

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND

The Fruit Of Being Loved



Upcoming Worship Service
Times @ St Paul's
THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th October

Caboolture @ 9am

Tuesday, 6th October

Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

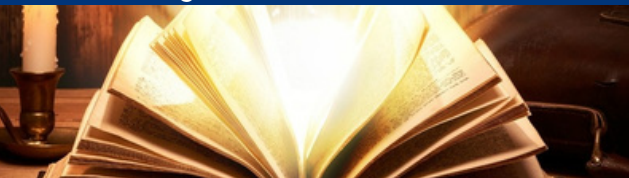
Sunday 11th October

Bribie Island @ 8am

Caboolture @ 9am

Monday 12th October

Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Next Sunday

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Have you ever tried to care for someone, only to realise later that you missed what they most needed? It can happen when we are busy, even with good things. We mean to listen, but our minds have already moved on.

One of this week's readings begins as a love song about a carefully tended vineyard. Then the song takes an unexpected turn. It invites us to notice what is growing in our lives and to ask how the people around us experience our care. That can be a searching question. It can also lead us back to the God who loved us first and who meets us in Jesus with forgiveness and a new beginning.

As we gather for worship, bring your thanks, your questions and even the moments you wish you could do over. The six daily devotions will help you carry these readings into the week. Each includes Scripture, questions to ponder, a short prayer and a simple Faith in Action step. May they help us notice both God's love for us and the people he places in our path.

What's On at St Paul's

UPCOMING MONTH

Heavenly Father, bless every gathering this month and draw us closer to You and to one another.



**Each Tuesday
From 1pm**

Bible Study

Exploring the previous Sunday's readings and sermon in depth.



**Wednesday
7th October
6:30pm**

W.I.P.

An evening of craft, games and chatting for women of all ages



**Thursday
9th-11th October
9:30am**

Replenish Women's Retreat

LCAQD and LYQ led weekend retreat for women of all ages.



**Tuesday
13th October**

Womens Fellowship Caboolture

A regular time of encouragement and sharing



**Sunday
18th October
10am**

100th Anniversary Service

Communion Service with Thanksgiving to God for His Church and guest speakers.



**Thursday
22nd October
1:30pm**

Bribie Island Bible Study

Led by Pastor Michael Braunberger. Study is on the book of John



**Sunday
25th October
10am**

100th Anniversary Family Celebration

Longest Lutheran Lunch with singing, games, activities and more.



**Thursday
5th November
9:30am**

Ladies Fellowship Bribie Island

A regular gathering for women featuring faith, fellowship, friendship and encouragement.

LOOKING AHEAD



9-11 OCTOBER
Replenish
Women's Retreat



18TH OCTOBER
100TH FORMAL
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



25TH OCTOBER
100TH ANNIVERSARY
INFORMAL FAMILY
SERVICE CELEBRATION

Lord, may everything we do
together bring glory to You
and blessing to others.

TOGETHER

Love binds all things
in unity

A different place, the same warm welcome

Sunday, 11 October 2026

Worship at 8am

At Bev and Mike Dance's home
21 Botany Crescent
Banksia Beach

With the Orchid Show taking place at our usual venue,
we'll gather at Bev and Mike's home for worship.

Come and join us — everyone is welcome!

Ladies
FELLOWSHIP
Bribie Island



Come for
FAITH



Come for
FELLOWSHIP



Come for
FRIENDSHIP

Meets on the
first Thursday
of every month.

For address please
contact Linda on
☎ 0431 570 299

*All women
welcome!*

Next fellowship time

**5th November
9:30am**

Bible Study
AT BRIBIE ISLAND



A relaxed, friendly group for **all ages** to explore the Bible,
grow in faith and discover **God's great love** for you.



ON THE **4TH**
THURSDAY
OF EVERY MONTH



LED BY
**PASTOR MICHAEL
BRAUNBERGER**
Currently studying
the Gospel of John



ALL WELCOME!
Come as you are.
Everyone belongs.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY TO BE HELD ON:

22nd October 2026

Hear. Learn. Grow. Together in God's Word. ♥

AT 3 ELIZABETH BATTS COURT, BANKSIA BEACH

COME AND GIVE THANKS WITH US

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026 • 10.00 AM

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CABOOLTURE



BRING TO SHARE

Please bring a plate of finger food to share.
To help our kitchen team, please no hot food.



NAME BADGES

Please remember to wear your name badge.



HELP US PREPARE

Can you spare an hour over the next two weeks?
Choose a cleaning job from the list on the church entrance table
and complete it whenever it suits you.

HISTORY BOOK

A CENTURY OF FAITH, PEOPLE & PLACE

Take home the story of St Paul's Lutheran Church Caboolture—a richly illustrated journey from the first Lutheran worshippers in 1873 to the congregation's centenary in 2026.

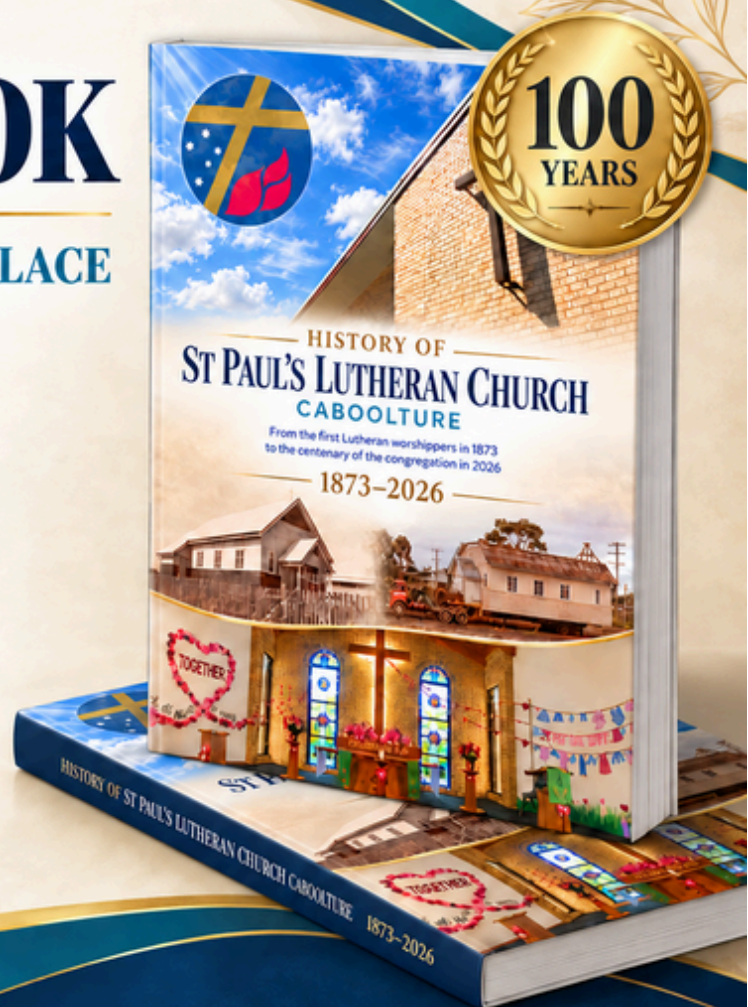
Through photographs, records and shared memories, meet the people, milestones, ministries and places that have shaped our life together.

A meaningful keepsake for members, families, former members and friends—honouring the past, giving thanks to God and carrying the story into the future.

AVAILABLE AFTER THE 10.00AM THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2026

\$15 EACH





THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

A SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC THROUGH THE AGES

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026 • FROM 10.00AM

GREEN ZONE • ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



COME AND CELEBRATE WITH US

We will begin with a short service of thanksgiving, with singing, a skit and prayers. Our Year 6 students will help lead us.



THEN THE PICNIC FUN BEGINS

Egg-and-spoon races • Three-legged races • Sack races
Face painting • Activities for all ages • And much more!



BBQ FOR EVERYONE

Enjoy a sausage sizzle, rissoles and plenty of onion.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Invite your friends and family, together with past and present members. Bring a bowl of salad to share. Come ready to join in the fun as we celebrate our community.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY



The Fruit of Being Loved

What did the owner give—and what did he find?

Whose quiet need might we be overlooking?

Can the vineyard sing again?

Tuesday at 1:00pm

Isaiah 5:1–7

With Matthew 21:33–46 and Philippians 3:4b–14

Come for Scripture, conversation and reflection. Everyone welcome.

LIFE TO The Full

YOUR VOICE HELPS SHAPE OUR FUTURE

St Paul's Lutheran Church • Caboolture & Bribie Island



What is the National Church Life Survey?

A nationwide survey held every five years, listening to churchgoers across more than 20 denominations. It asks about our experiences of church life, faith, belonging, wellbeing and hopes for the future.



Why take part?

It gives each of us a voice and helps us recognise our strengths, understand challenges and make informed decisions about ministry and mission.



What will we learn?

OUR CONGREGATION

Our results help us understand who we are, what nurtures our faith and belonging, and how we can connect with and serve our neighbours.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN QUEENSLAND & NATIONALLY

Combined findings can help church leaders recognise trends, support congregations, develop leaders and guide planning and resources for ministry in our communities.

PLEASE STAY AFTER OUR NORMAL CHURCH SERVICE

Bribie Island

Sunday 8 November 2026

Caboolture

Sunday 15 November 2026

Allow about 20 minutes.



Unable to join us on these Sundays?

Surveys will also be available for those unable to complete them on either day.



Every response matters.

The more people who take part, the fuller and more representative the picture of our church life—and the better informed we will be as we live out our mission.

*Belonging to Christ;
We grow, connect and thrive;
to serve others.*

Find out more:

2026ncls.org.au



St Paul's Lutheran Ladies Fellowship *Caboolture*



Our next get together is on
Tuesday, 13th Oct @ 9am



For more details please see Mavis Thamm.



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ENROL IN 2027

COURSES IN THEOLOGY,
MINISTRY AND COUNSELLING
ARE AVAILABLE

ENROLMENTS OPEN IN NOVEMBER

ENQUIRE TODAY AND
START THE CONVERSATION

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



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Work IN PROGRESS

AN EVENING OF CREATIVITY,
conversation and connection.



Whether you're halfway through a knitting project, have a scrapbook gathering dust, enjoy sewing, painting, puzzles, or simply want to spend time with others, **Work in Progress** is for you.



Bring along an unfinished project, learn a new skill from someone else, play a game, or just come for a chat and a cuppa. There's no pressure—just a welcoming space to encourage one another and enjoy good company.



For women of all ages.



1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Create.
Connect.
Encourage.


Next
get together:


7th October @ 06:30pm



Black Dog
Institute

ONE FOOT FORWARD

The walk for mental health

I'm taking on the One Foot Forward Challenge to support mental health research through the Black Dog Institute.

Mental illness doesn't always show on the outside. Too many people struggle quietly, believing they have to face it alone. They don't.

Every donation helps fund vital research, education and support that can change—and save—lives.

Please support me

as I take on this 300km Challenge. Together, we can make a real difference for those facing mental health challenges.



Swimming

6 km
of 50 km



Running / Walking

12 km
of 100 km



Cycling

18 km
of 150 km



WALKING
TOGETHER.



STANDING
TOGETHER.



STRONGER
TOGETHER.

Donate today!

Scan the QR code to support my challenge.



I've started!
My 300km Challenge
for Mental Health Research





Join us for a great night!



Friday, 23 October at 6:00pm
Redcliffe Leagues Club

Gather your family, friends or workmates, book a table and enjoy a wonderful evening of trivia, laughter and generosity—all while supporting young people in our local community.

Book your ticket or table here

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1551578>



Can you help?

- ✓ Come along to the Trivia Night.
- ✓ Make a financial donation.
- ✓ Donate a prize for the Trivia Night auction.
- ✓ Share this invitation with others.

Every gift—large or small—helps Intercept provide practical assistance when a young person needs it most.

To make a donation by EFT

Account name: Lutheran Services
BSB: 084 424
Account number: 668567293
Reference: Intercept Bursary + your surname

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.

To request a receipt: finance@lutheranservices.org.au

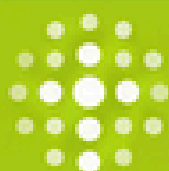


To donate an auction prize or ask a question:

Intercept.fundraising@lutheranservices.org.au
07 5428 1684

Your generosity can help a young person overcome a barrier, discover a new opportunity and take their next step with confidence.

Thank you for supporting the young people of Caboolture. We would love to see you at the Trivia Night!



**Lutheran
Services**
Youth & Family



Intercept

Youth & Family Program



Monday: Loved before the harvest

Isaiah 5:1-2

Before the vineyard bears a single grape, its owner has chosen good land, cleared the stones, planted vines and built a watchtower. His care comes first. Isaiah's song reminds us that God's relationship with his people begins with his love, not their achievements. He rescued Israel and gave them a home. He comes to us through his Word and calls us his own in Baptism. We need not wait until we have answered every question or put every part of life in order before turning to him. Today, take a moment to receive what God has already given. You are someone he cares for. From that secure place, new growth can begin.

When have you noticed God caring for you?

Is there something you feel you must achieve before you can come close to him?

Loving God, thank you for seeking me and caring for me before I had anything to offer.

Help me rest in your love today. Amen.

Faith in Action: Notice one ordinary sign of God's care today. Pause and thank him for it before moving on.

Tuesday: God hears the cries

Isaiah 5:3-7

God looked for good fruit in his vineyard. He looked for justice, but heard cries of distress. His disappointment is about people being hurt. It can be easy to hear a call to "bear fruit" as a demand to do more. Isaiah asks us to look more closely: Who is being overlooked? Who needs to be treated fairly? Whose quiet request for help have I missed? God hears people we may fail to notice. He also invites us to turn back when we have been impatient, unfair or too busy to listen. We can tell him the truth without hiding. The God who calls us to repentance is the God who comes near to us in Jesus with forgiveness.

Whose needs have you been too hurried to notice lately?

What might it look like to listen well to one person today?

Lord, forgive the times I have overlooked others. Open my ears to their needs and guide me to respond with care. Amen.

Faith in Action: Give someone your full attention today. Ask how they are, then make room for their answer without rushing to speak.

Wednesday: Whose vineyard is it?

Matthew 21:33-39

The tenants in Jesus' story are entrusted with a vineyard. Yet when the owner sends his servants, they act as though everything belongs to them. At last, they reject his son. Jesus tells this story to leaders who refuse to listen to him. It also gives us a question to carry gently into our own lives: do I remember whose vineyard this is? Our time, gifts, relationships and church community are entrusted to us by God. We can receive them with thanks and use them to love others. We can also become so attached to our plans that we struggle to hear what Jesus is saying. He comes to us even when we have resisted him. We can loosen our grip, listen again and trust him with what matters to us.

What gift or responsibility has God entrusted to you?

Where might your own plans be making it hard to listen to Jesus?

Jesus, thank you for the gifts you have placed in my care. Help me receive them gratefully and use them with love. Amen.

Faith in Action: Choose one gift God has entrusted to you—your time, a skill or something you own—and use it to bless someone else.



Thursday: The rejected cornerstone

Matthew 21:40–46

Jesus speaks of a stone that the builders rejected, yet it became the cornerstone—the stone on which the building rests. He is speaking about himself. He will be rejected and killed, but God will raise him from the dead. That is good news when our failures trouble us. We may want to hide what we have done, or replay it until we feel we have somehow made up for it. Jesus invites us to bring it into the light. At the cross, he carried our sin. In his resurrection, God gives us a sure foundation for beginning again. Your hope does not rest on having a flawless record. It rests on the risen Christ, who has not let you go.

Is there a failure you have been reluctant to bring to God?

How might Christ's forgiveness help you take the next honest step?

Risen Jesus, be my sure foundation. Forgive me, lift me up and help me begin again in your mercy. Amen.

Faith in Action: Bring a mistake you have been carrying to God in prayer. If someone was hurt, take one appropriate step towards making things right.

Friday: More than a good record

Philippians 3:4b–9

Paul had plenty he could point to with pride: his background, his devotion and his efforts. Yet none of it could make him right with God. What he treasured most was knowing Christ and receiving what Christ gives through faith. Many of us keep a quiet record of ourselves. Some days it tells us we have done well; other days it reminds us of all we failed to do. Either way, it is an uncertain place to rest our hope. Paul points us to Jesus instead. Faith is trusting the one who has given himself for us. When guilt rises, we can confess what is true, hear his promise of forgiveness and take the next step. We belong to Christ because he has come near to us.

What do you rely on to feel acceptable or worthy?

What would you like to entrust to Christ today?

Lord Jesus, free me from relying on my own record. Teach me to trust what you have done for me. Amen.

Faith in Action: When you catch yourself measuring your worth by today's successes or failures, pause and remember: I belong to Christ.

Saturday: Taken hold of first

Philippians 3:10–14

Paul says he presses on because Christ Jesus has already taken hold of him. The order matters. Christ's love comes first; Paul's life of faith follows. That is the fruit of being loved. We do not listen to a neighbour, ask forgiveness or stand beside someone who is treated unfairly to persuade God to love us. We can do these things because, in Jesus, he already does. There will be days when we miss an opportunity or get something wrong. We can confess it and begin again, held by the risen Christ. Perhaps today's next step is small: make a call, offer an apology, give someone your full attention or share a kindness. Small acts of love can grow from the mercy we have received.

How does it change your day to know Christ has taken hold of you first?

What is one loving step you can take today?

Jesus, thank you for holding on to me. Let your mercy bear fruit in the way I live with others today. Amen.

Faith in Action: Choose one small act of love you can do today. Do it freely, knowing that Christ has already taken hold of you.



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 22

YEAR A

**Jesus is a 'stone'
we can build our
lives upon**



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www.growministries.org.au

Sunday between
October 2 and October 8



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Of all of your possessions, what would you miss most if it wasn't there?
2. How important is Jesus in your life? Is he the 'cornerstone' that holds your life together?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Matthew 21:33-46	Parable of the vineyard tenants
M	Ezekiel 19:1,10-14	A lament for Israel the vine
T	Amos 9:11-15	God will restore Israel
W	Luke 13:6-9	Parable of the fig tree
T	Exodus 20:1-20	The ten commandments
F	Philippians 3:4-14	Gains and losses
S	Psalms 80:7-15	Restore us, God Almighty

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The stone the builders didn't accept has
become the most important stone of all.
The Lord has done it. It is wonderful
in our eyes.

MATTHEW 21:42





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Gather some river stones. As a home devotional activity, take turns attempting to build a stone 'tower' by placing the stones one on top of another.

See who can build the tallest tower.

Talk together about the different things that people try to build their lives upon, and Christ's place as the "most important stone of all".

Pray together for faith and strength to build your lives upon him.



ACTION RESPONSE

The prophet Isaiah compared God's Old Testament people to a vineyard that God planted and cared for. Volunteer this week to help a sick or elderly person clean up their garden, mow their lawn, wash their car, or to help maintain your church grounds or a community area.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank you for the food before us, the friends around us, the love between us, and your presence with us.
Amen.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, there is nothing more important than knowing you.
Please keep our faith strong.
Amen.



BLESSING

May the Lord watch over you and smile on you this day.



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O almighty and most merciful God,
in your bountiful goodness keep us from
all things that may hurt us,
that we may be ready both in body and soul
cheerfully to accomplish those things
that are according to your will;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please pray for...

Health & Wellbeing, Recovery: Sue Ancell, Glenys Creevey, Clare Dopking, Marie Nicholson, Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Eileen Lattimer, Ross Krieg, Wendy Riekstins, Ann Diment, John Smout, Dianne Kleidon, Gwen Horsfield, Robert Keller, Jan Maroske, Val Siegle, Sean Giblin, Ann De Berg, Leslie Smith

