

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

Advent 3 - Joy

Joy is something we all long for but that often seems difficult to grab hold of. Experiencing joy should be a part of every Christian's life. Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, produced by God's work in us, and it is part of God's will for us. We best receive this gift when we focus on the truth of who God is, commune with Him through prayer, fellowship with other believers and spend time in the natural world. Mary, the mother of our Lord, provides the most wonderful example of how to receive the gift of Joy through humbleness, prayer and connection with fellow believers, her relatives, Elizabeth and Zechariah.

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. 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.



DECEMBER

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

*Carol Service tonight
6:30 pm St Matthews*

ADVENT STUDY

Thursday 19 December at 7:00 pm at All Saints and Sunday 22 December at 3 pm at All Saints.

Volunteer needed 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.

Pam and her family would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her cousin Gary, who was treated for pancreatic cancer. He passed away last week. The good news is that he accepted Jesus as Lord before he died and this is a comfort to his family. May God bless them as they mourn his passing.



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 are in the magazine rack in the foyer at All Saints and at the back of St Matthew's.

CAROL SINGING AT HALWYN HOUSE next Wednesday, December, 18th.

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.

*Grovely Parish invites you
to our Christmas Services*

15 December 6:30 pm St Matthew's
Carols by Torchlight

24 December All Saints
6:00 pm All age Christmas Eucharist
10:30 pm Carols
11:00 pm Midnight Mass

25 December
7:00 am St Matthew's Christmas Eucharist
9:00 am All Saints Christmas Eucharist

Around the Parish



ALL SAINTS ROSTER	15 December	22 December	29 December
LAs	Norm H & Peter H	Gordon D & Danny A	Peter H & Norm H
Welcomers	Anne E	Margaret B & Kathryn L	Melissa B
1st Reader	Clare C	Kathleen C	Clare C
2nd Reader	Peter H	John D	Andrew S
Sidesperson/s	Kathleen C & Helper		Peter M & Helper
Intercessions	Hugh B	Julie B	Deborah H
Sacristan	Peter M	Jan D	John D
Counters	Narelle B & Tara P	Bev R & Les M	Kathy F & Clay B
Morning Tea	Wendy M & Helper	Ann E & Julie B	Trish S & helper
Friday Helper	All hands on deck (20/ 12)	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE CLOSED

ST MATTHEWS ROSTER	15 December	22 December	29 December
LA	Melanie D	Arian M	Stuart M
Welcomers	Sue H	Dale G	Sue H
1st Reader	Melanie D	Arian M	Stuart M
2nd Reader	Cheryl P	John P	Melanie D
Intercessions	Melanie D	Arian M	Stuart M
Cleaning	Merle (21/12)	Dale G (24/12)	Verna & Melanie (28/12)

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.

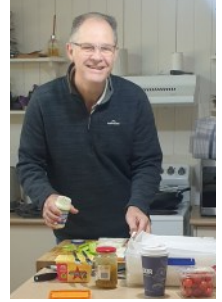
Reflecting on Parish Life during



Arian and Danielle's wedding



High tea preparations



June and August High Tea @ the Rectory



Bush Dance in July

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

175 YEARS ANNIVERSARY 1849-2024



This Advent and Christmas, share peace and hope by supporting ABM AID's work with disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Sydney, providing them with life-changing educational opportunities.



For more information, please visit:

www.abmission.org/Advent2024

For donation options, please turn over.

All donations to this appeal are tax-deductible.

2024 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS GIVING ENVELOPE

To donate online, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.abmission.org/Advent2024

Other donation options:

Cash or Cheque: Please hand in this envelope to your parish.

Bank Transfer:

Account Name: Anglicans in Development Ltd

BSB: 032 135 Account: 691271

Reference: Name & Donor ID (if known)



This Week Around the Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 15

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

MONDAY 16

NUMBERS 24.2-7,15-17
PSALM 25.3-9
MATTHEW 21.23-27

Parish Office Open
Fr Stephen's day off

TUESDAY 17

GENESIS 49.2,8-10
PSALM 72.1-7
MATTHEW 1.1-17

WEDNESDAY 18

JEREMIAH 23.5-8
PSALM 72.15-21
MATTHEW 1.18-24

Parish Office Open
10:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews

THURSDAY 19

JUDGES 13.2-7,24-25
PSALM 71.17-22
LUKE 1.5-25

7:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints

FRIDAY 20

ISAIAH 7.10-14
PSALM 24.1-6
LUKE 1.26-38

Parish Office Open
10:30 am Funeral of Raymond Shaw—St Matthews

SATURDAY 21

SONG OF SONGS 2.8-14
PSALM 33.17-21
LUKE 1.39-45

7:30 am Working Bee at All Saints
6:00 pm Vigil Eucharist - St Matthews

SUNDAY 22

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MICAH 5.2-5A
SONG OF MARY
HEBREWS 10.5-10
LUKE 1.39-45

7:00 am Eucharist - St Matthews
9:00 am Sung Eucharist - All Saints
3:00 pm Advent Study—All Saints