



Bible Readings

Luke 19: 28-40



Response after Bible Readings

Leader: *In this we hear the word of God*
Response: *Thanks be to God who speaks to us as spirit.*



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 9AM

**Livestreaming at
 8am and 9.30am only**

8am—Worship
 Led by Jon Humphries

9am—Worship @ at the Willow's

9.30am—Worship
 Led by Jon Humphries
 Followed by morning tea

KUCA in Recess

6.45pm—Worship
Community meal

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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

MONDAY 14 APRIL

Church Office Closed

9am—Sorting & Pricing for Op Shop & Garage Sale lower hall

7.30pm—Christian Meditation
 community room and church

TUESDAY 15 APRIL

9am-2pm—Op Shop open

9.30am-11am—Christian Meditation
 community room and church

7-8.30pm—Lectionary readings bible study In the church

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL

9am-2pm—Op Shop

10am-12noon—In Stitches
 Upstairs hall

10am-12noon—Men's Morning Tea
 McKels Café Bella Vista

THURSDAY 17 APRIL
MAUNDY THURSDAY

9am-2pm—Op Shop

7.30pm—Maundy Thursday service

FRIDAY 18 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY
Public Holiday



9am—Good Friday service

SATURDAY 19 APRIL

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY
20 APRIL

8am—Worship

9.30am—Worship
 Followed by morning tea

KUCA in Recess

6.45pm—Worship



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Thank you to all who have contributed to this publication.

Something to think about

13 April

Palm Sunday

Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 118:1-2

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

Joint Statement

Uniting Church Assembly,
UnitingCare Australia, UnitingWorld
and Frontier Services

Welcoming the announcement of the 2025 Federal Election and launching Our Vision for a Just Australia

As Australians prepare to head to the federal polls in the coming months, national leaders of the Uniting Church in Australia have joined together to call on voters and decision makers to reflect on the values that shape our communities.

“Elections are vital moments in the life of our nation, an opportunity to advocate for just policies that promote the flourishing of all people,” said Rev Charissa Suli, President of the Uniting Church in Australia.

“For decades the Uniting Church has been a Christian voice for a compassionate, inclusive and courageous society.

We long to see a nation built not on division, but on compassion; not on power, but on service to the common good.”

“Standing in this tradition and in the tradition of Jesus Christ, friend of the marginalised, this election campaign we will raise our voice to see fairness, dignity and care for the most vulnerable at the heart of our nation’s priorities.”

UnitingCare Australia National Director Claerwen Little said that Australians are facing an unprecedented cost-of-living crisis, with financial pressures leaving many households unable to meet basic needs.

“The current crisis calls for bold leadership and compassionate policies that prioritise fairness and reflect the type of society we want to be. This election we’re calling for political leaders to ensure every Australian can access a strong safety net in times of need, and be adequately supported by vital front line community services.

“This much needed investment is not just about addressing today’s crisis—it’s about building a fairer, stronger Australia for tomorrow,” said Ms Little.

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“As powerful nations retreat from the global fight against poverty and climate change, Australia is at a crossroads,” said Dr Sureka Goringe, National Director of UnitingWorld. “This election, we must decide whether we will follow a path of cynicism and self-interest, or continue striving to act as a compassionate, collaborative global partner in our world.”

Australia currently allocates only 0.68% of its budget to sustainable development projects overseas, which save lives, build peace and help communities thrive.

"These programs are lifelines," Dr Goringe continued. "They do more than just pull people out of poverty and hunger; they foster long-term stability and create lasting partnerships that benefit us all. We have a critical role to play in addressing poverty, climate change and injustice—both here and abroad."

“This election is a chance to vote for a nation that sees beyond itself. We can choose a future where we work together with our neighbours to tackle the shared challenges of our world.”

Frontier Services, a longstanding advocate for the needs of people in rural and remote Australia, emphasises the importance of ensuring smaller communities in isolated areas are not left behind.

"Too often, people in our rural and remote communities feel forgotten in national conversations, said National Director Rob Floyd. “This election is an opportunity to ensure their voices are heard, their challenges recognised, and their communities supported with fairness and dignity.”

“In a time of deep division and uncertainty, the need for compassionate, informed participation has never been greater,” said President Rev Suli. “We urge all people of faith and goodwill to engage in this election wholeheartedly with courage and conscience, and to reject apathy and cynicism. Choose hope over despair.”

“We call on our leaders to conduct a campaign grounded in respect, integrity, and a genuine exchange of ideas—one that seeks not to divide, but to inspire, and that places the needs of all Australians above political gain.”

“Now, more than ever, we are called to be not just good citizens, but custodians of democracy—guardians of a vision where none are left behind.”

In anticipation of the federal election, the Uniting Church Assembly has launched *Our Vision for a Just Australia*, a resource that outlines a vision for a fairer Australia. *Our Vision* is available for individuals, churches, and community groups to use as a guide in discussions and advocacy leading up to the election.

God bless
Jon

PEOPLE NEWS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Eulalie Herat
Barbara Fiedler

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

Weekly
SYNOD SPOTLIGHT
Uniting Church Synod of NSW and the ACT

Uniting Church Synod Spotlight Newsletter
For (4 April 2025) please see link to Synod weekly:
[Spotlight 2025](#) ([Synod Weekly](#))

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

13 —19 April



Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

LECTIONARY READINGS
Tuesday Evenings Bible Study
Will be in recess for a few weeks following Easter.

 **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.

Volunteer Form
Assisting with Morning Services

June, July, August 2025
Have been emailed or collect a copy from the foyer.
NEW HELPERS WELCOME

Please return forms to the blue mail tray or church office.



We need your help teaching KUCA
During the 9.30am service
Preschool, Year K-2 and Years 3-8
Please see Jon if you can help.

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
<https://www.stmatthewsuniting.net.au/>
Click on the metal dove image / publications.

We Would Love to Hear From You

We would love to share in your gifts. If you would like to lead our services through liturgy or preaching there is always opportunity to become involved, beyond reading the Bible and leading in prayers or other duties. We are blessed to have people willing to share their insights and wisdom and lead us into thought and reflection as we seek as a congregation to listen for and attend to what God may be saying to us. We would love to hear from you as well.

Here is a link to a survey form where you can sign up to preach or lead the liturgy. You can elect to do it as a once-off or nominate the pattern of your preferred involvement.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfldKABmIR2pNfGp4j-VozmlE4cVFAM4ZOoU67EAb-ft6yP2A/viewform?usp=sharing>

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**To Preach or
Lead the liturgy**





PRAYERS FOR GAZA

Join us in this Blessed Easter time in holding a PRAYERS FOR GAZA prayer service dedicated to our people in Gaza who are facing hardships and horror.

 EASTER MONDAY
10AM - 11AM



 ST PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX CHURCH-
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Everyone is welcome to join us, of all faiths and backgrounds

Donations collected will be used to support Gaza families in Sydney

Coffee & Light refreshments will be served after Prayer Service

Gifts will be distributed to all kids from our Gaza families

