



28 August 2022

Our mission is to:

Shine with the love of Jesus, grow mature disciples and declare the Good News.

Unity and Division in the Anglican Church of Australia

Last week you would have heard many reports in the news around the Australian Anglican Church splitting and the conservatives forming a breakaway diocese called 'The Southern Cross Diocese'. An example of this is found at: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-08-17/australia-anglican-church-splits-over-same-sex-marriage/101341078>

To be accurate, the Anglican Church has not split as there are still 23 dioceses across the country each with their own bishop. Instead, an independent new denomination has been formed to provide pastoral oversight for Christians who can no longer remain in the Anglican Church in their diocese under the leadership of their bishop. To read about this new denomination and its new bishop see:

<https://mailchi.mp/6d9cbc98b7ae/diocese-of-the-southern-cross-faq-updated-version?e=74eece59b>

What brought this about? Over the past years, with the change in the marriage legislation, some bishops, clergy and lay people have been advocating for the church to allow the blessing of same sex marriages. The court of the church (known as the Appellate Tribunal) issued an opinion that this could be possible under the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia. However, general Synod rejected a motion that same sex blessings be endorsed and embraced. A majority of those present at General Synod agreed with a statement that marriage is between a man and a woman.

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Unity and Division in the Anglican Church of Australia continued

All 23 dioceses of the Anglican Church are independent and can largely determine their own policy and direction as long as it is consistent with the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia, the doctrine of the book of common prayer and the 39 articles. Therefore, some dioceses have chosen to offer the blessing of same sex marriages. A consequence of this is that some clergy and lay people who are in these dioceses disagree so strongly, due to their understanding of scripture, and feel that they can no longer remain part of the Anglican Church.

The Diocese of the Southern Cross has been established to offer pastoral care and support to clergy and lay people who feel they need to leave their church.

At the moment, there is one clergy person and a congregation of 40 in Brisbane who have joined this new diocese. They met in a local RSL club last Sunday as they had to vacate their building because it is the property of the Anglican Church of Australia.

What impact will this have on our church? At the present moment, there will be none. Please be reassured that this is unlikely to have any direct effect on churches in the Melbourne diocese as the situation is different here to some other dioceses in Australia.

If you have any further questions, please talk with either Ron or myself. Obviously, we need to be praying. Here are some things to pray for:

*Unity amongst all who hold fast to the gospel, whether staying or going.

*Wisdom, perseverance and grace for all making decisions regarding this situation.

*For Christ to grow, reform, rebuild and renew His Church (including the Anglican Church) so that we can shine the love of Jesus, grow mature disciples and declare the good news to a community who desperately need to know Him as Saviour and Lord.

(Some of the content of this article has been adapted from a letter written by the Right Reverend Mark Calder, Bishop of Bathurst)

Many many thanks ...

...to all those involved in the in the Winter Warmer Fundraising Concert and Afternoon Tea. The music was fantastic, the afternoon tea delicious and \$2020.50 raised. Thank you again.

Prayer Retreat – Saturday 3 September

We invite you to come and spend some time with God on Saturday 3/9. Rev Joy Sanderfur from All Saint's Greensborough will be leading our time together. The day will run from 10am to 3pm and will include guided devotion, prayer time, singing, opening God's word and communion. If you are planning to come please let Sue know or write your name on the list on the notice board. Lunch will be provided and any donations towards the cost of lunch will be gratefully received.

New compliance

ANYONE involved in **ANY** ministry/program in the church is required by the government and the diocese to undertake training. This can be done:

- Online at <https://www.openlearning.com/courses/adom-safe-ministry-essentials/homepage/?cl=1>
- Or come in person on Sunday 28 August from 12pm—2pm

At the completion of the course on line, they ask if you would like a certificate. You need to download the certificate and email it to the office.

Compliance training 12pm – 2pm 28 August

Level 1 compliance training is from 12pm to 2 pm. A cup of soup and toast will be provided for participants. Please bring a pen and paper.

Playgroup Schedule

1 September—Celebrating Spring

Wear Happy Clothes that can get dirty.

8 September—Yellow week



Bring your kids. Bring your grandkids. Invite a friend.

School Holiday Program Needs Wool

If you have wool you don't need, the school holiday program can use it! It doesn't matter what colour, thickness or texture. Knitting cotton would also be great. Donations can be left at church.

Happy Birthday... Mary Tyrrell, Cathy Ashley
Congratulations... Kelvin and Robyn Wheatley married
for 48 years

Services in the church

10am at St Chad's every Sunday

8am at St Chad's 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month

11am at St Aidan's 2nd Sunday of the month

This week in the church

Mon	9:30am	Pastoral Care Meeting
Tues	11:15am	Matt's Place at St Chad's
Tues	11:15am	Lunch Church & Bible Study
Wed	9:30am—1:30pm	Pantry 5000 at St Aidan's
Wed	1:00pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Thurs	10:00am	Playgroup at St Chad's—celebrating spring
Fri	10:00am	Patchwork & Craft Group (2 and 16 September)

Soon in the church

28 August	12pm	Leadership training for the diocese
3 Sept	10am	Prayer Retreat
27/28/29 September		School Holiday Program
2 Oct		Newcomer's lunch
16 Oct		Chelsea Band Trivia Afternoon
6 Nov		Confirmation service with Bishop Paul

Pantry 5000 Food of the Week... 500g Breakfast Cereal or Cans of Fruit

Prayer Chain requests—Christine Taylor 0407 725 692

Ongoing prayer—email requests to Jaqueline or Sue

Pastoral care—Sue Bluett 0433 024 626

Prayer has been requested for: Bev, Cheryl, Chris B, Drew, Doug, Evie, Helen, Hudson, James, Jennifer & Alex, Jewel, Karin, Kayden & Elisabeth, Lorraine, Nigel & Chris, Peter, Phoebe, Rachel, Robert, Robyn, Rose, Rosemary, Shaz, Sophia, Stephen T, Sue, Wyatt, Wayne, Will, Zara

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