



Reframing Life — Faith-Part 2

Let's continue talking about faith. In normal use faith is used usually as something we are doing, an action word for what we do. (In the Greek faith can either be a verb or a noun, but in English it is usually considered to be a noun.) But if one listens carefully in our time it is usually about the consequences of our trust, commitment or motivation (as we saw in part 1). Faith goes beyond ourself and our actions to trust in others, and for some, God. With regard to God faith can still be limited to my belief and my convictions. There is, however, a dramatic new possibility that we can discover God's action in addition to our own. For the Apostle Paul faith limited to human action alone fades into insignificance. For Paul, faith is a noun that describes and names what God has done. And the central fact is that God has raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

What a difference between his discovery and our time! In our time, the word faith is overwhelmingly used as an action word, both in the community and in the church too. And as well, there is little awareness of God in Western culture, and even less talk about what God has done. Where in particular in public life and church life do we hear of those whose faith is centered in what God did in the death and resurrection of Jesus? Mostly media silence.

How is it then that the primary form of faith has become human action and attitudes? It is true in the 21st century that we are born into a culture in which faith is limited to human action. Few get to discover the importance of faith as a noun. How different it was in the first century where, for Paul, the attention was on the faith fact that God had acted in their midst. Yes, there were consequences for human action, community and individual life. But that followed on from the God dimension that reframed all of life in and through Jesus Christ.

In Romans the order was critical. First God's action, then second, the human response. In Romans 7 Paul demolished the common view that it all starts with human action. He cleared the decks for Romans 8. There, Paul is focussed on showing how God in Christ has made it possible for us to live in the Spirit.

How does Paul demolish the role of human action before God in Romans 7? He describes how we think of ourselves as good moral people, trying to do the best, and occasionally doing the wrong thing. The result is that so much of religious life is about coming to terms with the wrong done, and seeking forgiveness for each wrong, in order that we may we continue to be good and loving in our lives. We live life from our own point of view. How puzzled people are when we do the best for ourselves and others and the good done curdles and leaves us with unintended and uninvited consequences - let alone with what happens as a result of our worst actions. What are we doing? We substitute our view of what is good for the reality of God's view of the good. And in doing so we turn religion into morality.

For Paul, no, a thousand times no to our individual morality! Through the cross and resurrection Paul found in Christ how the laws of God had been and still are infected and weakened by sin. He saw how he and the leaders who acted for what they saw as the good of their own position and the good of the nation, betrayed the action of God. If we live by the law as we know it, 'weakened by sin', we find the morality that ensues sets people against people and creates division and societal chaos. Rather, Paul calls us in Romans 8 to name what God did in Jesus Christ. For in Him a new world of the Spirit, a new dimension - in fact, the reign and kingdom of God opens up. Paul calls us to set our minds upon the Spirit and the goodness of God, and find the Jesus way of the kingdom. Goodness is not about our view of good, but living in the relationship God makes possible in the Spirit. Paul says set your mind on the Spirit and not on "the flesh", the word he uses to describe the realm of human action where we decide what is good and what our lives will be. That is to live in the realm of death.

There is so much of extraordinary importance for human life in these passages. Above all, there is the invitation to start the experience of living with the Spirit God gives. What we think and where we put our minds really matters, not only for the here and now but eternally. So there is a fundamental question here. Are these empty words of religious hot air in a time of individuality when life is what I am free to achieve as a result of my actions, convictions and faith? Or is life far more mysterious because of what God has done, bringing us in awe to the cross of Christ? In him God discloses a new way of life as we set our minds upon the ever-present Spirit..

Dean Drayton

In Memoriam

Compiled by Annette Watson

DOREEN CHAPPLE



Doreen and Reg were long standing members of St. Matthew's. Doreen was actively involved in the 8am service. Doreen was a welcomer and enjoyed greeting people as they came through the door. Doreen also attended a St. Matthew's bible study with many other members from 1997. She also helped in the office on a Friday afternoon, folding newsletters, monthly In Focus, preparing colouring boards and placing everything upstairs ready for Sunday services. Doreen was also involved with the Telecare team and would come to the church to spend one hour ringing people as a pastoral care checkup. Doreen was a bright & bubbly lady who will be missed by her family and friends.

ALISON BILLS



Alison and Bruce Bills first came to St. Matthew's in late 1998 when they moved to Sydney from Newcastle. They were greeted at the door by Barry Gregory and by the end of the service knew that this would be their Sydney Church. Alison and Bruce have always been actively involved in the 9.30 am congregation.

Alison served a term as a Church Elder and always remembered this as a very special time when she was able to serve her Church and her Lord. Alison also loved attending 'In Stitches'. It was great to catch up and socialise with other ladies in the Church who shared her passion for knitting and crocheting. Alison has always been a warm, friendly, generous, loving and positive person. Her warmth and friendliness was apparent when catching up with her Church family.

Since Alison's sudden and unexpected passing, Bruce and his daughter Kim have been appreciative of the care and support given to them. Alison will be missed by everyone who knew her. Now in God's care.

BEVERLY DENISON



Beverly and Carl Denison joined St. Matthew's Uniting Church in 1985 and became actively involved in the 9.30 am congregation and many aspects of church life including church fetes, garage sales, Women's Fellowship, Post Links Friendship Group, a member of one of St. Matthew's Book Groups and the St. Matthew's Op Shop.

Beverly was a Sunday School Teacher at St. Matthew's for over 10 years from 1985. This group was then renamed KUCA (Kids of the Uniting Church Australia). She was also JY's Junior Youth leader. It was a program for primary aged kids perhaps years 3-6. Beverly and Carl (Carl was a leader for the boys group) also organised a few disco nights where the boys and girls groups combined. For the disco nights they asked Greg Page AKA the Yellow Wiggle who was a teenager at the time to be the DJ for the discos. They often speculated that they may have helped spark in him a love for children's entertainment.

Beverly ran a friendship group to help connect families together, occasionally making meals to help a family in need. In the last few years Beverly volunteered at the Op Shop team and enjoyed helping once a week. Beverly had the gift of serving and helping others in need, a servant heart. Beverly was a lovely, kind, thoughtful, friendly lady who will be missed by her family and friends.

BETTY FRANCIS



Betty and Trevor Francis have been part of the 8am congregation at St. Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills since 1998. Since her youth, Betty has dedicated her life to the Methodist and Uniting Churches at Richmond, Old Toongabbie and Baulkham Hills by being a Sunday School Teacher, participant within Ladies Fellowship and a choir member. Betty's organ and piano playing brought much delight to Sunday Services.

For Betty, it was her service to God and a means to demonstrate her faith. Across the three churches, Betty was a part of the church's wider family and she is missed dearly.

ROSALIE CAMERON



With the cessation of services at North Baulkham Hills Methodist where Rosalie was Superintendent of the Sunday School Primary Section she and husband Jeff became Foundation Members of St. Matthew's. Whilst teaching in the Sunday School Rosalie's main role soon became Licensee and Secretary of the Pre School Board of Management. Rosalie interviewed and recommended the appointment of the Preschools first Director, Anne van der Steege and actually worked in the Preschool herself for a couple of years in its formative stage.

Rosalie also became Secretary of our Congregational Meetings for 2 years and in more recent years Vice President of the Women's Fellowship. Rosalie was also an avid reader.

As a member of one of St. Matthew's Book Groups she eloquently participated in the discussions of their various books. Her general knowledge was extensive and on one occasion won the Trivia Night. Rosalie was a lovely, kind, thoughtful, humble, friendly lady with a ready laugh, who will be missed by her family and friends.

Rosalie's life was dedicated to Church and Family and both will keenly feel her passing.

THANK YOU

Rev Dr Clive Pearson We have been very appreciative of the wonderful work you have done as our supply minister over the past 18 months. This is an extra special thank you for everything you have done, over and above the general role you were called to do for our church. Your pastoral care extended beyond expectations and even after your term was finished, you still continued to visit and offer spiritual support to many of our families. Your dedication in your service to our Lord is inspirational, as well as admirable. Many people have said, particularly in these past 2 months, how grateful and how fortunate we have all been, that you were willing to step in and support these families in their time of grief. You prepared beautiful, personal services for four of these ladies because you had taken the time to get to know them and their families. Thank you Clive we are very appreciative.

Our church offices ladies—Lynn Samuel and Robyn Morrall Thank you for the wonderful work you have done in the preparation of Order of Services, information for the multimedia and all other aspects for these funerals. You have done a great job and we are appreciative.

Mike Strong—Older person ministry Thank you for conducting Doreen's funeral which was held off site and also your great support preparing and leading the prayers at three of the other services. Your pastoral support to all, as well as often liaising between everyone who was involved in the 5 services was appreciated. Thank you Mike. Your gentle and thoughtful efforts did not go unnoticed.

Dulcie Duncum and her team of helpers Thank you for all your hard work in the organisation and catering for the luncheon/afternoon tea for all these funerals. On entering the hall before the funeral, one of the family members was delighted and in awe of the beautiful table presentation of food for the luncheon/afternoon tea. We would like to say thank you for your continuing dedication and service in this role.

In Stitches

Knitting, sewing, crochet, scrapbooking or whatever else takes ones fancy can be brought along to the “In Stitches” craft group that meets on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday of each month from 10am – 12pm.



A small, friendly group, we love to have a chat while we work on our wonderful creations. It’s great to see the works grow to completion, to learn new skills from each other and to generally have a chat, a laugh and of course a cuppa.

The ladies, besides working on personal items, have worked on goods to be sold, items intended to be gifts for family and friends as well as items donated to various charities.

The Op Shop downstairs is a brilliant Aladdin’s Cave in which to find that piece of lace, forgotten knitting needles, extra balls of yarn or just the piece of fabric to finish a project with.



Meeting upstairs makes access easy for those of us less mobile with car parking at the door. We love to welcome new members any time.

Jane Cole

ST MATTHEW'S PICNIC IN CABER PARK

When: Sunday 6th August 11.30am-2pm

Where: Caber Park Winston Hills

Who: EVERYONE from St Matthew's is welcome!

What to bring: A picnic lunch, picnic chairs, rug, tennis racquets, balls, scooters etc.

Contact Noni: nones81@gmail.com for more information



St Matthew's HAPPY HOUR!

At The Winston

170 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills

25
AUG

5-7PM
FRIDAY



COME AND SHARE IN SOME HAPPY CONVERSATION, A DRINK AND SOME FOOD WITH FRIENDS FROM ST MATTHEW'S.



RSVP to Noni or just come along
nones81@gmail.com



Guest Speaker

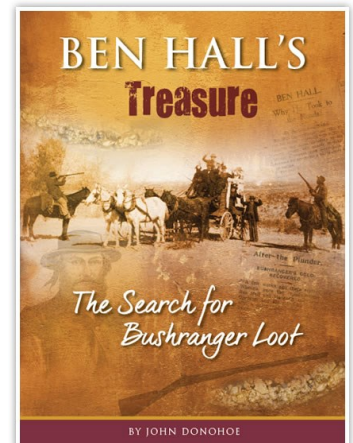
John Donahoe

Thursday
3 August
10am—12noon



Ben Hall's Treasure

Through his interest and research into Australian Bushranger History and as author of 'Ben Hall's Treasure—The search for the Loot', John will enlighten and intrigue us with his accounts of the escapades and mysteries surrounding the infamous Ben Hall. John will have books he has written for sale.



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

***** ALL WELCOME *****

GETTY LIVE CONCERT – *SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE*

Somehow, I saw a notification on my computer about an upcoming Australian live concert by Keith and Kristyn Getty – modern hymn writers from Ireland. Immediately I bought tickets for Sydney Opera House Tuesday 27 June. I am in!

I quickly counted 15 Getty composed songs that are used at St Matthew's, mainly at 9.30 worship. I can remember when I was first sent a link to 'In Christ Alone' – music by Keith Getty, words by British songwriter Stuart Townend, one of their earliest collaborations in 2001. The song was sent to me around 2006 by one of my workmates who thought I might like it and the YouTube version suggested the song was held dear by soldiers in the Afghanistan war.

A soldier may well draw inspiration from these words:

*'In Christ Alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This cornerstone this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm'*

I did some research on this song and found this quote. "Something about this song makes me cry like a baby. The way the lyrics and melody swirl together is so poignant and beautiful." – Adam Young 2010 age 24.

Some of the other Getty songs that are in regular rotation in our worship include:

By Faith
Come People of the Risen King
Creation Sings the Fathers Song
See What a Morning
Living Waters
Oh How Good it is – and many more.

You may be able to recall songs or hymns that have defined your faith journey – such is the power of music to open hearts, enable healing, stimulate the mind.

The Gettys are Grammy nominated and Dove Award winning and they have recorded 26 albums. Keith has received an OBE. The Getty family (four daughters) reside both in Northern Ireland and Nashville, Tennessee USA. Their touring company perform worldwide. In 2017 'Christianity Today' named the Gettys "preeminent" hymn writers who have changed the way evangelicals worship."

So, to the Opera House concert.

What an opportunity to see the Getty live band here in Sydney for the one and only Australian concert. Their Facebook suggests the family stayed on for an Aussie holiday.

Concert may not be the right word – despite being in the 2500 seat concert hall of Sydney Opera House. The live band and backing singers number about 12. From the first song – it's "Please stand and worship together" – Yes this will be a live worship event.

Actually, there was lots of variety in the two and a half hours concert, of course the whole audience knew the 20+ songs and lifted the roof. That is uncommon in Sydney Opera House.

Just imagine 2500 people singing "This the Power of the Cross, Christ became sin for us...", and many other well known songs from their catalogue.

But there was much more – the children invited on to lead a section of songs, teach actions and be a real part of the event. Many quiet ballads and instrumental sections featuring solos and backing vocalists.



This concert has encouraged Noleen and myself to continue on with our music ministry and keep searching for great songs to glorify God in worship.

David Neideck

Women's Fellowship
Wednesday 9th August
@ 10am



A Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Church Hall

Ladies are asked to bring their favourite
 Teddy bear, doll, picture, poem or book.

PLEASE BRING ONE ITEM ONLY

All ladies are welcome to join with us in a
 relaxed and friendly time together.

Enquires: Dulcie Duncum

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 services held recently for our
 four friends, Alison, Betty, Beverly and Rosalie.
 Your help with the preparation, providing food,
 floral decorations for the tables and serving
 teas and coffees, assisted us greatly to present
 a valuable and caring ministry for their families
 and friends. Assistance with setting up and
 cleaning up after, was also very much appreciated.
 Many expressions of appreciation were received
 by each of the families and their friends.



MEN'S MORNING TEA
Wednesday 16th August

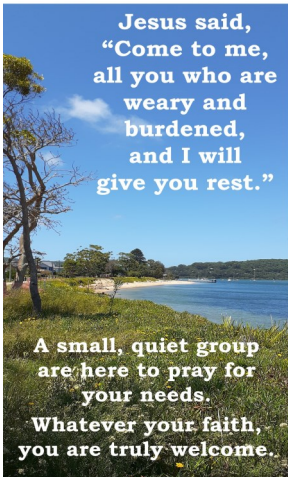
10am to 12noon

Mckel's Café, Shop 14, Circa
 Boulevard Bella Vista.

Enquiries
 Alan
 Wright

Every third Wednesday of the month

Jesus said,
 "Come to me,
 all you who are
 weary and
 burdened,
 and I will
 give you rest."



A small, quiet group
 are here to pray for
 your needs.

Whatever your faith,
 you are truly welcome.

Care and Prayer

All Welcome

3pm

**on the first Monday
 of each month
 at St. Matthew's**

February to November

Next Date: August 7



Saturday
5 August

9am-12pm

Pre-loved
 Household Items,
 Electrical, Toys & Books
 (Fiction, Non-fiction & Children's Books)

St. Matthew's Lower Hall



Recycling Appeal

St. Matthew's Community Engagement
 Focus Group are still collecting **glass and
 plastic DRINK bottles** as well as
DRINK cans. To raise money for
 various organisations who support
 women and
 children who have
 been affected by
 domestic violence.



We have raised \$120
 so far! Thank you to
 everyone who has
 participated in this initiative.

DRINK Plastic and
 DRINK glass bottles need to have their barcode
 and plastic wrapper still attached. DRINK Cans
 should be left uncrushed as the machine needs
 to read the barcode. **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR
 DONATIONS IN THE MARKED TUBS
 LOCATED IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL.**
 We appreciate all the donations and look
 forward to continuing fundraising.

Thank you
 Marijke Prinsloo



Table Talk Conversation

@ 6.45pm Worship
Community Meal

Sunday 13 August

As we approach a referendum later this year on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament, we will be holding a Table Talk conversation to dig deeper into the referendum and how we can be better informed around the conversations involved with the vote. This will be held on Sunday, August 13 as part of the 6:45pm service community meal. Come along with your questions about the Voice and an appetite for a conversation filled with deep listening. If you plan on attending, please let me know so that we can make sure we have enough food and resources.

Daniel Gibb



UNITING YOUTH CAMP 2023

THAT'S MY TEAM

A high-energy camp for high schoolers in grades 7-11. Big on community, fun, food, and Jesus. There will be worship, big activities, small groups, free time, and more!

"AND YOU ARE CHRIST'S, AND CHRIST IS GOD'S"
1 Corinthians 3: 23

The Collaroy Centre
22 Homestead Ave
Collaroy NSW 2097

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
REGISTER NOW:
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3-6 OCTOBER

Cost:

- \$360 for campers (discounts for multiple children in the same family)
- Limited early bird registrations for \$310 (if registered by 14 Aug 2023)
- Sponsorship available if required.
- Congregations are encouraged to donate to help send a kid to camp!



Contact Daniel Gibb for more information
daniel@stmatthewsuniting.net.au

JAZZ ON HAMMERS

Come and join us each month for an evening of live music, dinner and fellowship.

When: Aug 20, Sep 17 and Oct 15 from 6-8pm

Where: Northmead Uniting Church, 3-7 Hammers Rd Northmead

Cost: Donations welcome for pot luck dinner

Who: All ages are WELCOME!

For more information contact Noni Medcalf: nones81@gmail.com

Our Time of Prayer

We are continuing our time of prayer with a Wednesday prayer day. Please take some time on Wednesday in Prayer for St. Matthew's congregation as we continue to transition to a new minister. Knowing that we are all praying together on this one day is an uplifting experience. The church will be open for anyone who feels the need to be onsite to pray.

We thank you God for your generosity by answering our prayers and leading Jon to our Church - 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 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,

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

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.

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

We give thanks and pray for Christine Palmer, her family & her Community Ministry role at Suburban Seeds,(Gledwood Hills, near Camden) for the community engagement and development that involves, and the work involved in growing, resourcing, and equipping a local network of faith communities. We pray for her continued energy for this role, adequate resources to meet needs of growth of ministry and for good health and blessings for her and her family.

Prayers for our church family members who have recently lost loved ones. Help them to feel loved and supported at this time.

We pray for those in our church community who are ill and unwell, and we pray for your peace and where possible restoration of their health. We pray for their family and close ones who carry the weight of care & assistance, which can be great at times.

We think of our friends and family who have struggles and health issues, we lift them up to you.

We pray for the Launceston South Esk Parish in Tasmania- from the National Prayer Chain. We pray for the journey of the congregation in discerning your will in finding a new suitable property. We pray for their congregation and its leaders, nourish them in their lives & their faith. Give them continued energy with their missional works in the community, for Crafty Corner and Crossroads, for Drop In, and for their outreach through the choir in the local school.

We pray for the Seaford Uniting Church & Church of Christ combined Congregation, Baptistery of Seaford Ecumenical mission centre. We pray for their continued growth and ongoing mission



Barbara Gibb



WCCM

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February 2023 · www.wccmaustralia.org.au

Exciting things that are happening within Australia under the World Community for Christian Meditation.

Campfire in the Heart



*There are places that call us to still and be ...
places of reflection ...
quiet, wild, timeless places that overflow the soul ...
and draw us in to the silence of our own heartland.*

Is a restful location along the East MacDonnell Ranges just seven kilometres from the centre of Alice Springs. Learn about our upcoming [retreats and events](#) and also our [online weekly offerings](#) (new winter hours.)



Please visit the website: <https://campfireintheheart.com.au/> -to find out about the retreats, and there is also opportunities to join in morning online sessions of prayer and silent meditation with those at the Campfire. Details below.

Morning Meditation until 29 Sept 2023: NSW: 7:45-8:20am
Each weekday morning. Campfire in the Heart ZOOM:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7794705793?pwd=RmJKNm5lcVdXekVXRm5XdIBhcXA3Zz09>
Meeting ID: 779 470 5793 Passcode: welcome
Any questions: Sarah Bishop sarah@bluetardis.com.au 0412 606049

Intentional Centre/Alice Springs
Contact us: email: info@campfireintheheart.com.au
New contact: phone 0403 601 597

Continuing at St.Matthew's



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

You are invited to come along to the church on

Tuesday mornings at 9.30am—10.30am

All are welcome

For Contemplative prayer group.

“ The important aim in Christian meditation is to allow God's mysterious and silent presence within us to become more and more not only a reality but the reality which gives meaning, shape and purpose to everything we do, everything we are”
John Main.


www.WCCM.org www.christianmeditationaustralia.org

The World Community for Christian
Meditation (WCCM)

Katherine Pedersen. Facilitator of the Tuesday 9.30am sessions and for information.
kathped56@gmail.com

Calendar of Events for August 2023

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation in the Church</p>	<p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>10am-12pm In Stitches  upstairs hall</p> <p>7.30pm Finance Committee Meeting at the church</p>	<p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>10am-12pm Coffee & Discovery  Speaker:: John Donahoe</p>	<p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>9am-12pm Op Shop </p> <p>9am-12pm Mini Mart lower hall </p>	<p>8am Pentecost 10 </p> <p>Worship includes Communion</p> <p>9.30am—Worship includes Communion KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>11.30am-2pm Picnic in Caber Park</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship includes Communion</p>
<p>7</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop lower hall </p> <p>3pm Care and Prayer in the church </p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation in the Church </p> <p>7.30pm Thrive Bible Study lower hall</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>10am-12noon Women's Fellowship  in the upstairs hall & church</p> <p>7.30pm Church Council Executive Meeting at the church</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p>	<p>11</p> <p>5pm-7pm Fusion Youth Group "Games Night" upstairs hall </p>	<p>12</p> <p>No Scheduled Events</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8am Pentecost 11 </p> <p>Worship</p> <p>9am—Worship @ the Willow's</p> <p>9.30am—Worship KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship Includes Table Talk Community Meal</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop lower hall </p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation in the Church </p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>10am-12pm In Stitches upstairs hall </p> <p>10am-12noon Men's Morning Tea McKels Café Bella Vista. </p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p>	<p>18</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>19</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8am Pentecost 12 </p> <p>Worship</p> <p>9.30am—Worship KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop lower hall </p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation in the Church </p> <p>7.30pm Thrive Bible Study lower hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>7.30pm Church Council Meeting at the church</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p>	<p>25</p> <p>5pm-7pm Happy Hour @The Winston</p> <p>5pm-7pm Fusion Youth Group upstairs hall </p>	<p>26</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8am Pentecost 13 </p> <p>Worship</p> <p>9.30am—Worship KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>5pm—Shine</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop lower hall </p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation in the Church </p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p> <p>10am-12pm In Stitches upstairs hall </p> <p>7.30pm Elders Meeting at the church</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop </p>	<p>st. matthew's UNITING CHURCH BAULKHAM HILLS  growing together</p>		

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES
and
REGULAR GROUPS**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.....

Second Wednesday of the month
Next event: **9th August at 10am**

Enquiries: Dulcie Duncum
Meet in the upstairs hall and church



MEN'S MORNING TEA.....

Meet 3rd Wednesday
of each month.
Next Event: **16th August
at 10am**

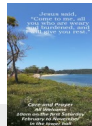
Contact: Alan Wright
Mckel's Café, Shop 14, Circa Boulevard
Bella Vista.



CARE & PRAYER.....

Meet on the **1st Monday** of each month
in church and Community room @ 3pm
All welcome
This Month: **7th August**

Contact: Rosemary Sexton



In Stitches.....

1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesdays of each month
10am-12noon in upstairs hall
Next events: **2, 16, 30 August**
Contact: Jane Cole

OP-SHOP.....

Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
9am-2pm and
1st Saturday of the month 9-12pm
Pre-loved clothes & accessories, Books,
Haberdashery, Bric-a-brac.

Giving

From time to time, we receive questions on how someone can make donations to St. Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills, to further support God's work through the Ministry team and congregation, in the wider Community.

To assist with this, we have set up the following account with Uniting Financial Services:

Account Name: Baulkham Hills Uniting Church

– Giving Direct
634634

Account Number: 100025924

If required a Direct Debit Request Form is available in the foyer or speak with Barry Gregory.

For your support of God's work here at St. Matthew's, a big thank you!

YOUNG FAMILIES

KUCA.....

@ **9.30am service during term**
for Preschool, Years K-2, and Years 3-8

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS

Fusion Youth Group.....

Years 3 to 8. Meet Friday evenings at the church during term time. 5pm—7pm

Contact Daniel Gibb
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THRIVE BIBLE STUDY.....

For young adults
Fortnightly
Contact Daniel Gibb
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SHINE.....

is a special needs social group for all ages from high school up.
Meets Sundays Monthly for dinner & fun.

We are *still collecting in 2023* for their shoebox appeal supporting a school in the Philippines.
Donations of small educational items, soaps & combs are greatly appreciated.
Please place donations in the box provided at the top of the stairs in the church foyer.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesdays in the Church
9.30am-10.30am

All welcome.

For more information or to express your interest in attending please contact Katherine Pedersen 043 777 2011.



If you are interested in any of the above groups or activities please contact the church office.

To include your activity in the
SEPTEMBER
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please send details to Robyn and Lynn in the Church Office by **15 August**
Thank you

Maintaining contact with you and your family is very important to us.

We would be grateful if you change your address, phone/mobile or email details that you let us know by phoning and leaving a message on 9686 3003

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES



Dates for Your Diary

Coffee & Discovery
7 September
Guest Speaker: **John Nicol**
"Religion in Japan, past & present"

Uniting Youth Camp
3-6 October

Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication.

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