



st. matthew's  
**UNITING CHURCH**  
**BAULKHAM HILLS**  
growing together

## Weekly Newsletter

28 May 2023

Day of Pentecost

### Bible Readings

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34; 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
John 20:19-23

**Response after Bible Readings**

**Leader:** Hear the word of the Lord

**Response:** Thanks be to God



**Livestreaming at**  
**8am & 9.30am only**

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**

### 8am—Worship

Led by Judy Mann  
and Mike Strong

### 9.30am—Worship

Led by Sharon Underwood  
and Emma Godfrey

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

### 6.45pm—Worship

Led by Jane Cole  
and Nicola Lawless

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

#### MONDAY 29 MAY

9am—Sorting & Pricing for  
Op Shop lower hall

#### TUESDAY 30 MAY

9am-2pm—Op Shop  
9.30am—Christian Meditation  
in the church  
7.30pm—Thrive Bible Study  
lower hall

#### WEDNESDAY 31 MAY

9am-2pm—Op Shop  
10am-12pm—In Stitches  
upstairs hall  
2pm—Thanksgiving service for  
the Life of Alison Bills  
at the church

#### THURSDAY 1 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop  
10am-12pm—Coffee and Discovery  
guest speaker Judy Mann  
upstairs hall and church

#### FRIDAY 2 JUNE

No Scheduled Events

#### SATURDAY 3 JUNE

9am-12pm—Op Shop  
and Mini Mart in the lower hall

### SUNDAY 4 JUNE

9am—Combined Worship  
Followed by morning tea and  
Congregational Meeting  
at 10am

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

### 6.45pm—Worship



#### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY WORKER

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BAULKHAM HILLS

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Thank you to all who have  
contributed to this publication.

# **Pentecost Reconciliation**

*This week marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week with the commemoration of Sorry Day on Friday the 26th May.*

*National Sorry Day gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and non-Indigenous Australians the chance to come together and commemorate the history of forced Aboriginal child removals and their continued effect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Communities. It is also an opportunity for all non-Indigenous Australians to reflect on what they can do to turn sorry into action.*

*This week also marks the beginning of Pentecost where we see many similar themes to our call to reconciliation. We are reminded that the Spirit of God transcends boundaries of race, language, gender, age etc and that this message of inclusion is radical to the world! (perhaps like speaking a different language). The Spirit of God is with us as we work towards healing our nation and First and Second Peoples walking together in truth and justice.*

***For more information about local events happening for Reconciliation week check out the following resources:***

*For information about Reconciliation and actions you can take:*

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/>

<https://www.commongrace.org.au/>

*For information and resources regarding the Uniting Church's commitment to a covenant between Australia's First and Second Peoples:*

<https://ucaassembly.recollect.net.au/>

*For information about the Stolen Generations and intergenerational trauma:*

<https://healingfoundation.org.au/>

<https://kinchelaboyshome.org.au/kinchela-boys-home/>

Emma Godfrey



**Notice:**  
**Congregation Meeting**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10:00am**

The Joint Nominating Committee has been busy over the past few months in conversation with a possible minister for St. Matthew's.

The JNC has asked the Church Council to call a Congregation Meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> June following a single Church Service to be held at 9:00am on that day.

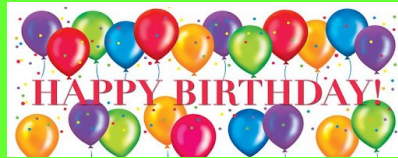
All Church members are requested to come along to Church and the meeting on that day to vote to issue a Call to the candidate.

*Terry Oliver*

*Church Council Secretary*

**Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**  
**28 May—3 June**

**Angola, Mozambique**

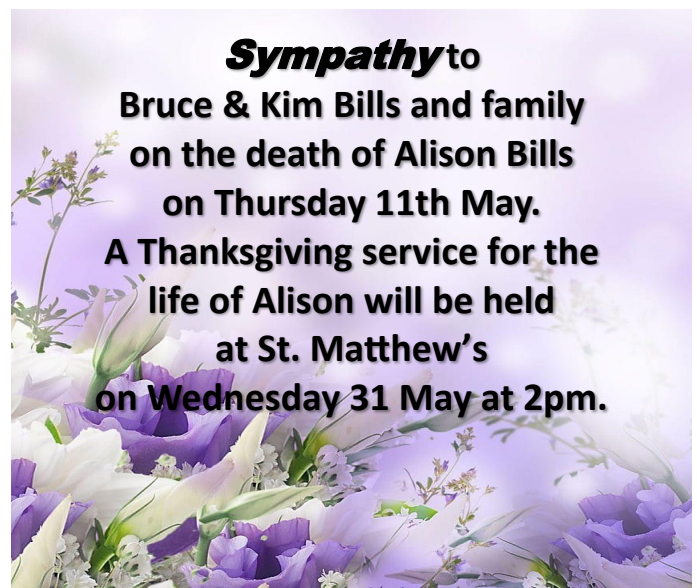


**PEOPLE  
NEWS**

Barry Gregory  
Lachlan Fear

John Kolosowski  
Stephanie Wei

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



***Sympathy* to**  
**Bruce & Kim Bills and family**  
**on the death of Alison Bills**  
**on Thursday 11th May.**

**A Thanksgiving service for the**  
**life of Alison will be held**  
**at St. Matthew's**  
**on Wednesday 31 May at 2pm.**

**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 [judy ruthmann@gmail.com](mailto:judy ruthmann@gmail.com)**

**Thank you**

*Judy - a recent 'newcomer'*

**JUNE SUNDAY  
WORSHIP SERVICES**  
**at the church**

**4 June - 9am COMBINED**  
**includes Communion**  
**Followed by Congregation Meeting**

**4 June - 6.45pm includes Communion**

**11 June - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm**

**18 June - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm**

**25 June - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm**

**Live streaming morning services only**

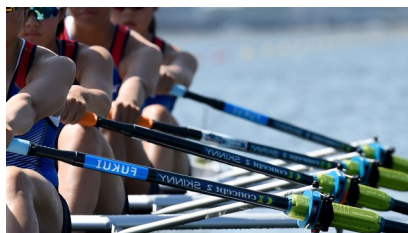


Welcome to  
Coffee & Discovery

## *The Art and Science of Rowing and the Spirituality*

Presented by a master's competition rower  
who learnt to row as an adult in Canberra.

**Guest Speaker**  
**Judy Mann**  
**Thursday**  
**1 June**  
**10am until 12noon**



*These informal morning gatherings include devotions, morning tea and  
guest speakers which cover a large range of interesting and informative topics.*

\*\*\*\*\* ALL WELCOME \*\*\*\*\*

### **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.

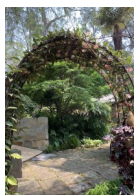
Those that have seen this garden are lost for words as to the detail and quality of the garden.

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.

For bookings and enquiries, please contact the owners, Gary and Katherine Pedersen, [kathped56@gmail.com](mailto:kathped56@gmail.com)



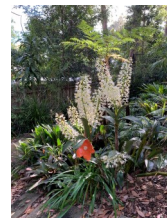
**Dates for May**  
**Wednesday mornings**  
**9.30am - 12noon 31 May**

**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 & August.**

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





## Advance Notice

# Practising Pastoral Care

**23/24 June**

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

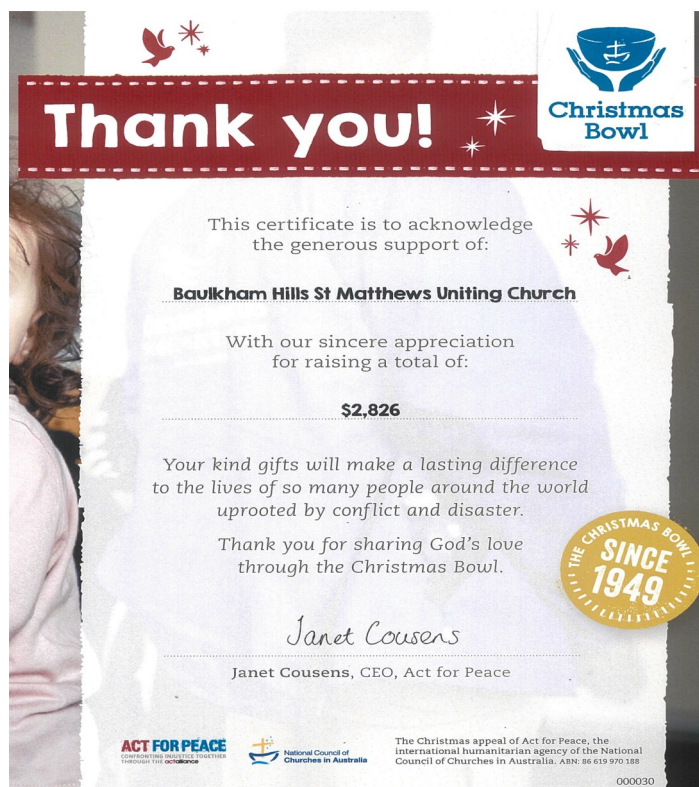
The time together will encourage us to think through how good practices are observed in a number of case studies.

**All are welcome; all are encouraged to attend.**

**The St. Matthew's Uniting Church weekly Newsletter is available to view at the end of each week for the upcoming Sunday on the St. Matthew's website**

**[www.stmatthewsuniting.net.au](http://www.stmatthewsuniting.net.au)**

**Click on the metal dove image / publications.**



**Thank you!**

This certificate is to acknowledge the generous support of:

**Baulkham Hills St Matthews Uniting Church**

With our sincere appreciation for raising a total of:

**\$2,826**

Your kind gifts will make a lasting difference to the lives of so many people around the world uprooted by conflict and disaster.

Thank you for sharing God's love through the Christmas Bowl.

*Janet Cousins*

Janet Cousins, CEO, Act for Peace

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**ACT FOR PEACE**  
CONCERNING DISASTERS AND CONFLICT THROUGH THE GOSPEL

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is available in the church foyer.

**Please place \$6 in offering bag**



## 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





# Galston Uniting Church is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of our 1887 Forster & Andrews pipe organ

Galston Uniting Church  
11 School Road - Galston

Sunday 11th June at 2pm

## Organist Thomas Wilson

"Born in Hamilton New Zealand, organist Thomas Wilson studied organ at the Royal Academy of Music in London and has held many significant posts in the UK, Australia and New Zealand.

These include organist & assistant director to the choirs of Ealing Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, London.

From 2010 to 2023 Thomas was Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. He has performed solo organ recitals in St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney), St Peter's Cathedral (Adelaide) and St George's Cathedral (Perth) to much acclaim.

His performances have been described as "displaying considerable musicianship and technical prowess"

(ABC Limelight Magazine).



Followed by afternoon tea

Tickets \$20.00 at the door (cash only)



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This organ is dedicated to the  
Glory of God on this day 6th June  
1993 in thankful recognition of the  
faithful commitment of many people.

