



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 northern hemisphere experiencing a heatwave and the people of Venezuela where there have been strong earthquake; 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. We pray for the homeless ministry at St John's Anglican Cathedral.

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 implementation of decisions made at the recent 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 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.

Departed. We remember Mark Albers, a former member of St Andrew's who recently departed this life.

Our Congregation

NEW

(a) Diversity by Design (DBD) donation to St John's cathedral homeless shelter program

We received a letter of thanks for the donation from this project from the Very Rev'd Dr Peter Catt, Dean of Brisbane and The Rev'd Dr Ann Solari, St John's Homeless Ministry. The excerpt below shows how this donation will be used. Although the DBD project is complete, the legacy of practical ways to support the homeless in the CBD who often live around St Andrews will live on in our support of the St John's program starting with the donation of food from the Harvest Thanksgiving service in August (see another item in this newsletter for details of how you can contribute).

We rely on gifts such as yours to help us provide food, warm bedding and a sense of care and community for those sleeping rough on our site, especially as the days and nights become colder. Your gift will supply us with a bag of cheese each week for one year, to top our spaghetti bolognese, a real favourite among all our rough sleepers.

Donations enable us to serve the increasing numbers of people seeking assistance and, with our resources constantly being stretched, your significant donation is most welcome at this time. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to your community for supporting this vital ministry. We are grateful for your gesture of care and solidarity.

(b) This week's member profile

Meet the people who make our congregation tick!

Church cleaning: Corinne Marron, Trevor Kloeden and Paul Busing keep the church space clean for the congregation – they are at the church weekly to achieve this. They all fill multiple volunteer roles at St Andrews. Meet Corinne who is also an organist for worship services.



I'm Corinne Marron and have worshipped at St Andrews since 1975 after the Bethlehem congregation moved to the current site of the new church.

After completing my senior year at Concordia College Toowoomba in 1971, I moved to Brisbane to study nursing at the RBH followed by midwifery at the Women's Hospital. My marriage to Peter Marron was held at St Andrews in 1980 officiated by Noel Schultz. Sadly, Peter passed away from lymphoma in 2015 but our children, Jonathan and Katherine, have since married and now have their own children whom Peter would have adored.

I have been involved in the church as an organist since 1972 and served on the Council and Worship Committee. Weekly cleaning with Trevor and Paul has allowed me to support our worship space.

I feel proud to be a member here. We have wonderful people who give so much of their time to keep our little flock together.

Coming up: other volunteer profiles - have you wondered who looks after the garden, plays the organ, prepares the worship space? Meet them all in future newsletters



Roof and walls remediation project - start date will be in early August

What will happen during the construction period? There will be disruptions, as we have discussed at our workshop earlier this year; however, on the background of planning and consultation about the likely impacts, we are confident that we can make the most of the period of works to have some fun creating new memories together. We will:

- ☐ explore new ways to worship (in the hall) - access will be available on Sundays via the hall steps or the ramp from the carpark and coffee will be available before church!
- ☐ deliver Sunday School in the office
- ☐ use most of the carpark on Sundays, sharing with the site office which will cover the carparks facing Turbot St
- ☐ access the hall during the week via the hall steps

We plan to mark the last Sunday of worship in the church space with prayers for a safe workplace and a smooth transition for the congregation into the church hall for worship and back to the church. The tenant in the office building, Qld Law Group, are very supportive of this project – Steven Johnson wishes the congregation good luck with the project.

This is a significant period in the life of our church building and one we will experience together! Watch out for more details in this newsletter. Talk to Karyn Cullen, Jeff Ost or Mark Boughen if you have any queries.

Census

Census 2026 is on August 11

The census helps the government and many other organisations in Australia better understand who Australia is. One of the questions on the census is an optional question What is a person's religion? If you are a Lutheran Christian eg. you identify as a Lutheran or you attend a Lutheran congregation, you are encouraged to write in the other box Lutheran or Lutheran Christian.

A graphic showing a portion of the Australian Census form for August 11, 2026. It highlights question 24, 'What is the person's religion?', which is optional. The form lists various religions in two columns: Catholic, Anglican (Church of England), Islam, Hinduism, Unitarian Church, Buddhism, Presbyterian, Greek Orthodox, Baptist, and Other (specify). A callout box with an arrow points to the 'Other (specify)' section, containing the text: 'Lutheran?? write Lutheran in other box'.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kate Hofstee as she begins her new role as Head of Primary at Living Faith School at Murrumba Downs this week.

Congratulations to Daniel Ost and Nykeela Purs who have just announced their engagement! We wish you every happiness.



- (a) **Our stories:** on Saturday 18 July and Sunday 19 July, Katie Tonkin and Molly Phillips will be on site to start interviews and filming for this project! Katie (Mark Tonkin's sister) and Molly are talented interviewers, cinematographers, editors, graphic designers, writers and all-round multi-media storytellers. They are very excited to be recording the story of the 50 years of our church building and its people. They will be capturing our worship services and morning tea and lunch after each service. If you are available on Saturday 18 July, morning or afternoon, please let Karyn Cullen (0411276234) know so that we can organise a time for your interview. Bring along any artefacts (eg invitation to a wedding at St Andrews in this building, photos, etc) you have.

If we already have your name, Karyn will contact you about your preferred time to attend if you can make it along on this weekend. There will be another date at the church in coming months as well. Alternatively, we can arrange for an online interview or phone call. There are many ways to be involved. You can choose to be filmed or only interviewed or just to provide a story of artefacts. Whatever you are comfortable with. We want to hear you tell your story in the way you want to tell it!

Click on the [link](#) to nominate people you think might have stories to tell. Nominate yourself! You can submit the form as many times as you like. We will be in touch. 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. Any artefacts you have collected over the years can be recorded for the publication. Let us know what you have! Contact Karyn Cullen, Shiron Dixon, Kate Hofstee, Mark Tonkin or Russell Brieze.

The fine print: If you are happy to be included in the filming, there will be a release to sign to allow the use of your image in final edited footage. All interviewees will be required to sign a similar release so that the stories they tell are able to be made public.

- (b) **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. Pastor Yong Bong will take 2 weeks leave in November.

- (c) **Harvest Thanksgiving service - in August**, coinciding with the Ekka. Each year, at our Harvest Thanksgiving service, we collect and donate food to those in need. This year, we will direct our gift to St John's Cathedral for their homeless ministry. They have asked particularly for pasta (any shapes, but NOT spaghetti), pasta sauce (any variety is good), tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, uncooked mince and sausages, white long grain rice. Used blankets, doonas and towels in reasonable condition are also welcome.
- (d) **Can you help?**
- (i) Gardening - contact Astrid on 0414986729 if you can help out with specific projects in the columbarium garden
 - (ii) Rostered volunteers needed. We need more volunteers for rostered roles. Are you ready, willing and able to be a lector, an usher, count the collection, provide and serve morning tea? If you would like to join the Sunday School teaching team, please let Karyn or Leena know. Please consider putting your hand up. We aim to roster volunteers on once a month, but various factors such as school holidays, people undergoing medical procedures, and people taking well deserved holidays can affect rostering. Please let Shiron or Karyn know if you can help. The August and September rosters are currently under construction.
 - (iii) Brisbane City Council 2025-26 'dump vouchers' expire soon, at the end of August. If you have any 2025-26 vouchers you will not be using, please donate them to the office so that they can be used for clean ups in the next couple of weeks. Thank you.
 - (iv) St Paul's Church Nundah – manse rental; for further information, please contact Linda Boer 07 3266 1222
- (e) **Guest speakers:**
- (i) 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
 - (ii) 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.
- (f) **Sunday School is in recess until 19 July 2026.**
- (g) **Dates to remember and Hall use**

2. Dates to remember and Hall use

Please note the dates in your diaries.

When?	What's happening?
Sunday School	Term 3 starts on 19 July 2026
Every Tuesday	10am Korean Art Class
Every Thursday	10am Korean Bible Study

Saturday and Sunday 18,19 July	Storytelling filming and interviews
Sunday 26 July	after the 10am service Joanne Corney's presentation
Tuesday 28 July	6.30pm Wine & Word
Sunday 2 August	after the 10am service ALWS presentation
Wed, Thu 5,6 August	8am-5pm Clinical Pastoral Education
Sunday 8 August	1-5pm ALWS Walk My Way Brisbane
Friday 14 August	8am-1pm Hospital Chaplain Training

3. 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 **15 July** is [here](#).
2. LCA - eNews **7 July** is [here](#).



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