

# Anglican Parish of Grovely

THE COMMUNITY OF ST MATTHEW'S & ALL SAINTS'



**Turrbal and Jagera Country**

**Parish Vision:** *To personally and corporately know God in our lives more deeply and to live truthfully, creatively, honestly and lovingly.*

If you are visiting today, please make yourself known to the Priest and Welcomers; they will be able to help you with information about the parish.

- ♦ **Holy Communion** is available for all those whose practice it is to receive the sacrament, whatever denomination.

## ***From Fr Stephen***

### **Words of Hope for a Troubled World – Drawing on the Wisdom of C.S. Lewis**

In a world marked by war, division, anxiety, and uncertainty, we often ask: Where is hope? What can we hold onto when the news is grim, the future unclear, and suffering all too close?

C.S. Lewis, writing in the aftermath of two world wars, understood this deep ache for peace and meaning. He did not offer shallow optimism or deny the pain of life. But he did offer hope — not wishful thinking, but a hope rooted in eternal truth. In times of trouble, Lewis reminds us, God is not absent.

Rather, God is calling us to something deeper — to look beyond what we see and feel, and to trust in what is eternal. In *Mere Christianity*, he wrote: “If I find in myself desires which nothing in this world can satisfy, the only logical explanation is that I was made for another world.” That doesn’t mean we abandon this one. It means we live with the assurance that God is working even now — redeeming, restoring, and calling us toward His kingdom.

So in our troubled world, let us take heart. God is on the move. Christ has overcome the world. Our task is not to despair, but to live as people of the light — to plant seeds of compassion, to speak truth in love, and to trust that even in chaos, God is shaping something beautiful.

Hope, as Lewis teaches, is not escaping reality — it’s living more deeply into it, with faith that “the shadowlands” are not the end of the story. The best is yet to come.

Let us hold fast to that hope.

## ***Blessings Fr Stephen***



## News & Notices

*Please take your Pew Sheet with you after the service*



### A GENTLE REMINDER WORSHIP AT 9 AM SERVICE

At around 3 minutes before 9 am, a bell will be rung and we ask for silence in the church after the bell, as we intentionally prepare to be present to our Lord.



MU NOTICES

### AUGUST

- 3 Cake Stall
- 6 Healing Service at St Matthews
- 7 Service at Bellevue Aged Care
- 9 Quiet Morning
- 13 Parish Council Meeting
- 16 Working Bee at All Saints
- 18—21 Clergy Conference
- 20 MU Meeting
- 26 Service at Regis Aged Care



### REMINDER

Next Sunday 3 August at All Saints after the 9 am service.

### Retiring Collection

MU is conducting a Retiring Collection on Saturday & Sunday 9 & 10 August to raise funds for Anglicare Southern QLD Youth Homelessness Project. It will be a housing facility and MU will be helping to furnish some of the rooms the Young people will be living in. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Funds can be deposited to BSB 704901 Account No. 00014731 Ref: Retiring Collection.

The next MU meeting will be on Wednesday 20 August, commencing with the 10.00 am church service followed by morning tea. We will endeavour to get some Joy Bags made at this meeting.



### Wonder where you can help?

It is time to do the next round of rosters. We are always looking for more people to help on roster, please consider how you can be involved and share the load in the ministries of Grovely Parish life.

**We need people to help with:** Welcomers, Readers, Sides person, Sacristan, Altar linen, Morning Tea and ground maintenance.

*If you feel called to get involved in any of these, please speak to Fr Stephen or get in touch with the office to put your name on the roster.*

## Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	27 July	3 August	10 August
<b>LAs</b>	Peter H	Danny A	Norm H
<b>Welcomers</b>	Ann E	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Ann E
<b>1st Reader</b>	Clare C	Peter H	Kathryn L
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Kathryn L	Pam M	Zoltan E
<b>Sidesperson/s</b>	Kathleen C & Helper	Peter M & Helper	Les M & Helper
<b>Intercessions</b>	Danny A	Deborah H	Julie B
<b>Sacristan</b>	Peter M	Jan D	John D
<b>Counters</b>	Les M & Bev R	Gordon D & Kathy F	Narelle B & Les M
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Kathryn L & Helper	Trish S & Helper	Wendy M & Helper
<b>Friday Helper</b>	Sue H (1/8)	Dawn S (8/8)	Bev R (15/8)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	27 July	3 August	10 August
<b>LA</b>	Stuart M	Melanie D	Danny A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Melanie D	Dale G	Melanie D
<b>1st Reader</b>	Stuart M	Cheryl P	Danny A
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Iyla B	Maeve M	Gillian P
<b>Intercessions</b>	Stuart M	Melanie D	Danny A
<b>Cleaning</b>	Cheryl P (2/8)	Barbara & Cath (9/8)	Bonnie (16/8)

### Account details for Grovely Parish

#### Electronic transfers:

**BSB:** 704-901 **Account:** 00000910

### Parish Projects

#### Electronic transfers:

**BSB:** 704-901 **Account:** 00015552

### ST MATTHEW'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Available for the interment of ashes of loved ones. Enquires to the Priest.

### ST MATTHEW'S GRAVEYARD

Grave plots for burials and interments of ashes are available. Enquires to the Priest.

### PARISH FOOD BANK

If you are aware of someone in need of a meal please contact the Parish Office.

### STAMPS FOR ABM

ABM sells used stamps to assist community projects in Australia and overseas. Boxes at All Saints and St Matthews are provided to collect them.

### RECYCLING

Spent batteries, CFL's, blister packs and ink cartridges, pens, including casings, texters and pencils can be left at both churches for recycling.

### CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We collect containers with the 10c recycle sign. Remove lids and leave these in bags in the containers at both churches.



*Prayer for Peace and Hope*

*God of mercy and light,  
In a world weighed down by sorrow and strife,  
we turn to You—our refuge and strength.  
Bring peace to troubled hearts,  
calm to anxious minds,  
and hope to weary souls.  
Shine Your love into the darkest places,  
and let Your truth guide our steps.  
Where there is division, sow unity;  
where there is despair, awaken joy.  
Help us to trust in Your promises,  
to walk by faith, and to bear witness to Your grace.  
In every storm, be our anchor.  
In every silence, be our song.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.***



## News & Notices



Fr Stephen presented certificates of appreciation to the management of *Doyles in Mitchelton* and Emma from *A Fox construction* in appreciation for their involvement of the maintenance of St Matthew's hall.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR  
CONTACT DETAILS

***Did your contact details change?***

*Would you like to be added  
to the Parish Roll?*

Please complete one of the yellow  
***Details Update*** cards in the foyer  
and put it in the collection plate.

**ANGLIgreen**

[www.angligreen.org.au](http://www.angligreen.org.au)

***Don't forget your keep-cup for morning tea***



The recent annual returns shows that many Anglican communities in Southern Queensland are now powered by clean energy from the sun (almost 60% of parishes have solar), and have made the switch to low or zero emissions vehicles (1 in 5 parishes now have hybrid/EV)!!



## This Week Around the Parish

### SUNDAY 27

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthew's  
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints

### MONDAY 28

EXODUS 32.15-34  
PSALM 106.20-24  
MATTHEW 13.31-35

*Parish Office open*  
*Fr Stephen's day off*

### TUESDAY 29

EXODUS 33.7-11A,34.5-10  
PSALM 103.6-14  
MATTHEW 13.36-43

### WEDNESDAY 30

EXODUS 34.29-35  
PSALM 99.5-9  
MATTHEW 13.44-46

*Parish Office open*  
10:00 am Eucharist Said Service —St Matthew's

### THURSDAY 31

EXODUS 40.16-21,34-38  
PSALM 84.1-7  
MATTHEW 13.47-53

### FRIDAY 1

LEV 23.1-11,15-16,27-37  
PSALM 81.1-10  
MATTHEW 13.54-58

*Parish Office open*

### SATURDAY 2

LEVITICUS 25.1-17  
PSALM 67  
MATTHEW 14.1-12

6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthew's

### SUNDAY 3

HOSEA 11.1-11  
PSALM 107.1-9,43  
COLOSSIANS 3.1-11  
LUKE 12.13-21

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthew's  
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints  
*Cake stall at All Saints*