

19 February 2026

SUNDAY EXTRA

WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

Saturday 23 February

Prayer & Healing Service 5.00pm

Sunday 22 February

Worship 9.30am

Presence Study 11.00am

Monday 23 February

St Paul's Centre Open Doors 9am -

12noon

TDAC 7.30pm

Tuesday 24 February

St Paul's Centre Open Doors 9am -

12noon

LIFT Team 10.00am

Church Council 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 February

St Paul's Centre Open Doors 9am -

12noon

Young Adults Dinner & Games

6.30pm

Choir Practise 7.00pm

Thursday 26 February

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Judy Pietsch coordinating

Friday 27 February

Men's Group

Sunday 01 March

Worship 9.30am

Presence Study 11.00am

Monday 02 March

St Paul's Centre Open Doors 9am -

12noon

Tuesday 03 March

St Paul's Centre Open Doors 9am -

12noon including pies and sausage rolls

Midweek Worship 1.00pm

Evergreen 2.30pm

Wednesday 04 March

St Paul's Centre Open Doors 9am -

12noon

Thursday 05 March

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

We heard you say 'Welcome to St Paul's'

From Pastor Neville and Pastor Sue

On Sunday February 8, Pastor Nev mentioned in his sermon the Seven (7) key themes or focus points identified in late 2024 through the Called to Listen- Called to Be study of Scripture and through prayer and discernment of the workshops associated with the study.

Those key themes/focus points are

Worship and spiritual purpose: Ensure that worship (word and sacrament) and prayer remain central, accessible, and meaningful to all members. Emphasis on intergenerational faith-sharing and deeper scriptural engagement.

Welcoming and belonging: Aspiration to be a welcoming and safe space for all people, particularly marginalised groups and those who feel distant from traditional church settings.

Authentic, joyful service: Desire for serving others to move beyond a sense of duty to a genuine expression of love, compassion, and hospitality inspired by Christ's example of humility.

Outreach and engagement: Particularly around engaging more deeply with the needs of the local area, actively going out of the church instead of expecting people to come in.

Diversity and inclusion: Emphasis on women's ordination, gender equality more broadly, and cultural diversity.

Unity and community: Working side by side in service and being united in Christ's love as a family despite our differences.

Trust and hope: Strong sense of needing to trust God through uncertainty, particularly in discerning the direction for the church or in times of division.

Pastor Nev reminded us of the first two of these as we heard in Matthew 5 that we are the light of the world and we are like a city on a hill which shines the light of Christ for pilgrims, travellers, searchers, sinners, and welcomes people. We were introduced to a Statement of Welcome from Coventry Cathedral which Pastor Sue and he had recently seen. The full statement is on page 3 and you were asked for feedback on two questions

1. What would you include in a statement of welcome for people who come to St Paul's?

2. What are the key things for us to be light which welcomes children, pilgrims, tourists and sinners to St Paul's

We received around 77 pieces of feedback. THANK YOU! The pastors with the Pastoral Assistant team met this week to discuss the feedback.

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Can you help?

Gardening – Please contact John Juers caretaker@stpaulsboxhill.org.au or the office if you can help with some regular gardening. Weeding the car park, mowing nature strips, leafblowing and other basic jobs. Equipment is provided. Thanks to Peter Hamilton and James Jones and John Juers who are the current gardening team.

Kitchen Supplies – please contact Marlene Pietsch if you can assist with checking kitchen supplies either fortnightly or monthly and also do some of the shopping. A checklist will be provided. Email kate@stpaulsboxhill.org.au

Thank you to our **Community Space volunteers** who are already assisting with light cleaning and other tasks during the week, as well as being on ready to welcome visitors. The team includes Bronwyn Breuer, Chris Day, Linda Day, Heidi Joy, Lorraine Lourens, Peter Neville, David Paech, Judy Pederson, David Pietsch, Marlene Pietsch, Garry Tepper, Julie Troschke,



World Day of Prayer 2026

Focus on **Nigeria**



Service date	Thursday 5th March 2026
Location	The Salvation Army Box Hill
Address	1010 Whitehorse Rd Box Hill (Parking via 17 Bank st)
Time	7:00 pm
Contact	(03) 9897 9000

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](#)

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

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.

Called to Listen, Called to Be

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For now though, we simple want to share back with you that

In response to Q. 1, the major common thread was that a number of people thought the Coventry Cathedral statement was good for us to consider and there were suggestions to add to it and calls for us to honestly see if we could live up to the statement. It is vital that we are ready to listen to people who provide honest feedback of their experiences, whether positive or negative. And some people have courageously shared their negative experiences with us. We can learn and we can grow.

In relation to Q 2 the major common thread was a call for us to be light for travellers, pilgrims, tourists by having attitudes of being non-judgemental and accepting of people just as our Lord welcomed all people. In this regard, one specific piece of feedback suggested an accessibility guide which could be co-created with people with diverse needs.

We'll keep you posted in coming weeks about how we may follow up your wonderful feedback and please continue to share your thoughts with Pastor Sue and I or any of the Pastoral Assistants.

A CATHEDRAL WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, filthy rich, comfortable, or dirt poor. LGBTQetc

We extend a special welcome to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organised religion.' *(We're not that keen on it either!)*

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the cathedral.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost in the city centre and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters...and you!

With kind permission of Coventry Cathedral

Pancake Tuesday

On Tuesday 17th Feb we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with pancakes in the Community Space. This free event was sponsored by the Mission Team and had a nice turnout of across the generations.

We hope this event will be the first of many that we can invite our community and the local community.



The next event will be Tuesday 03 March – Pies and sausage rolls to celebrate the "kick off" of the footy season. Wear your footy scarf and come along from 10.30am.

Let Kate know if you can assist.

Young Adults Camp – can you help?

Last year, 12 young adults shared a great weekend at the Beaton's holiday house on Phillip Island, deepening our connection to God and to each other. We had a great time enjoying each other's company while we shared meals and many, many games. We got to know each other over breakfast pancakes and roast lamb, learnt who has the biggest lead foot at Go-Karting, and spent Sunday morning at the local Anglican church that welcomed our 12 young adults (who took up a quarter of their church) with open arms. The whole retreat was filled with bad singing and lots of laughter; it was truly one of the most amazing weekends, and I think we all agreed that we want to do it again this year.

This year, we are wondering if any members of the congregation have a holiday house in Victoria that the young adults could hire. We would be beyond grateful if you could help us out, so please contact Brianna Coulston on 0424 094 876 for any questions.

Thank you,

Brianna.



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.

January Budget Snapshot

Offering

Budget Actual Difference

40.7k	31.3k	(9.4k)
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