

**29 January 2026**

# SUNDAY EXTRA

## WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

### Sunday 01 February

**Worship** 9.30am

**Confirmation** 11.00am

**Presence Study** 11.00am

### Monday 02 February

**St Paul's Centre Open Doors** 9am - 12noon

### Tuesday 03 February

**St Paul's Centre Open Doors** 9am - 12noon

**Midweek worship** 1.00pm

**Evergreen** 2.30pm

**Young Adults** 7.30pm

### Wednesday 04 February

**St Paul's Centre Open Doors** 9am - 12noon

### Thursday 05 February

**Women's Walking Group** 9.30am  
Judy Pietsch coordinating

### Sunday 08 February

**Worship** 9.30am

**Presence Study** 11.00am

### Monday 09 February

**St Paul's Centre Open Doors** 9am - 12noon

### Tuesday 10 February

**St Paul's Centre Open Doors** 9am - 12noon

**Mission Coordinating Team** 7.30pm

### Wednesday 11 February

**St Paul's Centre Open Doors** 9am - 12noon

**Choir** 7.30pm

**Young Adults** 7.30pm

### Thursday 12 February

**Women's Walking Group** 9.30am

### Friday 13 February

**Just Women** 7.30 supper

### Sunday 15 February

**Worship** 9.30am

**Confirmation** 11.00am

**Presence Study** 11.00am

## St Paul's Box Hill Property Update

Church Council are pleased to confirm that settlement has been achieved for the property next to the church, the house at 1207 Riversdale Road. The owners are engaged in work on the property already so please note that we no longer have any rights to access the house or land.

In the next few weeks, we will also be handing the property at 711 Station St back to Early Light. The use of the property has been an amazing blessing during construction of Project B.

The building is no longer being regularly maintained or cleaned therefore there is no longer access to the site without permission for your own safety.

It's possible we may ask for some volunteer assistance with transporting last items back to Riversdale Road and some garden maintenance. This will be advertised.

## You are invited!

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 wonderful volunteers.

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. It's a great place to hang out on a hot day.

This year we have already welcomed several local visitors, including Ernie, a retired teacher who has returned several times.

There are some new titles in the book swap library and jigsaws to borrow.

If you would like to help with welcoming our local community or you have a great idea for an activity, please contact the Mission Coordinating team headed by Garry Tepper or email the office.

## Name Badge Order

Wearing a nametag is a real help to newcomers and visitors on Sundays. If you have misplaced your nametag please order via emailing the office or filling in a form in the foyer with your preferred name. Replacement name badges are \$10.

## Lost Property

The lost property box in the church foyer is overflowing and will be cleared out next week. If you are missing items such as drink bottles, clothing (especially children's clothing), jewellery, glasses, kids games, umbrellas and notebooks please retrieve these this Sunday 01 February, after which they will be donated or disposed of.

# YOUNG ADULTS 2026



**WEEK 1** **WORKSHOP OR FUN EVENT**  
7:30PM TUESDAY (LOCATION CHANGES)

**WEEK 2** **BIBLE STUDY**  
7:30PM WEDNESDAY 1201 RIVERSDALE RD, BOX HILL SOUTH

**WEEK 3** **ESYA@HOME**  
7:30 PM TUESDAY (LOCATION CHANGERS)

**WEEK 4** **DINNER AND GAMES**  
6:30PM WEDNESDAY 1201 RIVERSDALE RD, BOX HILL SOUTH

**WEEK 5** **BIBLE STUDY**  
7:30PM TUESDAY 1201 RIVERSDALE RD, BOX HILL SOUTH

**MORE INFO:** **TALK TO BRIANNA COULSTON**

## Just Women - Friday 13 February

7.30pm Supper at St Pauls.

Just Women is for women of all ages and usually runs on the second Friday evening or Saturday morning for a meal and occasional activities.

Speak to Jennie Jones for more details or email the office.

## Games night – Friday 20 February

Card and board games for all player levels.

This event runs regularly on the third Friday of the month

Speak to Michael or Melissa Coulston for more details or email [worship@stpaulsboxhill.org.au](mailto:worship@stpaulsboxhill.org.au)

## Men's Group – Friday 27 February

First event for the year. Details to come.

Men's Group runs on the fourth Friday of the month for a meal and usually includes a speaker or activity

Speak to John Hinz for more details or email the office.

## Midweek Worship

Midweek Worship recommences on Tuesday 03 February. All welcome. Midweek worship will be followed by afternoon tea and this Tuesday will also be followed by Evergreen.

The next midweek worship service takes place Tuesday 17 February at 1.00pm.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes will be served in the St Paul's Centre from 10.00am for about an hour on Tuesday 17 February.

Please feel welcome to attend, invite a friend or help out. (Contact Kate if you can assist)



## Prayer Partners available after the service to pray with you.

Most Sundays people are 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



## Welcome Prisca and Ryan



I'm Prisca, mother of two and someone who finds great joy in helping others live with confidence and clarity. I work as a financial coach and bookkeeper, and I love using those gifts to support families and individuals as they grow. When I'm not working or spending time with my kids, you'll probably find me dancing, getting lost in a good book, or enjoying time with my friends. I'm grateful to be here and excited to connect with others on this journey of faith and fellowship.

I'm Ryan, a fun-loving 12-year-old who's full of energy and curiosity. I am a big fan of soccer—whether I'm out on the field or cheering for my favourite team Real Madrid and I could talk about cars and bikes all day long. I love learning how things work and enjoys spending time alone and with family. I am excited to be part of this church community and looks forward to growing, playing, and discovering new things along the way.



A versatile faith-life resource, 'Presence' is a nine-part video series with study guides that introduces what Lutherans believe.

Every Sunday 11am-12pm from February 1 to March 29  
Please contact Pastor Sue to register your interest

## Have you got game?

If you find any of the following games in your op shop travels, the Café (via Marlene Pietsch) would be happy to receive them:

**Scrabble**

**Chess pieces**

**Yahtzee**

**Othello**

**Backgammon**

And for kids:

**Beetle**

**Snakes and Ladders**

**Trouble**

At this stage, we are not looking for complicated board games, but rather those tried and true favourites whose rules are known by most people. Of course, ALL pieces must be present!

Thanks.

## Thank you for your generosity

During the last two months of the year St Pauls ran several events and appeals for various mission related causes.

Thank you to everyone who donated funds for the travel costs of the sister and family of Medi Ojulu as refugees from Ethiopia via Kenya.

In total, members of St Paul's donated just under \$10,500 to meet the second and final payment and the family is now in Melbourne. This is an outstanding result and shows the great generosity of our congregation.

Next year, the Men's Group will organise a thank you BBQ to be cooked by Medi and members of the family. Details to follow.

The Mission Coordinating Team ran a fete in early December which despite the rain raised closed to \$2000 for Mission Coordinating Activities.

Thank you to all who contributed time and/ or goods and also to those who attended.

The Justice and Mercy team ran several Advent Actions which were extremely well supported

Angel Tree – benefiting children of prisoners

Big Box of Kindness – for recent migrants

ALWS Gifts of Grace – empowering people in need around the world

*"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40 NRSV)*

## Ignite Worship

Ignite for 2026 kicks off from 5pm Sunday February 15th, in the Building W Atrium at Luther College.

Everyone is welcome at Ignite - whether you are curious about Jesus, committed to following him, or just looking to experience community. It's for students of Luther, families, and people from the community.

If you are planning to come, please fill in the free Trybooking link, to help us ensure we can cater well for the meal.

[Ignite@Luther February Gathering | TryBooking Australia](#)

Pastor Nathan Hedt

## Giving to St Pauls Lutheran Church Box Hill

If you wish to arrange online giving the account details are:

### **St Pauls Westpac Account**

Acct 123 374                      BSB 033 172 OR

### **St Pauls Box Hill LLL Account**

Acct 1003 25440                BSB 704 942

Forms to arrange Regular Electronic Giving (REG) via the LLL are available in the foyer.

The congregational offering target for 2026 to support the ministry and mission of St Paul's is \$480,000.

**St Paul's Lutheran Church Box Hill**

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