

# Anglican Parish of Grovely

THE COMMUNITY OF ST MATTHEW'S & ALL SAINTS'



Turrbal and Jagera Country

*Parish Vision: To personally and corporately know God in our lives more deeply and to live truthfully, creatively, honestly and lovingly.*

If you are visiting today, please make yourself known to the Priest and Welcomers; they will be able to help you with information about the parish.

- ♦ **Holy Communion** is available for all those whose practice it is to receive the sacrament, whatever denomination.

## *From Fr Stephen*

The good news of Advent is not simply that Jesus is coming, but that his coming means that we can have hope, despite how tired we might feel, despite all that is falling apart in our lives, our communities and the world around us. Just as the new leaves and blossoms on a tree offer hope of warmer weather, so God's word, in Jesus, promises us new life. Advent offers us the expectation and hope of something new, as such we are called to stand up, to raise our heads, to be alert, to be watchful, prayerful, humble and joyfully trusting in God.

**All: We continue to live in the hope of God's promise that Christ will come again to fill our lives and the life of the world with Love, Joy and Peace. Thank you God for the Light of Hope. As we prepare for Christ's coming, help us to share and hope with others.**

*Blessings Fr Stephen*





# News & Notices

*Please take your Pew Sheet with you after the service*



## A GENTLE REMINDER WORSHIP AT 9 AM SERVICE

At around 3 minutes before 9 am, a bell will be rung and *we ask for silence in the church after the bell*, as we intentionally prepare to be present to our Lord.



### DECEMBER

- 5 Service at Bellevue Nursing Home
- 11 Parish Council Meeting
- 15 **Christmas Carol Service**
- 21 Working Bee—All Saints
- 24 Service at Regis Nursing Home
- 24 **Christmas Eve Services**
- 25 **Christmas Day Services**



## Christmas Carol Service

**ST MATTHEWS ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
35 Church Road, Mitchelton

Bring your torch, your family and friends and enjoy singing carols at St Matthews. Weather permitting this will be held outside, remember your bug spray.

AT 6:30 PM

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DECEMBER

### ADVENT STUDY

Thursday 5 December at 7:00 pm at All Saints and Sunday 8 December at 3 pm at All Saints.



**CARAVAN**  
INCORPORATING THE BEST OF AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE  
Written by Stephen Douglas | 180 p | \$19.95

### Lion's Christmas cakes

Large: \$20

Small: \$16

Pudding: \$16

Available at both churches



*Thank You for your support*

A total of \$1586.80 were raised from the baking, jams and relishes sold at the Keperra Sanctuary Cake Stall. Thank you to all in the parish who supported this event.

There is one copy of the 2025 Lectionary available for \$17. Contact Elizma at the office if interested.

The Parish office will be closed from Monday 23 December until Wednesday 22 January.

# Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	1 December	8 December	15 December
<b>LAs</b>	Gordon D & Arian M	Peter H & Danny A	Norm H & Stuart M
<b>Welcomers</b>	Melissa B	Julie B	Anne E
<b>1st Reader</b>	Kathryn L	Pam M	Clare C
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Andrew S	Lynn R	Peter H
<b>Sidesperson/s</b>	Les M & Helper	Peter M & helper	Kathleen C & Helper
<b>Intercessions</b>	Danny A	Julie B	Hugh B
<b>Sacristan</b>	Jan D	John D	Peter M
<b>Counters</b>	Les M & Danny A	Bev R & Clay B	Narelle B & Tara P
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Narelle B & helper	Wendy M & Helper	Ann Ellis & Julie B
<b>Friday Helper</b>	Bev R (6/12)	TBC	All hands on deck (20/ 12)

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	1 December	8 December	15 December
<b>LA</b>	Arian M	Glen G	Melanie D
<b>Welcomers</b>	Dale G	Harold G	Sue H
<b>1st Reader</b>	Arian M	Glen G	Melanie D
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Harold G	Dawn S	Cheryl P
<b>Intercessions</b>	Arian M	Glen G	Melanie D
<b>Cleaning</b>	Bonnie (7/12)	Carol & Nina (14/12)	Merle (21/12)

## Account details for Grovelly Parish

### Electronic transfers:

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

## Parish Projects

### Electronic transfers:

**BSB:** 704-901 **Account:** 00015552

## 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.

## 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.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We collect containers with the 10c recycle sign. Remove lids and leave these in bags in the containers at both churches.



*Prayer*

*In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship  
might echo in these walls  
and also through our lives.*

*In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in mission,  
that the hope within  
might be the song we sing,  
and the melody of our lives.*

*In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow  
might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity.*

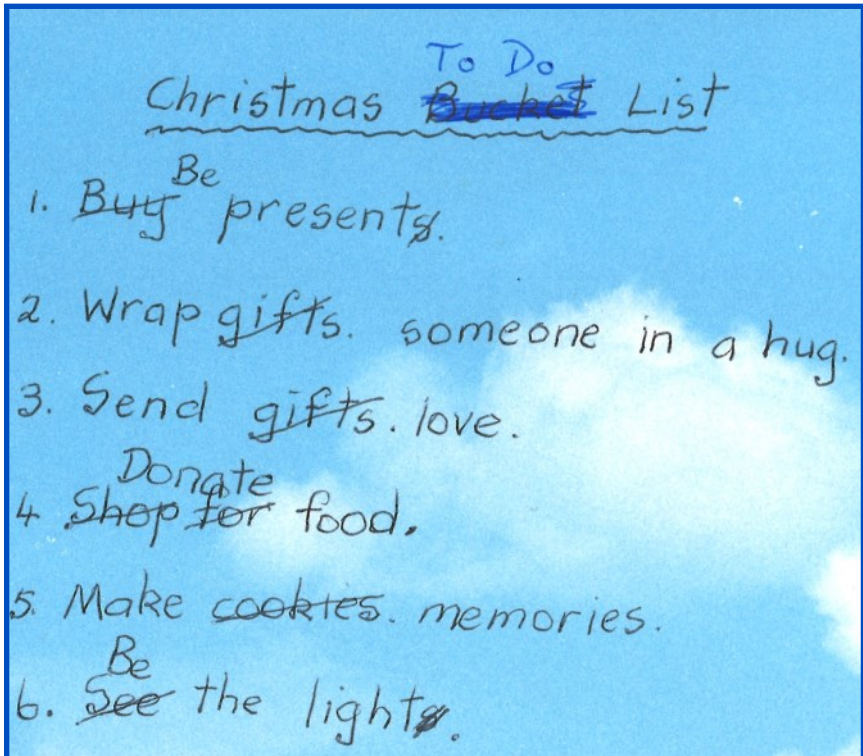




### Mothers' Union Ecochamps

The Mothers Union of the Anglican Church in Southern Africa (ACSA) passed a resolution that each Diocese should have an ecochamp. Green Anglicans [recently led a 2-day workshop](#) with them, looking at the Biblical basis of care for creation, the impact of climate on gender and health, how to cater without single use plastic and polystyrene, and how to prepare and respond to climate disasters.

Mothers Union Australia, MUA, worked with Australian Anglican Overseas Aid by contributing funds to a project developing church and community disaster resilience in Tonga and Fiji. This project ended in March 2024 and MUA signed on for a year to help fund "Building Disaster Resilience for People with Disabilities in the Solomon Islands"





# This Week Around the Parish

## SUNDAY 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**  
**9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints**  
11:30 am Baptism of Evie Edwards—St Matthews

## MONDAY 2

ISAIAH 2.1-5  
PSALM 122  
MATTHEW 8.5-11

*Parish Office Open*  
*Fr Stephen's day off*

## TUESDAY 3

ISAIAH 11.1-10  
PSALM 72.1-7  
LUKE 10.21-24

## WEDNESDAY 4

ISAIAH 25.6-10  
PSALM 23  
MATTHEW 15.29-37

*Parish Office Open*  
**10:00 am Prayer Praise and Proclamation - St Matthews**

## THURSDAY 5

ISAIAH 26.1-6  
PSALM 118.19-25  
MATTHEW 87.21-27

10:30 am Service at Bellevue Nursing Home  
7:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints

## FRIDAY 6

ISAIAH 29.17-24  
PSALM 27.9-17  
MATTHEW 9.27-31

*Parish Office Open*

## SATURDAY 7

ISAIAH 30.19-26  
PSALM 147.1-6  
MATTHEW 9.35-10.8

**6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews**

## SUNDAY 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MALACHI 3.1-4  
SONG OF ZECHARIAH  
PHILIPPIANS 1.1-11  
LUKE 3.1-6

**7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**  
**9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints**  
11:30 am Baptism of Jack and Sophie Brookes—St Matthews  
3:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints