



St Peter's Anglican Church Wynnum

CORNERSTONE NEWS *September-November 2023*

Welcome to the cornerstone news, and an issue full of photos, updates and fun.

In this edition of Cornerstone News, we've gathered an array of photos, updates, and enjoyable content to give you a glimpse of what's been going on since our last issue. We've packed this issue with 20 pages of highlights—but don't worry—that includes a couple of two-page photo spreads of the fete and a peek at SAILS at Bayside's new shed.

You'll also get to hear from our hall, precinct, fundraising, and communications committees, learning about their achievements over the last three months and what they've got planned for the next quarter.

June, July, and August were busy with worship, in-reach, and outreach events. We've also been working on our buildings, grounds, and office, along with some changes and future planning. Our community was buzzing with activities like car boot sales, parish dinners, community lunches, and the annual fete. We celebrated our patronal festival with St. Paul's and sent Sam off to Noosa for Clergy Conference. Of course, we continued our regular gatherings like ladies fellowship, men's ministry meetings, worship services, Pandoras, breakfasts, and pantry days.

We can't cover every event in detail, but we hope you find this issue a good read. If you want to catch up on things we didn't cover, head over to our Facebook page.

Keep reading, and you'll also get a sneak peek at what Rev'd Sam has planned for us this year, including new services and Bible studies.

Thank you 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.

SAM'S MESSAGE

Dear friends in Christ, I greet you all in the precious name of our risen Lord.

In the spirit of growth and renewal, I would like to share some significant developments and endeavours that we have planned for our parish in the coming months.

Commencing on the 8th of October, we shall begin a special worship service intended exclusively for children aged 0-12. If you have family, friends or neighbours with young children, please spread the word. Before we kick off, I need your creativity! I'm on the lookout for catchy and fun names for this service, so if you have any ideas, please send them my way. Your input is invaluable in shaping this new worship experience.

In our quest to remain relevant and accessible to the newer generations (including those under 30—the Millennials/Gen Ys and Gen Zs) I would also like to introduce a new, contemporary worship service. This service would be less traditional than our current services, and provide a once-a-month or once-a-fortnight option for those who are looking for something different. To bring this vision to life, I'll need help with ideas - and with music. If you would like to sing or play for this service please let me know. Stay tuned for more details as we work to create a vibrant and engaging worship experience.



Our parish Bible study offerings are also getting a fresh burst of energy. As we begin preparations for Advent and Christmas, I'm hoping to launch some Bible study groups for Advent. These may be home-based, church-based—or even virtual—depending on what works best for individuals. If you're interested in joining or have ideas to share, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Together, we'll explore scripture and grow in our faith.

Finally, confirmation preparation sessions will commence in September, with sessions scheduled for the first Sunday of every month. The confirmation service itself is set for February next year. If you or any of your family or friends are interested in this significant step in your faith journey, please get in touch with me. It's a beautiful way to reaffirm your commitment to our Lord.

God bless you all with abundant joy and peace, amen!

Sam

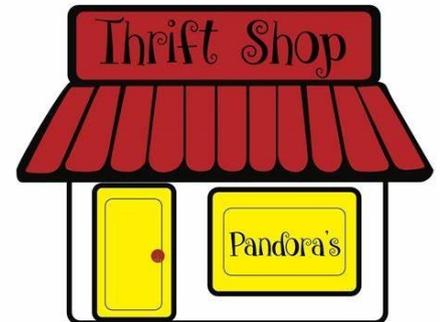
Pandora's Update

Spreading Kindness and Making a Difference!

Hey there, wonderful Pandoras community! We're thrilled to bring you up to date on all the heartwarming and impactful moments that have been unfolding at Pandoras. Our little hub of goodness continues to buzz with energy and positivity, and we couldn't be prouder of the incredible support we're receiving.

A Helping Hand That Never Rests

Donations are pouring in faster than ever, and let us tell you, it's a sight to behold! But fear not, because we've got our superhero capes on – our dedicated team has been stepping up, even putting in extra hours to make sure everything runs smoothly. When challenges arise, we rise to meet them—we've even started opening one Saturday a month to keep up with demand!



Spreading Smiles Through Recycling

Our recycling system is a shining example of how small actions can make a big impact. Through your generous donations, we've been able to support Silky Oaks, Link Vision, and Salvos. Plus, something that truly warms our hearts – donated suitcases are finding new purpose through the Christian Community Church's Zambia programme.

Cheers to Our Amazing Supporters

A huge shoutout to our friends over at New Farm! Their unwavering support has been nothing short of amazing. From toys that are sure to bring joy at the fete, to clothes and jewellery that grace our shop's shelves, and backpacks that are making their way to organizations supporting survivors of domestic violence – their generosity knows no bounds.

Warmth and Care for All

As the chilly winds swept through, our community's warmth shone even brighter. We lent a helping hand to the homeless and vulnerable, ensuring they had cozy clothing and blankets to brave the cold. It's moments like these that truly remind us of the power of compassion.

Fashion Frenzy

In July we worked with the Bayside Women's Social Club to hold a fashion parade. It was a fantastic event that brought the community together and supported a great cause. Not only was it a fabulous outreach effort, but it also put a smile on our faces with the positive financial outcome it generated.

Following on from that success – our Parish Fashion Parade is just around the corner! Set the date, September 23rd, in your diaries and get ready for a fun event filled with style, community, and making a difference.

Thank you, dear Pandoras family, for being the heart and soul of this beautiful journey. Your generosity, kindness, and unwavering support continue to light up lives and bring hope to those in need. Let's keep spreading smiles and making our world a better place, one act of kindness at a time.

With boundless gratitude, the Pandoras Team



SAILS are still going strong. We're a bit less active on the water during winter but we had a busy quarter fundraising (thank you to Bunnings Capalaba and sausage-sizzle-buying-public), raising awareness at St Peter's Fete in July - and of course, relocating our large boat shed from St Paul's to Trinity Uniting Church at Wellington Point.



22nd July—St Peter's Fete



18th August—Bunnings Capalaba (happy birthday Ross!)

Relocating the shed from St Paul's was a long journey. We explored a number of locations for the shed – but as you can imagine there are quite a few things to consider – we needed to find a “home” which had sufficient space for the shed – and also to provide easy access for loading and unloading trailers. A huge thank you to our friends at Trinity Uniting Church in Wellington Point who have welcomed us with open arms.

Once we came to an agreement with Trinity Uniting, we then needed to make all the legal, financial and logistical plans. With a lot of dedication, prayer and a little grinding of teeth - it all came together.

Drew Built Construction, through the generosity of Exodus 31 Tradies, have donated a huge portion of the relocation costs. Our financial responsibility was limited to fees for the Building Certifier, minor materials and a change of use fees from the Redland City Council. Check these guys out online at :

<https://www.drewbuilt.com.au/exodus-31-tradies>.



Shed Relocation Progress

Work on the shed's relocation commenced on June 28th and was completed on July 25th.

The first step was moving the boats out of their home at Manly, then de-constructing the shed and moving it to Wellington Point to be reconstructed.



26th June—St Paul's empty shed



29th June—dismantling the shed and clearing off the space



During the re-siting process, the Wynnum Manly Rugby League Club offered us temporary boat storage. We appreciate the efforts of those who facilitated the safe transfer of boats to the temporary storage facility.



26th June—the convoy to WMLC and the boats in their temporary home



26th July—the convoy to Wellington Point

Finally, nearly a month later, the shed was up and running at Wellington Point.



30th June—25th July—constructing the shed at Trinity Uniting Church, Wellington Point



25th July—fully completed site!

The shed's interior has been reinforced, utility installations have been completed, signage has been updated, and added security measures are in place.

We extend our gratitude to everyone involved for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering support throughout this process. As the weather warms up, we're all set to get back on the water.

You can keep up to date with us anytime by visiting our website at <https://www.sails-at-bayside.com.au> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SailsatBayside> - or talking to Ross, Doug or Nicholas.

HALL HAPPENINGS—BRINGING SPACE AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER

We're excited to bring you the latest updates from the Hall Committee, where we're always striving to make our shared space even better. Buckle up as we take you through the highlights of our recent meetings and the steps we're taking to enhance your hall experience.

Meeting of Minds

Over the last quarter, the Hall Committee has gathered not once, not twice, but thrice! We've been brainstorming ways to optimize our hall's layout and organization, making it a welcoming haven for all.

Furniture Tetris: A Space-Saving Triumph

Our creative minds have been at work reimagining the hall's setup. You might have noticed some changes – we've repositioned furniture and moved things around to free up more space. Wooden tables? Safely tucked away in the shed. Folding tables? Try the store room. Coffee machine? Now cozied up near the corner cupboards. While we're thrilled with these changes, we're kindly asking for a bit of help in keeping things neat and tidy – let's keep our space looking spick and span!

Tables and Chairs

You know what they say – one person's chairs are another's treasure! We've successfully found new owners for our black chairs - giving them a new lease on life and paying-it-forward. We're also in the process of sorting out seating arrangements in the Chapel to make room for some of our comfy blue chairs; and following up with Rotary about a grant we applied for so that we can get some new chairs for the hall.

I'm sure you've all noticed that we now have shiny new (and light) folding tables for the hall. These were provided by St Pete's Pantry via some grant money. There are a few different sized available for us now – so the right fit for every occasion. We then put the finishing touches on by providing new tablecloths as well. These little touches of elegance go a long way in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for everyone. A big thank you to everyone who took home a tablecloth or two to iron—many hands make light work!



Hall Hirings and Harmony

Ensuring our hall is a welcoming and tidy space is a top priority for us. After a recent incident, we're working on a plan to have someone check the hall after private hirings to make sure everything is left just as lovely as it was found. It's all about creating a harmonious experience for every visitor.

We're also exploring new ways to share the goodness of our hall with the wider community. Our minds are brewing up a draft advertisement that could soon find its way to local businesses and offices. It's a fantastic way to let our neighbours know about the incredible space we have right at their doorstep.

We're so grateful to have such a vibrant and engaged community that cares about our shared hall. Stay tuned for more updates, and as always, feel free to reach out with your thoughts and ideas. Together, we're shaping a welcoming and joyful home for all.

Chris and the all Committee

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Exercising the brain is as important as exercising muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. The spaces below are so you don't see the answers until you've made your answer.

OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk"

What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading a more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said "water", proceed to question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks , what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks," why the heck are you still reading these??? If you said "glass," go on to Question 4.

4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany .) Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany . Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany , West Germany , or no man's land"?

Answer: You don't bury survivors.

If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop. If you said, "You don't bury survivors", proceed to the next question.

5. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales . In London , 17 people get on the bus. In Reading , six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on . In Swansea , three people get off and five people get on. In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!

Now pass this along to all your friends and pray they do better than you.

PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions!!

MISSION SUNDAY

Well done St Peter's for another successful Mission Sunday! We were a bit weary this time—as the fifth Sunday fell the week after the fete—but we soldiered on!

Back in March, Parish Council decided to hold a fundraising event whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month, which we've ingeniously called "Mission Sunday". We hold a BBQ breakfast after the service—at a cost of \$5 per head—and hold a cent-auction for items donated by parishioners. It's proving to be a great way for us to socialise with each other and raise a few dollars for Mission projects and initiatives.

We usually donate about \$1,200 per year to the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)—so the money raised on Mission Sunday will be allocated first to the ABM. There are project books available in the foyer or from the office if you want to know more about what the ABM are doing in 2023.

So far we've raised \$720. If we're fabulous enough to raise more than \$1,200 Parish Council will elect some other local mission activities to donate to. If you have one close to your heart, please let us know.

A big thank you to everyone who brought in prizes, came in early to setup, cook, clean and make coffee—and to everyone who attended and joined in the cent-auction fun.

The next Mission Sunday will be in October—so put it in your diary, save up for the auction and look around your house for something you could donate to the cause!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Hello again from the St Peter's Communications Committee!

This quarter we've been focusing on keeping everything running and trying to make sure that our emails, PowerPoints, pew bulletins, social media posts and website info are all telling the same story.

Livestreaming continues to go well, albeit with a single-point-of-failure in Cryssi. With no-one else available to assist in the AV area on a Sunday, if Cryssi is not able to attend on a Sunday, we are not able to livestream a service. This has a very real effect on members of our parish who are unable to attend in person. We typically get between 5-10 people tuning in during the service on Sunday, with up to 40 checking us out later on. In addition to our Sunday services, it's also a really valuable service we're able to provide for funerals and memorial services.

Once again, we're indebted to Ruth for all her fabulous work on Social Media. We'd be lost without her!

We'll be reviewing our website this quarter—having a bit of a play around with how we present our information and notices etc—if you have any thoughts please speak up!

Cryssi, Wendy and Ross



www.stpeterswynnum.org

BIBLE PUZZLES

Bible Sudoku

1. Firstly, you will need to write in your 'starter' numbers.
2. This is done by using the clues below, and the A-I and 1-9 co-ordinates on the top and side of the grid. F5 has been done for you already.
3. Once the starter numbers are in place, complete the Sudoku puzzle as usual.

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Cells	Clue	Passage
D1, G2, B3, I4, H7, F9	Josiah was ___ years old when he became king.	2 Kings 22:1
F5, A7	Og, king of Bashan, had a bed which was ___ cubits long.	Deuteronomy 3:11
H2, D5, B6, E8	The 10 commandments were written on ___ tables of stone.	Deuteronomy 9:11
A4, I8	The number of times Paul was whipped with 39 lashes.	2 Corinthians 11:24
E2, C4, G5, D6, F8	The age of <u>Joash</u> when he began to reign over the kingdom of Judah.	2 Chronicles 24:1
A2, I3, F4, C5, G6, D7, B8	The number of days it took God to create heaven, <u>earth</u> and all in them.	Exodus 20:11
C2, H4, G8	The number of languages spoken before the building of the tower of Babel.	Genesis 11:1
B2, F3, A6, C8	Lazarus was dead for ___ days before Jesus raised him from the dead.	John 11:17
G1, D2, I6, H8, C9	Noah had ___ sons.	Genesis 6:10

Old Testament Books: Exodus, Genesis, Leviticus, Nehemiah, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah, Joshua, Micah, Obadiah, Zephaniah, Haggai, Ezra, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Ruth,

WORD SEARCH

NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

R C K J L U K E J S A A V O V K T W L U
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 M R J W E R E Y R C F P M V Z X E E V N
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| PHILIPPIANS | CORINTHIANS | COLOSSIANS |
| GALATIANS | MARK | HEBREWS |
| MATTHEW | JUDE | REVELATION |
| ACTS | LUKE | THESSALONIANS |
| PHILEMON | JOHN | TIMOTHY |

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WORD SCRAMBLE

1. XOEUDS: _____
2. EINEGSS: _____
3. TICLEUVIS: _____
4. EAEHNIMH: _____
5. HTSREE: _____
6. CTSESEECLIAS: _____
7. ASIASH: _____
8. SUOHJA: _____
9. ICAMH: _____
10. IODBAAH: _____
11. EPIZNNHAA: _____
12. GAGAH: _____
13. ZEAR: _____
14. BUMRNES: _____
15. OUMENOETDRY: _____
16. HUTR: _____

ANSWERS

St Pete's *FETE*

What a fantastic day! I think our fetes just get better and better each year. This year was AMAZING.

It was a beautiful sunny day—which is always a good start. No threat of rain, no wind blowing the shelters away, no fun-runs blocking the road.

Did you know?

According to drive.com.au, the railway bridge in Berrima St is the lowest bridge in Australia at 1.9m. If you were wondering, this is not high enough to fit a custom-built-farm-animals-trailer.



At 8:40am a friend of mine who had come to the fete at about 8am to make an early raid on the cake stall, rang and asked me “are you expecting a petting zoo at the fete?” She was on her way home (with cakes, scones, biscuits, marshmallow....) and found the petting zoo trailer stuck under the bridge. Fortunately, one thing we always have at our fetes is willing and able helpers—and Ross and Peter headed on down to help out. The end result was a late arrival for the farmyard—which gave all the school kids waiting to perform a rare treat. The farmyard was assembled and the animals entered to great fanfare and applause—especially the piglet!



Kid central

If queue sizes are anything to go by, the kid’s corner was a roaring success this year. The long queues for face painting and animal petting made me reminiscent of when Caleb was little –and we’d spend hours queuing for activities at fetes and fun days. Our team are already thinking up ideas to entertain the kids while they are queuing, providing more shade, and hopefully finding a few more clever volunteers who are handy with the face paint...

Having the school bands and dance troupes out on the green has once again proved to be a great move. We had what felt like hundreds of kids and their families entertaining and being entertained for the best part of the morning.

Stalls, Stalls, Stalls

While their kids were busy, the grownups were browsing and buying at our stalls. Our raffle tickets and cake stall were sold out before midday, and we had to make an extra couple of runs to Woollies to restock our sausage, bread and soft-drink supplies. As my sister used to say, it was a “quality problem to have”. Our plants, craft, jams, books, white-elephant, kids, BBQ, coffee, honey and chocolate wheel ran a roaring trade and kept people happy and occupied right til the end.



Special thanks to our MC and entertainment coordinators on the day—Travis and Joy—and of course to our own Rose and Paul on the ukelele for a sing-along.

It was a great turnout for the community and once again I was blown away by the number of parishioners who spent the day volunteering, attending and bringing the family along to share in our community outreach.



Finally, although it's not all about the money, the fete is our major fundraising event each year, and we wouldn't be able to run the parish and maintain our buildings and grounds without it. This year we outdid ourselves and raised over \$10,000 after expenses.

We'll have a “wrap up” meeting shortly—we wanted to wait until our fearless-fete-leader (aka Wendy) returned from her holiday. We'll let you know the date shortly.

Thanks for all the hard work and for all the smiles!
Cryssi

Wayne's Warbling

Thank you for the prayers and support that Robyn and I continue to receive. In 2019 when I was going through chemotherapy for the first time it was more lonely and isolating for me. On Sundays, Robyn would go to Church at St Peter's and there was no livestream to watch. Our YouTube livestream has become an important mission for our Parish. In March 2020 as Executive, we had to start from scratch. It has been a great way to rewatch the Gospel and Sermon, even for those who can attend physically.



The foundation for our Mission Action Plan was Matthew 13:3-8 The Parable of the Sower.

³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

I would like to share a reflection I facilitated called, Plant a seed, Share the love, also based on the Parable of the Sower. Once you plant a seed, in your own mind and in the world, you don't even know the full extent of its positive impact. You have become a force for love and kindness, and released your love into the world. These changes are profound. In fact, they are life changing. Please share these seeds with others. Plant seeds that offer abundance for future generations. Ask the Holy Trinity to provide the Light and Water of Life for your seeds to flourish and grow with abundance.

In a quiet moment – better still in a group of friends or loved ones share:

Can you remember someone who 'planted a seed' in your life?

Did it have a positive or negative effect in your life?

Is there a situation where you could 'plant some seeds'? Maybe in your work, social or school environments.

Has there been an occasion where the 'seeds' you planted yielded a result in someone—good or bad?

How could you further empower and encourage that person now?

Likewise, I wish to share this poem with you.

God's Garden

THE Lord God planted a garden
In the first white days of the world,
And He set there an angel warden
In a garment of light enfurled.

So near to the peace of Heaven,
That the hawk might nest with the wren,
For there in the cool of the even
God walked with the first of men.

And I dream that these garden-closes
With their shade and their sun-flecked sod
And their lilies and bowers of roses,
Were laid by the hand of God.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,--
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth.

For He broke it for us in a garden
Under the olive-trees
Where the angel of strength was the warden
And the soul of the world found ease.
by Dorothy Frances Blomfield Gurney

L'Chaim,

Wayne Elliott

St Peter's Anglican Parish of Wynnum

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND THE PRECINCT?

The Property Committee has been busy assessing some of the issues reported around the precinct, writing proposals for Parish Council to consider regarding ways we can address some of the concerns, and generally getting work done around the buildings and gardens.

We've reviewed and secured all the locks—including the back door of the kitchen which had been giving us some grief. We've also been preparing some options for fixing the outside door in the "prep room" (the end vestry in the church, the one with the kitchen). Repairs to the roof flashings were completed in mid-April, but there is still some work to do on the roof of the chapel to prevent further water damage.

The solar panels on the Church roof are generating lots of power for us. We are currently finalising the next step of the process, which is ensuring that the electricity used by the hall and pandoras is also leveraging the solar panels. We had some electrical work carried out in the hall in August, which has strengthened our electricity backbone and upgraded our switch.

With summer coming up, we're also revisiting options for cooling the church. We got some quotes last year for air conditioning, and have considered different types of fans. More on this to come as we juggle the numbers and assess all the options we have. The good news is that the solar panels will cover the cost of running whatever cooling solution we put in place—so it's "just" the purchase and installing costs we have to consider.

As you know, the use of space and storage within the hall and shed is a top priority. The property committee and the hall committee work pretty closely together. As you'll have read in the "hall report", we've moved the table trolley into the shed. You've probably also noticed that the orange Envirobank bags have been trying out new homes. We had a three month trial of storing them in the men's outdoor toilets—but have decided this isn't ideal. We're now trialling the shed—we've popped a tarpaulin over the table trolley and are piling the bags on top. Fingers crossed this one's the winner!

Following on from that, we are also going to start a trial run of leaving the outdoor toilets open 24x7. We have a number of people passing through or staying at the precinct outside our normal operating hours. There are very few options in for those needing a bathroom after-hours and Parish Council agreed that we should offer the safety and dignity our amenities have to offer. We know this means we'll need to clean and stock them more often—but it seems like a fair trade-off.

You've hopefully also noticed all the great work the gardening and grounds team have been doing. We recently held a working bee to update our gardens with mulch and 45 free Council shrubs and a general tidy. As Sue mentioned in notices last week— all rates payers in Brisbane are eligible to receive 2 free plants— if you don't want to use yours at home, please consider heading into the library (or BCC office) with a recent rates notice, and ask for your "free plants voucher". They'll give you a stamped slip of paper—and if you bring it in to the office or give it directly to Sue, we can use these to plant around the church. Head to the council's webpage at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search for "free plants" for more info.

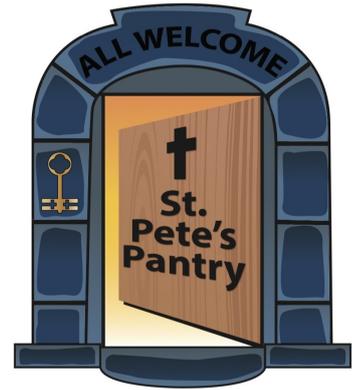


Our last working bee is in a couple of weeks and we're hoping to layer some top soil on the back portion of the church yard and look into some irrigation ideas for our gardens. Please come along with some water, sunblock and your gardening gear.

Nicholas B, Ross H, Robin H, Chris B, Sue K and Robyn E

PANTRY UPDATE

This quarter has been a little unusual for St Pete's Pantry. Our Captain of Coordination (and networking ninja) has been out of action for a few weeks now, and her team has been making sure everything is still running smoothly. A big shout out to Richie, who has gone above and beyond. We thank you for all your prayers for Marilyne, for Richie and for the many many volunteers (from the Parish and the wider community) who spend their time, money and energy keeping the pantry running.



We've also had some really good wins. Winter was cold this year—and we had heaps of warm clothes and bedding donated. We put it out on the large tables in the hall during the coldest weeks, and our pantry clients were able to come in and help themselves. I can't tell you how great it felt to see people's faces when they picked up a jumper, blanket or tracksuit—for some this was the only warm gear they had. We also had a great turnout for our community lunch at the end of July. We'd love to see more of our parish come along and enjoy these meals—so perhaps consider coming along to our next one.

We've also started using a new software program to keep our pantry records. We can now generate our monthly reports at the touch of a button, and it helps us better understand our clients, and take registrations for events like our winter lunch (see picture below) and of course for our upcoming Christmas hampers and events.



BEHIND THE SCENES

For the last couple of years, we've been blessed to have had Peter Grevett run our Parish Office and keep us functioning. Back in 2020 Peter said he could give us two years—and we're so thankful to him that he has seen us through nearly three. Most of us don't have a clue what goes on behind the scenes, but trust me when I tell you that there's a lot more to it than preparing the pew bulletins and PowerPoints.

So, Peter's departure has necessitated some changes to the office. We're hoping to re-introduce some volunteering roles in the office and re-distribute some of the duties between Ali, Sam and the team. If you can type, read, file, take phone calls—and have a hour or two a week to spare—please put up your hand.



For those of you who haven't met Ali—that's her sitting on the right of Katie at Peter's farewell lunch. She joined the team a month or two ago, and has agreed to take over much of Peter's administrator function.

So—please keep Peter in your prayers—and bear with us while as we settle in to the new normal.

CLASSIFIEDS

Lost and Found

The parish is missing a “square” EFTPOS device—one of the little square ones you use with a phone or tablet. Last seen on fete day—if you find it please let the office know!

Help Wanted

We really need some more Liturgical Assistants (LAs) to assist Sam on a Sunday. If you love God, are a dab hand at pouring drinks, washing up or setting the table—then this is the job for you!

If prayer is more your thing, we also need people to lead the intercessions. It's not as hard as it looks—there are heaps of books and resources to get you started...

Have a chat to Sam if you think you could help in either of these ministries.

For Sale / Free to a Good Home

As we clear out and clean up all the nooks and crannies in the shed and in the hall, we are finding things that the parish no longer needs. From time to time we'll be “advertising” these items within the parish. For instance, at the moment, we are wondering if we can rehome the old portable projector screen we used to use before we affixed a “permanent” screen to the back wall of the stage. If you or someone you know is interested in it, please talk to Chris Duffield who chairs the Hall Committee.

BUDGET UPDATE

As you might recall from the AGM this year, our budget for 2023 shows a deficit of about \$42,000. Unfortunately, at our mid-year point we are right on track. We are currently in deficit around \$34,500, significantly reducing our cash reserves. Why? As you can see in the table below, the cost of maintaining the precinct and running the Church is steadily increasing, and while our fundraising is doing slightly better than expected, our offertory is decreasing.

January-July 2023						
Income	Actual	Budget		Expenses	Actual	Budget
Donations	\$1,189	\$4,080		Insurance - Property	\$12,859	\$8,000
Fete Income	\$9,898	\$7,500		Maintenance and Repairs	\$14,496	\$8,165
Hall Rental Income	\$3,150	\$2,900		Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$1,670	\$6,165
Offerings	\$47,022	\$63,550		Utilities	\$9,007	\$4,750
Pandoras	\$20,026	\$17,500		Wages	\$61,458	\$67,540
Other Income	\$12,818	\$5,955		Other Expenses	\$29,171	\$38,637
Total Income	\$94,102	\$101,485		Total Expenses	\$128,661	\$133,257

So... What are we doing about it? Well, as you know we recently installed solar panels which over time will reduce or negate our electricity bill. However it will take a few years for us to break even. This means that while it put us in a good position long term, the upfront expense was significant. We're also seeking external funding via grants for updating our hall and precinct. Between the Parish and St Pete's Pantry we are leveraging community grants for kitchen upgrades, new tables etc. We'll continue exploring these options.

Our biggest earners, outside plate offerings, are Pandoras and the Fete. We are extraordinarily blessed to have such a strong team and strong following in Pandoras, and the fete this year was fabulous. However, even with these income streams, we remain in deficit.

We try to combine our fundraising activities with community events. This is for two reasons—one is that outreach is part of our core mission, and we hope to cement our Church in people's minds as a strong part of our community. Secondly, and a little more selfishly, it brings "money in" from outside the parish—lessening the burden on parishioners. So events like September's Trivia Night (Sat 9th), Car Boot Sale (Sat 16th) and Fashion Parade (Sat 23rd) are doubly important. Make sure you tell your friends, book a table, come along. When you do, you're opening up St Peter's to our wider community, giving your friends and family a glimpse into this part of your life, and helping us stay afloat so that we can continue to worship and serve for years to come.

We're also hosting the Australian Electoral Commission for two weeks of pre-polling and "election day" for the upcoming referendum. This is another great opportunity to show off our Church and raise some funds—not only from the hall-hire-fees but it also gives us an opportunity to have a mini-market and sell a few democracy sausages. However, it does come at a bit of a cost. The hall will be "out of bounds" from Friday 29th September until Sunday 15th October. This will mean a few changes to the way we run our outreach and to those who regularly rent our hall. But we've got it down to a fine art now—and the upside is that we will take the opportunity to get the carpets professionally cleaned afterwards!

All that said, we are always open to new ideas. We're currently planning a hymn-a-thon (like a spell-a-thon but you get to sing and praise God—what could be better than that?), a multi-cultural dinner night and of course our annual twilight market. These are still in planning phase—but we're hoping we'll be able to do these in October or November. So keep an eye and an ear out—and if you have other ideas please sing out.



St Peter's Anglican Church Wynnum Men's Ministry

Integrity, respect and mateship underpinned by God's amazing love. This is our vision of Men's Ministry kept in the forefront of our minds as we meet every Wednesday night in the hall. After a good chat over a cuppa, we discuss a piece of scripture. I never cease to be amazed how our discussions lead to individual experiences, how this piece of scripture touched our lives over the years, how it speaks to us in the here and now, and how sometimes digression can bring you beyond the conventional to colour outside the lines, viewing that scripture from thought-provoking angles.

This ministry to men is a place to meet and share time with mates. A place to laugh, chat and minister to each other. Recently we visited our Fellow Brothers in Christ at Living Faith Uniting Church at Carina to hear Peter James CEO Scripture Union talk about his Christian journey. At the time of writing this we plan to meet for a Mexican restaurant dinner at the end of August. Wynnum now has a Turkish restaurant we are looking at for a future dinner. Discussions have centred on Hebrews and now we move on to James. There are other ideas briefly discussed for future horizons. WATCH THIS SPACE!



The photo shows us saying hello to a Fellow Brother in Christ who has moved to Melbourne.

All men are welcome. Give us a try. You'll never never know, if you never never go—so do yourself a favour by chatting to someone in the photo and come along.

We are all wired differently but you may actually like Men's Ministry. God bless you all.

Your Fellow Brother in Christ Charlie.
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When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?
Of course not.
You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?
Of course not!
You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA ... attention and affection;
some need AAA ... attention, affection and acceptance; some need C ... compassion;
some need D ... direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

Friends Remembered

While we've had lots of good news to share this year, it is with 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 Margaret Burton, Stan Bruce and Iris Brewer. All three were full of character, love and the Grace of God. I feel lucky to have known them.



Margaret Selwyn Burton
16-02-1932—14-04-2023



Iris Ena Brewer
13-09-1935 - 24-04-2023



Stanley John Bruce
27-04-1933 - 04-05-2023



Robert Edmund Hagerty
01-02-1935—10-05-2023

We had a few requests for reflective poems this month, but editor's choice was Stan's favourite poem "If tomorrow starts without me".

If tomorrow starts without me

*If tomorrow starts without me
and I'm not there to see
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
are filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry
the way you did today
While thinking of the many things
we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me
as much as I love you
And each time you think of me
I know you'll miss me too.*

*But when tomorrow starts without me
please try to understand
That an angel came and called my name
and took me by the hand.*

*And said my place was ready
in Heaven far above
and that I had to leave behind
all those I dearly love.*

*I thought of all the yesterdays,
the good ones and the bad
I thought of all that we had shared
and all the fun we had.*

*If I could relive yesterday
I thought just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and hug you
and maybe see you smile.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart
For every time you think of me,
I'm right there in your heart.*

.....David M. Romano

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WHAT'S ON AT ST PETER'S



Eucharist Services

Sundays 8am
Wednesdays 10am

Morning Prayer

Wednesdays 8:30AM

Regis, Manly

4th Tuesday, 10:30am

Nazareth House

2nd Monday, 9am

St Pete's Pantry

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-11

Brekky Club

Monday 8-9am

Pandora's Op Shop

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9-12

Men's Ministry,

every Wednesday

7.30pm in the Parish Centre
BYO cuppa and nibbles.

Ladies Fellowship

third Monday of every month
2pm in the Parish Centre

Quarterly Events Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 9th —Parish Trivia Night

Saturday 16th —Car Boot Sale

Saturday 23rd - Pandora's Fashion Parade

Date to be confirmed: Parish Grounds Working Bee

OCTOBER

Friday 29th September—Saturday 14th October
Pre-polling and election day

NOVEMBER

Saturday 4th —SAILS Trivia Night
Saturday 25th—Christmas Market

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