



We pray for

The World for the de-escalation of war and conflict across the world, particularly in the Middle East and Ukraine; for the thousands of people who have had their lives and safety endangered and plans disrupted because of warfare; for those who have already lost their lives in current conflicts; for those facing natural disasters; for those who have experienced or witnessed violence for honest dedicated leaders who work for the welfare of all.

Our Community for those affected by violence, especially domestic violence; for the homeless, for those struggling with substance abuse, for those experiencing financial distress. We pray for Australians affected by heavy rains and flooding, including those in Far North Queensland as they await the arrival of another cyclone. We pray for those who are travelling and those whose plans are disrupted by fuel supplies and prices.

The Church for all who are preparing for ordination or have recently been ordained; for those involved in the governance of our church at congregational, District and Churchwide levels, for those who are preparing for our District Convention of Synod.

Our congregation for all who attend both the Korean and English language worship services. We pray for the speedy recovery of those of our congregation who are experiencing health issues; we pray for those who were elected to governance roles at our AGM and for all our volunteers who keep St Andrew's wheels turning.

Those needing our prayers Ann, Liz, Rex, Odd-Steinar, Martin, Claire, Seamus, Sacha, Shiloh, Clancy, Harvey, Hazel, Jan, Sam, Carly, Denis, Bok Hee, Deirdre, Mark, Kate, Coral, Tracey, Peter, Kevin, Sylvia, Ilaina, Tahery, Heri, Ilo Hasina and Tahina.

We are thankful

for all our volunteers who keep the wheels turning at St Andrew's – those who are rostered on Sundays, those who step in as needed, those who work behind the scenes doing cleaning, gardening, and the work of committees and Church Council.

Our Congregation

- 1. Pentecost lunch (24 May)** - after the combined English and Korean language service. If you are able to provide food for the Pentecost lunch, please let Shiron, Karyn or Giselle know so we can make sure there is food for all. This will support the 'Feast for Freedom' fundraising initiative of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) who have provided a recipe book of international recipes. Speak to Shiron if you would like to borrow a copy for inspiration.

See below under the Diversity by Design update for other details about the fundraising.

Note that there is some funding available to help with your contribution to catering for the Pentecost lunch as part of the Diversity by Design project. Talk to Shiron or Karyn if you would like to access this.

More than just a meal, this event embodies the spirit of Pentecost and, this year, the annual Feast for Freedom campaign - we choose to build 'longer tables' rather than walls. You can read about how funds are used by ASRC to support refugees in their April newsletter [here](#). Thank you.

2. **A blessing** of congregational officers and volunteers will be included in the Pentecost service.

3. **Church Council met this week** the following items were discussed by :

a. Manse renovations - next week will see the final minor finishing touches to the kitchen completed. Next week, see an overview of the manse renovation which serves to make sure Tommi and Leena are comfortable and the value of the congregation's investment is preserved. The replacement of the solar panels will proceed as the budget planning allows.

b. Homeless sleeping around the church and office - more rubbish was cleared from the gardens and the ramp outside the office on Tuesday. Mattresses and a large umbrella remain to be removed. If you have a Ute to help a one this, let Karyn know. We have refuse stations vouchers.

The situation is closely monitored by Church Council to prioritise the comfort and safety of the congregation. We can readily activate an authority to police to enter the site and charge those on the property without permission d causing issues with trespass. This does ignore the shortage of housing being faced by the homeless - this decision was only taken after establishing the availability of nightly secure sleeping facilities offered at St Johns cathedral.

c. Protocols are being put in place to manage the new security cameras and the WiFi upgrade to the office and hall.

d. Concerns were discussed about the church's complaint process and the implementation and content of the newest Church Safe requirement that volunteers sign a Code of Conduct. These concerns have been communicated to the District.

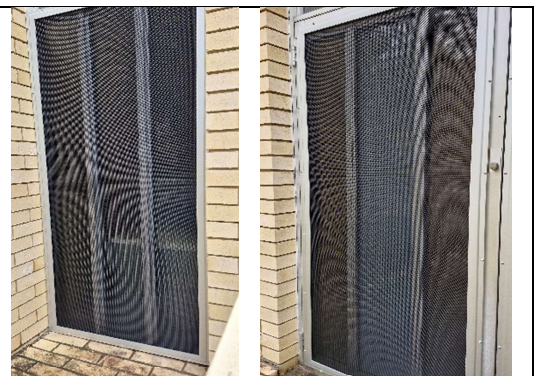
e. A review and update of congregation membership records is under way.

f. Actions from the AGM are being monitored

g. A significant anniversaries for St Andrews will be celebrated later this year - 50 years since the dedication of the current building and 70 years since the current name of the congregation was adopted

h. Password protected spaces are in place on the congregation website for Sunday School teachers and Church Council members. This makes resources more accessible

i. The security screens on the vestry door/windows at the top of the steps will be installed today



If you have any questions for Church Council or suggested topics for discussion, let Karyn or any other Church Council member know.

- 4. The St Andrew's NBN service** has now been transitioned to Aussie Broadband. As a result, we have reliable internet access available in both the office and the hall. Further details will be provided shortly so that members can connect and make use of the service in these spaces.

This upgrade will be particularly beneficial for meetings such as Church Council, Worship Committee, and the Hospital Chaplaincy gatherings led by Cathy Brown.

In addition, we would also like to advise the congregation about the cameras that have recently been installed on the premises. These cameras are intended to support the safety and security of the church property and its users. They are not used for general monitoring of activities. Any recorded footage is stored securely and accessed only when necessary, in accordance with appropriate privacy considerations.

Sincere thanks to Jeff Ost and Pastor Yong Bong Cho for their persistence and dedication in bringing this project to fruition.

5. Columbarium niche plaque - your feedback.

A sample plaque is available in the hall from this Sunday for a few weeks before being mounted on the columbarium wall when further feedback will be invited. Please have a look and let Karyn or Shiron know what you think. We are gauging feedback for a general format to follow but there will be a lot of flexibility allowed about font, wording, additional logos and number of words which may attract additional cost.

The proposed colour, border, cross and St Andrew's logos and materials will achieve a degree of uniformity that will create an aesthetically pleasing look overall.

This is a very reasonably priced (\$176 delivered for the sample) and long-lasting plaque for external use from Worsell and Co. We have found the supplier to be very accommodating throughout the process of creating the sample. They will assist niche owners with designing a plaque within the parameters that are eventually approved.

- 6.** We are pleased to share that the tender for the roof and wall remediation has now been released. Prospective contractor has begun visiting the site, and we look forward to receiving proposals by 8 May and reviewing them with our architect.

- 7. Donation to United in Hope** the collection from the Ash Wednesday service will be donated to this District appeal for the Far North Qld parish. Go to this [link](#) to find out more about this appeal and how to donate.

8. Explorations in Mission and MinistrY (EMMY) Online Conversations (District initiative) – theme: From Maintenance to Movement.

Many congregations know the feeling: there is always another issue to manage, another gap to fill, another decision to make. Energy goes into rosters, budgets, buildings, governance, and expectations. Much of this work is faithful and necessary. But over time, we can become almost entirely reactive. That is often the point where a congregation **slips into maintenance mode**.

Maintenance mode is not a sign of poor leadership. It is usually the result of accumulated pressure: declining capacity, ageing volunteers, financial stress, cultural change, and uncertainty about the future. In that environment, pastors, councils, ministry leaders and congregation members naturally focus on stabilising the present.

The shift 'from maintenance to movement' begins when we recognise that our task is more than institutional care. It is spiritual discernment. It is lifting our eyes from immediate pressures and recover a renewed imagination for our congregation's mission.

Listen to and discuss this topic with other congregation representatives at this online session:

 **Tuesday 26 May**

 **1.00pm**

 **7.00pm**

 **Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3605615625?omn=83256189035>

Meeting ID: 360 561 5625

Passcode: EmmY

9. Dates to remember and Hall use

Please note the dates in your diaries.

When?	What's happening?
Every Sunday	Sunday School 10.15am (every Sunday during school term2 until 21 June)
Every Tuesday	10am Korean Art Class
Every Thursday	10am Korean Bible Study
Friday 8 May	8am–1pm Hospital Chaplains Training
Tuesday 12 & 26 May	6.30pm Wine and Word
Sunday 17 May	11am-1pm congregational training session to be delivered by Rev David Schmidt
Tuesday 19 May	5pm Worship Cttee; 6pm Church Council meeting. Note: Date changed from 21 April.
Sunday 24 May	10am Pentecost combined Service, blessing of congregational officers and volunteers and LUNCH

10. Regular giving and other financial matters

Thank you to all who continue to make financial offerings to St Andrew's and contribute to the Containers for Change program for St Andrew's. If you wish to contribute, see [here](#) for information. Scan the bar code below at the collection centre to transfer the money to St Andrew's Diakonal fund.

The bank details for St Andrew's Regular offerings account is BSB 704942, A/c 100298818. If transferring from LLL, use A/c 4776981.

Containers for change ID C10201744
Every 10c contribution helps!
Keep those containers coming, please!



The money raised is used to buy food vouchers for those in need. If you need help, please speak to Pastor Tommi, Pastor Yong Bong or one of the Pastoral Assistants, who

will assist if possible.

Our congregational ministry and activity at St Andrews: see the hyperlink [here](#) for the full list.

Our Church

1. LCAQD - eNews **22 April** is [here](#).
2. LCA - eNews **28 April** is [here](#).
3. **Calling for Nominations** – 2026 LCAQD convention of the Synod
Are you searching for a way to serve our Lord's church? Could God be calling someone with your skill set to one of the LCAQD Boards or Councils? Click [here](#)



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Sunday Mass 10am (English) and 1pm (Korean)

Columbarium niche – contact the office to enquire about availability

If you wish to arrange for someone else to be included in the regular newsletter email or to unsubscribe from this distribution list please phone 38319106 or email <mailto:standrews.brisbane.qld@lca.org.au>. We acknowledge that our loving Creator God first gave the land on which we are placed to the Turrbal and Jagera peoples of the First Nations who have walked and cared for this land since before recorded time. We thank God for the land's Traditional Custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging