



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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December 2025

MISSION - Let your light shine for the Gospel.

TASK - Keep spreading the Good News!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES
FNQ LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Atherton
4.00pm, 14 December

Wujal Wujal
9am, 21st December

Hope Vale
7.00pm 21st December

Cairns,
7pm, 24th December
9.00am, 25th December

Prayers

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

UPCOMING SERVICES

7th December – Trinity Lutheran Church **at 9am**

14th December – Trinity Lutheran Church **at 9am**

21st December – Trinity Lutheran Church **at 9am**

24th December – Trinity Lutheran Church **at 7pm**

25th December - Trinity Lutheran Church **at 9am**

28th December - Trinity Lutheran Church **at 9am**

DATE CLAIMERS

30th November – Special Meeting of the Parish, after the service at Trinity Lutheran Church

1st December – Combined Trinity Church Council & Pastoral Assistants Meeting, **5.00pm**

13th December – Trinity Lutheran Ladies Morning tea

Congregation and Parish News

The Trinity Congregation held a Special Meeting on 16th November that saw unanimous support to proceed with a call for a Pastor. The meeting also flagged that the question of expanding the Parish would **be deferred to the upcoming AGM** in February to enable due diligence to proceed.

At the meeting, the Trinity congregation nominated our representatives for the Call Committee. The Call Committee comprises - Roger Strickland (Parish chairperson), Michael Fraser (Trinity

Chairperson), Martin Klink (Pastoral Assistant), Lynalee Strickland (Our Saviour Chairperson), Kathy Tidmarsh (Our Saviour Secretary) with Pastor David Spanagel taking an advisory role. Pastor David Schmidt, Assistant Bishop for Mission, who was visiting us on 16th November, is providing process guidance.

The Call Committee have now met and a Parish Meeting has been called for Sunday 30th November (following services at Trinity Lutheran Church, to formally consider the request to the College of Bishops to assign a Pastor to our congregation. Members of the congregation are asked to make attendance at this meeting your priority.

NOTICE OF MEETING CAIRNS LUTHERAN PARISH

AFTER THE 9AM SERVICE ON
30.11.2025 AT
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The meeting will consider a
proposal to proceed with a request
for an assigned Pastor.

All members of the Parish are encouraged to attend.

The due diligence on the expanded Parish is progressing well and a number of practicalities have been explored but further discussion is required to settle how the expanded Parish would be appropriately served. Exploration of options will continue and you are invited to engage in these discussions with Pastor David Spanagel or any members of your congregation or Parish Councils.

Contact any members of the Parish Council or the Congregation Council for further information or discussion.

Are you missing emails from Trinity Lutheran?

If you would like to receive our regular emails, we have some forms you can use to sign up as you enter the church.

News from around the region

As usual, Pastor David has been very busy in service of many across the far North.

Hope Vale

Recently a lease was signed with Empowering Connections & Support Services (an arm of NDIS) to lease half of the Hope Vale Church hall providing a very significant income for the congregation and an equally important service to the town.

The 'Op Shop' has been relocated to a larger premise. This is run for community people and again provides a very significant income stream apart from a service to the community and also a ministry opportunity including an avenue for mental health therapy simply by visiting, browsing or a down to earth 'chat'. It was great to hear of the Trinity congregation's plans to support this ministry.

To support the community ministry we have established a connection with ECLS (Empowering Connections & Support Services an arm of NDIS) operating from the church hall who enthusiastically welcomed the addition of Bible Story books, devotion books and Bibles to their office for clients to take away at no cost. This is a very significant way of reaching into the community with a meaningful God based message. The leader of the group, Chrissy, is pictured below and young Chloe couldn't resist being in on the picture.



As word has gotten around, this same ministry material has proven to be in high demand and is also now available in the:

- Hope Vale Wellbeing Centre for their clients and staff. This is generally a men's health organization run by Apunipima a Cape York Aboriginal health organization.
- Hope Vale Community Care Office where we meet with those who are generally 'homebound' for a communion and fellowship hour each month. This group is expanding rapidly with word getting around that not only home bound people are welcome. We recently had a group of 29 people across an age range 20- 90!! This is inspirational.
- The local school also welcomed the addition of these same books into their staff library and 'Time Out' room.
- The Hope Vale Day Care Centre did not want to miss out either!! They heard about this and approached us to see if they could also have some of these resources available for their children with the idea of sending a 'gift' home with each child. God is so Good!

These initiatives have been made possible through the generosity of members within the LCAQD who have responded to our invitation to send these resources to us in NQ.

Coen

Coen is a small town of around 300 people 500-600kms north of Cairns. Our church has been active in this community since Rev George Rosendale's time in the 1960's – 70's. The Lutheran influence was again strengthened with the opening of Peace Lutheran College in 1994 as a number of students from Coen have attended over the years and consider themselves Lutheran. In more recent times our visits have been very irregular, however through regular telephone contact many still 'want to be

Lutheran'. Although small and distant this is a challenge to be faced now and into the future by our church.



Wujal Wujal

After a 12 month hiatus we have now resumed services at Wujal Wujal. There has been numerous challenges but the community continue to support the presence of the Church. This image shows a small group the people who are keen to move forward. On 24th October one of our beloved church members left us for heavenly glory. We will all miss her in so many ways. Rest in peace Doreen Ball.

While there are many challenges, there is a majority of people who really value the work of the church and in their own quiet way support this through opportunities as they are presented.

An ongoing role for our congregation is to remember the remote FNQ congregations in your prayers.

While all of the above is underway, the congregations within the Cairns Parish continue to worship on a regular basis.

God is Good, praise the Name of the Lord.
Humbly presented.

David Spanagel

Proactive visiting practices

The Pastoral Assistants have initiated some proactive visiting across the congregation. If you would like a visit, do not hesitate to reach out and if you receive a call from someone wanting to schedule a visit, know that it is the result of our efforts to reach out to members of the congregation, especially those experiencing some challenges.

Ladies Group

We had an initial meeting of the ladies Group on 8th November with some really good ideas of how we might come together to strengthen our church community.

We will focus initially on support for the Hope Vale Thrift Shop and trying to strengthen social connection across the congregation. Over time we can consider some of the initiatives described that have worked historically or in other places.

Our next get together, which will focus on morning tea and informally discussing way to improve social connection across our congregation is scheduled for 13th December 2025.

All welcome.

DONATIONS SOUGHT - HOPE VALE THRIFT SHOP

Currently needed

- Towels, Linen, Tablecloths
- Curtains in good condition
- Coffee Mugs
- Bowls and dinner plates
- Plastic containers
- Pots and pans, esp. Stock pots
- Plastic tubs
- Appliances in working order

Please contact Pastor David if you wish to donate

- Furniture
- Larger appliances

No donations at this time please

- Cutlery



The following items are not supplied through the Thrift Shop
Clothing, Cups and saucers, Glass ware, Toys
NO DONATIONS OF THESE ITEMS PLEASE

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For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government will be upon His shoulder. His name will be called the Angel of Great Counsel, for I shall bring peace upon the rulers, peace and health by Him. Great shall be His government, and of His peace there is no end. His peace shall be upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order and establish it with righteousness and judgement, from that time forward and unto ages of ages. The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.

Isaiah 9:5-6



Image by Alena Surova

Do you have some time you could give to Church activities?

We are currently planning to hold the 2026 AGM on February 15, 2026. We encourage members of the congregation to consider whether you would be interested in standing for a position on the Council. Michael Fraser has indicated that while he is happy to continue on the Council, he would appreciate if someone stepped up to take on the role of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson.

We have a vacancy for the role of Property Manager and all other interest in serving is most welcome.

Please prayerfully consider providing support to the congregation. Anyone with interest in getting involved should have an informal discussion with Michael Fraser.

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

ROSTERS

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

	December 7th Trinity 09:00am	December 14th Trinity 09:00am HC	December 21st Trinity 09:00am	December 24th Trinity 6:00pm	December 25th Trinity 09:00am HC	December 28th Trinity 09:00am
Pastor / Lay Reader	Michelle B	Pastor David	Peter Schmidt	Pastor David	Pastor David	Martin Klink
Lesson Reader	Di Remilton	Elaine Krenske	Maria Bitmanis	Various	Rod Krenske	Bernie Weidner
Ushers	P&P Schmidt	P&P Schmidt	R&E Krenske	R&E Krenske	E. Hausler	E. Hausler
Powerpoint	Elaine Krenske	Peter Ricketts	Kissi Klink	Rod Krenske	Peter Ricketts	Kissi Klink
Lead Musician	Sharon	Julie	Sharon	Julie	Julie	Sharon
Church Cleaning		Eime Family		Jo Scarini		
Mowing	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg					

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 –
 - o National Australia Bank. BSB 084472 A/C 508664430

Containers for Change



You can support the Church when recycling your containers. The following code allows funds to be allocated to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Alternatively, you can drop off your containers in the bins held in the Vestry.

Containers for Change Code: **C10162743**

Live Streaming at Trinity

You can find live streams at the following address:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cairnslutheranlive/streams>

Alternative ways to attend Sunday Services

Listen to a service

- **Radio - 89.1 FM** Sundays at 9:00am 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.

There are a range of view at home options.

You can utilise the [Lutheran Church of Australia online worship](#) option that meets your needs.

Alternatively, you can navigate directly to the following online options, which can be utilised live or during the week:

- [Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Toowoomba Queensland](#) Streamed live at 9am Queensland time every Sunday.
- [Nazareth Lutheran Church](#), South Brisbane Streamed live at 8.30am Queensland time every Sunday.

Pastoral Assistants - David Spanagel (Locum Pastor), Raelene Ricketts, Martin Klink, Michael Fraser, Phoebe Weier.

Trinity Council: Chairperson - Michael Fraser, Secretary - Jo-Anne Scarini, Treasurer - Andrew Schelberg, Member - Rod Krenske, Member - Mark Henseleit, Property Manager - Vacant.

Our Saviour Council: Chairperson - Lynalee Strickland, Vice Chairperson - Roger Strickland, Secretary - Kathy Tidmarsh, Treasurer - April Strickland.

Parish Council: Chairperson - Roger Strickland, Secretary – Rod Krenske, Treasurer – Jo-Anne Scarini

Key Holders - Please be advised that the following people hold keys to Trinity Lutheran Church, should access to the building be required for example to carry out cleaning: Michael Fraser, Rod Krenske, Grace Pullar, Jo-Anne Scarini, Andrew Schelberg, and Bernie Weidner.