18TH & 25TH OCTOBER 2026

Fortnightly E-News

2026: The Year of Expansion | October 16th

Gold Coast North Anglican

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1. Note from the Priest

Dear all,
Loving Greetings!

A week ago, Medha and I marked twenty years of married life. As I look back, I can honestly say it has not always been a smooth road. Ministry has meant moving from place to place. Our boys found some of those changes hard, and Medha's own ministry was affected along the way. Yet when we look back, what stands out most is not the struggle but God's faithfulness. It was God's will that brought the two of us together, and God has carried us ever since.

We began our ministry in a beautiful village parish with thirteen churches and two mission fields. I still remember the year 2005, when the long-awaited monsoon rains finally came and the great lake in our area filled with water. The joy on the farmers' faces is something I will never forget. God allowed us to serve there in many ways: a new school, five new church buildings, a rectory and a community project. Medha and I still treasure those years.

In our next parish, we faced a legal dispute over the parish land. It was a difficult season, but God gave us strength to build a new church and to see the land rightfully secured. Later, God led us along different paths of service. Medha gave herself to pastoral care and counselling, and I was involved in prayer ministry, sometimes with around a hundred events in a month across the prayer centres. During those years we were also privileged to complete our master's degrees in theology. Through every season, God provided for our needs and blessed us with our two lovely boys.

For the past three years, we have been blessed to walk with you as your parish family. We know we are not a perfect fit, and we are still learning. Thank you for your patience, your welcome, and your support. It means more than we can say.

A few reminders

- **Women's Celebration Day:** Saturday, 17th October, at 1.30 pm at St Matthew's. Please keep the day in your diary and prayers and encourage the women of your family and friends to join us.
- **Confirmation Service:** Sunday, 18th October, at 10.00 am at St Matthew's. Please pray for our candidates and their families as they prepare for this special day and come along to celebrate with them.

Our hope for a parish rectory

Our parish is praying and working towards a rectory of its own, so that the rent we now pay can instead go towards a mortgage and become a lasting investment in the parish. We are still short of our fundraising target. If you feel led to help, there are many ways:

- through your prayers,
- through a contribution or gift,
- through a bequest to the parish, or
- through a loan to the parish.

Please speak to me or to the church treasurer if you would like to know more. Every gift, however small, and every prayer is deeply appreciated.

As we give thanks for twenty years of God's goodness, my prayer for each of us is that we will trust the One who has been faithful in every season, in the green and the dry.

With love and prayers,
Stephan

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2.1 Worship Service Details 18th October

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am	Stephan	Exodus 33. 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10; Matthew 22. 15-33
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Peter McQueen	
	Wednesday (21 Oct) 9:30am	Stephan	
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am **Confirmation Service**	+John Roundhill	1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10; Matthew 22. 15-33

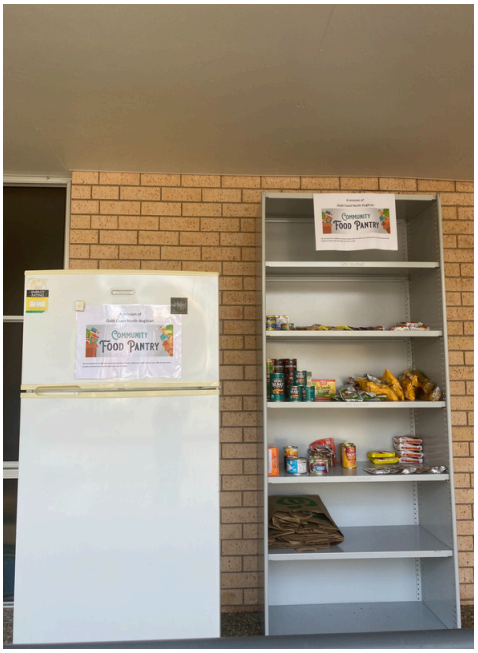
2.2 Worship Service Details 25th October

Church	Service Start Time	Celebrant	Readings
Holy Rood	Sunday 8:00am	+Len	Deuteronomy 34. 1-12; Psalm 90. 1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2. 1-13; Matthew 22. 34-46
St James	Sunday 8:30am	Stephan	
	Wednesday (28 Oct) 9:30am	Medha	
St Matthew's	Sunday 10:00am	Don	

3. News from Parish Office

Community Food Pantry

We've opened a community food pantry at St James where people can collect what they need. We welcome any members who may be able to share with us any organisation that supplies groceries to support this new mission.



Want 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, event, or baptism, a wonderful prayer you found online, or even something exciting and special happening in your own life.

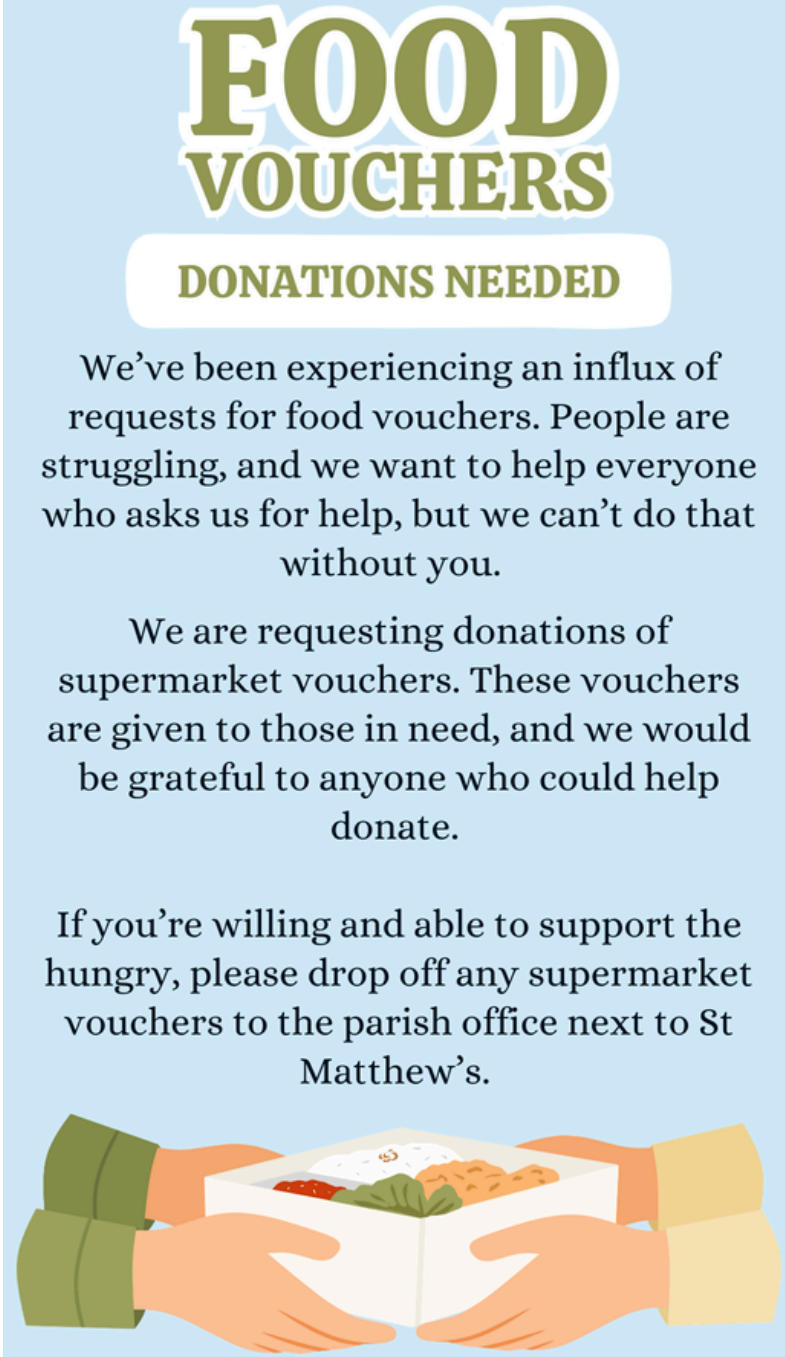
Please email your contribution to comms@goldcoastnorth.org.au

3. News from Parish Office (Continued)

Request for Rectory 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:
BSB: 704901
Account Number: 00015482
Account Name: Anglican Parish of Gold Coast North



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**

Cottage Prayer Ministry

Looking for hosts for 2026!

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.



4. Resource Corner

Faith & Wellbeing Day: Caring for the whole person

By The Rev'd Stephan Prabu for *Anglican Focus*



Read the original article on Anglican Focus here: https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/10/06/faith-wellbeing-day-caring-for-the-whole-person/

At the end of our recent Faith & Wellbeing Day, one parishioner approached me and said, "I never realised how much wisdom the Bible has for the challenges we face in everyday life." This wonderful comment captured what we hoped to achieve on the day, reinforcing the vision we had for the gathering. We wanted to create a space where faith could speak into the practical realities of everyday life and wellbeing.

The idea for the day arose while listening to our parishioners' concerns. More community members are juggling medical appointments and health concerns, while online scams are increasingly affecting people financially and emotionally.

I also wanted the day to emphasise that the Bible is a treasure trove of God's wisdom and blessings for every stage of life. I began planning the event early in the year, taking time to develop the programme and identify interesting and relevant speakers.

The day began with the spiritual theme of "graceful ageing". Bishop John gave a fantastic presentation on Abraham's story, reminding us that God continues to have a purpose for us throughout every season of life. ICT Group Manager Ben Ward from the Cathedral Precinct provided practical advice about how to stay safe from online scams. Dr Peter Lewis (a retired GP) and Mirja Wheatley (a nurse navigator) offered informative sessions on men's health awareness and dementia, connecting faith with important issues affecting our daily lives.

We promoted the event through our parish newsletter, social media, anglican focus and local Facebook community groups. We were particularly encouraged that people who are not church members joined in the day. The event turnout exceeded our expectations. Although 35 people registered, around 70 people attended, with the event becoming a parish talking point.

Our inaugural Faith & Wellbeing Day reinforced my conviction that the Church is called to be holistic in its ministry, caring for people spiritually, physically, emotionally and practically. I have already started planning for next year's Faith & Wellbeing Day, and I encourage other parishes to consider planning their own.

Five top tips for organising a parish Faith & Wellbeing Day:

1. **Choose relevant topics in consultation with your parishioners by speaking with your community members to identify issues that genuinely affect their everyday lives.**
2. **Start early: Begin planning six months ahead to allow plenty of time to develop the programme and promote the event.**
3. **Secure speakers early: Identify and confirm interesting speakers (who are relevant to your community's concerns) several months before the event, ensuring speaker diversity.**
4. **Ensure community members actively participate in the event's planning and on the day.**
5. **Promote well: Begin promotions at least two months ahead through parish newsletters, notices and social media; ACSQ channels, such as the anglican focus Events page; and, local community channels, such as Facebook groups.**

4. Resource Corner (continued)

Q&A with dad, home cook and priest, The Rev'd Stephan Prabu

By The Rev'd Stephan Prabu for *Anglican Focus*

Read the original article on Anglican Focus here: https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/09/25/qa-with-dad-home-cook-and-priest-the-revd-stephan-prabu/



Where do you currently live and where do you worship?

I live on the Gold Coast and worship with The Parish of Gold Coast North — so I'm very much part of the local community and blessed to call the Gold Coast home.

How long have you been involved in the Anglican Church Southern Queensland and in what role?

I've been part of the Anglican Church since August 2023, and these days I'm serving as Priest-in-Charge at The Parish of Gold Coast North — so there's never a dull moment. I was ordained a priest in 2005 in The Diocese of Madras in the Church of South India.



What does your current role involve?

As Priest-in-Charge, I wear a few different hats — sometimes all before morning tea! I look after the parish administration and day-to-day operations, lead worship and preach, visit and care for our parishioners, and connect with the wider Diocese on all sorts of parish matters. I also keep an eye on policies, procedures and compliance — making sure we are doing things properly.

What do you most love about your role?

I love leading worship and preaching because I love being in the presence of God and having the privilege of sharing His Word with others. I also love meeting and spending time with parishioners through visitations, prayer and everyday fellowship because I genuinely enjoy being with people and walking alongside them in their faith journey.

What is a highlight of your current role as a parish priest?

A recent highlight is the Faith and Wellbeing Day, which our parish held on Saturday, 15 August. Program highlights included spiritual reflection and encouragement, financial awareness (including scam awareness), health and ageing-well sessions, music and worship and fun icebreaker sessions. More than 70 community members joined in.

What projects or activities are you currently working on in your role?

I'm looking forward to Curry & Company on Saturday, 3 October 2026 and Theoikos – House of God, an ecumenical Christmas carol Service on Sunday, 8 November 2026, bringing together around eight churches from diverse backgrounds.

Our community garden continues to grow with support from Gold Coast City Council. The Youth and Children Ministry Team (YCMT) has started Family Sunday services in our two church centres. Through Sunday School, Youth Convention and Young Alpha, we are seeing encouraging and considerable responses from children, youth and families. It's a wonderful mix of faith, food, fellowship and community.

4. Resource Corner (continued)



What is your advice for people thinking about a vocation to ordained ministry?

I hope more young people will answer God's call to ordained ministry. I encourage them to read the Bible faithfully, pray constantly to deepen their relationship with God, and patiently discern God's guidance in the events unfolding around them. I am confident that God will open the right doors at the right time.

Can you tell us a little about your Christian faith journey?

I was born in a Christian family, but at 15 I came to know the Lord for myself and realised that serving Him was what I wanted to give my life to. Ever since, the Church and ministry have pretty much been my second home.

How does your Christian faith inspire you and shape your outlook, life choices and character?

My faith steers my life, shaping my decisions and priorities more than careful plans at times. I've made some sacrifices and missed out on opportunities along the way, but I've chosen to follow where I believe the Lord is leading me, particularly in ministry.



What are the primary strengths of the Church and what is the best way to make the most of these for the benefit of our communities?

I believe our greatest strengths are the unity, faithfulness and strong sense of belonging among our parishioners, and by nurturing these gifts we can strengthen our community and extend that same welcome, care and support to the wider community around us.

What is your favourite scripture and why?

1 Corinthians 13 is my favourite Scripture because Paul's beautiful take on love cuts straight to the heart of what really matters — if we in the Church kept coming back to it and lived it out, I reckon we'd keep our priorities right and be much less likely to miss the mark.

What person of faith inspires you the most and why?

Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889-1929), the Indian evangelist, inspires me greatly — his life reminds me a bit of Paul's, with a deep, living relationship with Jesus, a wonderfully simple way of life, and a commitment to living out and sharing the Gospel in a way that made sense within Indian cultures.

Why is it important for Christians to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples towards Reconciliation?

For me, Reconciliation is one of the clearest ways we can live out the life and ministry of Jesus — by walking alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, acknowledging the wounds of the past, seeking to heal rather than cause further harm, challenging prejudice, and recognising that the responsibility to change is ours, not theirs.

What is the kindest gesture you have ever received?

The kindest gesture I've ever experienced was from God during my postgraduate theology studies at Gurukul Theological College in Chennai when I left my job and my wife, Medha, left hers so I could take two years away from work — God provided everything we needed for fees and family expenses, so generously that we even found ourselves helping other students along the way.

4. Resource Corner (continued)

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received and who gave you this advice?

I've actually got two: Medha keeps me grounded by reminding me to regularly reflect, self-evaluate and keep improving, while The Rev'd Daniel Jayaraj, from The Parish of Chermside, encourages me not to compromise and to always give my very best to parishioners.

What do you do in your free time to recharge and relax?



When I get a bit of downtime, I love cooking — it's my way of switching off and relaxing, and I reckon feeding people is pretty good therapy. But spending time with my kids is what really recharges my batteries; they keep me laughing, grounded and happily busy.

If you found yourself on a deserted island, what three things would you choose to have with you?

I'd take a plane, a GPS and enough fuel to get me home — because I'm a home-loving bloke and, frankly, I'd be less interested in surviving on a deserted island and more interested in finding my way home.

What book have you given away most as a gift and why?

The Bible — I've probably given away more copies than any other book, partly because I've been blessed with plenty to share and partly because I reckon there's always a chance that one day someone might pick it up, have a read and discover something life-changing in it.

What is your karaoke go-to song?

My karaoke go-to is "Deep in Love with You" by Michael W. Smith — a beautiful worship song written by Michael W. Smith, Christa Black Gifford and Deborah D. Smith.

If you are having a bad day, what do you do to cheer yourself up?

If I'm having a bad day, I reckon the best remedy is to head home, put on a good movie, raid the fridge for whatever looks tempting, and forget about the rest of the world for a while!



What day would you like to re-live and why?

My wedding day, without a doubt — I'd happily do it all again, but this time I'd organise it a bit better, with Medha by my side, because after all these years I've realised she knows a lot more about event organising than I do.

Where do you do your best thinking?

At home during my early-morning meditation — I'm an early bird, and that quiet time before everyone wakes up is when my mind is at its clearest and I do my best thinking.

Editor's note: You are warmly invited to the "Theoikos – House of God" ecumenical Christmas carol Service at 3pm on 8 November 2026 at St Matthew's Anglican Church, Upper Coomera.

5. Notices

Women's Celebration Day
Many Nations, One Faith

Come and join us as we celebrate the journey of various women from different cultures and backgrounds, their challenges, and achievements.

Saturday 17th October 2026

St Matthew's Anglican Church

142 Billinghurst Crescent,

Upper Coomera

1.30pm – 4.30pm

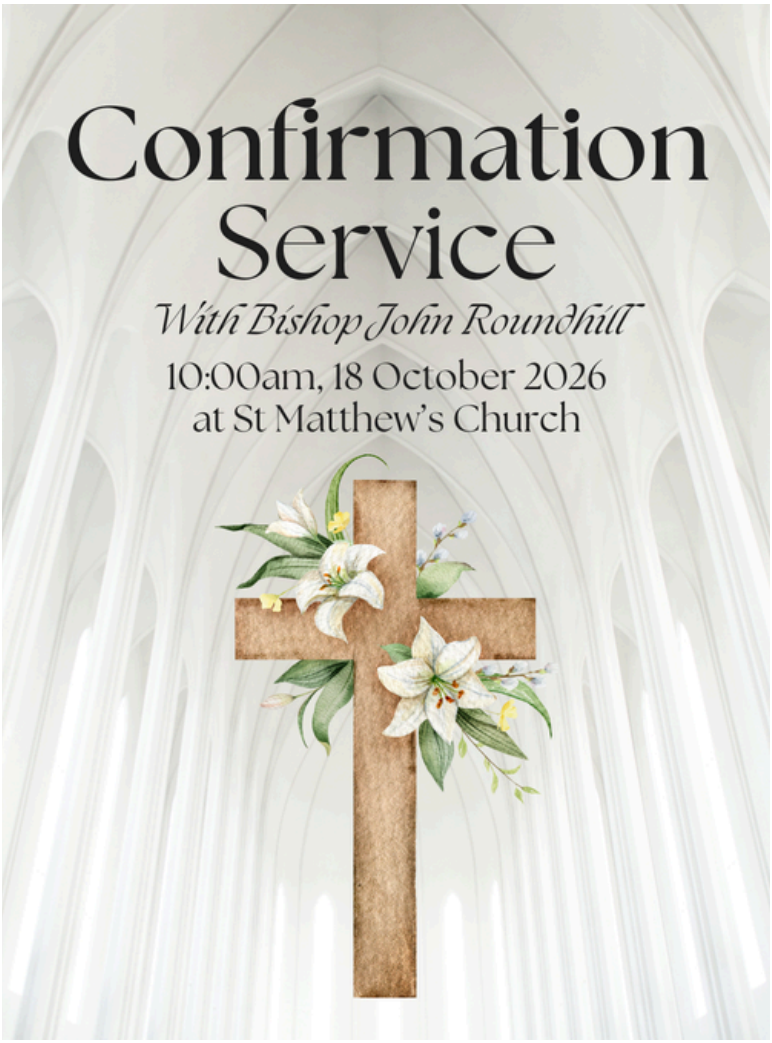
International Afternoon Tea provided.

$5 entry

Supporting victims of domestic violence

Music, range of speakers and cultural presentations, craft table and much more!

Everyone Invited! Men most welcome!



St Matt's needs a new computer



The computer used for running services at St Matthew's needs replacing. If you have a desktop computer you can donate, please contact the parish office at reception@goldcoastnorth.org.au or call 5580 5814 (Mon, Tues, Thurs 9am-1pm).

Minimum Specs Required:

- **500GB storage**
- **Intel Core i6 processor**
- **12GB RAM**

A monitor will also be needed.

5. Notices (continued)



Mother's Union Notices

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 29th October at 10.00 am in St James Hall.
It is our AGM so we hope all members can attend.
Please bring your own lunch.

One of the main projects we have been supporting this year, is the Anglicare Homeless project being built at Beenleigh. Mother's Union members have donated generously to this project. It is being officially opened on 30th October. They are having an Open Day on 3rd November. At this stage Jeanette Dale and Marjory Fieldus are planning on going.
Last March the Mission of the Month was Mother's Union projects and all the money collected went specifically to this Beenleigh Building project.

Thank you to all who contributed to this worthwhile project.
Blessings,
Marjory Fieldus

Schedule of Priests' Monthly Aged Care Visits

Day	Aged Care Centre	Time
1st Thursdays	Tricare Aged Care, Runaway Bay	10.30am
2nd Tuesdays	Regis Magnolia, Coomera	10.00am
2nd Wednesdays	Bupa Aged Care	11.30am
3rd Tuesdays	Lions Havens Aged Care, Hope Island	10.00am
4th Tuesdays	Arcare Aged Care Pimpama	11.00am
4th Thursdays	Tricare Retirement Village, Runaway Bay	01.00pm

5. Notices (continued) - Regular Events



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.

HOLY ROOD CRAFT AND CONVERSATION GROUP

The 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.

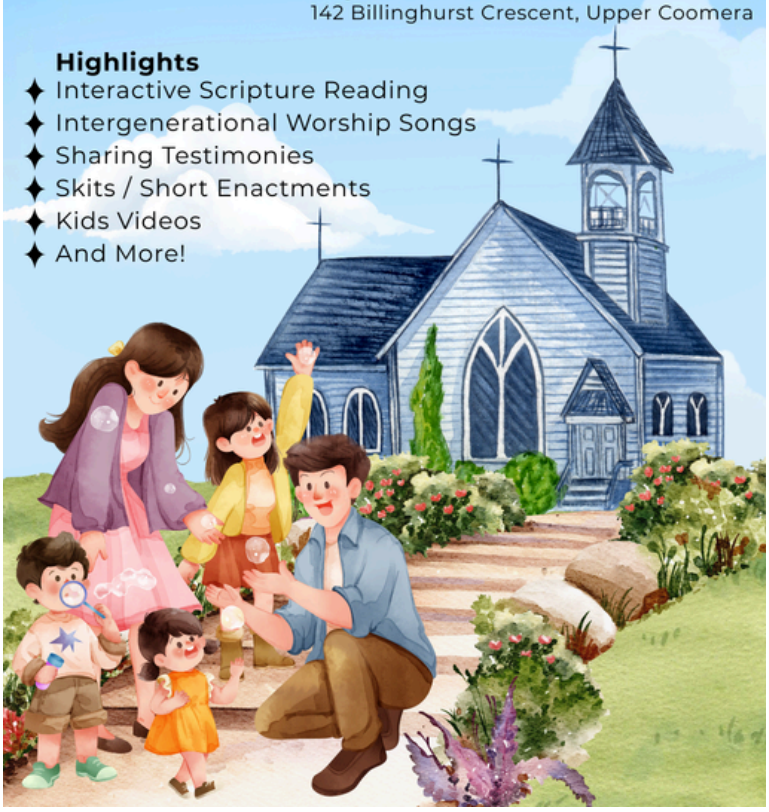
Contact: Lyn Dunn 0413 528 670 OR Sandy Eacott 0407 965 900



Family Sunday Service

3rd Sunday of the Month - St James
41 Brighton Street, Biggera Waters
4th Sunday of the Month - St Matthew's
142 Billinghurst Crescent, Upper Coomera

Highlights
- Interactive Scripture Reading
- Intergenerational Worship Songs
- Sharing Testimonies
- Skits / Short Enactments
- Kids Videos
- And More!



Coomera Craft Circle

Join us at St Matthew's Church every second Tuesday 9:00am - 12:00pm 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: 27th Oct & 10th Nov
Ring Jean for further information on 0409 322 011.



6. Events

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

On Monday, 5th October, we held a Sausage Sizzle at the Oxenford Bunnings to raise money for our parish. The money raised is still being counted, but we should hopefully be able to share exactly how much we raised soon.







Curry & Company

Curry & Company was held on October 3rd at Holy Rood Family Centre. Stephan cooked all the wonderful food, and everyone gathered round to enjoy good company whilst eating an Indian feast. If you have any photos of the event, please share them with us at comms@goldcoastnorth.org.au

6. Events (continued)

Baptism

Patrick Allan Marchisotti was baptised at Holy Rood on Sunday, 11th October. Patrick's parents are Katherine & Dominic Marchisotti.





7. Mission of the Month: SU Australia

SU Australia is a Christian not-for-profit organisation that works alongside local churches of all denominations and community groups towards a common vision: to see children, young people and their families discovering life in God's big story.



SU Australia aims to give children, young people and their families opportunities to discover life in God's big story. SU has had a presence across Qld for almost 150 years, with a strong historical legacy of ministry through camps, beach missions and school groups. **Since the 1990s, School Chaplaincy, 'Schoolies' and activities for young people at-risk have added to the richness and diversity of activities offered across the state.**

School chaplains support the holistic wellbeing of our school communities across Australia. **Through one-on-one support, running small groups and connecting with staff, students and families, school chaplains make a difference, and are loved by their communities.**

Pray for this vital ministry in our State and also in our parish. There are envelopes at the back of each of the parish centres to support this work financially.

8. Kids Corner

Lego Bible: *King David and Jonathan*

The anointed king, David, and his friend and brother Jonathan fight off Philistine armies, and King Saul's jealousy - pointing us to our ultimate friend and saviour in Jesus.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZY_zuD1sV9o

9. Diocesan News

ACSQ agencies back landmark Senate inquiry recommendations supporting children before crisis point and "smart on crime" rather than "tough on crime" messages

By Michelle McDonald for *Anglican Focus*

Read the full article here:

https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2026/09/23/acsq-agencies-back-landmark-senate-inquiry-recommendations-supporting-children-before-crisis-point-and-smart-on-crime-rather-than-tough-on-crime-messages/

ACSQ's Social Responsibilities Committee and Anglicare have joined mental health and First Nations legal experts in welcoming the "youth justice" Senate inquiry's recommendations and its rejection of harmful false media narratives, while calling for evidence-based and community-centred responses.

The Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee inquiry into Australia's Youth Justice and Incarceration System was established in the context of news media increasingly sounding the alarm about a rising "youth crime wave".
The committee's report found that distorted crime reporting is skewing community perceptions, as data shows that youth offending is falling significantly nationwide.

"Media reporting on what is often described as a crisis in youth crime is fuelling public fear of Australia's youth and driving moral panic," the report said. "The committee recommends that the Australian Government design and develop an education campaign, [which] should draw on actual crime data and statistical evidence to counter sensational media coverage on youth crime and the false narrative that the country is in the grip of a youth crime wave. The education campaign would also provide 'smart on crime' rather than 'tough on crime' messages."

The committee's report highlighted early intervention, community-based prevention and diversion, finding significant links between "youth justice" involvement and racism, transgenerational trauma, disability, family disruption, housing insecurity and educational disengagement.
It also highlighted the role schools can play in a child's pathway into the justice system, reinforcing the importance of early intervention and support to help children remain engaged in education.
Anglicare Southern Queensland's inquiry submission emphasised the impacts of school suspension and exclusion, including the risk of responding to behaviour without addressing the conditions driving it.

10. Prayer

Lord and Savior,
In my human imperfection,
You know that I have sinned and am sorry;
May the good works that I can do
Be filled with faith and give You glory.
Amen.

https://www.heartofthenation.org/prayer-resources/todays-prayer-for-you

11. Parish Information

Offertory

DIRECT DEBIT GIVING at GCNA for ongoing weekly ministry. Please use these account details:
Anglican Parish of Gold Coast North
BSB: 704 901
A/C No: 00015081
Note: If you receive a message saying something like 'Potential scam' or 'Account name doesn't match', then please re-check that you've entered the correct account details and proceed with the payment.
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 Billinghurst 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/

11. Parish Information (continued)

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. THESE ARE THE ONLY EMAILS STAFF WILL CONTACT YOU VIA.

Stephan	Priest in Charge	pic@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Medha	Pastoral Care Counsellor	pccslm@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Wardens		
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St James - Laurelei	sjwarden@goldcoastnorth.org.au	
St Matthew's - Richard	smwarden@goldcoastnorth.org.au	
Meraki Community Garden - Jean	meraki@goldcoastnorth.org.au	
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Claudia	Digital Media Officer	comms@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Siggi	Front Office	reception@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Voluntary Service		
Pam	Payments	accounts@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Pat	Treasurer	treasurer@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Warren	Finance / Budget	warren@goldcoastnorth.org.au
Peter	WHS Administrator	safeguarding@goldcoastnorth.org.au

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.