

We acknowledge those who were here before us, the first inhabitants of this place. We honour them for their custodianship of the land, on which we gather today.

St Paul's Stafford Uniting Church

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Welcome!

A very warm welcome is extended to all visitors to our website, including those following our worship services on Zoom

Pastoral Care Aims

We really want to show our Christian love and care for all our church family. You can help!

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need, please contact their Elder or Pastoral Carer

Our Offering Commitment

Offerings year to date:
\$71,673.69
Budget to 31 July:
\$74,900

A/c Name: UCA St Paul's Stafford.
BSB 014-010
Account No. 191608544

Check out our "St Paul's at Stafford" website at <https://stpaulsstafford.org.au/>



Newsletter



Sunday 25 July 2021 - Day Camp Reunion Service

9:00 am – Rev. Dr Debra Tedman, *Rise and shine; your light has come.*

Scripture readings: Isaiah 60:1-5a; Exodus 3:1-20; Luke 5:17-26

What's on this week:

Today 11:30 am – Merry Maids picnic lunch at Bradshaw Park, Lutwyche

Tuesday 27 10:00 am – Home Group at Myrna's

Friday 30 9:15am – MOPS (at the church)

Sunday 1 August 2021

9:00 am – Rev. Dr Debra Tedman, *Jesus the Bread of Life*
Holy Communion

Scripture readings: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; **John 6:24-35**

What's on next week:

Tuesday 3 12 noon – Ladies' lunch at Stafford Tavern
7:00 pm – Ailsa's Home Group by Zoom
7:30 pm – Cuppa & Supper (by Zoom)

Wednesday 4 7:30 pm – Home Group at Lynne P's
7:30 pm – TM/JR Bible Study (by Zoom)

Telling it like it is...

Here are some interesting children's answers to church school questions – from the Anglican Church:

- Noah's wife was called Joan of Arc.
- Henry VIII thought so much of Wolsley that he made him a cardigan.
- The fifth commandment is "humour thy father and mother."
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
- Holy acrimony is another name for matrimony.
- The pope lives in a vacuum.
- The patron saint of travelers is St. Francis of the sea sick.
- Abraham begat Isaac and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob begat 12 partridges.
- The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so Paul got stoned.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- It is sometimes difficult to hear what is being said in church because the agnostics are so terrible.

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From a survey that asked children their definition of love:

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails any more. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love. Rebecca, age 8

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. Karl, age 4.

Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends after they know each other so well. Tommy, age 6

Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. Chrissy, age 6

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Monday Morning Prayer

Loving God,

Through your son we are called to be one people united together in love just as you are one. Help us after NAIDOC week to truly stand together with the first peoples of Australia, to work together for healing and wholeness, to live out the reconciliation that you offer all people through the sacrifice of Christ. Make us true ambassadors of your healing grace as we share your love for all people throughout this land. In Christ's reconciling love we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Andrew Gunton, Moderator)

Ladies' Lunch

The next ladies' lunch is planned for Tuesday 3 August from 12 noon at the Stafford Tavern. COVID-safe measures will be in place, but we'll need to advise numbers beforehand. If you haven't already done so, please let Bev Ro know if you'd like to attend.



The hero is the one who kindles a great light in the world, who sets up blazing torches in the dark streets of life for men to see by. The saint is the man who walks through the dark paths of the world, himself a light.

Felix Adler

Lemon Butter!

Enid has recently been given many lemons, so she has more lemon butter for sale.



Following the recent update from Sandra Perry, Enid has consulted with John C and it has been decided that proceeds from sales will now be directed to our own church funds, until such time as Sandra can resume her work in Cambodia.

Duty Roster

There are still some spots left on the roster in August, and it would be appreciated if you could contact Mavis by office phone or email if you can help on those dates. We still need welcomers, pray-ers and musicians. **Each week, Mavis sends the updated roster by email with the newsletter**, so you can check any available spaces.

I live and love in God's peculiar light.



Michaelangelo

Prayers for:

Our Church Family	Prayer Requests	Prayers for Local Community	Prayers for the Wider Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Stella E◦ Di D◦ Jean McF◦ Edris S◦ Daphne J◦ Corrine R	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Kids Hope Children◦ Timothy and his parents◦ Ross & Kathryn◦ Stuart McC◦ Janine F	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ UCA Qld Synod◦ All ministry agents◦ All in the medical profession◦ Stafford Heights State School◦ The unemployed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ John C◦ Colleen G◦ Alison C◦ Mark C◦ Pam B◦ Andrew G◦ Jillian R



Happy Birthday to Ron A, who celebrates a very special birthday on 27 July! Best wishes also to Robyn B (29 July), Jilly G (30 July) and Suzanne M (31 July).

Face to Face Worship (please wear your mask this Sunday)

Please click on the new UCare link below and enter your details to book a seat.

Please note that you will need to book on an updated link, which will change every week. Please make a booking for each person attending. See the guide for help.

When your booking has been successful you will receive a message saying you have booked a "ticket" You do not need to print the ticket or show a ticket at the door to come to worship.

Here is the link for Worship on Sunday, 25 July 2021, 9:00 am

<https://ucaqld.ucareapp.com/events/822/booknow>

Need help? Please ring me if you are having difficulty or have any questions.

If you are unwell even with mild symptoms, have been in contact with a person with a suspected case of COVID 19 or travelled to a hotspot, you should stay at home and join us via Zoom.

John C – Church Council Chair

chair@stpaulsstafford.org.au



The **Check-in QLD App** is now mandatory for Places of Worship, for purposes of contact tracing. If you are entering the premises (church or hall) you will need to check in using the app. This applies to Sunday worship and also if you are entering the premises for any reason during the week. There is signage at all entry points to the church and hall. If you are unable to use this technology please contact John C, email chair@stpaulsstafford.org.au

Moderator's Reflection: Covenant

When I think of covenant, I often think of the vows that a couple makes on their wedding day. In the marriage service, the couple enters into a covenant with God and with each other. They make promises to each other and to God to live together in love, honouring each other and being faithful to each other just as God first demonstrates love to them.

Over the weekend I attended the 16th Assembly online and was reminded of the powerful statement of love that we see portrayed in Paul's letter to the Corinthians. This love that we are called to share with each other comes from God, a covenant love that comes to each of us through Christ's sacrifice of love on the cross.

The love of God calls us to live together in patience, kindness, never envious or boasting or arrogant or rude. A love that does not insist on its own way and rejoices in the truth, a love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. This is the covenant that we are called to live out with all people, to live together in peace, speaking to each other in love and holding each other accountable in that love.

If we are to truly be God's covenant people then we need to demonstrate those markers of love in the way we speak, act and live our lives, in every circumstance.

I pray that as God's family we will continue to put this covenant of love into action and continue to show this covenantal love to all.

Rev. Andrew Gunton, Moderator