



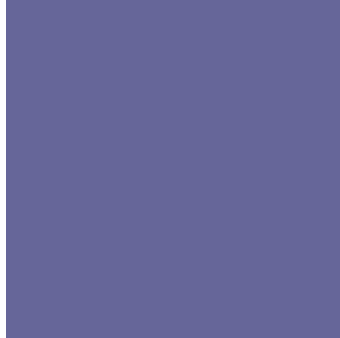
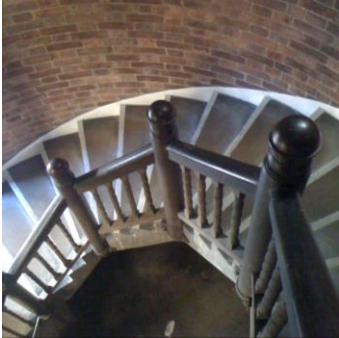
Saint Andrew's Uniting Church



NEWS AND NOTES

05 January 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:
05 January 2025 – Second Sunday after Christmas**

1 st Reading:	Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm	147: 12 - 20
2 nd 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 Susan.

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://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 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	Thursday Jan 2 nd 9.30 – 11.30am	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>

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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 [Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine](#)

Please add the bushfire and other natural disaster victims worldwide, to your prayers.

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.

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

Please continue to pray for peace in the **Middle East**



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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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Friday 7 March 2025 at 10am

All Saints Anglican Church

32 Wickham Terrace

Spring Hill

COFFEE AND CHAT

Please note our changed venue this month to **Mary Mae's at New Farm**. We will start the New Year there on **Thursday January 2 from 9:30 until 11am**. Then we may have a chat about other suitable venues for the year. In a city full of coffee shops, there must be one that has good coffee, enough space for 12 or so people, is reasonably central with easy parking!!!



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:

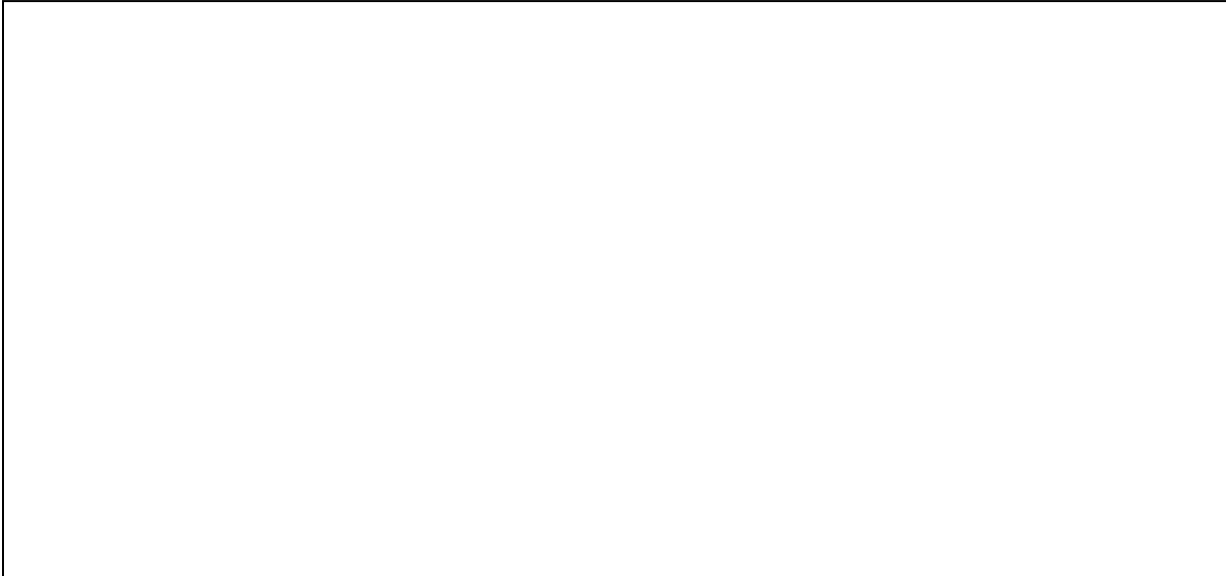
communitymeal@saintandrews.org.au

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



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)



ANDY'S PLACE

Andy's Place would like to thank the congregation for their support and assistance in 2024. We could not do what we do for the guests we serve without the many congregation members who give so freely of their time, energy, and funds, to assist those who are struggling to put/keep a roof over their heads, with cost-of-living pressures, or loneliness. There are many needs that we fulfil with the community meal and Andy's shop.

For those who enjoy some facts and figures - in 2024, we regularly served 100 guests for Saturday lunch and 35 guests for Thursday breakfast/morning tea. The cost of the Saturday lunch meal is currently sitting at \$1.66 per meal (which is amazing for the quality and variety our cooks provide) and the Thursday breakfast costs are \$45 per week. We served over 6,000 lunches and 1,500 breakfasts to our guests this year. Total volunteer hours just to provide the 2 meals was over 5,000 hours. At the current minimum wage of \$24.10, if we had to employ staff to provide the service that would represent over \$120,000 per annum!

Our Christmas meal was a sumptuous feast prepared by Andrea's team and enjoyed by a record 120 guests! It is amazing how our food and resources seem to stretch to serve an ever increasing number of guests. In fact, we were so busy we forgot to take pictures of the food, but here a couple of photos showing how festive the hall looked before our guests arrived.

We acknowledge with gratitude the funds/products donated from the social justice table, individual congregation members, and the Lord Mayors Charitable Trust (\$2,900 Christmas grant for food / guest treat bags).

You may be aware that we lost both a fridge and freezer in the lead up to Christmas. Both had been repaired several times recently, so we have ordered new ones, but they will not arrive until 6 January (fridge) and the end of January (freezer). While these were certainly not items we had budgeted on replacing, we were fortunate that we had the funds in our account to go ahead and buy these outright rather than having to wait for appropriate grants to come available. We thank our cooks and supervisors for their ongoing patience and tetris skills in being able to maximise the available food storage space.

We are looking forward to serving our guests again in 2025 and being of service to those who are struggling. The increasing number of guests show that the need is not diminishing!

Thanks again and we look forward to working with you!

Susan, Ralph, Robyn, Rex, Jennet (Andy's Place management committee)



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Note- if it is easier for you to donate rather than purchase items, the new BSB details are:

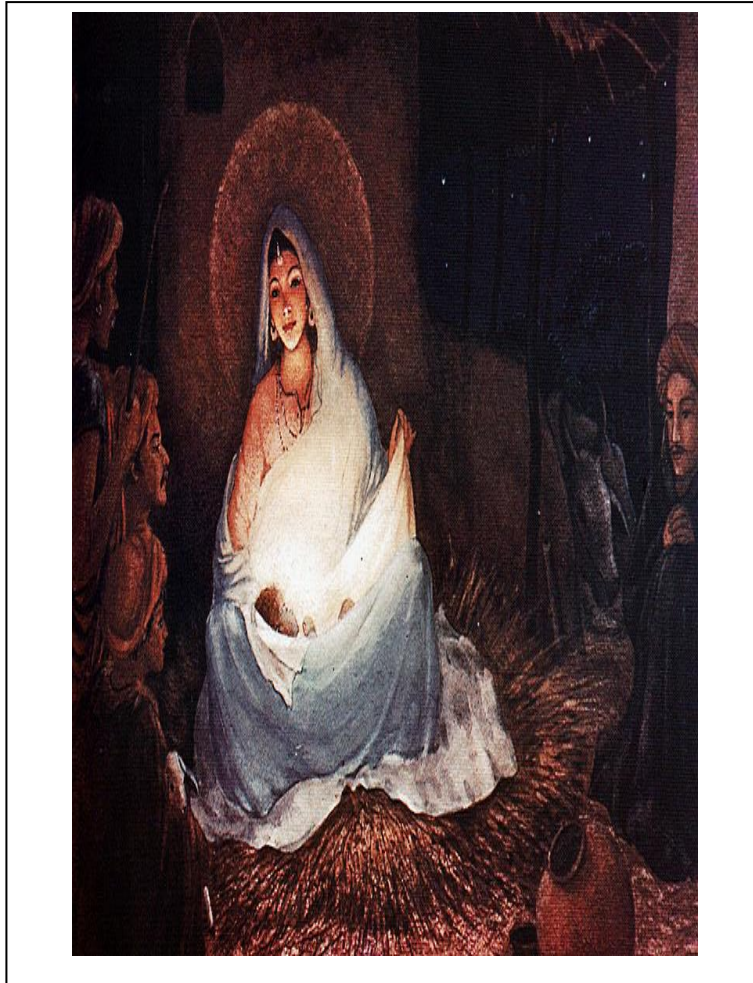
St George Bank

BSB: 114879

A/C: 497923539 noted as Andy's Shop.

Art in the Christian Tradition

Sunday 05 January 2025 – Lectionary Link



The Light of the World

Frank Wesley

1923 - 2002

Painting

> <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59168>

Prayers of the People

God has blessed creation
with a great variety of gifts
and gathered all people
into one family,
so that in sharing, we might
strengthen
and be strengthened by
one another.
We gather into our hearts
and minds
the universe entrusted to
us,
remembering its needs
before God and this
company.



Minister:	Rev. Susan Pickering	0478 368 968 (W)
Chairman of Church Council:	Dr Nick Tate	07 3217 3529 (H)
Treasurer:	Mr Ralph Collins	0411 020 529 (M)
Secretary Church Council:	Mrs Robyn Lulham	0412 193 536 (M)
Office Administrator:	Ms Rosie Catt	07 3108 4644 (O)

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