

24 September 2026

WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

Friday 25 September

Public holiday – no Men's Group
Office closed

Sunday 27 September

Worship 9.30am

St Pauls Kids (during worship)

SPY & YA 11am

Community Lunch 11.45am

Monday 28 September

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 29 September

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Young Adults Bible Study & Games
7.30pm

Wednesday 30 September

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Thursday 01 October

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Friday 02 October to

Sunday 04 October

District Convention of Synod



Saturday 03 October

Set your clocks forward
one hour

Sunday 04 October

Worship 9.30am

St Pauls Kids (during worship)

SPY & YA 11am

Monday 05 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 06 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12pm

NEW 500 club 10.00am (see page 2
for more information)

Light Lunch 11.45am – 12.45pm

Midweek Worship 1.00pm

Evergreen 2.30pm

Young Adults Bowling 7.30pm

Wednesday 07 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Play Group 10am -12pm

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Sermon Discussion Group 7.00pm

Thursday 08 October

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

SUNDAY EXTRA

OCTOBER 2026

MONTH OF PRAYER WALKING

This year the churches of Whitehorse plan to prayer walk the streets of Whitehorse during the **Month of October** rather than just a week in October as in previous years.

Theme: The Name Above Every Other Name

Scripture Focus: "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2: 9-11 ESV)

During this month we are all invited to walk and pray in our neighbourhoods by ourselves, in groups or as a church community. As we do, we desire to acknowledge that Jesus is Lord over all the earth exalting His name over every other name, to the glory of God the Father.



In addition there will also be **Two Guided Group Walks as follows:**

WALK 1

Description: **Forest Hill Community Space and Forest Hill Shopping Precinct**

Date/Time: **Thursday 08 October 6-7 pm**

Meeting Location: The Forest Hill Community Space (Level 2, The Forest Hill Chase, opposite the Post Office)

Address: The Forest Hill Chase, [270 Canterbury Road, Forest Hill](#)

Leader: Priya De Mel (prayer@whitehorsechurchescare.org.au)

WALK 2

Description: **Gardiners Creek Trail (Borders Deakin University)**

Date/Time: **Wednesday 21st October 6-7 pm**

Meeting Location: Carpark @ Bennettswood Bowling Club

Address: [179 Station Street, Burwood](#)

Leader: Sam Lim (Sam.lim@flowchurch.co)

(Following the above 2 guided walks, there is an option to have supper together at a local cafe)

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Additionally, the **Holy Here App** allows you to connect your prayer walks with specific streets and locations, and some have already begun to map the streets that they are walking and praying over. The vision of praying over every street in Whitehorse is both inspiring and practical and it gives people a tangible way to contribute. Imagine what it would mean if during Prayer Walk Month in October, we were able to walk and pray over as many streets in Whitehorse as possible, all for the glory of God the Father!

Prayer Walking At St Paul's:

I encourage you to consider getting together with a friend/s or your connect group and spend 15-30 mins (or more whatever time you have available), prayer walking the neighbourhood around St Paul's or perhaps further afield in Whitehorse. You might like to walk and pray with a particular focus, e.g. for local council, for businesses, shopping centres, aged care communities, /lead schools, sport and recreational precincts, parks etc....

My connect group has decided to prayer walk along both sides of Riversdale Rd after church on Sunday 11th Oct, and meet up for lunch afterwards at the Good Vibes café opposite the tram terminus.

A Prayer Walking Guide will be available in the church foyer during October to assist you.

If you would like to help organise/lead a group walk please

Let's be part of covering Whitehorse in prayer during October

God Bless,

Cathy

Mb 0426 220079 or email cathy@stpaulsboxhill.org.au



VOLUNTEERING AT ST PAUL'S

Each Sunday at least 19 worship associated roster roles are filled by willing and able volunteers

Please contact Melissa at worship@stpaulsboxhill.org.au if you are interested in helping with these roles

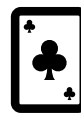
- Church Preparer
- Usher
- Welcomer
- Service Coordinator
- Sound desk
- Streaming
- Projection of slides
- Lector
- Choir
- Band or Musician
- Hospitality and Community Lunch

Training and 'buddying' are available for most roles.

FUN NEW ACTIVITY AT ST PAUL'S

Join us for a social 500 Card Game Morning in St Pauls Community Centre.

Come and share your version of the rules of the 500 card game.



10am on the first Tuesday of
month
6th October
3rd November
1st Dec

Beginners, Experienced and Refreshers welcome.

RSVP helpful but not essential

500club@stpaulsboxhill.org.au

Heidi Joy & Judy Pedersen

ANGEL TREE, AN ADVENT ACTION

I love the start of Spring. The surge of optimism for warmer weather, the increased sunlight, the sight of blooming flowers, the increased desire to spend time outside and to see friends and family.....the list goes on.

This is also the time I start to focus on Christmas....what I need to do to prepare.

Our Justice & Mercy Team also starts at this time, to prepare for the Advent Actions, our congregation participates in around Christmas.

Already we have confirmed with Prison Fellowship our desire to help with the annual Angel Tree. Prison Fellowship states:

"As well as bringing joy on Christmas morning, your generosity reminds children that mum or dad still loves them, even when they can't be there themselves.

Your Angel Tree gift helps build the special connection between parents and children and provides an avenue for family restoration and healing.

Your gift demonstrates Jesus' love and grace to inmates, planting Gospel seeds and showing prisoners there are people who care."

The following article is from a recent Prison Fellowship newsletter, highlighting the role of Angel Tree.

Stories of hope - A Father's Thanks From Behind Bars

[October 7, 2025](#)

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Jeremy and I am currently incarcerated in prison. I am writing to thank you personally for your support to prisoners and their families through programs such as the Christmas Angel Tree.*

I have been in prison now for two Christmases and was informed last September about Angel Tree.

The first Christmas I spent in prison was the most difficult, upsetting and challenging time in my life as I couldn't be there with my children or even provide them a gift to celebrate this special time of year.

I was raised in a home where Christmas was valued as the most special and magical time of the year. To be absent from my family and unable to even send my children a Christmas gift ripped my heart out.

After hearing about the Angel Tree program, I wrote to your organisation with the hope of my children being included. To my delight, my children were part of the program this past Christmas and received a present from me.

It brought a tear to my eye to see their utter joy and to think that, even though I couldn't be there with them, I had been able to send them a present and watch them unwrap it during a video call.

Your organisation is such a Godsend for families like mine and the good work you do cannot be underestimated. You help bring love and joy to the lives of young children with a parent in custody and the help you provide is much appreciated.

I want to thank you personally for this and for all the support that you provide prisoners and their families.

Thank you and God bless,

*Jeremy**

**Name has been changed*

John Hinz and the Justice & Mercy Team



POLICY UPDATES

Workplace Health and Safety Policy v 1.3

St Paul's Lutheran Church Box Hill Church Council is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all employees, pastors, contractors, volunteers, and visitors (including children).

Hazards and risks to health and safety will be eliminated or minimised as far as is reasonably practicable.

The overall and final responsibility for health and safety ultimately rests with the Church Council, with the Volunteer and Business Manager nominated to ensure this policy is put into practice on a day-to-day basis, with assistance from the council elected sub-committee Risk and Compliance Team. Employees also have important responsibilities for health and safety in the workplace.

We are committed to complying with the Victorian Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Act 2004 and OH&S Regulations 2017, the Dangerous Goods Act 1985 and Regulations 2022, other workplace associated legislation, Compliance Codes, Policies and Procedures.

Our health and safety policy is to:

- ❑ ensure the workplace complies with all legislation relating to health and safety.
- ❑ prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill health.
- ❑ create a culture of safety and wellbeing, caring for each other's needs.
- ❑ eliminate or minimise all workplace hazards and risks as far as is reasonably practicable.
- ❑ ensure information, clear instructions and adequate training is provided to protect all persons from risks to their health and safety.
- ❑ ensure health and safety standards are maintained, reviewed, and implemented.
- ❑ provide and maintain a safe plant and equipment in good working condition.
- ❑ provide and implement emergency procedures, including evacuation in case of fire or other significant incidents.
- ❑ consult with our employees on matters affecting their work.
- ❑ ensure safe handling and storage of equipment, structures and substances.
- ❑ ensure the means of entering and leaving the workplace are safe and without risks.
- ❑ display names of persons to whom an enquiry or complaint about health and safety can be made.

Pastors, employees and other persons working at St Paul's will:

- ❑ take reasonable care for their own health and safety.
- ❑ follow the LCA and St Paul's policies, instructions, and safe work procedures.
- ❑ participate in safety training and wellbeing development.
- ❑ report health and safety issues and hazards arising at the workplace using incident report form.
- ❑ use safety equipment and personal protective equipment as instructed.

Our goal is to provide a safe and healthy work environment where the love of Jesus Christ governs all interactions and relationships with everyone participating, co-operating, and committing to achieve a workplace free from injury and illness.

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St Paul's policies can be found on Elvanto under the [Resources tab](#) and in a folder at reception. The Prevention of Falls Policy was recently updated and can be accessed [HERE](#)