

25 June 2026

WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

Friday 26 June

Men's Group 7.00pm

Sunday 28 June

Worship 9.30am

Community Lunch 11.30am

Monday 29 June

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 30 June

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Young Adults ESYA 7.30pm

Wednesday 01 July

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Sermon Discussion Group 7.00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7.30pm

Thursday 02 July

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Sunday 05 July

Worship 9.30am

Gospel Fluency Workshop 11.00am

Monday 06 July

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 07 July

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12pm

Mid week Worship 1.00am

Evergreen 2.30am

Wednesday 08 July

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Sermon Discussion Group 7.00pm

Young Adults 7.30pm

Thursday 09 July

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Friday 10 July

Just Women 7.15pm

Box Hill RSL

Saturday 11 July

Book Launch 1.00pm

George Dittrich's story

Sunday 12 July

Worship 9.30am

Gospel Fluency Workshop 11.00am

St Paul's Kids 10.30am

St Pauls Youth 10.45am

SUNDAY EXTRA

FROM MALAYSIA TO KYRGYZSTAN TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO BOX HILL:

the amazing story of God at work in Pr Daniel and Edna Wong

Pastor Nev and Pastor Sue had the privilege of sitting and hearing Pastor Daniel tell this story last week.

Pastor Daniel Wong and his wife Edna and children Christina and David have lived in Melbourne for around 14 years now. We know Pastor Daniel is the Pastor of the Chinese Lutheran Church (CLC), our gospel partners.

But few of us will know the amazing mission story of God at work in their lives in bringing the gospel to people in faraway lands. That mission story continues today as St Paul's and CLC share one mission in two ministries to the people in our neighborhood

Pastor Daniel was born in Malaysia. He came to saving faith in Jesus Christ when he was 17 years of age. As a young man he studied chemical engineering, worked hard and became a very successful production engineer. He was blessed to meet Edna and they fell in love and married in 1999. Both Daniel and Edna shared a deep faith in their Lord. They wanted to respond as fully as they could to the grace of God in Jesus Christ for them.

So, when the opportunity came along in their church to serve on a short-term mission trip to Kyrgyzstan they immediately responded. They soon realized that God's call to mission is long term and they left their work to serve as lay missionaries in Kyrgyzstan for 3 years. They loved this and the people loved them.



They returned home where Daniel studied theology. Pastor Daniel was ordained as a pastor of the Lutheran Church of Malaysia and Singapore. Kristina and David were born in these times and the family returned to Kyrgyzstan for 3 more years.

After this amazing ministry, God had another mission call for Pastor Daniel. And what change! From Kyrgyzstan the family followed God's call to Papua New Guinea (which is where I met Pastor Daniel in Lae in 2009). Pastor Daniel served an English speaking congregation in the coastal town of Madang for 18 months before God had new plans for mission in Melbourne.

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PRAYER AT ST PAUL'S,

Following Pastor Nev's encouragement on Sunday that the best thing we can be doing at the moment is praying, let's continue to pray, for Pastor Nev and Sue Otto, for Pastor Sue, and for all the needs of the people of St Paul's (see the prayer list in the Sunday paper).

Just a reminder there are two new opportunities to pray together with others:

1. Pray with a Prayer Partner on Sunday straight after the service, at the front of the church.
2. Join Cathy Beaton in praying online, weekly on Wednesdays from 9-9.30am.

Google Meet Link

<https://meet.google.com/goa-ewdj-ptq?hs=122&authuser=0>

STAFF LEAVE

St Paul's staff are taking leave consecutively across the next weeks.

Kate will be on leave from 26 June returning Monday 13 July. The office may not be staffed on a daily basis at this time.

Pastor Nev will take leave from Monday 13 July to Saturday 24 July, with a slight overlap with by Cathy, followed by Melissa, then Pr Sue.

We'll keep you updated.

JUST WOMEN

The next Just Women event will be dinner at the Box Hill RSL at 7.15pm on Friday 10 July. Parking on site available (undercover). This is at 26-28 Nelson Rd, Box Hill. Booking is essential, as the venue is popular.

Please note slightly later start time. RSVP by 07 July to Jennie Jones 0439 552 678 or jen.red.door@outlook.com.



WOMEN'S STORY TELLING DAY

**08 AUGUST
1pm to 5pm**

Women's Story Telling Day is a day where four or five women share their life story (so far) to a larger group. It's open to St Paul's Box Hill, CLC and other Melbourne Lutheran congregation women and friends. Contact Janet Dittrich to find out more.

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ORGAN APPEAL UPDATE

Dear St. Paul's members, God be praised, we have now raised just over 95 % of the funds needed to complete our organ restoration, with only around \$6,000.00 still to be raised.

The recent concert raised close to \$7,000 or almost three times its original target! It's still not too late for a tax-deductible donation in the 2025/26 financial year via the *Australian Cultural Fund* portal. [LINK](#)

That appeal will still be active until Friday July 10 should you wish to donate in the next financial year. A huge thankyou to all who have helped us get to this point.

Peter Neville, Chair of Worship Team

EVERGREEN 07 JULY

Ellen Wissing will speak about her travels to South America. If you have not attended Evergreen before this will be a great time to start. All welcome.

ST PAUL'S MENS GROUP

Friday 26th June at 7.00pm
Guest speaker: Geoff Smith

St Paul's Men's Group meet regularly on the fourth Friday of the month.

Ask John Hinz (or David Paech) to find out more.

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davidpaech57@gmail.com or M 0413712969

BOOK LAUNCH

THE GEORGE DITTRICH STORY



Save the date:

Saturday 11th July 1.30pm - 4pm.

All welcome! **Please RSVP to Janet Dittrich by 04 July.**

The Dittrich family are holding a book launch of the life story of beloved St Paul's member George Dittrich on what would have been his hundredth birthday. The launch will take place in the Community Space at St Paul's Box Hill.

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From Malaysia to Kyrgyzstan to Papua New Guinea to Box Hill:

the amazing story of God at work in Daniel and Edna Wong

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The Wong family came to Melbourne in 2012 to serve the CLC which was then based at Doncaster. The Cantonese speaking congregation was small at that time but it responded in faith and in partnership with an LCA Board for Mission grant, the CLC a short term mission grant for Pastor Daniel to commence a mission to Mandarin speakers in addition to serving the Cantonese speaking congregation.

ST PAUL'S BOX HILL CONNECTION

It was in 2013 when this mission to Mandarin speakers began. Bishop Greg Pietsch asked Pastor Andrew Brook to be a mentor for Pastor Daniel as he started out. From here, the Mandarin ministry began based at St Paul's, Station Street. Pastor Andrew recognized that Box Hill was populated by many people of a Chinese background and he had no language skills for reaching them with the gospel. So Pastors Andrew and Daniel soon saw the call for working together whilst also being separate in their ministries.

The call was for one mission in two languages.

A shared vision for mission upon which our partnership is based today.

There is still the great need for this shared mission. There are many people in our neighborhood who have come from other lands from a Chinese background.

Two congregations side by side working with two different language bases in one shared mission. Today we are growing in our partnership to share in this mission as the four pastors from our two congregations work together.

We share a vision for the future where the next generations of English speakers from the different cultures will be the one church here in Box Hill.

And we're starting our shared ministry together with our young people for whom English is their first and shared language. On the last Sunday in August, youth and young adults will come together for shared games and food and to get to know one another. We'll aim to do this on some of regular basis, and we'll have a joint worship service in different languages in November.



All of the pastors are excited by what God has in store.

One Church. Two different ministries for the sake of the gospel.

That vision is becoming reality.

Perhaps when you see Pastor Daniel or Edna next, ask them to share some more about God's amazing story in them.

Pastor Nev

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OFFERING UPDATE & FORECAST FROM ST PAUL'S TREASURER, JEFF POULTON

Following up from my presentation at the AGM on Sunday June 21st, I would like to again thank every-one for your financial support of St Paul's, towards our operations and other appeals and support through talents, time and energy. It is very much appreciated and it's what makes St Paul's a wonderful congregation to be a part of. We share the load to the best of our abilities. This brings to mind the expression 'Many hands make light work'.

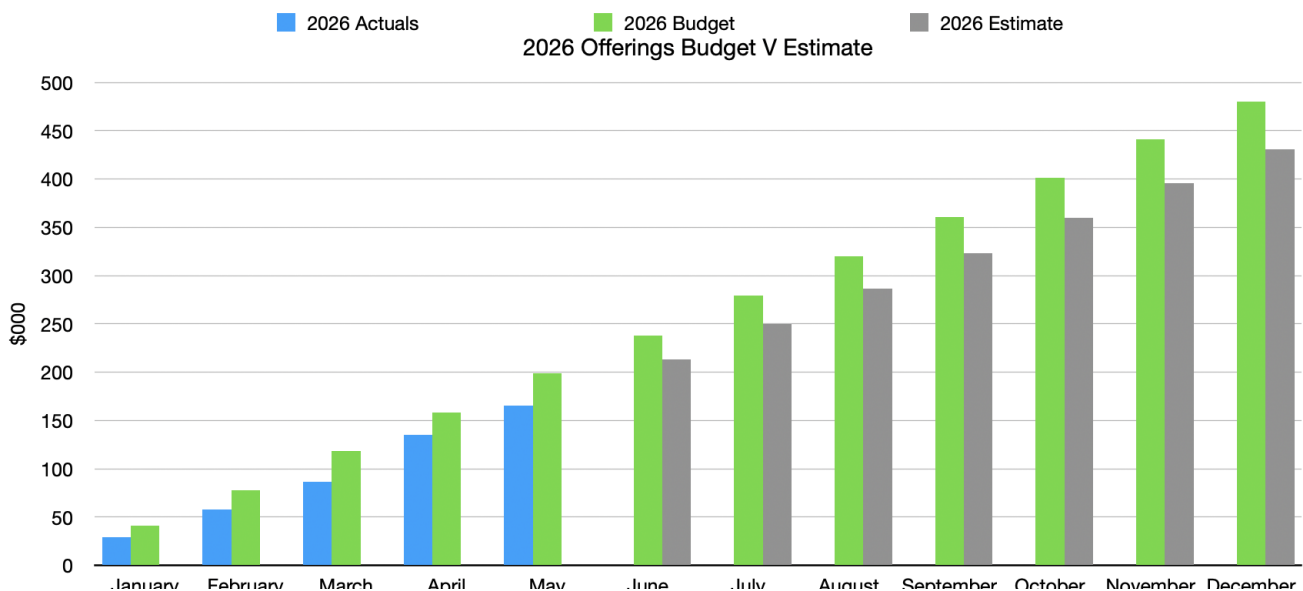
I know there are significant cost of living pressures on everyone, and St Paul's is also feeling these pressures. We are now settling well into our recently completed St Paul's Centre, and this bring additional costs. In the past few years we have been fortunate to be able to support St Paul's operations with interest earned from the proceeds of the sale of Station Street and a significant gift from the Chinese Lutheran Church towards the building works. With the completion of The St Paul's Centre our focus for the remaining surplus is the establishment of a Philanthropic fund to support St Paul's mission. This will reduce what will be available to support St Paul's ongoing operations.

To the end of May our offerings are approximately \$20,000 or 10.5% below budget. The current offerings are in line with 2024 and 2025, so we have had no real increase. At this rate by the end of the 2026 we forecast a shortfall of over \$50,000 in offerings to budget.

I am asking that you prayerfully consider if you can support our ongoing operating costs by increasing your giving a little, within your capacity to do. If you have set up automatic regular giving through the LLL, there are forms in the foyer make changes. Small increases can have a significant impact

Again thank for your ongoing support for St Paul's congregation. 2 Corinthians 9:7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Jeff Poulton, Treasurer, St Paul's Lutheran Church Box Hill



GIVING TO THE MISSION AND MINISTRIES OF ST PAUL'S

If you wish to arrange online giving to St Paul's via direct credit the details are:

St Paul's Westpac Account

Account 123 374

BSB 033 172

St Paul's LLL Account

Acct 1003 25440

BSB 704 942

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

You can also make an offering via the square at the rear of the church and via our website.