



Bible Readings

8am and 9.30am Services



Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24
John 10: 11-18

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 and 9.30am only**

8am—Worship
 Led by Pamela Leslie
 and Jon Humphries

9.30am—Worship
 Led by Daniel Gibb
 and Jon Humphries

KUCA in Recess
Followed by Morning Tea

**11am-12pm Christian Meditation
 Introductory Course Week 3**
 in the church

6.45pm—Worship
 Led by Jane Cole
 and Jon Humphries

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

MONDAY 22 April

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

lower hall

TUESDAY 23 April

9am-2pm—Op Shop

9.30am-11am—Christian Meditation

community room **Includes**

Introductory Course Week 3

WEDNESDAY 24 April

9am-2pm—Op Shop

THURSDAY 25 April



**Public
 Holiday**

FRIDAY 26 April

No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY 27 April

No Scheduled Events

**SUNDAY
 28 APRIL**

8am—Worship

9.30am—Worship

KUCA in Recess

Includes Baptism

Followed by morning tea

11-12pm Christian Meditation

Introductory Course Week 4

in the church

5pm—Shine

6.45pm—Worship



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Thank you to all who have
 contributed to this publication.

Something to think about

21 April

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 4:5-12

Ps 23

1 Jn 3:16-24

Jn 10:11-18

Believe, Have Faith and Live

The roots of words are important. Discovering past understandings can help us rediscover lost meaning and may in fact lead us to new old ways of thinking and being as we shift our language. Words shift in their meaning and evolve as they are used in new ways. Radical is an example. Now it means new and very different and even maverick. However, it comes from the Latin word radix which means root. So, rediscovering the root meaning of words, may lead to a radical change in our current way of thinking, speaking or doing, but ironically this new way is a return to an old way.

Another word which is worth this kind of treatment is the word 'believe.' According to Etymology Online, believe comes from the "Middle English bileven, from Old English belyfan "to have faith or confidence" (in a person), earlier geleafa (Mercian), gelefa (Northumbrian), gelyfan (West Saxon), from Proto-Germanic *ga-laubjan "to

believe," perhaps literally "hold dear (or valuable, or satisfactory), to love" (source also of Old Saxon gilobian "believe," Dutch geloven, Old High German gilouben, German glauben), ultimately a compound based on PIE root *leubh- "to care, desire, love." <https://www.etymonline.com/word/believe> Now days believe is a more cognitive type of thinking. It is a mental acceptance of something as being valid or true. This seems to be a movement of the heart to the head. The root of the word had more to do with a love or care for something, and now it is more about what we think about something.

This radical understanding of believing is important in faith and discipleship. We are called to believe in God, not just believe stuff about God. We are called to believe that Jesus is the incarnation of God and the deepest expression of God's love, not just believe that this is true. Believing in is about loving God, and again not just having affection for God, but taking on the way of God as we learn through God as Christ. It is believing enough to have faith, to trust God whom we know and actively engage in discipleship through being the love of God to the world. Believing in and loving God moves us to make a difference in the world through loving service. As the Writer of 1 John 3 encourages us, "et us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action

Believing in God is something to not only think about. God bless.

God bless

Jon



PEOPLE NEWS

Doreen Philbrick

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

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

21—27 April

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Weekly
SYNOD SPOTLIGHT
Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT

For Uniting Church Synod Spotlight Newsletter for 12 April 2024 please see link :

[New Insights \(uca.org.au\)](http://uca.org.au)

APRIL 2024
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
at the church

7th April - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm
includes Communion

14th April - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm
Community Meal

21st April - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

28th April - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

Live streaming at morning services

MAY 2024
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
at the church

5th May - 9am Combined includes
Mission Planning &
Closure of Ministry for **Mike Strong**

12th May - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm
includes Communion

19th May - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

26th May - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

Live streaming at morning services



Thursday 2 May - 10am to 12pm

Guest Speaker

Rev Jon Humphries

The Science
of Flourishing

Thursday 2 May
10 am - 12noon

(Rev) Jon Humphries
Talks about his journey
over 10 years into
understanding the
science of flourishing
and wellbeing, and its
connection with faith.

**SCIENCE
OF
FLOURISHING**



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

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



INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SIX WEEK COURSE

ST MATTHEW'S UNITING CHURCH BAULKHAM HILLS
Corner of Charles St & Edgar St, Baulkham Hills

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This course provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience the practice in a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world.

SUNDAY MORNINGS

11.00am-12 noon
(Weekly for 6 weeks)
From 7 April – 12 May

TUESDAY MORNINGS

9.30am-10.30am
(Weekly for 6 weeks)
From 9 April – 14 May



You are invited to join with us for
'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea'

being held at the home of
Dulcie & Peter Duncum
at 53 Sarah Crescent Baulkham Hills
Friday 31st May.

Everyone is welcome,
so please come and join with us
from 10.00 am

in support of the work and fundraising of the
Cancer Council and of our many friends
who have journeyed with cancer.

Bring your friends also.

We look forward to your company.



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<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/DulcieDuncum/biggest-morning-tea-nsw>

Community Presentation Uniting Church Wentworthville

23rd May 2024

Wentworthville Uniting Church are hosting (on behalf of Presbytery) a Face Dementia presentation led by Dr Meredith Gresham, a Research fellow in the school of Health and Society in the University of Wollongong.

Worried about dementia and brain health?

- Learn about dementia and how to recognise the early signs and changes.
- Learn how to reduce your risk of dementia.
- Get tips to improve your brain health.
- This is your chance to have all your questions answered.

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: Uniting Church 115 Station Street, Wentworthville

 Face Dementia



Free Community Presentation

Meredith writes:

"We are 7 Australian Universities working on the ['Face Dementia'](#) project, which aims to reduce stigma of dementia and communicate with the public to help them recognise the signs, ask a GP and get the right treatments and support. Currently it is estimated around 50% of all people with dementia never get a diagnosis. We are focusing on Western Sydney in this campaign where population statistics indicate there should be between 9-12,000 people with dementia, whereas only a little over 3,300 people have diagnosis are registered with their GP.

I am delighted that Dirk is keen to utilise our services to help your congregations better recognise people with dementia to get the right support. We are targeting older people (over 65) and adult children who may be concerned about a parent or older relative.

Our team are happy to provide talks (tailored to audience), run information tables at events, write article and blogs for newsletters, speak to welfare staff/lay staff or other ways to get positive messages out that there are benefits to diagnosis... not least getting help and support to live well. We can use our Dementia Australia Advocates to speak from lived experience of dementia as well".

You are warmly invited to attend this event.



The Galston Concerts

Sunday 28 April 2024



a pre-concert chat c. 1.40, the concert at 2 (with players' relaxed comments) till 3.15ish, then a 'meet the musos' afternoon tea, all in Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston

Gold & Silver ~ Cello & Piano

Popular music by Classical greats: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms; toe-tapper 'encores' from Budapest, Barcelona & Buenos Aires (plus Chopin, Handel & Schubert - a Top Ten lineup) with ABC FM Classic 100's favourite instruments in 2023 ... Cello & Piano!



with Zoltan Szabo (cello) and Erzsébet Marosszeky (piano), Australian-Hungarian husband-and-wife duo, Sydney-resident after Europe, UK & USA triumphs.

Bookings advised on trybooking.com (search Galston 28 April)

Cash-only sales at the door on the day - \$40/30/10/12&u FREE Enquiries phone 9653-2039

Will you join with the Hills Community and March for Change?

TOGETHER WE STAND AGAINST DOMESTIC AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE

The Community March for Change will take place on 3 May 2024 at 7am, commencing at Castle Place (outside Castle Towers carpark).

The march will conclude at Castle Hill RSL with breakfast and speakers bringing us up-to-date on the incidence of DV and strategies developed to reduce its occurrence.

So gather up your family, your friends and your work mates and be part of the march for change in the Hills.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS FREE EVENT AT [HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/THE-HILLS-COMMUNITY-MARCH-FOR-CHANGE](https://events.humanitix.com/the-hills-community-march-for-change) OR SCAN THE QR CODE
Enquiries to hillsagainstdv@gmail.com or call Bryan Mullan (0468 359 536) or Dr Michelle Byrne (0448 268 140)



Thanks to Castle Hill RSL, Castle Hills Police, Castle Towers, the Hills Soreoptimists, Baulkham Hills Lions and the Hills Domestic Violence Prevention Network for being part of this important march for change.



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 or find in recent posts.