



## 1. A Message from the Priest's Heart: Walking Together in Faith

Dear all,  
Loving Greetings!

We recently celebrated the **Patronal Festival at Holy Rood**, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ron for stepping in during my absence, and to the entire Holy Rood family for their joyful spirit and meticulous planning. It was a beautiful occasion that reflected the love and dedication of our parish community.

I'm also delighted to share the excitement around our upcoming **Op Shop Fashion Parade**—a creative and fun initiative aimed at raising much-needed funds for our parish. Please consider purchasing a ticket and inviting your friends to join us. Your support will make a meaningful difference.

Looking ahead, we have two significant events on the horizon: the **Patronal Festival at St Matthew's**, followed by the **Meraki Launch**. The launch promises to be a major celebration, with several distinguished guests joining us. Please mark your calendars and plan to be part of this special moment in our parish life.

I'm pleased to report that the first phase of our Meraki project was completed with the generous support of a council grant. We are now exploring further opportunities to expand our **community garden**, which continues to be a source of connection and nourishment for many.

As we prepare for the Advent season, our annual devotional booklet is underway. This year's theme is

***"In Expectation: Daily Meditations for Advent"***, featuring fresh reflections from new contributors. I hope these meditations will enrich your spiritual journey during this sacred season.

I also want to acknowledge that many of our parish members are currently unwell. Please be assured of my prayers and the prayers of our community for healing, comfort, and strength. If you know someone who needs pastoral care, kindly let me know.

I remain deeply grateful to all who support our ministry through your offerings. However, I must share that our parish finances are currently under strain. The costs of running our parish and two op shops—covering rent, insurance, wages, utilities, and maintenance—continue to rise, and we are struggling to meet our monthly expenses.

I ask you to prayerfully consider how you might help. Whether through financial support, prayer, or volunteering, every contribution matters. We also hope to continue providing small but meaningful assistance—such as food vouchers and gift cards—to those in need. Sadly, we are currently unable to meet the demand for these supports.

Let us continue to be a community that reflects Christ's love and compassion. Thank you for all that you do to uphold and strengthen our shared ministry.

With love and prayers,  
Stephan

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## 2.1 Worship Service Details 21<sup>st</sup> September

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am	Stephan	Jeremiah 8.18-9.1; Psalm 79. 1-9; 1 Timothy 2.1-10; Luke 16.1-12
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Patrick - CAC	
	Wednesday (24 <sup>th</sup> Sept) 9:30am	Medha	
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am	Gary	

## 2.2 Worship Service Details 28<sup>th</sup> September

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am Holy Cross Day	Len	Jeremiah 32.1-3a. 6-15; Psalm 91.1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Stephan	
	Wednesday (1 <sup>st</sup> October) 9:30am		
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am Patronal Festival	Medha	

## 3. News from Parish Office

### Shoe Box Ministry Donations

Dear Parishioners,  
As we continue our mission of spreading Christ's love through our shoe box ministry, we express our sincere gratitude for all your generous contributions. We encourage you to kindly support by direct deposit to our church bank account with the description, for "shoe box ministry". Since all donations are to be accounted, we encourage you to avoid cash donations to individuals. You can also support by offering gifts based on the lists provided in our E-News.  
The Parish Administration

### Pastoral Care Service Availability

Anyone requiring a pastoral care visit for Prayers, Home Communion, Counselling, Rev. Stephan will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am-2pm.  
Please contact him via  
pic@goldcoastnorth.org.au or 0493 783 635





### 3. News from Parish Office (continued)

#### Would You Like to Contribute to the E-News?

We invite you all to send us anything you would like to be featured here in the E-News, whether it's a small group promotion, photos you've taken from a recent service or event, a wonderful prayer you found online, or even something exciting and special happening in your own life.

Please email your contribution to  
comms@goldcoastnorth.org.au.

#### Upcoming Cottage Prayer Meeting

We are delighted to invite you all to our first Cottage Prayer Meeting, hosted by Tracy Hall.

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025, 07pm

Address: 2639 Yanderra Close, Hope Island

All are invited to attend.

#### Request for Donations

Our parish is saving up to purchase a rectory. We kindly request donations to help us with the deposit. For those paying via bank transfer, please label the transaction as "Rectory Donation". There are payment forms available at each Church and at our office. Bank details are below.

BSB: 704 901

Account Number: 00015482



Join us for the launch of  
**Meraki Community Garden**  
...where good things grow

<b>WHERE</b>	Adjacent to St Matthew's Church, 142 Billinghamurst Crescent, Upper Coomera
On-site parking available	Sausage Sizzle, coffee and tea
<b>WHEN</b>	11:30am - 1:30pm, Sunday, 28 September, 2025

See the planned design, be part of making the vision a reality...

Phase 1 plots available

GC Gold Coast  
NA North Anglican

## UPCOMING PATRONAL FESTIVALS



#### Holy Cross Day

Holy Rood Church

8:00am, 14<sup>th</sup> September

192 Tamborine-Oxenford Road,  
Oxenford

Join us for Morning Tea after the service



#### Patronal Festival

St Matthew's Church

10:00am, 28<sup>th</sup> September

142 Billinghamurst Crescent,  
Upper Coomera

Join us for the Meraki Community Garden launch after the service

Contact Us: 5580 5814

reception@goldcoastnorth.org.au

## 4. Notices

### Fashion Parade

We are once again holding our GCNA fund raising Op Shop Fashion Parade - Saturday 20 September at 1.30pm at St Matthews. Tickets are \$15, and \$6 for children 6-12 years, and include a complimentary drink on arrival, live music, fabulous fashions plus a sumptuous afternoon tea. Tickets will be available at each centre [please indicate number required on the lists]. Raffle tickets will also be available at each centre. Please Note: tickets to be purchased before the day. To help with catering could you please bring a plate to share and fill out the list at each centre.

Further information please text Dee on 0414 444 753 or email [drelph@ozemail.com.au](mailto:drelph@ozemail.com.au)



### Cottage Prayer Ministry

Cottage Prayer Ministry – Be Part of It!

#### Who can host?

Anyone in our parish—or even a friend of a parishioner.

#### How often?

Once a month.

#### If I host, is it every month?

No! Just once every 2–3 years, unless you'd like to do it more often.

#### When?

Usually the 2nd or 3rd Thursday, 5–6 pm. But you can reschedule if needed.

#### Do I need to provide food?

No—just open your home for worship and prayer.

#### Who leads?

Any priest from our parish, a liturgical assistant, wardens, parish members—or even you!

#### Who can come?

Family, friends, neighbours, parish members.

#### Do I have to invite everyone personally?

No—CPM details will be announced at church, by email, or in the e-news.



### Mission 360: Opening the Circle

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9am-3pm at St Matthews  
142 Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera  
BYO - lunch

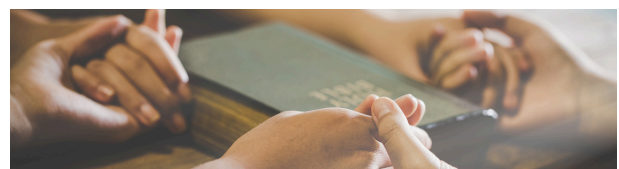
A workshop where we go deep into the art of welcome. We celebrate what we're doing well and look for ways to make it easy for others to connect. Come and share ideas, learn about welcome and have fun.

MISSION **360**  
Opening the Circle

Spend a day exploring ideas and practices of welcome - ideas particular to your Church context.

- Hear stories of welcome from the life of Jesus, the Church and from the Christian family across the world.
- Share about the times you've felt welcome in God's family
- Identify those things that communicate welcome without words
- Check up on your own parish welcome habits with a "welcome audit"
- See your wider community with new eyes and dream up more ways to extend welcome to those currently outside the life of your parish.

If you would like to come, please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church.





## 4. Notices (continued)



### St James Craft Group

Every Friday morning about 9.15 the Ladies start arriving for their morning of craft, sharing their stories of the week and enjoying a delicious morning tea. Heads down every one has a project some for our twice a year stall, some Sea Farers missions and Christmas boxes. The money we get from our work goes towards the monthly missions and the finances of the Church a fun time and sometimes we go and have Fish and Chips together for lunch.



### Holy Rood Craft and Conversation Group

Holy Rood Craft and Conversation Group meets on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of each month from 9.30am until midday at the Holy Rood Family Centre. We warmly welcome, men, women and friends. Our ministry outreach to the local community is through craft lovingly created by members. Even if you feel you have little or no craft skills to offer, please do join us for companionship and conversation over a cuppa.

Contact: Lyn Dunn 0418 528 670 OR Sandy Eacott 0407 965 900

### Coomera Craft Circle

Photo on the right: members admire rug from Elaine who now knits from home.

Join us at St Matthew's Church every second Tuesday 9:00am - 12md for conversation and companionship and non-stop morning tea as we knit and crochet for charities of our choosing with a primary focus on rugs for St John's Crisis Centre, Southport. Free wool supplies available.

**Gatherings coming up: 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, and 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Ring Jean for further information on 0409 322 011.





## 4. Notices (continued)

### ALL WELCOME



To come to 8 sessions of inspiring video talks by  
Lisa Harper on

### “GUT-LEVEL COMPASSION”

found in the Gospel of Luke, a literary masterpiece  
that embraces the outcasts and the overlooked.

**Where?** St Matthew's Anglican Church  
142 Billingshurst Crescent, Upper Coomera.

**When?** Consecutive Wednesday evenings at  
6.30pm beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

*Lisa Harper is described as both a hilarious  
storyteller and theological scholar. Videos  
run for half an hour then discussion.*



For more information **and to register**, contact Lurline Campbell.

Phone: 0412 277 737 Email: [dlcampbe@onthenet.com.au](mailto:dlcampbe@onthenet.com.au)

### EVER CATCH YOURSELF THINKING...

What's even the point of all this?  
Can I actually make a difference?  
Who am I really? And what do I believe in?  
Is it okay to not fit in—or should I just blend with  
the crowd?  
Is God even real... and if He is, is He actually  
good?

You're not alone in asking those questions.

ALPHAYOUTH.IO is coming....

8 super chill, interactive sessions (online or in  
person) where you can be real, ask the big stuff,  
and figure out what you believe.

No filters. No pressure. Just a safe space to  
explore life, faith, and meaning—with people  
who get it.  
Are you in?

Sunday 3 August 11:30am  
St Matthews church, Coomera  
RSVP Peter 0493 637 419



### SHOEBOXES and SEEDS

#### SEEDS?

Yes each shoebox contains a packet of  
vegetable seeds.

Why seeds? That is not what I would expect  
in a Christmas present.

The Shoeboxes are given to children in  
poverty.

They understand the struggle their parents  
face putting good food on the table and it is  
positive for their self esteem to contribute.

They also discover Gods creation in  
planting, nurturing and watching their seeds  
grow.

Playing in the soil is good for their micro-  
biome.

If they catch the bug for gardening it is a  
positive for their mental health for their  
whole lives.

Even if they don't have stable housing  
everyone has an Aunty or a Grandparent  
who can provide a space for planting seeds.

This promotes family cohesion.

And

A packet of seeds takes up next to no room  
in the shoebox.

So seeds are great they have so many  
possibilities.

This is a great time of the year to shop for  
seeds. Aldi have their Spring garden  
specials available Now. Keep your eye's  
peeled for the first week in October.

Can you contribute 7 packets (about \$10)?  
We need another 270 packets to put one in  
every shoebox for this year.

Don't go shopping yourself - contribute by  
giving through parish funds. Just label your  
gift -Shoeboxes

Want to know what else is needed please  
contact. Kim 0422 805 871.





## 4. Notices (continued)

### Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday, at 9:15am in the Meeting Room at St Matthew's, undertaking studies on a particular book of the bible prepared by EV Church. People from all centres attend to learn what God is saying through his word and to learn more about following Jesus. There is prayer and mutual encouragement.



### Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September in Holy Rood Hall, starting at 7:00am.

Please advise Adrian Dunster on 0400 189 320 by the Wednesday night **BEFORE** the breakfast date whether you are attending the forthcoming breakfast.

### Library at St Matthew's

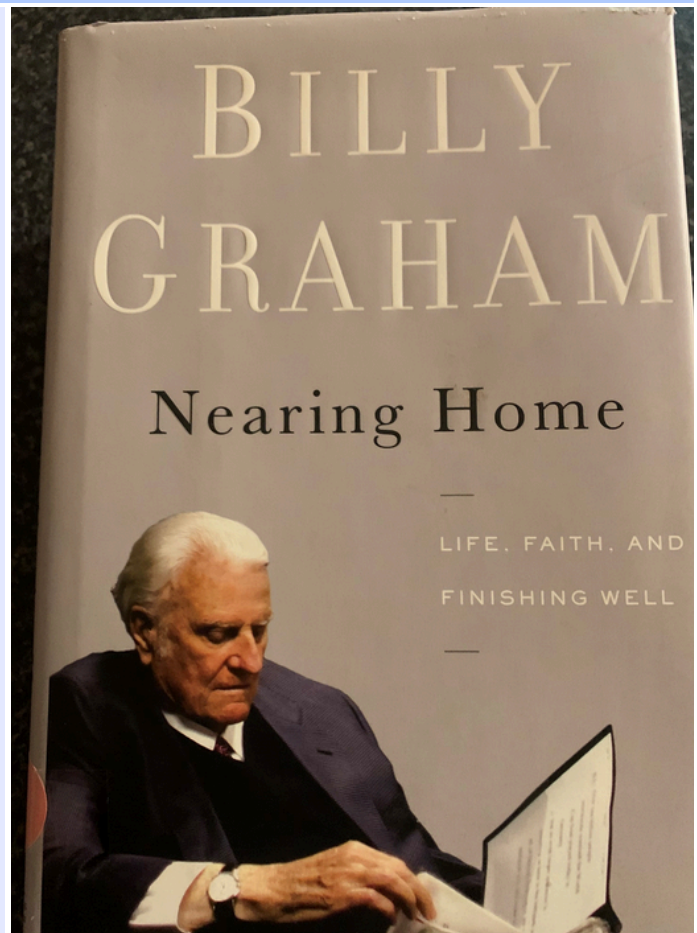
Work is in progress to streamline the library and to reduce and simplify the categories with the aim of encouraging more people to use it.

Recommended: ***Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well*** by Billy Graham.

Writing just before his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, he said he knew it wouldn't be long before God called him home. He was looking forward to that day. We know he had another 6 years on earth. He shares many stories, personal reflections, and the challenges of ageing, while sharing deep truths from Scripture.

From the author: "Explore with me not only the realities of life as we grow older but also the hope and fulfilment and even joy that can be ours once we learn to look at these years from God's point of view and discover His strength to sustain us every day."

There are 2 copies in the Christian Living section.





## 4. Notices (continued)



### NORTHERN REGION LAY RETREAT

Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm until  
after lunch on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

OR option to attend Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 9am - 5pm

SANTA TERESA SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
267 WELLINGTON STREET, ORMISTON QLD 4160

This is a silent retreat with Christian meditation daily, morning and evening prayer on Saturday, and opportunity for individual spiritual direction if desired. All meals provided. Cost outlined below.

<b>Full Weekend</b>	Single Room	\$500 per person
	Couples Sharing a Room	\$430 per person
<b>Saturday Only (9am - 5pm)</b>	No Room	\$120 per peson

[LINK TO REGISTRATION & PAYMENT](#)

### Volunteers Needed for Primary School Chaplaincy Breakfast Club

We're looking for a few helping hands to assist with the Upper Coomera State School Chaplaincy Breakfast Club on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 to 8:30 AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to support young children by helping serve breakfast and ensure they have a welcoming and nourishing start to their day. If you're available and would like to get involved, just once a week or even once in a while, we'd love to hear from you! Please note that a Blue Card is required. Please reach out to Trudi at [trudi.charlesworth@suchaplaincy.org.au](mailto:trudi.charlesworth@suchaplaincy.org.au) if you can help.



## 4. Notices (continued)

### Cottage Prayer Meeting

Dear Beloved Parishioners,  
Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
I hope this message finds you well and blessed. As we continue to grow together in faith and fellowship, I am excited to invite you to be part of a special opportunity to deepen our spiritual connection as a church family.

We are looking for volunteers to host Cottage Prayer Meetings in their homes. These gatherings are a beautiful way to bring the church into our neighbourhoods, creating a space for prayer, worship, and encouragement in a more intimate setting. They offer a chance to build stronger relationships, share testimonies, and lift one another up in prayer. As the term 'cottage prayer meeting' may be unfamiliar to some, I feel it is necessary to offer a brief explanation.

#### **What is a Cottage Prayer Meeting?**

A Cottage Prayer Meeting is a small, informal Christian gathering held in the home of a parishioner, usually on a weekday evening. The word "cottage" signifies that this prayer service takes place in a private home rather than in the church building. Families voluntarily open their homes, inviting neighbours, friends, and fellow members to join in a time of prayer, worship, and spiritual encouragement. These meetings are often rotational, with different families hosting on different weeks, and are typically led by a priest, elder, or lay leader from the local church.

#### **The Purpose and Objectives**

The objectives of cottage prayer meetings are both spiritual and relational:

- To build strong fellowship among church members and neighbours.
- To grow in faith through shared scripture and testimony.
- To strengthen households in prayer and worship.
- To support one another through intercession and personal sharing.
- To spread the Gospel in the local community by welcoming non-Christians into a warm, non-threatening environment.

Benefits of Cottage Prayer Meetings

- These gatherings offer several powerful advantages:
- Deepens spiritual life in the home, turning living rooms into worship place.
- Encourages lay participation, allowing members to lead in prayer, song, or sharing.
- Strengthens church unity by building personal relationships among members.
- Provides outreach opportunities, as non-Christian neighbours are often invited to observe or participate.

- Fosters pastoral care, especially for the elderly, sick, or isolated who may struggle to attend church regularly.

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#### **The Typical Flow of a Cottage Prayer Meeting**

While formats may vary by denomination or region, most cottage prayer meetings follow a familiar pattern:

- Opening Prayer
  - A short prayer to welcome the Holy Spirit and bless the gathering.
- Congregational Singing
  - A time of joyful singing—hymns or local Christian songs—led by a participant or family member.
- Scripture Reading
  - A passage from the Bible is read aloud, often by the host or a child from the family, emphasising shared participation.
- Brief Thought or Devotion
  - A pastor or lay leader shares a short reflection or thought based on the passage, typically no more than 10 minutes, encouraging the group with a practical and spiritual message. Testimony sharing from the participants is also encouraged.
- Intercessory Prayer
  - This is a central part of the meeting. Participants pray for one another, the church, the sick, local concerns, the nation, and often for the global Church as well.
- Closing Song and Benediction
  - The meeting concludes with a final song and a benediction—usually offered by the pastor or the leaders present.

In general, Holy Communion is avoided, keeping in mind the non-Christian neighbours, if in case they turn up for such meeting. Tea and fellowship often follow, creating a warm and hospitable environment.

Dear friends, hosting a Cottage Prayer Meeting is simple and deeply rewarding. You don't need a large home or special preparations—just a heart willing to welcome others and a desire to see God move in your community. Our pastoral team will support you with guidance and resources to make the experience smooth and meaningful.

If you feel led to open your home for one of these gatherings, or if you'd like to learn more, please reach out to me through email [pic@goldcoastnorth.org.au](mailto:pic@goldcoastnorth.org.au) or mobile 0493783635. I would love to partner with you in this ministry.

With love and prayers,  
Stephan

## 4. Notices (continued)

### Unshakeable

*A poem by David Glazier*

Build a temple within me,  
so in everything I do, I worship you.  
Live your life through me,  
so every breath I take, I breathe you.  
Make a fortress of my being  
so I can be vulnerable in your presence.  
Fashion a home inside my body  
so I abide in you and you abide in me.  
Make clear the windows of my eyes  
so all I see is you.  
Unblock the pipes in my ears,  
so I listen only to your voice.  
Dissolve all my rage and bitterness,  
so I feel nothing else but you.  
Distil all my thoughts and ideas,  
so your peace resides in me.

Plant your garden in my heart,  
so it blossoms there for you.  
Prune me as a living branch,  
so your vine is my life blood.  
Unburden me of dead wood,  
so I thrive by your hand.  
Burn away my incoherence,  
so your wisdom settles there.  
Sweep away the ashes,  
so I can begin again.  
Enrich the soil I grow in,  
so your roots nestle deep.  
Light up my hidden darknesses,  
so I shine in your radiance.  
Nourish me with your goodness,  
so your abundance fills me full.

Bring me out of the shadows,  
so your dawn rises in me.  
Teach me all your good news,  
so I no longer engage in falsities.  
Forgive me all my wrongdoings,  
so joy replaces sorrow.

Grant me mercy from despair,  
so I channel your beauty and grace.  
Resolve in me unshakeable faith,  
so your steadfastness takes hold.  
Reveal your son Jesus as my example,  
so I am resurrected through him.

Appoint me as your apprentice,  
so your glory resounds from me.  
Anoint me with your tenderness,  
so your compassion pours from me.  
Reign over all I am and all I do,  
so your majesty glows in me.

Breathe your fire through me Lord,  
so I am purified and clean.  
Untwist the words on my tongue,  
so your truth emanates from me.  
Consume my heart with love,  
so I am infused with your gentleness.  
Descend upon me like a dove,  
so your spirit surges through me.  
Ignite in me your whole creation,  
so I am constantly and wondrously aware.  
Pulse steadily in my veins,  
so you move through all my emotions.  
Dream your dreams in my dreams,  
so I wake up to your light.  
Sing your song through my mouth,  
so my chest inflates with your music.  
Rename my name in your name,  
so your name is always on my lips.

*"to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint  
spirit.*

*They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the Lord, to display his  
glory."*

*(Isaiah 61:3)*



## 4. Notices (continued)

ANGLICAN  
CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



The Archbishop of Brisbane  
The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ

22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

### Ad Clerum re Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) 175th anniversary

Dear sisters and brothers,

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) – its **175th anniversary**. For more than a century and a half, ABM has faithfully served the Church's mission, building partnerships across the globe and deepening our shared witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To celebrate this occasion, a **175th Anniversary Dinner** will be held, with **special guest Archbishop Leonard Dawea, Primate of the Anglican Church of Melanesia**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to honour ABM's history, to hear stories of mission and partnership, and to be inspired in the continuing work of mission.

The Anglican Church of Melanesia has long been a close partner in mission with ABM, and Archbishop Leonard's presence will be a blessing and encouragement to us all.

The Celebratory Dinner will be held on Friday  
26th September at St Margaret's School,  
11 Petrie St, Ascot from 6pm.

I warmly encourage all parishes to **advertise this event widely** – in pew bulletins, parish newsletters, websites, and social media pages. It would be particularly valuable to encourage lay leaders, mission-minded parishioners, and young Anglicans to attend and be part of this historic celebration. Please print the poster attached and use it, encouraging your people to book tickets through the QR code.

Please support this event generously with your prayers and promotion, and where possible by attending in person.

Yours in Christ,

**The Right Reverend Cam Venables**  
Archbishop's Commissary

## 5. Events

### AMUA Overseas & Cultural Day

Recently Mothers Union held an OVERSEAS & CULTURAL DAY and we celebrated INDIA. I wonder why??

It was a great day and Medha was our speaker sharing about her journey in life so far. After Medha's talk we enjoyed Indian cuisine, made by the ladies, for lunch.

Everyone enjoyed the day with Kim, Medha, and Lorraine suitably dressed for the occasion



### Holy Cross Day

14<sup>th</sup> September was Holy Cross Day, Holy Rood's Patronal Festival. It was a beautiful service followed by morning tea with a delicious cake made specially for the day, as seen below.





## 6. Mission of the Month: Bush Church Aid (BCA)



**Bush Church Aid** is all about **Aid** to the **Church** in the **Bush**; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the life-changing gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia.

BCA send Field Staff to rural, regional and remote parts of Australia. Get to know our Field Staff and the work they do, as well as learn about our other programs that help us go the distance to reach Australia for Christ. To Get to know – here is the link to the Prayer Notes and the Magazine published every 3 month.

<https://www.bushchurcaid.com.au/content/current-publications/gk68fk>

### AUGUST Mission Month Report

**Adam and Helane Ramsay, Leo. Elle and Albert**, our Church Missionary Society Link Missionaries in Japan.

In August it was wonderful to have our CMS Link missionary family with us even if it was a rushed time. They left for Japan in early September for a further three years of sharing the Gospel.

The family attended all three services on Sunday August 10 and then at three pot luck meals during the week. The sharing at these gatherings was a wonderful time to learn more in detail about the work they are involved in.

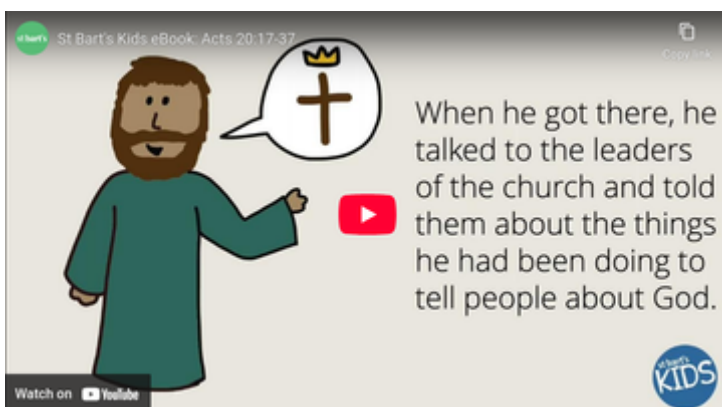


## 7. Kids Corner

### St Bart's Kids eBook: Acts 20:17-37

Read along to Acts 20:17-37 with this fun video, also called "Proclaimed Good News".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEJuOhBQzk4>



## 8. Diocesan News (continued) 12-day fast in St John's Cathedral for refugees and people seeking asylum to #EndTheWaiting

By the Rev'd Nicholas Whereat  
For over a decade, thousands of refugees have been stuck in a limbo — stuck on short-term visas, without certainty or a path forward. These are people who fled danger, sought safety, and have now spent up to 12 years here unable to rebuild their lives.

In response to the [invitation](#) from The National Council of Churches in Australia, the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce and Common Grace to [hold #EndTheWaiting vigils](#), I will be praying and calling for:

1. A pathway to permanency for all people seeking asylum failed by Australia's flawed asylum processes, including those subjected to the so-called "Fast Track" system.
2. Work rights for all people seeking asylum while claims are processed.
3. One visa that extends until claims are processed — ending the bureaucratic nightmare of applying for a new visa every three to six months.

Jesus says: "I was a stranger, and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25.35). Just as we did in 2016, let's come together in prayerful solidarity to fully welcome our brothers and sisters.

Here are simple ways you can support my 12-day fast at the Cathedral between Monday, 8 September and Saturday, 20 September 2025:

- People living locally can drop in and join me in person, praying with me or just sitting with me for a few hours during the 12 days at St John's Cathedral. Joining me at night is possible by prior arrangement. Please email [src@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:src@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) to be added to the night roster and for more information.
- Those further afield can join me each day via the links below for:
  - [Morning Prayer](#) at 8.30am everyday
  - [Evening Prayer](#) at 5.00pm everyday

Read more [HERE](#).

## 9. Prayer

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer/todays-prayer>

## 10. Parish Information

### Offertory

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING at GCNA for ongoing weekly ministry.

Please use this account  
BSB 704 901 A/C 00015081

Our sincere thanks to all those who support our parish in all possible ways. We are so grateful and thankful for your commitment and generosity.

### Parish Office Address

Gold Coast North Anglican Church, 142 Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera, Qld 4209, Australia.  
Ph. 5580 5814

### Postal Address

P.O. Box 810, Oxenford. Q. 4210

### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 09.00am to 01.00 pm

### Coomera Anglican College

At GCNA, we work with and support Coomera Anglican College. Learn more about CAC:  
<https://www.cac.qld.edu.au/>



## 10. Parish Information (continued)

### Change of Email Addresses

There have been some changes to the email addresses used by wardens and office staff. Below are the up to date email addresses.

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Priest in Charge

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### Wardens

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St James

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St Matthew's

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Meraki Community Garden

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### Office Staff Team

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Office Manager

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Claudia

Digital Media Officer

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Siggi

Front Office

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Medha

Pastoral Care Counsellor

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### Voluntary Service

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WHS Administrator, Small Groups, Safeguarding

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Pat

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Warren

Finance / Budget

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## Safe Churches

The Anglican Diocese of Brisbane takes allegations of abuse and harm seriously. The Professional Standards Canon and the Protocol for Responding to Sexual Abuse of a Child and Sexual Misconduct provide clear and transparent processes for the management of complaints of abuse. Persons who may have been harmed by a Church worker, or who know of someone else who has, are encouraged to come forward. All complaints will be treated sensitively and confidentially. The Director of Safe Ministry will respond to all complaints and will assist you to understand the processes involved. Please contact Office of Safe Ministry, St Martin's House, 373 Ann Street, Brisbane 4000 (GPO Box 421, Brisbane 4001): Phone 1800 242 544; Email [safeministry@anglicanchurchsq.org.au](mailto:safeministry@anglicanchurchsq.org.au) To view hard copies of policies and procedures refer to the Blue Safeguarding folder in each Church or click [HERE](#)

## Lest We Forget

"We, the people of Australia, respect and give thanks to all who have served in our defence force and their families.

"We acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the sacrifice demanded of all who commit to defend our nation.

"We undertake to preserve the memory and deeds of all who have served and promise to welcome, embrace and support all military veterans as respected and valued members of our community.

"For what they have done, this we will do."

The GCNA family, affirm this oath declared in *The Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act of 2019* which received Royal Assent on 30 October 2019.

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Yugambeh Language people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.