



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

Dear all,
Loving Greetings!

Well—what a month September turned out to be! If you feel like you've just run a marathon, you're not alone. I want to take this opportunity, as we turn the calendar to October, to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your energy, kindness, and good humour as we tackled a whirlwind of events together.

It all began with our very first cottage prayer meeting at Tracy's house. What a treat it was to gather in a cosy living room, swap stories, share prayers, and enjoy each other's company. Thanks, Tracy, for opening your doors—and to everyone who came along and made it such a memorable evening.

Holy Cross Day at Holy Rood was another standout—thank you to everyone who helped set up, serve, and sing. The cross in our midst reminds us that, no matter what, God's love is the steady centre of our busy lives. Ron did a good job leading the service and heard cake was great. However, I am bit disappointed that I missed such a wonderful day with the Holy Rood family. Soon after, we had the Op Shop fashion parade – and what a joy it was! Not only was it a time of fun, laughter and creativity, but it also reminded us that even through clothes and treasures once passed on, God's abundance can be seen. Thank you to Dee and our Op Shop workers and volunteers who turn ordinary efforts into extraordinary blessings for our community.

Then came St Matthew's Patronal Festival—a reminder of how one person's "yes" to Jesus can make all the difference.

It's always a joy to celebrate our patron together, and I'm grateful to everyone who made the day so special. It really felt like a big family gathering. Medha and Lurline did a fantastic job planning the service, and it was such a joy to hear the kids singing their hearts out. The atmosphere was full of warmth and community spirit. It's also wonderful to see more people coming along each week.

And then, to crown the month, the official launch of the Maraki Community Garden – what a gift! I reckon, this ministry is not simply about planting tomatoes or flowers, but about planting seeds of love, hospitality, and outreach. Already, the garden is opening doors for us to meet, welcome, and serve our neighbours in new and life-giving ways. I pray it will continue to bloom into a place where community and Christ's love grow together side by side.

Now, as we look forward to October and the energy of spring, just a quick reminder: Advent is not far away. Advent booklets are in the works, so if you'd like one to help you pray and reflect as Christmas approaches, please book yourself a copy—it's never too early! Thank you again to each one of you for your cheerful commitment, willingness to pitch in, and above all, your friendship and faith. September was full-on—but it was wonderful. May October bring with it space for rest, reflection, and continued joy in the Lord.

With love and prayers,
Stephan

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2.1 Worship Service Details 5th October

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am	Stephan	Lamentations 1. 1-6; Psalm- Lamentations 3. 19-26; 2 Timothy 1. 1-14; Luke 17. 5-10
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Ron	
	Wednesday (8 th Oct) 9:30am	Stephan	
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am		

2.2 Worship Service Details 12th October

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am Holy Cross Day	Martin	Jeremiah 29. 1, 4-7; Psalm 66. 1-11; 2 Timothy 8-15; Luke 17. 11-19
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Stephan	
	Wednesday (15 th Oct) 9:30am		
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am Patronal Festival	Ron	

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 second Cottage Prayer Meeting, hosted by Stephan and Medha.

Date: Tuesday, 7th October 2025, 6pm

Address: 50 Freestone Drive, Upper Coomera

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

4. Notices

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.

Shoebox Wrap Workshop #2

We aim to wrap all the shoeboxes before the pack events in November.

We meet on THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 in the meeting room at ST MATTHEWS at 3pm for 2 hours.

We will be joined by students from CAC. We need parishioners to drop in and help.

Any enquires please speak to

Ann Cox at Holy Rood

Selena at St Matthews

Kim Kimber at St James or ring 0422 805 871

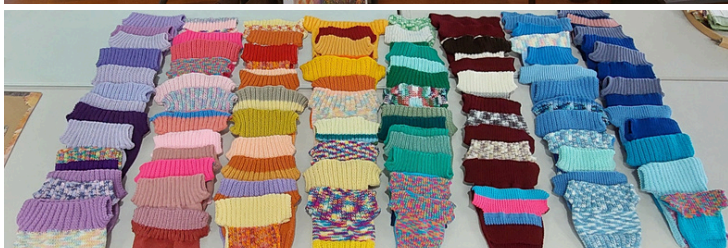


4. Notices (continued)



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: 16th & 30th Sept, and 14th 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 Billingham Crescent, Upper Coomera.

When? Consecutive Wednesday evenings at
6.30pm beginning 3rd 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

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.



Update on the Video Course, Luke - Gut Level Compassion

- We are halfway through the 8-week course.
- Remember each session is self-contained and valuable in itself.
- Try to come for the remaining sessions.
- Wednesday, October 1 at 6:30pm, Session 5 is on "The Tender Heart of Obedience."
- Course ends on October 22.

Mission 360: Opening the Circle

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



MISSION 360
Opening the Circle

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.

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)



Alpha Youth On Break

Our Alpha Youth program is currently on a break until the 12th of October, when it will resume it's weekly meetings.

Children's Choir

We are looking for young talents for a children's choir at St Matthew's. Young musicians and singers should contact reception@goldcoastnorth.org.au if interested.



NORTHERN REGION LAY RETREAT

Friday, November 28th 6pm until
after lunch on Sunday, November 30th

OR option to attend Saturday 29th 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.

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

[LINK TO REGISTRATION & PAYMENT](#)

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 or mobile 0493783635. I would love to partner with you in this ministry.

With love and prayers,
Stephan

5. Events

Op Shop Fashion Parade

On September 20th, we had our annual Op Shop Fashion Parade where we raised \$3005. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with raffle prizes, food, champagne, bagpipes, and lots and lots of clothes.

If you liked any of the clothes you saw, head on down to our Op Shops:

Oxford Store: 100-106 Oxford Sq, Oxford (just off the Old Pacific Highway).

Labrador Store: 26 Brisbane Road, Labrador.



5. Events



St Matthew's Day

On September 28th, parishioners showed up in red to celebrate St Matthew's Patronal Festival.

Meraki Launch Day

We officially opened our new Meraki Community Garden after the St Matthew's Sunday service on September 28th.

For this special launch, we were joined by the Archbishop Jeremy Greaves, Rowan Holzberger MP (federal member for Forde), Michael Crandon MP (state member, QLD for Coomera), Cr Donna Gates (Division 3, Gold Coast City Council), and Lyn Mansfield (Gold Coast Regional Representative, Community Gardens Australia).



6. Mission of the Month: Anglican Board of Mission

175 YEARS
ANNIVERSARY
1850 - 2025



Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Anglican Board of Mission is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church. It is the channel through which Australian Anglicans participate in mission, both here and overseas.

Anglicans in Development is wholly-owned by ABM, and operates ABM's Sustainable Communities program, working with church partners to deliver grassroots, community-driven development, and disaster preparedness and response. We want to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ, and to this end we support our partners as they participate in God's mission.

BUT, why have ABM in October when traditionally the Archbishop has the ABM November Appeal?

Well, it is a Local issue! We also support the St John's Crisis Care work in Surfers Paradise and their Christmas hampers that they give out in December. While they distribute the hampers in December they need to gather goods and money support in November and so we have ABM in October!!!

The 5 Marks of Mission

1. Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.
2. Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith.
3. Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy.
4. Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation.
5. Protect, care for, and renew life on our planet.

The Vision of ABM

ABM wants to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ, and supports our partners as they participate in God's mission.

Pray for the work of ABM and there are envelopes available at the rear of the church.

7. Kids Corner

VeggieTales: To Share or Not to Share

A prince is given the last eggs in the land, and must decide if he should share the eggs with his people or not. Learn what God says about sharing our blessings in this Shakespearean parody.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMsNAhLd1KE>

8. Diocesan News

ANGLICAN
CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA



The Archbishop of Brisbane
The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ

19 September 2025

AdClerum: St Francis College upcoming events

Dear sisters and brothers

I have received the following information from the Reverend Dr Ruth Mathieson, (Principal St Francis College):

1. St Francis Day celebration (Friday 3 October 2025)

The St Francis College community of past and present students and staff will celebrate St Francis Day on Friday 3 October 2025 with a Eucharist at 2:00 pm. The Rev'd Dr Canon Gregory Jenks will be the celebrant and preacher, marking 50 years since his association with St Francis College began. All are welcome and alumni of the college are particularly encouraged to come to this celebration.

Following the service there will be afternoon tea in lecture room 1 and the contribution of Mr Geoffrey Thomas Roscoe to developing the St Francis College Library (1975-1985) will be honoured. On this fortieth anniversary of naming the Roscoe Library, a portrait of Mr Roscoe has been installed, and all are welcome to come up and visit the library during the afternoon. Please register here if planning to attend: [St Francis Day & Mr Roscoe Celebration — Saint Francis College](#)

2. St Francis College Open Day (Saturday 11 October 2025)

The St Francis College Open Day will be on Saturday 11 October in the morning, followed by a seekers' gathering in the afternoon. During the Open Day, several current students, including a children's worker, a school principal, an online only student and an ordination formation student will speak about their experience of studying at St Francis College.

Please share this link ([Open Day — Saint Francis College](#)) and attached flyer with your community, especially anyone you think might be interested in studying theology in 2026. Also please identify and invite people interested in exploring a vocation to ministry to attend the seekers afternoon ([Vocations — Anglican Church Southern Queensland](#)).

3. Upcoming Events

For more information on the above events and registration processes, you may like to check the Upcoming Events section on the College home page: www.stfran.qld.edu.au. Please share these opportunities widely and encourage participation where appropriate. To stay up to date with St Francis College news, events, and stories it is a good idea to subscribe to *Franks News*, the monthly e-newsletter. Subscription link: <http://eepurl.com/gz77Q5>

St. Martin's House, 373 Ann Street, (GPO Box 421, Brisbane, 4001) Ph: (07) 3835 2222
Email: archbishop@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

8. Diocesan News (continued)

4. Anglican Youth Children's and Family Ministry e-newsletter

There is now a regular AYCF (Anglican Youth Children's and Family Ministry) e-newsletter which includes many resources, upcoming events and interviews with youth and children's workers in this Diocese. If you and those working with youth, children and families in your ministry network do not yet receive it, please subscribe here: AYCF: <https://aycf.org.au>

5. Postgraduate Study

St Francis College alumni interested in doing postgraduate study which involves doing research are advised that the Ivor Church Bursaries – Application Process is now open and will close on 30 November 2025. Details about the conditions and criteria and application forms are here:

stfran.qld.edu.au/bursary-ivor-frederick-church

I commend all these initiatives to you and ask that you distribute this information widely in your parishes and other faith communities:

Yours in Christ



The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ
Archbishop of Brisbane

Open Day | St Francis College 11 October 2025



A safe and creative learning space for faith and formation

If you're curious about theology, looking to deepen your faith, exploring ministry opportunities or considering professional development, our Open Day is a great opportunity to:

- 🌱 Discover flexible study options – online & on-campus – in the areas of Biblical Studies, Church History, and Mission & Ministry
- 🌱 Meet our faculty.
- 🌱 Hear from current and recent students about their experience at St Francis College, including a children's worker, a school principal, and ordination formation students.

- 🌱 Learn about the library, support, and study pathways,
- 🌱 Enjoy refreshments and good conversation (on-site)

We are a learning community that values thoughtful engagement with Scripture, is grounded in Anglican tradition, open to new ideas, and committed to forming leaders for service in the Anglican Church and wider society. From Brisbane to regional Queensland and northern NSW and beyond, we welcome future students, faith seekers, and professionals into our community.

👉 Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/DFOKL>

General contact: (07) 3514 7400
Website: www.stfran.qld.edu.au
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stfrancollege>
Email: enquiries@ministryeducation.org.au

📍 Milton, QLD | 🕒 9am–12:30pm | 💻 Join us in person or online



8. Diocesan News (continued)

Specialist dementia care transforms lives at Anglicare's Abri Residential Aged Care Home *From Anglican Focus*

During Dementia Action Week, Anglicare Southern Queensland is celebrating its Abri Residential Aged Care Home, where its Specialist Dementia Care Program (SDCP) unit is transforming lives of residents with complex care needs. Officially opened in May this year, the unit offers transitional, short-term support with a high level of tailored care for up to eight individuals who exhibit severe behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia and cannot be effectively cared for by mainstream aged care services.

For Susan Yates the program has been life-changing for her husband, Victor, who is one of the first residents of the Abri SDCP to transition back into mainstream care. "The attention and tailored support he's received through the Abri SDCP has been fantastic. His mood improved, his appetite came back, and he's been transitioned out of the SDCP into Abri's mainstream care thanks to this improvement."

Anglicare Southern Queensland's Chief Operating Officer of Aged and Community Services Kane Singh said Victor's story is a testament to the value of Specialist Dementia Care Programs.

"In 2025 there are an estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia. Without a significant intervention, the number of people with dementia is expected to increase to an estimated 812,500 by 2054," Mr Singh said. "We recognise the growing need for specialised care and programs like the SDCP are already proving to be an invaluable asset for families like Victor's."

Read more [HERE](#).

9. Prayer

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

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Stephan

Priest in Charge

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hrwarden@goldcoastnorth.org.au

St James - Laurelei

sjwarden@goldcoastnorth.org.au

St Matthew's - Richard

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Meraki Community Garden

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treasurer@goldcoastnorth.org.au

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 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.