weekly news

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | Para Vista

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24 March 2024

Jesus Came to Paint a Different Picture!

Have you ever been in a conversation with somebody where you felt like you were just "talking past each other"? Do you know what I mean? It's like you're saying something … but they're hearing something else … and they say something, but you don't understand—it happens a lot when people are trying to give directions.
Or have you ever just gotten to the place where you said: "Do you want me to draw you a picture?"
I reckon Jesus was at that point when He rode into Jerusalem on a colt of a donkey—I reckon He felt like he had done all he could do. He had healed the sick … He had made the blind see again … He had fed hungry multitudes … He had touched lepers and cast out demons—isn't that what the Messiah was all about? Healing and restoration and deliverance? And yet the disciples and the crowds had their eyes open for a warrior … a rebel … somebody to lead the revolt against those hated Romans. I reckon Jesus had gotten to the point where he just wanted to say: *"Do you want me to draw you a picture of why I'm here?"*—and He actually did.
And so … dramatically … and visibly … and clearly, Jesus arranged for the words of the prophet Zechariah to be fulfilled Zechariah, who many years before had said: *"Rejoice, O daughter of Zion! Shout! Your king comes to you – triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a colt, the foal of a donkey."* It was a dramatic message—it was a visible message—it was Jesus drawing a picture of why he had come to the world!

Pastor Wayne Kerber

Bible Readings: Mark 11:1-11 (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.

This week: Iris Barnett, Steve Altmann, Mary Kroon, Bev Maloney, Gary Cooper, Terry Blyth.

Please keep these people in your prayers also:

Ian Hutchinson, Di Ollino, Baby Arthur Mitchell, Jo Voigt, Merv & Ros Thiele, Joel Thiele, Linda & Michael Bromley, Jurgen & Marienne Lehmann, Jodie Renfrey, Catherine West, Stuart & Patricia Varney, Ken & Sherry Linke, Geshan Wijethunge.

Daylight Saving Time Reminder

Reminder that daylight saving ends on Sunday, 7th April and our clocks go back one hour…so enjoy the extra sleep!!

Community Family Support News

Wednesday Worship

You are invited to Wednesday Worship here at Good Shepherd!

Along with the Bible presentation, Mrs Deanshaw shared a message of Jesus' triumphant arrival into Jerusalem. We now call this Palm Sunday. Please have a look at this week's devotion for her reflection or perhaps you might like to have a look at the display in the café area. Next week our school's Senior Choir will be sharing a song as part of the Worship service, while Pastor Stephen Abraham will speak about Jesus' love and sacrifice on Good Friday. We would love for you to come and spend some time with us as we reflect on God's love at Easter. Of course, you are most welcome to join us for a coffee afterwards. Hope to see you soon.

School Snippets

One of the highlights for this week was the Bible presentation for our Foundation students. It was a very special day. It was lovely to hear some of the comments from the children the next day. *'I read the one with the earth.' 'I saw that one too.' 'God built the land. The next one was the ark with Noah and the one after that was the Abraham one and they had a baby'*. Students are busily preparing for Sports Day next Thursday, learning new chants to go with our four new teams. For more of what we've been up to please click on this link : https://inewsletter.co/J1WDLx/latest to access the school's newsletter or pick up a hard copy in the café area or front foyer of the church. I am happy to arrange your own copy if you would like... Just let me know!

KAPS (Kids and Parents) Event

Only 2 Sleeps to go!
Our first KAPS gathering for the year is this Sunday, starting at 4pm. Join us for some Easter activities, worship, and a meal! Bring your children or even your grandchildren! We meet in the church hall for a start. Come in through the front entrance of the church (facing Montague Road) and head to the hall. Thought that you might like to have a copy of our KAPS yearly planner too, so you can pop future events in your diary now! Copies are also available in the foyer of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel (see flyer) or one of the team as introduced last Sunday. See you soon!

Rachel and Georgie

GFH (Growing Faith at Home)

Dear Church Family,
Palm Sunday is just around the corner. A day of celebration as we remember how people greeted Jesus with joy and gladness as he entered Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of 'Holy Week' in the church. This week's GFH resource offers ideas for you to talk about and perhaps do with your family and friends. Also included are some palm leaf activities to make at home. There is an easier palm leaf to make or a slightly harder cross you can make out of an actual palm leaf with a link to show you how to make one. (See attachments provided.)

Georgie

News From GS Treasurer

At the Half Yearly Meeting in November 2023, the following resolution was passed. "Pending further research and a collaborative approach (with the District), to consider the role/amount of the District contribution and LCA Transfer Fund (to the LCA), to the function and life of the church, and to report back to the congregation".
The Transfer Fund is known by the District as the Pastors Transfer and Support Fund.

Its purpose is set out in the District Guideline as follows:

- The fund provides for the cost of a Pastor, his family, and his goods from one parish to another, and pastoral care to a parish during a vacancy.

During a parish vacancy the Fund bears the cost of:

- The salary and applicable allowances payable to a locum or relief Pastor who is serving in a vacant parish.
- Remuneration for services conducted by relief Pastors and their travel expenses to and from a parish.

Contact has been made with the SA District of the LCA, and a request made by our Board to reduce our contribution to the Pastor Transfer fund by 50%, i.e. from $3,365.79 per month to $1,682.89 per month. This has been approved by District Church Council and will be backdated to 1st January 2024.
Sharon Tarca was recently appointed on a part time basis (3 hours per week) to undertake administrative tasks (typically undertaken by a Pastor), associated with ministry, and the SA District Board agreed that her salary will be paid out of the Transfer Fund, backdated to her starting date in December 2023.
Dean Bartley (Treasurer)

Hot Cross Buns!

In keeping with tradition here at Good Shepherd, we would like to enjoy hot cross buns after both services on Good Friday. Please bring some to share- buttered, unbuttered, fruitless or choc chip- any way you enjoy them!

Easter Services

Easter is God's blessings to the world. It reminds us that hope must never be lost for as dark as the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled, and everyone have a pleasant Easter.

March LC Food Collection

In March there will be a change to our food collection date. The collection is usually on the last Sunday of the month but as this is Easter it has been decided to change our collection to **Sunday 24th March.**
As usual donations can be left in the church office during office hours. Thank you for your continued support.
Family Hub Support Team

Office News

Weekly News Items

Weekly News items are to be sent 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.

Office Closure

The office will be closed on **29th March 2024** due to Good Friday.

Café Time!!

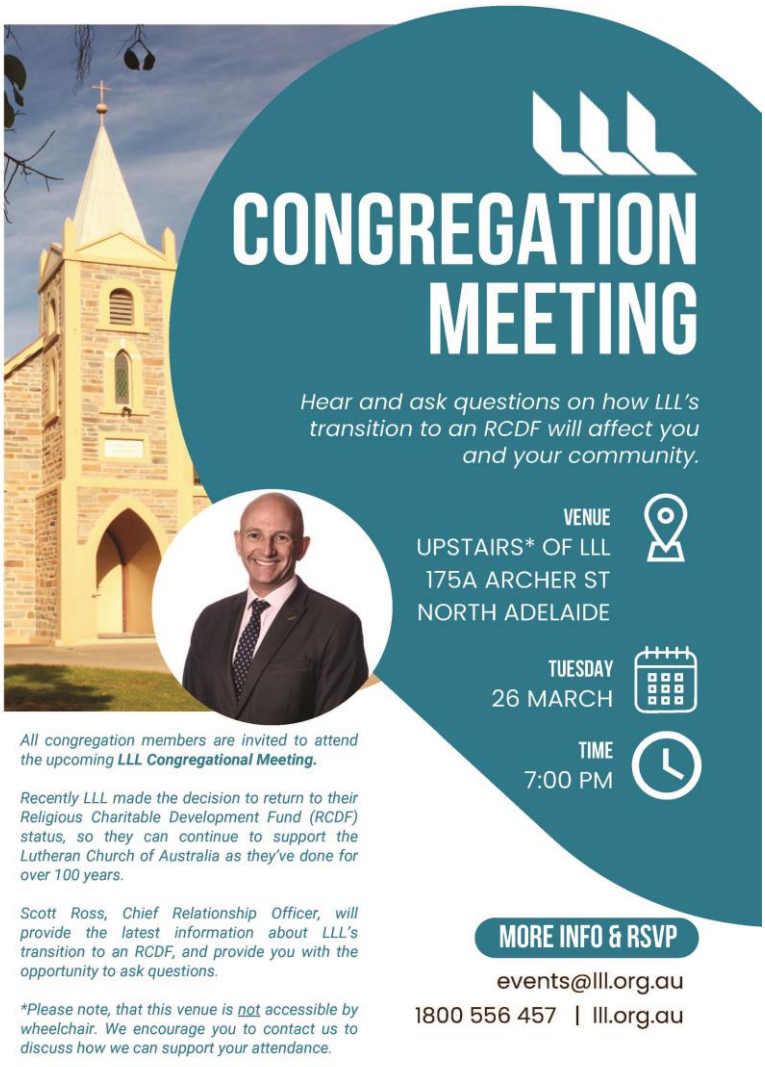
Tea and coffee are available after Sunday services, and you are most welcome to come and enjoy!!

Name Badge Request

The cost for a replacement name badge is $12. 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 bowls 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.



Diary Dates 2024

March

24th March	Food Collection at both services
24th March	4-6.30pm KAPS
28th March	GSLS Sport's Day
28th March	7.30pm 'Reflections' service with holy communion
29th March	Good Friday (Public Holiday)- 8.45am and 10.30am 'A celebration of God's love' service
31st March	Easter Sunday- 8.45am and 10.30am 'Living your Easter reality' service with holy communion

April

2nd April	1-3pm Ladies Fellowship Meeting
7th April	Daylight Saving Ends (our clocks go back 1 hour)

"…Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding."

Provers 3:13 (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@safeplace.lca.org.au

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

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