebrate the Risen Lord
As we watch the sun rise and the day of new life dawn.
Bring a folding chair, appropriate clothing
and you might just get an Easter egg.

Contact: Rev Andrew Cooper priest@stpaulsmanly.org



We're Back!!! Tatters and Chatters Rises!

After a hiatus due to construction at Lota House, storms and damage to Wynnum Library, the crafty folk reconvened on Thursday afternoon at St Peter's. Bumper attendance with some new faces... so good to be able to gather for craft, chat and fellowship.

There was some great crochet going on, some beautiful embroidery shared, the blokes busy on laptops and lots and lots of chat.

Rev Andrew shared an AI generated logo that was major thumbs down. They reckon it looks like a bikie tattoo! What do you think?

We will gather again at St Peter's on Thursday 17th April.



Easter at the Chapel and Beyond

13th April Palm Sunday: Blessing of the Palms and Eucharist 9.30am @ The Chapel

17th April Maundy Thursday:

- Washing of feet, celebration of the Eucharist and time to watch and pray. 9.30am @ The Chapel
- Agape Shared Meal and Eucharist 6.00pm @ Wilson Home (RSVP Required*)
- St Peter's, Wynnum - Traditional Eucharist, Foot Washing and Vigil Prayer 7pm

18th April Good Friday:

- Solemn Commemoration of the Passion – A Service of Prayer and Remembrance. 9.30am @ the Chapel
- Stations of the Cross by the Bay @ Lota Foreshore Park 3pm

20th April Easter Sunday:

- Dawn Resurrection Service by the Bay @ Lota Foreshore 5.30am
- Easter Eucharist @ the Chapel 9.30am

*Agape Meal enquiries and RSVP to office@stpaulsmanly.org or Rev Andrew 0447 409 188



Scripture Readings: Lent Five

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 ;
Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

Next Week: Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23:1-49

For your prayers:

- ◆ Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- ◆ The Diocese of Bendigo
- ◆ The Parish of East Redland
- ◆ NQ Townsville Correctional Centre Chaplains
- ◆ Fraser Coast Anglican College, Hervey Bay
- ◆ Yvonne, Coralie, Richard, Ann, Bruce, Judi, Brad, J and J, Chloe and Family, Doreen, Shirley, Maggie, Val, Ella, Shirley, Vivien, Zoe, Ben, Bev
- ◆ We give thanks for the life of Helen Collins' granddaughter Lottie and pray for all who loved her.

With Thanks for Extravagant Love.

Father, the sheer bulk of your love for us in Jesus is staggering—even extravagant.

According to your own Word, you haven't been miserly, measured, or careful with your love.

You've been lavish—over-the-top, immoderate, intemperate!

And by your lavish love, one day you will make us as lovely and as loving as Jesus.

By this hope, we will seek to dance, repent, and love to your glory today. So, Amen we pray, in Jesus pure and perfect name.

Source: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/>

What's On

This week

Monday 9.30 EM Tooth Worship Service, Activities Room
Tuesday 9.30 Bible Reflection and discussion @ the Chapel
Tuesday 7-8.30 Zoom Lent Reflection Group
Wednesday 10am Rev Andrew meets with Bishop John
Wednesday 2pm EM Tooth Residents' Eucharist
Wednesday 7pm Men's Ministry, Wynnum
Saturday 10.30 am Cursillo Gathering
Sunday 9.30 Palm Sunday Parish Eucharist, @ Lota House Chapel

Coming up in April

17th Tatters and Chatters 2pm-4pm @ St Peter's
22nd MU Eucharist and Meeting 9.30am
25th Anzac Day Services at Manly and EM Tooth

Rev Andrew on Leave 26/4 - 24/5

Look for Easter Details Inside!!!

Please let Fr Andrew know of any upcoming events.

Lent.

a season of renewal

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 . Last gathering on April 8th.

Tuesday Evening Zoom Gathering

You can use the Zoom link for our Sunday Worship
Or

Meeting ID: 929 1085 5979

Passcode: 414242

Car Boot Sale This Saturday 5th April

A selection of odds and sods to be offered this Saturday on a \$1 and \$2 table along with almost giveaway priced plants. Coffee, books and friendly smiles too!

**Join us at Church of The Nazarene,
Meadowlands Rd, Carindale early -11am**



Support our Ministry

Bank: Anglican Financial Services
Account: Manly Anglican Parish
BSB: 704-901 Account #:00000690
Reference: 'offering'

www.stpaulsmanly.org

Parish of Manly

Anglican
Church Southern Queensland