



TIME TO BUILD

Building lives, homes & communities

Newsletter of Our Place Christian Communities and Hope Christian Homes | JUNE 2023

4 tips on disability inclusion

Here are some things we learned from each other at our recent workshop at All Saints Anglican...



1 Give others permission

We all have different bodies and minds. We can make church more inclusive by letting people do what they need to do to learn.

2 Ask ourselves questions

How does God view people? Do we look at people the way God does? Being made in God's image means that we love and serve each other.

3 Use and grow each other's gifts

Let's encourage each other to strive for goals - to grow in faith, to reach out and serve and bless others.

4 Acknowledge God is the only One who is truly limitless

We are all limited in some way. And we can all reflect God in the world as people, even within all our limitations.

*Thank
you*

To Grace and the team at
All Saints Anglican &
thanks Ian and Jill for the
on-the-spot bookshop!

Hope Christian Homes UPDATE

Simon Shead shares how our pilot home
in Springwood has been a place of joy
and growth.



Jerrah, Lewis and I have been having
weekly dinners on a Tuesday night.

We are journeying as a community where
people with and without disability are

- safe and known
- connected and growing
- celebrated and loved

It has been a joy for all of us. We laugh
together and encourage each other.



Upcoming
workshop

JUNE 25

1:00-4:30pm

St Matts
Anglican
BOTANY



Book a face to
face or online
disability
ministry
workshop with
Our Place

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We have shared in many things:

- walks through the local town
- talks about what we did that day
- board games
- prayer for each other.

A favourite moment has been planning for a community celebration. Everyone is very excited... particularly about ideas for music and dancing!



Each of us is involved in local churches. We're excited about inviting people to join for a meal.

Please pray that we would be able to adapt to any changes needed to the Springwood house, and that we are able to have more dinners together in the future.

People with disability chosen by God at key moments of history



Rev John Swinton tells us about some people and passages from the Bible to think about...

- **Moses - Exodus 4:10-17:** A place of disability is a place where God is.
- **Paul - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10:** God wants us to participate in the loving things He's doing just as we are.
- **Jesus - The gospels:** Jesus' disabled body is the source of our salvation.

*Thank
you*

To Steph and the team at Anglican Deaconess Ministries for your partnership in hosting Disability and the Church at St Andrew's in May.

Disability *and* the Church



WATCH
VIDEO



Rev John Swinton



Dr Louise Gosbell



Dr Kirk Patston



bit.ly/DisabilityAndTheChurch

How you can pray for your church

Pray for the deepening spiritual growth of people with disability in our church. Pray for insights into God's word and how to apply it. Pray for great blessings to come to our community through Christians with disability.

MONDAY

Pray for our church and ministry leaders. Pray for wisdom as they seek to make decisions and implement changes. Pray that these measures will enable people with disability to hear and experience the gospel at our church and beyond.

TUESDAY

Pray for connections and opportunities for encouragement, prayer and collaboration for our church. Pray that there may be synergy, support and fruitful relationships between churches and Christian organisations in disability ministry.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for our church's capacity to make disability inclusion a reality. Pray for the people, time, resources, understanding and perseverance to reach out, minister to, serve alongside and share life's joys and challenges with people with disability.

THURSDAY

Pray for Christians with disability in our church to have the joy of seeing friends and family come to know Christ. Pray for missionaries with disability to live out the gospel in powerful ways, and be effectively supported by our church.

FRIDAY

Pray for people with disability to know and follow Jesus as Lord and Saviour. Pray for the Lord to grow in our church a heart for people with disability – and for the insight, skills, and understanding to communicate the gospel.

SATURDAY

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCH



**6 day
prayer
guide**

bit.ly/PrayForOurChurch

How you can pray

our place
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES



June 18: Louise visiting CrossLife Church at Asquith to give a short **presentation on including people with disability.**

June 25: Belonging workshop @ St Matts Botany, 1-4:30pm. Topics include: biblical perspectives of disability, identifying barriers and solutions, and creating disability inclusive communities.



For more information and registration
bit.ly/BelongingStMattsTicket

How you can partner financially



This EOFY, you can give a tax-deductible donation to support the ministry of Our Place to equip local churches to be places of belonging for people with disability.
ourplacecc.org.au/donate/

