



ORDINARY (GREEN GROWING) TIME 21 JUNE 2026

St Andrews Newsletter



We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Traditional Custodians. We acknowledge the land on which we worship is Dharug Country. We pay respects to elders past, present and emerging and honour their continuing connection to these lands, skies and waters. Sovereignty was never ceded.

THIS SUNDAY CONNECT GROUPS THIS WEEK - DAILY EXAMEN QUESTIONS

Sunday 21 June

- When did I feel at home in myself today?
When did I not feel at home?

Monday 22 June

- Where did I step through a threshold
today? Where did I step back from one?

Tuesday 23 June

- When did I feel God's delight in me today?
When did I forget I am loved?

Wednesday 24 June

- Where was I awake to the blessings of this
day? Where was I blind or deaf to them?

Thursday 25 June

- When did I offer forgiveness today to
another or myself? Where am I still
withholding it?

Friday 26 June

- Where did my heart open wide today?
When did it close?

Saturday 27 June

- Where did I work with joy today? Where
did it feel like drudgery?

THE IGNATIAN EXAMEN A DAILY PRAYER OF NOTICING

During the season after Pentecost, the Church enters Ordinary Time. The liturgical colour is green — the colour of things quietly becoming. This is not the urgency of Lent, the joy of Easter, or the fire of Pentecost. It is something slower and perhaps more demanding: the long, unhurried work of growth. The seeds planted in the great festivals of the year are now taking root. Ordinary Time is where most of the actual living of faith happens. During this season, you are invited to build a practice.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed a spiritual exercise called the Examen — a simple, daily prayer of review and noticing. There are many variations. You can practice it alone, through journaling or quiet reflection. You can practice it with others, through listening and conversation. You may like to develop a ritual around it — a particular time, a favourite chair, a candle lit at the end of the day.

SIGN UP & FOLLOW

We're inviting you to try this daily practice until the end of July as a simple way of becoming aware of God's presence woven through each ordinary day. Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp group to receive one question, each evening, sent to your phone. Or follow the week's questions printed in the newsletter.



YOUR THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA — 49TH ANNIVERSARY

At the inaugural Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia, held on 22 June 1977 at Sydney Town Hall, this Statement to the Nation was delivered and published in newspapers around the country.

As you read this statement today, what strikes you about this vision for our church?

The statement calls us to move forward in the spirit of self-giving love. What might that look like for our congregation today?

STATEMENT TO THE NATION

People of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches have united. A new church has been born.

We, who are members of the first Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia address the people of Australia in his historic moment. The path to unity has been long and at times difficult, but we believe this unity is a sign of the reconciliation we seek for the whole human race.

We acknowledge with gratitude that the churches from which we have come have contributed in various ways to the life and development of this nation. A Christian responsibility to society has always been regarded as fundamental to the mission of the Church. In the Uniting Church our response to the Christian gospel will continue to involve us in social and national affairs.

We are conscious of our responsibilities within and beyond this country. We particularly acknowledge our responsibilities as one branch of the Christian church within the region of South-East Asia and the Pacific. In these contexts we make certain affirmations at the time of our inauguration.

We affirm our eagerness to uphold basic Christian values and principles, such as the importance of every human being, the need for integrity in public life, the proclamation of truth and justice, the rights for each citizen to participate in decision-making in the community, religious liberty and personal dignity, and a concern for the welfare of the whole human race.

We pledge ourselves to seek the correction of injustices wherever they occur. We will work for the eradication of poverty and racism within our society and beyond. We affirm the rights of all people to equal educational opportunities, adequate health care, freedom of speech, employment or dignity in unemployment if work is not available.

We will oppose all forms of discrimination which infringe basic rights and freedoms.

We will challenge values which emphasise acquisitiveness and greed in disregard of the needs of others and which encourage a higher standard of living for the privileged in the face of the daily widening gap between the rich and poor.

We are concerned with the basic human rights of future generations and will urge the wise use of energy, the protection of the environment and the replenishment of the earth's resources for their use and enjoyment.

Finally we affirm that the first allegiance of Christians is God, under whose judgment the policies and actions of all nations must pass. We realise that sometimes this allegiance may bring us into conflict with the rulers of our day.

But our Uniting Church, as an institution within the nation, must constantly stress the universal values which must find expression in national policies if humanity is to survive.

We pledge ourselves to hope and work for a nation whose goals are not guided by self-interest alone, but by concern for the welfare of all persons everywhere — the family of the One God — the God made known in Jesus of Nazareth the One who gave His life for others.

In the spirit of His self-giving love we seek to go forward.

CULTURE OF SAFETY TRAINING

We are hosting Culture of Safety training on **Saturday, 25 July 2026, 9.30am to 3.30pm.**

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://nswactuca.eventsair.com/cos-training-days-2025/registration/Site/Register>

LINK TO OTHER DATES FOR TRAINING:

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/culture-of-safety/culture-of-safety-training/>

Any questions? Email Christian at safechurch@glenbrookuniting.org.au

P.S. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MORNING TEA, LUNCH, AND AFTERNOON TEA. PLEASE LET CHRISTIAN KNOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK 22 - 28 JUNE

MONDAY
A.A 7-9PM

TUESDAY
BAND 5-9PM

WEDNESDAY
PLAYGROUP 9:30-12:30PM

THURSDAY
A.A 7-9PM

FRIDAY
BABY SEN.9-12PM
GUCY YOUTH 7PM

SATURDAY
GREEN THUMBS 2-5PM

SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE 9.30AM
TAIZE 6.30PM

SAVE THESE DATES!

Church Life Congregational Meeting

Mark your diary for **5 July** — following the service, we're holding our Church Life Congregational Meeting. These gatherings are such a gift: a time to connect, reflect, and shape our life together as a community. All are welcome and genuinely encouraged to come. Your presence makes a difference.

BIG DAY OUT

26 SEPTEMBER

Think Church Camp:

games, food, ridiculous activities, community time, and joy - but you still get to sleep in your own bed.

Because we love each other, but we also love sleep.

At Adam & Ellen's place.

More details to come. :-)

Celebrate 100 years

St Andrew's Glenbrook will celebrate 100 years of the congregation's existence within the local community in June 2027. Plans are underway for suitable events to mark the occasion. So make sure you are around in June next year to be part of it all!

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Send Newsletter submission to Donna by
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May Offerings \$ \$11,170
(Budget \$12,878)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

22 - 28 JUNE

MONDAY

GENESIS 22: 1-14*

TUESDAY

GENESIS 22: 15-24

WEDNESDAY

GENESIS 23:1-20

THURSDAY

ROMANS 5: 12-23*

FRIDAY

ROMANS

7: 1-6

SATURDAY

MATTHEW 10: 40-42*

SUNDAY

PSALM 13*

CHURCH GIVING

Giving Direct: Deposit your offering
anonymously directly into St Andrews
account at Uniting Financial Services BSB
634 634 Account **100030278**.

For other payments where we need to
identify you, deposit into St Andrews
General Account BSB **634 634**
Account **100026096**.

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