



St Peter's Anglican Church Wynnum

CORNERSTONE NEWS **March 2024**

Welcome to the Cornerstone News, an issue full of photos, updates and fun.

February is a tricky time of year to put a newsletter together.

Frankly, I find February tricky full stop! January is still a little relaxed – holidays may not be quite over, you are de-compressing after whatever the year before and/or December brought into your life, and the year ahead is just waiting to be embraced. If you're anything like me, you try to not schedule too many things for January, so that you can prolong this feeling.

But then February hits – and you wonder where the year has gone! All the things you put off in January are now on your plate and you're so busy you are working on a "just in time" model. *Does this article have to be written by tonight? Or can I finish the AGM minutes tonight and push the article back until tomorrow?* Should anything unexpected get lobbed your way, it can send you over the edge!

But the other problem with February is that it's the "perfect" time for a newsletter. Christmas is not so long ago that we don't want to relive it, we've had the AGM so can announce our leaders for the upcoming year – and we can start looking forward instead of back. There's so much "future" to talk about. February is such an exciting month!

Plus, on a personal note, I LOVE Lent and Easter. So, it's lovely to be able to talk about Lent before it's over, and then leave myself free to embrace it. Sometimes we in the communications team find ourselves forgetting to live the moment. We're busy trying to take photos and notes so that we can write articles and/or post on the Parish's Facebook page. Well, I'm telling you in advance – this is your Lent and Easter issue. There won't be too much about March or Easter in the June issue, as we'll be busy immersing ourselves in Lenten reflections and all that it entails.

Thank you, as always, for being part of our St Peter's community. We hope you enjoy this issue of the Cornerstone News and look forward to sharing more updates soon.

Cryssi Flynn, on behalf of your Cornerstone News team

Greetings from your priest...

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord Jesus! I thank the Cornerstone News editorial committee for bringing out this first edition of the year 2024. As a church, we started this year aiming to expand our ministries and reach out to many. I see there are ample opportunities and at the same time challenges ahead. There is a need to stretch our mission to reach children and youth in our midst to support them in their spiritual and holistic well-being.

The spiritual component of a person defines complete personhood. Keeping this in mind, we already have started 'Kidz Church' for children below 8 years of age, and 'Dreamerz' for tweens and teens. In addition, I would like to start a second worship service in the second half of the year which would be contemporary in style, inter-cultural in approach, and creative to accommodate youth and be inter-generational. I would like to invite everyone to offer their sincere opinions and those gifted singers and musicians whom you know or yourselves to come forward and be part of the worship team. At St Peter's, we need a musician (pianist) for the 8.00 a.m. Sunday worship as well. Your gifts and your time will be greatly appreciated. You will be happily welcomed to be part of our worship team.

On 11th February 2024, four of our friends got confirmed and received their first communion. It was such a blessing to witness this event. Confirmation is similar to baptism as a sacramental event to experience God's grace and enjoy the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.

I would like to share with you about 'grace' especially as we have entered into the season of Lent.

St Paul claims, "By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15.10). What does Paul mean by this?

To me, this reflects two realities of his life:

1. He used to be violent, daring to attack others, self-righteous and someone who fully relied upon his own strengths and merits.
2. After his conversion, he began to experience more suffering and challenging situations in life.

So, the following questions arise:

- ? How was he able to become totally a different person of good?
- ? How was he able to endure pain and also gain strength in his weaknesses?

Paul's answer to the above two questions is the same: If we can experience the grace of God in our lives, then we can change for good; and we can find the source of strength in all our weaknesses.

Paul's words, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4.13) reveal his source of life transformation and strength. What Paul experienced when he looked upon the cross was all about the LOVE of God in Christ Jesus. This love of God which he believed was offered to him freely and at a time when he did not expect and felt undeserved. When we feel being loved at a time unexpected and undeserved, Paul understands it to be the 'grace of God'. He wants everyone to understand that this 'grace of God' comes to us for free (Romans 3.24).

Lent is a time of reflection to experience the 'grace of God' in our lives. Sometimes, we have experienced this grace but may not have realised it. Lent gives us an opportunity, like Paul to look within to be transformed and to gain strength by the grace of God. May you experience the love of Christ in your lives, and gain strength and peace in your challenging situations. I like to conclude by greeting you all in the words of Paul, "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ", Amen
(Romans 1.7) *Rev'd Sam*



Christmas Services

Doesn't Christmas seem a long time ago now? It's been two months since the shops switched out the Christmas treats for Easter. I'd like to think at least some of our community spend time in reflection and gratitude after Christmas, using that lovely week between Christmas and New Year's as a bit of a "reset" to have a break from their usual reality.

We had such a huge Christmas season at St Peter's that I revelled in my peace and solitude for much of the following week. Like every good story or piece of music, you need the intense crescendo and then you need to compliment it with a bit of quiet time.

We held eight services between Sunday 17th December and Monday 25th December. No "repeats" – eight completely separate services. Yes, four were our "usual" Sunday and Wednesday services – but four were specific Christmas services.



We started with a Nine Lessons and Carols service on the night of Sunday 17th. We held this service in 2022 – but it hasn't been part of our "normal" St Peter's tradition until now. Rev'd Sam had the wonderful idea to make this service an ecumenical event – which allowed him to contact some of our neighbouring churches and worship centres. As a result, we are forming stronger ties in our community and had a packed church with lovely readings and music. Since all the churches who came are asking if we'll do it again next year, I think we call it a success!

On the Wednesday before Christmas we held our Blue Service. We introduced this a number of years ago, as a quiet and contemplative service for those feeling a bit overwhelmed by Christmas, and those not finding it quite as joyful as they'd like. The success of the Blue Service can't be measured in numbers, but by the sincere gratitude and thankfulness we've received from those who attended. The only thing we're going to change for next year, is to hold this service a bit earlier in December.

Finally, with Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday, Rev'd Sam held four services in 25 hours. Minnie and Sam organised the kids from our youth groups to enact the Christmas Story for us at the Family Service on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Morning. They did a fantastic job – impressing both congregations and the Bishop!

Minnie, Sam, the kids and their parents all deserve a massive congratulations, as they put hours and hours of effort into learning and practicing their parts. It was well worth it guys! If you came to our Midnight Mass & Carols and didn't get to see the kids in action head to our YouTube page and watch the Christmas Morning Gospel & Sermon – it is an extract from the full service, with the youth groups' enactment of the Gospel followed by the Bishop's sermon.



★ Pandoras Update

A heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, whose commitment and passion illuminate the heart of our beloved Pandoras. Whether you've contributed through regular shifts or lent a helping hand during our sorting, cleaning, and recycling days, your invaluable efforts have not gone unnoticed. Together, we've fostered a vibrant community that radiates warmth and compassion.



In sadder news, we bid a fond farewell to a beloved member of our Pandoras family. Liz Richards, whose unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in washing and sorting at home, have left an indelible mark on our hearts. While Liz embarks on a well-deserved retirement due to health reasons, we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt wishes for a speedy recovery.

Reflecting on our journey, 2023 saw us embark on exciting endeavours, including our experimental Saturday openings. While the profitability might not have met our expectations, we remain undeterred and committed to exploring new avenues, fuelled by your unwavering support and enthusiasm. With plans to ramp up our advertising efforts, we're determined to make these special Saturdays a resounding success!

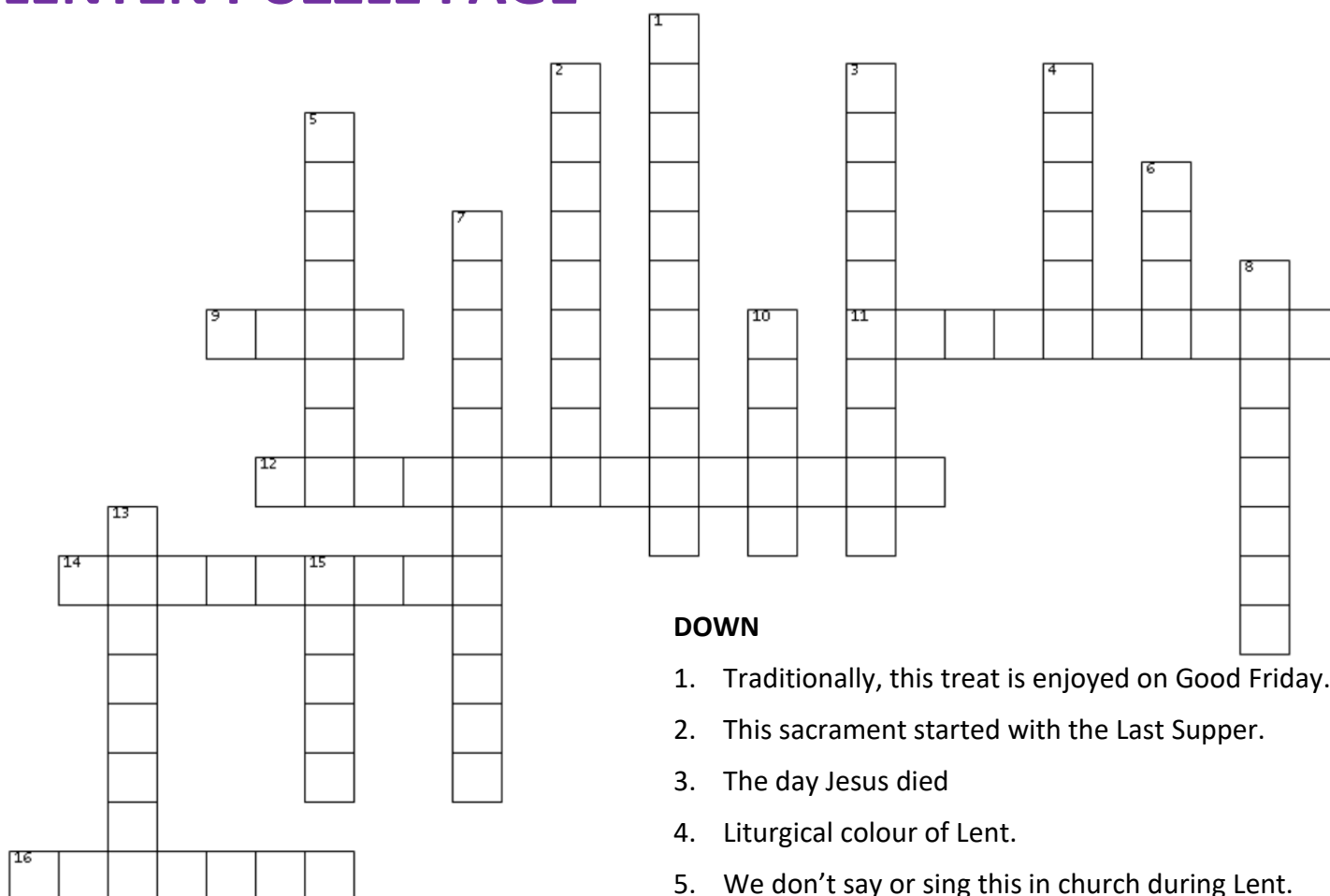
As we step into 2024, we embrace change with open arms. Our shop has undergone a refreshing transformation, with revamped rails, and reimagined shelving, creating a welcoming space for all who enter. Countless hours of meticulous cleaning have breathed new life into Pandoras, ensuring that it remains a beacon of hope and inspiration for years to come.



2024 is off to a great start already. We've had tons of donations, some new faces and many welcome comments on the new look and fabulous atmosphere of our store. We've only been open for three weeks and already have made record sales of over \$4,000.

Pandoras is a real team effort, and while our opening hours may have reduced since 2020, our workload hasn't. Each year, we get more donations, more customers, network with more outreach groups and generally work harder and longer to ensure Pandoras mission is successful. While the revenue generated by Pandoras is critical to our Parish operating budget, Pandoras' mission is to recycle and upcycle - making clothing and household items available to all who come through our doors (and a great many who can't).

LENTEN PUZZLE PAGE



ACROSS

9. A week before Easter is _____ Sunday.
11. Lent can be a good time for practicing this.
12. The night we stand vigil in the Church
14. Traditional Lenten observance, giving up something.
16. Traditional practice of abstaining from meat.

DOWN

1. Traditionally, this treat is enjoyed on Good Friday.
2. This sacrament started with the Last Supper.
3. The day Jesus died
4. Liturgical colour of Lent.
5. We don't say or sing this in church during Lent.
6. Season preceding Easter.
7. Day marking the beginning of Lent.
8. Final week of Lent, also known as Passion Week.
10. Mark on the forehead made from ash, as a Lenten symbol of penance and repentance.
13. What is traditionally eaten the day before Lent starts.
15. The number of days in Lent

Easter Egg Hunts

In a book I read recently, a family kept the tradition of the easter egg hunt alive long after their children were grown. They hid those plastic eggs you can open and close in their back yard. Inside they put a small chocolate egg and a note with an idea for community giving. There was still stiff competition to gather the most eggs, but now their kids (and grandkids) also spend the year carrying out the tasks and ideas written in their eggs. Nice.

p.s. answers to the crossword puzzle are on page 14.

Pantry Update



The pantry have been so busy over the last few months, I feel like they should have a newsletter all of their own. If you haven't read Marilyne's AGM report – I recommend that you do. It's a great read and shows the reach and impact St Peter's and St Pete's Pantry has in our community.

We wrote about the Christmas Hampers in our last edition – and what a great response we'd received from local business and groups who donated food and goods for the hampers. This was followed by hamper-packing day which was the most streamlined it has ever been – and a good thing too as I think we hit a record for the number of volunteers who came to help. Luckily we'd bought those new fans for the church – we ran over and pinched a couple to make the packing a little easier. Ali ran a make-shift heat-stroke-recovery room in the airconditioned office too!



The pantry gave out 199 Christmas hampers in two days - which is just amazing.



After a very small break, they came back full force and totally revamped the "actual" pantry (ie: the room with all the food). They pulled everything out (shelves and all) cleaned it up, reorganised the shelving and restocked. All this in 35⁰ + heat. That's dedication. The new layout means that hamper packers on a Monday (when it's crazy-busy) have room to make and store hampers, without stepping on each others toes.

While the inside folk were doing this, the outside folk were high-pressure-hosing the concrete area between the hall and Pandoras. You may have noticed that it was looking a bit worse for wear after some heavy use by locals in recent months. So in their "week off" the pantry team spent a few hours scrubbing and hosing this area to make it look brand new. So next time you see Robin, Paul, Pat, Rose, Rae, Jane, Chris, Richie or any of the Pantry crew – give them a big hug.

Finally, while all this was going on, Marilyne was asked if we could come to the rescue of a local kindly teacher who took emergency custody of her cousin's four children after their parents died in a tragic domestic violence event. With the help of some very generous parishioners and supporters, we were able to ensure this family had beds, food, clothing and presents. It doesn't get any better than that.

Parish Council, Wardens, Synod, Nominators

February is AGM month at St Peter's. If you've ever wondered why, it's because the Diocese requires us to submit our "annual returns" by the 15th of March, and we need to include our new office bearers (ie: Wardens, Councillors etc) for the upcoming year.

By having the AGM the third week in February, we can finalise the proposed budget and plans during January Parish Council, and get the new team sworn in before the February Parish Council meeting.

As has been the case for the last few years, the AGM was held in the church straight after our 8am service. As you might have noticed, once we head over to the hall for a cup of tea, it's hard to tear people away to attend a meeting. It also means we don't have to setup chairs for everyone in the hall!

This year has seen a few changes to our team of office bearers. We had record numbers of nominees this year – and while this has the downside of having to choose, and not all nominees having the opportunity to serve in this way – it's also a sign of a healthy parish.

We welcome Rae McCaughey onto the executive team as a churchwarden, and Ana Dawson & Ruth Hodson on as new Parish Councillors. We also thank Lesley Woodforth and Robyn Elliott who have shifted into the role of Parish Nominators this year and David Beckinsale as he joins Richie as one of our Synod Reps and joins Lesley and Robyn as one of our Parish Nominators. Most of these roles are for one year, but Synod Rep is a three-year commitment – so triple thanks to Richie and David.

Our utmost thanks go to all those who are stepping back for the time and energy you have given us, and for those who are new (or back after a break) – welcome aboard.



Our pawfect parishioners Faith & Timmy wait in trepidation for the AGM financial report.



In alphabetical order from the top left:

Ana, Chris, Cryssi, David, Lesley, Nicholas, Pat, Rae, Sam, Richie, Robin, Robyn, Ross, Ruth, Sue, Wendy

Your Wardens:

Wendy Ross
Nicholas Bron
Rae McCaughey

Your Synod Representatives:

Richie Lloyd-Jones
David Beckinsale

Your Parish Nominators:

David Beckinsale
Robyn Elliott
Lesley Woodforth

Your Parish Councillors:

Pat Harris
Robin Harris
Ross Hodson
Ruth Hodson
Sue Kemp
Cryssi Flynn
Ana Dawson
Chris Duffield

Around and About

Did you come to TREE-rific! Wasn't it fabulous?

This year TREE-rific was held from Saturday to Saturday rather than our usual Wednesday to Tuesday. We wanted to mix things up a bit and see if we got more people through having the two Saturdays.

While we're all very pleased we tried this, the outcome was that while it didn't really affect the number of patrons or the quality of the displays—the logistics of asking businesses to setup their trees and pull them down on weekends was problematic – as was having TREE-rific “pull down” the same day as our carols service. So – lesson learned, we'll be back to Wednesday-Tuesday again next year!



We had trees from all sorts of community groups and in what has become a crowd favourite, Rose & Paul's “music” tree. This year we introduced a “find the sheep” competition for the kids – who were very excited to spot the sheep hiding in and amongst the trees.

For those of you who came on the final weekend, you'd have been forgiven for thinking that someone came in and watered the trees. In a classic case of biblical irony, we had an influx of water in the baptismal alcove. Perhaps someone was trying to tell us something?

We had had some problems with the baptistry in the past, and thought we'd fixed it with some roof repairs. As it turns out, we had fixed the roof – this time the water came up from the floor – as the down pipe in the atrium was blocked. So, a few hours with the industrial dryer and a visit from the plumber, and we're as good as new!



Artist's rendition of flooded Baptistry

It did keep us on our toes over Christmas though – as the baptistry flood killed the power outlets in that area – which are responsible for a number of random things like the front entry lights, the washing-up kettle in the prep room and the TV at the back of the church (the one the Priest and the LAs use). So, the baptistry turned into a bit of a construction site for a few weeks, with ladders, cables, cameras and fans all vying for space. But in our usual resilient fashion, we powered through.

On that note, I'm sure you've all noticed that we have an abundance of fans in the Church at the moment. While we can't manage air conditioning, we bought three industrial strength pedestal fans, repurposed a couple of “desk” fans for the communion rails and affixed regular fans throughout the church. It didn't make it cool by any means, but the height of summer was a lot easier to handle. Now we just have to break the news to Robin that we want to store them all in the shed until next year....

Solar – nearly there

The good thing about having 15 or so fans running in the Church, was that it was all using our shiny new solar panels for electricity running costs! You'll recall from last edition that we'd been scheduled for "hall to church" connection by Christmas – but understandably, AGL moved us down the list so that they could restore power to flood-ravaged parts of Queensland. As a result, we're still waiting – but "any day now" the last couple of pieces will fit into the puzzle and we'll be all good to go!

Working bees

The year has hardly started, and our grounds crew have already been in action clearing out the pumpkin patch that periodically takes over the compost area (see the before and after pics ➡).

It's hot and heavy work, and we feel so lucky to have a volunteer crew who give up their weekends to make our grounds and gardens happy. You'll also have noticed that we were on perpetual "mower-standby" for a few weeks – where we had our mowing guy(s) in whenever there was a dry-spell long enough to do the job. It's hard to keep the grass looking beautifully manicured when the rain is so persistent – and we thank you for your patience.



Shed Tetris

Has anyone opened the shed doors lately? The problem with our shed is that it's used by multiple groups for multiple purposes. So, when someone (for instance) puts a BBQ away, they may not realise that they're blocking access to the place we put the envirobank bags. Or when they put the old table trolley in the shed and started storing the bags on top, they blocked access to the shelving. As a result, just about everybody who uses the shed is getting cranky with everyone else who uses the shed. Mostly because we don't understand the impact we're having on each other. So, the first step in resolving the general crankiness everyone feels when opening the shed door, is to have a clean-up. As it's kerbside collection day at the end of February, by the time you read this, we'll have had a shed clean-out and re-organise day. Hopefully, with a new start it will be at least three months before it gets out of hand again....



Car Boot Sale



No flies on us. February 17th's Car Boot Sale was our first community event for the year. It was hot, it was muggy, it was beautiful.

We didn't have as many stall holders as we sometimes do – but it was a great day nonetheless.

Cakes, Jams, Pandoras, BBQ, and a bunch of strange and wonderful offerings from our “car booters”.

Our Car Boot Sales are slowly but surely becoming an institution in Wynnum, and it's another great way to bring people to us and make the church and the precinct accessible.

This month we had a few “inside offerings” which made us a little more weather-proof (which, after the rain on Friday was a must) and gives us all a little more flexibility when it comes to setting up and closing down.

On what might appear to be a side-note, some months ago Sue Kemp found a CD of songs recorded by Iris Brewer in her hey-day as a performer. On Saturday, we insiders (i.e. inside-stall-holders) decided to play Iris's CD on the portable speaker – which was a rare treat and made us reminiscent of all the wonderful times we had with Iris, and what a fabulous entertainer she was.

Here's to Iris. We miss you.



Creation

It is not always easy to be a Christian. Many of my friends with whom I grew up in church have moved on. There are many forces against the “still small voice” of belief.

Once church attendance was supported by society’s institutions. In fact, there was a time when non-attendance was fined! Now there is active discouragement and scepticism.

Faith in God is an ongoing challenge. It requires a belief supported by a spiritual life about which the general community has no understanding.

Faith does need reinforcing. Usually this comes from our personal lives. Seeing the hand of God in our experience. Even His presence in our adversity. Or perhaps especially so.

Imagine my astonishment when a TV program brought confirmation of the existence of a God from an unlikely source. Clear support for the creation story in Genesis from science. The program was on the ABC, by Brian Cox, an Astrophysicist.

Brian Cox (not from Succession) gave a description of the universe as it is understood by Scientists after explorations in space. What he said amazed me! What affected me most was the scientific view of the origins of our universe.

Scientists consider that there was a time when our universe did not exist. At that time there was total darkness and no time! Imagine that.

Then came what Cox said was the first day “when there was no yesterday.” Then occurred the advent of light and time; and the universe began.

The universe now has billions of solar systems, planets, suns etc and is represented by light. Does not this all describe what is said in Genesis about the beginning of creation and of our world?

“God said let there be light ...He made the stars.” I am overcome by it all. Confirmation of the Bible’s teachings. Confirmation of a creator God, all powerful, who cares for us. What else do we not know about God and his intervention in our lives?

I will hold onto that knowledge when the world challenges my faith. Then God comes nearer.

Geoff Smiley.

Editor’s note...

If you’re not already aware of a group called “The Bible Project” this might be a good introduction for you. They’re not astrophysicists – they’re bible nerds who create loads of free resources to help everyone else understand the bible better.

In any case, they have a great video series on Creation if you want to check it out...

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/category/creation-series/>





Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm (Luke 8: 24 NRSV)

The start of the New Year is a time for reflection and hope.

The passage of the bible is particularly relevant for this in SAILS case. The SAILS story in recent years has seemed to bounce from one crisis to another - starting off with COVID 19 and a loss of traditional revenue sources (Bunnings BBQs, open events etc) to moving / replacing the shed housing our fleet of catamarans and a safety boat to now needing to replace our long-serving (and essential) kayak trailer. Not to mention regular matters of concern including (a) the vagaries of weather in conducting sailing and kayaking events (our prime reason for being); (b) renewal of our volunteer base as many of our wonderful team members can no longer contribute to the extent in the past.



SAILS is a story of community and resilience with inspiration coming from many sources including the organisations we provide our closed events for.

Community

- Partner organisations – such as QPASTT providing interpreters for a recent BCC Active Parks event.
- SAILS is an Anglican organisation, but our ‘community’ includes other Christian groups.
- Individuals – one lady who regularly attends our public sailing / kayaking days helps with the early morning set-up of kayaks (without us ever asking for assistance).
- Co -Organised Events with organisations such as Little Dreamers and Create Foundation who bring so much hope and support to carers and former foster children.

Resilience

- SAILS financial recovery from COVID impacts was largely driven by Bunnings BBQs. These BBQs could not be held without the regular support from a team of volunteers drawn from our supporting parishes.
- The move of our boat shed from St Pauls Manly to the site at Trinity Uniting Church at Wellington Point (detailed in September 2023 Cornerstone News) was a story worthy of a cliff-hanger novel.
- Joy of renewal – in 2023 our ranks were bolstered by new members participating at Committee level and / or at events and fundraising opportunities. Even more encouragingly is that younger new volunteers are coming on board to help out.

Finally, a recent example of resilience AND community

As many are aware -2024 commenced with storms, wet weather etc. As a result, SAILS planned sailing/kayaking events in January were cancelled (often after much planning and associated commitment by a large team of SAILS volunteers).



Come February and we were preparing for our next event (BCC Active Parks at Wynnnum). The SAILS team was confronted with numerous issues:

- High chance of rain.
- Wind forecast up to 15 knots by the middle of the morning (at that wind speed, we stop catamaran sailing). Conditions were likely to be uncomfortable for kayaking with reflected waves off the breakwater.
- A high tide (approaching king tide levels) mid-morning.
- There was a fair amount of sea grass build up on the beach especially at the kayak launching end. There were some large rocks underwater close to the shore in the kayaking area and the northern end of the catamaran launching area.

- Major changes to the Breakwater Park site caused by recent storm damage. With the big tree gone, SAILS needed to erect a shade shelter for administration & BBQ purposes (but this may not be possible given wind strength and direction).
- Transport for our Arabic language translator from the Loganlea area had become problematic. We were expecting a number of refugees at the event.

We went ahead with the day after considering all factors (and saying some prayers).

A full SAILS team arrived. Most participants turned up. The wind stayed within our operational limits. The BBQ sausages were much appreciated by team and participants alike. The rain held off until we were largely packed up for the day. It was a great community day!



With events and BBQs since that day, the 2024 SAILS year is well and truly underway.

PHOTO ALBUM

We've raided the photo album to share a few more photos of parish life over the last few months....



From top left: ¹Volunteering in St Peter's Pantry can be very dangerous as one of our volunteers found recently. Fortunately, we have an ex-paramedic on hand, and this injury was immediately dealt with! ²Selfie with Bishop John Roundhill on Christmas Morning ³David & Rose enjoying a cuppa ⁴Another Bishop selfie – this time with Sam and the LAs after the confirmation service in February ⁵Rev'd Keith at the 9 Lessons and Carols service – no he's not singing, but delivering a great impromptu reflection ⁶Sam, Minnie & Natanya dishing up a lovely meal for Parish Council ⁷. Speaking of which, here are (most of) your 2024 Parish Council being blessed by Sam ⁸Family time with Rae, Pat and Beth ⁹St Paul's team singing at the 9 Lessons and Carols service.

Congratulations Bronwyn!!

If you see our long-time parishioner Bronwyn Herbert, make sure you say "Congratulations on your PHD, Dr Herbert". You heard me. Late last year, at age 90, Bronwyn completed her PhD thesis on the generational impacts of homelessness and graduated from UQ with a Doctorate. Those of you who know Bronwyn know that she's dedicated her life to social work and striving to change the lives of those who are doing it tough. Bronwyn – you are amazing. We're so proud of you.



Crossword Answers:

Across: 9.Palm, 11.Reflection, 12.Maundy Thursday, 14.Sacrifice, 16.Fasting

Down: 1.Hot Cross Buns, 2.Eucharist, 3.Good Friday, 4.Purple, 5.Aleluia, 6.Lent, 7.Ash Wednesday, 8.Holy Week, 10.Cross, 13.Pancakes, 15.Forty

Shrove Tuesday – Frequently Asked Questions

This year we held a very enjoyable Pancake Evening on Shrove Tuesday. Thanks to our intrepid kitchen crew, about thirty parishioners and friends enjoyed a first course of savoury crepes followed by a second course of sweet pancakes.

As half-time entertainment, we all tramped outside and those brave enough formed three teams of 5 to compete in our inaugural pancake-flipping-relay. The task was to run the length of the course while flipping a pancake on a frypan, and then hand the frying pan over to the next member of your team. Team Caleb won by a country mile – which had nothing whatsoever to do with the fact that they had a lighter frypan (no sour grapes at all from the author...).

What is Lent?	Lent is the period preceding Easter. Different Christian traditions use Lent as a time of fasting, sacrifice, reflection, prayer, repentance and/or giving.
When does Lent start and end?	This year, Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14 th . It goes right through until March 24 th - Palm Sunday (aka the Sixth Sunday in Lent or Sunday of the Passion).
What is Ash Wednesday?	Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent
What is Shrove Tuesday?	Shrove Tuesday (sometimes called Pancake Tuesday) is the day before Lent begins.
Why do people have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday	Because Lent was often spent fasting, people saw it as a day to use up all their perishable luxury items – such as fats and eggs. Pancakes seemed like a good way to use them up — so the pancake-eating is more of a cultural tradition than a religious observation.

Our Ash Wednesday services were fantastic too. We held two this year – one at our normal timeslot of 10am and one at 6pm. I attended the 10am and we had a full house in the chapel – with the congregation a mix of St Paul's and St Peter's regulars. It was a fabulous service with a really thought-provoking discussion following the readings.



Good Luck Jess



Some more good news to share, is that one of our younger parishioners is off to Glasgow in March to compete in the World Irish Dancing Championships!

Most of you will know that Jess is an extremely talented Irish Dancer – she's performed many times for us at Church and at fetes. She's super-talented and we're very proud of her.

Best of luck Jess!!

If you want to find out more about the competition, look them up at clrgoireachtas.com/world-championships.

125 Years and counting

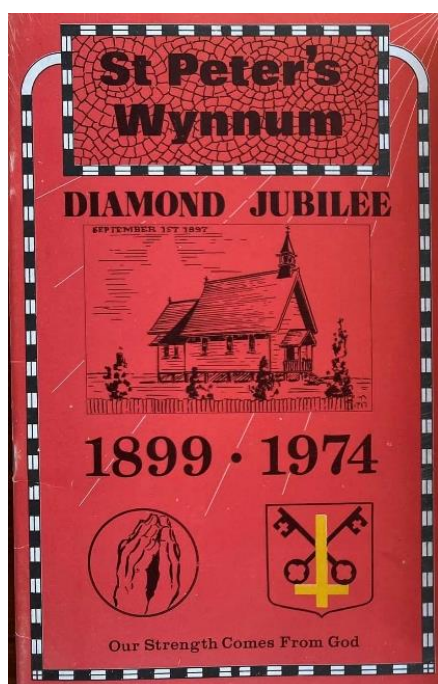
If you or your family have ever had a connection to St Peter's Wynnum in the past and would be open to share your story, we would love to hear from you.

Maybe you were married, went to Sunday School, belonged to a church group, mowed the lawn, or have any past parishioners in the family.

Sometime in the near future, St Peter's will be celebrating the past 125 years of the parish and would be thankful for any stories and photos from our community.

This year marks 125 years since St Peter's Parish began in Wynnum. That's a long time. A lot has changed – including the parish. What hasn't changed is our Love of God, and our passion to be his hands and feet in this community.

We're still in planning mode – but we envision having an event or two in the latter part of the year to celebrate. If you want to get involved, have a chat Rev'd Sam.



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St Peter's Church

Location: 81 Charlotte Street Wynnum

1890: First services in Board Hall in King (Glenora) Street, Wynnum, then in Shire Hall in Tingal Road.

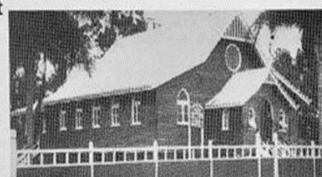
1898: Foundation stone laid.

1899: 9 April. Church opened by Rev William Thomas Webber, Bishop of Diocese. Cost £330.00.

1900: Church enlarged and re-positioned so that the main entrance faced Charlotte Street.

1913: Parish Hall built.

1978: 31 March. Building closed and demolished after 80 years service.



St Peter's Parish – Favourite Recipes

One of the many things St Peter's knows how to do well is put on a cake stall. Now I might be a tad bias, but I feel confident in saying that some people come to our fetes and markets specifically for the cake stall.

In a recent bout of synchronicity, a number of parishioners all started talking about sharing our recipes. So – that's what we're going to do. We're going to put a recipe-book together for our 125th anniversary.

What we'd like is for any of you with a favourite recipe – savoury or sweet – send it in. If there's a story attached, so much the better. If it's straight out of the Women's Weekly – let us know that too. This will take a while – so we ask if you could please send us your recipe (or let us know that you plan to send us a recipe) by the end of April.

If you usually make jams, chutneys, slices or cakes for morning teas and/or the parish cake stalls – don't be shy. Share your recipe with the parish.

Here's one to get you started. In honour of our much-loved and sorely missed Mavis Gardiner.

Jelly Slice¹

Ingredients

Biscuit Base:

- 250g sweet biscuits - crumbed
- 180g butter (melted)

Creamy Middle:

- 2 tsp gelatine
- ¾ cup boiling water
- juice of 2 lemons
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk

Jelly Topper

- 85g packet raspberry jelly
- boiling water



Method

Biscuit Base:

- Line a lamington pan with baking paper, extending paper approx. 2-3 cm above edges of the pan (this will help lift the slice after setting).
- Combine biscuits and butter in bowl.
- Press firmly over base of prepared pan.
- Refrigerate for around 30 mins, until firm.

Creamy Middle:

- Dissolve gelatine in boiling water.
- Combine sweetened condensed milk, gelatine mixture and lemon juice.
- Pour over prepared base.
- Refrigerate for around 1½ hours, until set.

Jelly Topper:

- Prepare raspberry jelly following packet instructions (use 100ml less water than the packet says).
- Cool to room temperature.
- Pour jelly over the set base.
- Refrigerate for around 2-3hrs, until firm
- Cut into square with a sharp knife.

¹ Adapted slightly from the Better Homes and Gardens recipe, which can be found online at <https://www.bhg.com.au/jelly-slice>

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March 2024



World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) stems from an initiative spearheaded by a group of American and Canadian women in the 1800's. Over time, this concept has expanded from its roots to a worldwide, ecumenical initiative praying for peace and justice.

*"After the devastation of World War I, women incorporated the conviction that world peace was intrinsically tied to world mission. Therefore, women renewed their efforts for unity."*²

WDP was introduced in Australia in 1927, and in February 1986, Australian (and most of the other member countries) changed their name from "Women's Day of Payer" to "World Day of Prayer".

Each year is "hosted" by a particular country. Women from this country prepare a program for the service and resources are created. This year, the host country is Palestine. The service has been written by an ecumenical group of Christian women of Palestine. They have prayed and worked together over the last 4 years to bring us our service based on the theme, 'I beg you...bear with one another in love', taken from Ephesians chapter 4.³

The local churches in the Wynnum and bayside area usually take it in turns to host World Day of Prayer. This year, the scheduled host church is unable to hold the service – but at the last-minute St Paul's and St Peter's have volunteered to co-host our local parish communities here at St Peter's. Please consider coming along if you can, and if you cannot, take some time to read the service booklet and other resources are all available online

worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/resources/.

I like to think it's no coincidence that this year's country is Palestine.

Palestine wasn't chosen recently – indeed, the WDP group have published host countries up to 2031.

Take some time to read some of the prayers and stories found on this site and do what Christians around the world have been doing together since the 1860s – praying for peace and for the proliferation of Jesus' core message:
Love one another. No exceptions.



² worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/about-world-day-of-prayer/international-and-australian-origins/

³ worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/product/wdp-palestine-service-powerpoint/

Friends Remembered

While we've had lots of good news to share recently, it is with great sadness that we've said goodbye to three of our dearly loved parishioners. Please take a moment or two, to pray for the families of June Daly, Mavis Gardiner and Bill Armstrong.



June Daly

193?-22/10/2023



Mavis Gardiner

22/05/1930 – 29/01/2024

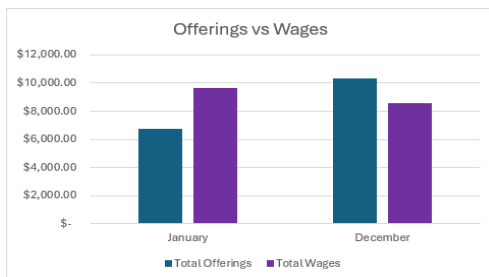


Rev'd Bill Armstrong

10/05/1942 – 10/02/2024

Money Matters - an update from the Parish Treasurer

2023 has been a year of active engagement and financial stewardship for our parish. We've seen a positive shift in our financial landscape with a notable increase in offerings, marking the first uptick in 5 years. Thanks to the generosity of many during Thanksgiving Sunday and the continued support of parishioners, we're making strides in covering our essential expenses. Let's keep up the momentum!

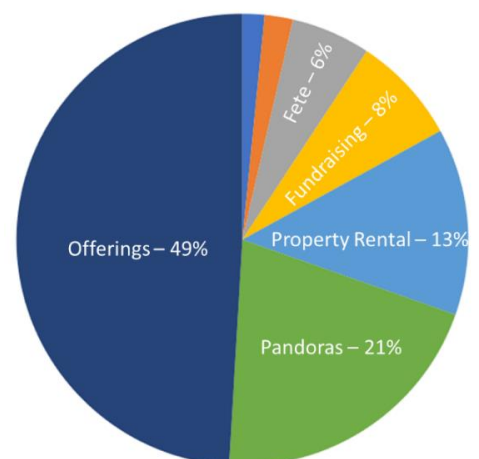


At the Thanksgiving Sunday in November, I put out the challenge that I would like to see the offerings cover the wages we pay (Rev Sam and Ali). We have achieved this goal in December, didn't quite make it for January. Let's see if we can kick this goal again.

A heartfelt thank you to Chris Duffield and our dedicated Pandoras' volunteers whose contributions significantly support our parish operations. Your efforts are truly invaluable. You'll see from the chart on the right that last year, Pandoras and property rental were responsible for a huge portion of our operating budget.

Looking ahead, maintenance for our church building and rectory remains a priority. As we move forward, it's vital to ensure our facilities are well-maintained and provide for our spiritual community.

Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support for our parish. Together, we continue to build a thriving community rooted in faith and service.





St Peter's Anglican Church Wynnum

Men's Ministry

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Men's Ministry. We were back in the hall for our first meeting Wednesday night 31st January. A great evening commenced with a good catch-up chat and a discussion about a piece of scripture where Peter talks on building on what you have been given. It's amazing how the same scripture speaks to us in different ways leading to a great discussion.

During February meetings we will plan for this year for dinners out, dinner in the hall, ecumenical meeting, scripture discussions and meeting format.

All men are welcome to join us amidst mates in Christ. Our values are mateship, integrity and respect underpinned by God's amazing love. While we have a meeting format, we have the flexibility to stop and listen to sharing from a mate.

God's blessings.

Your Brother in Christ Charlie

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EASTER SERVICES – MARCH 2024



Sunday 24 th	Palm Sunday Service 8am
Monday 25 th	Holy Week Morning Prayer 8:30am
Tuesday 26 th	Holy Week Morning Prayer 8:30am
Wednesday 27 th	Holy Week Morning Prayer 8:30am Holy Week Eucharist Service 10:00am
Thursday 28 th	Maundy Thursday Services 7pm Overnight Vigil in the Chapel
Friday 29 th	Good Friday Service 8am
Sunday 31 st	Lighting of the New Fire Service 5:30am Easter Sunday Service 8am




Sam is also be holding a Lenten bible study on the book of Tobit on Wednesdays at about 11:15am (after the 10:00 Eucharist service) during Lent, beginning Wed 21st February, ending Wed 27th March.

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WHAT'S ON AT ST PETER'S

Worship Services

Sunday	8:00am	Family Service followed by morning tea in the hall. <i>This service is livestreamed to YouTube</i>	St Peter's Church
Wednesday	8:30am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's Chapel
Wednesday	10:00am	Eucharist Service followed by a cuppa in the hall	St Peter's Chapel
4 th Monday	10:30am	Eucharist Service	Regis Aged Care
1 st Tuesday	9:30am	Eucharist Service	Nazareth House

Mid-Week Ministry

3 rd Monday	2:00pm	Ladies' Fellowship	St Peter's Hall
4 th Tuesday	9:30am	Mother's Union	St Paul's Manly – Lota House Chapel
Wednesdays	7:30pm	Men's Ministry	St Peter's Hall

Outreach

Mondays	8:00am-11am	Monday Hub	St Peter's Hall & Green
Mondays	8:30am-10am	St Pete's Brekky Club	St Peter's Hall
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00am-11am	St Pete's Pantry	St Peter's Hall
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00am-12pm	Pandora's Thrift Shop	St Peter's Pandoras
Fridays	9:00am-10:30am	Coffee and a Chat	St Peter's Hall

Meetings...

2 nd Sunday	10:00am	Fete / Christmas Meeting	St Peter's Hall
4 th Sunday	10:00am	Parish Council	St Peter's Chapel

QUARTERLY EVENTS CALENDAR

March

Friday 1 st March	World Day of Prayer
Saturday 2 nd March	Working Bee – Grounds
Saturday 16 th March	City Council Elections held in the hall
Sunday 17 th March	Mission Sunday (for Mother's Union)
Saturday 30 th March	Working Bee – Inside the Church

April

Saturday 20 th April	St Pete's Pantry Trivia Night
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May

Saturday 4 th May	Parish International Lunch
Saturday 11 th May	SAILS at Bayside open event at Wynnum
Saturday 18 th May	Car Boot Sale

Note: Easter service times are on page 20