




Bible Readings
Matthew 23: 1-12
Matthew 5:1-2



Response after Bible Readings
Leader: Hear the word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God



8am—Worship
Includes Communion
Led by Jon Humphries

9.30am—Worship
Includes Communion
Led by Dean Drayton
And Jon Humphries

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

6.45pm—Worship
Led by Jane Cole
and Nicola Lawless

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**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER
9am—*Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop* lower hall
3pm—*Care & prayer* at the Church Final for 2023

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER
9am-2pm—*Op Shop*
9.30am—*Christian Meditation* in the church
7pm—*Thrive Bible Study* Lower hall

WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER
9am-2pm—*Op Shop*
10am-12pm—*Women's Fellowship* upstairs hall & church
7.30pm—*Church Council Executive Meeting*

THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER
9am-2pm—*Op Shop*

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER
5pm-7pm—*Fusion Youth group "Water games"*

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER
No Scheduled activities

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER
8am—*Worship*
9am—*Worship @ the Willow's*
9.30am—*Worship*
KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8

6.45pm—*Worship*
Includes Community meal



MINISTER
REV JON HUMPHRIES

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Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication.

Something to think about

5 November
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

All Saints Day

Matthew 5:1-12

5 November

Joshua 3:7-17 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Matthew 23:1-12

Celebration of All Saints

Hallow: to honour as holy.

Holy: set apart as sacred or for a sacred purpose

Sacred: considered to be holy and deserving respect, especially because of a connection with a god.

Saint: All the people of God

We hear a lot about Halloween. Personally, I don't have a problem with the celebration. I know a lot of people get hung up about it, but I don't. It is effectively helpful as Christians who are an increasingly marginal part of society to rant and rail about it. Sure, we have lost the roots of the celebration and it has become the growing highlight on the consumer calendar. However, that is not surprising in a consumerist culture.

What we can do, though, is live our best life and do our faith well. For me All Hallows or All Saints Day is worth more attending to than the night before it. All Saints is as it states a celebration of all saints. In this sense, saints are not just those especially sainted by particular branches of the Church, but all of us in the Church. The saints are all who seek to follow God. All Saints Day, or the Sunday following it presents an opportunity to remember, honour, celebrate, be grateful for and give thanks for all we have shared this space we call the Church with, all we share with as the people of God today, and honouring and celebrating the saints who have been the Church before us and whose legacy we share in.

If we take hold of the potential for that celebrating all saints holds for us in growing in faith and for growing in strength as a community then we have something to shine before others. Yet, even if it doesn't catch on for others, it still is worth being more intentional

about and applying a bit of creativity to how we might find richness and meaning in rediscovering the roots of a great tradition and then making it meaningful to people in our time.

We have so much to offer the world. God brings us into communion as community. We are not just brought into communion with people locally, but also into communion with all saints all across the world and across all times. We have much to learn from each other. We are called to be the saints who remind each other of our holy calling to join in God's mission through love and good works. We are called to be the saints who join together as we follow the way God has set before us as Christ. We are called to be the saints who draw out each other's gifts which we receive from God as the Spirit into ministries which serve God's mission of bringing the Kingdom further and deeper into being.

Who are the saints you share in being Church with? Who are those who have nurtured you in faith? Who are those who encourage you in faith and ministry? How might you tell them this and express your appreciation? Who are the saints who have come before us and whose legacy we have received? How might we reflect on the good that we have inherited and sit awhile in gratitude?

Who are the saints we share in being the Church with in our congregation and how might we encourage them and help them grow their gifts and find their ministry? Who are the saints who work humbly, but with great dedication who don't seek thanks, but who would be uplifted and encouraged by us quietly expressing our thanks and appreciation to?

In the Kingdom of God, we are all saints, but in the Kingdom, the greatest among us are the servants - at least according to God in the person of Jesus in Matthew 23:11. This is a high and holy calling. We have gifts and ministries, just as we benefit from the gifts and ministries of those we share the present and the past with. This is something to honour and celebrate.

We are the saints of God, called into a sacred communion we call the Church. We have a holy task to take up as we seek to follow God's call. What exactly God calls us to as individuals, that is something to think about. God bless.

God bless.

Jon



PEOPLE NEWS

Judy Yeoh

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

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

5-11 November

Oceania: French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu

NOVEMBER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

at the church

5 November - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm
includes Communion

12 November - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm
Community Meal

19 November - 8am, 9.30am & 6.45pm

26 November - 9am (combined) & 6.45pm

Live streaming morning services only

Weekly SYNOD SPOTLIGHT

Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT

For Uniting Church Synod Spotlight Newsletter for 27 October 2023 please see link :

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Elders Elections

Elders voting will be held after a **combined 9am service on Sunday 26th November.**

Elders Nomination Forms are located in the upstairs foyer and Nominations close on Friday 10th November.



A list of nominees will be available from Sunday 12th November.



UNITINGCARE
ST MATTHEWS PRESCHOOL

COMPLETED
RENOVATION WORKS
OPEN DAY
& BBQ

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2023
10.45AM - 12.30PM

LOCATION
St Matthews Preschool
ST MATTHEWS LANE
BAULKHAM HILLS

You are invited to visit the preschool to see the recent renovation works that have been completed.

The works include a new roof, entrance/reception area and staff room / library area.

The Open Day includes a BBQ with the St Matthews Church Community



Volunteers needed to help organize and cook the BBQ on the day. If you can help contact the church office.

The **8am and 9.30am**
Worship Roster Non-availability Form for
December 2023, January & February 2024
 have been emailed. If you do not have email or
 would like a hardcopy please collect them from
 the church foyer or outside the church office.
Please return your Roster Non-availability
Form to the blue mail tray, church office
or via email by 29 October.
Many thanks

Church Diary for 2024

A note to all group leaders — If your group
 is planning to use a part of the church property
 please ensure the area is available before
 finalizing your program.

**Please send your 2024 programs
 to the church office ASAP.**

**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
 Click on the metal dove image / publications.**



Thank you so much for your kind
 donation of food.

Gifts such as yours help to keep
 our operational costs down. This enables me and my
 team to put more resources into our frontline services
 such as the Loaves & Fishes free Restaurant, primary
 health care, and crisis support for our guests. Your
 contribution is a vital part of the foundation that
 brings people together and restores hope and dignity
 to our forgotten friends.

Rev Bill Crews



As Christmas is fast approaching, we are starting to collect donations for our
 Christmas Hampers, these hampers are provided to our families who need a bit of
 extra cheer during the festive season.

If you would like to get involved, please reach out to us at
donate@mjc.nsw.edu.au.



The Galston Concerts



Sunday 5th November

Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road - Galston

Starting 1.30pm in lieu of our traditional organ prelude.
 Robert will 'launch' our 2024 concerts line-up with news of performers
 and programs. Plus musical interlude appetisers by J S Bach,
 George Gershwin, maybe Henry the 8th and maybe a tango.

2pm



Galston's favourite pianist, Hornsby-resident,
 internationally acclaimed Tonya Lemoh,
 returns with a program by Top Ten composers
 (and maybe a Top Twenty)
 Beethoven, Mozart and their favourite
 mentor Josef Haydn of the Classical era.
 Dances by Chopin and 'songs' by Tchaikovsky
 in Romantic style. Bonus waltzes from Sierra
 Leone deserving 'Top' status.

Galston Concerts co-director, violist Robert Harris,
 joins Tonya to celebrate love's joy, loves sorrow,
 and love's magical power.



Followed by afternoon tea

Tickets available at www.trybooking.com - search Galston
 or cash at the door

Adults \$30.00 Seniors \$25.00 HS/Uni \$10.00 Children Free
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