



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 Columbia, Venezuela and Japan, where there have been strong earthquakes; for those who have experienced or witnessed violence for honest dedicated leaders who work for the welfare of all. We pray for our wildlife, particularly birds and mammals that may be affected by the H5N1 bird flu.

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.

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, Owen, Shiron.

We are thankful

for all our volunteers who keep the wheels turning at St Andrew's. We give thanks for the Homelessness Ministry at St John's Cathedral who offer overnight shelter and meals to those who need this help.

Our Congregation

This week's news at a glance: Church Council meeting update; roof/walls project update; profile of the week: Pastor Yong Bong Cho; help needed – Saturday 29 August (10am-1pm OR 2-5pm) to relocate some moveable items from the church to the hall and prepare the hall space for the services from Sunday 6 September

이번 주 주요 소식: 교회 운영위원회 회의 소식; 지붕 및 벽체 공사 진행 상황; 이주의 인물: 조용봉 (Yong Bong Cho) 목사님 소개; **자원봉사자 모집** – 8월 29일 토요일(오전 10시~오후 1시 또는 오후 2시~5시) 교회에서 강당으로 이동 가능한 집기들을 옮기고, 9월 6일 주일 예배를 위해 강당 공간을 준비하는 작업에 도움의 손길이 필요합니다.

NEW

In Loving Memory Eugenie Popoditch

We hold in our prayers the family and friends of long-time St Andrew's member, Eugenie, who passed away on 8th August.

A memorial service celebrating Eugenie's life will be held on **Monday, 7th September at 11:00 am** at the **Gaythorne RSL**. The family warmly invites all congregation members who knew Eugenie.

Church Council met on Tuesday. The following topics were discussed at Tuesday's meeting:

1. Roof/walls project start date confirmed as Monday 31 August – reviewed preparations for services to begin in the hall from Sunday 6 September including working bees on Saturday 29 August (see details below)
2. Draft agenda for the Half Yearly Meeting (HYM) of the congregation on 27 September after the 10 am service to be confirmed at September meeting



3. Columbarium niche plaque decision – both the 'brass' look and 'silver' look versions will be available for use subject to Church Council approval of placement for standardization of the appearance of the columbarium wall. Church Council confirmed that variations to suit individual needs will be acceptable on the face of the plaque subject to approval. Contact the church office if you are interested in a niche in the St Andrew's columbarium.

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5. Priorities for use of congregational assets and resourcing for ministry program 2027/28 – a report will be prepared for HYM as anticipated at the March annual general meeting.
6. Pastors' reports highlighted the progress of the Korean ministry over the 5 years since

Pastor Yong Bong and Giselle first became known to St Andrew's; Pastor Yong Bong encouraged the congregation's outreach activities strengthened over the course of the Diversity by Design project:

'I believe that the donation to St John's Cathedral's homeless ministry through the Harvest Thanksgiving offering has been a strong encouragement to the Korean members and has helped deepen their sense of mission....Through this experience, we have also come to take greater pride in being part of a mission-oriented church.'

7. Proceed with a preliminary report from JDA (the congregation's architect) on the accessibility works for the church building – lift and bathrooms; a briefing meeting with the architect scheduled for Friday 21 August; a report should be available at the HYM
8. Use of the church and hall for public events from 2027 to be considered
9. Stewardship Committee reported that strong dividend receipts from the congregation's investments have countered a relatively small drop in value in recent uncertain times in the financial markets; the Committee continues to monitor the effectiveness of those investments as a major source of funding for the congregation's expenses
10. Valuation of church building for insurance purposes being reviewed
11. Organist and succession planning to be discussed at September meeting - interest in playing the organ from a person attending the 1pm Korean service
12. There is a shortage of volunteers for the roster during September with a few families on leave.

Next meeting: 15 September. If you have any questions for Church Council, let Karyn, Shiron or Wes know.

Roof/Walls project – start date Monday 31 August confirmed! The FARA subcontractors have visited the site to familiarize themselves with the context; the traffic management plan was approved. The congregation project team met with the FARA project team to confirm the start date. Worship services will commence in the hall from Sunday 6 September. If you are a photographer, the storytelling project team is interested to review your capture of the progress of this project towards completion in late November.

St Andrews today:



plants growing in the walls



the white staining in the walls

Can you help? On **Saturday 29 August** we will relocate some moveable items from the church to the hall and prepare the hall space for the services from Sunday 6 September; are you available to help any time between:

10am and 1pm (coordinated by Pastor Yong Bong) – focus on cleaning the hall and set up for the joint purpose of worship and morning tea during the project

OR

2pm and 5pm (coordinated by Pastor Tommi) – focus on moving moveable items from the church to the hall; while most furniture will remain in the church space and be protected during the project some items are required for worship and others are fragile. Please let the pastors or the project team (Jeff, Karyn, Wes or Mark) know. Many hands will make light work of this and those who are around between the sessions could share lunch.

This week's profile – Pastor Yong Bong Cho



Meet the people who make our congregation tick!

I am married to Giselle, and we are the proud parents of Sharon (married to Eden) and Aaron, as well as the blessed grandparents of Sion, who brings immense joy to our lives. We currently live in Toowong. Before moving to Australia from South Korea in 2012, my background was rooted in the Presbyterian tradition. For five years prior to migrating, I served as the director of a mission organization equipping young

adults for missionary service. This sparked a lifelong passion for mission, discipleship, and helping others discover their God-given gifts. After settling in Adelaide, Mawson Lakes Community Lutheran Church became our first spiritual home. From 2013 to 2017, I completed my theological studies and pastoral formation in the Lutheran seminary (ALC) pastoral stream. Over time, God deepened my heart for multicultural ministry, leading me to serve at St Andrew's, where I minister today. My core interests centre on Lutheran theology, pastoral care and multicultural ministry.

What I value most about St Andrew's is seeing people from diverse cultural backgrounds worship, learn, serve, and grow as one community in Christ. It is a joy to walk alongside both long-established members and those building a new spiritual home among us.

Volunteers needed for September Rostered volunteers needed while some people are on leave during September. Are you able to be a lector, an usher, count the collection, provide and serve morning tea for a 'one off' time in September? Please let Shiron know urgently if you can help.

Church Council members who are available will attend a District Training Session all day on Saturday 22 August.

Sunday School

Classes started for Term 3 from 19 July – the last class for the term will be 13 September 2026; classes will be held in the office on 6 and 13 September and into Term 4

Roof and walls remediation project - what to expect

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:

- (a) 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!
- (b) deliver Sunday School in the office
- (c) use most of the carpark on Sundays, sharing with the site office which will cover

- the carparks facing Turbot St
- (d) access the hall during the week via the hall steps
- 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.

Our stories: Katie Tonkin and Molly Phillips will be back on Saturday 4 October for more face to face interviews and filming. If St Andrew's has been part of your life recently or many years ago, we would love to hear from you. You can be filmed, interviewed, share artefacts, or nominate someone else with a story to tell. Contact Karyn Cullen, Shiron Dixon, Kate Hofstee, Mark Tonkin or Russell Briesse, or use the nomination link.

[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.

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.

Can you help?

- (i) Gardening - contact Astrid on 0414986729 if you can help out with specific projects in the columbarium garden, some mulch will need spreading in coming weeks
- (ii) The September/October rosters are under construction. Let Shiron know your availability.
- (iii) Brisbane City Council 2025-26 'dump vouchers' expire 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.



Dates to remember and Hall use

Please note the dates in your diaries.

When?	What's happening?
Sunday School	Term 3 from 19 July 2026 to 13 September (in the office from 6 September)
Every Tuesday	10am Korean Art Class
Every Thursday	10am Korean Bible Study
Saturday 29 August 10am – 1pm 2pm – 5pm	Working bees ahead of the final service in the church during the roof/walls project
Sunday 30 August	Final service in the church before roof works start
Sunday 6 September	Services begin in the hall

Sunday 27 September	Half Yearly Meeting after the 10 am service
Saturday 3 October	Storytelling filming and interviews

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 **12 August** is [here](#).
2. LCA - eNews **18 August** is [here](#)

Columbarium niche – contact the office to enquire about availability



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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.ord.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.