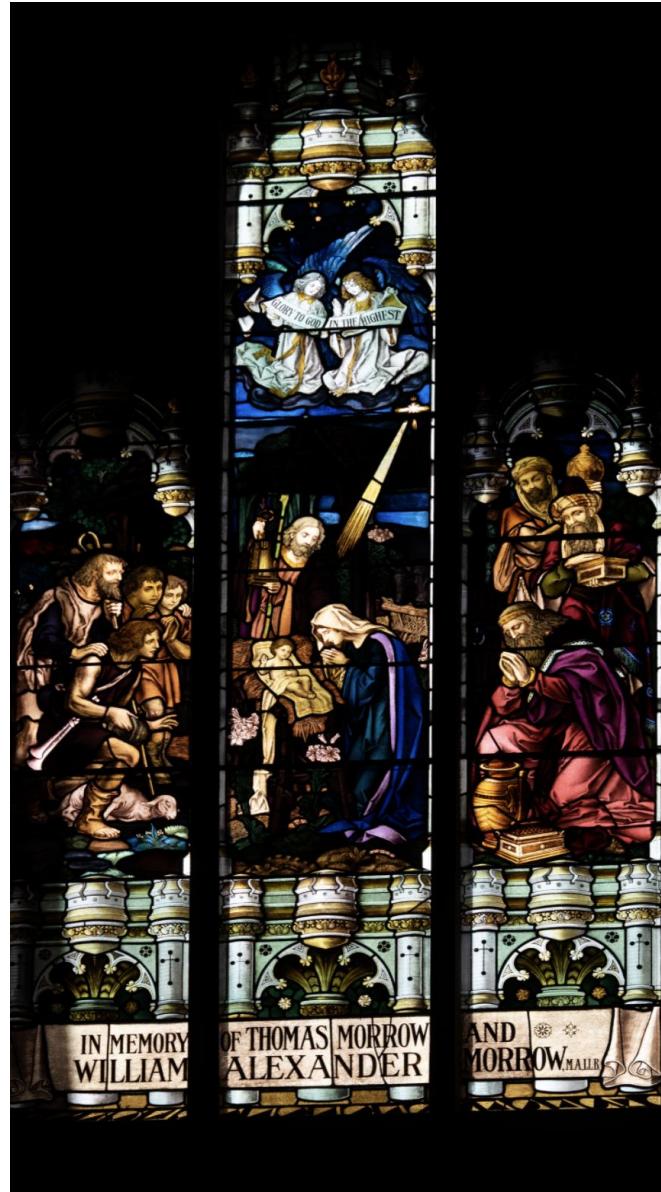




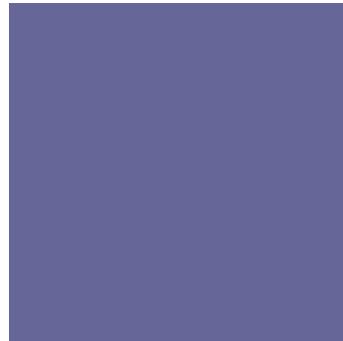
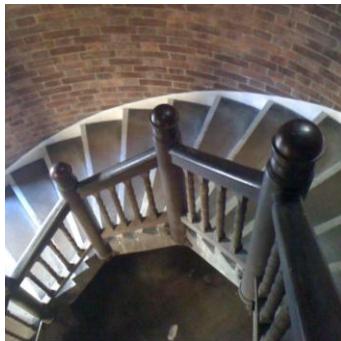
Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

December 25 2025

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:
Second Sunday after Christmas**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm Psalm 147:12-20

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: John 1:(1-9), 10-18

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
- 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 Church Council.

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://livesandlinks.com.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

January 2026

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
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	TBA for 2026	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

NEWS & NOTES are now online!

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



Bits and Pieces continued

In the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle
we pray for [Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine](#)

Pray for a peace-filled New Year.

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

Please continue to pray for peace in the **Middle East, Africa and India/ Pakistan.**

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.



The Word became Flesh

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59789>



Church Office Open Days:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

7am to 1.00pm. (07) 3108 4644

Administration Officer: Rosie Catt

5 Rev Leonie Gaffel: 0414 529 183

†Bits and Pieces continued



Barbara Tate has decided to retire from her role as Church Music Director at the end of the year. Arrangements are in hand for a smooth handover.

Please join me in thanking Barbara for undertaking this demanding role for the last six years.

Thanks

Nick

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 Jennet or Rex or email the Co-Ordinator, Jennet Niven, at: 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

A Special Thanks for Christmas at Andy's Place

Jennet and a wonderful team of 7 volunteers prepared a fabulous Christmas breakfast for 53 guests on Christmas morning.

Ham, cheese and tomato croissants and lots of delicious treats were offered, as well as the normal breakfast items.

A very special thank you to these very special people for giving up their own Christmas breakfast to provide for our guests. Many other charitable organisations cannot function over this season due to lack of volunteers. We are lucky to have people so willing to serve others.





ANDY'S PLACE

Andy's Place - Saturday Meal Dec 27

Christmas Lunch

• Guests were initially treated with a welcome plate and afterwards Jennet, Rex and team cooked a fabulous feast of roast lamb, gravy and mint jelly, roasted potato and pumpkin, honeyed carrots and zucchini. For the vegetarians, there was tomato tart and all the vegetables.

A delicious trifle was made for dessert.

An amazing 129 meals were served with 17 seconds!

Each guest was presented with a special Christmas bag generously provided with funds from the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust and congregational donations.

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)

+ Plus One
List ... items
still needed

Summer caps

Tinned and dry pet food

Lip balm and sun screen

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

There is no Con Spirito in November.

Next concert March 2026.



Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday 4 January 2026



The Light of the World

1923 - 2002

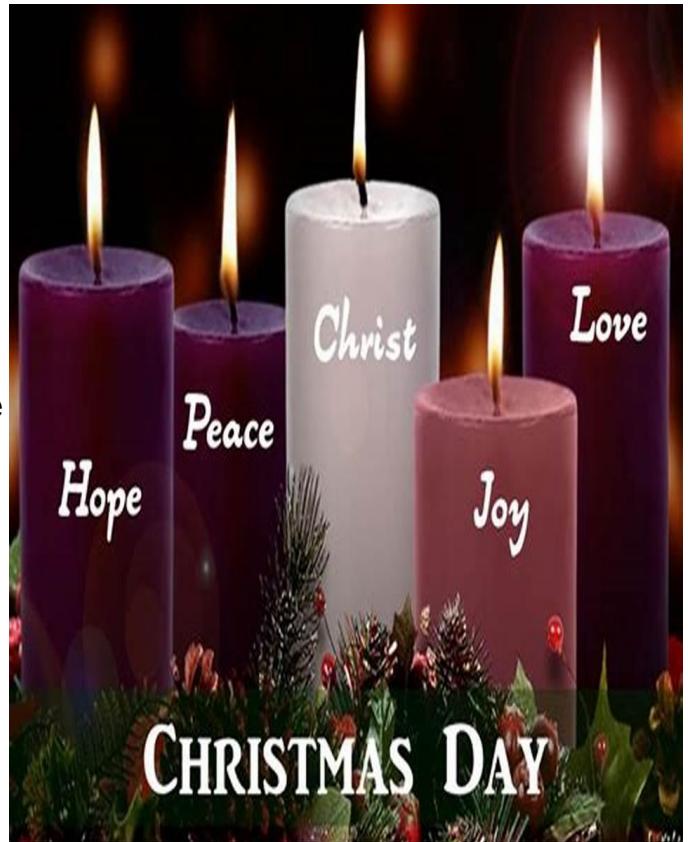
Frank Wesley

Painting

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Prayers of the People

God of glory,
your splendor shines from a
manger in Bethlehem,
where the Light of the world is
humbly born
into the darkness of human night.
Open our eyes to Christ's presence
in the shadows of our world,
so that we, like him, may become
beacons of your justice,
and defenders of all for whom
there is no room.
Amen.



Supply Minister:	Rev Leonie Gaffel	0414 529 183
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Treasurer:	Mr Malcolm Hall-Brown	07 3108 4644 (O)
Secretary Church Council:	Mrs Robyn Lulham	0412 193 536 (M)
Office Administrator:	Ms Rosie Catt	07 3108 4644 (O)

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