



Weekly Newsletter 18 June 2023 Pentecost 3

Bible Readings

Matthew 9:35-10:8

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 Hugh Darling and Daniel Gibb

9.30am—Worship Led by Dean Drayton and Daniel Gibb

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

5pm—Shine BBQ and Boxing at Jane's

6.45pm—Worship Led by Nicola Lawless and Alexander Lawless

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

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MONDAY 19 JUNE 9am—Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop lower hall

TUESDAY 20 JUNE 9am-2pm—Op Shop 9.30am—Christian Meditation in the church

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop 10am-12pm—In Stitches upstairs hall 10am-12pm—Men's Morning Tea Mckel's Café, Shop 14, Circa Boulevarde Bella Vista.

THURSDAY 22 JUNE

9am-2pm—Op Shop 7pm-9pm—Defibrillator Training All welcome. Please let Jeff Cuff or the Church office know if you are coming by 21/06/23.

FRIDAY 23 JUNE 5pm-7pm—Fusion Youth Group "MasterChef" at the church 7.30pm-9pm—Pastoral Care Workshop at the church SATURDAY 24 JUNE 9.30am-12.30pm—Pastoral Care Workshop at the church





ANNIVERSARY

8am—Worship

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

6.45pm—Worship



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Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication.



Thank You ~ From Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship ladies would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all who assisted in any way with our catering ministry following the Thanksgiving service for the life of Beverly Denison on Tuesday 13th June.

Your help with providing food, serving teas and coffees, floral decorations for the tables, setting up and cleaning up after, was all very much appreciated.

Many expressions of appreciation were received from Carl's family and friends.





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.





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



JULY SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICES

at the church

2 July - 8am, 930am & 6.45pm includes Communion

9 July - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm 16 July - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

followed by AGM

Live streaming morning services only

23 July - 9am Combined

23 July - 6.45pm



Defibrillator Training

Thursday 22 June @ 7pm

in the upstairs hall at St. Mathew's

JNITING CHURCH BAULKHAM HILLS growing together

Please <u>RSVP</u> your attendance to the church office <u>by Wednesday 21 June</u>

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

NO COST

Contact Jeff Cuff: 0466825190





Mary Pearson

at St. Matthew's Uniting Church on Friday 23 June 7.30pm – 9.00pm and Saturday 24th June 9.30am – 12.30pm



Please contact the Church Office to register your attendance by phone or email before Wednesday 21st June.



What makes for good pastoral care? What can help us be better pastoral carers?

- We might be visiting someone, or speaking to them on the phone when the conversation can take an unexpected and challenging turn.
- We want to help but are not sure how to, or even what to say.
- Some people's situations are very challenging and we may not feel able to get involved.
- Some things may be too close to home.
- We will look at all of these things and more and recognise the blessings too.
- You don't need to feel good at this to take part.
- This is about learning together and seeing how we might be called to respond as people of faith.

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



Uniting in Prayer – National Prayer Chain

During the 26 days between Pentecost and the Uniting Church's anniversary on 22nd 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>

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.*



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 www.stmatthewsuniting.

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