

LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

December 21st & 28th 2025



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(Isaiah 9:6)

Today's Bible Readings – 4th Sunday of Advent (21/12/25)

Psalm	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Old Testament	Isaiah 7:10-16
New Testament	Romans 1:1-7
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25



LUTHERAN CHURCH

OF AUSTRALIA

where *love comes to life*

Loxton Lutheran Parish

St Peter's, LCA-Concordia,
Bookpurnong, Myrla, New Residence,
Moorook & Meribah Congregations

Welcome!

A warm welcome to all who are gathered today for worship – we're glad to have you with us today. If you have questions about Christianity or want to learn more about Jesus, please get in touch with a Pastor or usher. We're here to support you in any way we can!

If you need assistance at St Peter's, look for our ushers in purple lanyards - they're here to help you. To get in contact with us, you are invited to fill out a connect card and leave it at your seat. A baby change table and accessible toilet are in the Ministry Centre.

Frequently Asked Questions

Holy Communion is an important aspect of our meeting together in worship. Jesus meets us in an intimate way, giving himself to us, his body and blood, in the bread and wine. It is a gift of grace where we receive forgiveness and are strengthened in our faith. We warmly invite those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord to join us in this special meal when celebrated. Please speak to the Pastor if you are unsure or would like to learn more.

Children are very welcome at our worship centres, and we love to see them join in worshipping God with their gifts. At St Peter's worship centre, the "pray-ground" (front-left) is for younger families to be closer to the action and have more room to move. Colouring and activity sheets are also available for children in the dark green plastic tub.

The freewill money offering is part of our worship service, where we offer our thanks and trust to God. We respond to God's grace and acknowledge him as the giver of everything. The offering you give enables us to have a ministry presence in our local community. If you would like to deposit your offering into our bank account as your regular electronic giving (REG), use the following details:

St Peter's: BSB: 704-942 Account: 52667

Concordia & Outlying: BSB: 704-942 Account: 100 621 015

Weekly Bible Readings (21st Dec to 27th Dec)

Sunday	Matthew 1:18-25	Thursday	Matthew 1:1-17
Monday	Isaiah 7:10-16	Friday	Luke 2:1-7
Tuesday	Luke 1:26-33	Saturday	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Wednesday	Luke 1:39-45		

Weekly Bible Readings (28th Dec to 3rd Jan)

Sunday	Matthew 2:13-23	Thursday	Hebrews 2:10-18
Monday	Jeremiah 31:15-20	Friday	Isaiah 63: 7-9
Tuesday	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13	Saturday	Psalm 148
Wednesday	Hosea 11:1-1		

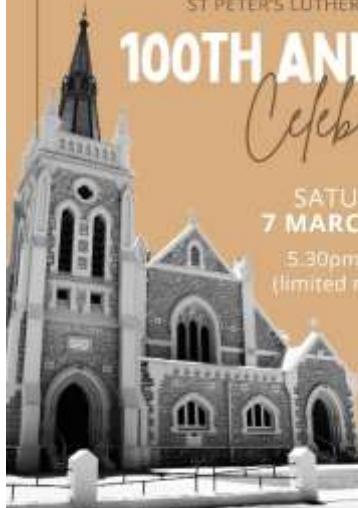
Next Sunday's Readings – 1st Sunday of Christmas (28/12/25)

Psalm	Psalm 148
Old Testament	Isaiah 63:7-9
New Testament	Hebrews 2:10-18
Gospel	Matthew 2:13-23

SAVE THE DATES

ST PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LOXTON

100TH ANNIVERSARY
Celebrations



SATURDAY
7 MARCH 2026

5.30pm Dinner
(limited numbers)

SUNDAY
8 MARCH

9.15am Lifting
Time Capsule
10am Worship
Service
Lunch provided

Bookings open from
November 2025

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Don't forget **St Peter's Centenary Celebrations** next year:

History Books are able to be ordered at the Ministry Centre, or online on our [website](#), for \$30.

Please also note that registrations for the Sunday 8th March community lunch are appreciated (no charge). This can also be done via our [website](#) or at the Ministry Centre.

In Our Prayers

- † Gavin Hunwick, Darrell Cubahiro, Stan Zimmermann, Caudis Koch, Glanys Schubert, Nev Thiele, Norm Doecke, Marlene Schultz, Raelene Gladigau and Marj Rudiger.
- † Those members in nursing homes in the area: Nita Awege, Betty Bradtke, Gloria Farley, Shirley Lipacis, Norma Ray, Ruth Schutz, Val Hampel, Jeff and Kay Westbrook, Pam Falting, Judy Pfeiffer, Shirley Pfeiffer, Coral Roberts, Clarry & Jan Wall.
- † The work that is underway to become one church with many doors with Bookpurnong, St Peter's, New Residence, Myrla, Moorook, LCA-Concordia & Meribah congregations, Loxton Lutheran School and Riverview Rest Home.
- † For the Little Town Junior team as they hold their last performances today.
- † For the family and friends who mourn for Helen Arnold.
- † For individuals and families for whom Christmas is a lonely, isolating and pain-full time. For God's gentle care and comfort to wrap around them and for Him to use us to bring this about.
- † For those who attend church this Christmas around the world – for the deep and lasting hope and joy of the true Christmas story to soften their hearts and draw them into His embrace.

Prayer of the Day

Sunday 21st December:

Thank you, loving heavenly Father, for coming with power to the Virgin Mary and making her the mother of our Lord. Come to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we receive your saving word and rejoice in our Saviour. For he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday 28th December:

Almighty and merciful God, we thank you for sending your Son to become human like us, so that we might become your children. Make us who trust in Jesus to be more and more like him. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Coming Up

Sun 21st	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Day 3 (Whole Campus) See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre) 5-9pm – Journey To Bethlehem (Peace Hall) 6pm & 8pm – Little Town Jr Performances (Church)
Mon 22nd	<i>Little Town Jr & Journey To Bethlehem Pack Down</i> 9-3pm - Ministry Centre Open 10-12pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark)
Tues 23rd	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off</i>
Wed 24th	9-5pm – Christmas Day Lunch Setup (Peace Hall) 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC) Refer to Christmas Eve service times on inside of back page
Thurs 25th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i> Refer to Christmas Day service times on inside of back page
Fri 26th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Boxing Day Public Holiday</i>
Sun 28th	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre)
Mon 29th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i>
Tues 30th	<i>Ministry Centre Closed - Ps Mat & Ps Jason's Day Off</i> 10am – Helen Arnold Funeral Service (Church & Peace Hall)
Wed 31st	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i> 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
Thurs 1st	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – New Years Day Public Holiday</i>
Fri 2nd	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i>

REPORT ABUSE

If you have experienced abuse or have witnessed poor behaviour from someone working for, or connected with, the Lutheran Church in Australia or New Zealand, or if you believe that someone else in the church is at risk, it is important that you let us know.

Phone 1800 644 628 (Australia) 0800 356 887 (New Zealand)

Email complaints@lca.org.au

Post PO Box 519, Mardon SA 5070 Australia

Mobile phone text message

+61 (0) 438 320 218



General Announcements

Like to share the joy of Christmas with others at the St Peter's Christmas Day Lunch? Please contact the Ministry Centre to register your interest and learn more.

Offering Envelopes for 2026 will be available from Sunday 21st December at the Ministry Centre and in the foyer of St Peter's. They are old unused boxes of envelopes that we are repurposing for use in the Parish next year. You will need to use the labels that have been stuck on each envelope (by dedicated volunteers) and write the date and congregation or just leave blank for general giving to the parish / one church many doors.

The latest **Happenings newsletter for Loxton Lutheran School** can be accessed [here](#).

The Ministry Centre will be closed from Christmas Day through till Monday 12th January. Pastor Jason and Pastor Mat will be available over this time by calling the office and leaving a voicemail which they will monitor.

On Sunday 18th January, after cuppas and including lunch (12.30-2pm) we are holding workshops to offer a chance to explore your gifts and how you could serve in worship at St Peters. There will be opportunity to learn how to use the sound desk, computer, video recording, bell ringing, read bible readings, kids talk facilitation and more. Please let Brenton know at the Ministry Centre if you will be attending.

One Church Name: Our new church will need a name! Start thinking and discussing what you believe embodies who we are and where are going. Your ideas can be posted into the brown box in the Ministry Centre or emailed.

Lost Bible! We have lost the special centenary Bible that was circulating 12-18 months ago for people to colour in and pass on. If you know the whereabouts of this bible, or have a clue as to helping us track it down, please contact the Ministry Centre!

Living It's over the Christmas and New Year period: the next two Living It's will cover 2 weeks – one for 21st & 28th December (this one) and the next for the 4th & 11th January. Thankyou for your understanding.

Upcoming Church Events

Little Town JR Performances – Last show tonight (21st December)! Journey to Bethlehem is also happening in Peace Hall on all three nights, 5-9pm. *Tickets are on sale now from our website!*

Christmas Day Lunch will again be held in Peace Hall from 12.30pm. Please invite the isolated or lonely. Bookings are appreciated.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Service Times		
Location	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Bookpurnong	6pm	9am LR
Myrla, New Residence & Moorook	10am on Sun 21 st @ Myrla (no service on the 24 th)	9am LR @ New Res
St Peters	6.30pm outside (church as backup)	10.30am HC (Organ)

Upcoming Worship Services

Location	Today	Next Sunday
St Peter's	8.30am HC (Organ) 10.30am HC (Band)	8.30am (Organ) 10.30am (Band)
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	10am HC @ Myrla	9am HC @ New Res (Baptism)
Bookpurnong	9am HC	9am LR
LCA-Concordia (& friends)	Fri 9 th Jan, 6.30pm HC @ St Petri	
Loxton Lutheran School	School Holidays	

Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm
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St Peter's Congregation

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