



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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January 2025

Note: New Trinity Service Time – 09:00am

MISSION: To maintain a beacon of hope for Christ.

TASK: Spread the Good News!

Prayers

- ✚ Trinity, Our Saviour, Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal congregations as they faithfully continue services to hear God's word and equip members to share the Lord's mission in Far North Queensland.
- ✚ To those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations.
- ✚ For Lauri, Eddie, Pastor Aldal and all those caring and supporting them.
- ✚ For Maria and Andrew Schelberg and for those supporting them.

UPCOMING EVENTS (JAN-FEB 2025)

January 5th – First 0900 am Sunday Service.

January 20th – Church Council Meeting.

January 28th – School Resumes at Peace Lutheran College.

February 16th – Trinity AGM.

March 02nd – Parish AGM (to be held at Our Saviour in Atherton)

Ways of Giving:

1. Offering plate during service
2. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) with LLL – visit the [LCA website](#) or complete the forms available on the front table at Church
3. [Home | LCA Donations & Payments](#) To donate, click on Parishes & congregations.
4. Deposits into the Trinity's NAB Account –
 - National Australia Bank
BSB 084472 A/C 508664430

Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services

- **Radio - 89.1 FM** Sundays at 9:00am and **92.3 FM** Sundays a service recorded by Pastor Greg is broadcast. Access this at the same time on *Cairns FM 89.1 or 92.3FM* on your devices.
- **View@Home Lutheran Media Livestreaming**
Worship online live or during the week at:
[St Michael's Lutheran Church, Hahndorf, South Australia](#) Streamed live at 9:30am (Aust CST) each week
[Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba, Queensland](#) Streamed live at 9am Queensland time every Sunday.
Or go to www.livestream.com/luthworship and click the location.

Containers for Change



Our code is: **C10162743**

Devotion Books:

Devotion books for 2025 are now available for purchase at the back of the Church. The cost of these remains \$25.

Northern Hope Meeting:

Last month, the Church council met with Pastor Trevor Sargas of Northern Hope Anglican Church and a team from their leadership group to discuss their proposals for the use of the church hall. Although a cordial meeting followed by a brief inspection of the hall, the Northern Hope leadership team contacted the council a few days later to thank us for the meeting and inform us that they would not be pursuing to lease of the church hall.

Although there has been further interest from other parties in leasing the church hall, one stumbling block is the requirement of any tenant to gain the relevant council planning permission to run their business from our site. Richard Lehmann has spent a good deal of time and energy in meeting with the Cairns Regional Council to get advice in this regard. In the meantime we continue to pray that a suitable tenant for the hall may be found.

Request for Volunteers:

Please prayerfully consider providing support to the congregation as our Safe Church and WHS co-ordinator.

We are running very low on Ushers. If you can support even for a limited period, please see Andrew Schelberg.

LCAQD Synod

LCAQD Synod is programmed to take place at Peace Lutheran College from 30th May to 01 June 2025. Pastor David has kindly nominated himself as the main point of contact for the District Office. He will be requesting volunteer support in the months ahead.

Thank you:

A special thank you to Rod and Elaine Krenske and Bernie and Marianne Weidner for putting up the Nativity Scene and the altar decorations this year and to Peter Schmidt for our new notice board at the back of the church.

Also as 2024 draws to a close I would like to thank everyone who has played a part to support our congregation over the last year. Whether serving on council, as PA, musician, usher, lay reader, lawn mower, morning tea, cleaning, reading or running the powerpoint slides every task no matter how big or small is vital to the successful running of our church and congregation. May God continue to bless your efforts and I look forward to your continued support during the year ahead.

ROSTERS:

Please arrange a swap if you cannot help on your allocated day.

	January 05 th Trinity 09:00am	January 12 th Trinity 09:00am	January 19 th Trinity 09:00am	January 26 th Trinity 09:00am
Lay Reader	Rod Krenske	Michelle Brayshaw / Pastor Aldal (HC)	Martin Klink	Peter Schmidt
Lesson Reader	Maria Bitmanis	Emma Pullar	Di Remilton	Bernie Weidner
Ushers	P&P Schmidt	P&P Schmidt	Michael Fraser	Michael Fraser
Powerpoint	Elaine Krenske	Bernie Weidner	Kissi Klink	Peter Ricketts
Church Cleaning	As Per Roster	As Per Roster	As Per Roster	As Per Roster
Morning Tea	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Mowing	P Schmidt/ J Fenske	P Schmidt/ J Fenske	P Schmidt/ J Fenske	P Schmidt/ J Fenske

Key Holders

Please be advised that the following people hold keys to the church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning.

Michael Fraser
Rod Krenske
Richard Lehmann
Grace Pullar
Andrew Schelberg
Bernie Weidner

'Working together to proclaim the holy birth'

The St Matthew's Anglican congregation in the outback Queensland town of Quilpie has just closed. There will be a sadness felt this Christmastime by the people of that parish, as they join with others who are not able to be in their familiar places for worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

In our Lutheran Church, we grieve with sisters and brothers in similar situations, such as the people of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in the South Australian town of Murbko, which also closed this year.

But the telling of the closing of the Anglican Church at Quilpie includes a little miracle of hopefulness. With the closing of St Matthew's, the Roman Catholic parish of St Finbarr's Quilpie, has welcomed their sisters and brothers of the Anglican community to use their Roman Catholic parish Church for Anglican services.

Australia has a unique and inspiring Christmas tradition of gathering across denominations for outdoor carols services. Many of our country towns see the annual collaboration of leaders of local Christian churches, to tell the gospel of Christmas. I was once in Canada over the Christmas season and learnt that these outdoor services are not popular when it is snowing and below zero degrees.

But here in New Zealand and Australia, we have this tradition of Christian churches working together to proclaim the holy birth.

In this ecumenical collaboration, we declare the promise recorded in the annual Christmas reading from Titus chapter 2, 'For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all'. The Christmas good news is not the possession of any one Christian denomination. This is the message of God loving the world so much that he has sent his only Son.

At this Christmas time, let us take up the opportunity to encourage our friends and neighbours to worship the newborn king. Let us take the opportunity to contact that person who hasn't been in worship for some time, to encourage them to join with us at the manger of the Lord.

Also, let us remember those who have closed their churches in recent times, that they would be found in a new place to receive the gospel.

Finally, let us join our voices with sisters and brothers of all Christian churches in all places, to sing 'Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled' for Christ's sake through faith.

A holy and blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul Smith

Churchwide Bishop Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand

Adelaide, 17 December 2024

Stories of Faith

We love to share stories of faith and hope from our LCAQD congregations and other agencies. Can you please help us by alerting us to relevant Facebook posts or emailing stories and photos/videos for sharing to communications@qld.lca.org.au?



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