



AFTER PENTECOST - The Season of Growth



After Pentecost is the season of growth. It is about us putting into practise all the inspiration from the preceding seasons of Christmas and Easter, and the times of preparation before each of these. After Pentecost is when the holidays are over, and it is time to get on with faith and discipleship and being the Church. Of course, all the seasons are about faith and discipleship. They all have growth as a part of them. Yet, the season of After Pentecost is the longest of the liturgical year and comes after the remembering of our being calling into being the Church by God as the Holy Spirit.

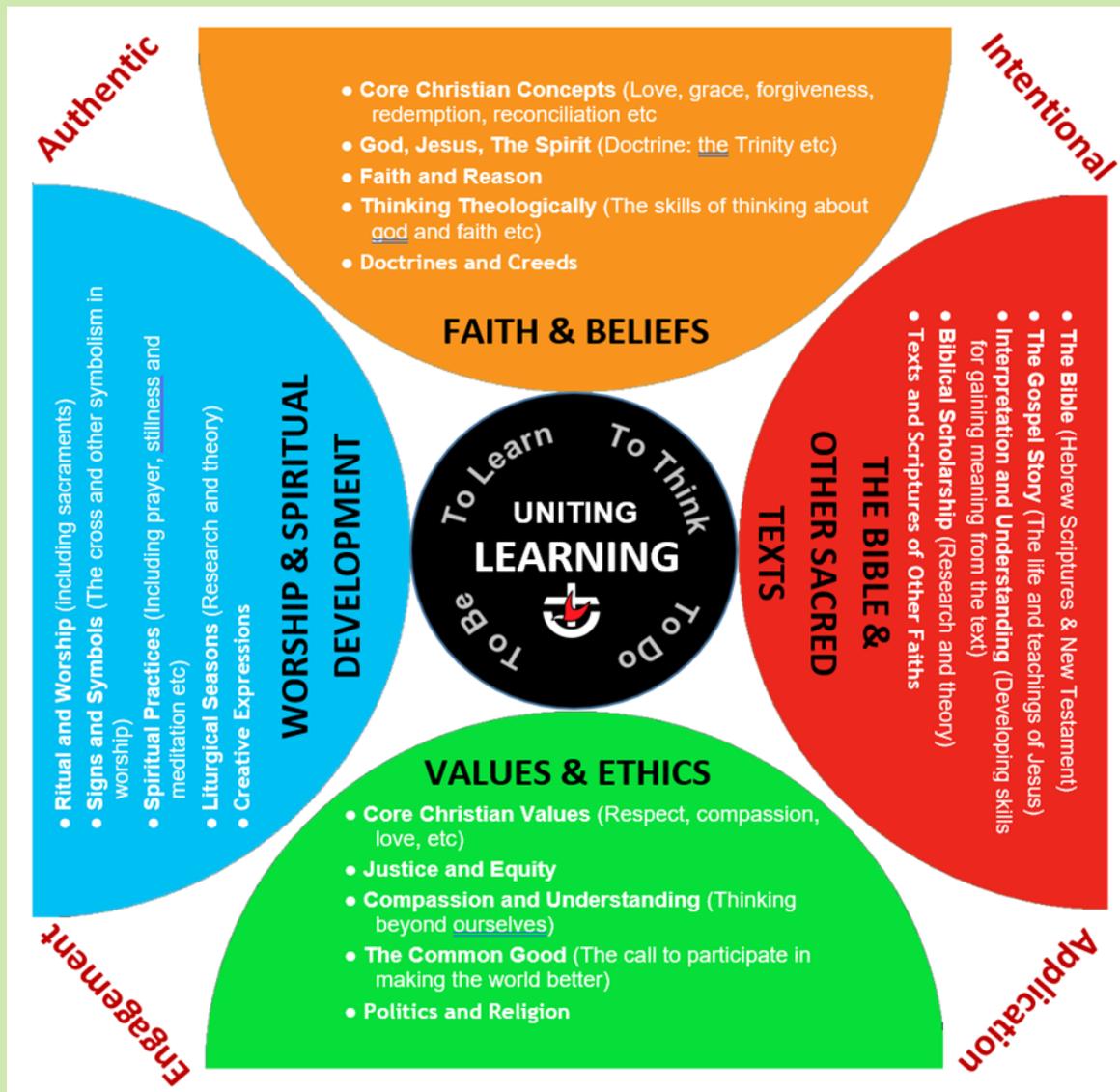
What then are we growing in this season of growth and how do we go about it? This is an important question if we are to be more intentional in our faith and discipleship. First and foremost is to be established in our relationship with God.

Our spiritual growth and wellbeing is of the utmost importance because it drives all the rest of our being and doing. Jesus used the analogy of a vine with him being the vine and we as the branches. One could extend it to being God, the Creator and sustainer, as being the roots. If we are not connected to the vine, then we will not experience growth.

So, we need to prioritise our connection with God through prayer and reading the Bible, and we need to prioritise our connection with the rest of the vine/branches which is the Church. This is not just a social connection, but living spiritually together. Living spiritually together is not just gathering for what we often call "worship," although this is helpful and important because it involves being together in a shared spiritual experience. However, the idea of gathering together in more active and interactive ways where we share stories of our lives and how God is at

work in them, share learning together through the sharing of ideas and understandings, sharing care and support together, and encouraging each other towards love and good works, for this is the fullest expression of our worship. Being the Church through living out our mission from God, through using our gifts and talents in ministry where we love our neighbour as ourselves, is the deepest shared spiritual experience. It is the bearing of fruit – which is the purpose of the vine branches. It needs the spiritual gathering for Church services and for meditation to resource the connection, but it also requires us to be in Christ by being the Body of Christ. Those who live in love and live out love, live in God and God lives in them. Our truest indication of connection with God, who we experience at work in us as the Holy Spirit, is to bear and practise the fruit of the Spirit.

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As we live out the love of God to others, gathered as the community of Christ, and live out that love in our individual daily lives, then we need to be nurturing our faith and discipleship with learning and development. We need to be forming ourselves and being formed for ministry. We need to be discipling others as we are being discipled. We need to be learning about God through experience and reflecting on that experience. We need to be growing in our literacy about God, which is our theology.

We need to be growing through reading the Bible, but also growing in understanding about how to read it and interpret what we read in it. We also need to be growing in our knowledge and understanding of the practise of our spirituality. The whys and how it is important as well as the practising of the when and ways. The image with the four areas for growth and learning can be helpful in framing our intentionality. It provides depth and breadth to our intentionality and helps us avoid just focusing on one area of faith and discipleship.

Liturgy - λειτουργία [leitourgia]- is the work of the people. The liturgical season of after Pentecost gives us a lot of work to do. To do that work we have a lot to think about.

God Bless.

Jon



THANK YOU

The Property Committee would like to thank all the wonderful lawn mowing guys who turn up every few weeks to keep St. Matthew's gardens neat and tidy. Your time and effort is great appreciated.

Chris Kurukulasooriya
David Porter
Doug Mathewson
George Haines
Hugh Darling
Jeff Cuff
Phil Bunn
Paul Vandenberg



The mower that is available in the shed at the church is a Victor, self propelled.

And the two gentleman who recently retired, your work has been greatly appreciated.

Colin Stoner
Keith Pentland



THANK YOU



An extra special mention to Katherine Pedersen who works tirelessly to keep the gardens always looking beautiful. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort she puts into the gardens.



THANK YOU

Also thank you to those people who attended the working bee on the 16th March. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

The people who came along were:

David Porter
Bruce Court
George Haines
Hugh Darling
who looked after the gardens

Amanda Mason
Dinette Aliberti
Peter Jenkyn
Jane Jenkyn
Ken Caldwell
Janice Caldwell

Church Working Bee



We were able to cover a lot of jobs keeping the church building up to the standard expected.

Coffee and Discovery

Thursday 6 June - 10am to 12pm

Guest Speaker

Tom Ware

“A Medley of Stories”

Everyone welcome to come and hear the stories Tom will be presenting to us.



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

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

St Matthew's
HAPPY HOUR!

At The Winston

170 Caroline Chisholm Drive, Winston Hills

7
 JUNE

5 PM
 FRIDAY

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

RSVP to Belinda or just come along
 bdschuster@optusnet.com.au



UNITING 30 SEPTEMBER - 3 OCTOBER 2024

YOUTH CAMP
 TIME TO SHINE

Who: High schoolers, Year 7-12

What: Fun, Food, Jesus & Year 12 study

Where: Y Camp Yarramundi

Sponsorships and Siblings discounts available.

Cost:

\$335 SUPER EARLY BIRD
 (1 May - 31 May 2024)

\$370 EARLY BIRD
 (1 June - 31 July 2024)

\$395 FULL PRICE
 (1 August - 9 September 2024)

Limited spots!

Registration close: 9 September 2024



Congratulations to donors who are encouraged to send a kid to camp!



Register now: pulse.uca.org.au/uyc





st. matthew's
UNITING CHURCH
BAULKHAM HILLS
OP SHOP

Say Yes to the Dress Sale

Presents

- New Bridal Gowns • Pre-Loved Bridal Gowns
- Evening • Special Occasion • Formal Occasions
- Mother of the Bride • Groomsmen • Accessories

Sale Starts: Saturday 15th June 9am-12noon

Tuesday 18th June 9am-2pm, Wednesday 19th June 9am-2pm, Thursday 20th June 9am-2pm



st. matthew's
UNITING CHURCH
BAULKHAM HILLS
growing together

Op Shop Support Needed

People to help with:

- Sorting and Pricing 'trash and treasure' for the Garage Sales
- Washing pre-loved 'treasures'
- Sorting & Pricing second hand clothing
- Serving customers
- Creating shop displays



For more Information please contact the church office.

Garage

SALE

SATURDAY

1st JUNE

9am-12pm

*Pre-loved Household Items,
Electrical, Pot Plants,
Toys & Books
(Fiction, Non-fiction & Childrens Books)*

St. Matthew's lower hall Edgar St

UNITING IN PRAYER 2024

19 May - 22 June



Through Uniting in Prayer different parts of the Uniting Church will be connected to each other through a national prayer chain.

The prayer chain has been sent by email and is now available in full on the Act2 website. If your community didn't receive it or you're not on the list, please email the Act2 team.

Prayer Chain Now Available:

act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024

St. Matthew's Uniting Church Baulkham Hills praying for
Capel Faith Community
Western Australia

<https://unitingchurchwa.org.au/congregation/capel-uniting-church/>

Aireys Inlet (St Aidans)
Victoria

<https://victas.uca.org.au/church/aireys-inlet/>

Please find out more about these churches from their websites links above



5 Ways To Connect



Daily Prayers



Gathered Worship



Pray at Home



Prayer Chain



Online Prayer Gathering

Resources Now Available:

act2uca.com/unitinginprayer2024

Calendar of Events for June 2024

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

 <p>st. matthew's UNITING CHURCH BAULKHAM HILLS growing together</p>					<p>1</p> <p>9am-12pm Op Shop</p> <p>9am-12pm Garage Sale lower hall</p> 	<p>2</p>  <p>2nd Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8am Worship Includes Communion</p> <p>9.30am Worship Includes Communion Followed by Morning Tea KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>6.45pm Worship Includes Communion</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop & Garage Sale lower hall</p>  <p>7.30pm Christian Meditation Community Room and Church NEW GROUP All Welcome</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation Community Room</p>  <p>11.30am Care & Prayer Community Room</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>10am-12pm In Stitches upstairs hall</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>10am-12pm Coffee and Discovery Guest Speaker Tom Ware "A Medley of Stories"</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>5pm-7pm Fusion Youth Group</p>  <p>upstairs hall</p> <p>5pm Happy Hour @ the Winston</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>3rd Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8am—Worship</p> <p>9am—Worship @ the Willows</p> <p>9.30am—Worship Followed by Morning Tea KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship Community Meal</p>
<p>10</p> <p>King's Birthday Public Holiday</p> <p>7.30pm Christian Meditation Community Room and Church NEW GROUP All Welcome</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation Community Room</p>  <p>7.30pm Thrive Bible Study lower hall</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>10am-12noon Women's Fellowship in the upstairs hall & church</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am-2pm Bridal Expo <i>Say Yes to the Dress</i> lower hall</p> 	<p>16</p>  <p>4th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8am—Worship</p> <p>9.30am—Worship Followed by Morning Tea KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop & Garage Sale lower hall</p>  <p>7.30pm Christian Meditation Community Room and Church NEW GROUP All Welcome</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>9am-2pm Bridal Expo <i>Say Yes to the Dress</i> lower hall</p>  <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation Community Room</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>9am-2pm Bridal Expo <i>Say Yes to the Dress</i> lower hall</p>  <p>10am-12pm In Stitches upstairs hall</p>  <p>10am-12noon Men's Morning Tea McKels Café Bella Vista</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>9am-2pm Bridal Expo <i>Say Yes to the Dress</i> lower hall</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>5pm-7pm Fusion Youth Group Meet Offsite CODE RED</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>5th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8am—Worship</p> <p>9.30am—Worship KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8 Followed by Morning Tea</p> <p>5pm—Shine</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9am Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop & Garage Sale lower hall</p>  <p>7.30pm Christian Meditation Community Room and Church NEW GROUP All Welcome</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p>  <p>9.30-11am Christian Meditation Community Room</p>  <p>7.30pm Thrive Bible Study lower hall</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>9am-2pm Op Shop</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>29</p> <p>No scheduled events</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>6th Sunday After Pentecost</p> <p>8am Worship Followed by Morning Tea</p> <p>9am—Worship @ the Willows</p> <p>9.30am—Worship KUCA Preschool, Years K-2 & Years 3-8 Followed by Morning Tea</p> <p>6.45pm—Worship</p>

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES and
REGULAR GROUPS**



Wednesday 12th June @ 10am
"Table Games"

Enquires: Dulcie Duncum & Margaret Gray



3rd Wednesday of the month 10am to 12noon

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

Every third Wednesday of the month Enquiries Alan Wright



Meeting Dates June 5, 19

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays of the month
in the upstairs church hall. **10.00am to 12.00pm**
Bring your craft along to do.
Share fun and fellowship with other crafty ladies.
Morning Tea supplied. Enquiries: Jane Cole



Care and Prayer

All Welcome
11.30am on the first TUESDAY
of each month at St. Matthew's
February to November

Next Date:

4th June

**CHRISTIAN
MEDITATION**



**NEW GROUP
MONDAY
Evenings**

7.30pm—8.30pm
Started 20th May

Tuesdays at the Church 9.30am-10.30am

For more information or to express your
interest in attending please contact

Katherine Pedersen
Facilitator kathped56@gmail.com

ALL WELCOME



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, Pot Plants.



**Saturday
1st June
9am-12pm**

**Pre-loved Household Items,
Electrical, Toys & Books**
(Fiction, Non-fiction & Childrens Books)

St. Matthew's lower hall Edgar St



SHINE is a special needs social group for all ages after High school.

Meets Sundays Monthly for dinner & fun. Cost \$5

Still collecting 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.

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
BSB: 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!

* To include your activity in the *
* July *
* In Focus *
* St. Matthew's *
* Monthly Newsletter *
* please send details to Robyn and Lynn in *
* the Church Office by **15 JUNE** *
* 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

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

daniel@stmatthewsuniting.net.au

THRIVE BIBLE STUDY.....

For young adults

Fortnightly on Tuesday evenings

Contact Daniel Gibb

daniel@stmatthewsuniting.net.au

**JUNE 2024
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**
at the church

2nd June - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm
Includes Communion

9th June - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm
Community Meal

16th June - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

23rd June - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

30th June - 8am, 9.30am, 6.45pm

Live streaming at morning services

Thank you to all who
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