

# 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*

As difficult as it might seem, times of crisis and hardship can also be times of opportunity and unexpected growth. Sadly sometimes God is only noticed or called for by us when we find ourselves feeling hopeless and broken, those times when we have tried everything in our own limited power to restore ourselves and when we reluctantly admit defeat allow room for God in our lives.

However, sometimes God needs to block the way we are travelling even if the way seems good because there is a bigger plan for us that we are not yet aware of. True we all want success, yet failure often tends to teach us far more. What might look and feel like failure may just be the time that the door to God opens for us. What looks like the end of all our hopes and dreams, the destruction of every plan and aspiration we have ever entertained may actually be the Lord's summons to a closer, yet more challenging, walk with him. But God never closes one door of our lives without opening another. We know the resilience we can muster in times of loss and grief, we know our ability to rebuild and continue living and growing even when it sometimes seems pointless.

*Blessings Fr Stephen*

9 February 2025 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany- Year C



# 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.



### FEBRUARY

- 12 Parish Council Meeting
- 15 Working Bee at All Saints
- 19 MU Meeting
- 23 AGM—All Saints after 9 am service
- 25 Service at Regis Nursing Home
- 26 Deanery Meeting at All Saints



*The cake stall raised \$314 this month. Thank you to all who supported the cake stall.*



Annual General Meeting  
**SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY**  
**@ ALL SAINTS**

**All the reports are due by**  
**MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY**

*Reports can be emailed to* Elizma (office@grovelyanglican.org.au) *or hard copies can be placed in the vestry for collection, marked for* Elizma’s attention.

Any “other business” must be in writing seven full days before the AGM.

**Nomination forms for Parish Council are available in the foyer**

### **NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?**

Order form for new Name Badges are in the back of the church. Order will be submitted at the end of February.



### **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, 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.***

***If you are currently on roster and not available in the next 3 months, please let Elizma know.***

# Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>LAs</b>	Norm H & Gordon D	Peter H & Stuart M	Danny A & Norm H
<b>Welcomers</b>	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Ann E	Melissa B
<b>1st Reader</b>	Lynn R	Pam M	Clare C
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Andrew S	John D	Kathleen C
<b>Sidesperson/s</b>	Peter M & Helper	Les M & Helper	Kathleen C & Helper
<b>Intercessions</b>	Julie B	Stuart M	Hugh B
<b>Sacristan</b>	John D	Jan D	Peter M
<b>Counters</b>	Bev R & Kathy F	Narelle & Clay B	Gordon D & Stuart M
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Wendy & Helper	Ann E & Julie B	Trish S & helper
<b>Friday Helper</b>	Sue H (14/2)	Frances F (21/2)	Bev R (28/2)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	February 9	February 16	February 23
<b>LA</b>	Danny A	Glen G	Stuart M
<b>Welcomers</b>	Dale G	Melanie D	Harold G
<b>1st Reader</b>	Danny A	Glen G	Stuart M
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Dawn S	Cheryl P	John P
<b>Intercessions</b>	Danny A	Glen G	Stuart M
<b>Cleaning</b>	Barbara & Cath (15/2)	Cheryl (22/2)	Merle & Jackie (1/3)

## Account details for Grovelly 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 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.



*How often Lord*

How often when weary  
do we sigh 'The spirit is willing,  
but the body is weak.'

How often when in prayer  
are thoughts distracted by  
sounds or circumstance,  
or prayers diverted  
by trivial concerns.

Baggage carried with us  
rather than left at your feet.  
How often do we find ourselves  
apologising to you  
for our abbreviated prayer life.

And yet you draw us still  
to be in your presence,  
as you did the disciples at Gethsemene.

You want us to share in your life,  
to play our part.

You told your disciples to watch and pray,  
so that they might not fall into temptation.

Do you ask the same of us  
and do we also fail you,  
each time we whisper  
'The spirit is willing,  
but the body is weak'?

Grant us the strength, Lord,  
of body and of spirit,  
to offer you the sacrifice  
of our lives. **Amen.**



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

## David Pocock, Independent Senator for the ACT

"We should be thinking about young people when we make decisions. It's our duty as politicians and policy makers to make sure the climate young people and future generations inherit is one they can live and thrive in. I want to be part of a parliament, and more importantly a country, that takes this responsibility seriously.

Join the 24823 people already supporting the bill to:-

consider the likely impact of decisions that could harm the climate on the health and wellbeing of current and future children as the paramount consideration; and Not to make a decision that could harm the climate if the decision poses a material risk of harm to the health and wellbeing of current and future children in Australia.

You can sign at <https://adutyofcare.davidpocock.com.au/>



*Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 12 February  
at 7:00 pm All Saints*

*New contact details?  
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.*

## Working Bee at All Saints

**15 February at 7:30 am.**

All help will be greatly appreciated.

Please bring your own sun hat and gloves. **Other safety gear available on site.**



## MU NOTICES:

The first MU Meeting for the year: Wednesday 19 February commencing with church service at 10.00 am. Followed by morning tea. It will be a business meeting.

**Blister packs are now accepted for recycling.** Please use the bin currently marked CFL's and Pens. Just a reminder that batteries include button batteries.





# This Week Around the Parish

## SUNDAY 9

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews  
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints

## MONDAY 10

GENESIS 1.1-19 *Fr Stephen's day off*  
PSALM 104.33-37 *Parish Office Open*  
MARK 6.53-56

## TUESDAY 11

GENESIS 1.20-2.4A  
PSALM 8  
MARK 7.1-13

## WEDNESDAY 12

GENESIS 2.4B-17 *Parish Office Open*  
PSALM 104.26-32 **10:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**  
MARK 7.14-23 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting—All Saints

## THURSDAY 13

GENESIS 2.18-25  
PSALM 128  
MARK 7.24-30

## FRIDAY 14

GENESIS 3.1-8 *Parish Office Open*  
PSALM 32.1-8  
MARK 7.31-37

## SATURDAY 15

GENESIS 3.9-24 7:30 am Working Bee—All Saints  
PSALM 106.20-24 **6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews**  
MARK 8.1-10

## SUNDAY 16

JEREMIAH 17.5-10 **7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**  
PSALM 1 **9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints**  
1 CORINTHIANS 15.12-20  
LUKE 6.17-26