In Focus

Our Web of Caring Relationships

In the last edition of the eUniter I described our St. Matthew’s community as a web of caring relationships. Caring happens at many levels and in many ways. We have built caring relationships within our varied groups. Much caring happens “behind the scenes” as we serve one another. Our caring ministry at St. Matthew’s is formalised through Umbrella Groups. Elders (the leaders of our church) and the Ministry Team align with these groups.

The Umbrella Groups are:
1. Caring
2. Seniors’ Ministry
3. Youth and Young Adults
4. Worship and Spirituality
5. Engaging the Wider Community
6. Special Needs
7. Families with Young Children

There are many volunteers associated with each of these Umbrella Groups. They exercise their ministry of caring with integrity and I am grateful for this. From the beginning of May, Maggie Habgood will be joining our Seniors Ministry. Maggie is a member of Wesley Castle Hill Uniting and is currently studying towards a Certificate IV in Pastoral Care through the Pastoral Counselling Institute. Maggie will complete the internship aspect of the course with us (100 hours). Welcome, Maggie!

May we continue to deepen our caring connections and be equipped as God’s people in our care of one another.

—Dirk

Coffee and Discovery

Thursdays 10:15am to 12noon at St. Matthew’s

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Who remembers “Heigh Ho Everybody” Jack Davey and Bob “Pick-A-Box” Dyer with his wife Dolly? Graham will arouse our memories with stories and reminders of the entertainment of radio shows and programs we listened to in years gone by.

Jeff will share some of the journey of his wife Shirley and how as a result of her story, the Foundation has been set up through the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute. This research will help find answers and give hope to all the other ‘Shirleys’.

Christine will show photos from her walk along Hadrian’s Wall in the north of England. Tales of chance meetings, generous offers and missed buses will be interspersed with stories from the Roman wall built by Emperor Hadrian in AD 122 and stretching 117 kms from Newcastle to Carlisle. It is one of the most popular attractions in England.

Riding For the Disabled provides horse riding and associated activities for people with disabilities. Our speaker from Tall Timbers Centre at Box Hill will tell us about this great organisation and the developmental benefits gained from the participants involved. George Haines from St. Matthew’s volunteers with the riding activities at Tall Timbers every Thursday.
Happy Mothers Day

Every day we should celebrate how fortunate we are to have or to have had our wonderful Mothers. Mothers Day is more than just a card, chocolates, breakfast in bed or elaborate restaurants. Mothers Day is a Celebration that finds solid support in biblical principles. We should give our Mothers generous Love and recognition for the role they play in our lives.

“Love is patient, Love is kind, Love is not jealous, is not proud, is not conceited, does not act foolishly, is not selfish, is not easily provoked to anger, keeps no record of wrongs, taking no pleasure in unrighteousness but rejoices in the Truth, Love bears all things, believes all things, and endures all things.”

1 Corinthians 13: 4–7

Mothers are beautiful examples of the High Calling of Love by God.
The photo depicts a small boy with his mother at the Koala Park - This child is one of our own, Brian Coleman - he seems rather apprehensive with his situation - maybe a little frightened of the kangaroo – but holding his mothers hand - he is safe. Thank you Brian for this photo.

Rahna Hollis
Seniors Pastor

Event details for MAY

Relay For Life
St. Matthew’s has again entered a team in the Hills Relay for Life which will be held on the weekend of 16-17 May at The Anzac commemorative Reserve in Wrights Rd Kellyville. The relay is a community event to raise funds and awareness for the Cancer Council and is an opportunity for others in the community to become aware of our church. We have a target of raising $1500 and if you would like to help reach this goal, you can do this in a number of ways. A donation can be made via the official website www.hillsrelayforlife.com.au and going to our team name - St. Matthew’s Uniting Church Baulkham Hills, signing up to walk with us or as the time comes closer, there will be raffle tickets that can be purchased. Please consider joining us on the day which is always a fun community event!

If you would like any further information please contact Meryl Pickering.

Cancers Council, Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
Friday 29 May

“Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” hosted by Kathy and Dulcie will again be held at the home of Dulcie and Peter Duncum at 53 Sarah Crescent, Baulkham Hills on Friday 29 May.
An invitation to meet together from 10am for a “cuppa” and a chat, is extended to all.
Please invite your friends to come along as we join together to help raise funds for the vital research work of the Cancer Council.
Enq: Kathy Lewis 9639 5073 Dulcie Duncum 9639 6014

Post Links
An adult support group providing fellowship and social opportunities for people whose life stage gives them the freedom to do things they would like to do. Whether you regularly participate in Post Links events or not, you are welcome to join us.

Next Event:
Seniors Lunch
Sunday 17 May
12.30pm

Post Links are again hosting a lunch for Seniors this year. If you would like to participate please place your name on the sheet, on the table in the church entry foyer from Sunday 26 April.

Eremos Book Club
Thursday 7 May at 7.30pm
5 Woodlands St Baulkham Hills
New members very welcome.

We invite you to come along to our monthly meetings on the first Thursday in the month at 7.30 p.m. John F. Haught, reviews our book ‘An Advance of Love’ by Bruce Sanguin. He writes “In meditations both bold and beautiful, Bruce Sanguin shows us how Christian faith can look in the age of science”. John Haught is senior fellow of science and religion at the Woodstock Theological Centre. Copies of the book are available from our lending library. We meet at 5 Woodlands St Baulkham Hills.
Contact Betty Carmody on (02) 9639 3622 or St. Matthew’s office 9686 3003

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It has been a privilege to present to you this short series on the "The Lead up to Centenary of ANZAC" and in this last issue you will find a summary of the events and actions by Australians and New Zealanders for the entire 33 week Gallipoli campaign.

Ron McIntosh
St. Matthew’s Archivist

1915
2nd May Col. John Monash leads Anzacs in new offensives against Hill, ‘Baby 700’, on the Northern end of Anzac Cove. The attack failed. It is estimated that 1000 men were lost in this action.

19th May Turks launch counterattack along the front line aimed at pushing the ‘Australian Bastards’ back into the sea but the Anzacs stand firm. Private Albert Jacka wins the first Victorian Cross at Anzac Cove. Private John Kirkpatrick ‘The man with the donkey’ was killed at Anzac Cove.

24th May Truce held at Anzac Cove to bury the dead.

1st August The Australian 2nd Division lands at Gallipoli.
6th August The Anzacs capture Lone Pine. The Anzacs were awarded seven Victoria Crosses but in doing so, lost 2,000 dead. The first 20,000 British reinforcements arrive in Suvla Bay under Lt. General Sir Frederick Stopford and they fail to advance.

7th August New Zealanders and Gurkhas gain ground attacking Chunuk Bair above Anzac Cove and fail to capture Hill 971. This is the Mt. Everest of the hills above Anzac Cove. The 8th and 10th Light Horse Brigades are massacred while attacking The Nek. Anzacs fail to capture German Officer’s Ridge but win, then lose, then regain Quinn’s Post.

9th August Turks counterattack at Suvla Bay and the British ‘friendly fire’ drive Anzacs from Hill Q which they have captured.

15th August Sir Fredrick Stopford the commander of the British forces at Suvla Bay, Sacked. (Possible reasons see 6th and 9th August.)
21st August Anzacs fail to capture Hill 60.
28th August Anzacs abandon further offensives, admitting to stalemate.

1st September Journalist, Keith Murdock visits Gallipoli gathering material and information for a report advocating evacuation.

23rd September Murdock sends letter to the Australian Prime Minister and lobbies British political leaders to evacuate Gallipoli.

30th October Gen. Sir Charles Munro replaces Hamilton, he visits Gallipoli and recommends evacuation.

13th November British Minister for War, Lord Kitchener, visits Gallipoli to assess evacuation.

17th November First big storm batters Anzac Cove.

22nd November Lord Kitchener advises evacuation of Gallipoli and Birdwood appoints Gen. White to develop the plans.

27th November Massive storms with gale-force winds, rain, sleet and snow devastates Anzac Cove.

7th December British War Cabinet approves evacuation of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

18th December Evacuation of Anzacs at Gallipoli commences after nightfall.

19th December The remainder of the Anzacs troops evacuated after nightfall.

20th December All Anzac evacuated from Gallipoli, but leaving 8709 Australian dead and 2701 New Zealanders dead.

Remember the following poem when Christmas arrives in 2015.

The following poem was written by Private George Charles Alexandre Reed, Service No. 1686 26th Battalion. It was written after the evacuation of Gallipoli somewhere in the Mediterranean Sea area. It was given to me to share with anyone interested.

Christmas 1915

Standing on watch in the trenches
Watching for prowling Huns
Deafened by bursting shrapnel
And the ceaseless roar of the guns
Standing knee deep in a snow drift
Watching for break of day
Frozen to death or almost
Is how we spent Christmas Day.

Hoping the war will soon finish
Wishing the day would come
Watching our heads in the dug out
Drinking our issue of rum
Cursing our luck and out post
Wondering what they would say
If they know under what conditions
We boys spent Christmas Day.

Hoping to get a letter
From the ones we love at home
Or hoping to get a blighty
Or a knock that will send us home
Ducking our heads from the bullets
Standing knee deep in a snow drift
Drinking our issue of rum
Wishing the day would come
Hoping to get relieved soon
Is how we spent Christmas Day.

Hoping we’re home for the next one
Praying the war will be done
Longing to see our sweethearts
And join in the Christmas fun
Praying a shell may not get us
Dodging the bullets all day
Hoping to be relieved soon
Is how we spent Christmas Day.

LEST WE FORGET

Group Events for MAY

Women’s Fellowship
20 May at 7.30pm
Board Games Night
EVERYONE WELCOME
Contact Lorraine Harrington 9639-7261

Young Families
A social support group for young families with a social gathering once a term.
Next Event
Sunday 31 May
Train Backyard
Contact: Sally Yabsley-Bell
sally.yab.bell@gmail.com

Saturday Night Fellowship
2 May @ 6.30pm
Pizza Night @ the church
All Welcome
Enq: Adele Arthur 8801 1530
### FRIDAY 1 MAY
- **9.30am**—Play Group lower hall
- **6pm**—Simpson’s Brotherhood Bible Study lower hall
- **6pm**—FLOURISH upstairs hall
- **7.30pm**—EMERGE and ALIVE Youth groups meet at the church
- **7.45pm-9pm**—Choir practice in the Church. Enq: Eulalie Herat 9639 9407 or Lyn Booth 9639 3818

### SATURDAY 2 MAY
- **6.30pm**—Saturday Night Fellowship Details page 3

### SUNDAY 3 MAY
- **8am**—Worship
  - Includes Holy Communion
- **9.30am**—Worship
  - Includes Holy Communion
  - KUCA for Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-6
- **5pm**—Teen Plus in the upstairs hall
- **6.45pm**—Worship

### MONDAY 4 MAY
- **9am**—Garage Sale Pricing
- **12.30am**—Play Group lower hall
- **7.30pm**—Christian Meditation
- **7.30pm**—Gasozics lower hall

### TUESDAY 5 MAY
- **9am-2pm**—Op Shop open
- **9.30am**—Bible Study at Annie McCracken’s Unit 2/9-13 Owen Avenue BH
  - “Christian Community” Enq: Jean Wright 9639 0168
- **10am**—Christian Meditation
  - Catholic Church, Canyon Rd B.H. Enq: Leonie 0419 205 732
  - **7.45pm**—Elders Meeting in the church
  - **7.45pm-9.30pm**—Bible Study @ Rowe’s

### WEDNESDAY 6 MAY
- **9.30am**—Grandparents Play Group lower hall
- **10am-12noon**—“In Stitches” Craft Group meet in upstairs hall.
  - Morning tea supplied. Enq: Lee Anderson
- **1pm-3.30pm**—Seniors Computer Classes upstairs hall. Details page 7
- **7.30pm-8.30pm**—Dance Fitness @ St Matt’s upstairs hall
- **8pm**—Finance Committee meeting lower hall

### THURSDAY 7 MAY
- **9am-2pm**—Op Shop open
- **10.15am**—Coffee & Discovery
  - “The Golden Years of Radio” Speaker Graham Sims. Details page 2
- **7.30pm**—Eremos Monthly Book Club
  - Details page 3

### FRIDAY 8 MAY
- **12.30pm**—Play Group lower hall
- **6pm**—Simpson’s Brotherhood Bible Study lower hall
- **6pm**—FLOURISH upstairs hall
- **7.30pm**—EMERGE and ALIVE Youth groups meet at the church
- **7.45pm-9pm**—Choir practice in the Church. Enq: Eulalie Herat 9639 9407 or Lyn Booth 9639 3818

### SATURDAY 9 MAY
- **No Scheduled activities**

### SUNDAY 10 MAY
- **8am**—Worship
- **9am**—Worship @ the Willow’s
- **9.30am**—Worship Includes Baptisms
  - KUCA for Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-6
- **6.45pm**—Worship

### MONDAY 11 MAY
- **9am**—Garage Sale Pricing
- **12.30am**—Play Group lower hall
- **7.45pm**—Bev’s Bible Study in the family room
- **7.30pm**—Christian Meditation upstairs hall

### TUESDAY 12 MAY
- **9am-2pm**—Op Shop open
- **9.30am**—Bible Study at Annie McCracken’s Unit 2/9-13 Owen Avenue BH
  - “Christian Community” Enq: Jean Wright 9639 0168
- **10am**—Christian Meditation
  - Catholic Church, Canyon Rd B.H. Enq: Betty 9639 3622
  - **7.45pm-9.30pm**—Bible Study @ Rowe’s

### WEDNESDAY 13 MAY
- **9.30am**—Grandparents Play Group lower hall
- **10am**—Christian Meditation
  - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month Enq: Eulalie 9639 9407
- **1pm-3.30pm**—Seniors Computer Classes upstairs hall. Details page 7
- **7.30pm-8.30pm**—Dance Fitness @ St Matt’s upstairs hall

### THURSDAY 14 MAY
- **9am-2pm**—Op Shop open
- **10.15am**—Coffee & Discovery
  - “The Shirley Cuff Cancer Research Foundation”Speaker Jeff Cuff. Details page 2

### FRIDAY 15 MAY
- **9.30am**—Play Group lower hall
- **6pm**—Simpson’s Brotherhood Bible Study lower hall
- **6pm**—FLOURISH upstairs hall
- **7.30pm**—EMERGE and ALIVE Youth groups meet at the church

### SATURDAY 16 MAY
- **9am-3pm**—Riverlink in the Preschool
Calendar of Events for MAY 2015

**SUNDAY 17 MAY**
8am—Worship

9.30am—Worship
KUCA in recess for School holidays
12.30pm—Seniors Lunch
5pm—Teen Plus in the upstairs hall
6.45pm—Worship
Includes Holy communion

**MONDAY 18 MAY**
9am—Garage Sale Pricing
12.30am—Play Group lower hall
7.30pm—Christian Meditation upstairs hall
7.30pm—Gasozics lower hall

**TUESDAY 19 MAY**
9am-2pm—Op Shop open

9.30am—Bible Study at Annie McCracken’s Unit 2/9 Owen Avenue BH “Christian Community” Enq: Jean Wright 9639 0168
10am—Christian Meditation
Catholic Church, Canyon Rd B.H. Enq: Betty 9639 3622

**WEDNESDAY 20 MAY**
10am-12noon—Men’s Morning Tea
Please bring a small plate of food to share. Enq: Geoff Benoit. 9674 3507 lower hall

10am-12noon—“In Stitches” Craft Group
meet in upstairs hall. Morning tea supplied. Enq: Lee Anderson
1pm-3.30pm—Seniors Computer Classes upstairs hall. Details page 7 Final in the session.

7.30pm—Women’s Fellowship upstairs hall and church. Details page 3

7.30pm-8.30pm—Dance Fitness @ St Matt’s upstairs hall

**THURSDAY 21 MAY**
9am-2pm—Op Shop open

10.15am—Coffee & Discovery
“Walks along the wall” Speaker Christine Gapes. Details page 2

**FRIDAY 22 MAY**
9.30am—Play Group lower hall
6pm—Simpson’s Brotherhood Bible Study lower hall
6pm—FLOURISH upstairs hall
7.30pm—EMERGE and ALIVE Youth groups meet at the church
7.45pm-9pm—Choir practice in the Church Enq Eulalie Herat 9639 9407 or Lyn Booth 9639 3818

**SATURDAY 23 MAY**
No Scheduled activities

**SUNDAY 24 MAY**
PENTECOST

8am—Worship

9.30am—Worship
KUCA for Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-6
4-5pm—Liturgists Refresher
5.15pm-6.15pm—Preachers Refresher
6.45pm—Worship

**MONDAY 25 MAY**
9am—Garage Sale Pricing
12.30pm—Play Group lower hall
7.30pm—Christian Meditation upstairs hall
7.45pm—Bev’s Bible Study in the family room

**TUESDAY 26 MAY**
9am-2pm—Op Shop open

9.30am—Bible Study at Annie McCracken’s Unit 2/9 Owen Avenue BH “Christian community” Enq: Jean Wright 9639 0168
10am—Christian Meditation
Catholic Church, Canyon Rd B.H. Enq: Leonie 0419 205 732

**FRIDAY 29 MAY**
9.30am—Play Group lower hall
No Simpson’s or Flourish tonight
6.30pm—ALIVE Youth group attending football at Penrith stadium
7pm—EMERGE Youth rock climbing at castle hill
7.45pm-9pm—Choir practice in the Church. Enq Eulalie Herat 9639 9407 or Lyn Booth 9639 3818

**SATURDAY 30 MAY**
No KUCA
National Day of Thanksgiving
Details page 6

**SUNDAY 31 MAY**
TRINITY SUNDAY

8am—Worship
9.30am—Worship Messy Church
NO KUCA
Families Day Out—Trains
5pm—Teen Plus in the upstairs hall
6.45pm—Worship
Event details for MAY 2015

MINISTRY WITH YOUTH & Young Adults
Enq: Chris Eagles 0425 323 649

F R I D A Y Y O U T H G R O U P S

7.30pm to 9.30pm—Cost $3

EMERGE for Year 6
Contact: Hugh Darling 0413 241 474
7.30pm to 9.30pm
May 1—Hugh’s Mystery night
May 8—Pictures and sketches
May 15—Combined devotion
May 22—Big little games
May 29—Rock climbing

ALIVE for Years 7 to 12
Contact: Chris Eagles 0425 323 649
7.30pm to 9.30pm
May 1—Mystery night
May 8—Scavenger Hunt
May 15—Combined devotion
May 22—Master Chef
May 29—Panthers v Eels NRL @ Penrith

30th May 2015
Thanking God... thanking each other
National day of Thanksgiving was launched by the Governor general on 11 February 2004. This day gives Australians the opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our God given heritage as a nation, and to thank one another for the contributions each makes in our communities. It is a Christian based initiative endorsed by Government and supported by numerous community groups, that provides the Church in Australia with the opportunity to give leadership in drawing local communities together to celebrate those values that bind us together as a nation.

For more info: email info@thanksgiving.org.au or log onto www.thanksgiving.org.au

FL O U R I S H
for girls 13 to 20 years old.
Meet at St. Matthew’s in the upstairs hall.
Fridays during Term at 6pm
Contact: Kate Eagles or the church office 9686 3003

Food Provided Please bring $5
Meet in St. Matt’s lower hall at 6pm
Every Friday during term

Simpson’s Brotherhood
Bible study for guys in years 7 to 12.

Grandparents! would you like to come to Play Group with your grandchildren?
A Play Group, especially for Grandparents who mind babies and preschoolers. The group usually meets the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 9.30am – 11.30am (in recess during school holidays) 6,13,27 May
Play Group toys and space to play for the children – coffee and chat for the grandparents.
Enq: Chris Eagles 9686 3003

KUCA
for Preschool, Years K-2, and Years 3-6
DURING TERM

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MINISTRY WITH YOUNG FAMILIES
Contact Chris Eagles 9686 3003

Chris Eagles
0425 323 649 or
0425 323 649 or

Teen Plus
New Members always welcome.
Enq: Jane Cole 0437 849 611

K U C A
Quite a long time ago at our Church Council Meeting Chris Eagles our Pastor for Youth, Young Adults and Families with Young Children, spoke to the Church Council and said he had a dream to take the youth of St. Matthew’s to Narromine and Bourke. When he finished explaining how the trip would be organised, Chris said “this may not happen but this is my dream”. I was quite taken when I heard Chris speak, he spoke with such passion, not for wanting something for himself but for the younger generation at St. Matthew’s.

Chris has put much time and effort into this venture and one of the things our youth were able to experience was travelling to this region of NSW. We must have dreams and faith in God, I look again to: Chris for your wonderful vision for St. Matthew’s and believing in your dream.

Luke 1: 37

“With God Nothing is Impossible”

Thank you Chris for your wonderful vision for St. Matthew’s and believing in your dream.

Rahna Hollis
Seniors Pastor

SENIORS COMPUTER CLASS

Group 4 Wednesday, 15 July-12 August 1-2pm or 2.30pm-3.30pm
St. Matthew’s Uniting Church, Baulkham Hills (vacancies)

Group 5 Wednesday, 15 August-16 September 1-2pm or 2.30-3.30pm
Rouse Hill Community Centre, R.H. Shopping Centre (vacancies)

- Seniors who wish to learn how to use the internet and email will be guided by experienced teachers.
- No previous knowledge required.
- A weekly gold coin donation is the only charge.
- Computers provided for the duration of each lesson.
- This course is open to the wider community, so please let friends and family know they are most welcome to enrol.

Please contact the church office if you would like to put your name on the waiting list for any of these groups and the session time.

Bookings essential through the office on 9686 3003.
If you have any queries or if you would like to become a tutor or relief teacher please contact Annette Watson, Seniors Computing Class Coordinator on 0430 306 168.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Uniting Learning Network Education Calendar

\[\text{ume.nswact.ucu.org.au} \quad \text{May 2015}\]

Centre for Ministry 16 Masons Drive North Parramatta

MAY

- 1 Sydney Alliance 2-Day Training (1), CFM
- 6,13,20,27 Wednesdays (John Calvin Today, Ben Myers), CFM
- 6 Wednesday Seminar 8
- 8 Sydney Alliance 2-Day Training (2), CFM
- 13 Wednesday Seminar 9
- 15-16 Cert IV Pastoral Counselling Intensive, Glen Innes
- 20 Wednesday Seminar 10
- 27 Wednesday Seminar 11
- 30-31 PCI Pastoral Counselling Seminar, CFM

It’s clear that the contemplative experience is not restricted to those who believe in Christ. That’s a very important question for us as modern people to address. This coming era is the era where Christianity will meet the other great world religions, and it will be as epoch-making an encounter as the days when the early Judaeo-Christians met the Greeks. It will be another great stage in the universalisation of the gospel when we are able to express the Christian experience and meaning in terms and symbols other than those we have been familiar with: a contemporary encounter with other religions in which we often meet people who have transcended their ego, examples of great holiness, people who are living and pursuing a contemplative life. It raises the question of where Christ for us gives meaning, and ultimate meaning, to our experience.

“The Ego on our spiritual journey” - Laurence Freeman

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

In God’s Hands:
The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle enables us to journey in prayer through every region of the world and through every week of the year affirming our solidarity with Christians all over the world, brothers and sisters living in diverse situations, experiencing diverse problems and sharing gifts. I invite you as a community of faith to join the World Council of Churches (WCC) in prayer for the world.

- Week 19 (2-9 May) Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda
- Week 20 (10-16 May) Kenya, Tanzania
- Week 21 (17-23 May) Malawi, Zambia
- Week 22 (24-30 May) Botswana, Zimbabwe
- Week 23 (31 May-6 June) Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland
Transport Ministry

St. Matthew’s Transport Ministry provides transport for those within the St. Matthew’s community who are in need of transport to medical appointments within the local area and are unable to drive or organize their own transport. Please call the church office to make a request and the transport coordinator will contact you.

(Please contact the Ambulance service in emergency situations)

Available from the Church Foyer

- “WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD” a lectionary based daily Bible reading guide
- 9 February — 10 May 2015
- Please place $4.50 in open plate to cover costs.
- “INSIGHTS”, a free monthly magazine from the NSW Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia.
- RECYCLING MOBILE PHONES
- Superseded mobiles may be left here.
- OLD GLASSES & HEARING AIDS may be left in the box in the foyer.
- USED STAMPS may be left in the bin in the foyer. Please leave plenty of paper around the stamp if you take it off the envelope.
- ELDERS & CHURCH COUNCIL What happened at the last Elders and Church Council meetings.
- SRE NEWSLETTER
- St. Matthew’s WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
- St. Matthew’s In Focus monthly publication
- WORSHIP ROSTERS
- YOUTH PROGRAMS

Maintaining contact with you and your family is very important to us. We would be grateful if you change your address, phone/mobile or email details that you let us know by phoning and leaving a message on 9686 3003 or by email: office@stmatthewsuniting.net.au

**Christian Meditation**

Be still, and know that I am God

**PSALMS 46**

**Group Meetings**

- **Mondays** 7.30pm at St. Matthew’s Baulkham Hills
  4,11,18,25 May
  Enq: Betty 9639 3622
- **Tuesdays** 10am at Catholic Church Canyon Rd B.H.
  5,12,19,26 May
  Enq: Leonie 0419 205 732 or Betty 9639 3622
- **Wednesdays** 10am at 8 Arndill St Baulkham Hills
  13 & 27 May
  Enq: Eulalie 96399407
  or Katherine 9634 6886

**Bible Study Groups**

Monday Bev’s Bible Study 7.45pm now meets twice a month in the family room at the church. 11 & 25 May

Tuesday @ Annie’s 9.30am
5,12,19,26 “Christian community”
Enq: Jean Wright

Monday Gasozics @ St Matt’s 8pm

Tuesday @ the Rowe’s 7.45pm
May 5 & 12 then in recess until September
Contact: Bruce Rowe

**MINISTERS - EVERYONE**

**MINISTER OF THE WORD**
REV. DIRK VAN DOORENE
Mobile No 0426 969 537
(During office hours & emergencies)
Email: dirk@stmatthewsuniting.nct.au
Day off Friday (School Term)
Monday (School Holidays)

**CANDIDATE FOR MINISTRY**
RADHIKA SUKUMAR-WHITE
Part Time

**SENIORS PASTOR**
RAHNA HOLLIS
Days off Monday, Friday

**PASTORAL CARER**
SALLY YABSELY-BELL
Part Time

**YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN PASTOR**
CHRIS EAGLES
Day off Monday

**GIRLS YOUTH COORDINATOR**
KATE EAGLES
Part Time

**CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARIES**
ROBYN MORRALL AND LYNN SAMUEL

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