

# 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***

### **The Season of Creation - "Peace with Creation"**

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for the worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. Let us each intentional look to live in peace with creation and walk lightly as part of it.

## ***Blessings Fr Stephen***



**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025



## 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.



### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Healing Service—St Matthew's
- 6 Riverfire Twilight Market and BBQ
- 7 First Holy Communion Class
- 10 Parish Council Meeting
- 13 Quiet Morning at All Saints
- 13 Service at Keperra Sanctuary
- 14 Seafarers Service at the Cathedral
- 17 MU Meeting
- 20 Working Bee at All Saints
- 21 First Holy Communion Service
- 23 Service at Regis Aged Care

**PLEASE  
NOTE...**

The St Matthew's Service  
on Saturday 6 September  
will start at 5:00 pm.

### ***Need a parish name badge?***

Please put your name on the list in  
the back of the church.

**Felix Arnott Lecture & Workshop Presented by Associate Professor Lorna Hallahan**  
**Lecture - September 12 | 4:00 PM** Title: *Reflections on Royal Commissions: Can eliciting testimony ever be ethical?*

**Workshop - September 13 | 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM** Title: *Narrating injustice: how do advocates resist harming testifiers?* Cost: \$50 (\$35 student concession) Includes morning tea and lunch.

**More Information on the notice board or St Frances website**

<https://stfran.qld.edu.au/> in the Upcoming Events section.

*The flowers today at  
All Saints are in  
loving memory of  
Andrew Lugton*



### ***Riverfire Twilight Market and BBQ***

*Please join us on Saturday*

***6 September from 5 pm—8 pm for  
our Riverfire Twilight Market and  
sausage BBQ at St Matthew's.***

*Not only do we have our traditional  
BBQ with drinks for the fireworks, but  
there is an art and craft market in the  
hall with 16 stalls selling all kinds of  
handmade items.*

***To make this a success we need  
various helpers to help with set-up,  
during the event and to pack up  
afterwards. Please speak to  
Fr Stephen or Elizma if you can  
help in any way.***

# Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	31 August	7 September	14 September
<b>LAs</b>	Peter H	Norm H	Kathy F
<b>Welcomers</b>	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Ann E	Melissa B
<b>1st Reader</b>	Clare C	Zoltan E	Pam M
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Andrew S	Kathryn L	Lynn R
<b>Sidesperson/s</b>	Peter M & Helper	Kathleen C & Helper	Peter M & helper
<b>Intercessions</b>	Deborah H	Julie B	Danny A
<b>Sacristan</b>	John D	Jan D	John D
<b>Counters</b>	Gordon D & Bev R	Kathy F & Bev R	Clay B & Narelle B
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Anne E & Julie B	Trish S & Helper	Wendy M & Helper
<b>Friday Helper</b>	Ann T (5/9)	Lynn R (12/9)	Dawn S (19/9)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	31 August	7 September	14 September
<b>LA</b>	Barb B/ Stuart M	Stuart M / Danny A	Melanie D
<b>Welcomers</b>	Melanie D	Harold G	Sue H
<b>1st Reader</b>	Barb B /Stuart M	Stuart M / Danny A	Melanie D
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Dawn S	Armando R	Cheryl P
<b>Intercessions</b>	Barb B/ Stuart M	Stuart M / Danny A	Melanie D
<b>Cleaning</b>	Carol & Jackie (6/9)	Cheryl (13/9)	Bonnie (20/9)

## 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.



### *Season of Creation Prayer*

*Creator God,*

*We praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become—from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves.*

*We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.*

*Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.*

*Who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships—with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. Through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world. Through your resurrection, make us people of hope—with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.*

*May we come together as one family, to labor for your peace—a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.*



# PEACE WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2025



*Garden of Peace*  
Isaiah 32:14-18

Our Biblical text for this year is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored.

There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, metanoia (repentance), and solidarity.

### SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Did you know it costs around \$ 682 per day / \$ 4775 per week to keep our parish operational?

Why?

The Parish has to foot all of its wages, building maintenance (2 churches, hall, parish office, rectory) ministry costs and resources, cleaning, utilities, IT, insurances, safe ministry charges, diocesan commitments, etc) by itself. A misconception by some is that the Diocese supports parishes financially (pays stipend, etc), however this is not the case.

Please make sure you take up your part in supporting the work of the church in your parish by giving regularly, generously and with thanksgiving to God.

Giving can be set up using this account: BSB 704-901 Account 00000910

Further, the St Matthew's Hall roof needs to be replaced ASAP at the cost of about \$45,000. We have been slowly raising the funds needed and working to bring the hall back to good condition but the roof has now become the priority. Please help financially if you can.

Parish Projects (Roof Replacement): BSB 704-901 Account 00015552



## This Week Around the Parish

### SUNDAY 31

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

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### MONDAY 1

1 THESSALONIANS 4.13-18  
PSALM 96.7-10  
LUKE 4.16-30

*Parish Office open  
Fr Stephen's day off*

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### TUESDAY 2

1 THESSALONIANS 5.1-11  
PSALM 27.9-14  
LUKE 4.31-37

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### WEDNESDAY 3

COLOSSIANS 1.1-8  
PSALM 27.9-14  
LUKE 4.31-37

*Parish Office Open*  
10:00 am Eucharist & healing said service - St Matthew's

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### THURSDAY 4

COLOSSIANS 1.9-14  
PSALM 98.1-6  
LUKE 5.1-11

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### FRIDAY 5

COLOSSIANS 1.15-20  
PSALM 100  
LUKE 5.33-39

*Parish Office Open*

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### SATURDAY 6

COLOSSIANS 1.21-23  
PSALM 54  
LUKE 6.1-5

5:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthew's  
5:00 pm - Riverfire Twilight Market and BBQ  
8:00 pm

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### SUNDAY 7

JEREMIAH 18.1-11  
PSALM 139.1-5,12-18  
PHILEMON 1-25  
LUKE 14.25-35

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