



Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday 12 November 2023

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: 1st 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 to have it sent to you.

Sermons are also available on YouTube – <https://tinyurl.com/SaintAndrewsYouTube>

Readings for the coming week:

12 November 2023 – Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 st Reading:	Joshua 24: 1 – 3a, 14 - 25
Psalm	Psalm 78: 1 – 7
2 nd Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18
Gospel:	Matthew 25: 1 - 13



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

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

- Liturgist / Readers
- Flower arrangers
- 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: Church2022!

+ 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

November 2023

What's happening	Event	When	Time
Church Services	Sunday Service	Every Sunday	9:30am
Church Services Holy Communion	Sunday Service	Every 1 st Sunday of the month	9:30am
	LGBTQIA+ Service	Cancelled until further notice	
Andy's Place Community Meals	Weekly meal	Every Saturday	11:30am
Open Church	For visitors	Every Friday (excluding public holidays)	11am – 2pm
Social Justice Table	Raising funds for special causes	Once a month on Sunday	After service
Andy's Place Drop-In Centre	Drop-in	Thursday Morning	8 – 12 noon

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

NEWS & NOTES are now online!

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

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Congregational Christmas Party

Congregational Christmas Party will be held on the first Sunday in Advent, at the Hall-Brown's home, 479 Payne Road, The Gap.

December 3rd at 5pm

\$15.00 per head

Everyone is welcome. Bring your children and grandchildren!!

Always such a great event!

RSVP: Wednesday November 29th

Rosie in the Parish Office ph 3108 4644



We always need volunteers and as our congregation evolves so too do the needs in ministry. I am looking for volunteers to participate in the following ministry areas:

Weddings
Funerals
Baptisms
Greeting

If you are willing to make yourselves available to be part of a team to support these ministries, please let Susan know.



Church Office Open Days:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8am to 1.30pm. (07) 3108 4644

Administration Officer: Rosie Catt

5 Rev Susan Pickering: 0478368968



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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 - 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 [Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia](#)

Pray for the victims of the devastating fires in Qld and NSW as they restart their lives

Pray for the Nepalese affected by the earthquake **Middle East**

1. Ongoing prayers for the people of **Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan** and other world trouble spots.

Please pray for the victims of the crisis in the

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 or Susan at minister@saintandrews.org.au to have them included here.

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

Help the Environment and Recycle your containers. No C10161825

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 if you need more information.

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Albert St Uniting Church

Sing it Yourself Messiah

Please contact Debra Reddell at Albert Street Church

3071 3060

Sing it Yourself Messiah
2ND DECEMBER 2023

- 4pm choir rehearsal
- 6pm supper for choir
- 7pm concert starts
- \$10 per/singer
- \$10 music score loan
- \$10 entry (kids free)

contact church office
for more details

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Midweek Study Group

This notice is for anyone who may be interested in starting up a midweek study group. Details of when and how the group will work are very much in the planning stage - all input will be welcomed.

If there are any people in the congregation (or know of anyone outside the congregation) who are interested, and depending on the desires and availability of anyone interested, the group will meet fortnightly or monthly and will engage in the study of particular aspects of Christian life: theology, philosophy and other related topics.

Nothing is set in stone, this is simply to find out if there is anyone else interested in this type of venture.

If you are interested, then please speak to Matt Brandon after a Sunday service or email him at xmbrandonx@icloud.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE TABLE

The next Social Justice Table will be held on **Sunday December 3rd**.

Each year we provide a practical gift bag from the St Andrew's Congregation which is most appreciated by those who attend our Christmas Meal. Proceeds from the SJT go toward providing these bags.

Donations of lemons, grapefruit, limes, passion fruit etc from your garden would be very useful as we prepare for the upcoming Table. Beth will be at church on Sunday to receive all donations.





+ Plus One
List ... items
still needed

SHOP ITEMS NEEDED PLEASE

Summer Clothing

Usual toiletries

Sunscreen

Backpacks

Shopping Bags

Food Pantry staples – tinned meals, baked beans, noodles, tinned fish, tea bags, small UHT milk.

Black summer caps

ANDYS PLACE AGM

Please join us if you are interested.

December 1st

10am

Committee Room

RSVP: coordinator@andysplace.org.au

Issues to be discussed: -

- Presentation of Audited Accounts
- Update of last 12 months operations of Andy's Place

Many thanks to those who have supported Andy's Place in so many ways over the last 12 months. Without your help our support of vulnerable people would be greatly diminished.

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.

Here's how to contribute to the Social Justice Table, Community Meal, Offering or Parking using direct debit:

Saint Andrew's Church Account:

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

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

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

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Introducing Uniting World's **Everything in Common Gift Catalogue**, perfect for the Christmas season! This catalogue is packed with a diverse range of gifts that address poverty through health, education, leadership, and income-building opportunities!

Choosing Everything in Common gifts not only allows you to make a positive impact on the world but also enables you to share the spirit of hope, peace, joy, and love that characterises the Christmas season. Click [here](#) to access the catalogue.



Check out Uniting Care's new Christmas cards!

These cards allow you to send heartfelt Christmas greetings to your loved ones while contributing to the fight against poverty. When you purchase a pack of eight cards for \$15, the proceeds go towards supporting our partners in making a lasting difference in people's lives. The cards feature four great designs that reflect traditional advent themes, adding a special touch to your Christmas greetings.



Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday – 12 November 2023 – Lectionary Link



Lamp of Wisdom.

Sculpture

Waterperry Gardens

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=54977>

Prayers of the People

You let us choose,
O God,
between you and the false
gods of this world.

In the midst of the night of sin
and death,
wake us from our slumber
and call us forth to greet
Christ,

so that with eyes and hearts
fixed on him,
we may follow to eternal light.

Amen.



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