



The Cornerstone December 2017

Welcome to St Jude the Apostle - an Contemporary and Traditional Anglican Church reaching out to all generations at Everton Park

SERVICES

TUESDAYS:

- 12th Dec - 9:30 am **Healing Communion Service**
- 19th Dec - 9.30 am **Communion Service**
- 26th Dec - *no service*

FRIDAYS:

- 15th Dec - 7.00 pm **Alive & In The House - café service**

SUNDAYS:

7.15 am Traditional Services:

- 10th Dec - **Communion Service** - Bp Jonathan
- 17th Dec - **Healing Communion Service**
- 31st Dec - **Communion Service**

9.30 am Contemporary Services:

followed by Morning Tea

- 10th Dec - **Communion Service** - Bp Jonathan.
- 17th Dec - **Healing Communion Service**
- 31st Dec - **Communion Service**

[\[Check out our new Family Worship Zones\]](#)

Combined Service:

- 24th Dec - **Communion Service**

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS—WHAT ARE THESE LEADERS WORKING ON?

Over 70% of St Jude's members are involved in some type of ministry. This includes children and young people right through to those in their eighties and nineties. We also include a significant number of people who have some leadership role in our Church and its ministries. Once a month, on average, our leaders meet to discuss and reflect on the nature of our ministry in St Jude's; our role as leaders; and the continual development of safe ministry

practices. We also work to develop and clarify the culture and ethos of our Parish.

These workshops also allow our Senior Pastors, Ps Andrew and Lynette, to teach and draw attention to how we might lead this church together and enable it to fulfil both its vision and mission.

Recently we received the results of the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) that was conducted throughout Australia across a broad range of denominations. These results came from the surveys done by our own members in November 2016, whilst Ps Andrew and Lynette were in Sydney for their granddaughter's baptism. So they had no influence on the results, on the day when the survey was conducted.



December Calendar

MONDAYS:

- 11th Dec - 7.00 pm - **Men's Study Group**

TUESDAYS:

- 19th Dec - 7.00 pm - **Creative Arts Rehearsal**

WEDNESDAYS:

- 9.30 am - **Gentle Exercises**
- 10.30 am - **Beacon Counseling Ministry**
- 20th Dec - 3.30 pm - **BCM Supervisory Seminar**

FRIDAYS:

- 15th Dec - 12.30 pm **Ladies Study Group**

SUNDAYS

- 17th Dec- 11.45 am plus - **Cornerstone Crafting Creations**
- 24th Dec - 10.15 am - **St Jude's Family Christmas High Tea**

The results certainly showed us areas that were in need of attention. Most of them we were very much aware of and had been addressing in recent months. However, the results were quite encouraging in the areas that we had done a lot of work on. These included:

Music - 88% of our members enjoy and appreciate our music;

Personal Growth—87% believe they have grown in their understanding of God;

Belonging—93% have a strong sense of belonging to our church community;

New Things—87% believe we are open to trying new things;

Communications and Operations—94% believe we have good and clear systems for how we operate;

Encouragement—92% believe that our leaders encourage them to find and use their gifts and skills;

Listen to ideas—94% believe that our leaders take into account the ideas of members to a great or some extent;

Action—82% believe that our leaders inspire them to action;

Vision Attainment—90% feel confident or partly confident that we can achieve our vision and goals;

Inspiration—81% feel they always or usually experience inspiration during our services;

Friendships—87% of long-term members and 78% of new members say it is easy to make friends in our church.

The pictures on the front page depict some of our leaders focusing upon an issue or idea: to work with it, tease it out, find solutions and then identify the means by which we can then implement them. Although we welcome everyone in our church, we cannot effectively meet everyone's need. Our team of leaders are working through identifying a certain group of people whom we believe God has laid on our hearts through the vision of our Senior Pastors. In the meeting depicted in the pictures we identified the group of people whom we will be reaching out to, so we can share with them the good news of the Kingdom of God that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

Through this process we re-confirmed our vision:

To build upon Jesus Christ our Cornerstone

Congratulations

Congratulations to Isaac White for completing Year 12. Even during this important and demanding year, Isaac has been sowing into the ministries and functions of St Jude's. He has contributed over 50 hours of his year-12 fieldwork requirements into the ministries of our church and has blessed us



by establishing and building:

- **Community Church** - to build a life-giving church that reaches out into the community to bring people to Christ;
- **Developmental Centre** - to educate, equip and train Christian men, women and children to do mission and ministry;
- **Dialogical Research** - to develop research programs and dialogical conferences that bring back the essence of truth in the public square

We also re-conceptualised our Mission Statement:

To win for Lamb the reward of His Sacrifice

In our most recent leader's workshop the team worked through the nature of the external community to whom we wish to engage; and identifying the internal competencies we as a church need to develop so we can be effective in our mission. Each of those group chose one area of our church's life that they thought was important and are working on.

- **Developing podcasts for our facebook and website;**
- **Developing a Welcome Program that engages people the moment they arrive; and**
- **Developing appropriate training programs for our members.**

Be Safe at St Jude's

Here at St Jude's we want all of our members and guests to be safe from harm. This means:

- We don't protect bullies
- Speak up if you don't feel safe
- If anyone, adult or child, makes you feel uncomfortable, frightened or worried, it's OK to tell someone.

Speak to Ps Andrew, Lynette, Vicki, Kevin, Jimmy or Neil if you feel uncomfortable

Lynette



Ps Andrew



Jimmy

Neil

Vicki & Kevin



Anglicare - Panel Service

We had a great Panel Service with Jan Cohen and Carolyn Cumming from Anglicare and Dot Shaw from St Jude's, joining Ps Andrew. The Panel focused on the ethos of Anglicare and a number of its practical works that it does looking after those in their teens through to those who are a lot older than that.



Christmas Hampers

We are collecting donations of Christmas type food and goodies to go with our Christmas hampers this year for those families who struggle at this time. Please consider purchasing items such as:

Christmas Items

Tinned Ham	Chips	Lollies
Christmas Pudding	Gingerbread	fruit mince pies
candy canes	shortbread	biscuits
Other Christmas food		

We have also found it helpful when people have given **cash donations** that have enabled us to supplement the various food donations we receive.

We also include basic food items such as:

Basic Food Items

Pasta	Long life custard	SR Flour
Pasta Sauce	Long life juice	Sugar
Canned Tomatoes	Cereals	Tea Bags
Canned Fruit	Cordial	Coffee
Canned Salmon or Tuna	Tuna bake sauce	

Please ensure that use by dates are later than January 2018

Please have donations into us by Sunday 17th December



MU Christmas Lunch

The MU members, families and friends enjoyed a sumptuous Christmas lunch at the Arana Leagues Club with Christmas ham/turkey and pavlova/Christmas pudding. Ps Andrew commented on the great year MU has had and their contribution to the Parish's Anglicare High Tea that raised over \$4,000 for Anglicare's on-the-job technology development that would see great benefit going to the elderly and disabled people for whom they cared. Joan Cooper, MU Chairperson, was presented with flowers and chocolates; and the other executive members, Pam Sutherland, Helen Symes and Rosemaree Lewis received a box of chocolates.



Cornerstone Crafting Creations

Third Sunday of the Month

After the 9.30 am Service's Morning Tea

Crafting Creations is a time for us to come together around our common interest of craft and needlework.

BYO: CREATIONS

BYO: LUNCH

PROVIDED: a variety of teas, coffees and biscuits



Christmas Carols

Sunday 17th December 2017 at 5.00 pm

Brisbane Brass Music Association

With

St Jude's Contemporary Band

Carols, Christmas readings, children's item and drama



Picture from Family Christmas online



picture from Gospel Clip Art

Christmas Eve

24th December @ 8.30 am

Communion Service with carols and children's item



Picture by Dona Gelsing

Christmas Day

25th December @ 8.30 am

Communion Service with carols, drama and children's item

St Jude's Family Christmas High Tea

Christmas Eve 24th December after the 8.30 am service

Ps Andrew and Lynette request the pleasure of your company at our end of year Christmas celebration for our church members, families and teams.

RSVP: Tuesday 19th December



Families in Worship

With the introduction of the new "Family Worship Zones" we have seen our young children find their own space, with their parents, during our 9.30 am service. This along with musical instruments to play at the beginning and end of the service; Kid's Items and the new Kid's Activity Packs helps our young children find a meaningful worship time with God set at their own level. We have noticed that the ambient noise of the services has not shifted noticeably. The children are learning the difference between freedom and constraint, as guided by their parents and that they are also responsible for their behaviour towards others.



Parent's Lounge

Due to the changes the Parent's Lounge is finding its proper function as place for parents to go who have a baby crying or a toddler too restless to contain themselves in church.

Children's Responsibility:

In addition to the responsibility the church and its ministry team have towards the care and protection of children, there is also a level of responsibility that children themselves are asked to observe: They must:

- Consider the rights and safety of others
- Demonstrate respect for their peers and for the workers
- Demonstrate respect for safe practices including following reasonable directions and practices; and
- Where they are concerned for their safety or the safety of others, seek assistance from an appropriate person as designated by the Rector. Those people are listed on page 2.

[Policy and Procedures for the Protection of Children—Parishes—Anglican Diocese of Brisbane, p 5.]

Kid's Christmas Party

On December 3rd we had a great Kid's Christmas Party after our Contemporary Service. We had the "Incredibles" Jumping Castle and games that engaged both our children and parents/grandparents. The two parcels going around the group caught up with one another a number of times. Thanks to Lucy Dix who generously gave the food and presents for the party; and Charmaine and Roger Hart for taking over the preparation and organisation of the day when Lucy was not able to attend because of an accident she has had.



St Jude's Day Celebration

We had an awesome St Jude's Day celebration with Worship, Message, Vision Implementation delivery, lunch, fairy floss and jumping castle. The various aspects of the celebration are shown in the following pictures.

Tuning into the Gospel Message



Drama: Taking the essentials for our spiritual journey



Silent Auction raised \$411 towards the new digital sound mixer and a further donation of \$455 covered the remainder needed for its purchase (\$4,900).

Thank you to those who contributed to the sound mixer, on the day, and before.



Finding Nemo Jumping Castle was awesome



Great Chefs cooking a BBQ feast



Both Kids and Adults enjoyed the Fairy Floss



"Passing the Parcel" brought the various age groups of our Church together

