

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 burdens that we carry are not burdens stacked upon us by God but burdens we seem to place on each other and ourselves. It can seem easier though to deflect these burdens onto God as if God is solely responsible, thus foolishly thinking that we can sidestep what is often of our own making. It must be God's will and all that type of language is unhelpful and is certainly not conducive of a God who walks with us in our suffering and leads us out of the wilderness times in our lives. Our journey of faith is to be one which includes a degree of lightness because of the assurance we have in things hoped for. And let's not mislead ourselves here, the assurance of things hoped for relates to divine things and not worldly desires.

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.



March

- 3 Cake Stall
- 5 Lent Study—All Saints
- 6 Healing service
- 6 Lent Study—St Matthews
- 7 Service at Bellevue
- 9 Car Boot Sale
- 12 Lent Study—All Saints
- 13 Lent Study—St Matthews
- 13 Parish Council Meeting
- 16 Working bee—All Saints
- 19 Service at Madonna Villa
- 19 Lent Study—All Saints
- 20 Lent Study—St Matthews
- 20 MU Meeting
- 23 Art Workshop
- 24 Palm Sunday
- 26 Service at Regis
- 26 Lent Study—All Saints
- 27 Lent Study—St Matthews
- 28 Maundy Thursday
- 29 Good Friday
- 30 Art Workshop
- 31 Easter Day

"Fingerprints of God" Art workshop facilitated by Formation student and Professional artist, Arian Miller. Sacred geometry is the perfect blend of Art and Mathematics and plays a role in our understanding of the universe. Fingerprints of God is an exploration of the Sacred Geometry found in nature and the Christian art and architecture based on its principles. All who would like to learn more about this fascinating practice and would like the opportunity to produce their own Sacred Geometric artwork are most welcome. All materials will be supplied. 2, 23 & 30 March 9.00 - 11.00 am All Saints, Children's Chapel
Please put your name on the list if your interested in attending.



RETIRING COLLECTION

MU will be conducting a retiring Collection for Building disaster resilience for people with disabilities in the Solomon Islands on SATURDAY & SUNDAY 9th and 10th MARCH.

The next Mothers Union Meeting will be on *Wednesday 20 March*, commencing with the church service at 10.00 am . Our Guest Speaker will be Father Stephen speaking about his life as a Navy Chaplain. All are welcome to join us.



Cake Stall: Today
after the 9 am service.

Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	3 March	10 March	17 March
LAs	Danny A	Stuart M	Gordon D
Welcomers	Melissa B	Julie B	Anne E
1st Reader	Lynn R	Andrew S	Pam M
2nd Reader	John D	Kathryn L	Arian M
Sidesperson/s	Ros T & Helper	Ros T & Helper	Peter M & helper
Intercessions	Julie B	Deborah H	Danny A
Sacristan	Jan D	John D	Peter M
Counters	Les M & Danny A	Bev R & Clay B	Simon L & Tara P
Morning Tea	Narelle B & helper	Wendy M & Helper	Ros T & Helper

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	3 March	10 March	17 March
LA	Arian M	Glen G	Melanie D
Welcomers	Dale G	Melanie D	Sue H
1st Reader	Arian M	Glen G	Melanie D
2nd Reader	Harold G	Cheryl P	Dawn S
Intercessions	Arian M	Glen G	Melanie D

Offerings

Account details for Grovely Parish

Electronic transfers:

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

ST MATTHEW'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

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

PARISH FOOD BANK

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

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We collect containers with the 10c recycle note on the bottle or can for funds towards our projects account. Please leave these in the marked containers at both churches.

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 and ink cartridges, pens, including casings, texters and pencils can be left at both churches for recycling.



PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,

During this season of Lent, let me remember all that you have done for me.

Help me to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and pain that you went through for us. As I make a few of my own sacrifices, help me to stay strong and committed to this Lenten journey and use my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my relationship with you. In moments where I struggle, remind me of the incomparable sacrifice and struggles that you endured. Guide my heart and mind to stay focused on your love and glory.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.





Injustice Fast (From a resource created by The Bishops Committee on Creation Care, Toronto)

Is this not the fast that I choose; to loose the bonds of injustice? Isaiah 58:6

This week, think about justice for people and the land in relation to the products you buy: chocolate, coffee, out-of-season food, factory- farmed meat. Try to give them up. Think about how you care for the land around your house and give up practices that destroy the habitat of other creatures. Learn about and reflect on what justice would look like for the Indigenous Peoples who first cared for this land and those who are Black and People of Colour who have been denied access to land both historically and today. Instead buy fair-trade chocolate (think Easter eggs) and coffee, and purchase sustainably-raised meat and locally grown produce.

More flyers are available in the foyer for those who are able to hand out or letterbox drop. Volunteers needed the day before and on the day to help with this event. Sign on sheet in the foyer—your help will be greatly appreciated.



AMUA Mothering Sunday Overseas Target Project 2024

Disaster and Climate Change Management in the Pacific: Solomon Islands



AMUA branches will again celebrate Mothering Sunday and invite parishioners to contribute to our retiring collection to support Mothers Union work.

AMUA accepted the invitation from Mary Sumner House to support Pacific Islander Nations as they deal with changes to their environment due to increasing disruption caused by weather incidents such as cyclones and the effects of rising tides and flooding on villages.

Please keep the team in your prayers as they work with local communities in upgrading a local Solomon Islands church into an evacuation center, with a specific focus on the inclusion of people living with disabilities.



Thank you for your support



This Week Around the Parish

SUNDAY 3

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews

9:00 am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School - All Saints
Cake stall at All Saints

MONDAY 4

2 KINGS 5.1-15
PSALM 43
LUKE 4.24-30

Fr Stephen's day off
Parish Office Open

TUESDAY 5

SONG OF 3YM
PSALM 25.3-9
MATTHEW 18.21-35

7:00 pm Lenten Study—All Saints

WEDNESDAY 6

DEUTERONOMY 4.1-9
PSALM 147.12-20
MATTHEW 5.17-19

Parish Office Open
10:00 am Morning Prayer - St Matthews Hall

THURSDAY 7

JEREMIAH 7.23-28
PSALM 95.6-11
LUKE 11.14-23

10:30 am Service at Bellevue Nursing Home

FRIDAY 8

HOSEA 14.2-9
PSALM 81.13-16
MARK 12.28-34

Parish Office Open

SATURDAY 9

HOSEA 5.15-6.6
PSALM 51.10-17
LUKE 18.9-14

7:00 am Car Boot Sale—St Matthews

6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews

SUNDAY 10

NUMBERS 21.4-9
PSALM 107.1-3,17-22
EPHESIANS 2.1-10
JOHN 3.14-21

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews

9:00 am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School - All Saints