



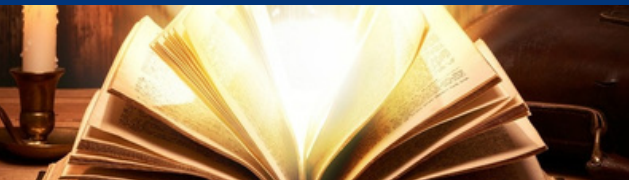
The God Who Holds Our Story

Upcoming Worship Service
Times @ St Paul's
THIS WEEK

Sunday, 18th October
Caboolture @ 10am
Monday, 19th October
Aged Care @ 10am

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 25th October
Bribie Island @ 8am
Caboolture @ 10am
Monday, 26th October
Aged Care @ 10am



Bible Readings

This Sunday

1 Thessalans 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Thessalns 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Whose kindness have you never forgotten?

Perhaps someone made you feel welcome when you were new, prayed with you through a difficult season, or helped you discover that Jesus' love was for you. They may never have realised how much that moment mattered. Yet their care became part of your story.

As we celebrate 100 years of St Paul's congregation, we remember the many people through whom God has shared his love. Our story includes joyful beginnings, unexpected challenges and countless quiet acts of faithfulness. Through it all, God has continued to gather, forgive and sustain his people.

In this week's readings, Jesus asks a surprising question about an ordinary coin, while Paul gives thanks for a community whose faith, love and hope are making a difference. Together, their words invite us to consider something deeply personal: What does it mean to belong to God, and how does that belonging shape the way we live?

This Sunday, and through the daily devotions that follow, there is space to remember with gratitude, to reflect on God's care in your own life, and find encouragement for the days ahead. We'll explore the welcome we have received, the love we can share, and the hope Jesus gives when the future feels uncertain.

Whatever chapter you are living through, Christ's forgiveness and love are for you.

The God who has held our story holds us still.

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.



**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.



**Wednesday
4th November
6:30pm**

W.I.P.

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



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

Ladies Fellowship Bribie Island

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



**Tuesday
10th November**

Womens Fellowship Caboolture

A regular time of encouragement and sharing

LOOKING AHEAD

100TH
ANNIVERSARY

18TH OCTOBER
100TH FORMAL
ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



25TH OCTOBER
100TH ANNIVERSARY
INFORMAL FAMILY
SERVICE CELEBRATION



ONE FOOT FORWARD
The walk for mental health

I've started!

I'm taking on the One Foot Forward 300km Challenge to support mental health research through the Black Dog Institute.



Together, we can make a difference for those facing mental health challenges.



Swimming
18 km
of 50 km



Running / Walking
40 km
of 100 km



Cycling
65 km
of 150 km



Donate today!



WALKING TOGETHER.



STANDING TOGETHER.



STRONGER TOGETHER.

Support my challenge



JOIN US NEXT WEEK

100 YEARS — THE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

FAMILY SERVICE & SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC THROUGH THE AGES

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2026 • FROM 10.00AM

GREEN ZONE • ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



FAMILY SERVICE

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



PICNIC FUN FOR ALL AGES

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



BBQ LUNCH

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.

WE'RE HIRING

Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator

A role shaped
together

Help people of all ages belong, grow in faith, connect with others and serve our community.

Could this be your next calling?

Build relationships with children, young people and families. Strengthen connections across our church, schools, aged care and community partners.

Bring your gifts and passions.

The role will develop alongside the pastor and Church Council.



PART TIME

15–20 hours per week
FTE 0.4–0.6



APPLICATIONS CLOSE
6 NOVEMBER 2026



Interested? Ask Pastor James or Lois Kube for more information, and check out stpaulscaboolture.org.au/employment/ for the full position description.

HISTORY BOOK NOW AVAILABLE

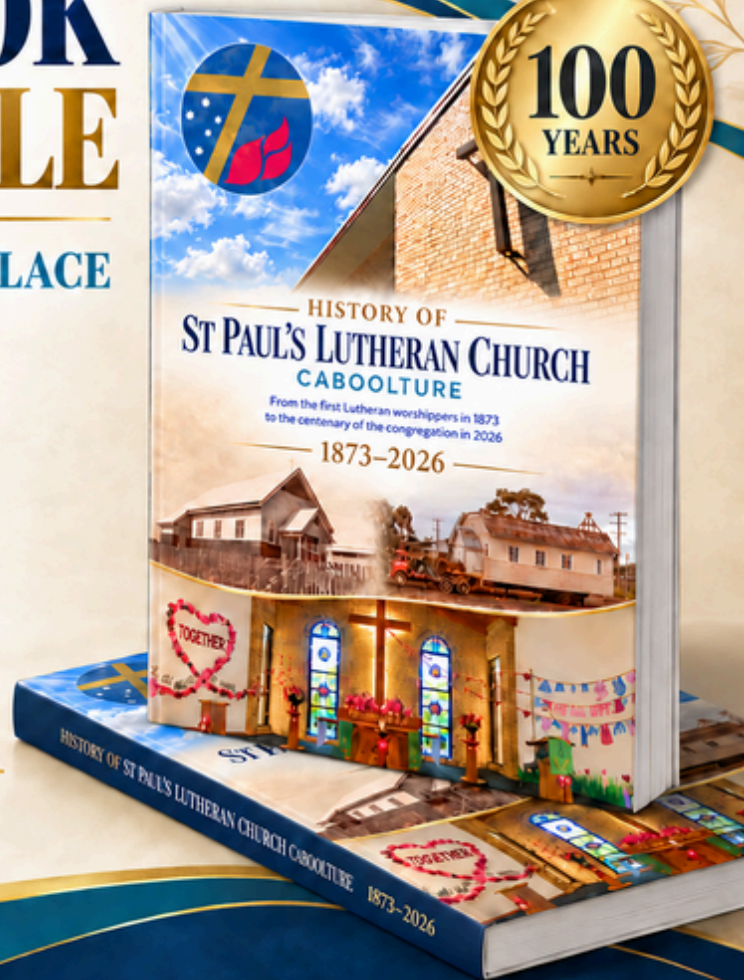
A CENTURY OF FAITH, PEOPLE & PLACE

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.

\$15 EACH



Bribie Island

Ladies Fellowship

Faith • Fellowship • Friendship



First Thursday
of every month



All women welcome!



For the address, please
contact Linda

0431 570 299

Next fellowship time:

5th November @ 9:30am

Bible Study

Fourth Thursday of every month

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



Led by
Pastor Michael Braunberger
Currently studying
the **Gospel of John**



3 Elizabeth Batts Court,
Banksia Beach



All welcome!
Come as you are.
Everyone belongs.

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

Next Bible Study to be held on:

26th November @ 1:30pm

St Paul's Lutheran Church
CABOOLTURE

Women's Guild

Faith. Friendship. Fellowship.

A welcoming place for women of all ages
to connect, share life and grow in faith together.

Come as you are—whether you're a familiar face
or joining us for the first time. There's a place for you.



Our next get-together

**Tuesday 10th November
9:00am**

For more details, please see Adele Leach



JOIN US FOR

Bible Study

The God Who Holds Our Story

Belonging to God.

Living with faith, love and hope.

What does it mean to belong to God—
and how does that shape everyday life?

Where do we place our trust when
the future feels uncertain?

Exploring Matthew 22:15–22
with 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Tuesday 20 October 2026 • 1pm
In the church at St Paul's, Caboolture

Come, reflect and share together. Everyone is welcome.



MORE THAN A LESSON

CHRISTIAN RI IS ACTIVE,
AGE-APPROPRIATE LEARNING



➤ A TYPICAL RI LESSON MAY INCLUDE ➤



STORYTELLING



MUSIC



DRAMA



CRAFT



GAMES



QUIZZES



VIDEO CLIPS



PUPPET SHOWS



Authorised program resources are written by professional educators and designed to be age-appropriate.



TYPICALLY
30 MINUTES
PER WEEK



Students learn about the basic beliefs of the Christian faith from a non-denominational perspective.

GIFT & GIVING PROJECT
CHRISTIAN RI

HOW TO GIVE



Gift & Giving Basket
at the church entrance desk

OR



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If you are interested in helping teach Christian RI please get in contact with Pastor James.

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:

Wednesday 4th November @ 6:30pm





Intercept

Youth & Family Program

Help Intercept *support young people* in Moreton Bay region!

**A little practical support at the right time
can open up new opportunities for a
young person.**

Each year, Intercept Youth & Family Program in Caboolture raises funds for its bursary program, helping young people with practical costs that can support their education, employment and independence.

That could mean helping a young person pay for:



Practical
support today
brighter
opportunities
tomorrow.



Driving
lessons



A White Card
or First Aid
certificate



A school
laptop or
uniform



A bicycle



A specialist
appointment



Join us for Intercept's Trivia Night!

Friday, 23 October 2026

This year, Intercept is again raising funds through its annual Trivia Night on **Friday, 23 October 2026.**



If you are interested in joining for the Trivia Night please let Pastor James know by this Monday 19th of October.

Can you help?



To make a donation by EFT:

Account name: Lutheran Services

BSB: 084 424

Account number: 668567293

Reference: Intercept Bursary + your surname

Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

To request a receipt, email

finance@lutheranservices.org.au.

*Every contribution helps Intercept give young people
practical support to take their next step.*

Thank you for supporting the young people in our community.

OPEN DOOR TO

Collaboration

Living in Christ-shaped collaboration,
engaging generously with our partners
in mission.



**ST PAUL'S
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

CABOOLTURE AND BRIBIE ISLAND



**Lutheran
Services**

Youth & Family



**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

OF AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND DISTRICT

Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

BELONG | GROW | CONNECT | THRIVE | SERVE

Monday: The Faces in Our Story. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

When you think about your church community, whose face comes to mind? Perhaps someone made room for you in the pew, remembered your name, or prayed with you when words were hard to find.

Perhaps someone helped you discover that Jesus' love was for you, too.

Paul begins his letter by thanking God for people. He remembers their faith, love and hope, recognising these as gifts God has grown among them. We can do the same. Behind the buildings, programs and milestones of St Paul's are people through whom God has cared for others.

Some are still beside us. Others are now with the Lord. Their kindness may continue to shape us long after they realised. They were ordinary people, with weaknesses and worries like ours. Yet God worked through them. Today, take a quiet moment to remember someone through whom you experienced Christ's love. Thank God for them. If you can, tell them what their care has meant to you.

The God who placed them in your story is still at work in your life.

Who has helped you feel welcome or grow in faith?

What did their words or actions reveal about Jesus?

Who might need that same kindness from you today?

Loving Father, thank you for the people through whom you have cared for me. Bless those who have encouraged my faith, and help me share your welcome with others. Amen.

Tuesday: When the Familiar Falls Away. 1 Thessalonians 1:4-6

Some changes arrive without asking permission. A diagnosis, a death, a move or the loss of something precious can leave us wondering, "What happens now?" In 1940, St Paul's congregation faced the ashes of its deliberately burnt church. The pews, pulpit and organ were gone.

Yet worship continued in homes and another church building. Christ kept gathering his people.

Paul reminds the Thessalonians that they received God's word amid suffering, with joy given by the Holy Spirit. Their troubles were real. So was God's presence. Christian joy does not require us to pretend everything is fine. We can grieve, feel unsettled and ask difficult questions.

Our comfort rests in Jesus, who entered our suffering, carried our sins and rose from death.

When familiar things fall away, his promises remain. Your baptism still declares that you belong to him. His forgiveness is still for you. His Spirit can sustain you through the care of others, sometimes one small kindness at a time. You may not know what happens next.

You can bring that uncertainty to the Lord who loves you.

What change or loss has left you feeling uncertain?

How has God sustained you through other people?

Which promise of Jesus could you hold close today?

Lord Jesus, meet me in the places where life feels unsettled. Give me room to grieve, people who care, and faith to rest in your promises. Hold me through whatever comes next. Amen.

Wednesday: Love Takes Practical Shape. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

Love often looks surprisingly ordinary. It might look like washing dishes after morning tea, visiting someone who is lonely, listening without checking the time, or preparing a meal for a tired family.

Paul thanks God for the Thessalonians' labour of love. Their faith was taking practical shape in the way they cared for others. Our congregation's story contains many such expressions of love.

Ron Behrens helped keep the vision for aged care alive through setbacks. In 1994, he became its first resident. There is something tender about someone who helped nurture a place of care being welcomed into it himself. God's love makes room for us both to give and to receive.

Jesus has already given himself for us. We do not need to earn his love through impressive service.

Forgiven and welcomed by him, we are free to notice our neighbours and respond to their needs.

Sometimes that means helping. Sometimes it means allowing someone to help us.

You may feel that your contribution is small. Yet a phone call, a prayer or a patient conversation can become a precious expression of Christ's care.

When has a simple act of kindness made a difference to you?

What opportunity to care is already close at hand?

How comfortable are you with receiving help?

Gracious Jesus, thank you for loving and serving me first. Open my eyes to the needs around me. Help me give with kindness and receive with gratitude. Amen.



Growing Together:

Daily Devotions to Help You

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Thursday: You Belong to God. Matthew 22:15-22

"Whose image is this?" Jesus asks, holding up a coin. The answer is Caesar's. Jesus tells his hearers to give Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and God what belongs to God. His words invite us to consider our own lives. A coin bears an emperor's image. We bear the image of God.

Our whole lives matter to him: our work, relationships, resources, rest and worship.

That might sound overwhelming. How could we ever give God all that we owe him?

Begin with what God has given you. Jesus gave himself for you on the cross. He carried your sin and rose to give you life. In baptism, he made you his own. You belong to him because of his grace. From that secure belonging, you can ask, "Lord, how may I use what you have placed in my hands?"

The answer may involve fulfilling an everyday responsibility, treating someone fairly, sharing generously or giving your attention to a person who needs you. Your life is precious to God.

Today, you can live as someone held in his love.

What does belonging to God mean for how you see yourself?

Which part of your everyday life needs his guidance?

How might gratitude shape the way you use your time or resources?

Heavenly Father, thank you that I belong to you through Jesus. Guide my choices and help me use your gifts with love. Let my everyday life reflect your goodness. Amen.

Friday: A Welcome That Echoes. 1 Thessalonians 1:7-9

Have you ever discovered that something you said or did mattered more than you realised?

Perhaps someone remembered your encouragement years later. Perhaps a simple invitation helped them feel that church could be a place for them. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the Lord's message has sounded out from their community. Others have heard about their faith and the welcome they gave. The gospel travels through spoken words and lives shaped by those words.

We tell people what Jesus has done, and our kindness can help them feel safe enough to listen.

As we celebrate St Paul's story, we can wonder: who might one day thank God because someone here welcomed them? We cannot plan every outcome. We can trust the Holy Spirit to work through God's word, while we offer a warm greeting, an honest conversation or an invitation to join us.

You do not need a polished answer to every question. You can speak simply about the Saviour who forgives you and holds you. Someone's next chapter may begin with your willingness to make room.

What helped you feel comfortable when you first joined a church community?

Who around you might appreciate an invitation or conversation?

How would you describe what Jesus means to you in a few simple words?

Lord Jesus, let your good news sound out through our community. Give us courage to speak of you and kindness to welcome others. Bless the people whose stories are becoming part of ours. Amen.

Saturday: The God Who Holds Tomorrow. 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Looking ahead can stir both excitement and worry. We wonder what our congregation will look like in years to come. We hope our children and grandchildren will know Jesus. We may also carry quieter questions about our health, family or future. The Thessalonians lived by serving the living God and waiting for his Son. Their hope rested in Jesus, whom God raised from the dead and who rescues us from the coming judgment. This is the firm ground beneath Christian hope: the crucified and risen Saviour has already acted for us. Our future rests in his mercy. The people who established St Paul's in 1926 could not see every chapter ahead. Neither can we. Yet the Lord who sustained them is with us today. We can receive his gifts now: forgiveness through his word, his body and blood at his table, and encouragement through one another. We can serve the neighbour in front of us and entrust tomorrow to him. You do not need to solve the whole future today. Bring your hopes and fears to Jesus. His love has carried our story this far, and his promises will hold us to the end.

What hope or concern about the future is on your heart?

How does Jesus' resurrection strengthen your confidence?

What can you entrust to him today?

Faithful Lord, thank you for holding our story. Receive my hopes and fears, sustain our congregation, and guide those who come after us. Keep us trusting in Jesus, today and always. Amen.



Growing FAITH at home

PROPER 24

YEAR A

God calls us to
honour earthly
rulers and
authorities



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Sunday between
October 16 and
October 22



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What symbols or images are on the coins you use? Which is your favourite?
2. Jesus said "Give the Emperor what belongs to him and give God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). What belongs to earthly rulers? What belongs to God?



BIBLE READINGS

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

S	Matthew 22:15-22	The question of paying taxes
M	Matthew 17:24-27	Jesus pays the temple tax
T	Jeremiah 29:1-7	Advice to the exiles in Babylon
W	Daniel 1:3-21	Daniel in the king's court
T	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses and the glory of the Lord
F	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Thanksgiving for faith
S	Psalms 96:1-13	Sing to the Lord a new song

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Give the Emperor what belongs to him
and give God what belongs to God.

MATTHEW 22:21



CREATIVE RESPONSE

Play a game of Simon Says. Then have a discussion about ways in which we copy others in our lives – both in good and bad ways.

Talk about what it means to imitate Jesus and to be an example of Christian faith, hope and love to others (1 Thess 1:2-7).

Pray for one another in turn, giving thanks to God for the ways he is at work in and through each person in your home.



MEALTIME PRAYER

All thanks to God who gives us food and blesses all our days. To him who rules from heaven above, we offer heartfelt praise.
Amen.



PRAYER

We praise you Lord, for you are great and mighty, there is no one like you. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

An important faith practice is regular giving to the Lord through Sunday offerings.

Discuss together what your household gives to the Lord (this might be by giving your time through service or a financial offering).

If you have not already done so, develop a regular pattern for setting aside each week what you will give in Sunday offerings.

Include each household member in the practice of giving (even very young children can be involved).



BLESSING

May God give you faith, love and hope and keep you strong in following him.



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Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
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, 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

