



Trinity Grapevine

Cairns Lutheran Parish

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Mission - Let your light shine for the Gospel.

Task - Keep spreading the Good News!



Prayers

- ✚ For any who are sick or struggling, and we think especially of Maria, Elaine H, Sergio and Eddie, and all those caring for and supporting them.
- ✚ For those grieving and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time of the year.
- ✚ For those who are unable to attend services and share in Christian fellowship.
- ✚ 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

1st Nov – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

8th Nov – Trinity Lutheran Church **9am**

15th Nov – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

22nd Nov – Peace Lutheran College, **9am**

29th Nov – Trinity Lutheran Church, **9am**

DATE CLAIMERS

8th Nov – Call Meeting following the service at Trinity

23rd Nov – Council Meeting, **5.30pm at the Church**

28th Nov – Trinity Ladies Group meeting, 9.30am at the Church

Picnic at Lake Tinaroo



A good time was had by all as we gathered on the edge of Lake Tinaroo for worship and fellowship.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (OSLC) did a wonderful job of organising the day and providing a fantastic spread for all in attendance.

Pastor David lead the service and Bishop Mark Vainikka, who was here with us to conduct Juanita Eime's installation service the following day, delivered the sermon.

Members of the Trinity and Our Saviour congregations, and the boarders from Peace College made the journey up the range and joined in the fun on the day.

Our sincere thanks to all of those that did the hard work to allow us to enjoy the day.

We look forward to making this an annual event and it is clearly Trinity's turn to organise in 2027!!



Call Meeting – Save the date 8 November 2026

Th Parish will hold a Call Meeting following the service on Sunday 8 November.

Bishop Mark Vainikka will be with us to support us through the call process. During this meeting a number of possible candidates will be considered for a Call and members of the Parish will vote to select the candidate to be taken forward.

This is an important event in the life of our Parish and everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in the meeting.

Congregation and Parish News

Ladies Group

The Ladies Group have been meeting regularly on the 4th Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in. In November, as we will be meeting the day before the commencement of Advent, in addition to our usual morning tea, we will be singing carols. 9.30am at the church. It would be great to see you there.

Church Life Survey

This survey occurs every 5 years and allows us to collect sentiments from across the congregation. This will assist us to plan.

Trinity had good participation in the Church Life Survey on 18th October. The results will be shared once they are received.



Workshop on LCAQD's Strategic Charter

A workshop on LCAQD's Strategic Charter was held in late September. We considered the doors available to us at Trinity and identified some focus areas. This was shared with the Council and the Pastoral Assistants. The results will be helpful for the Council and an incoming Pastor and along with the results of the Church Life Survey will inform actions required.

Confirmation Service, 2027

In 2027 our Confirmation Service will be held on Palm Sunday 21st March with lessons being held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th. If you, or someone you know, would like to be Confirmed, please discuss this with Pastor David.

Do you have social media skills you would like to share?

An important outreach for our Church is our Facebook page. We regularly publish upcoming service times, information from the lectionary and photos from significant events. If you have an interest in supporting these efforts, let Jo-Anne know and she will have a discussion on how you could get involved.



A message from the Australian Bureau of Statistics re 2026 Census

We were contacted by the ABS to enlist our support to encourage any members of Pacific communities across Australia to participate in the 2026 Census if they have not already done so.

If you or anyone in your household has not yet completed the 2026 Census, please complete it as soon as possible. Even though Census night has passed, you can still complete your Census. Please complete the form based on where you stayed on Census night, Tuesday 11 August 2026.

Complete the Census online

The Census can be completed online through the official ABS Census website:

[Complete the 2026 Census online](#)

People who need assistance can also contact the Census Contact Centre on 1800 181 227. The ABS continues to provide support for people who need help completing their Census. [Australian Bureau of Statistics](#).

From Around the Region

Dear Friends,

On 24th September we held the official unveiling of 4 headstones at Hope Vale cemetery. Approximately 50 people from the extended Dick family attended this event. Events such as these present another opportunity to share a message of encouragement to many people. God is good.



The following funerals have been conducted:

Philip Baru 25/9/26 Hope Vale

Shane Deeral 7/10/26 Hope Vale

Grace Yougie 10/10/26 Wujal Wujal

Blessings and Faith

When God's blessings are greater than we expect, we need to show our faith in the unknown. He is providing so much to our ministry including from members of our wider parish who continue to make many generous and regular donations of goods for the Op Shop operating in our neighbouring congregations at Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal.

This could also be described as one of the 'Doors' we as a congregation use to show 'where love comes to life'.

In Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Coen like everywhere there will always be a need for spiritual support. This need goes hand in hand with the physical requirements that God is providing at this time. Our new larger Op Shop in Hope Vale is about to come on stream. The word is spreading across Cairns through our congregation members who have told their friends about this opportunity. Time has been spent collecting

'treasures' for the shop. Usually during those trips I've been able to visit a member or two at their hospital bed. For this to continue please keep praying for people to serve and fulfil this opportunity.

I sincerely thank all donors in **Cairns, Atherton** and the wider community for their continuing support and commitment to our Hope Vale Op Shop.

Hope Vale witnessed a wedding on 3rd October between Wynonna Dotoi and Tristan Doughboy. A large, happy and very memorable occasion for all.



We have a Global mining company spending many thousands of \$'s on maintenance to our church building such as painting, lights and fans, windows and security lights. People here take pride in having a well presented place of worship for the various events in town. **Hope Vale** ministry this month also included a Devotional gathering with Holy Communion for a family who have one of their own dealing with terminal cancer. Word went around town about the gathering with over 40 people attending in support of the family. A truly meaningful and deeply spiritual opportunity.

In **Wujal Wujal** the town Council are doing similar repairs to their church building along with some really refreshing landscaping around the building. A new roof on the church will hopefully be fitted by Christmas along with other upgrades in due course.

With these improvements it is even more important to maintain a physical presence in these towns. Keep praying.

Cairns Parish Picnic

In some ways the idea of a Parish Picnic was a return to a successful event from the past. The group of faithful and fully committed members at Our Saviours in Atherton showed once again that a small group can also manage a larger event.

The atmosphere created was relaxed, welcoming and a warmth of fellowship that truly reflected our church logo 'where love comes to life'. A random comment overheard was 'this is what I call church'. Having Bishop Mark in our presence was also a special blessing for us all. A positive highlight was also the attendance of the Boarding students from Peace College.

Other Information

Ooops!

I made a mistake in the last Trinity Parish Bulletin. In the appeal for people interested in serving in various capacities at Hope Vale the Op Shop was included as a paid position. This is not the case as the money raised through the shop goes 100% into church funds to support the work of the church and Pastor when we have a person located there. Sorry for this oversight. All other positions will be negotiated with the respective 'departments' concerned. *Pr. David*

Christmas Service plans

Our Christmas services for this year at Trinity will be led by Pastor Adam Eime. We are thankful for this kind offer.

I will lead the services at Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Atherton.

An Opportunity to help

In Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal we have another 12 people wishing to be confirmed. This is planned to take place on 6th December.

The usual gift is a Bible. If you happen to have a Bible on a shelf at home or perhaps would like purchase one as a gift for this occasion that would be much appreciated. The only stipulation, please make sure the print is a reasonable size.

To God Be the Glory

Pastor David

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 has taken 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.

FEAR THE LORD, YOU HIS SAINTS, FOR
THOSE WHO FEAR HIM LACK NOTHING.

- PSALM 34:9 -

ROSTER - November

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

	1 November Trinity 9.00am	8 November Trinity 9.00am	15 November Trinity 9.00am	22 November Peace 9.00am
Pastor/Lay Reader	Peter Schmidt	Bishop Mark/ Pastor David	Martin Klink	Pastor Adam
Lesson Reader	June Cooke	TBC	Jenny Henseleit	
Ushers	P&P Schmidt	Michael Fraser	Andrew S	
Powerpoint	Bernie Weidner	TBC	Kissi Klink	
Lead Musician	Sharon Beck	TBC	Julie Smith	
Church Cleaning	Eime family	-	Erwin & Lucia	
Mowing	B. Weidner / R. Krenske			

NOTE: A new roster will be published to cover Advent which commences 29th November 2026.

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 – Use Code **C10162743**

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.

Live Streaming at Trinity

We continue to work to bring a live stream to those across the region. We have not yet been able to do this reliably. Once we get this working, 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 (0487 582 994), Secretary - Jo-Anne Scarini (0427 031 132), Treasurer - Andrew Schelberg, Member - Rod Krenske, Member - Mark Henseleit.

Our Saviour Council: Chairperson - Lynalee Strickland, Vice Chairperson - Isaac Strickland, 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.