



Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

February 8 2026

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: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalm Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

February 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 [Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City](#)

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.

COMING SOON - Lent Resources for 18 February - 2 April 2026



We are bringing a fresh, revived look to the **Lent Year A resource, Journey with Jesus**. It will be found here on the Hub with the [Worship Resources](#) in the next few days!

[Or the Uniting World Lenten Event link here..](#)

40 days of *faith-filled action* for God's creation



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

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Music News

It is with great pleasure to inform you that Rachel Hocking and Kevin Edwards are jointly taking over from Barbara Tate as Director of Music.

Rachel will be organising the organ roster and liaising with the minister regarding hymns for each Sunday and Kevin will be organising repertoire for the choir (choir is off until February).

Both are familiar with, and contribute to, the excellent standard of music at St Andrew's and we welcome them both to these positions in their official capacity.



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



Congratulations to Elizabeth Bullock who has recently been elected to Saint Andrew's Church Council.

Thank you to Elizabeth and we look forward to benefitting from her wisdom and insights.

COFFEE AND CHAT RETURNS

Coffee and Chat is back for 2026. We will start the New Year at Mary Mae's on Thursday February 5 from 9:30 until 11am.





ANDY'S PLACE

Andy's Place - Saturday Meal Jan 31

This week's meal was Chicken Schnitzel, topped with melted cheese and some Napoli sauce poured over. Who doesn't love a good Schnitty?? The sides were a potato bake and coleslaw, also a couple of crowd favourites.

The vegetarian option was a Vege Patty with the melted cheese and Napoli sauce.

The gluten free option was Chicken Schnitzel with gluten free crumbs and melted cheese and Napoli sauce.

Dessert for the day was Jelly, with fruit set in it, and ice cream.

A total of 110 meals were served with 26 seconds!

Giving by Direct Debit:

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH ACCOUNT:

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

FOR ANDY'S 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 6 February 2026



We Are the Children of Light

2011

Anonymous

A poster found on a building wall in the Williamsburg area of Brooklyn, NY. Photograph by Nicole Marie Edine

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Prayers of the People

O God of light,
your searching Spirit reveals and
illumines
your presence in creation.
Shine your radiant holiness into our
lives,
that we may offer our hands and
hearts to your work:
to heal and shelter,
to feed and clothe,
to break every yoke and silence
evil tongues.
Amen.

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