

Christmas Eve 2023 - 27th January 2024



# St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

*Living Jesus' Love*

*Welcome!*

*We are blessed to worship together at St Paul today and hope you know of God's nourishment of you as you receive His good gifts.*

**St Paul Lutheran Church, as part of the Lutheran Church of Australia, is committed to providing a safe church environment for children and young people.**



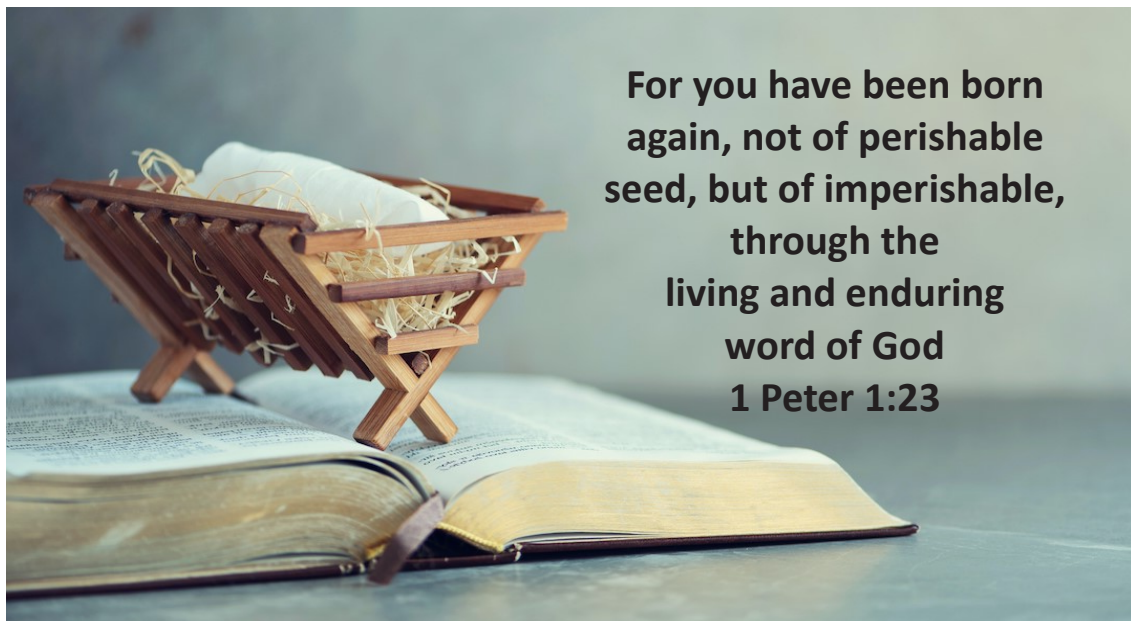
*'...but when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared...'*

*Titus 3:4*



**Text for  
Christmas Eve**

**Text for  
31 Dec 2023**



**For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God  
1 Peter 1:23**



*A blessed Christmas and New Year to you  
from Pastor Matt, Kylie and Vicar Sean*



## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you enlighten us with the new light of your incarnate Word. May we show in our deeds the light that by faith shines in our hearts. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Prayer Points 24 December to 20th January

The weekly prayer of the church is our congregation's intercession for the world to access God's grace for their benefit. Yes - we pray for our own needs. But mostly the New Testament picture of the churches' prayer is prayer to God on behalf of the world in what is our unique contribution to the world's wellbeing. The actual weekly prayers over our January services will vary according to the readings and the leader's final shaping. With that in mind, the list has been provided to assist your private meditation and devotion over these weeks.

## Worship Service Times Over Christmas and the Holidays

- **Christmas Day:**  
9.30am Service with the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 31st December:**  
9.30am Service *without* the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 7th January 2023**  
9.30am Service *without* the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 14th January**  
9.30am Service with the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 21st January**  
9.30am Service with the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 28th January**  
9.30am Service with the Lord's Supper



## Ministry Facilitator - Younger Persons and Families

As announced last weekend, St Paul Leadership council is delighted that Mr Daniel Kitson has accepted an offer of employment at St Paul Lutheran Church as our Ministry Facilitator - Younger Persons and Families. Among other things, Dan brings a strong faith in Jesus Christ, much Lutheran church experience, extensive involvement in youth and camping ministry, and a background in adolescent music tuition. We look forward to welcoming Dan into his role late January.

## St Paul Staff Leave Arrangements

'...a Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God...' Hebrews 4:9

Pastor Matt: 26th December 2023 - 3rd January 2024

Kylie Koelman: 6th January 2024 - 22nd January 2024

In the event of pastoral emergencies during the week of Pastor Matt's leave, in the first instance please contact Paul Pastoral assistant Mr Tim Wells on 0417 772 366, who will direct you further.

## Thankyou Re: The Ordination of Tom Kitson

We received a lovely note of thanks from Leanne Kitson, Pastor Tom's mother, regarding his ordination last Sunday that we hosted at St Paul. Thanks to all who assisted. Here is an excerpt from Leanne's note:

*Just wanted to say thank you again for Sunday, for providing a wonderful service and a very memorable day. Thanks for allowing us to use your great facilities and being so helpful and generous... we know you have been very supportive of Tom and Evie, and appreciate that very much. May you have a joyous and peaceful Christmas, and enjoy a lovely break.*

Let's Celebrate!

## Celebrations

- Blessings to the following people celebrating birthdays through from Christmas Eve until the end of January: Alex Tullio, David Seidel, Karina Musimbi, Piper Nelson, Dawn Ehrke, Sama Reid, Judy Longbottom, Eden Neumann, Nigel Carr, Fergus Venning, Andrew Pfeiffer, Judy Carr, Isaac Falkenberg, Hugh Mackey and Caleb Christian
- Blessings to the following people celebrating upcoming wedding anniversaries: Barry & Marlene Kahl, Peter & Christine Freeman, Matt & Leanne Oborn, Brian & Dale Voigt, Andrew & Sue Pfeiffer

## Electronic Giving

BSB: 704942 Account Number: 100083145

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## Bible Readings Until 28 January 2024

	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
<b>Christmas Day</b>	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:1-20
<b>31 December</b>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalm 148	1 Peter 1:22-25	Luke 2:22-40
<b>7 January</b>	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
<b>14 January</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
<b>21 January</b>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
<b>28 January</b>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28



## Contact Us

Here at St Paul we welcome feedback, especially from children, young people and members of the Lutheran Church.

If you would like to share feedback or contact us for more information on our safe church activities, please visit the contact page on our website

<http://www.stpaul-church.org.au/contact.html>

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