Dear Members of St. Matthew’s

This year on 22nd November St. Matthew’s Baulkham Hills is celebrating its 40th Anniversary. One of the ways we want to celebrate this occasion is by updating Growing Together, the original history of St. Matthew’s produced in 2000.

One of the reasons St. Matthew’s is such a vibrant and growing church is due to the many and varied groups, large and small, working towards the common purpose of serving God and serving others.

A small committee has come together to collate the stories and photographs that tell of the years following 2000 in the life of our church. We would like to include an article from you or your group detailing how, when and why your group was formed; some highlights and/or special events; and your hopes and plans for the future.

It would help our committee if we were to receive your article by June 30. Please let us know if you will be preparing a story and if we can help you in any way.

There are several ways you might provide us with your story: we would be happy to interview you or your representative and write an article from that conversation; you could hand write and we will prepare it for publication; or you might prefer to type on your computer and email to one of the committee or the office.

The committee members are:
Ron McIntosh: rmbcm@bigpond.net.au
Sandra Gordon: sandra_gordon5@bigpond.com

There is also a dedicated email address: archive@stmatthewsuniting.net.au

We hope the resulting Updated History will make interesting reading for today and be a valuable record for the future.

Thank you for what you are doing within St. Matthew’s and we hope you will make a contribution to the proposed Updated History.

Yours in fellowship

Sandra Gordon

Financial update from the Treasurer, Judy Woods

“How might the attitudes we have, the words we speak, the choices we make, contribute to the work of renewal that is at the heart of the good news?” Rev. Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary UC Synod NSW & ACT).

My prayer is that every individual at St Matthew’s will take their place being actively involved in our community, receiving and giving blessings in whatever capacity they are able to contribute with their spiritual gifts, time and finances. This is working in the way Jesus calls us to live.

Giving is a continuation of our worship and with our giving we are blessing the work of God. Has the Lord blessed you, provided for you and given you help? When Jesus was on earth the people he visited provided for him and his disciples as they moved from town to town. Within our church it is our offerings that pay the salaries of our Ministry team, whom we rely on to spread the good news of the resurrection, provide support and walk with us on our spiritual journeys.

I am currently completing next year’s budget. It is time to look at how our offerings are tracking this financial year. The graph below highlights that our offerings are well short of budget and are below the offerings for the same period last financial year. Please pray that we may find a way to reduce the 7% shortfall in budgeted offerings.

Our major fundraising from the Op Shop, Fete and Garage sales and the Preschool Occupancy Fees cover the general running costs of the Church. This includes significant Presbytery contributions, Living is Giving contributions, Insurance and Repairs and Maintenance. Please support the organisers of these activities with help and encouragement as they devote a lot of time and effort to keep our church running well. We can achieve even more by working together as God’s family.

The expenses have exceeded income for the past 9 months to 31 March 15 by $13,745 against a budget deficit of $25,730. While it is good news that our deficit is almost half the budget deficit, it means we are relying on cash resources and this withdrawal of funds cannot be maintained in the long term.
**Group Events for JUNE**

**Women's Fellowship**
Wednesday 17 June at 7.30pm
In the church hall

EVERYONE WELCOME
Contact Lorraine Harrington 9639-7261

**Dance Fitness**
@ St. Matthew's

Dance classes Most WEDNESDAY NIGHTS during term time 6pm 7.30pm-8.30pm. Entry by gold coin donation

Limited spaces available
Contact Noni pones81@gmail.com or 0410 664 456

Check Calendar of Events for dates

**St. Matthew's Craft Group**
Meet the first and third Wednesday of the month in the upstairs church hall.

10am to 12 noon

Bring your craft along to do. Share fun and fellowship with other crafty ladies. Morning Tea supplied. Enquiries: Lee Anderson

**Eremos Book Club**
Thursday 4 June 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 of the month at 7.30 pm.

We enjoy good times with the book The Advance of Love by Bruce Sanguin. A quote from one review says: “Reading his wonderful prose directly awakens one’s heart, mind and soul to the liberating truth that we’re all on a journey of infinitely becoming that is good beyond measure.”

Contact Betty Carrady on (02) 9639 3622 or St. Matthew’s office 9686 3003

**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.

**Pot Luck Dinner & Singalong**
Saturday 20 June at 6pm at Annette and Alan Watson’s home.

It is a Pot Luck Dinner with main course and dessert with contributions to the dinner from the Post Link participants. Please RSVP to Annette Watson on 0430 306 168 and whether you would like to contribute to dinner or dessert. There will be a singalong afterwards.

**Saturday Night Fellowship**
6 June
Soup and Rolls
6pm Start
and then Darts
All Welcome
Enq: Addy’s Armour 6639 1530

**Flourish**

Teen Plus is a special needs social group for all ages from high school up. Meets Sundays fortnightly for dinner and fun.

Next meeting: June 14

**MEN’S MORNING TEA**
Meet on the third Wednesday of the month in the lower church hall 10am to 12 noon.

Bring along a plate of food to share.

Enquiries Geoff Benoit

**MINISTRY WITH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**
Enq: Chris Eagles 0425 323 649

**MINISTRY WITH YOUNG FAMILIES**
Contact Chris Eagles 9686 3003

**LEADERSHIP vision for the youth groups**

- Emerge for Year 7 to 12
  7.30pm to 9.30pm
  Contact: Kate Eagles or the church office 9686 3003

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  7.30pm to 9.30pm
  Contact: Hugh Darling 9413 241 474

- Soup and Rolls

- Every Friday during term

**ALIVE**

All Welcome

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

**Bible Study for guys**

- Simpson’s Brotherhood

- Bible Study for guys in years 7 to 15.

- Soup and Rolls

- Every Friday during term

**KUCA**

- Preschool, Years K-2

- Years 3-6

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Contact Lorraine Harrington 9639 7261

**Sharpies and Flannel**

- Soup and Rolls

- Every Friday during term

**FLOURISH**

Year 6 to Year 12
Come along and join us for Bible Study, food and fun 6pm every Friday
Check the youth programs for more details!

Contact: Kate Eagles or the church office 9686 3003

**Ministry with Youth & Young Families**

- Contact Chris Eagles 9686 3003

**Putting a face on the youth groups**

- Ben’s Mystery night

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