



# Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



## NEWS AND NOTES

23 March 2025

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# WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S UNITING CHURCH



## Weekly Services

*We seek to share God's unconditional love and acceptance for all people, regardless of age, gender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, disability, race poverty or wealth.*

If you have no regular church association, we invite you to come and share in our services and participate in our church's life.

**9:30am Sunday Worship Service.**

**Holy Communion: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.**

A pdf of the order of service can be sent to your smart phone or device for Sunday. Contact [admin@saintandrews.org.au](mailto:admin@saintandrews.org.au) to have it sent to you. Sermons are also available on YouTube – <https://tinyurl.com/SaintAndrewsYouTube>

### Readings for the coming week: 23 March 2025 – Third Sunday in Lent

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading:	Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm	63: 1 - 8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading:	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel:	Luke 13:1 - 9

To view the full lectionary readings, please visit: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>

# Volunteers Needed!



As with any church, volunteers are at the heart of our service. If you would like to volunteer or require further information please contact the office at: [admin@saintandrews.org.au](mailto:admin@saintandrews.org.au)

We'd love to hear from people who are interested in serving at Saint Andrew's in any of the following areas:

- Liturgist / Readers
- AV Operator
- Greeters and Ushers
- Door Duty
- Elders for Sunday Services
- Andy's Place Community Meal Servers and Thursday Breakfast
- Open Church
- Morning Tea

Check the roster on the following page and see where you can help....  
If unsure who to contact speak to Rosie or Susan.

Thank you to all those who have 'filled the spaces' where required.

## + Wi-Fi Access

ID: StAndrewsGuest

P/W: Guestchurch!

## + Lives, Links & Legacy website

Read the stories of the lives of 266 members of Saint Andrew's Congregation whose names are listed on the 1914-1918 Honour Boards in the Merrington Memorial Peace Chapel:

<http://heritage.saintandrews.org.au/>

## + Offering

If you would like to use direct debit for your offering please use the details below:

Account Name:  
UCA St Andrew's Uniting Church

BSB: 334040 (St George)

Account # 55 38 776 38



# Bits and Pieces

## March 2025

What's happening	Event	When	Time
Church Services	Sunday Service	Every Sunday	9:30am
Church Services Holy Communion	Sunday Service	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	9:30am
Open Church	For visitors	Every Friday (excluding public holidays)	11am – 2pm
Andy's Place Community Meals	Weekly meal	Every Saturday	11:30am
Andy's Place Drop-In Centre	Drop- in	Thursday Morning	8 – 11am
Social Justice Table	Raising funds for special causes	To be advised	After service
Social Group	Coffee and social chat	First Thursday of every month	Mary Mae's New Farm Park

## Deadline for News & Notes – Tuesday COB

If you would like to have something included in the weekly News & Notes please email it to Rosie by no later than close of business (COB) on Tuesday the week prior.

Email details to: [admin@saintandrews.org.au](mailto:admin@saintandrews.org.au)

NEWS & NOTES are now online!

Go to <https://www.saintandrews.org.au/news-notes>

# +Bits and Pieces

## Children's Worship Bulletins

Activity sheets based on the lectionary are now available each week so please ask the door duty officer if you need one.

The Bulletins are available in two age groups 3+ years and 7+ years.

Some online activities are also available at – [games.childrensbulletins.com](http://games.childrensbulletins.com) - if you want to share them at home.

Secret codes

3+: NNXE47    7+: JRT933



## Prayers for the People

In the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle we pray for [Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania](#)

Ongoing prayers for the people of **Syria, Ukraine, Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Congo** and other world trouble spots.

May peace prevail in the Middle East and Ukraine with on going negotiations for cease fires and ultimate cessation of all hostilities.

Please continue to pray for peace in the **Middle East**

The opportunity to pray for one another is a gift. You are invited to offer that gift to others. If you have a situation, a prayer request or someone you know needs/wants prayer please let us know. It can be first name only, no details are necessary and always get permission. Let us each take the opportunity to share the gift of prayer and uphold one another in love. Please contact Rosie at [admin@saintandrews.org.au](mailto:admin@saintandrews.org.au) or Susan at [minister@saintandrews.org.au](mailto:minister@saintandrews.org.au) to have them included here.



**Church Office Open Days:**

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

7am to 1.30pm. (07) 3108 4644

Administration Officer: Rosie Catt

5 Rev Susan Pickering: (07) 3108 4644



## +Bits and Pieces continued



### **Join the Everything is Political Podcast series, commencing 5 March**

This Lent season, the Common Grace team invites us to walk through the last week of Jesus' life in the gospels, reflecting on questions about justice and politics. Many across our movement feel deep discomfort, grief and anger at the broken systems that continue to harm God's creation and the most vulnerable in our communities. What does it look like for us, as followers of Jesus, to be faithful and present in our world, at this moment? Sign up for the seven week Lent podcast [here](#).

## **COFFEE AND CHAT**

**Coffee and Chat resumes as usual on the first Thursday of every month. Please join us on Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.30am**

**Mary Mae's in New Farm Park.**

**Please text Chris on 0402617439 or email on [ian.withnall@gmail.com](mailto:ian.withnall@gmail.com)**

## Community Outreach

### **Andy's Place Community Meal.**

We need your help. The Saint Andrew's (Andy's Place) Community Meal serves over 90 guests each and every week

with a dine-in meal.

If you are able to help with cooking, serving or greeting or just want to know more about

what we do. Have a chat to Susan or Rex or email the Co-Ordinator, Jennet Niven, at:

[communitymeal@saintandrews.org.au](mailto:communitymeal@saintandrews.org.au)

**Help the Environment and Recycle your containers. No C10161825. NOW ACCEPTING**

**WINE AND SPIRIT BOTTLES!**

Bring approved containers to church and leave them in the red bin in the kitchen area or deposit your containers at a recycle depot and quote the Saint Andrew's scheme No C10161825 the cash refund goes directly to our account for the Community Meal. Please talk to Beth Brand or Rex Niven.

# +Bits and Pieces continued

## Important Church Announcement

Fellow members of St. Andrews

I am pleased to be able to report that the Rev Dr Linda Hamill has kindly agreed to take on the role of being our interim minister at least for April, May and June this year.

Linda is an experienced interim minister and can also help us with the congregation's journey to calling a new minister.

Linda has also very kindly agreed to conduct the services on 16th and 30th March before she starts as the interim minister.

Best Wishes

Nick

## Giving by Direct Debit:

### **SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH ACCOUNT:**

- UCA St Andrew's Uniting Church
- BSB 334040
- Account number 553877638

### **FOR ANDYS PLACE:**

Andy's Place

BSB: 114 879

Account Number: 497923539

**IMPORTANT:** When making a direct debit donation ensure you use a REFERENCE as below eg :

- Social Justice Table
- 'Park-Name' (Parking+your name)



# ANDY'S PLACE

## Saturday Meal

There was another successful meal on Saturday prepared by Merrillyn and Co.

The meal was chicken curry with vegetables and rice (plus a vegetarian option). The meal was GF which helps with the service. Dessert was apple blossom cakes with ice cream.

The numbers were a little low: In total we served 61 meals, 38 seconds and 3 takeaways. There was quite a bit of food leftover, so we packaged it up into individual containers and placed it in the lockable fridge. I'd say the high number of seconds reflects how impressed the guests were with the meal.

The guests had the pleasure of listening to the band during lunch.

+ Plus One  
List ... items  
still needed

Backpacks

Rain jackets

Umbrellas

Note- if it is easier for you to donate rather than purchase items, the new BSB details are:

St George Bank

BSB: 114879

A/C: 497923539 noted as Andy's Shop.



## Concerts at Saint Andrew's



Con Spirito Concerts will return  
Friday **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 12.30pm  
Please note change of date

## Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday 23 March 2025 – Lectionary Link



Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

1525 - 1530

Ludovico Mazzolino

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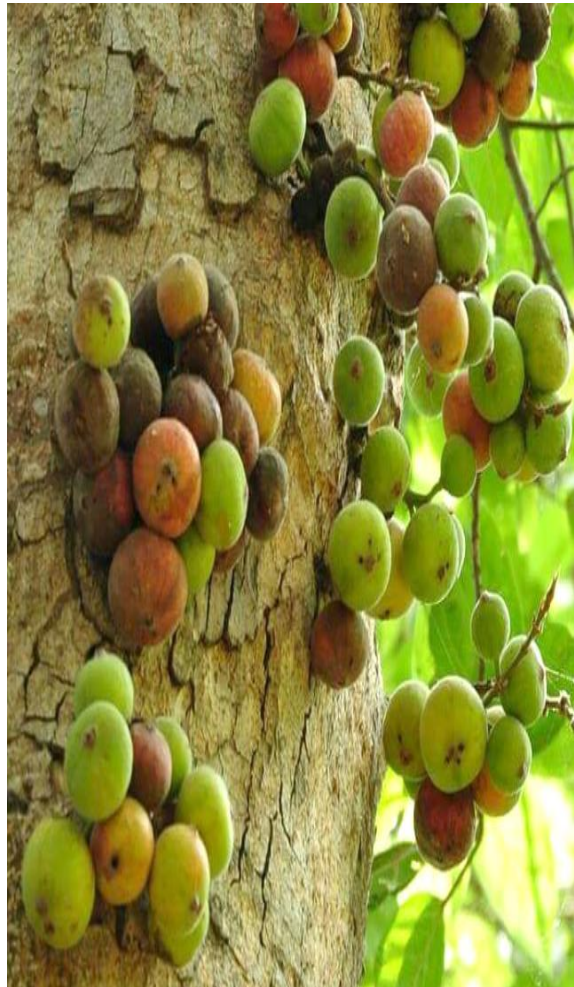
## Prayers of the People

God of infinite goodness,  
throughout the ages you have  
persevered in claiming and  
reclaiming your people.

Renew for us your call to  
repentance, surround us with  
witnesses to aid us in our journey,  
and grant us the time to fashion our  
lives anew, through Jesus Christ  
our Savior.

Amen.

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