



## How God is changing lives in Vietnam

Esther Hien is a very strong Christian, a great interpreter, Esther Hien is a Christian, a Mission worker, an interpreter, a preacher and an evangelist.

Like many who live in Vietnam, she was Buddhist until her conversion to Christianity at the age of 18.

She is currently in Australia to represent Asia Focus Australia. Donation slips to support the work Esther is involved in through Asia Focus will be available from the Café.

Esther will be sharing her story on Sunday at the 8.45am and 10.30am services.

We are certain God will speak through her to bless you all



## Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7a (NLT)

Podcasts of weekly messages are available at [www.paravista.org.au](http://www.paravista.org.au)

## Prayer Requests

Please forward all prayer requests to the church office via [churchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenquiries@paravista.org.au) or phone 8263 5087. If you know or have spoken to anyone who does not have access to a computer, please assist them to submit their request and offer to pray with them.

## Synod 2024

My name is Christa Schwarz and I usually attend the second service. I am your current delegate for General Synod which is happening in less than 5 weeks.

One of the major points of business for this year's Synod will be "The Way Forward" in Woman's Ordination. As this is quite a significant proposal, and following the recent seminar held here at Para Vista, I'd like to give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns or questions you may have, regarding the proposed Way Forward Framework.

If you would like to talk to me, please contact me via email through the church office [churchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenquiries@paravista.org.au)

Depending on the number of you contacting me, I would like to have a discussion / forum after the combined service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you

Pastor Reid Matthias has written another book. It is called 'A miserable antagonist' and is available to order for \$25. If you would like to order a copy of the book, please let Tina Pfeiffer [tina.pfeiffer@paravista.org.au](mailto:tina.pfeiffer@paravista.org.au) or Helen Bridge [helen.bridge@paravista.org.au](mailto:helen.bridge@paravista.org.au) know or send an email to the church office. Orders need to be in by 20<sup>th</sup> September. Reid's other books are also available to order, if you have missed out on a copy. (Previous books are all \$25 each: Sick House, Butcher, Son of a Butcher, Baker, Candlestick maker, Blank spaces)





# Dates for your Diary

## September

- 8<sup>th</sup> Country Drive
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm Friday Evening Service
- 21<sup>st</sup> Young Adults
- 22<sup>nd</sup> KAPS 4-6.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Community Lunch  
Lutheran Care Food collection

## October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Fellowship
- 11<sup>th</sup> Friday Evening Service
- 26<sup>th</sup> 8am Men's Breakfast  
Young Adults
- 27<sup>th</sup> Lutheran Care Food collection  
KAPS 4-6.30pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ladies Fellowship

## November

- 8<sup>th</sup> Friday Evening Service
- 9<sup>th</sup> Global Leadership Summit



### Country Drive

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September! An opportunity to share fellowship, games and BYO lunch with others from our church community in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

Meet at the park (opposite the hotel) in Gumeracha main street at 12.15

### Operation Christmas Child

Over 140 boxes have been distributed. If you have a box and decided that you will not be able to participate this year could you please return it so it can be used by someone else. Over 20 completed boxes have been returned. Boxes can be returned on Sundays and left on the high table in the cafe area or to the church office during office hours.

**Return date is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**



### September Lutheran Care Food Collection

Combined with the school the August food collection was amazing - close to 100 bags of donations. As is often reported in the media the need continues to be great as many families and individuals struggle to be able to afford to feed themselves or their families. While you are "out and about" here is what they need for September.

### Friday Evening Service

Our next gathering is coming up on 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the church café. The theme is 'How big is your God?' The service is informal, visitor friendly and interactive. Come along... Invite your friends and neighbours... We'd love to see you!



### We're on Facebook and Instagram!



Did you know that our church is on Facebook and Instagram? Check them out to receive reminders of our upcoming services, gatherings and events. A great way to keep informed and share opportunities at Good Shepherd with others! Why not 'like us on Facebook'?

**KAPS YOUTH EVENT YEARS 2-7**  
**SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

\$2 per child donation  
 Parent/caregiver must be present

4pm-5:30pm Scavenger hunt  
 5:30pm-6:30pm Worship & dinner-  
 all family members are welcome  
 (food provided but welcome to BYO)

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 Para Vista

For any queries, please contact Rachel P-0475582289

## KAPS

We're going on a scavenger hunt! Come and join the fun... 22<sup>nd</sup> September from 4pm. Pop it in your diaries now!

Rachel and Georgie



## Christmas Service Planning

Volunteers are being invited to help plan Christmas Services. If you are willing to get involved as part of a team, or would like more information, please contact Merv Thiele or the Church Office.

## Can you help – hairdresser needed

Meet and Eat is looking for someone to donate an hour or two once a month to cut hair on a Monday night. Some of the people who attend cannot afford a hairdresser and so this would be a blessing to these people.

If you are or know a hairdresser who would be interested in this, please contact the church office on 8263 5087



**FREE**  
**Community Lunch**  
 All are welcome to come!

## Community Lunch

Save this date! You are invited to a community lunch on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 after the combined 10am service, in the church hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

## School Snippets

It's been a big week for our senior students. After weeks of practise, directed by our very own Bethany McAleer, students performed their Showcase which featured stories by Roald Dahl. The school, ELC, family and friends of Good Shepherd enjoyed the production throughout this week. It has been wonderful to watch the learning and growth of our students and seeing them flourish and shine on stage! We hope to share photos soon! For more of what we've been up to, here is the link to our school newsletter: <https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest> or you may like to pick up a hard copy from the stand in the café area. If you are more of a visual person, please have a look at our school's Facebook page.

## Wednesday Worship Invitation

*You are invited to  
 Wednesday Worship  
 (Chapel)*

This week we began our new theme where we interview of people in our Good Shepherd Community. Please have a look at this week's devotion or have a look at the evolving display in the café area for a taste of what was shared. For something extra, use the link which will direct you to the video of the interview. A helpful way to hear a chapter from one of our valued school staff members, Mr Petkovic! Next week we will hear from

one of our past students! As always, we would love for you to join us at 8:50am for worship and a cuppa afterwards!

# Office News



## Notices for Weekly News

While Krishna is away, please send any items for the weekly news to [pastoralcare@paravista.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@paravista.org.au) by Wednesday evening. Out of hours, please leave a message on the answering system 8263 5087

## Café Time!!

Tea and coffee are available after Sunday services, and you are most welcome to come and enjoy!!



## Connect Cards

Connect Cards are available as you enter worship. Please complete the card using pencils which are available from holders on the side of chairs in the worship centre. They may be placed in the offering boxes provided at exits as you leave. Connect Cards may be used for comments, small group or prayer requests or to communicate with office or Pastoral Care staff.

## Name Badge Request

The cost for a replacement name badge is \$12. If you would like to order one, contact the church office on 8263 5087 or send an email to: [churchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenquiries@paravista.org.au)

Trinity Lutheran Church Hope Valley invites you to a **“Hymn Fest-a-time”** of singing hymns with the Salvation Army band playing on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Please be seated before 1.50pm  
An offering will be taken for the Bible Society  
Afternoon tea will be served  
Trinity Lutheran Church is located in the grounds of Lutheran Homes Retirement Village Hope Valley, entry from 1215 Grand Junction Road Hope Valley



*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

## **Safe Church**

In observing Christ’s command to love one another, we are to treat each other with respect and dignity. In honouring people, we are also fulfilling our responsibility under the law of the land. The LCA and Good Shepherd Para Vista is committed to ensure the church is a safe place. If anyone feels they have been subjected to sexual abuse or harassment in any form by anyone who holds a position of trust in the church, please contact:

P: 1800 644 628 E: [report.abuse@safepace.lca.org.au](mailto:report.abuse@safepace.lca.org.au)

Weekly News submissions should be made by the Wed prior to Friday publication.

**Regular Electronic Giving (REG): BSB 704 942 Acc. 100 354 939**

**Church Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9am-3pm (closed 12:30pm-1:30pm for lunch).**

**Church Website: [www.paravista.org.au](http://www.paravista.org.au)**

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