



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Our Saviour Lutheran Church

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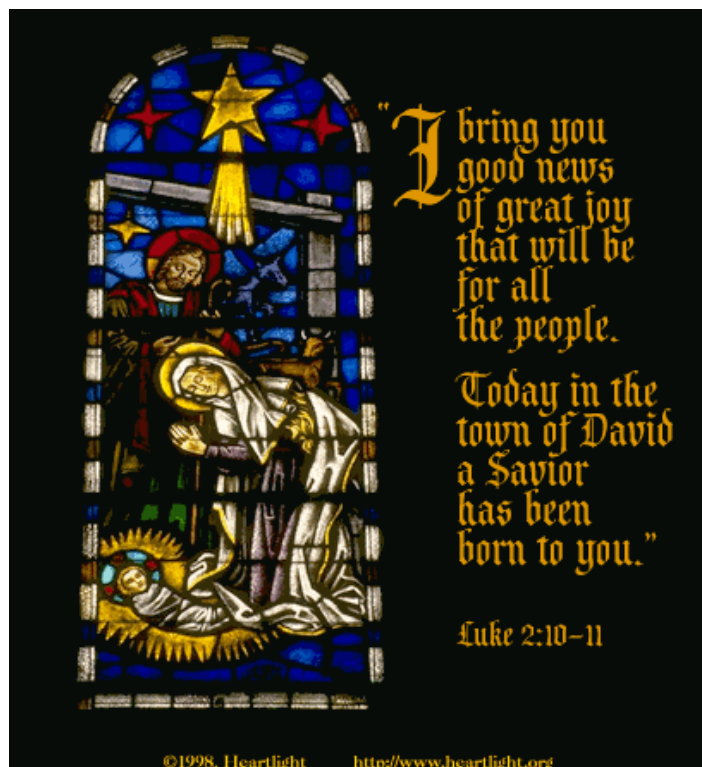
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January 2026

Mission - Let your light shine for the Gospel.

Task - Keep spreading the Good News!



Prayers

- ✚ For the Bondi victims and their families and those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of the year.
- ✚ For the congregations of Trinity, Our Saviour, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen 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

24th December – Trinity Lutheran Church at 6pm

25th December - Trinity Lutheran Church at 9am

28th December - Trinity Lutheran Church at 9am

4th January – Trinity Lutheran Church at 9am

11th January - Trinity Lutheran Church at 9am

18th January - Trinity Lutheran Church at 9am

25th January - Trinity Lutheran Church at 9am

DATE CLAIMERS

24th December – **Christmas Eve Service** at Trinity Lutheran Church

19th January – Trinity Church Council Meeting, 5.30pm

24th January – Trinity Lutheran Ladies meeting. 9.30am at the Church.

Message from Pastor David Spanagel:

We are in the season of love. I encourage everyone to reach out to others you know and they will be shown the love of Jesus simply through your contact. If everyone reaches out to one person what a difference it would make.

May God's peace be with us all.



Congregation and Parish News

The Special Meeting of the Parish on 30th November saw a vote in favour of requesting that the College of Bishops assign Pastor Joona Toivanen to our Parish.

The Call Committee have been progressing this matter on our behalf.

The College of Bishops have agreed to assign Pastor Joona and he has until the 25th January to decide whether the Parish is right for him.

We will advise any news related to this matter as it comes to hand.

Pastor Robert Hamann is joining us on 11th January.

The Trinity congregation will be blessed to have a guest pastor on the 11th January. Pastor Robert Hamann will be visiting from Sydney and will lead the service for us that day.

News from around the region

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

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 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. Probably the simple question is how much value do we place on a Soul?

Do we continue to travel 7 hours from Cairns for Baptisms/Funerals. We generally cover these expenses through the sale of pre loved goods not available anywhere else. This service compliments the ministry we are doing here. We've been told over again 'we want spiritual care but we also have a need for physical support not available anywhere else in our town'.

On Sunday 23rd November we had the Baptisms of twins Azalea and Scott-Lynn Spratt-Upton. A most joyful occasion with a cross section of 49 town/congregation members in attendance.



Hope Vale



There has been plenty of cause for celebration at Hope Vale with four baptisms taking place on 7th December.

Those baptised were Zion Lyall, Tyrone Gibson, Ny'Leerah Lyall and Darrel-lea Lyall.

This photo was taken during the assembly on the eve of the Christmas Service that was held on Sunday 21st December.



Our Saviour, Atherton

Our Saviour enjoyed their Christmas Service on the 14th December which was followed by a shared meal according to the regular practice of members of the congregation.



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

The ladies group met in December and enjoyed an informal morning tea and some carol singing.

A lovely morning was had by all in attendance.

You will see a box for the donation of quality second hand items as you enter the church. Please think about how you might support the work of David and Pam Spanagel with the Hope Vale Thrift Shop. An indication of the things sought as donations is shown.

Our next get together, will be at 9.30am at the Church on 24th January. 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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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.

We have a long standing 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.

Roster - December

	December 24th Trinity 6:00pm	December 25th Trinity 09:00am HC	December 28th Trinity 09:00am
Pastor / Lay Reader	Pastor David	Pastor David	Martin Klink
Lesson Reader	Various	Rod Krenske	Bernie Weidner
Ushers	R&E Krenske	E. Hausler	E. Hausler
Powerpoint	Rod Krenske	Peter Ricketts	Kissi Klink
Lead Musician	Julie	Julie	Sharon
Church Cleaning	Jo Scarini		
Mowing	R. Lehmann / A. Schelberg		

ROSTER - January

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

	January 4th Trinity 09:00am	January 11th Trinity 09:00am	January 18th Trinity 09:00am	January 25th Trinity 09:00am HC
Pastor / Lay Reader	Michelle Brayshaw	Pastor Robert Hamann	Martin Klink	Pastor David
Lesson Reader	Jenny Henseleit	Elaine Hausler	Michael Fraser	Elaine Krenske
Ushers	Elaine Hausler	Andrew Schelberg	Andrew Schelberg	R&E Krenske
Powerpoint	Elaine Krenske	Bernie Weidner	Peter Ricketts	Rod Krenske
Lead Musician	Julie	Julie	Julie	Julie
Church Cleaning	Mark & Grace Pullar		Bernie & Marianne Weidner	
Mowing	P. Schmidt / J. Fenske			

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.