



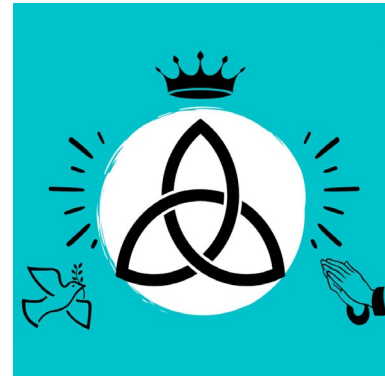
4 October 2024

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## A Trinity of Connection

If you've gone to a church or school of any of the mainline Christian denominations you've heard these words at the start of every worship service: "In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen." What goes through your head at that moment? Maybe you switch off because it feels like an empty ritual. This Sunday I want to unpack why this "Trinity-thing" is absolutely mind-blowing and how it will change the way you think about God's interaction with you on a personal level.

*Pastor Stephen Abraham*



**Bible Reading:** John 4:5-26 (NRSV)

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 [churchenkequiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenkequiries@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.



### Daylight Savings

it's time to spring your clocks 1hr forward from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### Convention To Be Streamed Online

The LCANZ's Convention of General Synod, held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> October at Concordia College SA, will be streamed online via the [General Synod Livestreams webpage](#). You will be able to view the livestreams of the worship services and business sessions on this page once the convention commences.



**THE GIFT OF GOD**  
– it's grace that unites us

### We're on Facebook and Instagram!



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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

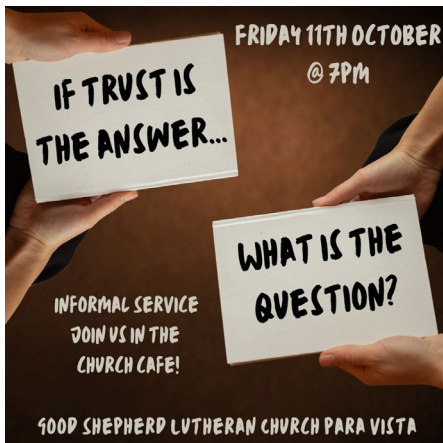


## October

7 <sup>th</sup> October	Public Holiday
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday Evening Service 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Fun & Friendship 1pm
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Men's Breakfast 8am
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Young Adults
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Lutheran Care Food Collection
27 <sup>th</sup> October	KAPS 4-6.30pm
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Ladies Fellowship 1pm

## November

8 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday Evening Service 7pm
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Global Leadership Summit 9-5pm



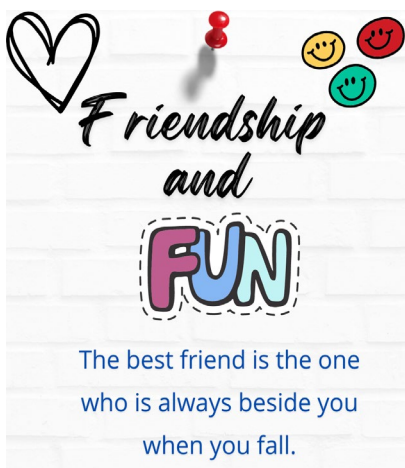
### [Informal Friday Evening Service at Good Shepherd](#)

Our next gathering is coming up on **11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** in the church café. The theme is 'If trust is the answer, what is the question?'

The service is informal, visitor friendly and interactive. Come along... Invite your friends and neighbours... We'd love to see you!

### [The Board - Expressions of Interest](#)

The Board is seeking additional members. While we are looking for general members, in particular we are looking for people with Secretarial and HR skills. Please prayerfully consider this and submit your nominations by email to [churcHenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churcHenquiries@paravista.org.au), or direct to the office. Note, there is a selection process and not all submissions will be successful. Should you require any further information, please talk with a current Board Member or contact the church office.



### [Friendship and Fun](#)

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm** in the church hall. Come along and enjoy sharing time over some friendly games. All welcome!

BYO drinks, nibbles, afternoon tea.

A gold coin donation on arrival would be appreciated, and tea/coffee is available.

Activities for the afternoon will include cards, board games and carpet bowls - if you can't play, then come and learn!

**Contact Peter Schlenk for more details on 0419 217 767.**

We aim to provide a welcoming, enjoyable afternoon of conversation and fun and look forward to seeing you there.

## Operation Christmas Child

124 boxes have been returned - a magnificent response. There will be a blessing over the boxes at both services on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. After 13<sup>th</sup> October, the boxes will be delivered to the distribution centre and then forwarded to Perth. The final destination in 2024 is the Philippines.



Thank you to all who returned boxes by last Sunday. As the blessing will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, completed boxes can be returned up to and including that day. Boxes returned after that will be added to next year's collection. If you took a box but have been unable to use it this year, could you please return it so it can be used in 2025. Boxes cost \$1 each.

## Holiday Project Works

There are a number of projects planned for the upcoming school holiday period that will affect our school/church community when accessing the site (refer attached map).

### 1) Car Park Speed Bump

From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, there will be no drive-through access in the car park due to works to replace some paths and install a raised 'Wombat' crossing in front of the church office. This project is scheduled for completion early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the school holidays (Week beginning Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October), depending on how the cement dries.

During this time, the car park will be split into two areas. The Montague Road entrance and the Hillary Crescent exit will both become two-way, entry and exit points during this period.

Pedestrian access from Montague Road to the school and church office areas will be maintained from the public footpath (past the fire booster box and clothing donation bin). When exiting and entering the property - please be ultra mindful of the dual access required for vehicles.

### 2) Fencing Upgrade

At the same time as the school crossing works, we have a new (replacement) fence being installed along the footpath by the Junior Primary playground. To accommodate the fencing works, the car park spaces on the northern side of this car park will be closed.

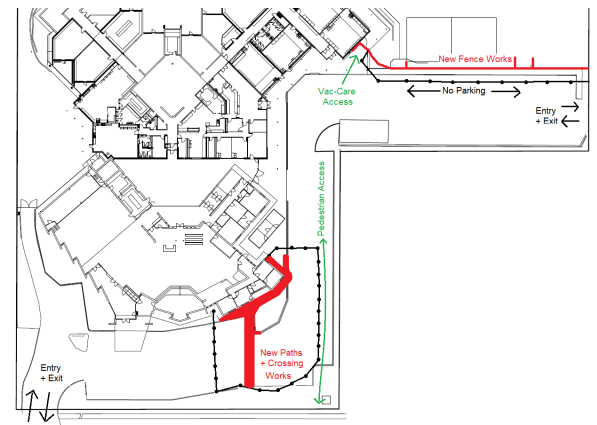
Pedestrian access to Vacation Care will be maintained via the gate under the school veranda. As the footpath to Hillary crescent will also be closed, the recommended pedestrian access between school and ELC will be via the Montague Road footpath.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience in this area as we continue to improve on the safety of our site.

*Evie Stevens*

## Property Team - Expressions of Interest

The Board is undertaking to reconvene a Property Team. The team is to be a small team to work with the Administration Team Leader and School in aspects of property management. We are seeking people who would be interested in helping in this area. Contact the Church office if you are interested or require further details.



## Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will be holding a trading table of books on 13<sup>th</sup> October between services and after the 10:30am service.

All books half price!

Proceeds will help our Ladies Fellowship projects.

Please come and browse and help us out at the same time.

## Thank You!!

Sunday could have been designated as blessing Sunday at Para Vista as many will be blessed by the generosity of our congregational family:

- 124 Operation Christmas Child boxes have been returned and will bring joy and blessings to the children who receive them as well as their families. We pray that many will take the opportunity to participate in the discipleship programme the Greatest Journey
- our monthly food collection was again very generous and will help bring relief to struggling families and individuals

Thank you for your generous support of both these activities.

## Global Leadership Summit

This year we are hosting the Global Leadership Summit 2024 on **Saturday 9th November 9am-5pm** here at Good Shepherd Para Vista Lutheran Church.



Attending the Global Leadership Summit will provide you with an opportunity to gather with others in positions of leadership. Together you will listen to speakers who will inspire and encourage you to grow personally and professionally. You will also be given time to share the joys and struggles of ministry and share how you are leading in your church community.

Tickets are free for our community. Please let us know if you would like to attend or if you need any further information via [pastoralcare@paravista.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@paravista.org.au)

## KAPS

Later this month we are looking forward to an afternoon of water themed activities. Pop the date in your diary now. Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm. Be brave and think about who you might like to invite... Family? Friends? Neighbours? The more the merrier!

*Rachel and Georgie*

**KAPS YOUTH EVENT YEARS 2-7**

**SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER**

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

**\$2 per child donation**

**Parent/caregiver must be present**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Para Vista**

**For any queries, please contact Rachel P-0475582289**

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE  
APOSTLES' CREED?

HOW DO YOU SHOW RESPECT  
WHEN OTHERS HAVE A DIFFERENT  
VIEWPOINT THAN YOU?



IF I MET JESUS WHILE  
TAKING A WALK TODAY,  
WE WOULD TALK ABOUT...

## Caring Conversations

How did you go with last week's conversation starters? Did you ponder them yourself or share them with your family or friends? Here are some more ponderings from Grow Ministries... What would you like to chat with Jesus about today?

*Guest Speaker...*  
**Matt Dutschke**

# Mission Africa

# Mens Breakfast

8am, SATURDAY, October 26

*Bacon & Eggs with Blokes*

Hosted by Para Vista Blokes - Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Hall

*"Thanks guys!"  
You've got my back*

## Office News

### Notices for Weekly News

Weekly News items are to be sent to [churchenquiries@paravista.org.au](mailto:churchenquiries@paravista.org.au) / [krishna.vasani@paravista.org.au](mailto:krishna.vasani@paravista.org.au) by Wednesday Evening. Out of hours please leave a message on the answering system 8263 5087 or email the office and staff will respond as soon as they are able.



### Café Time!!

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

# YOU'RE Invited!

The Gideons International invites you to our  
**BIBLES FOR THE WORLD DINNER**

**Over 96,000 Bibles distributed in just 1 week!**

Enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship and hospitality, and be encouraged as we welcome **Jeremy Malouf** from Sydney to share about a recent Scripture Blitz in Nicaragua.

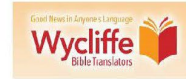
**Adults \$35pp**  
**Kids (under 12) \$16pp**

RSVP by Friday 18th October  
Contact: **Mal McCann**  
0438 130 984  
[malmccann53@gmail.com](mailto:malmccann53@gmail.com)  
Please advise of dietary requirements

**Saturday, 26th October 2024**  
**"The Loft," Gawler Arms Hotel**  
102 Murray St, Gawler  
Access to 1st floor via elevator  
6pm arrival for a 6:30pm start

A freewill offering will be taken for the distribution of Scriptures overseas

*We look forward to sharing this special evening with you...*



“...All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation.”

1 Peter 1:3

### 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@safeplace.lca.org.au](mailto:report.abuse@safeplace.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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## Come and find **TRANSLATION TREASURES**



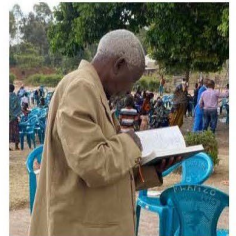
Jonathan and Rachel Morgan moved to Tanzania in 2008. Jonathan worked as the Director of Finance and Administration, while Rachel worked as a translation advisor for the Rangi Translation team. Due to their family situation, they left Tanzania and immigrated to Australia in 2017. Rachel continued to work on the translation team remotely until the New Testament completion.

Jonathan currently works in finance for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Tanzania remotely from Adelaide. For 15 years, Rachel has been part of the joys and trials of assisting the Rangi people in translation of the New Testament in their language. On August 31, she attended the dedication and distribution of the Rangi New Testament in Haubi, a village at the heart of the Rangi community. She looks forward to sharing with us about the dedication and showing us the completed Rangi New Testament.

**Saturday 19 October 2024 at 6 pm. BYO dinner. Tea & coffee provided**

St Bart’s Anglican Church Hall  
77 Beulah Road Norwood.  
(At the back northeastern corner of the property)  
Parking on site. Offering bowl will be available.

RSVP: Monday 15 October 2024  
Ian Hutchinson, SA Regional Officer,  
Wycliffe Bible Translators  
Ph: 0455 467 898  
Email: [saro@wycliffe.org.au](mailto:saro@wycliffe.org.au)



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