# Anglican Parish of Grovely



**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.

If you have any photos of parish

activities during the last year, please

email them to the parish office.

## **DECEMBER**

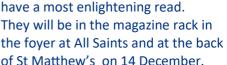
- 11 Parish Council Meeting
- 15 Christmas Carol Service
- 21 Working Bee—All Saints
- 24 Service at Regis Nursing Home
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
- 25 Christmas Day Services

The Christmas issue of Mothers Union magazine The Mia Mia is now available for you to take home and

We have been invited

singing at Halwyn House.

6:15 pm.



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

members of the Red Hill Parish in carol

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



# **ADVENT STUDY**

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



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

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Lion's Christmas cakes

Large: \$20 Small: \$16 Pudding: \$16

Available at both churches

Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15 December 6:30 pm

St Matthews

to join the

# **Around the Parish**

ALL SAINTS ROSTER	8 December	15 December	22 December
LAs	Peter H & Danny A	Norm H & Peter H	Gordon D & Danny A
Welcomers	Julie B	Anne E	Margaret B & Kathryn L
1st Reader	Pam M	Clare C	Kathleen C
2nd Reader	Lynn R	Peter H	John D
Sidesperson/s	Peter M & helper	Kathleen C & Helper	
Intercessions	Julie B	Hugh B	Julie B
Sacristan	John D	Peter M	Jan D
Counters	Bev R & Clay B	Narelle B & Tara P	Bev R & Les M
Morning Tea	Kathryn L & Helper	Wendy M & Helper	Ann E & Julie B
Friday Helper		All hands on deck (20/ 12)	OFFICE CLOSED
ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	8 December	15 December	22 December
LA	Glen G	Melanie D	Arian M
Welcomers	Harold G	Sue H	Dale G
1st Reader	Glen G	Melanie D	Arian M
2nd Reader	Dawn S	Cheryl P	John P
Intercessions	Glen G	Melanie D	Arian M
Cleaning	Carol & Nina (14/12)	Merle (21/12)	Dale G (24/12)

Account details for Grovely Parish Electronic transfers:

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

#### 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.

# 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.

#### **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 Space



# 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





# www.angligreen.org.au

# 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



