



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Mission - Let your light shine for the Gospel.

Task - Keep spreading the Good News!



Prayers

- ✚ For any who are sick, especially Sergio and Eddie, and all those caring for and supporting them.
- ✚ For those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of the year.
- ✚ For Graeme and Christeen Wiencke as they finalise their move to Hervey Bay following Graeme's surgery.
- ✚ For those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship with their congregations.
- ✚ 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES

2nd April – Maundy Thursday Service Trinity Lutheran Church, 7pm

3rd April – Good Friday Service – Trinity Lutheran Church, 9am

5th April – Easter – Dawn service, Clifton Beach, 6am

5th April – Easter - Trinity Lutheran Church, 9am

12th April – Trinity Lutheran Church, 9am

19th April – Trinity Lutheran Church, 9am

26th April - Peace Lutheran College, 9am

DATE CLAIMERS

13th April – Trinity Council Meeting, 5.30pm

25th April – Trinity Lutheran Ladies meeting. **9.30am** at the Church.

OTHER DATES

4th April – 20th April - Peace School Holidays

This year Pastor Adam will lead the services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday.

As noted above, Trinity will hold services on Maundy Thursday (7pm), Good Friday (9am), and Easter Sunday (9am).

In addition to the above, Pastor Adam will lead a dawn service on Clifton Beach at 6am for all who are interested. All are welcome. Please bring a chair or something to sit on.

Pastor David will be supporting Hope Vale and the other Cape congregations during Easter with an Easter Saturday and easter Sunday baptism planned and the funeral of Mary Cobus in Hope Vale still to have a date set.



United in Hope

A promotional poster for the 'United In Hope' campaign. The top half has a blue background with the text 'Join the \$60 for \$60k challenge' in large white font. A yellow starburst graphic says 'EVERY GIFT GETS US CLOSER TO THE GOAL!'. Below this is a photo of a large group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing in front of a cemetery. At the bottom left is a circular logo with a cross, a dove, and a parrot, with the text 'UNITED IN HOPE FNQ LUTHERAN MINISTRIES'. At the bottom right is a QR code. Text at the bottom reads: 'We're raising \$60 per person or \$600 per congregation by June 2026 for FNQ Lutheran Ministries. Donate today!' with an arrow pointing to the QR code.

On Sunday 15th March we held a Retiring Offering as a fund raiser for the United In Hope campaign.

We were especially keen to collect this offering during March as throughout March LLL committed to match funds donated up to a maximum of \$10,000.

We raised \$435.00 Thanks to all for supporting this worthy cause.

The LCAQD have been driving this programme and have been very active in ensuring the campaign is known by many.

Overall, at the time of writing, funds raised since February are \$12,218.

Would you be interested in supporting the Ministry in Far North Queensland?

[The following content has been developed for sharing with wider audiences through LCAQD communications.]

Up in far north Queensland, where there are two Lutheran parishes, the “tyranny of distance” is something to genuinely be reckoned with.

The Cairns Parish includes the congregations of Cairns and Atherton.

The Hope Vale Parish consisting of Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen also covers a large area, and each of these settlements are quite remote from larger population centres. Hope Vale is a five hour drive from Cairns. With Coen being a seven hour drive from Cairns. Wujal Wujal is one and a half hours from Hope Vale.

Both parishes are without a full time Pastor at present with Emeritus Pastor David Spanagel providing locum services that cover the whole region and the pastor for Peace Lutheran College, Pastor Adam Eime, supporting the services offered in Cairns.

The Cairns Parish are contemplating a call at present and there is discussion occurring to consider how the Hope Vale Parish may best be serviced.

We understand that this unique style of ministry supporting Hope Vale, Coen and Wujal Wujal is not within everyone’s skillset, and this narrows down the number of people available to fill this role – whether ordained pastor or lay person.

If God sparks this interest deep within you, please contact Pastor David Schmidt in our District office on 07 3511 4000. He will be able to help you with the finer details and facilitate an exploration of how you may be able to support the efforts. Of course, for those within the Cairns Parish, a conversation with Pastor David Spanagel is also a good initial step.

Should interest progress to being on the ground, a comprehensive and supportive orientation will be provided so that this can be a smooth transition for all, especially for the local people.



Congregation and Parish News

A wonderful celebration is expected on Palm Sunday, 29th March with the Confirmation of Lars Fraser, Ben Pullar and Henry Rowden from the Trinity family.

Following advice in late January that the Pastor assigned to our congregation had declined the assignment, the Pastoral Assistants, Council members and members of the Call Committee met with Rev. David Schmidt during his visit in mid March to discuss the potential way forward for calling a Pastor. The Call Committee will continue to progress this important work. The members of the call Committee are: Isaac Strickland, Michael Fraser, Martin Klink, Elaine Krenske, Lynalee Strickland, and April Strickland. The Trinity representatives will update us as this matter develops.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,
set your hearts on things above, where Christ
is seated at the right hand of God. Set your
minds on things above, not on earthly things.

- Colossians 3:1-2 -

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Home visits

We are very thankful for the efforts of our Locum Pastor, David Spanagel, including his efforts to visit those experiencing challenges across the congregation.

Michael Fraser will take on a role of scheduling visits that are requested, so please contact Michael on TrinityLutheran4870@outlook.com should you wish to be included in the list of those to receive a visit.

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.

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**

Ladies Group

The Ladies group gets together monthly on the 4th Saturday each month at 9.30am at the Church. All are encouraged to come along.

We are planning to hold the April meeting, even though it is ANZAC day on 25th April.

We were blessed to have Pastor Adam address the group at the March meeting.

The Ladies recently put their heads together regarding fund raising and social opportunities. The details of an upcoming fund raiser are shared below.

Bakeless Cake Sale Fund Raiser

You are invited to **NOT** bake a cake, pie, biscuits or brownies. You do **NOT** have to find the recipe. You do **NOT** have to shop for ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to cut. You do **NOT** have to wrap. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to clean up your kitchen. You do **NOT** have to stand in the heat/cold/rain to sell the baked product. You do **NOT** have to buy the goods from the stall.

We ask instead that you make a donation and stay home and enjoy something yourself or with your family!

On 12th April we will be distributing envelopes to all members of the congregation. We are seeking the return of your envelope by 3rd May 2026 (whether you find yourself able to support this or not). We will have a receptacle at the rear of the church to collect returned envelopes.

Please consider supporting this initiative. The Trinity Ladies Group are fund raising to refresh the flowers and plants decorating the church.

Thankyou for your support.

ROSTER - April

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

	April 2nd Maundy Thursday Trinity 7.00pm HC	April 3rd Good Friday Trinity 09:00am	April 5th Easter Sunday Trinity 09:00am HC	April 12th Trinity 09:00am	April 19th Trinity 09:00am	April 26th Peace 09:00am HC
Pastor / Lay Reader	Pastor Adam	Pastor Adam	Pastor Adam	Martin Klink	Michelle Brayshaw	Pastor Adam
Lesson Reader	Jo-Anne Scarini	Elaine Krenske	Elaine Hausler	Jenny Henseleit	Elaine Krenske	
Ushers	Michael Fraser	Michael Fraser	Michael Fraser	Elaine Hausler	Elaine Hausler	
Powerpoint	Rod Krenske	Rod Krenske	Elaine Krenske	Kissi Klink	Michael Fraser	
Lead Musician	Sharon	Sharon	Sharon	Sharon	Sharon	
Church Cleaning			Sheryl & Anna Rosendale		Pam Spanagel & Suzi Isa-Aho	
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

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 - Isaac Strickland, Secretary - Kathy Tidmarsh, Treasurer - April Strickland.

Parish Council: Chairperson - Isaac 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.