

11 December 2025

SUNDAY EXTRA

WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

Thursday 11 December

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Christmas Singalong 7.00pm

Friday 12 December

Youth 6.30pm

Saturday 13 December

CLC School Graduation

Youth sleepover

Sunday 14 December

Worship including Children's

Nativity service 9.30am

Special Congregational Meeting
after worship

Tuesday 16 December

Midweek Worship 1.00pm

Bible Study 2.30pm

Wednesday 17 December

Christmas Choir rehearsal 7.30pm

Thursday 18 December

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

final for year

Sunday 21 December

Worship 9.30am

Lessons and Carols 8.00pm

Wednesday 24 December

Family Christmas 5.00pm

Lessons and Carols 6.30pm

Lessons and Carols 8.30pm

Thursday 25 December

Christmas Service 9.30am

Friday 26 December

Boxing Day office closed

Sunday 28 December

Worship 9.30am

Thursday 01 January

New Year's Day office closed

Sunday 04 January

Worship 9.30am

Most ministries will enjoy a break over January. Standby for information about recommencement.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday 14 December after worship

Please plan to attend the congregational meeting to pass the 2026 budget at a meeting following worship on Sunday 14 December.

Read more about the significance of the budget on page 3.

The Book of Reports has been distributed to members. There are a small quantity of hard copies available in the foyer.

Christmas at St Paul's Box Hill

The celebration of Christmas at St Paul's is a joyful time and starts this year with the fete, followed by the Children's Nativity story, Family Christmas and Lessons and Christmas Day worship.

See calendar for service times

Please join us this
Christmas



ADVENT ACTIONS

St Paul's Justice & Mercy Ministry - Advent Actions 2025

Thank you for your generous and enthusiastic support of the St Paul's Advent Actions.



CHRISTMAS HOSPITALITY

Could you make a place at your Christmas table for someone in the Congregation who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. Please contact Cathy Beaton if you can help in this way. Conversely, if you would appreciate an invitation to a Christmas meal, please let Cathy know. Email cathy@stpaulsboxhill.org.au or Mobile 0426 220 079

Can you volunteer to help with the Christmas Lunch for Uni Students

(esp. International students), hosted by St Thomas Anglican Church, Burwood, in conjunction with other local churches.

Tuesday 23rd December from 11.45am-3.30pm.

For more information or to volunteer click this [LINK](#)

WELCOME TO ST PAULS!

Come and be where we are!

These words are not just for Sundays.

The Mission Coordination team are excited that the St Paul's Centre is now opening doors every Monday to Wednesday morning from 9am until 12noon, staffed by some wonderful volunteers.

The week commencing Monday 15 will be the final for the year.

Please feel welcome to come along and have a coffee, a chat, play some games or do a craft. Invite a friend or meet a new one. If you are able to volunteer for a few hours a fortnight please contact Garry Tepper **M** 0407 501 396 **E** tepperg59@gmail.com

THANK YOU

to the many people that helped support the St Paul's Fete.

Activity Supervisors, Bakers, BBQ-ers, Beverage helpers, Bric-a-bracc-ers, Crafters, Card makers, Chatters, Cleaner uppers, Donors, Finance helpers, Gardeners, Green fingered people, Hospitality helpers, Inviters, Musicians, Propagators, Rubbish removalists, Sausage Sizzlers, Servers, Set Up teams, Singers, Tour conductors, and many more.

The fete was another wonderful connection to one another and the local community. Over \$1100 was raised which will go to future Mission activities.



What do a copy of The Age, a packet of Tim Tams and a cup of coffee have in common?



These everyday items cost around \$5.00. If working members can increase their weekly giving by \$5.00 we can achieve an increase of at least \$32k per year in offerings.

St Paul's is an amazingly generous congregation, giving financially and through service and pastoral care. Many volunteers help keep worship and ministry going through offering their gifts and their time.

Ministry leaders have been diligent about keeping costs appropriate to the needs. Many of our expenses are under budget. Our giving has begun to increase year on year which is also very encouraging.

In addition specific ministry appeals have benefited from some very generous donations including

- Organ rejuvenation appeal – over \$35k raised by members
- Indonesian partnership – over 5k raised by members
- Ojulu family appeal – over 3k raised by members
- Advent Actions – 25 BBoK and over 20 children supported through the Angel Tree appeal

We are now opening the St Paul's Centre doors for hospitality to our own and our local community. The overflowing generosity and hospitality is a witness of God's love through us to others. Thank you to Garry Tepper from the Mission Coordinating team and the Community Space volunteers for getting this off the ground. Thanks also to Melissa Coulston for running the Community lunch each month, and to the many people who contribute time and energy into making the St Paul's Centre a warm and welcoming space.

Offerings are the way in which we meet the direct costs of;

- Worship
- Spiritual leadership
- Pastoral care
- Hospitality
- Ministry Resources
- Administration and compliance
- Utilities such as electricity and water
- Equipment & Technology
- Property maintenance and cleaning
- Support of the LCA National body
- And other assorted costs

As the congregational meeting approached this weekend can you consider if you are able to increase your offerings or if there is an area you might feel called to volunteer in. Please contact the office to find out more about volunteering at St Paul's.

Contact St Paul's Lutheran Church Box Hill

Office email: office@stpaulsboxhill.org.au

Phone 03 9326 0623

(attended Monday to Thursday)

Website: <https://www.stpaulsboxhill.org.au/>

Give to St Paul's

St Pauls Westpac Account

Acct 123 374 BSB 033 172

St Pauls Box Hill LLL Account

Acct 1003 25440 BSB 704 942

STAFF LEAVE

Staff will take leave across December and January. Kate will be on leave from EOD 11 December returning Monday 22 December.

LYV SUMMER CAMP



Lutheran Youth of Vic/Tas
SUMMER CAMP 2026
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

INVITING ALL HIGH SCHOOL-AGED STUDENTS IN YEARS 7 TO 12 IN 2026

FRIDAY 16TH - MONDAY 19TH JANUARY

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL/MESSAGE US @ CONTACT DETAILS ON POSTER

REGO QR Code

ARALLEN LUTHERAN CAMPSITE, ANGLESEA

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@LUTHERANYOUTHVIC LYV'S CHRISTIAN LIFE WEEK

Whitehorse Churches Care - Christmas Stalls

You can support WCC's great work at Forest Hill Chase Community Space by visiting their Christmas stalls from 10am - 2pm on

Friday, 12 December – at Bunnings Nunawading, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading, and

Monday, 15 December – in the Central area of Level 2, Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre

100% of the funds raised go towards funding The Community Space.

INTRODUCING CANDY KOCH

Hi, my name is Candy Koch and I live in Doncaster and I'm transferring from Greensborough. I was a previous St Paul's member, so lovely to be back.

My interests are Dementia and Spirituality and previously at St Paul's I did pastoral care with members with dementia and I would like to do that again.

My interests are cooking, gardening, reading, caravanning and time with my loved ones. I have a large family and I'm Guardian of 2.

My favourite place to visit is Keith SA.

God Bless

Candy



INTRODUCING TIM AND ARIANE KELLY

We have been coming to St Paul's since earlier this year. And we have felt so welcome on our faith journey.

We pray and give thanks also to pastor Nev and Sue for regularly catching up for coffee earlier in the year as we moved forward becoming members of St Paul's, which became official last Sunday

We look forward to seeing you all every Sunday . And want to thank everyone for making us feel so welcome.

Tim and Ariane Kelly (pictured with fur baby Kaia, a one year old chihuahua)



Prayer Partners available after the service to pray with you.

From this Sunday 30 November, we are reintroducing *prayer partners*, people available to pray with you after the Service. They will be praying in the quiet room at the back of the church. If they are already praying with someone, just wait in the back pew and they will come and find you when they are free.

Please take up this opportunity to pray for your own needs, for our Pastors and Congregation, for the wider community or whatever is on your heart.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matt 18:20