



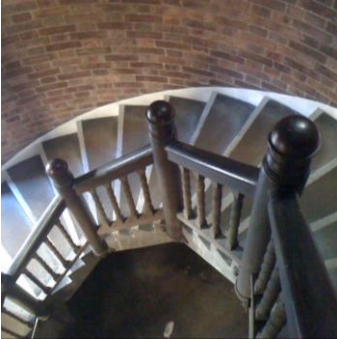
Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

Sunday 25 February 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:

25th February 2024 – Second Sunday in Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 17: 1 – 7, 15 - 16

Psalm Psalm 22: 23 - 31

2nd Reading: Romans 4: 13 - 25

Gospel: Mark 8: 31 - 38



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

February 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
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	Once a month on Sunday	After service March 3rd
Social Group	Coffee and social chat	Every first Thursday March 7 9 30 – 11am	River Room, 285 MacArthur Avenue, Hamilton
Bible Study	Starting February 21	February 28	Details from Parish Office

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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This Lent, we invite you to join us as we learn about the greatest restoration project of all time. Over seven weeks we'll focus on God's plan for humankind – an unexpected and brilliant plan for restoration and new life. The resources are based on the lectionary and explore the restoration theme with a toolbox metaphor and include reflections, worship themes and suggestions, interactive and intergenerational elements, prayers, tool fun facts, and restorative practices.

[Materials are available now - click to view!](#)



40 days of faithful action for God's creation!

Climate change is the biggest threat to the world we want to see. Climate change is worsening every threat to peace, security and human wellbeing in our world. But our God is mighty and faithful, and calling us to respond to the climate crisis with hope, unity and decisive action.

This Lent, commit to action – Personal change, Practical support, Political advocacy – for the world we want to see: hopeful, peaceful, life in abundance for all. [Suggestions for action can be found here.](#)



Church Office Open Days:

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

8am to 1.30pm. (07) 3108 4644

Administration Officer: Rosie Catt

5 Rev Susan Pickering: 0478368968



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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

In the World Council of Churches Prayer Cycle we pray for [Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands](#)

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

Please pray for troubled families.

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

Our next Lenten Study meets at Max and Beth Brand's home at Lutwyche, 28 February, 6 March and 13 March at 2 pm with afternoon tea to follow at 3 pm. All participants will receive a study booklet on Philipians to follow. Thank you to Max and Beth for kindly hosting this Lenten activity.



Coffee and Chat Group

The next Coffee and Chat Group will meet at the River Room, 285 MacArthur Avenue, Hamilton on March 7 and April 4 at the amended time of 9:30–11:00 (to avoid the peak hour rush). Ring Christine Withnall on 0402 617439 or email ian.withnall@gmail.com or email or phone the Church Office if you would like to join us.

Christine Withnall

Email: ian.withnall@gmail.com

OPEN CHURCH

Open Fridays

Open Church resumed 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.

+Bits and Pieces continued



Social Justice Table

The Social Justice Table is returning for the year on Sunday March 3rd at morning tea, following the 9.30 service.

At this time of the year, our SJ Table donations support The Smith Family as children in their care are returning to school.

'The Smith Family is a children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.'

As the cost of living continues to climb, children experiencing disadvantage need support now more than ever. One in six Australian children and young people are growing up in poverty, where even the bare necessities are hard to come by. In a family where there is no regular income, money goes on food, rent and bills. Finding money for a school uniform, proper shoes, textbooks or the next school excursion is often impossible. Poverty at home can have a devastating impact on a child's learning and self-esteem, so our contributions can assist with purchase of books and learning materials which can help children to thrive at school.

So visit the Table while enjoying a treat for morning tea or find something to take home.

Any donations to the Table will also be most welcome. Also fruits for preserving. See Beth after Church if you can help.

Giving by 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
- 8 'Park-Name' (Parking+your name)
- OFF-Name (Offering-your name)

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.

Pastoral Partners @SaintAndrews

Over the past year Elders, Church Council and the Minister have been considering the best way to provide pastoral care to members of the congregation. As a result of these conversations, it has been decided to introduce the **Pastoral Partner Program**.

The **Pastoral Partner Program** aims to 'provide inclusive, low-key caring support to every member of the congregation'.

The Program notes state that 'with a ratio of one Pastoral Partner to five families, it is not long before the whole congregation develops an ethos of pastoral care'.

If you have any questions about this new Program, please contact Rev Susan Pickering or Wilson.

Learning for Living: First semester, 2024 – offered by Zoom only Thursday evenings 7:00-9:15pm

Talking about God (TAG 1): Exploring the Apostles' Creed

Description:

This course is the ideal introduction for those who are new to Christian theology.

The central ideas and beliefs, key debates, significant historical documents and leading thinkers of Christianity are introduced using the framework of the Apostles' Creed. The central ideas of both traditional and contemporary theology are explored with reference to Faith, God, Creation, Jesus and Salvation. While all major Christian denominations are considered there will be an emphasis on the UCA Basis of Union.

The classes will be structured to provide an opportunity for participants to engage in theological reflection appropriate to their own contexts and at their own pace. There are ten Learning Activity sessions as well as two tutorial sessions. One of the four Presbytery Lay Preacher CEM workshops is also included in the semester. There are breaks for the Easter/School holiday period – to allow time for further reading/reflection and preparation of assessment - See Learning Activities page for details.

This is a general interest course suitable for all those wanting to explore their faith further as well as for those wishing to undertake Lay preacher accreditation or considering a Period of Discernment.

For more information on the course details please click [here](#). Or sign up at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCJpHQ545Ytz_jXgm0p7cKQcePUX4di9

Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday – 25 February 2024 – Lectionary Link



Global Refugee Mural

Joel Bergner

2009

<https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56930>

Prayers of the People

God of wilderness and water,
your Son was baptized and
tempted as we are.

Guide us through this season,
that we may not avoid
struggle, but open ourselves to
blessing, through the
cleansing depths of
repentance
and the heaven-rending words
of the Spirit.

Amen.



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