

# St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

## *Living Jesus' Love*

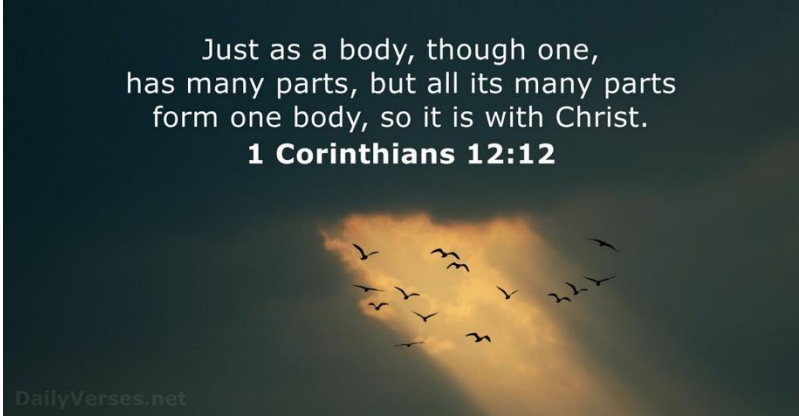
*Welcome!*

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

### **Prayer of the Day**

In you, O Lord our God, we find our joy, for through your law and your prophets you formed a people in mercy and freedom, in justice and righteousness. Pour your Spirit on us today, that we who are Christ's body may bear the good news of your ancient promises to all who seek you. Amen.



Just as a body, though one,  
has many parts, but all its many parts  
form one body, so it is with Christ.

**1 Corinthians 12:12**

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### **Prayer Points**

*Please contact the church office to have your prayer point included below.*

- That, being anointed with the Spirit of the Lord, we proclaim the good news of Christ to those around us (Luke 4:18-19).
- Thanksgiving that the joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10).
- For the discernment of our different Spiritual gifts and the desire to use them, as different parts of the one body in Christ, to serve as God has called us (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 18).
- Thanksgiving for the variety of people and cultures in our nation. That we grow to respect and value each other and that discussions encouraging unity and reconciliation continue (Hebrews 12:14).
- For all staff and students at the start of a new school year, that they grow each day in the knowledge, love and grace of God (2 Peter 3:18).

## Prayer Points Continued....

- For congregational families: Stafford, Smart, Shrowder, Seidel (Acts 16:31)
- For the sick or unwell and their carers, including Mel Bishop, Robert Coombe, Graeme Elphick, Roma Linke, Pam Mibus, Gina Mielke, Roy Minge, Karina Musimbi, Nick Urbon, Dale Voigt, and Cheryl Zucker (Isaiah 41:10)

## Pre-Call Meeting

Thank you to those that were able to attend last Sunday's pre-call meeting. Leadership Council would like to advise the congregation of the following arrangements:

- Sunday worship will continue as one service at 9:30am into February and during the vacancy period. This arrangement will be reviewed in the future as appropriate.
- At the pre-call meeting Pastor Stephen Schultz put forward the recommendation that while arrangements for Pastor Matt are being finalised (regarding an additional 0.5 call to another congregation alongside his 0.5FTE call to ALC commencing 28/1), that Pastor Matt serves at Blair Athol at a 0.5FTE for the next month to conclude ministry and allow for an appropriate farewell. With endorsement from those present at the pre-call meeting, the LC Exec has worked with the relevant parties to formalise this arrangement.

Pastor Matt will be undertaking an intensive at ALC during the first week (28/1 – 2/2) and will preach at St Paul for the remaining three Sundays in February. Final details including a date for Pastor Matt's farewell service will be announced when known.

- Formation of a call committee is close to being finalised, and a list of members will be provided to the congregation in the coming weeks.

Yours in Christ

Brian Quick, Chairperson – St Paul Lutheran Church, Blair Athol

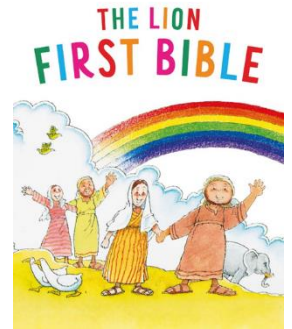
## 2025: A Year When 'Love Comes to Life' in Our Neighbourhood

The leaders at St Paul are praying that 2025 will be a year of greater connection with the people in our neighbourhood and the hope is to form a small missional team who are willing to give some focus to this mission area. An orientation session will be held at **5.30pm, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, in Barton Reserve** and all are welcome to attend. More detail surrounding this outreach opportunity is provided in the leaflet with this Bulletin and you can talk to Julie Scholz directly if you would like to discuss this further.

Welcome to 2025! All ladies of the St Paul community are invited to join us for a meal at 'The Kebab House' on Prospect Road, Kilburn at **6pm, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Please place your name on the sign in sheet on the table in the narthex. For more information, please contact Renate.

### Bible Gifting for School Reception Students

Congregation members are again invited to make a financial donation to contribute to this valuable ministry. \$25 will cover the cost of one Bible. Donations can be made via a labelled envelope in the offering bowl, electronically via the square reader at the back of the church on Sunday or via the St Paul Lutheran Church website, with donations marked specifically for Bibles in the comments box.



### Playgroup @ St Paul

Playgroup @ St Paul is for children aged 0-5 and a parent/caregiver and runs from 9-10.30am each Tuesday during school terms.

Cost is \$2 per family.

Come and check out the play space, make a craft, play with playdough, explore the sensory play space, and join in with story and song time. No bookings are required, just bring a drink bottle and healthy snack for you and your child and join in the fun.

If you want more information about the fun you can have at playgroup, talk to Kylie.



### Celebrations

Let's Celebrate!

- God's blessing to the following people as they celebrate their birthday this week: Vicky Lamonby.
- God's blessing to Danny & Sinikka Perkins celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



### Electronic Giving

BSB: 704 942 Account Number: 100083145  
Account name: Enfield St Paul Lutheran Church REG Account

## Rosters and What's On

<b>This Week: 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
Ushers	Voigt/Urbon		Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 Luke 4:14-21
Greeters	D Voigt, J Mead		
Projection	G Ratsch		
Readings/Prayers	C Freeman		
Communion	NA		
Coffee	A Neumann		
<b>Next Week: 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>9.30am</b>		<b>Readings</b>
Ushers	J Cowl		Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30
Greeters	R Timms		
Projection	D Nelson		
Readings/Prayers	C Stafford		
Communion	NA		
Coffee	Ratsch Family		

## Calendar

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
9.30 am Service	School Term 1 Starts	9.30am Service

## 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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# St Paul, Blair Athol

## 2025, a year when 'Love comes to Life' in our Neighbourhood.

The leaders at St Paul Blair Athol are praying that 2025 will be a year of greater connection with those we live among.

Recent migration from India and the Middle east now mean that we have a mission field right on our doorstep.

We feel the Lord is calling us to journey with Him and learn how to love these new neighbours.

Positive developments are already happening at the school and playgroup with increasing multi-cultural enrolments. Hopefully these relationships can be a bridge out into the wider community.

A successful LCA Mission Grant also means we can engage a Cross-Cultural coach, Craig Heidenreich to walk with us during 2025, offering practical training and encouragement.

Our plan is to kick things off with an **orientation session on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February (at 5:30pm) in Barton Reserve (if over 34 degrees we will meet in the Church Hall)** and we hope to form a small missional team of 'Bridge-builders' who are willing to give some focus to this important part of church life.

Many of us are busy people, so this is not so much about a big investment of time but rather becoming more sensitive to the Holy Spirit in the flow of our everyday lives.

We are currently working to frame our objectives, but we expect there will be opportunity for some group sessions covering things like:

- Orientation to various cultures and religions.
- Steps to start conversations with strangers and build friendships.

If you would like to join us as we do this journey of love, please make yourself known.

RSVP by 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Contact person: Julie Scholz

