



Living Vine Lutheran Church Newsletter
Sunday 11 October 2026
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Colour - Green

To be a **vibrant** church community, **passionate** disciples of Christ, **empowering** and **equipping** our people to share the **love, joy** and **hope** of Jesus, by **building** relationships, teaching and serving.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR PHIL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, special and precious offshoots of the true and Living Vine, Sunday's readings are filled with images of wonderful feasts hosted by God. We are ready for the final feast when we remember we've been invited; can trust God to keep all his promises; and believe our invitation rests on Jesus not anything we have done. Holy Communion is a foretaste of that feast. God bless you, your day and your week. In Christ, the Living Vine.
Pastor Phil Joppich
Living Vine Lutheran Church
Mob 0438 019 661



GOVERNANCE COUNCIL & MINISTRY TEAM REPORT - 28 SEPTEMBER 2026
COMPLIANCE MATTERS

Angela Rogers LCA SA/NT District has worked continually with our Treasure, Dean Hoklas to achieve the following registrations, and we thank them sincerely for this.

Consumer & Business Affairs have now issued a Certificate of Incorporation for Living Vine Lutheran Church Incorporated

Australian Taxation have issued an Australian Business Number (ABN)

The Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission have confirmed our Religious Charity status

REG OFFERING

Most of our members use REG online banking to place their weekly offering as it is regularly transferred directly from their bank accounts. In the near future, you will be asked to change the account number into which your offering is paid to our new LLL account.

ADDITIONAL STAFF

Pastor Phil and the Ministry team are considering calling a second ministry person knowing there are funds available. Administrative staff will also be sought for early 2027 after the work-loads have been determined.

NEW LOGO

The Ministry Team are excited to be working with a designer to produce a new logo which can be used to represent The Living Vine Lutheran Church across all aspects of communication. This will be available for everyone to review and discuss before it is endorsed.

CONFIRMATION

Around 15 young people have expressed interest in Confirmation which is due to commence in Term 4.

YOUTH WORSHIP

The Fuel Service held in the Harvest Centre of Faith Primary School, will cease at the end of 2026 with the idea of commencing a modern worship for youth and young families. People interested in helping should contact Jo Hermann 0458 065 422.

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

Bethany 10:30am HC Pr Peter Bean
Grace St John's no service
Langmeil 8:45 Pr Jim Bryan and 10:30am FUEL
Lyndoch 9:00am HC Pr. Phil Joppich
Schoenborn no service
Tabor 9am HC Pr Peter Bean

WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

Grace St John's 2:00pm HC

SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

Bethany no service
Grace St John's 9:00am HC Pr Phil Joppich
Langmeil 8:45am HC and 10:30 am HC Pr Brian Schwarz
Lyndoch 9:00am
Schoenborn 10:30am HC Pr Phil Joppich
Tabor 9:00am Speaker Robert von Linde + Godly Play

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2026

First Reading a) Exodus 32:1-14 God's people worship a golden calf
b) Isaiah 25:1-9 God swallows up death in the feast of victory
a) Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 or b) Psalm 23
The Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 Rejoice in the Lord always
The Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 The parable of the wedding feast

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday - Matthew 22:1-4
Monday - Exodus 24:3-11
Tuesday- Acts 20:7-12
Wednesday - 1 Corinthians 11:20-32
Thursday - Revelation 3:14-22
Friday - Revelation 19:5-1
Saturday - Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray that we rejoice in the Lord.
God of joy, keep us from being weighed down by worry.
Encourage us instead to lay our burdens on you.
Make us cheerful and glad because your Son Jesus is always with us.
For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for inviting us to your feast, and showering on us so many good things. Help us to value the privilege of being your people and serving you. Lead us gladly to accept your call, and use us to bring others to your banquet. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LVLIC

We thank you Heavenly Father for the members of the Living Vine and their willingness to use their talents to serve you in many ways within our Congregations. Be with Pastor Phil as he leads us and works with us in many varying ways. Let his load be lightened as we all step up to help whenever and however we can. Amen.

PRAY FOR MISSION, UNITY AND COMMUNITY

Young Life, Schools, Godly Play, Pastoral Care Workers, Lutheran Care, Lutheran Homes Barossa, Barossa Village, The Hub, Grow Love Garden, GOoD Seed, Bible Society, German Services, Living Vine Lutheran Church

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

Choosing Joy is being able to see God's goodness even when life is hard and messy!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIVING VINE LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION CLASS

The next Living Vine Confirmation group commences on Monday the 19th of October after school until 5pm and each Monday until week 9 of term 4 (December 7th). Classes will continue into 2027. While we have aimed the classes to those in years 7&8 in 2026 any child up to year 11 this year is welcome to join if they have previously missed confirmation or are keen to explore confirmation.

For anyone who hasn't registered an expression of interest but would like to be involved please get in contact with Travis Schiller (0414829507 or travschiller@gmail.com)

MENS FELLOWSHIP - DIARY DATES

23rd October for a night at Jimmy's (Steve Zimmermann) and November 27th at Sam Dahlitz's sheds.

IT'S ALL GO.....for "Step Back in Time" for the 2027 April Vintage Festival

Thanks to the large group who attended the gathering at Bethany recently. A small team will now proceed with early planning & registration. We can all get involved by planting pots for the PRODUCE STALL. SBIT is now a LVLC Community Building initiative.

LVLC SAFE CHURCH STATEMENT

The Living Vine Lutheran Church is committed to providing a safe church environment for children, young people and vulnerable people. The Living Vine Lutheran Church acknowledges that children are a precious gift from God, with special vulnerabilities, that they require nourishment and nurture in their spiritual development and that they are to be protected from all forms of abuse. Living Vine Lutheran Church also affirms that it has no tolerance for child abuse and that all its people have an important responsibility to care for children and to keep them safe. The way we care for children reflects our genuineness of faith. It is also a reflection of God's love and his divine protection.

LVLC Child Safe/SMO Coordinators

Bethany/Tabor - Marilyn Mensforth bethanytaborsccoord@gmail.com

Grace/Schoenborn - Jenny Noll jedanoll@gmail.com

Langmeil - Emma Hiscock emma.hiscock@lca.org.au

Lyndoch - Graham Fromm grahamfromm@outlook.com.

FRIENDS OF THE LVLC - NEWS AND EVENTS



Christian Books & Diaries for 2027

The Australian Christian Diary 2027 is now available for purchase at \$18 each.

Also available is a reusable slipcover for \$10, offering extra protection against wear and tear. Limited stock available.

Time Out to Re-ignite devotionals have been ordered for next year, but you can still put your name down to reserve a copy.

New Children's Bibles - we have two new children's Bibles available:

My Own Keepsake Bible – A Bible storybook for children to colour, read and treasure.

BIG Kid's First Bible – Fun, colourful illustrations accompany short stories that get right to the point.

Visit our front window display at The Hub for more details!

HUGAMUGS AND SPROCKET ROCKETS

Hugamugs gather at 10am on Tuesday (October 13th) at the Novotel (42 Pioneer Avenue, Rowland Flat) and Sprockets arrive at the same venue at 10.30am on Thursday (October 15th) again after leaving the Langmeil Church carpark at 9.30am.

THE REGIONAL LEARNING HUB AT ST PETRI

Our Faith Journey with Ev Leske & friends will be on Sunday afternoons on Oct 18-Nov 28

To find our more contact St Petri on 8562 1011.

The Regional Learning Hub has released the full set of session recordings of the recent study series "Reading Revelation Today" with Rev Dr Noel Due. If you are interested the series is now available for viewing on the Regional Learning Hub website!!

This series on the Book of Revelation sets out not to tell people what to think, but how to think about one of the Bible's most misunderstood books.



The Christian Community Hub 83 Murray Street TANUNDA
Phone 8563 3748 Email: cchubtan@gmail.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS - 28th SEPTEMBER to 9th OCTOBER
NO PROGRAMS AT THE HUB

Tanunda Christmas Shopping Night – Thursday 19th November

The Hub will be holding a biscuit and plant stall on this night and we would love any donations.

Any queries, come in and talk to Elaine at The Hub. Donations can be dropped off by 15th November.

TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH – 13 OCTOBER

Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month.

Join us at The Hub for Tuesday Lunch Bunch. Whether you're new to the area, living on your own, missing good conversation, or simply looking to connect with others, we'd love to share a meal with you. No cost. No expectations. Just good food and good company. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

To find out more call The Christian Community Hub on 8563 3748



HAPPENING AT THE HUB - ELEPHANT BLANKETS!

We love it when our community comes to The Hub. Currently we have a group making blankets for an Elephant Sanctuary in Thailand. Just like us as we age, senior elephants aged 50 years and over often feel the cold in the winter due to changes in their fat levels and skin. Elephant carers light small fires to help keep them warm, yes even in Thailand, so it makes a big difference to both carer and elephant health when blankets are available. Approximately half the elephants in the sanctuary use a blanket at some time in the winter.



The group is very grateful for the support from The Hub. Our large front room has enough table space to lay out the 2m x 3m blankets - none of us could offer this in our homes! It is also a central location for the volunteers contributing their time and skills to complete the blankets.

Each blanket has about 70 squares, made by knitters and crocheters from the Barossa and beyond.

LCANZ NEWS

Go to www.lutheranmedia.org.au or call 1800 353 350 to read the latest ministry news.

Listen to: Messages of Hope at 10:45-11:00am each Monday, on 5BBBfm - 89.1fm.

Download or listen online at www.messagesofhope.org.au

UPDATE FROM PASTOR GREG SCHILLER AKA PNG GREG

I'm back at the seminary and already into Week 2 of our final term. The dry weather continues, but students are nevertheless planting new sweet potato gardens in the very dry ground.

This week I've also been reminded of an important lesson in teaching: "Harim gut. Tok stret. Mekim wantaim pasin isi" — "Listen carefully. Speak clearly. Act with gentleness."

In my latest update attached there are also a few photos of planting sweet potatoes in the dry ground.

Thank you again for your interest, prayers and support.

Call into The Hub to pick up a copy of Pastor Greg's updates.

SHOEBOX SEASON IS HERE! THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT

National Collection begins this week! Remember, each shoebox represents an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. You can be His hands and feet and make a difference in a child's life, both now and for eternity. Bring your shoebox into The Hub.

2026 National Collection Week 12 – 26 October

FRIENDS OF LUTHERAN ARCHIVES FINAL MEETING FOR 2026.

The Way of the Lutherans

Speaker: Stuart Traeger

Thursday 22 October at 7.30pm

139 Archer St, North Adelaide SA 5006

LIVESTREAM on FoLA YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@friendsoflutheranarchives9644/live>

The Way of the Lutherans is a 150km spiritual pilgrimage for staff and board members of Lutheran education. It focuses on the sites and stories of the early Lutheran migrants in South Australia as they established their churches and schools. Stuart Traeger (LESNW Spiritual & Cultural Leader) will talk about the background thinking, collaboration with Lutheran Archives, and extensive planning which has resulted in a unique experience. Beginning at Pirltawardli, the first Australian Lutheran school for Indigenous children, and concluding at Gnadenberg Lutheran Church in the Barossa Valley, this 150km journey takes pilgrims through places of deep historical and spiritual significance.

LUTHERAN CARE

Thank you for your donations. You have all been so generous and the food pantry is well stocked for people seeking Emergency Relief. Please find below items that we are running low on for September:

Mixed vegetables tin

Tuna

Baked beans

Vegemite

Peanut butter

Pasta sauce

Sugar

2-Minute Noodles

Women's Deodorant

Shampoo

Conditioner

BETHANY TABOR PARISH

Box 115, Tanunda, 5352. Telephone: 0418 632 006

Bethany/Tabor Members' Care

Do you or someone you know has a need, prayer or help and would like a pastor or someone to visit or phone, please speak to: Dennis Canute 0417 837 422, Raelene Falland 0407 632 032, Kay Kleemann 0448 065 425, Helen Menzel 0409 283 201, Geoff Nicolai 0401 424503, Trevor Ratsch 0403 561709, Steven Sickerdick 0408 835 004 or Dianne Trenberth 0488 558 502.

Bethany/Tabor Notices: email to bethanytanunda@gmail.com by 2:00pm Wednesday.

If you or anyone you know wishes to be added to the prayer list please contact Bethany/Tabor Members' Care Team or email your request to bethanytanunda@gmail.com and we will include them in the bulletin prayer list.

Christmas Eve Service

Langmeil, Bethany and Tabor will again be having a combined Christmas Eve presentation at the Faith Theatre. We are looking for offers from Bethany and Tabor members who might be interested in helping to plan and be a part of the evening.

Please contact Annette Ognjanovic 0499 208778 if you can help in any way.

We Remember in Prayer

The Sick: Samantha Bartsch, Michelle Schulz, Digger Martin, Max Schubert, Robert Pfitzner, Matthew Roesler, Anne Schmidt, Neta Neldner, Joan Hueppauff

Families:

Dennis & Chris Canute

Cheryl Cundy

Tanya, Christian Kuiper

Alex & Nicole, Burnie, Harrison & Alexis Linke

Tabor Members - as we prepare to collate the Tabor Roster for the coming year we would like to thank everyone who supports our church with all tasks, great and small.

Church and Yard Cleaning, Church Flowers, Morning Coffee, Wardening, PA Operators and Prayers.

If you feel it is time for you to retire, or you would like to be added to the Roster please let us know. Thank you,

Cheryle Pech - 0408 851219

Chris Bartsch - 0448 702270

Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the rosters to see if you are rostered for next Sunday.

GRACE -TANUNDA

BETHLEHEM– SCHOENBOEN

For Pastoral Support... Please contact your Pastoral Assistants:

Merv Storton 0488 743 323 evries@ihug.com.au
Elizabeth Jaeschke 0459 472 836 n.jaeschke@bigpond.com
Trevor Braunack 0409 633 829 schonborn@bigpond.com

OR contact your A or B leader; if you have any needs, issues or concerns, or require pastoral support.

St John's Cemetery Update/Overview:

Since the removal of all pine trees from St John's Cemetery grounds our Committee continue to focus on our 5 year plan future development.

At about mid year 2026, an opportunity arose whereby "Discovery Park" (opposite) will be building 25 additional cabins. This development requires the removal of several hundred tonnes of clean top soil. The Contractor was approached and a win/win deal resulted including levels set and soil delivered at no cost to St John's cemetery.

This area will be completed before December 2026.

Following on from this a development/landscaping plan will be drawn up for this area.

During this development we have allowed restricted staff parking on our grassed area. This agreed arrangement can be terminated by us at any time.

Rest assured our Committee is totally committed to our future plan.

Robert Schiller (Chair) and/or Roger Both,
St John's Cemetery Committee

St Paul's & St John's Tanunda Time Capsule Event - Sunday 15th November at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Tanunda. 10.30am worship service followed by 'Bring & Share' lunch, viewing of the time capsule historical contents and memorabilia.

For all interested onlookers (all welcome)

Saturday 17th October St John's Time Capsule removal from columbarium, opened in the onsite chapel at St John's Cemetery (Gomersal Road) at 2pm

(more details see notice in main section of newsletter) Enquiries Sheryl 0400 105 292

We celebrate this week:

Upcoming Birthdays: Elizabeth Jaeschke; Graham Giersch; Alan Bartsch; Wendy Schiller

Upcoming Baptism Anniversaries: Ruth Rohrlach; Lynne Lindner

Please pray

Healing and comforting Father, remember all who are sick and in need. We especially pray for Prue & Doug Vogelsang, Ivy Schmaal, Eric Lange and Betty, for Brian (Nipper) Fechner, for Irwin Beitz, for Jolie Zadow, for Pauline Fromm, and their families.

Note! If you have any other prayer requests, please, let Pastoral Assistants or your Support Network Group know by end of day Thursday.

Giving to the Gospel - Updated form available now. If you have additional questions, please call our Treasurer Jo Bartsch, Jo's contact number is 0411 969 733 or email abartsch7@gmail.com

Bulletin/Newsletter Notices

Please contact Jeanette Marschall, email jeanette@groomwines.com or phone 0403 104 633. Notices can also be dropped in to The Hub 9am- 4pm weekdays. To be included in the week's newsletter please submit by 2pm on Thursdays.

LANGMEIL

Pastoral Support Team: You are welcome to contact any of these PST members ... Pastor Jim Bryan, 0421 344 662, Ev Leske, 0448 653 761, Noleen Mattschoss, 0438 137 810, Mark Pfitzner, 0428 198 111, Penny Pfitzner, 0488 952 211, Don Ross, 8563 2108, Lorna Schiller, 0438 844 116.

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

The sick, their families and carers: Anne Wilksch, Pastor Len Gerschwitz, Eric Pfeiffer, Peter Tscharke, Margaret Hahn, Peter Boschen, Howard Klæbe, Penny Pfitzner and others with MS.

Jake Herrmann and Daisy Cartledge, who will be married at Langmeil on Friday Oct 16.

Birthdays:

Oct 13 - Audrey Schulz, 14 - Kath Martin, 17 - Tash Steinert

THIS WEEK

FUEL, Sunday Oct 11, 10:30 am at Faith Junior School. Pastor Jim Bryan

Administration Team, Monday Oct 12, 7:00 pm

Opals, Friday Oct 16, lunch at Lyndoch Hotel at 12 noon.

Wedding Jake Herrmann and Daisy Cartledge, Friday Oct 16, 1 pm at Langmeil.

Grace Lutheran Chinese Church visit to Langmeil, Sunday Oct 18

FURTHER AHEAD

Men's Fellowship, Friday Oct 23, 6 pm, at Steve Zimmermann's.

LYFT, Sunday Oct 25, 4-7 pm at Langmeil - 'Amazing Race'

VISITORS

On Sunday October 18 we will be joined at our 10:30 am service by a large group of visitors from the Grace Lutheran Chinese Church at Glynde, as well as some members of the Hampstead congregation, on an outing to the Barossa Valley. Following the service Ev Leske will share a presentation about our history. This will be followed by lunch, catered for by Lorna Schiller. LVLC members are invited to share lunch - \$12. As we do need to know numbers, please contact Colleen at the Langmeil office – 0434 247 717 – by Wed. Oct.14.

CHRISTMAS EVE

We will again be having a combined celebration with Bethany-Tabor. Looking for offers from Langmeil people, who might be interested in helping to **plan the evening**, to join a small combined group. A script has been provided, making this task so much easier. We're also looking for **cast members** for the usual roles. Please speak with Mark Pfitzner, 0428 198 111.

HOME COMMUNIONS

If you know of anyone who is shut in at home, or who finds it difficult to get to church, we are happy to bring Holy Communion to them in their home. To organise, please speak to anyone on the Pastoral Support Team (above).

REG (Regular Electronic Giving)

Our BankSA a/c: Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Langmeil - BSB 105024, a/c no. 112002340

Our LLL a/c: Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Langmeil - BSB 704942, a/c no. 100009425.

If you have questions please speak with our Treasurer, Helen Schild, 0429 377 146.

ROSTERS: Oct. 17

Clean TLC: Tim and Vicki Rochow, David and Noleen Mattschoss

Yard Cleaning: Ian Jaensch

SUNDAY OCT. 4

Attendance: 51 (8:45 am) + 66 (10:30 am) = 117

Offering: \$1,430.20 + \$1,554.00 (REG) = \$2,984.20

Church Office: 0493 797 220 Office Hours: 9:00 am - 12 noon, Monday – Friday

Admin Sec: Colleen Bryan 0434 247 717

LYNDOCH LUTHERAN PARISH

Keep in your Prayers: Di Gilson; Jenni Edwards; Monica Wohlstadt; George Davies; Lorraine Schild; Grant Fewster & Cheryl; Keith Koch, Glenda and family; Lutheran Care, Pastor Phil and Jenny

Lyndoch Songs: AT 479, AT 252, AT 357, AT 296, Jesus paid it all.

Diary dates: 18 October- Lay Worship

Rowland Flat: 10am

Lyndoch: Parish, 9am

Stamps for mission - please recycle your stamps into the box.

Bottle top collection - please leave in porch for Chris to collect or drop into the Hub.

Craft Group- meets every Thursday in Church hall, 9.30am-12 noon. Everyone welcome to join in. Please contact Margaret Wallace 0437060719 for more information.

Giving: To give electronically:

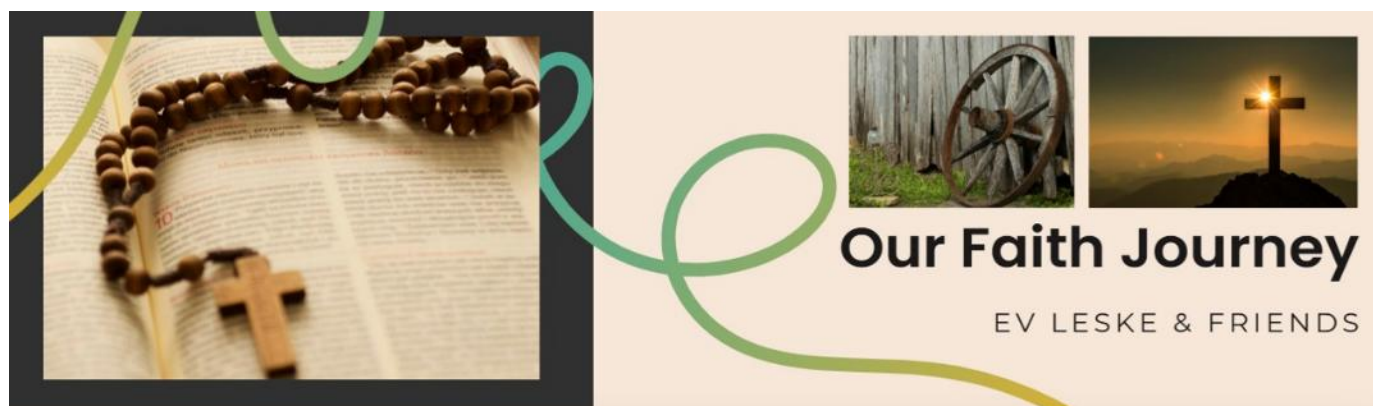
*Lyndoch Lutheran church reg account: BSB 704 942 acc. no. 10014863

*Trinity Lutheran church bank SA account: BSB 105-024 ACC. NO. 112009840

Parish Bulletin: ALL notices must be in to Wendy Liebelt by 7pm TUESDAY. Notices can be emailed to wenedy96@gmail.com

Rosters: Don't forget to check your copy of the roster to see if you are rostered for next Sunday. To download an electronic copy click on the link below.

7 Margaret Street (PO Box 396) Lyndoch SA 5351
Lyndoch Pastoral Assistant - Michael Kies 0419817203
Lyndoch Chair - Steve Fiebiger 0448294696
Rowland Flat Pastoral Assistant- Tania Heinrich 0409679164
Parish Administration Officer: Wendy Liebelt - lyndochlutheran@gmail.com



Join Ev Leske & friends

to discover key elements of the Lutheran Story in the Barossa and beyond

Sunday 18th October/25th October/1st November/8th November

St Petri Church Hall Cost: \$40 for all sessions

Registrations: register.learninghub@stpetri.org.au or phone 08 8562 1011



SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026
GOOD SHEPHERD, PARA VISTA

A one-day conference for all church members to gather together, grow together and go in mission and ministry together through electives and engaging speakers on a range of topics.

Cost: \$30 (includes morning tea)

For more information & to register visit www.sant.lca.org.au

Regos close 31 Oct



Grace Congregation Tanunda invites former pastors, members and those interested to the

ST PAUL'S & ST JOHN'S TANUNDA TIME CAPSULE EVENT

Sunday 15 November 2026
St Paul's Lutheran Church, Tanunda

10.30am worship service with Pastor Phil Joppich
Followed by midday 'Bring and Share' lunch
Viewing of the time capsule historical contents & memorabilia

The St Paul's & St John's time capsules will be removed from their walls prior to the event.
St Paul's has 10 items from 1928 and an additional 21 items from 1975.
St John's has 14 items from 2000.

Enquiries to Sheryl: 0400 105 292