



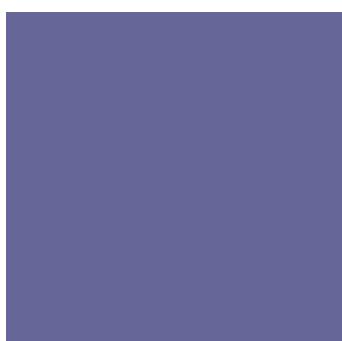
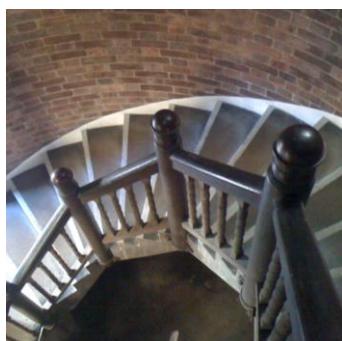
Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday 11 December 2022

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:

11 December - Third Sunday of Advent

1 st Reading:	Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm	Psalm 146:5-10
2 nd Reading:	James 5:7-10
Gospel:	Matthew 11:2-11



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
- Open Church
- Morning Tea

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

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

+ Wi-Fi Access

ID: StAndrewsGuest

P/W: BeOurGuest

+ 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

+ Calendar of Events



December 2022

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
Midweek	LGBTQIA+ Service	Cancelled until further notice	6:00pm
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
AA Meetings	AA Meeting	Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday	11:30am
Meditation	Meditation and Stillness for Advent	Wednesdays in Advent	12.30pm

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!

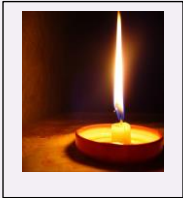
Go to <https://www.saintandrews.org.au/news-notes>

Bits and Pieces



MEDITATION AND STILLNESS FOR ADVENT

Each Wednesday in Advent



November 30, December 7, 14 & 21

12.30 – 1pm

St Andrew's Mission Chapel

Coffee and catch up after.

JUL!



A choral Yuletide celebration

A sophisticated remix of ancient carols by contemporary Norwegian-born composer Ola Gjeilo with the evocative & lush sounds of 55 voices.

Brisbane Concert Choir

Conducted by Debra Shearer-Dirie

4pm 11 Dec 2022

St Peters Chapel

66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly

Book your tickets here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=951081>



Church Office Open Days:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9am to 2pm.

Telephone Number: (07) 3108 4644

5 Administration Officer: Rosie Catt



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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

- The Ukrainian people and all those affected by war
- Families who are struggling
- All victims of natural disasters
- People who find Christmas difficult
- The Homeless

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 Miriam at news4notes@gmail.com 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 70 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 new 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.



Christmas Gift Bags for Guests

Even though we are currently based at Bribie Island, and because of uncertain supermarket supplies, rising costs, and needing 80 of each item, we have already purchased what will go in the Christmas Gift Bags. We would appreciate your monetary donations to cover these costs. The December Social Justice Table proceeds will go towards this Christmas gift.

Donations in a marked envelope can be given to Ralph Collins or put in the offering plate. Otherwise a donation marked 'Christmas' can be put into the Andy's Place bank account **BSB 114 879 A/C 497 923 539 reference Christmas Bags**. For a tax receipt please e-mail treasurer@andysplace.org.au with details.

Thank you for your support of this activity and if you have any questions, please see Rex Niven who is co-ordinating this year's activity.

With thanks - Rex and Jann Niven





THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL JUSTICE TABLE –

Last Sunday's Social Justice Table was a great success.

Thanks for visiting us in the Courtyard.- we had a wonderful spread of goodies and an amazing result - **\$700**, to purchase our gifts for the Guests at Andy's Place Christmas Lunch.

This completed a great year of support for a range of worthy organisations!



DID YOU KNOW.....

Since we commenced collecting bottles and cans for the Containers for Change scheme, we have prevented 45,000 of them going to land fill and earned \$4,500 towards providing over 2,000 meals for our guests.

Well done and let's keep it up over the Festive Season!

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)

Bits and Pieces continued

+ Andy's Place Shop...

As the economic situation bites both those who give, and those who receive, we are constantly reminded of your generosity in supporting the 'shop' at Andy's Place. Please continue, as you are able, to add a toiletry item to your shopping basket each week - and a special thanks for the cartons of toilet paper.

At the beginning of the Season we had three large boxes of men's summer clothing which have gradually been depleted week by week, so that the boxes are now all empty.

We would be appreciative if you would canvas relatives, friends and neighbours for help to get us through to the autumn.

We would especially appreciate Men's shirts, T-shirts, Trousers, Shorts

Jann and Rex Niven



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.

Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday – 11 December 2022 – Lectionary Link



“ Marys Song”

Artist: Lauren Wright Pittman

When I read through the Magnificat, I was overwhelmed with the gravity of this moment. Her reaction to finding out that she, a young virgin, would birth the Son of the Creator of the universe was to sing a song of overflowing praise affirming God’s goodness and sovereignty. It seems as if the entire universe revolved on the axis of this moment. Her song carried me to the creation narrative where God’s very words materialize water and sky and light and animals and people... everything we know to be and will ever know. As I read the Magnificat, I imagined that her tones of adoration, melody of acceptance, and rhythm of awe ushered in the heartbeat of Jesus within her womb. Mary’s song became the score for anew creation narrative. In this piece, I imaged all of creation embracing Mary in this moment as the creation narrative echoes in her womb.”

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=57074>

Prayers of the People

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist,
through all such faithful ones
you proclaim the unfolding of
future joy
and renewed life.
Strengthen our hearts to
believe your advent promise
that one day we will walk in the
holy way of Christ,
where sorrow and sighing will
be no more
and the journey of God's
people will be joy. Amen.



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