



Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

December 21 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: 21 December 2025 – Advent 4

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

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

December 2025

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
Christmas Service	December 25th		8.30am

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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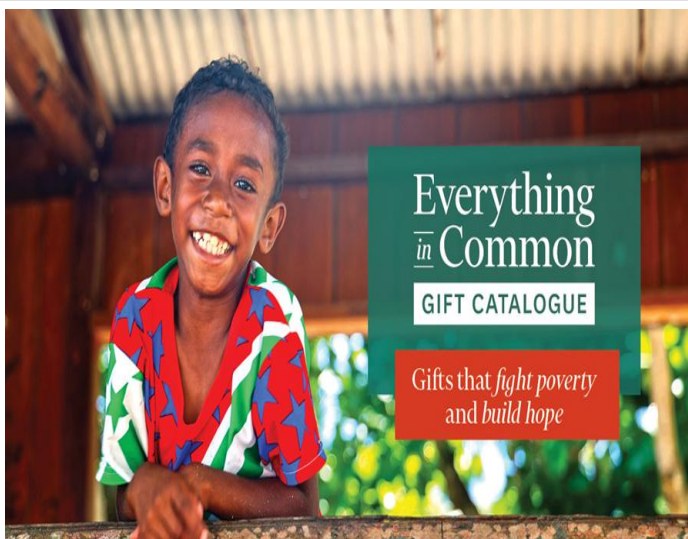
In the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle we pray for [Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and the Mainland of China](#)

Praying for the Jewish Community in Bondi and throughout the world and continuing prayers for acceptance and peace for social cohesion.

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.



UnitingWorld's new [Everything in Common Catalogue](#) has arrived for Christmas and it's full of gifts that fight poverty and build hope through the power of shared generosity. Every card represents a real, practical way to help families overcome poverty and create a more secure future. Goats that grow into herds, seeds that become food gardens, small business support, clean water and more.



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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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.

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Andy's Place Christmas

Planning and purchasing for our Christmas functions is well underway and we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in our grant application to the Lord Mayors Charitable Trust who have granted us \$4,050.

As there will not be a social justice table this year it would be appreciated if any monetary donations towards the Christmas functions be made using the banking details enclosed or by handing cash to Rex Niven with your name so that a tax deductible receipt can be provided.



Advent is Here Along with our new Christmas Tree

Our tree needs decorating and we can all do this together.

Over the next couple of weeks, if you are able, please bring one (or more)

RED AND/OR WHITE

Decorations for our tree.

Let's have it looking its very best for Christmas Day





ANDY'S PLACE

Andy's Place - Saturday Meal Dec 13

The meal prepared by Beth, Max and team was very well received although numbers were a bit down probably due to an event at the convention centre. We had 79 firsts and 13 seconds

We started the day by distributing apples and bananas and were also able to offer some sweet treats that I believe were provided courtesy of the Big Issue.

The main meal consisted of mild chilli con carne over a bread roll (on baked potato for GF) and a no mayo coleslaw. This was followed by sticky date pudding with ice cream (GF option served with cream).

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 dog 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

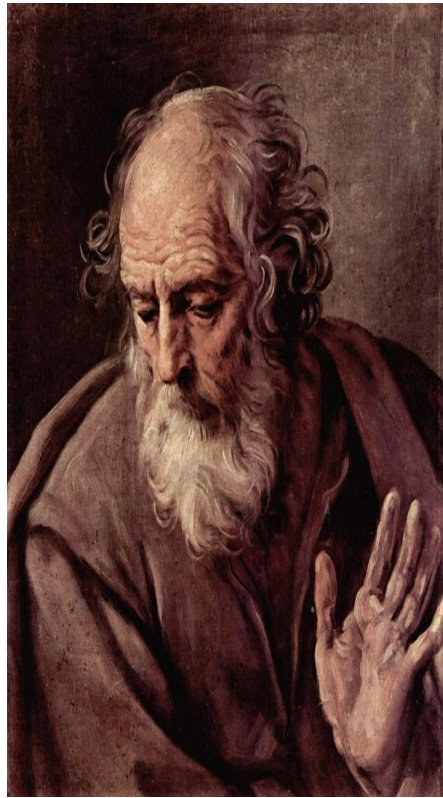
There is no Con Spirito in November.

Next concert March 2026.



Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday 21 December 2025 – Lectionary Link



Joseph

1640 - 1642

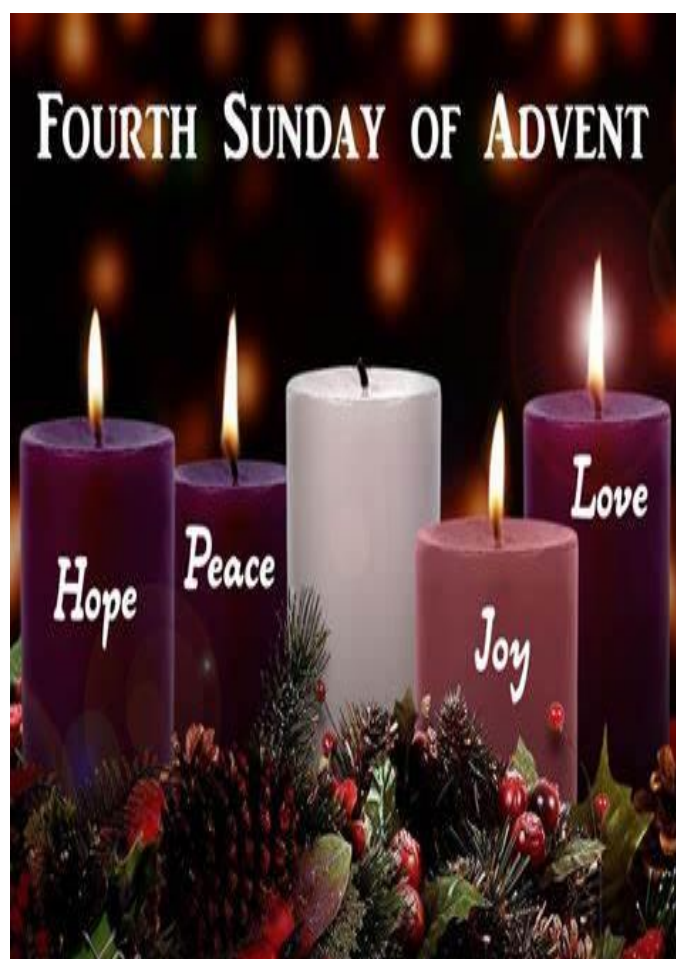
Guido Reni

Galleria di Palazzo Barberini

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=46511>

Prayers of the People

O God of Elizabeth and Mary,
you visited your servants with
news of the world's redemption
in the coming of the Savior.
Make our hearts leap with joy,
and fill our mouths with songs of
praise,
that we may announce glad tidings
of peace,
and welcome the Christ in our
midst.
Amen.



Supply Minister:	Rev Leonie Gaffel	0414 529 183
Chairman of Church Council:	Dr Nick Tate	07 3217 3529 (H)
Treasurer:	Mr Malcolm Hall-Brown	07 3108 4644 (O)
Secretary Church Council:	Mrs Robyn Lulham	0412 193 536 (M)
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