



ACCEPTANCE LOVE HOPE SERVING GROWING

24 January 2025

When You Means Me: Our Common Baptism into Christ

The theme is how we see each other through the eyes of baptism when we are given the gift of the Holy Spirit - life and salvation.

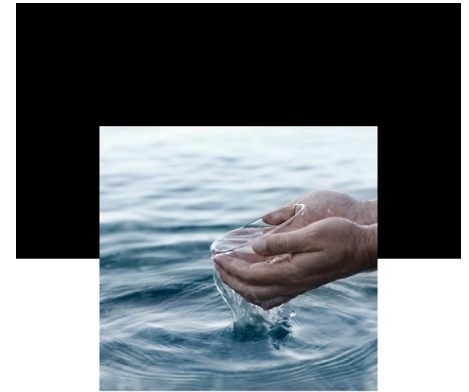
Bishop Paul Smith

Bible Readings: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NLT)

Podcasts of weekly messages are available at www.paravista.org.au

Prayer Requests

Please forward all prayer requests to the church office via 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.



DIARY DATES

January

9.30am Service every Sunday throughout January

25th Jan Hall Floor Unavailable Due to Repolishing

31st Jan Craft and Coffee 9.30-11am

February

8.45am and 10.30am Services every Sunday from February onwards

4th Feb Ladies Fellowship 12pm

14th Feb Informal Worship Service 7pm

22nd Feb Men's breakfast 8am-12pm

23rd Feb Online Safe Church Training 2pm

Reminder! Two Services from February

Just to remind you that our two services (8.45am and 10.30am) recommence Sunday week, 2nd February 2025.

The 10.30am service on 2nd February will be a special one as we bless the staff and students, here at Good Shepherd and acknowledge all the people returning to their educational settings.



Booking Board

Our booking board is filling up fast, if anyone is needing to book the complex for any ministries/events they should contact the office on 8263 5087.

Child Safe Self-Assessment/Audit

As part of the LCA and Good Shepherd Child Safe Program, the Board has asked Silv Tarca to conduct a Child Safe Self-assessment or Audit. During this audit he may ask question relating to the various aspects of this program. The LCA website has further information and this may be accessed by the link: <https://www.lca.org.au/child-safety-standards/css-self-assessment-introduction/>

The objective is that this self-assessment will lead into an improvement plan. This is part of an ongoing improvement cycle, to identify any gaps and deficiencies and then plan for improvement in these areas.

Please assist Silv when he asks question and keep in mind that we can only improve if we get honest answers.

Lindsay Freund (Chairperson)

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will reconvene for 2025 on **Tuesday 4th February at 12pm (noon)** in the church hall.

We ask that ladies bring their own lunch - tea and coffee available.

All ladies welcome!

Any apologies to Di Schlenk 0409 820 448



Floor Polishing Notice

The hall floor was re-polished on Tuesday 21st January. The hall and storeroom will be available again on Sunday 26th January 2025.



Advance Notice - Ladies Fellowship

Mid year lunch 1st July at 12pm (noon in the hall)

Matt and Dodie Dutschke guest speakers on "Africa Hope"

Grow Kids Resource

Did you know that we are now in the Season of Epiphany? This season continues until Ash Wednesday. During this time, we think about the Magi visiting the young child, Jesus. We also celebrate the baptism of Jesus. The focus of the week is about how the Holy Spirit unites all believers in Christ's body, the church, where they work together in his service. I'd love to hear what you think! Great for families, grandparents who are interested in nurturing faith!

Caring Conversations

Here is one way you might like to prepare for Sunday's message 'When you means me: Our common Baptism into Christ' with Bishop Paul! Have a chat with people you connect with! These Caring Conversation starters are also posted on our church Facebook and Instagram pages. You might like to share them with friends and family further afield as you connect with them and have some faith related conversations (that hopefully aren't too intimidating). God bless your week!

School Snippets

Welcome to 2025! The gift of a brand-new year of love, optimism and creativity!

Preparations have been underway over the school break as we look forward to what the year will bring. Some of our classrooms have been refreshed, we welcomed new staff and this week all staff returned for a time of connection, focusing on God and getting ready for our children and families.

Students return on Wednesday next week with our newest friends, the Foundation students, joining us the following week. We begin our year with **Opening Worship at 9am on Wednesday 29th January** and, of course, you are most welcome to attend (and join us for a coffee afterwards!)

Looking forward to being led by our faithful Good Shepherd as we embark on an exciting new year together as a community.

Georgie

WHAT DOES BAPTISM MEAN TO YOU?

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE BAPTISM TO SOMEONE ELSE?



HOW DO YOU USE YOUR PASSIONS AND GIFTS TO HELP OTHERS?



Craft and Coffee

Every Friday

All ages and skill levels welcome

Back on 31st January 2025

A weekly gathering to relax, crochet, knit, paint and share with each other.

9.30-11am

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Café

Bring your own projects or start new ones!!

For any queries

Contact 8263 5087



Office News

Café Time!!

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



Name Badge Request

The cost for a replacement name badge is \$14. If you would like to order one, contact the church office on 8263 5087 or send an email to: churchenquiries@paravista.org.au

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.



Notices for Weekly News

Weekly News items are to be sent to churchenquiries@paravista.org.au / 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.

“...If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”

James 1:5 (NLT)

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

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).

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