



st. matthew's
UNITING CHURCH
BAULKHAM HILLS
growing together

Weekly Newsletter

4 June 2023

Trinity Sunday

Bible Readings

Psalms 8

Matthew 28: 16-20

Response after Bible Readings

Leader: Hear the word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God



9am—Combined Worship

Includes Communion

Led by Dean Drayton

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

10am—Congregation Meeting and morning tea

6.45pm—Worship

Led by Barbara Gibb

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
9am service only**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

MONDAY 5 JUNE

9am—Sorting & Pricing for

Op Shop lower hall

3pm—Care & Prayer in the Church

TUESDAY 6 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop

9.30am—Christian Meditation

in the church

WEDNESDAY 7 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop

10am-12pm—In Stitches

upstairs hall

THURSDAY 8 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop

FRIDAY 9 JUNE

12pm—Thanksgiving Service
for the Life of Betty Francis

at the church

5pm-7pm—Fusion youth
group 'Music Night'

SATURDAY 10 JUNE

No Scheduled events

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

8am—Worship

9am—Worship
@ the Willow's

9.30am—Worship

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

6.45pm—Worship

Includes Community Meal



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY WORKER

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Part Time

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Thank you to all who have
contributed to this publication.

Trinity Sunday

'What Authority!'

Psalm 8, Matthew 28:16-20

Until the last two centuries nearly every culture and nation worshiped a god. The real question was not the reality of God, but what sort of God. For Israel the uniqueness of their experience of God, was that God was with them as a nation. We have the Hebrew Bible which is the record of this relationship. But then the disciples and the early Church discovered in the death and resurrection of Jesus that God was even more with them as Emmanuel in and through his Son. Then Jesus giving of the Holy Spirit brought the living God close to every person.

In the Church year Trinity Sunday follows straight after Pentecost. The giving of God's son in the Christmas Story leading to his ministry, cross of rejection and humiliation is followed by the resurrection at Easter. This then culminates in the giving of God's Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The early church was clear that God was present as Father Son and Holy Spirit. It was not until about 200AD that Tertullian, a North African Bishop spoke of God as a trinity, three in one, providing a concise definition of the nature of this God.

It is sad that often there is much discussion as to how God could be three in one, eg like the sun, the sun's ray, and the warmth on our face, or like ice, water and water vapour, rather than stressing the importance of discovering the reality of the God who has acted in human history and is intimately involved with the creation to ultimately bring about God's purposes for the creation as Father Son and Holy Spirit.

In grace and peace

Dean Drayton



PEOPLE NEWS

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

Sympathy to
Trevor Francis and family
on the death of Betty Francis
on Saturday 27th May.

A Thanksgiving Service
for the Life of Betty
will be held at St. Matthew's
on Friday 9th June at 12pm.

CONGREGATION MEETING SUNDAY 4 JUNE

There will be an important Congregation Meeting **4th June 2023 at 10:00am** following a combine service beginning at 9.00am.

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 4th 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.

*The meeting will **not** be livestreamed.*

Please contact the office if you are unable to attend so all apologies can be included in the meetings of the meeting.

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle 4—10 June

**Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa,
Eswatini**

JUNE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES at the church

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

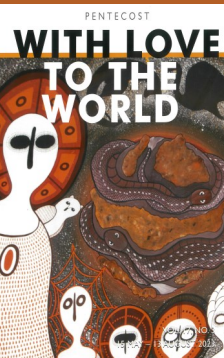
4 June - 6.45pm includes Communion

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



PENTECOST WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

a daily Bible reading guide based on the Revised Common Lectionary

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is available in the church foyer.

Please place \$6 in offering bag to cover costs.

Australia's
**Biggest
Morning
Tea**

THANK YOU

A HUGE THANK YOU is extended to **all** who kindly and generously donated to the Cancer Council 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' fundraising event held on Friday 26th May.

Donations were made on the day by those who attended the morning tea, with donations received online as well as cash donations received prior, as well as after the event by friends who were unable to attend.

The donations are all very much appreciated, with the generous amount of over \$2,200 being raised at this point of time (Thursday 1st June), which will assist with the ongoing research and care provided by the Cancer Council.

Also enjoyed was a friendly, community time of sharing together over morning tea for a vital cause.

Many Thanks for your support,
from Barry Gregory
& Dulcie & Peter Duncum



Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea



Pastoral Care

Caring for one another has been the way of the Christian community since the very beginning, both for those we know and for those whose lives intersect with ours. It is at the heart of our Christian life. The word "pastoral" is important, although it isn't a word that is easily understood outside the church, since it is usually associated with farming. How do we care? How do we manage situations that may unexpectedly challenge us and that we may find disturbing? How do we carry other people's joys and sorrows? How do we care for ourselves as carers? There are things we learn that can help us as we come to understand this important ministry of the church.

You are invited to join 2 sessions with
Mary Pearson
 at St. Matthew's Uniting Church
 on Friday 23 June 7.30pm – 9.00pm
 and Saturday 24th June 9.30am – 12.30pm



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.

Light refreshments are provided.

Easy access toilet available. For those with mobility issues some of the garden can be viewed from the flat front yard and access to back deck through the house.

Dates for June

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

**Sunday mornings 9.30am – 12 noon
 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.

\$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

When emailing bookings please indicate if you have mobility issues. Katherine can also provide a lift down to the house and back up the hill to your car.

CHURCH WORKING BEE

Saturday 17 June

8.30am- 11.30am



ALL WELCOME

*Many hands
make light work*

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Defibrillator Training

Thursday 22 June @ 7pm

in the upstairs hall at St. Mathew's



*Open to everyone,
even to those who wish
to review their skills.*

NO COST

Contact Jeff Cuff: 0466825190

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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.

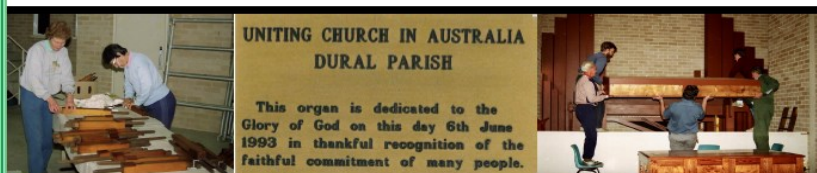
His performances have been described as "displaying considerable musicianship and technical prowess"

(ABC Limelight Magazine).



Followed by afternoon tea

Tickets \$20.00 at the door (cash only)



LOST PROPERTY BOX

**PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY
BOX IF YOU HAVE LOST ANY ITEMS
WHILE AT THE CHURCH.**

*THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IS LOCATED
ON THE CABINETS AT THE BOTTOM
OF THE STAIRS.*

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each week for the
upcoming Sunday
on the
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