


**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.
We pray for all countries that have recently had or will have elections; we pray they will have leadership that cares for all people, in their countries and the world in general,
We pray for our wildlife, particularly birds and mammals that may be affected by the H5N1 bird flu and for bees whose colonies are affected by the verroa mite.

**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; for those in governance roles and for all our volunteers at St Andrew's. We pray for the workers who are involved in the roof/walls restoration project.

**Those needing our prayers** Ann, Liz, Rex, Odd-Steinar, Andrea, Martin, Claire, Seamus, Sacha, Shiloh, Clancy, Harvey, Hazel, Jan, John, Sam, Carly, Denis, Bok Hee, Deirdre, Mark, Kate, Coral, Tracey, Peter, Kevin, Sylvia, Ilaina, Tahery, Heri, Ilo Hasina and Tahina, Owen, Shiron, Dianne, Karyn.
We pray for Dr Helen Haines, an elected representative of our parliament, as she receives treatment for her injuries after she was struck by a car outside her electorate office in NE Victoria.

**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.
We give thanks for the gift of modern medicine and skilful doctors, nurses and allied medical professionals.

## Our Congregation

**This week's news at a glance:** Roof/walls project nears completion; special congregation meeting refers removal of dais back to Church Council for further consideration; this week's profile – the story of a pond and a ramp.

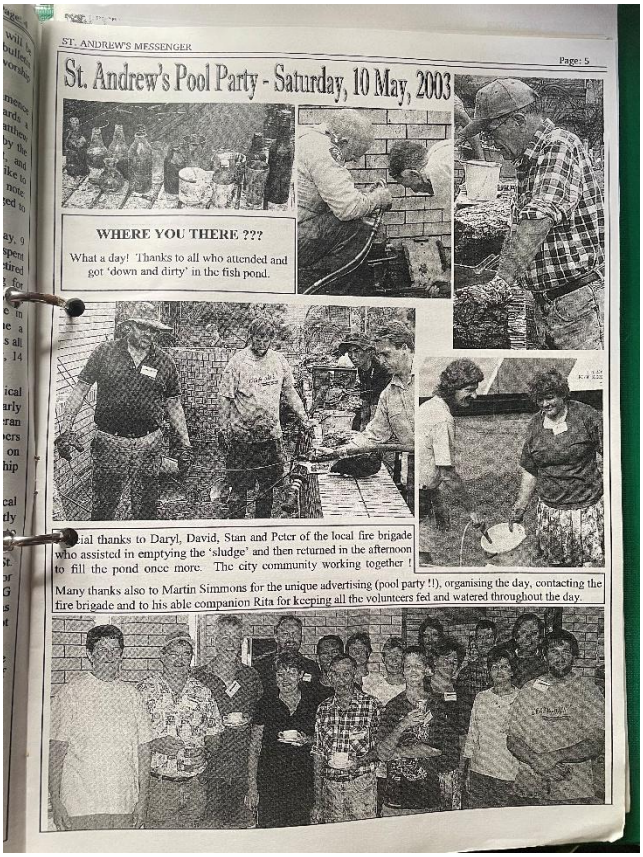



The project meeting this week focused on the details of work to be done by plumbers and electricians in the coming couple of weeks and the disruption being caused by a group of homeless people. Unfortunately, the police have been involved several times. While police action is not a long-term solution, it seems the only way open to us currently to ensure a safe worksite for the contractor's team.
The experiment with further washing of the bricks will occur this week – we will know early next week whether any improvement on the staining above the front door can be achieved.
The dais will not be removed at this point in accordance with the congregation's wishes (see below).
The contractor, FARA, has impressed with their efficiency and care for excellent outcomes so we will ask them to quote on a couple of the jobs we have ahead of us next year.
The altar cloth and wall hanging are being cleaned. The organ may need a tune. Other preparations for moving back to the church for worship for the 29 November service are under way.



**Removal of dais – Special Congregation meeting Sunday 8 November (after 10 am service)**
Thankyou to those who participated in meeting last Sunday. The meeting resolved to return the consideration of the removal of the dais to the Church Council for further consideration.

**Profiles** A new look at the past at St Andrews interspersed with profiles of current members. This week: 2003 cleaning the pond - a pool party! Did you know that the ramp at the front entrance of the church used to be a pond? See below the hard work it took to keep it clean – perhaps one good reason to replace it with a ramp? Even the fire brigade helped out with the clean and refill.
The article in a newsletter around the same date explains the planning for the installation of the current ramp.



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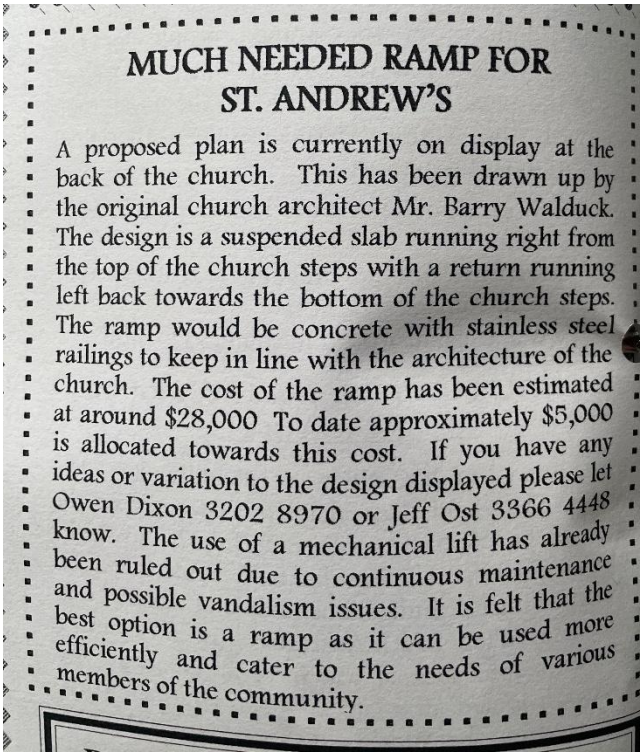
St. Andrew's Pool Party - Saturday, 10 May, 2003

WHERE YOU THERE ???

What a day! Thanks to all who attended and got 'down and dirty' in the fish pond.

ial thanks to Daryl, David, Stan and Peter of the local fire brigade who assisted in emptying the 'sludge' and then returned in the afternoon to fill the pond once more. The city community working together !

Many thanks also to Martin Simmons for the unique advertising (pool party !!), organising the day, contacting the fire brigade and to his able companion Rita for keeping all the volunteers fed and watered throughout the day.



MUCH NEEDED RAMP FOR ST. ANDREW'S

A proposed plan is currently on display at the back of the church. This has been drawn up by the original church architect Mr. Barry Walduck. The design is a suspended slab running right from the top of the church steps with a return running left back towards the bottom of the church steps. The ramp would be concrete with stainless steel railings to keep in line with the architecture of the church. The cost of the ramp has been estimated at around $28,000 To date approximately $5,000 is allocated towards this cost. If you have any ideas or variation to the design displayed please let Owen Dixon 3202 8970 or Jeff Ost 3366 4448 know. The use of a mechanical lift has already been ruled out due to continuous maintenance and possible vandalism issues. It is felt that the best option is a ramp as it can be used more efficiently and cater to the needs of various members of the community.




**Reportable Conduct Scheme – November Training**
The District will be hosting training sessions on the Reportable Conduct Scheme in November. This mandatory training will provide Congregational Council Members with practical knowledge about their responsibilities regarding child safety under Queensland's Child Safe Organisations Act 2024. All **Congregational Council Members** are required to attend one session.
Session dates:
• Thu 12 Nov, 5:00 PM | Join Meeting (ID: 446 741 722 393 | Code: ud6t6vW6)
• Sat 14 Nov, 10:00 AM | Join Meeting (ID: 458 857 982 430 | Code: GL9RS3zf)
• Tue 17 Nov, 5:00 PM | Join Meeting (ID: 479 015 902 537 | Code: We7Ew7Sq)
• Mon 23 Nov, 5:00 PM | Join Meeting (ID: 415 389 629 626 | Code: HU64Wj9H)
Please choose one session to attend.
For the Microsoft Teams meeting links and details, please refer to the email from the District.
Thank you for your commitment to keeping our church safe.

**Volunteer Governance roles** – at the AGM in March 2027 we will need many new faces in the committees that govern the congregation. Consider how you can be involved! Council? Worship Committee? Property Committee? This is useful information about roles and responsibilities if you would like more information: CLH G&A - GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP - Lutheran Church of Australia or talk to Karyn, Shiron or Wes.

**Volunteers needed for November.** Are you able to be a lector, an usher, count the collection, provide and serve morning tea, even for a '*one off* ' time in November? Please let Shiron or Karyn know if you can help.

**Sunday School**
Classes started for Term 4 and are being held in the office during the project works on site.

**Roof and walls remediation project queries or concerns?**
Talk to Karyn Cullen, Jeff Ost, Wes Volz or Mark Boughen if you have any queries.

**Our stories:** Katie Tonkin and Molly Phillips have edited and are polishing first drafts of videos! Anyone featured in the videos will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback before they are finalised.

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 and soil will need spreading in coming weeks

(ii) The November roster is under construction. Let Shiron know your availability and looking ahead for December.

Please note the dates in your diaries.

| **When?** | **What's happening?** |
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| Term 4 from 11 October -6 December 2026 | Sunday School (currently in the office) |
| Every Tuesday 10am | Korean Art Class |
| Tuesday 24th November | Church council (differed from 17th) |
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**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 **4 November** is here.
**2. LCA –** eNews **27 October** is here
**Synod at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane, on 1-4 October 2027. Delegates need to be appointed by 31 March 2027. Proposals need to be submitted by 31 March 2027.**
**3. District Synod – Communique 2 from Ben Hentschke, First Assistant Bishop – a couple of important points:**
**Accommodation - Book now!**
**We encourage all delegates and guests to book their accommodation early for the 2027 convention of the Synod to avoid disappointment. Accommodation in the North Lakes area may**
**be limited, so we recommend securing your accommodation as soon as possible to ensure you have a convenient place to stay during the convention.**

**Volunteers - We need you!**
**A successful convention relies on the generosity, commitment and servant-hearted spirit of many volunteers working behind the scenes. If you are attending the convention as a visitor or non-**
**voting member and would like to assist in a volunteer role, we'd love to hear from you. We have a variety of roles available to suit different skills and interests—please visit the Volunteer Sign Up page at the following link (volunteersignup.org/8PL9A) or contact us for more information.**

**4. Positions vacant - District**

**Strategic Charter Participation Lead, LCAQD (part-time)**
***Are you passionate about helping the Church turn vision into action?***
**The LCAQD is seeking a collaborative, organised and mission-minded person to join the Commission for Mission as our Strategic Charter Participation Lead. Working alongside the Assistant Bishop for Mission, this role will help bring the District's Strategic Charter to life by supporting initiatives that strengthen congregations, develop leaders, encourage collaboration and create new opportunities for mission and ministry.**
**We are looking for someone with strong organisational, project coordination and communication skills, an understanding of Lutheran mission and ministry, and a heart for helping people work together.**
**Position details:**
- **Up to 0.8 FTE (negotiable)**
- **Fixed-term appointment of up to three years**
- **Based at Church House, Milton, with flexibility for regional and remote engagement**

**This is an exciting opportunity to contribute to the future of mission and ministry across the Queensland District.**
**A position description is available here. For further information, including how to apply, please contact Assistant Bishop for Mission, Pastor David Schmidt. Applications close 15 November 2026.** david.schmidt@qld.lca.org.au.

**5. Calling All Artists! 2027 Synod Art Competition**
**The 2027 LLL Australia Synod Art Competition is here! Artists of all ages are invited to celebrate faith and creativity through art, inspired by this year's theme based on Luke 10:2.**
**Art Submission Deadline: Friday 23 April 2027, by 4:00pm**
✨ **Art Soirée: Friday 4 June 2027, 6:00pm–8:30pm**
📍 **Venue: Living Faith Lutheran College**
**Please see the details. We encourage everyone to get creative and participate**

**Columbarium niche – contact the office to enquire about availability**

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| **Pastor in charge** | **Associate Pastor** |
|---|---|
| The Rev'd Tommi Vuorinen<br>tommi.vuorinen@lca.org.au | The Rev'd Yong Bong Cho<br>yongbong.c@lca.org.au |

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

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