

08 October 2026

WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

Friday 09 October

Just Women 7.00pm

Blackburn Hotel

Sunday 11 October

Worship 9.30am

St Pauls Kids (during worship)

SPY & YA 11am

Monday 12 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 13 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12pm

(Light dinner cancelled)

Wednesday 14 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Play Group 10am -12pm

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Young Adults 7.30pm

Thursday 15 October

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Friday 16 October

Card & Board Games 7.00pm

Sunday 18 October

Worship 9.30am

Confirmation Sunday

St Pauls Kids (during worship)

SPY & YA 11am

Community Lunch 11.45am

Monday 19 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 20 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Light Lunch 11.45am – 12.45pm

Midweek Worship 1.00pm

Bible Study 2.30pm

Mission Coord team 7.30pm

Young Adults 7.30pm

Wednesday 21 October

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Play Group 10am -12pm

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Thursday 22 October

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Friday 23 October

Men's Group 7.00pm

details TBC

SUNDAY EXTRA

District Convention of Synod 2026

Last weekend St Paul's delegates Kathy Harrison, Sherley Pidakal, Jeff Poulton and Kate Burke attended District Convention of Synod at Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School, along with Pastor Sue.

Convention took place over three days in which several proposals were passed, including a number of constitutional changes aligning the District Constitution more closely with the LCA NZ Constitution and recognising more recent District bodies, and changes resulting from the most recent General Convention of Synod.

Additionally, the Synod received reports from the District Bishop, District Administrator, DCC Chair, and various Churchwide organisations.

We were also happy to witness the elections of Pastor Brett Kennett as Bishop-Elect, and Pastor Hans Peethala (Horsham Congregation) as Assistant Bishop. Pastor Hans was officially installed as Assistant Bishop during the Closing Worship on Sunday 4 October, alongside DCC members, Zone Counsellors, and LCAVD Hospital Chaplain Linda Day. Bishop elect Pastor Brett will be installed as District Bishop in early 2027. Bishop Lester remains in his role for the remainder of the year.

A proposal from the North Geelong parish regarding intentional budgeting for Mission to support training and the sharing of Mission related ideas and activities was discussed and passed.

BE IT RESOLVED that: *Convention of Synod recommend that every Lutheran congregation within Victoria and Tasmania prayerfully and seriously consider allocating 5% of their annual budget for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:12); that is, sharing our faith through outreach and evangelism to make Him, Our Lord, known to the communities around us (John 17:3).*

The resolution does not mandate the allocation but raised the significance of training members to confidently share faith and also to ways in which we might improve our welcome to our neighbours.

The last piece of Convention business - **BE IT RESOLVED that: the place of next convention be St Paul's Lutheran Church, Box Hill South, on Friday 6th – Sunday 8th October 2028.**



Left Bp Lester installing Pr Hans Peethala as Asst Bishop and affirming the call of Pr Brett Kennet as Bishop-elect, and above Pr Sue mixing it up with principals and pastors at District Convention

ALL SAINTS

At St Paul's we will be marking All Saints on Sunday 1st November. This is where we read out the names of family and friends who have died in the last twelve months, light a candle for each person and pray for them.

If you have someone you would like to be remembered email their full name/s to Pastor Sue on sue@stpaulsboxhill.org.au by Monday 26th October.



CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

Supporting Victoria Senior Month.

Date & Time: 10.30am – 11.30am
Tuesday 20th & Tuesday 27th October
Venue: St Paul Lutheran Church, Café Space
Material & Tools : will be provided (free)

This course is being offered by members of the Chinese Lutheran Church.



OFFERING BUDGET UPDATE JAN – SEPT 2026

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Deficit</u>	<u>%</u>
\$348k	\$359k	(11k)	96%

Thank you to all who have made an additional contribution or increased their regular giving. Since the AGM the giving has increased from 91% of budget in June to 96% of budget at the end of September. Your giving to the mission and ministry of St Paul's is very appreciated.

VOLUNTEERING AT ST PAUL'S

The Mission team have received a great response to the call out for stall holders and volunteers for the **St Paul's fete**. If you would like to be involved with preparation or on the day please see Garry or Kate or sign up on the sheets in the foyer. Additional general helpers who can welcome people would be appreciated.

If you have an idea for **Activities** you can run at St Paul's, the Mission team (mission@stpaulsboxhill.org.au) would love to hear from you. St Paul's currently open our doors from Monday to Wednesday between 10am and 12noon.

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 worship roles

A yellow flier outlining roles and basic duties is available in the foyer. Training and 'buddying' are available for most roles.

WHITEHORSE PRAYER MONTH

October is Whitehorse Churches Care Prayer Walking Month. Walk with a friend/s and pray for St Paul's neighbourhood.

A Prayer Walking Guide will be available in the Church foyer during October.

Let's join with other churches in covering Whitehorse in prayer!

<https://whitehorsechurchescare.org.au/events/>

ST PAUL'S FETE

ALL WELCOME

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

10.00am – 2.00pm

FOLLOWED BY MUSIC CONCERT



Bring your family and friends to enjoy

- Sausage Sizzle
- Plant Sale
- Arts and Crafts for sale
- Kids Games & Activities
- Delectable Morning Tea

Then stay on for an AMAZING MUSICAL CONCERT from 2pm

Donations in support of St Paul's Mission Activities and ALWS will be gladly received.

We hope our neighbours in Box Hill South will also come along. The more the merrier!