

# 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*

When we make mistakes the loving response to ourselves and those affected is to assess and step up and to do better next time, rather than the placing guilt, creating defensiveness and/or denial. The love that we await in Advent is such love: a love that will overflow and leave us, if not fully blameless, at least closer to that love than we would otherwise be. It is a love that is supported by constantly praying with joy for each other, holding each other in our hearts and sharing in God's grace.

**All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is sadness, joy; and where there is darkness, light. Grant that we may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

*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.



We need a volunteer to do the Altar linen at All Saints. Please speak to Fr Stephen if you want to help with this.

### DECEMBER

- 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**

If you have any photos of parish activities during the last year, please email them to the parish office.

The Christmas issue of Mothers Union magazine



The Mia Mia is now available for you to take home and have a most enlightening read. They will be in the magazine rack in the foyer at All Saints and at the back of St Matthew's on 14 December.

### CAROL SINGING AT HALWYN HOUSE *next Wednesday, December, 11th.*

We have been invited to join the members of the Red Hill Parish in carol singing at Halwyn House. We will gather outside St. Barnabas' Church (28, St Barnabas Place, Red Hill) at 6 pm. Walk down to the centre (76, Waterworks Road, Red Hill) about 6:15 pm.

### *Christmas Carol Service*

*St Matthews*

*Sunday 15 December 6:30 pm*

### ADVENT STUDY

Thursday 12 December at 7:00 pm at All Saints and Sunday 15 December at 3 pm at All Saints.



CARAVAN  
INCARNATIONAL STORIES SET IN AN AUSTRALIAN LANDSCAPE  
Written by Stephen Douglas - Art by Frances Douglas

*Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 11 December  
at 7:00 pm at the rectory*



### Lion's Christmas cakes

Large: \$20

Small: \$16

Pudding: \$16

Available at both churches



# Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	8 December	15 December	22 December
<b>LAs</b>	Peter H & Danny A	Norm H & Peter H	Gordon D & Danny A
<b>Welcomers</b>	Julie B	Anne E	Margaret B & Kathryn L
<b>1st Reader</b>	Pam M	Clare C	Kathleen C
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Lynn R	Peter H	John D
<b>Sidesperson/s</b>	Peter M & helper	Kathleen C & Helper	
<b>Intercessions</b>	Julie B	Hugh B	Julie B
<b>Sacristan</b>	John D	Peter M	Jan D
<b>Counters</b>	Bev R & Clay B	Narelle B & Tara P	Bev R & Les M
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Kathryn L & Helper	Wendy M & Helper	Ann E & Julie B
<b>Friday Helper</b>		All hands on deck (20/ 12)	OFFICE CLOSED

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	8 December	15 December	22 December
<b>LA</b>	Glen G	Melanie D	Arian M
<b>Welcomers</b>	Harold G	Sue H	Dale G
<b>1st Reader</b>	Glen G	Melanie D	Arian M
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Dawn S	Cheryl P	John P
<b>Intercessions</b>	Glen G	Melanie D	Arian M
<b>Cleaning</b>	Carol & Nina (14/12)	Merle (21/12)	Dale G (24/12)

## 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.

## 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.

## RECYCLING

Spent batteries, CFL's and ink cartridges, pens, including casings, texters and pencils can be left at both churches for recycling.

## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

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



## Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations  
for Christmas.

We who have so much to do  
and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things  
look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways  
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy  
seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

*Henri J.M. Nouwen*



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

**Tips for a sustainable Christmas**

- Choose a gift that lasts. ...
- Shop locally. ...
- Choose handmade gifts, cards, crackers and decorations! ...
- Or second-hand... ...
- Switch to eco-friendly wrapping paper. ...
- Look into alternative Christmas trees – rent, or turn your houseplant into a tree! ...
- Switch to LED lights, which use up to 80% less energy.
- Send e-cards
- Go meat free and cut food and packaging waste.
- Choose one big present-FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.



**Reflecting on Parish Life during 2024**



Car Boot Sale and hosting the Cursillo Pilgrimage breakfast





# This Week Around the Parish

## SUNDAY 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**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

## MONDAY 9

ISAIAH 35.1-10  
PSALM 85.8-13  
LUKE 5.17-26

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

## TUESDAY 10

ISAIAH 40.1-11  
PSALM 96.7-13  
MATTHEW 18.12-14

## WEDNESDAY 11

ISAIAH 40.25-31  
PSALM 103.1-5  
MATTHEW 11.28-30

*Parish Office Open*  
**10:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**  
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting at the Rectory

## THURSDAY 12

ISAIAH 41.13-20  
PSALM 145.8-13  
MATTHEW 11.11-15

7:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints

## FRIDAY 13

ISAIAH 48.17-19  
PSALM 1  
MATTHEW 11.16-19

*Parish Office Open*

## SATURDAY 14

SIRACH 48.1-11  
PSALM 80.14-19  
MATTHEW 17.10-13

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

## SUNDAY 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ZEPHANIAH 3.14-20  
SONG OF ISAIAH  
PHILIPPIANS 4.4-7  
LUKE 3.7-18

**7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews**  
**9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints**  
3:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints  
**6:30 pm Carol Service—St Matthews**