



## **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; including those in the Philippines; 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 adverse weather. We pray for those who are travelling. We pray for communities affected by the recent deaths, including 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 fruitful discussion and decisions at the District Convention of Synod at St Andrew's at the Gold Coast last weekend.

**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 in governance roles and for all our volunteers at St Andrew's.

**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. NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sunday 14 June 2026  
Congregational meeting (Roof and Walls Remediation project) re tender Available to collect from the narthex the notice of meeting and a proposed motion to be presented at the congregational meeting THIS SUNDAY 14 June straight after the 10 am service. The tender process closed with 3 proposals. The project team met with the architect to review the proposals. After a further report from the architect, a recommendation of the preferred contractor/s will be ready to be considered by the congregation.  
It is important to keep the preparatory steps for this work moving to take advantage of the window of winter months when rain is less likely. The work is likely to take

around 3 months to complete. Please attend the congregational meeting to consider the recommendation. This project has been a long time in the making!  
You can observe and participate in the discussion virtually, but voting will not be accepted if you attend online.

View details and RSVP here: <https://meet.google.com/jxp-gwqm-qoh>

2. District Synod - Astrid Stroessinger and Karyn Cullen, the St Andrew's delegates, will provide an overview of the event from last weekend in coming weeks.



3. **THIS SUNDAY! Diversity by Design - Our stories:** Click on the link below to nominate people to invite to the event on Sunday 14 June 2026 starting immediately after the congregational meeting through to the commencement of the Korean language service at 1 pm. A light lunch will be provided. You can submit the form as many times as you like. Who do you know who could contribute to this storytelling?

LINK: People to invite to St Andrews origin story 14 June 2026 – Fill out form

Postcards advertising this event and the potential for followup interviews were distributed at Synod as well. Thanks to Pastor Russell Briese for organising these tools to spread the word!

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.

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. Please bring along any artefacts you have collected - we will record them for the publication.

4. Pastor Tommi is on leave returning to the pulpit on Sunday 2 August. Pastor Tommi is undertaking professional development and using long service leave to refresh and recuperate. It is important for our pastors to take advantage of their leave entitlements to ensure a sustainable ministry. Thank you to Pastors Yong Bong and Russell and Owen Dixon and Cathy Brown, lay readers, for presiding over worship services in his absence.
5. If you didn't attend church last Sunday (Synod weekend), and so missed the video presentation of Bishop Mark Vainikka's sermon, you can see and listen to it on the St Andrew's website [here](#).
6. Property Committee –
  - a. there are a couple of outstanding handyman tasks to complete around the church which the members of the Committee cannot get to. If you can:
    - mount the defibrillato

- mount a couple of external notice boards  
please let Karyn Cullen know.

b. working bee to spread mulch in the Columbarium garden in preparation for winter.  
Thursday afternoon - contact Astrid on 0414986729 if you can help.

## 7. New Church Councillors' profiles

Meet our new Church Council members from 2026 in upcoming newsletters.

This week : **Hee seok Ahn**

I was born in Seoul, South Korea, and majored in Management Engineering.

I have worked in the fields of technology valuation, investment, and strategic alliances, particularly in Northeast Asia.

For many years, I attended a Korean church shaped by American Protestant traditions.

Through the Lutheran faith, Bible study, worship, and community fellowship, I have been discovering new horizons of faith and now enjoy a joyful church life with gratitude for God's grace.

As I serve St Andrew's Lutheran Church, I hope to contribute faithfully to the life of the congregation, to walk this chapter of my life faithfully, gratefully, and joyfully in the Lord, and to live in a way that glorifies him.

I sincerely thank the members of our church for always welcoming me with kindness.



- ## 8. Treasurer/assistant treasurer vacancy - if you have some experience with MYOB and other Treasurer duties such as paying accounts and financial reporting, let Karyn Cullen know. Church Council is working on simplifying this important role and putting day to day help in place. Have a chat to Karyn about what the role might look like and what your skills are.

## 9. Guest speakers:

a. Australian Lutheran World Service On Sunday 2 August after the 10 am service, the ALWS Executive Director, Michael Stolz will present for about 10mins on the topic: Step out so a child can step up!

Join hundreds of Queenslanders on Saturday 8 August for ALWS Walk My Way Brisbane, supporting girls in refugee camps in Kenya and Somalia to stay in school and avoid early marriage. Choose from a 12.5km or 3km walk or run along the Brisbane River, finishing at QUT Gardens Point with African food and cultural activities. All ages welcome—especially families. Can't make it? Sponsor a Walker or donate to help protect a girl in danger.

Register today: [brisbane.walkmyway.org.au](http://brisbane.walkmyway.org.au)

b. Joanne Corney, Church Engagement Lead at Lutheran Services and SMP Candidate on 26 July on her role at Lutheran Services for a few minutes after the 10 am service. Jo will also assist Pastor Russell in liturgy at that service.


**10. St Paul's Church Nundah – manse rental**

For further information, please contact Linda Boer 07 3266 1222

**11. Explorations in Mission and Ministry (EMMY) Online Conversations – Seeing Our Neighbourhood with New Eyes**

**June EMMY**

 **Tuesday 23 June**

 **12.30pm**

 **6.30pm** (repeated session)

**Theme:** *Seeing Our Neighbourhood with New Eyes*

**Leaders:** Jo Chamberlain and Craig Heidenreich

 **Join Zoom Meeting (Daytime Session)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3605615625?omn=81530952367>

Meeting ID: 360 561 5625

Passcode: EmmY

 **Join Zoom Meeting (Evening Session)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3605615625?omn=89880674586>

Meeting ID: 360 561 5625

Passcode: EmmY

**12. Dates to remember and Hall use**

Please note the dates in your diaries.

<b>When?</b>	<b>What's happening?</b>
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
Sunday 14 June	Special congregational meeting immediately after the 10 am service
Sunday 14 June	Our stories. Between the 10am and 1pm services
Tuesday 16 June	5pm Worship Cttee mtg; 6pm Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 23 June	6.30pm Wine and Word
Sunday 26 July	after 10am service Joanne Corney's presentation
Sunday 2 August	ALWS presentation after the 10am service
Sunday 8 August	1-5pm ALWS Walk My Way Brisbane

**13. 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 3 June is [here](#).
2. LCA - eNews 9 June is [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.*