



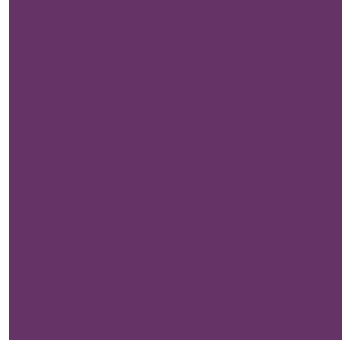
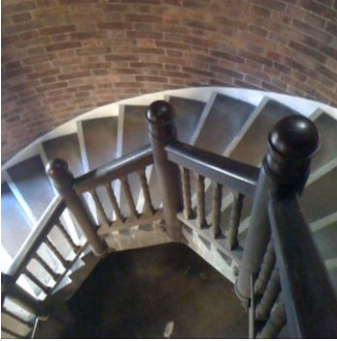
Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday 7 January 2024

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:

7 January 2024 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

1 st Reading:	Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm	Psalm 29
2 nd Reading:	Acts 19: 1 - 7
Gospel:	Mark 1: 4 - 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 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

January 2024

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 – 11am

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



CAN YOU HELP – THIS SUNDAY 11.00 AM

All good things must come to an end and this Sunday we will be packing away the Nativity and Christmas tree for another year.

If you are available after church this Sunday could you help with this task. The more the merrier – and the shorter the task.

Thank you.

Nooks and Crannies

Sunday 21 January 11.00am

Have you ever wanted to explore some of the church's nooks and crannies?

Do you know who designed the Saint Andrew window?

Did you know that Saint Andrew's represents the best example in the southern hemisphere - but of what?

To have these and other questions answered join the tour on Saint Andrew's on Sunday 21 January at 11.00am.

For more information see Wilson Kelly



Church Office Open Days:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8am to 1.30pm. (07) 3108 4644

Administration Officer: Rosie Catt

5 Rev Susan Pickering: 0478368968



Bits and Pieces continued

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 [Iran, Iraq, Syria](#)

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

Please pray for peace and justice in our world.

Please pray for the victims of the crisis in the **Middle East**

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. **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

Bible Study Group

Following on from Matt Brandon's notices from about a possible midweek Bible Study group for next year, Ian and I are proposing to offer our home to host small group Bible studies for the 4 weeks leading up to Easter on a Wednesday morning (negotiable). We will use a Study on Philippians which has detailed leader and participant's notes and will be sourced by the church. Max and Beth Brand have also offered their home as hosts. If you would like to host, lead or participate in these studies, please contact Rosie in the office or contact Chris Withnall.

Another proposal, a social activity, is to meet on the first Thursday of every month from February (February 1, March 7, and April 4) at the River Room, 285 MacArthur Avenue, Hamilton for coffee between 9 am and 11 am for chat, coffee and food. If you would like to join us, the idea will be to let Rosie in the office or Chris Withnall know by the Wednesday before, so a table can be reserved.

After Easter we would evaluate both activities to see whether we want to continue them or initiate other possibilities. Watch this space!

Christine Withnall

Email: ian.withnall@gmail.com

OPEN CHURCH

Open Fridays

Open Church starts again on Friday 12 January.

For a number of years Saint Andrew's has hosted passers-by for a time of quiet reflection and/or an inquisitive peak around the nooks and crannies. Many have expressed how they have appreciated the opportunity.

If you are interested in helping with this important mission to the city please contact Wilson for more details.

ANDY'S PLACE



+ Plus One
List ... items
still needed

SHOP ITEMS NEEDED PLEASE

Men's Shirts and Shorts

Usual toiletries

Sunscreen

Insect repellent

Water bottles

Thong footwear

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

Backpacks or sports bags

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)

Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday – 7 January 2024 – Lectionary Link



Baptism of Christ

Dave Zelenka

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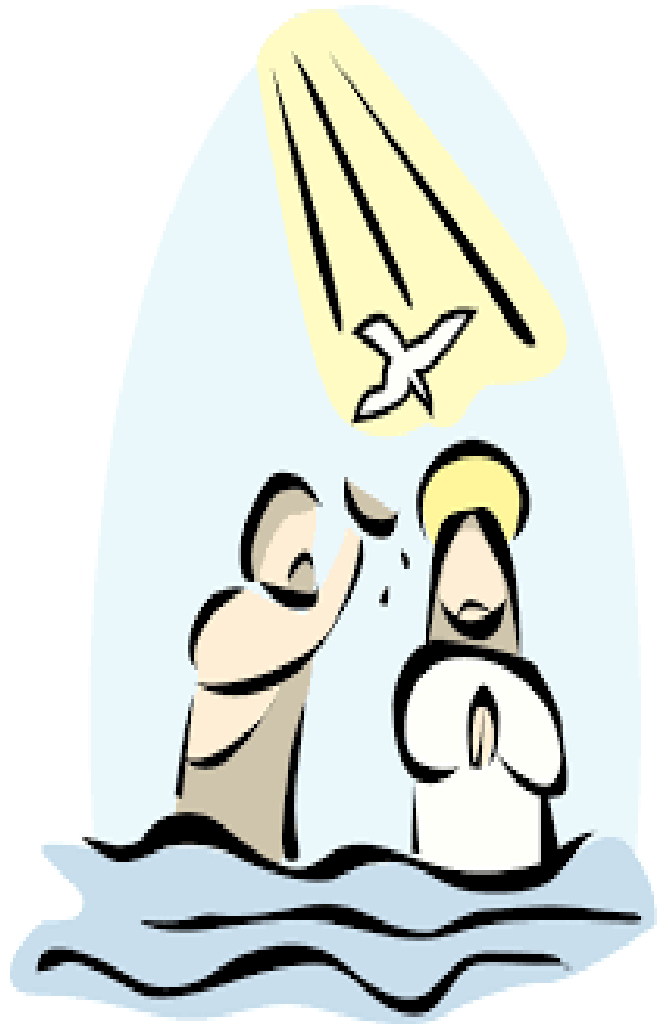
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Prayers of the People

Holy God,
creator of light and herald of
goodness,
at the waters of his baptism
you proclaimed Jesus your
beloved Son.

With the baptized of every
time and generation,
may we say yes to your call to
repentance and be led to the
life of abundance we
experience
in your kinship and your love.

Amen.



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Office Administrator:	Ms Rosie Catt	07 3108 4644 (O)

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