

# WELCOME TO **St PAUL'S** **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

## WHAT'S ON AT ST PAULS

- ≈ **Monday 13th May at 7.30pm**  
- Meditation Group in the Chapel of our Lady
- ≈ **Tuesday 14th May at 1.15pm**  
- Lunchtime Recital - Alan Hicks Piano Trio
- ≈ **Tuesday 28 May at 7pm -**  
Study Group Resumes in the Rectory
- ≈ **Sunday 2nd June at 9.30am -**  
Confirmation & Admission to Communion
- ≈ **Sunday 2nd June 2019 at 11.45am in the Rectory -**  
Seasonal Fundraiser
- ≈ **Tuesday 4th June 2019 in the Large Hall -**  
Community Hub
- ≈ **Tuesday 18th June at 1.15pm**  
- Lunchtime Recital - Conservatorium students
- ≈ **Sunday 23rd June -**  
Artisans' Market
- ≈ **Tuesday 2nd July at 1.15pm Lunchtime Recital -**  
Brian Kim - Flute
- ≈ **5th July - 7th July -** St Paul's Burwood Parish Retreat at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park
- ≈ **Tuesday 23rd July at 1.15pm -**  
Lunchtime Recital -Joshua Ryan, Assistant Organist, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney
- ≈ **Tuesday 10th September at 1.15pm -** Lunchtime Recital - Sydney Clarinet Choir - Deborah de Graaff

## BURWOOD

**W**ELCOME 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。

**SUNDAY 12th May 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Welcome to worship...*

- \* 8.00 am – Sung Eucharist
- \* 9.30 am – Parish Eucharist

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**And Much More...**

# 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 ques-

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.

## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

We give thanks to God for all who nurture others, particularly giving thanks to all mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers. We wish them all a very happy and blessed Mothers' Day!



## Study Group

Please note that Tuesday Studies will be on break until Tuesday 28th of May.

Bible Readings at today's Eucharist	Year C	Bible Readings for next Sunday
Acts 9.36-43	<b>The First Reading</b>	Acts 11.1-18
Ps 23	<b>The Psalm</b>	Ps 148
Revelation 7.9-17	<b>The Epistle</b>	Revelation 21.1-6
John 10.22-30	<b>The Gospel</b>	John 13.31-35

## Mothers' Day Raffle

Tickets for the Mothers' Day raffle are available for sale at the trading table. They will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The first prize will be the much sort after hand crocheted rug made by one of our parishioners.

## Your help is needed!

We need volunteers for the Artisans' Market on Sunday 23rd of June. Please write your name and contact details in the sheet provided at the back of the church if you are able to help. Thank you.

## MEETING - Artisans' Market

There will be a meeting after church on Sunday 26th May to discuss jobs for the Artisans' Market. The meeting will start at 11.30am in the Upper Room.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Thank you

Jane Carrick

## THANK YOU

**Thank you** to the parishioner who helped reorganize shelves in the archives' room.

**Thank you** to the parishioners who have been helping with the gardening.

**Thank you** to the congregation of " CROYDON PARK @10" for their continual generosity to the parish pantry.

## MUSIC

Today, we welcome Stacey Yang as our guest organist. Below, please read her achievements in a multifaceted career. We will be able to hear again on Sunday 26 May. How very fortunate we are she agreed to play for our services. Thank you, Stacey.

- Sheryl Southwood

## Stacey Yang Biography

Stacey Xiaoyu Yang is a doctoral candidate in the studio of Professor David Higgs at the renowned Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY following the completion of MMus (organ and literature) there in 2017. She was a Vanderlinder Fellow in liturgical music at Christ Church, Rochester, NY. Between 2016-2018, she was the Director of Music and Organist at the First Universalist Church, Rochester where she curated the historically significant Hope-Jones Op. 2 organ. During her time in the US, she has been active in diverse roles as soloist, music educator and choral conductor.

Prior to her study in the US, Stacey received a Bachelor's degree in Medical Science and a Master's degree in Nursing from the University of Sydney and was appointed as both University Organ and Carillon Scholars. In Australia, Stacey studied the organ with Kurt Ison and Jennifer Chou. She holds an LTCL in organ performance and LMusA in piano performance. As a pianist, she studied with the eminent Australian piano pedagogues Lyall Duke and Stephanie McCallum. She also was a piano teacher at MLC School Burwood between 2007-2015 and held the position of chapel organist at SCEGGS Darlinghurst between 2012-2015.

In July 2016, she was selected to participate in the Royaumont Foundation summer school at Versailles on a traveling scholarship granted by the AGO Rochester Chapter. In 2017, she was granted E. Power Biggs Fellowship by American Organ Historical Society. In addition to performances at many of Sydney's major recital venues (such as St. Andrew's Cathedral, Christchurch St. Laurence and the Sydney Opera House), Stacey has presented solo recitals at both St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne and Christchurch Cathedral, Newcastle. In Europe, she gave her debut recital at the Marktkirche, Wiesbaden, Germany and has also performed at Sint Martinuskerk, Overijse and Our Lady's Basilica at Tongeren, Belgium. She presented her Asian debut in June 2016 at The Hong Kong Cultural Center Concert Hall.

In 2017-2018 season, performance highlights included solo recitals at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA and the Antwerp Cathedral, Belgium.

Moreover, as a carillonist, she has presented recitals at the University of Sydney, the Australian National Carillon in Canberra, the Leuven Catholic University Library Tower, the Marktkirche Wiesbaden and the Universities of Florida, Michigan and Rochester.

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## Christian Meditation Group

Meditation Group is on now every Monday at 7.30pm in the Chapel of Our Lady.

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

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 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.

## ABM LENTEN ENVELOPES

Today is the last Sunday for returning your ABM Lenten Envelopes.

Many thanks to those who faithfully returned the Lenten Envelopes during Lent and over Eastertide – your commitment is a blessing and your gift much appreciated.



## KNEELERS

Look around you and you will see our beautiful kneelers. There are just under 200 of them now in our church and that's thanks to you our wonderful parishioners who have generously donated them, stitched and assembled them. Many have been donated in memory of someone special, parents, relatives, friends, and companions.

Before we started this project there were a number of very tatty, mismatched kneelers throughout the church that people had tried to stitch back together but sadly had come to the end of their use by date & they left a trail of sawdust wherever they were.

So we set out to replace them with something beautiful that spoke to the love we had for our beautiful church. The care with which they have been made speaks to the beauty of our worship and our love of God.

We searched the world for what we wanted and found them in the UK at a place called Jacksons at Hebden Bridge. (We found others but none of the quality and style that suited St Paul's). So in June 2013 we started stitching.

From the outset Fr James set the goal of reaching 250 kneelers by our 150th Anniversary. This is to represent the 250 people that we need in worship each Sunday in order for us to be self-sustaining. With nearly 190 kneelers in the church we are well on the way.

Perhaps you have been thinking about having a kneeler made in memory of someone – well now is the time to do it. Maybe you feel like a creative project. This could be just the thing. Think they are too difficult for you? They are actually very simple just ask those who have already made some. You don't have to put them together.

Donations towards kneelers can be cash, direct debit or cheque to St Paul's Church and marked for kneelers.

Please see Rosemary if you are interested in helping to bring this project to a conclusion.

## Bread Roster 2019

≈ 13th May – Kerin

≈ 20th May – Gabriel

≈ 27th May – Margaret

≈ 3rd June – Antonia

## Used Stamps

If you have any used stamps then please bring them to Church with you and leave them in the box at the back of the Church as these earn money for the work of the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia.

Please leave a 1cm- 2cm border around stamps so they are not damaged.

**For General Donations  
please use this account  
details:**

**Account Name: St Pauls Anglican  
Church**

**BSB: 032 062**

**Account #: 250028**

**For Parish Pantry Donation  
please use this account  
details:**

**Account Name: Parish Pantry  
Account**

**BSB: 032 062**

**Account #: 812238**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

## Offertory -

**Collection given at St Paul's on  
Sunday 28th April:**

≈ Offertory: \$1991

≈ New Life Centre Nepal: \$50

≈ Parish Pantry: \$70

≈ Building Fund: \$10

**Total: \$2121**

**Collection given at St Paul's on  
Sunday 5th May:**

≈ Offertory: \$2139

≈ Parish Pantry: \$80

**Total: \$2219**

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

## Confirmation & Admission to Communion

Our Regional Bishop, Bishop Michael Stead, will be with us on **Sunday 2nd of June**. We will have a Confirmation Service that day at the 9.30a.m. Eucharist.

Are you, or anyone that you know interested in being Confirmed, Received into the Anglican Communion, or Baptized?

Please speak with Fr. Michael, or Rosemary if you are, or anyone that you know is interested.

We currently have 3 candidates to be confirmed and 1 Candidate for Admission to Communion :

### **The candidates for Confirmation are:**

- ≈ Susan Jane Gerber
- ≈ Raquel Ethel Tania Charet
- ≈ Elias Christofi

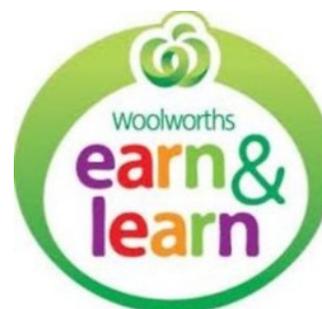
### **The candidate for Admission to Communion is:**

- ≈ Mila Ljubica Patricia Brown

We pray for all the candidates and their sponsors that they may know God's presence in their lives and be enfolded with God's love.

## **WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKERS**

Please ask for you Earn and Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. We are collecting these for Chalmer's Rd Special School. This is a small way that we can help them, at no cost to us, to get more equipment for their children.



We will have a basket for the stickers at the back of the church for you to drop them in either as you come in or as you leave the church.

Thank you.

## 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.

## **FISH and CHIP JUMPERS and SMD SCHOOL**

**See these on the Trading Table today**



**Do you know the story of the fish and chip jumpers?**

Many new born babies in Africa were being sent home from hospital wrapped up in newspaper to keep them warm, just like packets of fish and chips.

Then someone came up with the idea to Knit a small very simple jumper that a baby could be put in to go home from the hospital. Soon people all over the world started knitting and now they are being sent to many different areas in the world.

Here at St Paul's we have already sent 19 jumpers to the HIV Clinic in Nepal and now we are knitting jumpers for the small children in SMD School in Kathmandu. Our team of knitters consists of Pat, Julie, Emily and Susan. If you are interested in joining them please speak to Julie Ryan (9.30am service)

If you would like to support this project you can see the jumpers on the Trading Table. You can buy one for an SMD youngster by giving a donation of (\$2-5) which will then enable the team to knit more.

## **Who are these children?**

Racially, culturally and linguistically they are the forgotten people. They come from remote Himalayan villages where there are no schools, no roads, no electricity, poor shelter, no medical or dental services, no sanitation, no running water. Three out of four children will die before their fifth birthday.

An English medium school SMD also teaches Tibetan and Nepali in an effort to keep their culture alive. Tibetan Dancing is very popular. After school there is an Art Club and children can also be seen kicking a soccer ball around or indulging in some other games. There are approximately 540 children enrolled at the moment, most of whom are living at the school. SMD is their home, their school, their whole life. They receive full board, education and health care free of charge, from Nursery to Year 10.

## **How does this happen?**

SMD is completely funded by overseas sponsors.

Also sponsorship is sort for each child. If you look on their web site:

*[www.himalayanchildren.org](http://www.himalayanchildren.org)*

you will see the children for whom they are still seeking sponsorship. Here are a couple of them.

## **KIDS WHO NEED SPONSORS**

We currently need sponsors for over 70 kids. If you would like to fully or partially sponsor a student, please refer to the **Make a Donation** page for donation/sponsorship details and **Contact Us** directly to get matched up with a child.

**Meet a few of the kids here**



B13.27 – Boarding  
Yeshe Dolma  
Girl, 15 years  
Class: 7



B11.4 – Boarding  
Tsering Diki  
Girl, 13 years  
Class: 6



B12.3 – Boarding  
Kancha Lama Tamang  
Boy, 15 years  
Class: 8



B913 – Boarding  
Dawa Dorje  
Boy, 16 years  
Class: 10



B13.7 – Boarding  
Tenzin Wangdu  
Boy, 13 years  
Class: 7



B12.2 – Boarding  
Ukesh Magar  
Boy, 13 years  
Class: 6

“We’ve found that the older the child, the harder it is for us to find a sponsor. We currently have more girls at the school than boys, but the majority of the kids who need sponsors are boys (we’ve been able to find more supporters for girls).”

**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  
≈ Sweet & savoury biscuits;  
≈ **Tinned fruit**  
≈ Rice Cream  
≈ Pasta sauces

**For the kitchen:**

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

**For the laundry:**

- Washing powder

**Health**

- Soap
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste

**EACH WEEK WE RUN OUT OF :**

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



**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.

## **St Paul's Burwood Parish Retreat to**

### **St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre**

**415 Douglas Park Drive Douglas Park N.S.W.**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 6.40pm – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 3pm**

St Mary's Towers, set on 500 hectares of natural bush land, is home to a way of life. In keeping with the charism of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, it is steeped in a spirituality of the heart. This creates a beautiful and peaceful environment with a supportive and praying community for anyone seeking to relax and enjoy communion with God. Our community is motivated and informed by their personal experience of the love of the heart of Jesus and is dedicated to providing a space for people to listen deeply to God in their personal lives and in creation. We treasure the gift of silence and solitude in prayer.



*St Mary's Towers*

### **ACCOMMODATION**

They can accommodate 35 retreatants in total including 10 ensuited rooms available in the Retreat House (a lift is available)

**Cost of Accommodation & meals: \$115 per night as well as a cost (depending on numbers) for use of the facility, grounds and stipend for our leader of the retreat (approximately \$50) This cost includes introduction 7pm Friday night and talk at 9am Saturday & Sunday mornings.**

All bed linen and towels are supplied (own toiletries required)



## **LEADER of RETREAT:**

### **Father Michael Fallon**

**Father Michael Fallon is a Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC). Since his ordination in 1961 his ministry has been largely devoted to teaching. After ten years teaching in secondary schools, he was chaplain at the University of New South Wales in Kensington, NSW. With a licentiate in Sacred Scripture (LSS) from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, he lectured for a number of years at the then Saint Paul's National Seminary in Kensington NSW. From 1994 to 2001 he was in the parish of Henley Beach, Adelaide SA, where he contributed**

**to Adult Education. He has ministered in Canberra ACT since 2002 in the parish of Kippax, ACT, and contributing to Adult Education in the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn. In 2014 he moved to Saint Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, as part of the Retreat House Team.**

## **TOPIC:**

**Fr. Michael Fallon, the Retreat leader, will reflect on the Gospel reading for each day.**

## **MEALS:**

**There are a limited variety of specific dietary requirements for medical reasons only e.g. vegetarian, gluten free, lactose free and some forms of allergies (egg, seafood). There will be a fridge available for your own supplies if required.**

**Your own drinking water bottle for refilling must be brought.**

**Breakfast 7-8.30am**

**Morning Tea – usually 10.30am (flexible)**

**Lunch – 2 course meal 1230pm**

**Tea Meal – lighter meal 6pm**

**Application Form for St Paul's Burwood Parish Retreat at St  
Mary's Towers Douglas Park 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July/2019**

**Name:**

**Contact phone number:**

**Email:**

**Number of nights:**

**Date of Arrival:**

**Dietary requirements (be specific):**

**Transport: It is accessible by train to Douglas Park Station. Pick up from station can be arranged or car pooling.**

**Offer of Transport: yes/no**

**Need Transport: yes/no**

**Deposit: \$100 to secure your place with a completed form**

**Cheques payable to St Paul's Church Burwood**

**There will be day registrations at a cost of \$50 per person.**

**This includes lunch, morning/afternoon teas/talk.**

**Total payment by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Please return form with payment to the church office or Pam or mail to St Paul's Church Burwood PO Box 530 Burwood NSW 1805**

**PLEASE NOTIFY PAM  
IF YOU ARE COMING  
BY FRIDAY 31ST OF MAY**

## **DOUGLAS PARK**

**There is a place,  
Gum wooded in its brown valley,  
River bounded, Englished to green and colour at its core,  
Sandstoned, bricked and timbered, castellated and barned,  
Jumbled to a symmetry of form  
that off handedly ignores its parts  
Into a triumphant whole.**

**It is a place where a tilted cemetery dreams of a kingdom  
Now and then encountered; a place of silence  
Where the sorehearted traveller rests the limbs  
Of bruised life  
and sleeps.**

**It has been a place of men,  
and holds the soft, hard flavours  
Of Australian maleness; casual and forgiving  
Gruff, astringent, awkward; strangely gentle  
With the broken ones who claim its austere sustenance.**

**It is a place  
Of healing, where the Spirit of its first people  
Has long walked; where weariness has met delight,  
Where chance transmutes to Providence, and one is cradled  
Quietly, with no fuss  
It is, above all, a place  
Of God; whose voice, clipped to clearness as a muffled bell  
Is always heard.**

**For here the inner ear  
Is tuned by the long habit of the place itself  
Which has learned, and teaches, listening.**

**- Jane Chapman**

# INDOORS...

## ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BURWOOD

### LUNCHTIME RECITAL DATES 2019

**1.15pm – 1.45pm**

<u>May 14</u> <u>Please note</u>	Alan Hicks Piano Trio Change of Date from May 21
June 18	Conservatorium students
July 2	Brian kim - Flute
July 23	Joshua Ryan - Assistant Organist, St Mary's Cathedral Sydney
August 20	Conservatorium students
September 10	Sydney Clarinet Choir - Deborah de Graaff
October 15	Conservatorium students
November 5	James McDonald - Guitar
November 19	Christopher Harris - Baritone
December 17	Kathryn Dries - Mezzo Soprano

## Upcoming Fundraiser events Seasonal Fundraiser

**When:** Sunday 2nd June 2019 at 11.45am

**Where:** The Rectory

Quiche/Salad/Slices

Tickets \$10 or \$12 on the day

Please let Pam know if you can help with quiches, salad or slices.

*Bishop Michael will be joining us for lunch do come and meet him.*

## Blue Illusion Fundraiser

**When:** Saturday 21st September at 1pm

**Where:** Blue Illusions, Level 2, Westfield Burwood



Pew  
Reflections  
REFLECTIONS  
BGM

Acts 9.36-43; Psalm 23;  
Revelation 7.9-17; John 10.22-30

**Love:** Today Jesus tells us: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.' He, the

shepherd, loves those who recognise his voice and follow. Out of his great love for us, when he 'overcame the sharpness of death [he] opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.'

~ Lord, we have trusted in you: may we never be confounded.

~ Give thanks for the work of the Al-Ahli Arab hospital's child nutrition project, which aims to help babies and toddlers thrive.

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**ABM** Anglican Board of Mission - Australia  
**Working for Love, Hope & Justice**

You are invited to

**A Very Special Vocal Recital**

Featuring Opera Diploma students from

**The Sydney Conservatorium of Music**

Come to the

**Willoughby Uniting Church Conference Centre**  
10 Clanwilliam Street, Willoughby

2pm

on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019**

Bring your friends  
Come early!!!

**Stay and enjoy afternoon tea and a chat with  
Australia's brightest new stars**

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*\$40 donation*  
*\$15 students*

## A Royal Affair

### Artists

**Sydney Chamber Choir**

**Sam Allchurch Conductor**

**The Muffat Collective**

Masterworks from two Masters of the Queen's Music, plus two of Handel's grandest royal works.

The first non-Briton to hold the royal appointment, Malcolm Williamson brought a larrikin spirit to the role. 'Most of my music is Australian,' he said, 'not the bush or the deserts, but the brashness of the cities. The sort of brashness that makes Australians go through life pushing doors marked pull.' His Symphony for Voices is a visionary work that explores the spirituality of the Australian landscape.

Current Master of the Queen's Music, Scottish composer Judith Weir, offers a more intimate musical experience, drawing on writers as diverse as Shakespeare, e.e. cummings and Edward Lear. Music and poetry intertwine in a rich tapestry of choral colour.

George Friedrich Handel was never actually Master of the King's Music, but as Composer to the Chapel Royal he wrote the most famous regal music of all: Zadok the Priest, which has graced every British coronation since Handel composed it for King George II in 1727. His Dettingen Te Deum is on an even grander scale: bold, triumphant and utterly thrilling.

**When: Saturday June 1 @ 7.30pm**

**Where:** The Great Hall, University of Sydney

**Tickets:** From \$50 (Concessions and student prices also available)

**Website and bookings:** [sydneychamberchoir.org](http://sydneychamberchoir.org)

**Enquiries:** 1300 661 738

**Facebook event page:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/311027832844826/>

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school choirs,  
conductors  
and clergy...  
for all who love  
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### You will participate in events including

Bach's St Matthew Passion in  
Sydney Town Hall

"Prom Praise" in Sydney Town Hall

Lessons & Carols in St Andrew's  
Cathedral

Vespers in St Mary's Cathedral

Workshops, tutorials, seminars

... and more

### Registrations

[www.sydneyinspires.com](http://www.sydneyinspires.com)

### Musical Directors

Dr David Hill MBE  
Stephen Cleobury CBE  
Dr Noël Tredinnick  
Dr Barry Rose OBE  
Anne Marsden Thomas MBE  
Thomas Ospital

and featuring  
National Youth Choir of  
Australia  
and the "City Alight" band



Royal School of Church Music  
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## Uniting against terrorism:

### Pope Francis & Muslim leaders in Abu Dhabi

- *By Bruce Duncan*

Pope Francis has made dialogue with Islam a high priority, as he is acutely aware that the scourge of war and displacement of peoples will not stop until these great religious traditions can consolidate effective norms of peace, justice, toleration, and cooperation.

As the leader of the Catholic Church and a spokesman for much of the Christian world, Pope Francis sees his duty as defending all persecuted peoples, but especially Christians targeted by terrorists or oppressive regimes. Wars and jihadist violence have reduced the proportion of Christians in the Middle East from 20 percent before World War I to just four percent today.

Islam lacks a central authority structure like the Catholic Church, so it is more difficult for Muslim leaders to reach a definitive consensus than for Catholic leaders. Religious scholars win prestige for their understanding of the Quran and its implications today. Hence, Francis has tried to build bridges with Muslim scholars and civil leaders to help clarify relations on the basis of the universal wellbeing willed by God.

The spread of terrorism is causing alarm everywhere, and many countries are resorting to expanded arms spending, increasing the risks of regional and global conflicts. The threat is made particularly severe not just because increasing numbers of states have nuclear weapons, but also because it diverts global efforts to achieve the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals, including tackling rapidly advancing climate change, with Francis warning of 'catastrophic' consequences.

## **Joint Document on Human Fraternity**

Francis's two-day trip 3-5 February to Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, was especially significant, as he signed a document Human Fraternity for World Peace & Living Together with the Grand Imam of the prestigious Al-Azhar mosque in Cairo, Dr Ahmad Al-Tayyib, a leading scholar in Sunni Islam. Together with the Emirati authorities, they also agreed to build a new church in Abu Dhabi named after Saint Francis, and a new Mosque of the Grand Imam.

The rulers of the UAE have strongly promoted tolerance and cooperation among their ten million people from 200 nationalities, with more than 40 churches. Sikh, Buddhist, and Hindu communities can worship, as well as Jewish people, though it would hardly be possible for a Muslim to become a Christian.

At a meeting organised by the international Muslim Council of Elders at the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque on 4 February to promote the UAE's Year of Tolerance, Sheikh Al-Tayyib welcomed the Pope, noting how the Quran recognised special bonds between Christians and Muslims. He said "the name of God must not be used to justify violence. God did not create us to cause suffering". The Grand Imam said those who used religious texts to justify violence should be denounced as "murderers".

### **The Pope's address at the Founder's Memorial**

At the Founder's Memorial in Abu Dhabi later that day, Francis addressed civil leaders, diplomats, and representatives from Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and other religious traditions.

The Pope noted that he came to UAE on the eighth centenary of St Francis's visit to Sultan al-Malik al Kamil of Egypt. He came "as a believer, thirsting for peace ... to be instruments of peace". In the name of God, he said, we "need to enter together as one family into an ark which can sail the stormy seas of the world: the ark of fraternity".

He said, "Each belief system is called to overcome the divide between friends and enemies, in order to take up the perspective of heaven" ...

Each person is equally precious in the eyes of God, who does not look upon the human family with a preferential gaze that excludes, but with a benevolent gaze that includes”.

To recognise the same rights in everyone was “to glorify the name of God”, and consequently “every form of violence must be condemned without hesitation, because we gravely profane God’s name when we use it to justify hatred and violence against a brother or sister ... No violence can be justified in the name of religion”.

“There is no alternative: we will either build the future together, or there will not be a future. Religions, in particular, cannot renounce the urgent task of building bridges between peoples and cultures.”

Francis added, “peace, in order to fly, needs the wings that uphold it: the wings of education and justice ... Peace dies when it is divorced from justice, but justice is false if it is not universal”.

“Religions should be the voice of the least... and stand on the side of the poor. They should keep watch as sentinels of fraternity in the night of conflict.” He warned about “indifference” to the fate of so many. We must “not close our eyes in the face of injustice, and never resign ourselves to the many tragedies in the world”.

He asked that, in prayerful dialogue, we “commit ourselves against the logic of armed power, against the monetisation of relations, the arming of borders, the raising of walls, the gagging of the poor”. He declared that the arms race and aggression would never bring stability. “War cannot create anything but misery; weapons bring nothing but death.”

Francis said, “Human fraternity requires of us, as representatives of the world’s religions, the duty to reject every nuance of approval from the word ‘war’”. He referred specifically to the consequences of war in Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Libya. This was a sensitive matter, since the UAE is involved in the coalition supporting Saudi Arabia in the savage conflict against Houthi forces in Yemen.

Knowing that citizenship is highly unlikely for about 80 percent of the UAE population – the eight million migrant workers, a million of whom are Catholics from the Philippines, India and elsewhere – Francis delicately appealed for people of different faiths to have “the same right of citizenship”.

Francis concluded his visit with an open-air Mass celebrated before 130,000 people in Abu Dhabi, possibly the first such public Mass for many centuries.

On his flight back to Rome, Francis said that the document on Human Fraternity was “highly thought-out” between Rome and Cairo. He affirmed it was in the spirit of Vatican II, but he recognised that implementing it would be difficult.

Indeed so. But as the great majority of Muslims know only too well, jihadist violence and intolerance have resulted in immense devastation in many countries, and inflicted terrible suffering on Muslim populations, as well as on other groups. Let everyone agree: it is blasphemous to kill innocent people in the name of God.

## 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.

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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 Korea, for its Bishop, The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo 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 those people of faith who fight to retain their religious liberty. May God give them the strength to hold firm in their witness.

**Pray for the sick and their carers:**

Andrew; Joyce Bannister; Margaret Baseley; Jenny Bounds; John Burns; John Carey; Jan Cowan, Hilary Davies; Dave Ernst; Jim Foster; Florence; Stephen Griffin; Juliette Harris; Anna Laurence; Shirley Lowe; Melissa; Fr Reg Mills; Jan Morgan; Alister & Sally Palmer; Mark Palmer; Geraldine Rees; Brian Riordan; Jean Storey; Margaret Wheatley; Bob Woods

**In love and charity please remember the recently departed** that God may grant them a place of refreshment, light and peace.

**Pray, too, for,** Fr John Henry Adams; Russell George Lynott; Iris Gwendoline Stephens 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 –

~ Tuesday 14th May – Matthias, Apostle & Martyrs

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