



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. We pray for those who are travelling and those whose plans are disrupted by fuel supplies and prices. We pray for communities affected by the recent deaths of children.

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 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, Shiron, Ilaina, Tahery, Heri, Ilo Hasina and Tahina.

Departed: We give thanks for the faith and life of Pastor Graham Harms, who was a member of our congregation in the early 2000s, who died in South Australia this week.

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. Welcoming presentation this Sunday 17 May 2026 from 11:10 to 12:50. A light lunch will be served.** The session to be delivered by Rev David Schmidt, District Assistant Bishop for Missions will address 'How to Be a Welcoming Church'. Please attend if you are able - we are all the face of St Andrews!

What if welcome is more than a smile at the door? What if it is a reflection of the very heart of God? *How to Be a Welcoming Church* is a thoughtful and practical presentation exploring the biblical foundation of hospitality and what it truly means to help people belong.

Grounded in grace and shaped by the example of Jesus, *How to Be a Welcoming Church* invites congregations to reflect on how strangers become guests, guests become participants, and participants become family. Through Scripture, stories, discussion, questions, and practical steps, this presentation helps congregations move beyond friendliness toward a culture of genuine belonging — where grace outweighs judgement, differences are honoured, and every person is seen as a gift from God.

- 2. Pentecost lunch (24 May 2026)** - after the combined English and Korean language service. If you are able to provide food for the Pentecost lunch, please let 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 if the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) who have provided a recipe book of international recipes. Speak to Karyn this Sunday if you would like to see a copy for inspiration.

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 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](#).

The fundraising page is open here:

<https://www.feastforfreedom.org.au/fundraisers/karyncullen/feast-for-freedom> and you can donate easily using this link.

Thank you.

- 3. A blessing of congregational officers and volunteers** will be included in the Pentecost service on 24 May.
- 4. Men's Gathering** Inaugural dinner this Saturday 16 May 2026. We are hoping men of and around our congregation may wish to gather together from time to time, and are inviting them to an Inaugural dinner on Saturday 16 May 2026 from 6pm. This will be in the St Andrews Hall. This first one will be free. Please register your name and dietary requirements via email or phone to the parish office, or fill out this [form](#) online.
- 5. Our stories:** Celebrating our foundations and charting a multi-cultural future at St Andrew's.

In 2026, we give thanks for 50 years of our present church building on Wickham Terrace - the third home of the St Andrew's congregation since it first gathered in 1858. For generations, this place has held baptisms and funerals, weddings and worship, music and prayer, laughter and tears. It carries the faith and faithfulness of many people.

As we mark this anniversary, we want to pause, remember and listen. If St Andrew's has been a part of your life - recently or many years ago - we would love to hear from you. In this way, the history of St Andrew's is not only recorded, but remembered through

the voices of those who lived it. The outcome will be a multi-media record of St Andrew's. Old photographs, service bulletins, documents or other memorabilia are also welcome. We would be honoured if you can contribute. It will be of special interest to hear the ways in which those from varied cultural backgrounds have worshipped together at St Andrew's.

Mark your diary for **Sunday 14 June 2026** between the English and Korean services. This newsletter will advertise more about how we will hear from you, collectively and individually, on that day or afterwards. Start preparing your story!

6. 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
Saturday 16 May	6pm Men's gathering
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.
Wednesday 20 May	5pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
Sunday 24 May	10am Pentecost combined Service, blessing of congregational officers and volunteers and LUNCH
Tuesday 26 May	6.30pm Wine and Word
Sunday 14 June	Our stories. Between the 10am an 1pm services

7. 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 **6 May** is [here](#).
2. LCA - eNews **12 May** 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