

# LIVING IT

LOXTON LUTHERAN PARISH

January 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2026



## Today's Bible Readings – *The Epiphany of our Lord (4-1-26)*

<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 147: 12-19, 20
<b>Old Testament</b>	Isaiah 60: 1-6
<b>New Testament</b>	Ephesians 3: 1-12
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2: 1-12

# 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 "play-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

**Loxton Lutheran Parish:** BSB: 704-942 Account: 100 621 015

## Weekly Bible Readings (4<sup>th</sup> Jan to 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)

<b>Sunday</b>	John 1: (1-9) 10-18	<b>Thursday</b>	John 8: 12-20
<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 2: 1-5	<b>Friday</b>	Romans 10: 11-17
<b>Tuesday</b>	Matthew 2: 1-12	<b>Saturday</b>	Psalm 29
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zechariah 14: 6-11		

## Weekly Bible Readings (11<sup>th</sup> Jan to 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026)

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 3: 13-17	<b>Thursday</b>	Romans 6: 3-11
<b>Monday</b>	Isaiah 43: 1-7	<b>Friday</b>	1 John 5: 6-12
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ezekiel 36: 24-28	<b>Saturday</b>	Psalm 40: 1-11
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 2: 36-42		

## Next Sunday's Readings – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (11-1-26)

<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 29
<b>Old Testament</b>	Isaiah 42: 1-9
<b>New Testament</b>	Acts 10: 34-43
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 3: 13-17

**SAVE THE DATES**

A black and white photograph of St Peter's Lutheran Church in Loxton, showing its Gothic Revival architecture with a prominent steeple and arched windows.

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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 family and friends who mourn for Helen Arnold.
- † We prayer for the victims and all who were affected by the recent act of terror that targeted the Jewish community at Bondi Beach. Pray for comfort for the grieving families and friends. Bring strength to all who are living in fear and trauma.
- † We Pray for Harper Voigt who was baptised into God's family last Sunday at New Residence and for her parents Callan and Ashleigh and sponsors as they strive to raise her in the Christian faith.

## Prayer of the Day

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - Almighty God, you wonderfully created us in your own image, and even more wonderfully restored us. As your Son our Lord Jesus Christ was made in your likeness, so let us share in his divine nature, for he lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

Lord in your mercy, listen to the prayers of your people who call on you. Help us to see what we ought to do and give us strength to do it. We ask this though your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Coming Up

<b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre)
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed.</i> 10-12pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (Carpark) Finance meeting for all Congregational Treasurers 3.30pm St Petri Hall
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed – Ps Mat &amp; Ps Jason's Day Off</i>
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i>
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i>
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i>
<b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>See upcoming worship services (back page)</i> 1pm – Prayer Group (Ministry Centre)
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Open</i>
<b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed - Ps Mat &amp; Ps Jason's Day Off</i>
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Closed</i> 10.30am – Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Worship (HC)
<b>Thur 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>Ministry Centre Open</i>
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<i>Ministry Centre Open</i>
<b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Refer to upcoming Church events
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10-12pm – FOODBANK Mobile Hub (carpark)

## 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](mailto:complaints@lca.org.au)

**Post** PO Box 519, Marden SA 5070 Australia

**Mobile** phone text message  
+61 (0) 438 320 218



## General Announcements

**Offering Envelopes** for 2026 are available 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Peter's. 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 we are going. Your ideas can be posted into the brown box in the Ministry Centre or emailed. **These are due by today 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

**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!

## Upcoming Church Events

**One Church, Many Doors Constitutional Meeting Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2pm Peace Hall.** At this meeting we need quorums from each individual church plus for the Parish to be able to make the necessary decisions. There will be more details to come but please put in your diary as it is important that we have as many people as possible, so we have the correct quorums.

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January Worship Times -**

St Peters 10.30am HC

Bookpurnong – 9am LR

Moorook – 9am HC (Joined by Myrla/New Residence)



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# "EXPLORE YOUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP" WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY | 12.30-2PM | PEACE HALL

OFFERING COUNTING | KIDS TALK | PRAYERS | LAY READING | BAND | CUPPAS

## Upcoming Worship Services

Location	Today 4-1-26	Sunday 11-1-26
St Peter's	10.30 HC	10.30am
Myrla, New Residence, Moorook	9am HC @ Myrla	9am LR @ Myrla
Bookpurnong	9am LR	9am HC
LCA-Concordia (& friends)	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 6.30pm HC @ St Petri	
Loxton Lutheran School	School Holidays	

### Parish Ministry Centre (08) 8584 5522

Open Monday, Thursday & Friday 9am - 3pm (Closed until 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026)  
60 Bookpurnong Terrace, Loxton, SA 5333

#### St Peter's Congregation

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