



Weekly Newsletter 11 June 2023 Pentecost 2

#### **Bible Readings**

Genesis 12:1-9 Matthew 9:9-26 11 AT

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* Led by Mike Strong and Rev Dr Rosalie Clarke MacLarty

9am—Worship @ the Willow's Led by Warren Arthur

9.30am—Worship Led by Sharon Underwood and Rev Dr Rosalie Clarke MacLarty KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8

> 6.45pm—Worship Community Meal

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

#### MONDAY 12 JUNE Public Holiday Kings Birthday

#### **TUESDAY 13 JUNE**

9am-2pm—Op Shop Cancelled—Christian Meditation 10.30am—Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Beverly Denison at the church 7.30pm—Thrive Bible Study Lower hall

#### WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop 10am-12pm—Women's Fellowship upstairs hall and Church

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 9am-2pm—Op Shop

> FRIDAY 16 JUNE No scheduled events

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 8.30am-11.30am-Working Bee

### SUNDAY 18 JUNE

8am—Worship

9.30am—Worship KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8

*5pm—Shine* BBQ and Boxing at Jane's

#### 6.45pm—Worship



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Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication.

## Welcome to St. Matthew's, Rosalie.

Our guest preacher for our morning worship on 11th June is Reverend Dr Rosalie Clarke MacLarty.

Here is a short summary of the many things she has done in her life and ministry.

Rosalie is an ordained minister in the Uniting Church in Australia with particular interest in education and community development, and in the intersection of church and social impact.

She is an educator, researcher, speaker and church leader who is influenced by the Roman Catholic and Methodist Christian traditions, both evangelical and liberation theologies, and contemplative practices.

Rosalie also is interested in the art of discerning the work of God in the world and within individuals. This interest has led her to complete a PhD focused on the migrant experience of travelling between home and host countries, and the impact of tourism on individuals' spirituality. An inclination towards contextual and practical theology has seen her engaged in research projects in this area.

Rosalie is currently School Chaplain at Knox Grammar, a Uniting Church School. Prior to this she served at Kinross Wolaroi School in Orange.

She has worked and taught in primary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions in various capacities spanning roles as peripatetic tutor, lecturer, educational consultant and head of department.

Rosalie has extensive community development and advocacy experience working and living in marginalised communities representing church in Humpty Doo in the Northern Territory, and Pietermaritzburg and surrounds in South Africa. She has been involved in community work in Zimbabwe and has worked on community development projects in Not-for-Profit Organisations primarily focused on children and women at risk.

Rosalie was Senior Student at her residential university college in the final year of her undergraduate degree in South Africa, navigating social issues which arose out of the final years of Apartheid, and the challenges of racial integration and cross-cultural life. She has a passion for youth.



Our very best wishes to all the St.Matthew's community who are celebrating their birthdays this week. Ecumenical Prayer Cycle 11—17 June

### Botswana, Zimbabwe

**Sympathy** to Carl Denison and family on the death of Beverly Denison on Sunday 4th June.

A Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Beverly will be held at St. Matthew's on Tuesday 13th June at 10.30am Followed by refreshments in the upstairs hall.

If you will be attending the service for Beverly on Tuesday 13 June at 10.30am and would like to bring a plate of food it would be greatly appreciated.



Beverly Lynette Denison

welcome you to join them in celebrating her life

#### Tuesday 13th June 2023 10.30am

Service to be held at St Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills followed by a light lunch in the hall

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to the National Breast Cancer Foundation in Beverly's honour and wear a touch of pink https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/

beverlydenison/in-memory-of

#### 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

#### CHURCH AGM SUNDAY 23 JULY



*Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 23 July following a combined 9.00am service.* 

This is a great opportunity to catch up with friends from all worship services and to keep up to update with what is happening at St .Matthew's.

This will be an opportunity to hear from our Focus Groups and our financed Committee.

There will time of fellowship after the meeting with a shared meal. If you are interested in staying for lunch, please provide a plate of ready to serve finger food to share.

#### **Congregation Meeting Update**

It is with great pleasure that I announce the result for our congregation meeting on 4 June. Members in attendance voted to endorse the recommendation of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) to call the Rev Jon Humphries to ministry at St. Matthew's.

Thank you to the members of our JNC, Karen Vandenberg, Dean Drayton, Mike Underwood, Helen Olley, Alexander Lawless and Eulalie Herat as well as the two Presbytery representatives, Rev Grant Atkins & Rev Carmel Ieraci for their faith, gifts, and commitment to this very complicated process. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped with collecting and counting the votes, serving morning tea, and preparing communion.

Jon and his wife Linda will be joining us at all three worship services on Sunday 11 June. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet them both as we begin our journey together. There will be time after each service to share together at morning tea.

Volunteers are required for morning tea for both morning services.

Barbara Gíbb

Chairperson Church Council St Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills

# St Matthew's Op Shop,

Cnr Edgar & Charles Streets, Baulkham Hills

Do you have a stash of knitting yarn or unused handbags that you would like to declutter?



St Matthew's Op Shop currently needs donations of

- knitting yarn, especially 8 ply
- handbags that are in good condition

Donations can be left in the lower church hall, 9am to 2pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays

*Thank you for your support of St Matthew's Op Shop.* 



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 24<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – 12.30pm







## 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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Please let the office know if you wish to attend this training ASAP or call Jeff on the number above.



## 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



## to join an Australian Learning Community

Journeying through the Climate Pastoral Care Course

between

World Environment Day and the Season of Creation (June - September)

Wednesday nights (8pm AEST) on Zoom with Jessica Morthorpe, course co-author

RSVP to climatepastoralcare@gmail.com

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 <u>www.stmatthewsuni</u> <u>ting.net.au</u> Click on the metal dove image / publications.



### Uniting in Prayer – National Prayer Chain

During the 26 days between Pentecost and the Uniting Church's anniversary on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the Uniting church is encouraging all members to join together in prayer for the whole Uniting Church.

One important aspect of Uniting in Prayer is a national prayer chain in which local congregations are paired up in order to pray for each other.

As part of this prayer chain, we are invited to pray for two Uniting Church congregations in Launceston South Esk Parish and Seaford Uniting Church.

As we continue to pray for one another, we hope that this national prayer chain will be a powerful expression of our national Church: as we live out our mission and ministry in unique ways, we are held by a common tradition and part of one community of Christ.

For more information regarding Uniting in Prayer and the National Prayer Chain visit <u>https://www.act2uca.com/unitinginprayer</u>