

Christmas Eve 2024 - 25th January 2025



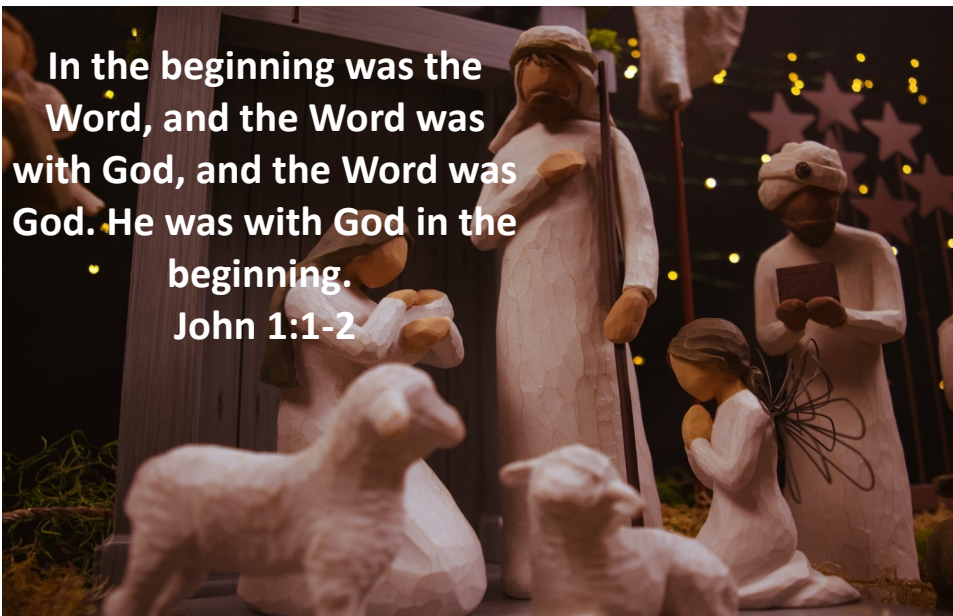
St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

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.



**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.
John 1:1-2**



**Text for
Christmas Eve**



**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1**

**Text for
Epiphany
Sunday**



*A blessed Christmas, New Year and Epiphany to you
from Pastor Matt, Kylie and the St Paul Leadership Council.*



Prayer of the Day

Light of life, you came in flesh, born in human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all creation may sing songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace.

Prayer Points 24 December to 18th 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 29th December:**
9.30am Service without the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 5th January 2023**
9.30am Service without the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 12th January**
9.30am Service without the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 19th January**
9.30am Service *with* the Lord's Supper
- **Sunday 26th January**
9.30am Service without the Lord's Supper



St Paul Staff Leave Arrangements

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

Pastor Matt: 26th December 2024 - 27th January 2025

Kylie Koelman: 26th December 2024 - 16th January 2025

In the event of pastoral emergencies during the week of Pastor Matt's leave, in the first instance please contact St Paul Pastoral assistant Mr Tim Wells, who will direct you further. Tim's contact details are available in the Ezi-Find.

Nominations Requested

Following the Annual Election and Finance Meeting held on 24/11/2024, congregation members are requested to prayerfully consider nominations for themselves or another member (with their consent) for the following very important positions:

1. District Convention of Synod

Two persons are required for a two year term, with District Synod set for 17-18 May 2025 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Elections are required by 1st March. There is also a one day event in 2026. Delegates should hold, or obtain, a Working With Children Check and complete Safe Church Level 1 training. The online option takes about 2 hours.

2. Leadership Council

Two vacancies exist for casual membership. Commitment is a monthly meeting held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm.

3. Lay Readers

As we prepare for a period of Pastoral Vacancy, more members who are prepared to learn and run a Sunday service, perhaps on a bi-monthly basis is crucial. More information can be obtained from Brian, Tania or Dennis about this.

Please present your nominations to Anthea Uebergang or Brian Quick.

As advised, we have a congregation meeting scheduled on 19th January and it would be wonderful to present and vote on nominations at this time.



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: Peter & Christine Freeman, Matt & Leanne Oborn, Brian & Dale Voigt, Andrew & Sue Pfeiffer.

Electronic Giving

BSB: 704942 Account Number: 100083145
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Church REG Account



Bible Readings Until 26 January 2025

	Old Testament	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
Christmas Day	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97	Hebrews 1:1-12	John 1:1-18
29 December	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
5 January	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
12 January	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
19 January	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
26 January	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21



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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