



**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY

08/03/2026

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND**



# A drink of *Living Water*

## Upcoming Worship

### Service Times @ St Paul's

#### Next Week

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar

Bribie land @8am  
Caboolture @ 9am

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> Mar

Aged Care

@ 10am

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March

Lent 3

6:30pm or online

#### This Week

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Cab @ 9am

School Sunday

Mission & Ministry

Workshop

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

Aged Care @ 10am

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March

Lent 4

6:30pm or online

## Living Water for a Thirsty World

We live in a world full of wells — places we go hoping to be refreshed. Success, reputation, relationships, comfort, achievement. Yet even after drawing deeply from these wells, something in us still thirsts. Beneath the surface of busy lives and careful appearances lies a quiet longing for acceptance, forgiveness, and lasting peace.

In John 4, Jesus meets a woman at a well at the hottest hour of the day. She comes alone, likely avoiding the whispers of her town. She carries not only a water jar, but a history marked by broken relationships and quiet shame. And yet Jesus deliberately crosses every boundary — cultural, religious, moral — to sit beside her and speak. What unfolds is more than a conversation about water. It is an encounter with grace. Jesus reveals Himself as the giver of “living water,” the only One who truly satisfies the deepest thirst of the human heart.

This week we reflect on what it means that Christ still meets people at wells — still crosses boundaries, still offers mercy, still quenches thirst.

And we ask: where might we be thirsty, and who around us needs to hear?

## Bible Readings

### This Week

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

### Next Week

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



where love comes to life



Your new Church Council met together for our first meeting since the AGM held in February. There were a number of decisions made to support the ongoing ministry of our church and strengthen our community.

Council approved adding \$85,000 from the parish general account to our existing term deposits. This will allow us to maintain four 12-month term deposits, with one maturing each quarter, helping ensure both good stewardship and flexibility in managing our resources.

Letters of appreciation have been sent to Martin Simmons, Rita Simmons, Bernie Schulz, Janet English, Robyn Dellaway, Merle Schrodter and Steve Hunt, thanking them for their faithful and generous service on Church Council. We are grateful for the time, care and wisdom they have shared with our congregation.

Council also confirmed that David Schrodter, Graeme Schache and Neil Kube will serve as signatories for our congregation and parish accounts (with two signatures required). To help make our presence more visible to the local community, approval was given for the use of Bali flags and/or sandwich boards to promote worship services at Bribie Island, helping passing traffic know that they are warmly welcome to join us.

Council approved \$3,599 for the purchase of Bibles for the school, supporting the spiritual life of our students. To steward resources wisely, future purchases will aim to take advantage of Koorong discount periods, which usually occur at least once each year. A special congregational meeting will be called in due course to authorise this future expenditure.

An insurance claim will be lodged for accidental damage to our Yamaha Clavinova keyboard.

Council also approved funding for Pastor James to attend the LCA Queensland District Pastors' Conference (2-3 June 2026) and a Leadership Summit (10 March 2026), recognising the value of continued learning and connection within the wider church.

Finally, following the Mission and Ministry Workshop led by Rev David Schmidt on Sunday 1 March, Council plans to form a ministry group focused on fostering community connections. This group will include members from across our congregation.

The purpose, goals, and timeframes for this ministry will be discussed at the next council meeting on 19 March.

Please continue to pray for your Church Council and the ministries of our congregation, as together we seek to serve Christ and our community with wisdom, care, and love.



# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

## Administration Assistant - 9hrs/week

St Paul's Lutheran Church, Caboolture is seeking a friendly and organised Administration Assistant.

This part-time role involves providing administrative support, maintaining records, managing correspondence, and assisting with day-to-day operations of the church office.

You will need:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong organisational and time management abilities
- Ability to use initiative to achieve tasks
- Ability to think systematically and follow through office processes and procedures

If you are reliable, detail-oriented, and enjoy working in a supportive community environment, we'd love to hear from you!

For full Position Description please follow the link to our website.

For more information or to apply for the role, please send your resumé and a brief cover letter to [employment@stpaulscaboolture.org.au](mailto:employment@stpaulscaboolture.org.au)

<http://stpaulscaboolture.org.au/blank-1/>



Women's  
Fellowship

St Paul's Aged Care Village  
Community Hall

All Welcome to this enjoyable  
morning of fellowship.

Monthly Meeting

9am, Tuesday,  
10th March

# St Paul's Lutheran Church, Bribie Island - March Events



## Ladies Fellowship

Ladies who would like fellowship, a chat and a cuppa meet on the 1st Thursday of the month and @ 9.30am at 3 Elizabeth Batts Court, Banksia Beach.

## Bible Study

Bible Study is held on the 4th Thursday of the month and for the first 4 months this year Pastor Michael Braunberger is leading Bible Study on the Gospels and it will be on the 26th March @ 1.30pm meeting at 3 Elizabeth Batts Court Banksia Beach.

**Do You Have  
Spare Empty  
Egg Cartons???**

**Please bring all your clean empty dozen egg containers to church each Sunday leading up to Palm Sunday. We are wanting to use them for an Easter craft activity.**

*You are invited to an ALWS 'thank you Asante'*

**Sun 15 March, 2.30pm: Immanuel Lutheran Church Buderim**



*Meet Mary Obara who leads your international aid program work in Kenya & Somalia*

*Enjoy stories & songs; food & fellowship; inspiration & action*

**Register: [www.alws.org.au/events](http://www.alws.org.au/events)  
or phone: 1300 763 407**



FOR GOD  
SO LOVED  
**THE**  
WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS  
**ONE AND ONLY SON**  
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES  
**IN HIM**  
SHALL NOT  
**PERISH**  
BUT HAVE  
ETERNAL  
**LIFE**  
**JOHN**  
**3:16**

# Lenten Devotions

*All Lenten Devotions are from 6:30  
at St Paul's Caboolture  
or online from 3pm*

Please feel free to invite friends and family along to this service.  
Or, why not introduce them to our church by joining with them online.

## 11th March Lent 3 Devotion The Heart He Offers

This week we are focusing on Jesus as the one and only  
y9o **Focusing on Jesus as the one and only Son of God.**

To watch these devotions online go to our Facebook page or  
<http://www.youtube.com/@StPaulsCaboolture>

## **MARCH** **GIFT AND GIVING**



**GIDEONS**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**A U S T R A L I A**

A few weeks ago we had the privilege of having Barrie come and present on the great work being done by the Gideons here in Australia and throughout the world in the areas of Education, Military, Emergency Services, Prisons, Hospitals, Aged Care, Medical Centres and Hotels.

If you would like to assist the Gideons in God's mission on our behalf please give generously to the Gift and Giving basket at the front of the church.





### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Crossing the Fence

**“He had to go through Samaria.” — John 4:4**

Jews avoided Samaria, but Jesus chose that road. There was a woman at a well who needed living water. Grace does not stay in safe territory. It crosses boundaries. Jesus crossed more than geography. He crossed from heaven to earth to meet us in our sin and shame. He always moves first. Following Him may mean stepping into uncomfortable spaces — not to compromise truth, but to carry mercy.

- Where might God be calling you to cross a boundary?
- What fears keep you from doing so?

***Lord Jesus, give me courage to carry Your grace beyond my comfort. Amen.***

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March: Thirst at Noon

**“A woman of Samaria came to draw water.” — John 4:7**

She came at noon, likely to avoid others. Shame often drives us into isolation. We hide from judgment — from people, even from God. But Jesus was already there. He meets her without condemnation. He sees her history and still speaks gently. Christ meets us in our hidden places too. Not after we fix ourselves, but right in the heat of our struggle.

- Where are you avoiding others out of shame?
- What would it mean to trust Christ in that place?

***Lord, meet me in my hidden places and replace my shame with Your peace. Amen.***

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March: False Wells

**“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again.” — John 4:13**

The woman had searched for love and security in many places. Each promise began with hope, yet left her thirsty again. We do the same — seeking fulfilment in success, approval, comfort, or control. These wells satisfy briefly but never deeply. Jesus does not shame our thirst. He redirects it. Our deepest longing is meant to lead us to Him. Only Christ offers lasting forgiveness, identity, and hope.

- What wells leave you thirsty?
- How can you draw more deeply from Christ?

***Living Lord, turn my heart from empty wells to Your living water. Amen.***

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March: Living Water

**“The water that I will give will become in them a spring... to eternal life.” — John 4:14**

Living water is not temporary relief; it is a spring that endures. In Baptism, Christ first poured this water over us. In Word and Sacrament, He refreshes us still. Water is gentle yet persistent. Over time it shapes stone. So the Spirit softens hard hearts, washing bitterness and prejudice away. Christ’s living water is at work even when we do not notice.

- Where has Christ softened your heart?
- How can you stay near His life-giving Word?

***Holy Spirit, keep Your living water flowing in me. Amen.***

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Leaving the Jar

**“So the woman left her water jar and went away into town.” — John 4:28**

She came for water. She left with witness. After meeting Jesus, the jar no longer mattered. The one who avoided her town now runs back to it: “Come and see.” Grace transforms outsiders into witnesses. You do not need perfect words to share Christ. Simply speak what He has done for you.

- What “jar” might Christ be asking you to set down?
- Who needs to hear your “come and see”?

***Lord Jesus, fill me with Your grace so that I may share it freely. Amen.***



## Saturday 14th March: From Shame to Welcome

**“Many Samaritans... believed in him because of the woman’s testimony.”**

**John 4:39**

Jesus did not hurry through Samaria. He stayed. The story ends with community, not shame. The Gospel does more than forgive individuals — it gathers them into fellowship. At the Lord’s Table we are not sorted by past or status, but united by grace. Christ still comes to wells at noon. He still receives the ashamed and sends them home forgiven.

- Where do you need to hear again that you are welcomed?
- How can your church reflect Christ’s welcome?

**Gracious Saviour, make us a community where Your living water is freely shared. Amen.**



## Lenten Appeal 2026 -

### Pay it forward. Be the comfort.

This Lent, support us to walk alongside patients and families. The Lenten Appeal supports chaplaincy in hospitals and at Mary and Martha’s Domestic and Family Violence refuge.

#### Where your support goes:

Hospital Chaplaincy: Lutheran hospital chaplains work across Brisbane, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mackay, and Mt Isa.

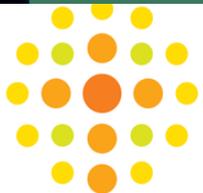
Your gift ensures all are trained, supported, and sustained in their ministry.

Mary & Martha's Refuge Chaplaincy: Women from all walks of life come to our domestic violence refuges to escape domestic and family violence.

We provide safe, secure, short-term accommodation.

General Donations: To ensure your generosity has the greatest impact, we will direct your gift to the area of greatest need - reaching individuals and families at the moment they need it most.

[https://donate.lutheranservices.org.au/lenten-appeal-2026?\\_gl=1\\*j9mbgq\\*\\_gcl\\_au\\*MTI4ODg0MDA4Ny4xNzcxNTQ3ODkz#](https://donate.lutheranservices.org.au/lenten-appeal-2026?_gl=1*j9mbgq*_gcl_au*MTI4ODg0MDA4Ny4xNzcxNTQ3ODkz#)



# Lutheran Services

There for you

## NAME BADGES

**Wearing a name tag is a simple but powerful act of welcome. It helps people feel seen, known, and included — especially visitors, new members, and those who struggle with names. It lowers barriers to conversation and reminds us that church is about relationship, not anonymity.**

**Small gestures can create a strong sense of belonging.**



**If you would like a name badge, or if yours needs replacing for any reason, please let Maria in the office know and we will get you a new one.**

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

"Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my doggy and my cat and me.

Oh and please take care of yourself, God.

If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."





## Growing FAITH at home

THIRD  
SUNDAY  
IN LENT

YEAR A

Jesus gives  
'living water'  
to satisfy the  
thirsts of our  
lives



GrowMinistries  
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



## CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Jesus says that those who drink the water he gives to them will never be thirsty again (John 4:13-14). What do you think he means?
2. The woman Jesus met at the well asked him some questions. What is a question you would like to ask Jesus?



## BIBLE READINGS

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

<b>S</b>	<b>John 4:5-42</b>	Jesus and the woman at the well
<b>M</b>	<b>Exodus 17:1-7</b>	Water from the rock
<b>T</b>	<b>Genesis 29:1-14</b>	Rachel at the well
<b>W</b>	<b>John 7:37-44</b>	Streams of living water
<b>T</b>	<b>Revelation 21:5-7</b>	The spring of the water of life
<b>F</b>	<b>Romans 5:1-11</b>	Peace and Hope
<b>S</b>	<b>Psalms 95</b>	Let us sing for joy

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

No one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life.

JOHN 4:14



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus told the woman at the well that God wants people to worship him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23).

As part of your home devotional time this week, talk about your household’s experiences of Sunday worship.

- Why do you worship?
- What helps you to worship?
- How does participating in Sunday worship address your spiritual thirsts?
- Discuss ways in which you could better support the worship life of your congregation.
- Say a prayer of thanks for your congregation and those who plan and lead worship.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for feeding our bodies and souls for eternal life with you. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord God, we turn to you. Please show us mercy. Amen.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Resolve to drink only water in your home this week.

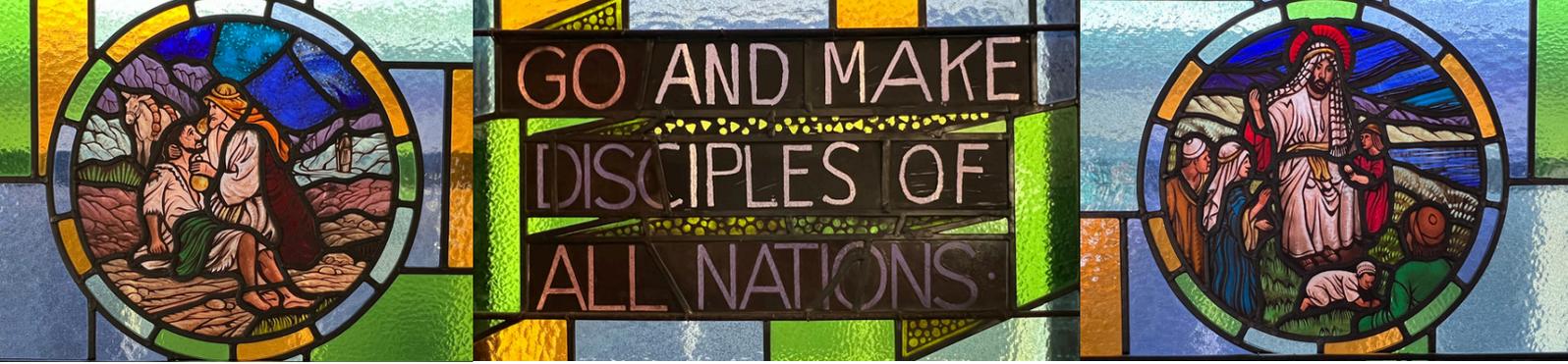
Write up or type Jesus’ words “Come to me and drink” (John 7:37) and attach to your water jugs or water bottles.

Donate any money you save by not buying beverages (soft drinks, juices etc) to a charity of your choice.



## BLESSING

God is merciful and forgives your sins.



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### Prayer of the Week:

Almighty God,  
look in mercy on our heartfelt desires,  
and stretch out your mighty hand to defend us.  
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.

### *Please pray for...*

**Health & Wellbeing, Recovery:** Sue Ancell, Glenys Creevey, Clare Dopking, Marie Nicholson, Paul King; Cynthia Schulz, Peter Thamm, Leanne Maroske, Geoff Stapleton, Eileen Lattimer, Russell Wuerschling; Ross Krieg; Wendy Riekstins; Ann Diment; Steve Carrington; John Smout; Dianne Kleidon; Jan Maroske; Gwen Horsfield.

**Hospital:** Robert Keller

