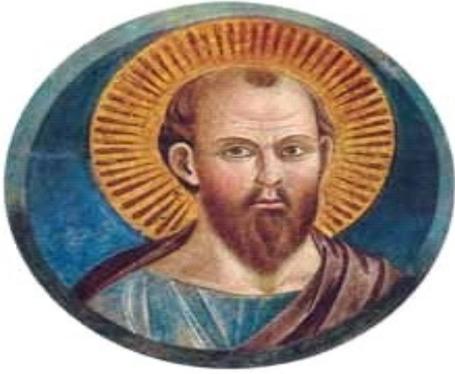


WELCOME TO St PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH



BURWOOD

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S. We are glad that you have come to worship God with us today. If you are a visitor from another parish, or worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our parish priest, Fr James Collins, or to anyone wearing a name badge, over a cup of tea or coffee in the parish hall after the service. You'll find the hall behind the church.

圣公会圣保罗堂欢迎你前来参加我们的英语传统圣乐圣餐崇拜。

Year C - Sunday 10th February 2019 5th Sunday after Epiphany Welcome to worship...

- ✦ 8.00 am – Sung Eucharist
- ✦ 9.30 am – Choral Eucharist

- ✦ **Monday 11th February at 7.30pm-8.30pm** in the Chapel of Our Lady – Christian Mediation Group
- ✦ **Tuesday 12th February at 7.30pm** in the Rectory - Tuesday Night Study
- ✦ **Tuesday 19th February at 1.15pm** - Lunchtime Recital - Organist: Titus Grenyer
- ✦ **Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm** in the Rectory - Parish Council Meeting
- ✦ **Sunday 24th March at 11.15am** in the Large Hall - AGM
- ✦ **Friday 29th March** - Parish bus trip

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Things you may need to know



First Aid

First aid kits are located on the wall of the kitchen in the Large Hall behind the church and in the choir vestry.



Name badges

Name badges help make St Paul's an inclusive community. If you need a new name badge, fill in the form inside the pew sheet, send it to the parish office, and one will be made and left in church for you.



Toilets

Toilets are available at the entrance to the parish hall, which is located behind the church.

?? Still got questions?

Ask a member of the clergy or anyone who's wearing a name badge. We're here to help.

In case we need to evacuate



As you take your place in your pew, please make yourself aware of the route to the nearest emergency exit. Should there be a fire, leave quickly, turn right, and assemble by the roundabout on Burwood Road.

Getting inside



People needing wheelchair access can enter St Paul's most conveniently by the door at the base of the belltower.

Switch it to silent!



Please turn your mobile phone off or on to silent before the service starts. It'll save you much embarrassment later on.

Children are welcome at St Paul's



Children are welcome in church at any service. There is a selection of children's books and toys at the back of the church near the font and there are also kids' activity sheets and pencils available at the back of the church where the pew sheets and prayer books are.

Children's Church runs during Term Time. Meet at the back of the church at the beginning of the 9.30am Eucharist.

Please feel free to bring your children to the altar rail to receive a blessing, or to receive Communion if they have been admitted to the sacrament.

Photos



Please do not take photos inside the church or during the services of worship without permission.

News from around St Paul's

Welcome! We are glad that you have found us.

We affirm that through God's redeeming love for all, we are one in Christ. We respect the inherent and valuable contributions each member makes to the Body of Christ. We celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all persons of any age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, ethnic origin, economic reality, family status, sexual orientation, diverse ability, or social status. We believe that through Christ we are being included and welcomed by God and one another. As we journey towards inclusion, we proclaim this welcome to all God's people, especially to those who have known the pain of exclusion and discrimination within the church, affirming that no one is excluded or condemned. We invite all persons to journey with us

as we discover the call of God on our lives through the ministries of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Burwood. To that end, St. Paul's Anglican Church commits to the welcome and inclusion of all persons as children of God and declares itself to be a welcoming community of faith.

Music

Congratulations to Joshua Ryan who has been appointed Assistant Organist at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney! His final Sunday at St Paul's is Sunday 10th February, as he commences his new position on Monday 11th February. This appointment will give Joshua a wider experience in the field of conducting, playing and administration. All this will enhance his CV, as he heads to the Royal Academy, London, to commence post graduate studies later this year.

Bible Readings at today's Eucharist	Year C	Bible Readings for next Sunday
Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-13)	The First Reading	Jeremiah 17.5-10
Psalms 138	The Psalm	Psalms 1
1 Corinthians 15.1-11	The Epistle	1 Corinthians 15.12-20
Luke 5.1-11	The Gospel	Luke 6.17-26

In the six months he has been at St Paul's, we have appreciated his fine playing and professional manner. It has been a delight to work with him, and I personally thank him for his support and all he has done to make our liturgy spiritually meaningful.

We thank Joshua very much and wish him every success with his career. He will always be welcome at St Paul's. I am pleased to announce he will play at our Lunchtime Recital on Tuesday 23 July 2019.

Sam Giddy, former organ scholar at St Mark's Darling Point, has kindly agreed to play for our services on Sunday 17th February.

Sheryl Southwood
Director of Music

The exciting new year!

All are welcome at St. Paul's as we seek to love God with our whole being and as we seek to love our neighbour(s) as ourselves.

Our love for God is manifest in our beautiful worship of God and through our welcome and care for all people.

More and more people are being drawn to our beautiful worship of God where we are reminded year in and year out of God's love, grace, and mercy and, because of this, that we can trust God in all circumstances (even in death; for we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord).

More and more people are wanting to participate in our beautiful worship through being a part of our wonderful Choir, being a part of our dedicated team of Change/Bell Ringers, and through helping to lead, serve, read, and intercede in our beautiful worship of God.

I am pleased that St. Paul's has been able to give more and be more generous to others over the past year and that the Parish is in a healthy financial position due to the generosity of more and more Parishioners. I thank God for all those Parishioners who are being more and more generous with their time, their God-given gifts and talents, and their finances.

I particularly thank God for the Parish Council, the Trustees of Blacket House, and our loving, hard working, dedicated, and greatly gifted Ministry Team and staff. The well being of the Parish is directly attributable to these fine people because of their love, care, hard work, and service.

I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might participate more and give more of your time, your God-given gifts and talents, and your finances for the well being of the Parish and those whom we serve.

Our service of others manifests through:

- ≈ Our amazing Play Group
- ≈ Our much needed Life Jacket programme
- ≈ Our extraordinary Parish Pantry
- ≈ Our wonderful, well utilised community library
- ≈ Our greatly appreciated Community Hubs
- ≈ Our advocacy for all who are in need
- ≈ Pastoral visits to and Communion Services shared with Parishioners and all who are in need in their homes, in hospitals, or in aged care facilities.

≈ Our support of our partner Parish of St. Matthew's, Zababdeh

≈ Our support of Rising Nepal and our other initiatives in Nepal.

Rising Nepal supports a variety of projects within SMD School, in Kathmandu. A boarding school which offers free education from the children of the high Himalayas. The New Life Centre is the residential clinic for children born HIV positive.

≈ Our support of Anglican Board of Mission - Australia

We are going to commence these new initiatives this year:

≈ The much needed Mobile Medical Clinic (trials of this inform us that there is a great need for this clinic)

≈ The equally needed Veterinary Clinic (trials of this inform us that there is a great need for this clinic)

≈ Hot meals for those in need

≈ Computer skills classes

≈ Literacy classes

≈ Cooking on a budget

How can you support these initiatives?

Please speak to Rosemary, Fr. Michael, or Fr. James about this.

To help the Parish achieve all that God is calling us to be and to do I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might participate more and give more of your time, your God-given gifts and talents, and your finances for the well being of the Parish and those whom we serve.

The Parish is in a healthy situation financially but God is calling us to be and do more (and this all costs a lot of money).

We will continue to:

≈ Hold our annual Fair

≈ Hold our annual Wardens' Appeal

≈ Hold our annual National Trust Appeal

≈ Receive gifts and donations and bequests

≈ Have the Change/Bell Ringers ring on special occasions

≈ Have more Recitals - including on our new grand piano

≈ To celebrate our acquisition of such a magnificent piano we are planning a concert by a well known pianist which will showcase its full potential.

≈ Apply for every grant that we possibly can to continue to improve the fabric and utility of our beautiful buildings

New initiatives to help ensure that the Parish continues to build on its current healthy financial situation include:

≈ Having a Parish Art Exhibition

≈ Opening an upmarket Op Shop

≈ Having a food stall at the Burwood Council's Artisans' Market

≈ We are also aiming to achieve our target of 250 Kneelers this year as a sign of our aim to have at least 250 people worshipping God here at St. Paul's every Sunday.

How can you support these initiatives?

The good news is that more and more people are joining St. Paul's as we seek to build God's kingdom of justice, peace, and love and more and more people are being more and more generous in more and more ways.

To help the Parish achieve all that God is calling us to be and to do I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might participate more and give more of your time, your God-given gifts and talents, and your finances for the well being of the Parish and those whom we serve.

Please speak to Rosemary, Fr. Michael, or Fr. James about this.

We look to God, for it is God alone who gives the increase, in deep humility to guide, lead, protect, and provide for us at St. Paul's as we seek to love God with our whole being and as we seek to love our neighbour(s) as ourselves.

Please pray for our Parish Play Group

We give thanks to God for all of the children and their families who come along to the Play Group and we particularly give thanks for Angela, Judith, and Manjia who faithfully and lovingly lead the Play Group each week.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful Play Group and our teachers and helpers are doing a great job in nurturing our children

and their families in their life of faith.

By God's grace, good things will grow from the Play Group and it will be a wonderful blessing in the lives of our children and their families and to the Parish.

Please pray for our Play Group as they prepare to re-commence.

Christian Meditation Group

Christian Meditation at St Paul's
Mondays, 7:30PM – 8:30PM in the Chapel of Our Lady

“I beg you to keep me in this silence so that I may learn from it the word of your peace and the word of your mercy and the word of your gentleness to the world:

and that through me perhaps your word of peace

may make itself heard

where it has not been possible for anyone to hear it for a long time.”

-Thomas Merton, “A Book of Hours

All are welcome to join the newly-formed Christian Meditation group at St Paul's. This group provides a space during the week to experience stillness and to be present with God in contemplation and community.

The chief purpose of the group is drawn from the insights of John Main OSB:

“The all-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, to everything we are.”

Participants will be invited into the practice of Christian mediation in a manner that is both guided and community-oriented. Each week’s group will commence with a teaching and guidance, followed by a time of silence in prayer. In our fast-paced and noisy world, all are most welcome to spend time with God in silence and in community.

Tuesday Night Study

The Tuesday night study is proving to be very popular with over a dozen people coming along most evenings.

We will continue every **Tuesday** at 7.30 p.m. discussing *What is the Point of Being a Christian?* By Timothy Radcliffe OP.

All are welcome.

Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on **Wednesday 20th of February** at 7.30 p.m. in the Rectory. As always, the Parish Council begins each meeting with a Eucharist.

We thank God for our Wardens and our Parish Council as they give of themselves in the service of God and of God's people here at St. Paul's. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people who have been called together by God to help re-build this Parish. We have a long way to go but we have achieved a lot over the past few years and we will continue to do so over the coming years as we journey on in faith and hope and love.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is available at any of our Services. In James 5: 14-15 we read:

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
(NRSV)

If you would like to be anointed and to be prayed for then please ask one of the Priests in the Parish so that you can be anointed during any of our Services.

The Wednesday mid-week Eucharist includes prayers for healing every week.

Thank yous

Thank you to everyone who helped in the Artisans' market today.

Thank you to the kind parishioners who repaired the following:

- ≈ the lamp shade that blew off in last week's storm.
- ≈ the fence that blew over in last week's storm.
- ≈ the hinge on the altar frontal cabinet.

BREAD ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY 2019

- ≈ 11th February – Margaret
- ≈ 18th February – Antonia
- ≈ 25th February – Tom

We welcome Tom to the roster. Thankyou each and everyone of you for being prepared to help with this pick up and delivery service. It means that our people can receive lovely fresh bread every Tuesday morning that they may otherwise not have access to.

Novocastrian Trip

Please keep this date free for the next bus trip. It will take place on **Friday 29th March** leaving at 8.30am from near the church. We shall visit Newcastle Cathedral and St Peter's Hamilton. A paper bag lunch will be provided.

Cost: \$60

Prayer cards

In Romans 6: 26-27 we read:

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. (NRSV)

Please take time to pray, either before, during, or after the Service to allow the Spirit to intercede for the saints according to the will of God. If you pray for someone, you might like to send them a card. These beautiful cards are on the table in front of the Icon of St. Paul in the South Transept, where you might light a candle for those for whom you have prayed, and we are grateful to the Parishioners who designed and made them for us.

"Be steadfast and do the little things."

These are the last words of St. David of Wales (c. 512 – 587).

We give very special thanks to all the people who make our Parish what it is by being steadfast and doing the little things that matter...

Our Director of Music, Choir, and Organist and Musicians, our Bell Ringers, our Archivists, The Office Secretary, Sacristan, Servers and Crucifers and Acolytes, Thurifers and Boat Carriers, Cleaners and Polishers and Flower Arrangers, those who care for the Altar linen and purificators, those who are making our new kneelers, Side-persons and Welcomers and Tea and Coffee Makers, Gardeners and Handypersons and Caretakers, Children's Church Teachers and Helpers, Play Group Leaders and Helpers, Youth Group Leaders, Wardens and Parish Councillors, our Lay Readers, Lay Assistants, and our Clergy, our Lay Minister, Visiting Clergy, Honorary Clergy, Preachers and Speakers, our Intercessors and Bible Readers, and to those who have no special role but just step in, at a moment's notice, to do what needs to be done.

Thank you so much, everyone.

Schools, Colleges, TAFE Colleges, and Universities

We thank God for all Schools, Colleges, TAFE Colleges, and Universities and that we have the freedom to learn. We thank God for all who teach, undertake research, and support institutions of learning. In a world where so few have these opportunities let us never take them for granted.

We praise God for the opportunities that we have in Australia for every person to attend School, College, TAFE Colleges, or University. We pray for students, teachers, lecturers, and all other staff as they return to our schools and universities.

Let us pray for our Schools, our Colleges, our TAFE Colleges, our Theological Colleges, and our Universities that they may be places where the light of the knowledge of God's truth shines forth:

Merciful Father, graciously behold all our schools, colleges, universities and seminaries that they may be centers of wisdom and sound learning, and grant that those who teach and those who learn may look to You as the source of all

knowledge and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory and the Collection

We believe in being good stewards of what God has given us. We also believe in being cheerful and giving with those resources. God wants us to be faithful, no matter how little or much we have. The New Testament teaches over and over about being faithful with what you have been given. The New Testament gives us eight principles on generous giving:

1. Generous giving is sacrificial.
2. Generous giving is something that only some people are spiritually gifted for, others must be taught stewardship.
3. Generous giving is a gospel issue.
4. Generous giving encourages churches to share with other churches and ministries in need.
5. Generous giving is motivated by friendly competition (Paul challenges the Corinthian church to match the impoverished Macedonian church).

6. Generous giving is about sowing and reaping.
7. Generous giving is one of the many evidences that someone is truly a Christian.
8. Generous giving promotes the worship of Jesus as God.

It cannot be overstated that when we give to God, we are not deciding how much of our wealth to give; rather, we are determining how much of God's wealth to keep for our own uses. In 1 Chronicles 29:14 David articulates precisely this fact, saying, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given to you."

God's people today are not required to tithe. But, like everything else in the New Covenant, our grace giving is to exceed Old Testament requirements of the law. Therefore, for God's people, 10 percent should be a floor, not a ceiling, and a place to begin, not a place to end.

At St. Paul's we seek to be obedient to God and to give generously to further God's work, to play our part in participating with God in the extension of God's kingdom of justice, peace, and love. This generosity is evident in the Offertory and the collection of Alms (the Collection).

We take bread and wine (Offertory), bless bread and wine (Consecration), break bread (Fraction), and give bread and wine (Communion).

The Offertory refers to the offering we make to God on the Altar. Having heard the Word of God we are moved to respond by offering ourselves to God. On Sunday, two visible actions take place. There is a collection of alms (money) and bread and wine are placed on the Altar. The second of these is the essential part of the Offertory. The bread and wine are the people's gifts. Those who bring the elements of bread and wine, the Offertory, represent the people in presenting the elements to the celebrant.

We offer back to the Creator that which God has given to us (wheat and grape) modified by human effort (making the wheat into bread

and the grape into wine). Through the tokens of bread and wine, the people (the creation) offer themselves back to God (the Creator). The collection of alms is an appropriate complement. These are taken up during the singing of the Offertory Hymn and they are used to purchase the bread and wine and to extend God's kingdom of justice, peace, and love.

Annual General Meeting of Parishioners

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Parishioners for the Anglican Parish of St. Paul's, Burwood, to be held on **Sunday 24th of March, 2019**, following the 9.30 a.m. Eucharist at approximately 11.15 a.m. in the Large Hall. The agenda will include (but not in order nor complete):

- ≈ Previous Minutes and auditing ratified;
- ≈ Financial Statements;
- ≈ Rector's Annual Report to Parishioners;
- ≈ Wardens' Annual Report to Parishioners;

- ≈ Circulation of any other Reports;
- ≈ Decision of Parish Council Formation;
- ≈ Election of Parish Councillors;
- ≈ Nomination of Rector's Warden;
- ≈ Election of two Peoples' Wardens;
- ≈ Election of Parish Nominators;
- ≈ Appointment of an Auditor;
- ≈ Business arising.

Sound System

Our sound system has been thoroughly checked by RØDE Microphones and also our parishioner, Glenn Leembruggen, and is in perfect working order. However, the band width which our system operates on is exactly the same as for all Wi-Fi. It is the Wi-Fi that is causing problem and RØDE Microphones are very kindly considering options to improve the system.

**Take this pew sheet home and read it –
or give it to someone who hasn't been able to worship with us today.**

Donations and Bequests

Over the years the parish has benefited from the generosity of parishioners, not only when they have been active members of the parish, but also at the time of their death. Parishioners are invited to remember the parish in their wills by making a bequest as a thank offering to God and to ensure that generations to come will enjoy worship and fellowship in well maintained buildings.

Those wishing to make a bequest are invited to do so using these or a similar form of words: " I bequeath the sum of \$..... to the Rector and Wardens of the Anglican parish of St Paul, Burwood, to be used at their absolute discretion for the charitable purposes of the parish."

Donations with Tax Deductibility

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish for the upkeep and maintenance of the Heritage building it can be done through the National Trust.

Cheques can be made out to:

National Trust of Australia (NSW)
St Paul's Anglican Church Burwood

Or

Direct Credit to the above name
with bank account details:

Westpac

BSB: 032-044

Account number: 742 926

Branch: 275 George Street Sydney
NSW

Please contact Pam for more details or place a donation in an envelope and label with National Trust donation and include your name for your receipt and an address to post it to. Thank you.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Three New Initiatives for 2019

1. English literacy classes
2. Basic computing classes
3. Lynn's Kitchen

These three new activities have arisen as a direct response to people who make use of the Parish Pantry, but will be open to anyone who has need of them.

The first – English Literacy Classes will be run by a team of volunteers organised by Kerin Brown and assisted by Margaret Whittaker. Being a fully literate person is something many of us take for granted, but a lot of people in our communities struggle to understand the written word. We all know how hard it is to fill in the plethora of forms that we are besieged with at different times but something as simple as the ‘employer’ and ‘employee’ can make us pause and think.

Reading instructions on medicine bottles can be a challenge. What am I actually signing when my son/daughter brings home a note from school?

Kerin has been preparing material for these classes for sometime now and we have had others who have volunteered to come along and help. They will start on Monday 4th March and be held in the Upper Room, commencing at 10.00am until 11.30am

The Second is a basic Computing Class for adults lacking in confidence and not knowing how to get started. Marg Harris, Pete and Lynn will take these classes on Wednesdays 2.00-3.00pm. The aim will be to become comfortable with turning a computer on and off, establishing your own email address and using the internet, especially to use ‘mygov’; the basics that will give you confidence in accessing a computer to complete your necessary paperwork.

After Easter Lynn’s Kitchen will commence. This will be about creating quick and easy, cheap but nutritious meals on a very limited budget. Held in the kitchen of the large hall Lynn will demonstrate a new meal each week and then people will be given a bag of ingredients to take home to make the same dish for your dinner that night.

There are several more things in the pipeline so watch this space.

List of items most needed for the parish pantry:

- **Sun Rice Meals** e.g. Butter chicken, Green chicken curry, Chicken satay, etc
- Boxed meals
- **Tins of** corned beef, spam, ham;
- **Sugar;**
- **Boxes of Cereals**
- **All Day Breakfast** by Heinz;
- ≈ Tinned tuna, sardines,
- ≈ Harvest Meals in a tin eg Vegetables and Sausages
- ≈ Rice, cuscus, polenta, instant potato, pasta, spaghetti
- + Tinned corn
- + Tinned vegetables
- ≈ Sweet & savoury biscuits;
- Long life Milk - Full cream



- ≈ **Tinned fruit**
- ≈ Rice Cream
- ≈ Pasta sauces

For the kitchen:

- ≈ Washing up liquid
- ≈ Paper towels
- ≈ Chux
- ≈ Sponges

For the laundry:

- ≈ Washing powder

Health

- Shampoo & Conditioner

EACH WEEK WE RUN OUT OF

- ♦ **CEREALS**
- ♦ **SUNRISE MEALS IN A BOX**
- ♦ **SPAM AND CORNED BEEF**
- ♦ **COFFEE**
- ♦ **SUGAR**

The Pantry

The Pantry has plenty of Personality. Below Kerin introduces some of our friends to you:

Alex looks like he's had a number of operations on his skull. He's teary one minute, and aggressive the next. He tells us he's homeless at the moment, but next week he can go home to Mum, because the AVO will be finished then. He's of Greek Orthodox background, so he cried when Fr James gave him a holding cross.

Cathy tells us she and her children are from the country. They had to flee her abusive husband. They arrived in Sydney with nothing. She put up with the abuse for years, but when he started to hurt the children, she knew it was time to leave. The Domestic and Family Violence people have found a safe house for her and the kids.

Joe gets angry. Centrelink kept hassling him to find work, but he can't be in a confined space, and can only work for a couple of hours in the day. He sees a counsellor every week. He's hoping he can get on a Disability Support Pension so he doesn't have to keep up the futile and anxiety- generating job searches. He likes talking to us. I think we are an adjunct to his counsellor.

We don't know much about Andrea's story. She has twin three year olds. They like coming shopping at the church with Mama. They each choose items by turn: one twin's turn, then the other twin's turn. Two carrots, two onions. The children are beautifully dressed. And have beautiful manners. Mama smiles proudly when her twins are praised.

Tom is a character. He arrives with his case worker, who waits in the car for him while he does his shopping. Tom tells us the same stories over and over. One day he accidentally took my Pantry keys home in the bag. When we asked him about it the next week, whether he had seen the keys, he triumphantly exclaimed that he had indeed found keys, and wondered who they belonged to!! He was delighted to return them to us. Now we hear the story of the lost keys every week.

Mary comes with her mother, and in school holidays she also brings her 11 year old son Richard. Richard attends a Special School. He is autistic. He doesn't speak, and always brings his ball with him. He loves his ball and plays with it constantly. It is a soft, large ball. Sometimes he will let us throw and catch the ball with him. But we had to stop that game when he threw the ball at the head of one of our customers. She wasn't hurt, but she was a bit cross. Mary was able to arrange for a speech therapist to help Richard, when she saw someone from the NDIS at our Hub.

Mark always arrives early. We open the door at 9.30am: Mark is here at 7. His wife is not well, and he looks after her. We think he comes to the Pantry for a brief respite.

Patricia is so grateful. We have to make sure she gets all the items she is entitled to, and that she needs. I had to be really strict with her before Christmas. She wanted to take her hamper home, but it was too heavy for her. I had to insist that we would deliver it. She thought that would be far too much trouble. We explained that we had a delivery person all lined up, it would be no trouble.

Ross is a funny guy, you can have a good joke with Ross. He's spent some time in gaol over the years. His health is not so good now. But he only ever takes a few items – never the 6 we allow. He says give them to someone who needs them.

Chen speaks no English. She doesn't understand us and we mostly don't understand her. So we have been lucky to have Sophie, and Yen, and customers like Ming who can translate for us. Chen is 77. She tries to bargain with us, and sometimes the other customers get cross with her. It can be tricky.

Michael lives in a boarding house. He hears voices. He only turns up when things are quiet – he doesn't like crowds and noise. He is very thin. He doesn't like the food much at the boarding house. He comes to the Pantry to pick up some Up n Go's, and some fruit juice. That's all he ever chooses. Mostly he comes in, finds what he wants and goes.

Other times he likes to have a chat. Very quietly. Jordan was dressed up the last time we saw him. He was going for a job interview. We were so pleased for him! We hope we don't see him again, because hopefully that means he got the job. But we would love to know how he got on.

All the names and some details have been changed.

The Pantry is open during the year two mornings a week February through to Christmas – 9.30-11.30am Tuesday and Thursdays and Tuesdays in January. Our customers may choose 6 grocery items, two toiletry items, some bread and a variety of fresh fruit and veg. They take a shopping basket in, choose their items, bring them to the table. We count and bag the items and mark off names. Most are very good at bringing their own bags. We are only interested in first names, and whether they are on a pension of some kind. It means we learn their names, and have some idea of what they are living on – mostly Newstart, sometimes Disability Support, Carer, Age Pension, etc.

Our food comes from a variety of sources: our own very generous parishioners; parishioners from a number of surrounding parishes who like what we do and are very happy to support us, especially The Baptist Community Church in Burwood and CP10 in Croydon park; KYB; local businessmen; Anglicare; Brighton Retirement Village, Cardinal Freeman Village, and other individuals. – Kerin Brown

I want to add a special THANK YOU to each of our volunteers, who help each week to staff the pantry, Margaret B., Nadia, Yen, Margaret W., Olga, Pip and Sophie and a special thank you to Kerin Brown, without whom the Pantry would not have run so smoothly this last year. The success of the Pantry is because it has become a team effort ably led by Kerin.

– Rosemary King

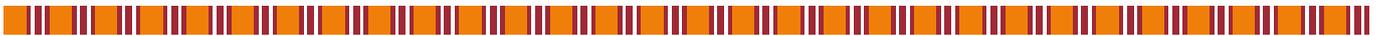


Small Change for Fair Linen



When we started collecting loose change to improve our altar linen last year, our initial aim was to have new altar cloths for the main altar and the north chapel for Christmas. Thanks to everyone's generosity we were able to achieve this and are now able to look at repairs and replacement of some of our older vestments as well as ensuring our supply of everyday linens such as purificators and corporals is also maintained.

Again many thanks and please feel free to continue ridding yourself of those annoying little coins by putting them in the blue box at the back.



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Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory -

**Collection given at St Paul's from
28th January 2019 - 3rd February
2019: \$1960**

Other collection given :

- Building Fund: \$10
- Parish Pantry: \$595
- Special Donation: \$1100

Total amount given from: \$3665

*Thank you for responding to God's
generous love.*



St Paul's Anglican Church
205-207 Burwood Road, Burwood

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

RESUME ON

Tuesday 19 February 2019

1.15pm - 1.45pm

Organist

Titus Grenyer

Organ Scholar

St James' King Street Sydney

Music by Bach, Mendelssohn
and Widor

Entry by donation

Light refreshments will follow in the Rectory.

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BURWOOD

LUNCHTIME RECITAL DATES 2019

1.15pm – 1.45pm

February 19	Titus Grenyer - Organ Scholar, St James; King Street Sydney Music by J S Bach, Mendelssohn, Widor and Grenyer
March 19	Conservatorium students
April 16	Judith Rough - Soprano, Nicole Smeulders - Contralto and John Martin - Pianist Music by Dvořák and Rachmaninov
May 21	Conservatorium students
June 18	Artist TBC
July 23	Joshua Ryan - Assistant Organist, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney
August 20	Conservatorium students
September 17	Artist TBC
October 15	Conservatorium students
November 19	Artist TBC
December 17	Kathryn Dries - Mezzo Soprano

STANDING ON THE THRESHOLD OF TIME

We are all standing on the threshold of time, when the clock strikes for me I shall go. Not one moment early and not one moment late. Until then there is nothing to fear. I know that the promises of God are true they have been fulfilled in my life time and time again. Jesus still teaches, guides and comforts us and still wins our complete trust and love. These things I know, Christ is alive, personal and real, we know that he is always close to us. I have met him (in a dream) he has spoken to me (in a dream) I have always felt his presence.

REFLECTIONS

A persons life is not measured by its duration by its donation. How much will you be missed. Life is fragile, handle with prayer.

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

We thank you Lord for summer. For the beauty of this day, a day that shall ripen grain, that shall provide good things for the table, that shall make all growing things rejoice, that shall make more sweet the music of the birds, that shall make more beautiful the gardens which you have planted and watered. We thank you for the fertility of the land that encourages us to sow and plant. We thank you for the dependence of the seasons, for all your sustaining providence by which, men and women work today and harvest tomorrow. We will know that we are not worthy of your love, but help us to be good stewards of that bounty we thank you for your endless delights of our lives on this lonely earth. Please send rain.

- Barry Brandy, February 2019



Torches and Fans are available for sale!

The wonderful torches and a few fans are available again from the trading table. They are \$3 each or two for \$5. This could include a fan and a torch or two torches or two fans.



OUTDOORS...

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the World Day of Prayer for our local community will be held at the Uniting Church, Concord Road, Concord at 10.30 am on **Friday, 1st March, 2019.**

All members of S. Paul's are warmly invited to attend.

Wandering with Wide-eyed Wonder: Eremos Summer Retreat Day

by led the Eremos Retreat Team

Saturday 2 March 2019 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Venue: Bundeena House, Bundeena

Wondering can take us out of our usual pre-set ways of encountering (seeing, hearing, feeling) what surrounds us in our daily lives. "Wonder recaptures that sense, long suppressed and long forgotten, of the wide-eyed child who once explored his or her new world" --Eugene Stockton: A Way to God.

Cost: \$60 or \$50 for Eremos members. Concession price is \$10 less.

Includes Morning tea and lunch.

Register by 25th February. More details and **to register** see

www.eremos.org.au and click on Events and retreats.

Or use this link: [*Summer Retreat Day*](#)

Questions Phone: Janet at 9340 1562.

Facebook!

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7441384898/>

Forthcoming events and other interesting news will be posted there!

Thank you Margaret Whittaker for your care in administrating our Facebook page.



Lenten Quiet Day: The Desert Fathers and Mothers

The Sydney Mission-College of the Oratory of the Good Shepherd invites you to begin the season of Lent with a day of prayer and silent reflection. This annual event is held in the church and grounds of St John's Balmain.

The Quiet Day this year will be led by Archdeacon Robert Braun OGS, from Brisbane, who was for several years Anglican Chaplain in Alexandria, Egypt. He will give two talks on the insights of the Egyptian Desert Fathers and Mothers, and will be available for individual counselling. Morning and Evening Prayer, and the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated.

There is no charge for the Day, but participants should bring a packed lunch for themselves. Tea and coffee will be available. All are very welcome to attend - just turn up!

When? **Saturday 9 March 2019**, 10.15 am to 4.15 pm

Where? The Church of St John the Evangelist, Birchgrove Road and Spring Street, Birchgrove.

Further information: The Revd Ronald Henderson OGS (9755 91810).

Anglicans Together Dinner with the Primate

Archbishop Philip Freier Primate of the Anglican Church & Archbishop of Melbourne to address the ANGLICANS TOGETHER 2019 ANNUAL DINNER on:

Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm for 7:30 pm start at the Gadigal Room, City Tattersalls Club, 194–204 Pitt Street, Sydney

Cost: \$75 pp (\$70 conc)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Tickets at: www.anglicanstogether.org

✦ Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138;
1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

Sometimes, when we are confronted with the raw power of God's majesty and are aware of his presence, our own feelings of inadequacy and sin can get in the way of our closeness to him. Sin is most definitely the one impediment for being close to God, but we ought always to remember that there isn't a moment in this life where God will deny someone who turns to him. Peter in today's Gospel represents all of us in our sin, begging that God goes away from him because with the awareness of God comes the awareness of our own human frailty and sin. We know very well how God used and changed St Peter's human frailty to recreate him into a glorious man of God and example to all God's people. We ought to have the faith to turn away from our sins and face God that he might do the same with us! Pray that we might unveil our hearts to God further and allow him to move and change us more deeply.

✦ Pray that through our human frailty we might be able to understand our shared plight with others before God.

✦ Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, remembering especially today Archbishop Allan Migi, his staff, clergy and people

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READ, AND INWARDLY DIGEST...

One woman's nightly scramble to feed hundreds of Darwin's long-grass homeless— by Jesse Thompson & Jolene Laverty

The clock is ticking: in just a few short hours, there will be hundreds of hungry mouths to feed.

The nightly quest to feed Darwin's needy begins unceremoniously in the small and sweltering kitchen of a city hostel as perplexed tenants wander by.

Leah Potter started feeding homeless people by microwaving hot dogs in a tiny hotel room then handing them out on the streets.

Since then word has spread and the mammoth nightly task to feed all those in need is buckling under its own weight.

"Every day I wake up with a bit of a nervous feeling," Ms Potter said.

"Am I going to find enough food for tonight? Are too many people going to come? Is there going to be a riot?"

Life among the homeless

Darwin's long-grassers — the local term for homeless people, many of whom hail from remote communities — are predominantly Indigenous.

Recently, though, they found a "strange white woman" and her children among them.

Ms Potter was no stranger to life on the streets, having run away from home and an abusive father aged 13.

In her adult life she found herself in a domestic violence situation in Melbourne and fled north.

Down and out in Darwin, she spent three nights sleeping in the long grass.

"They just said, 'Well come and stay with us, you'll be safe here, they

won't move you on here'," she said.

She later became determined to repay the favour, and drove around the streets of Darwin handing out food to the hungry, listening to their stories.

"I live in a motel room and ... I was just preparing hot dogs in a little microwave on a motel bench," she said.

People cried with gratitude when they were handed the food.

"That was OK when it was only 30 [people]," Ms Potter continued.

"But when it got to 100, and then it got to 200, I just felt overwhelmed."

Sunset soup kitchen

On a balmy wet season evening, scores of long-grassers have gathered at a makeshift soup kitchen beneath the pastel-hued twilight sky.

A local business stepped in to offer Ms Potter a permanent space and it's here that a more formal enterprise has begun.

"The reason I called it the Sunset Soup Kitchen is because one of the barriers people had to accessing other services was sometimes they didn't even know what time it was

or what day it was," Ms Potter said.

There's no soup on the menu, just the motley food donations she can muster from local charities and businesses willing to lend a hand.

The key is the timing.

"I thought if I make it every night at sunset at Doctor's Gully, they can just look at the sun starting to go down and know where they can go to find some food," Ms Potter said.

Among the people enjoying that offer is Joe Djondu Dhamarrandji from Milingimbi, who has travelled in from the North-East Arnhem community for the wet season and currently lives among the sprawling itinerant community.

"Living in the long grass is a bit hard," he said.

"It's the only place — Doctor's Gully — providing free food for any long-grass people."

Health professionals step in

Health professionals have begun attending these gatherings, and in addition to hunger, have heard of other significant unmet community needs.

There are plans to turn the Sunset Soup Kitchen into a homespun out-

reach service.

"People have come and described to me some of the issues they're facing in terms of not having access to medications and also having wounds that need to be dressed," healthcare professional Rhys Gloury said.

"They're unable to access those sorts of services after hours.

"There are also several pregnant women on the streets in Darwin who have not accessed any health care."

Other businesses have offered Ms Potter industrial cooking equipment, and the hostel continues to open its kitchen to her.

But the vital question of where the food will come from remains a nightly scramble.

"A lot of these people have barriers that prevent them from even accessing Centrelink — whether it's inability to comply with the job network requirements, English or literacy barriers or domestic violence," she said.

"At the very bottom of the problem are hungry people, and that's what I've been addressing."

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Pray throughout the week

Pray for the Anglican Church –

for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Philip Freier of Melbourne, Primate of Australia; Glenn, Archbishop of Sydney; Michael Stead, our Regional Bishop; and for all the bishops, priests, deacons and Religious of the Anglican Communion.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

we are asked to pray for the Anglican Church of Canada, for its bishop, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz and for all his clergy and people.

Pray for Fr James and for Fr

Michael as well as for Helen and Antonia. May God bless them and their ministries and may we support them as they work among us in Christ's name.

Pray for St Paul's: God of mercy, strengthen us to help shape a parish where diversity is a source of enrichment, compassion is common, life's poetry realized, suffering lightened through sharing, justice attended, joy pervasive, hope lived, the hum of the universe heard, and together with you and each other we build what is beautiful, true, worthy of your generosity to us, an echo of your kingdom. Amen. (Ted Loder)

Pray for, St Matthew's, Zababdeh, (West Bank, Palestinian Territories), our Anglican Communion Partner:

We remember especially their Parish Priest, Fr Saleem Dawani, and his ministry in the parish. We remember also Jameel Maher, who acts as the St Matthew's partnership link person with us. May both our parishes be blessed by the link we are establishing.

Pray for the Church's mission:

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honour of your name. Amen. (Author unknown)

Pray for our Children's Church:

The Lord said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them for such is the kingdom of heaven'. Bless, Lord, your children who now stand before you in prayer. Help them to understand the depth of your love.

O Lord, bless our Children's Church and all its future endeavours, that through it we may glorify you with your Father and the Holy Spirit, now, always and forever. **Amen.**

Pray for peace: Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth; lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust; lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

Pray for all in need, remembering especially this week all the people who feel lonely or socially isolated. May the Lord God open the wider community eyes and hearts to offer them friendship and fellowship.

Pray for the sick and their carers:

Andrew; Joyce Bannister; Margaret Baseley; Jenny Bounds; John Burns; John Carey; Jan Cowan, Hilary Davies; Dave Ernst; Florence; Juliette Harris; Jan Morgan; Alister & Sally Palmer; Mark Palmer; Jean Storey; Nancy Thompson; Margaret Wheatley; Bob Woods

In love and charity please remember the recently departed, especially Pamela McParlane and Ralene Paul-Furley that God may grant them a place of refreshment, light and peace.

Pray, too, for, Rosina Ann Sillett; John Robert Wall; George Robert Eager; David Francis King; Gloria May Jose; Brendan Moran and for any others whose year's mind falls around this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them!



Services during this week at St Paul's

A mid-week Eucharist will be held in the Chapel of our Lord's Passion on Wednesday at 10.30am.

Commemorations noted by the lectionary this week –

✚ Thursday 14 February – Cyril and Methodius, bishop (d.885), missionaries to the Slavs

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