



st. matthew's
UNITING CHURCH
BAULKHAM HILLS
growing together

Weekly Newsletter

7 May 2023

Easter 5

Bible Readings



1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

Response after Bible Readings

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Welcome to St. Matthew's Community Room.

Children are very welcome at St. Matthew's and that means their noise is welcome too. This room is here if you feel the need to step out of the service or would like some more privacy but still want to see and hear what's going on in the service.

OPEN FROM 9.30AM



Livestreaming

at

8am & 9.30am only

8am—Worship

Includes communion

Led by Michael Strong
and Rev. Ben Gilmour

9.30am—Worship

Includes communion

Led by Albert Olley
and Rev. Ben Gilmour

6.45pm—Worship

Led by Barbara Gibb
and Abbey Sim

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

What's happening this week at St. Matthew's

MONDAY 8 MAY

9am—Sorting & Pricing for

Op Shop lower hall

3pm—Care and Prayer

at the church

TUESDAY 9 MAY

9am-2pm—Op Shop

9.30am—Christian Meditation

in the church

WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

9am-2pm—Op Shop

10am-12pm—Women's

Fellowship in the upstairs hall

7.30pm—Church Council

Executive Meeting

in the church

THURSDAY 11 MAY

9am-2pm—Op Shop

FRIDAY 12 MAY

5pm-7pm—Fusion Youth
Group "Science Night"

in the upstairs hall

SATURDAY 13 MAY

No Scheduled Events

SUNDAY 14 MAY



8am—Worship

9am—Worship @ the Willow's

9.30am—Worship

KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8

KUCA children will be
providing a mothers day
morning tea after the
9.30am service.

6.45pm—Worship

including Community Meal



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Thank you to all who have
contributed to this publication.

Easter 5

Growing a Common Heart in Christ as God's People.

As we continue to in this Easter Season, we are reminded of the importance of unity and shared purpose in Christ. In this week's sermon, I will explore the theme of "Growing a Common Heart in Christ as God's People." Drawing from the wisdom of John 14:1-14 and 1 Peter 2:2-10, we will reflect on how we can deepen our meaningful connections with one another and ultimately with God.

In John 14, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the importance of trust and faith in God. He reminds them that they are not alone but rather part of an amazingly gifted and empowered community of believers. Similarly, in 1 Peter, we hear the call to "grow up in our salvation" and to embrace our identity as God's people, drawing from Israel's narrative of hope as being a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

As we explore these passages together, we will reflect on how we can cultivate a common heart that is grounded in the cornerstone of Christ. How can we build deeper, supportive relationships with one another, even amidst our differences. How can we better be Christ's hands and feet in our community and share God's love with those around us.

I look forward to joining you on the 7th of May as we seek to deepen faith and grow together as God's people of the way, truth and life in Christ.

With Peace and goodwill,

Rev Ben Gilmour



PEOPLE NEWS

Alarice Rust
Barbara McIntosh
Sue Campbell

Lachlan Wood
Martin Anderson

Our very best wishes to all the St. Matthew's community who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

7— 13 May



India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

MAY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES at the church

7 May - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm
includes Communion

14 May - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

21 May - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

28 May - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

Live streaming continues for 8am & 9.30am services only



Blankets for Refugees

We are collecting blankets for Ukrainian refugees, some who have arrived in Australia and some who are in Poland. A lady whose family in Poland is supporting the refugees is organising a shipment of clothes and would like to include blankets. Her group is also supporting refugees who have arrived in Australia.

If you have any spare woolen blankets that you would like to donate please drop them in to the Op Shop. They can be in any condition as they can be washed and mended if needed.

Contact Pamela Leslie 0404 023 588 or
Amanda Manson 0407 221 374

JNC update

The JNC are very pleased to report that we have had two very promising conversations with a ministry candidate. We have arranged a meeting with Church Council next week to present this candidate and consider the possibility of a Call for St. Matthew's.

This is an important (but not the final) step in the process... if supported by Church Council, terms of placement will need to be agreed, and congregation members must vote before a decision to issue a Call can be made. Your ongoing prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we work through this process.

Karen Vandenberg

WELCOMING ALL NEWCOMERS

Imagine you are new to St. Matthew's

- * **How would you like to be welcomed if you were a newcomer today?**
- * **How can we improve the way we look after all our newcomers?**
- * **All your ideas and suggestions can help, the more the better.**

Please either text your replies to Judy on M: 0414 591 548 or email Judy at judyruithmann@gmail.com

Thank you

Judy - a recent 'newcomer'

Advance Notice

Practising Pastoral Care

23/24 June

Mary Pearson will lead a workshop on pastoral care on the evening of Friday 23rd and morning of Saturday 24th June.

The time together will encourage us to think through how good practices are observed in a number of case studies.

All are welcome; all are encouraged to attend.

Open Garden at the Pedersen's

Here is another fundraising project that is open to the whole community at various times throughout the year.

This is an amazing private garden on the edge of the bush between Baulkham Hills and North Rocks being opened to our community for inspection on the dates listed.

Those that have seen this garden are lost for words as to the detail and quality of the garden. Don't miss this opportunity while the weather is warm, light refreshments are provided.



\$10 adults 18 years and over includes drink and sweet or savoury offering of the day.

\$5 school children to 18 years includes drink and sweet or savoury offering of the day.

Dates for May

Wednesday mornings 9.30am – 12noon
10 & 31 May

Saturday afternoon 6 May at 1.30pm–3.30pm
Friday afternoon 12 May at 1.30pm–3.30pm

Dates for June

Thursday mornings: 9.30am –12 noon
8, 15, 22 & 29 June

Sunday mornings 9.30am–12noon
4, 11, 18 & 25 June

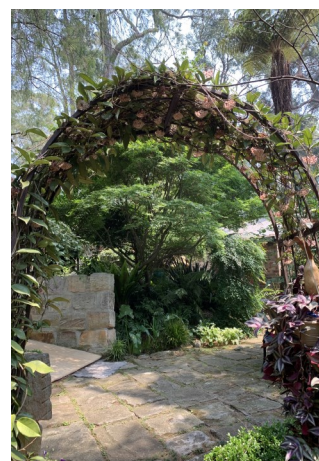
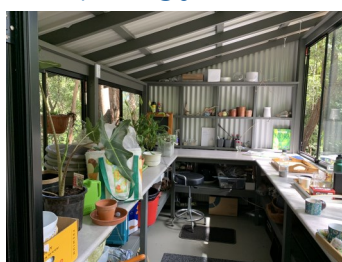
During June most of the camellia japonicas will be flowering and the maples will be changing colour and losing their leaves.

Autumn happens a bit later down here.

Closed during July and August.

Reopening September and October for Spring. Where there will be pots of tulips, ranunculus, daffodils, blossoms and wisteria in flower.

For bookings and enquiries, please contact the owners, Gary and Katherine Pedersen,
kathped56@gmail.com



We're hosting a Biggest Morning Tea

Please help us support people impacted by cancer!



Barry Gregory
9639 4700 - Mob 0425 815 34
Dulcie Duncum
9639 6014 - Mob 017 070 848



You are invited to join with us for
'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea'
being held at the home of
Dulcie & Peter Duncum
at 53 Sarah Crescent Baulkham Hills
Friday 26th May.
Everyone is welcome,
so please come and join with us
from 10.00 am
in support of the work and fundraising of
The Cancer Council and of our many friends who
have journeyed with cancer.
Bring your friends also.
We look forward to your company.

You can also make a donation by clicking on the link below

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/DulcieDuncum/biggest-morning-tea-nsw>

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