



**Bible Readings**

**Matthew 11:16-19**

**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 Niall Reid

**9am—Worship @ the Willow's**

Led by Warren Arthur

**9.30am—Worship**

Led by Hugh Darling  
and Niall Reid

**KUCA** in Recess

**6.45pm—Worship**

including Community Meal

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

**MONDAY 10 JULY**

**9am—Sorting  
& Pricing for Op Shop**

lower hall

**TUESDAY 11 JULY**

**9am-2pm—Op Shop  
9.30am—Christian Meditation**

in the church

**WEDNESDAY 12 JULY**

**9am-2pm—Op Shop  
10am-12pm—Women's Fellowship**

upstairs hall and church

**THURSDAY 13 JULY**

**9am-2pm—Op Shop**

**FRIDAY 14 JULY**

**No Scheduled Events**

**SATURDAY 15 JULY**

**10am-12pm—Op Shop  
Customer Morning Tea**

**SUNDAY  
16 JULY**

**8am—Worship**

**9.30am—Worship  
KUCA in recess**

**6.45pm—Worship**



**CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS  
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Thank you to all who have  
contributed to this publication.

## Lectionary Notes Pentecost 6

The Lectionary Notes for July 9th Readings Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67. It is worth reading the whole chapter. Abraham sends his servant back to his family and the country from which God had called him, to find a wife for his son Isaac. But the servant is first bound by oath not to let Isaac ever return to his Father's country. The servant asks for the Lord's guidance so he does not fail. And in an enchanting way finds the beautiful Rebekah, a far distant relative of Abraham.

The reading for today describes their meeting, Rebekah's willingness to journey to Palestine and the meeting with Isaac. A new generation after Abraham is about to begin with Isaac and Rebekah. Esau and Jacob will follow soon after. (Next Week Gen 25:19-34) Psalm 145:8-14. In particular, All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power. Romans 7: 15-25a. The apostle Paul is describing how sin infects all that we do. For the last five hundred years this passage has often been taken to mean that I am divided and not able to do the right. Careful study has shown that this is a result of a pervading individualism since the Reformation. Rather Paul discovers that the person and the law has fallen captive to sin (note sin not sins). I am captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? This is the human predicament. It is God who comes to the rescue. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Next week Rom 8:1-11 - freed to live in the Spirit) Matt 11: 16-19, 25-30. The first four verses focus on Jesus awareness that the views in the marketplace, (say the media today), just don't get what is happening in their midst.

The last six verses celebrate that Infants are the key recipients of the news of the kingdom rather than the wise and the intelligent. Jesus turns society on its head!

Then such extraordinary words. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to disclose him. And the last verses bring home to us the very nature of God. Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. (Next week, the Parable of the sower Matt 13:1-9, 18-23)

*In grace and peace,*

Dean

## Guest Preacher Niall Reid

After a short stint in legal practice and 3 years theological training Niall was ordained as a Uniting Church Minister in 1984, serving as minister in a number of congregations in NSW and the ACT. In the course of ministry Niall has chaired various boards, school councils and Presbyteries and was moderator of the Synod of NSW & the ACT from 2007-2011. As moderator he was instrumental in the Uniting Church becoming a foundation member of the Sydney Alliance, a coalition of community groups, faith organisations and unions working together to create a better Sydney.

During his time as minister of Gordon Uniting Church he initiated and on 6 occasions over 10 years helped lead working groups building houses amongst the poor in Tijuana, Mexico. In different contexts Niall has been involved in refugee support programs and during and since his time as moderator taken greater interest in promoting the need for action on climate change and seeing it as a major theological and faith issue requiring a response.



## PEOPLE NEWS

Jeff Cuff

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



## 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 date with what is happening at St. Matthew's. This will be an opportunity to hear from our Focus Groups and our finance 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.*

## THROWS

THE OP SHOP STAFF ARE DONATING A COUPLE OF THROWS TO BE USED BY ANYBODY FEELING COLD AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

*PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE THEM.*

## Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

9—15 July

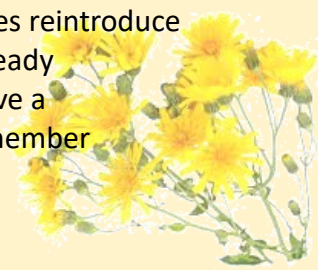
*Eritrea, Ethiopia*

### Welcoming everyone at St. Matthew's

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

We are asked to welcome one another at church each Sunday, is this easy or difficult for you? Are you good with names – or are you better remembering faces, but forgetful on names? Some of us may feel self-conscious saying hello to people we don't know. To me it means stepping out of my introverted discomfit and actually smiling and saying 'hi there – welcome.' Being relatively new I still don't know everyone, including the folk in the service I generally attend. In fact, I sometimes reintroduce myself to those I have already met before, I can then have a good laugh and try to remember them – for next time.

*Judy Mann*



## JULY SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

at the church

2 July - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm  
includes Communion

9 July - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

16 July - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

23 July - 9am Combined  
followed by AGM

23 July - 6.45pm

30 July - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

*Live streaming morning services only*

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 or find in recent posts.

### ***Prayer Days for St. Matthew's***

Please take some time on Wednesdays to pray for St. Matthew's during our time of transition. Knowing that we are all praying together on this one day is an uplifting experience. The church will be open for anyone who would like to pray onsite.

#### ***A time of prayer***

Thank God for his generosity by answering our prayers and leading Jon to our church.

We give thanks for the members of the JNC Committee for their faith, commitment, and time as they trusted you to lead them to your vision for St. Matthew's - Karen, Helen, Alexander, Mike, Dean & Eulalie, for Grant and Carmel.

For Jon as he transitions from Chaplin to Congregation minister. As he says 'goodbye' to the people and routines that are familiar. His work colleagues, students, and parents with whom he has made connections.

We pray for our Congregation as we navigate the next few months without a minister.

We give thanks for the guest preachers and lay ministers who will share with us in our worship services during this time.

Pray for the Worship Oversight committee as they continue to find ministers and lay preachers to fill our preaching rosters.

Continued growth for all church groups and their faithful committed leaders. Prayers for our church family members who have recently lost loved ones. Help them to feel loved and supported at this time.



*Barbara and Christine*