

14 May 2026

SUNDAY EXTRA

WHATS ON AT ST PAUL'S

Friday 15 May

Card & Board Games 7.00pm

Sunday 17 May

Worship 9.30am

St Paul's Kids 10.30am

S.P.Y. 10.30am

Spiritual Gifts Presentation 11am

Gospel Fluency session 11.00am

Monday 18 May

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Tuesday 19 May

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Light Lunch 12.00 – 1.00pm

Midweek Worship 1.00pm

Bible Study 2.30pm

Whitehorse Prayer Service 6.30pm

see back page for more details

Young Adults ESYA 7.30pm

Wednesday 20 May

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Sermon Discussion Group 7pm

Choir Rehearsal 7.30pm

Thursday 21 May

Women's Walking Group 9.30am

Friday 22 May

Men's Group 7.00pm

(Farewell to Pr Phil)

Sunday 24 May

Worship 9.30am

St Paul's Kids 10.30am

Spiritual Gifts Presentation 11am

Gospel Fluency session 11.00am

Confirmation Session 11.00

Monday 25 May

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

Risk & Compliance 7.00pm (TBC)

Tuesday 26 May

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12pm

Church Council 7.30pm

Wednesday 27 May

St Paul's Open Doors 10am -12noon

CLC Table Tennis 10.30am

Sermon Discussion Group 7.00pm

Young Adults 7.30pm

INTRODUCING NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBER SHERLEY PIDAKALA

We are very pleased that Sherley Pidakala has joined Church Council, taking up the Child, Youth, Young Adult and Family portfolio (CYAF). Sherley has provided a short biography including sharing some of her St Pauls highlights.



I work at NAB in the Cyber Threat Intelligence space which keeps me busy and constantly learning something new. I'm really looking forward to serving St Paul's on Church Council, especially supporting and working alongside families, children and youth families, and helping build a strong and welcoming church community.

Some of my highlights at St Paul's have been learning more about my spiritual gifts through Focused Living and going on a mission trip to Indonesia, which was such a meaningful and eye-opening experience. Both have really helped me grow in my faith and passion for serving others.

Please keep Sherley and all our Church Council members in your prayers.



**FREE MUSICAL
EXTRAVAGANZA**

1.30 pm 31st MAY

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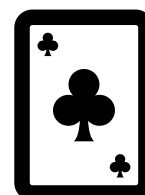
CARD AND BOARD GAMES NIGHT – ALL WELCOME

Friday 15th May and the third Friday of every month is card and board games night.

The Coulstons host this fun event at Riversdale Road that starts at about 7.00pm.

Games are offered for all skill levels.

This is a great opportunity to meet people and have some fun.



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Leo Orland

I have been a professional fundraiser for 45 years working with many charities both in Australia as well as overseas. I am currently a board member of ALWS and head of their fundraising sub-committee. I am married with one daughter, Emily.

I am an orchid grower and am orchid judge. I am also secretary of my orchid club as well as secretary of Orchid Society of Victoria which is the peak body of the orchid clubs in Victoria. Also I am a devotee of Alfred Hitchcock and have seen all of his movies.



Ken Lim

Hi everyone, I'm Ken—though some may know me as Ming from my time as a boarder at Luther College, where my faith was shaped.

I'm an accountant by profession, currently working part-time as a CFO for a software company, with a growing passion for mortgage broking. I'm also a loyal (and long-suffering) North Melbourne supporter.

My wife Tracy and I have two children, Lincoln and Leanne, and we first connected with St Paul's during COVID through online services—it's been really lovely to now meet everyone in person after seeing so many familiar faces on screen. Please feel free to come say hello or join me for a coffee if you want to get to know me more.

Regards,

Ken



Leo Zhang

I came to Melbourne after my university studies in Brisbane. I have a background in Marketing and Social

Work and I enjoy connecting with people and music as a way to express myself. Mandarin is my mother tongue and I can read and write in Chinese.

Lord bless,

Leo



Be sure to introduce yourself to these new members of the St Paul's family.



BE A CHAMPION WELCOMER WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!

We have been very blessed to welcome an average of a new member every month over the last twelve months. One of the ways we can help support and welcome new members is by wearing a name badge so they get to know us. Please email kate@stpaulsboxhill.org.au by Tuesday 19 May if you cannot locate your badge (cost \$10 each for replacements)

FREE MUSIC CONCERT

A free music concert will be held on 31 May from 1.30pm at St Paul's.

Donations received will go towards the Organ Restoration Appeal.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family along.

If you are unable to attend, you can still make a donation to the Organ Restoration Fund in the following ways.

Tax deductible donations via St Paul's fundraising campaign through the Australian Cultural Fund via this [LINK](#) or look up **Australian Cultural Fund>Search and Donate>St Paul's Box Hill Organ Restoration**. The fund rules are provided on the Fund website.

Direct Deposit to St Pauls accounts (one off or recurring weekly or monthly). Please clearly indicate **'Organ Fund'** with your deposit . This method of donating is **NOT tax deductible**.

Credit card payments via [Tithe.ly](#). through the Give Online Now link on St Paul's website. Please choose **'Organ Fund'** with your giving. This method of donating is **NOT tax deductible**.

Cash donation in the Sunday offering bowl via an envelope clearly marked **'Organ Fund'**.

If you are interested in more detail about the works please speak to Peter Neville or Melissa Doecke.



**SUNDAY
AFTERNOON
CONCERT!**

Please join us for a dazzling musical showcase, featuring St. Paul's members and friends. From Andrew-Lloyd Webber to Monteverdi, there is something for everyone!

31 MAY 2026, 1.30PM
ST PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH
1201 RIVERSDALE RD
BOX HILL SOUTH

FREE ENTRY.
ANY DONATIONS
GO TOWARDS
OUR ORGAN
RESTORATION
APPEAL.

www.stpaulsboxhill.org.au

ELVANTO LOGIN

St Paul's Members can access information about rosters, policies and other Congregational information via elvanto.

If you have not yet accessed elvanto you can find instructions on the St Paul's website <https://stpaulsboxhill.org.au/pages/elvanto>

Please contact Kate@stpaulsboxhill.org.au if you have trouble logging in.



ELVANTO CHAMPIONS

If you are a confident user of elvanto who would be willing to assist others please also contact Kate.

LCANZ CODE OF CONDUCT

In December 2025, the General Church Board approved a reviewed version of the church's Standards of Ethical Behaviour. The reviewed document now incorporates a church code of conduct.

St Paul's Church Council endorsed the adoption of the Code of Conduct at the recent Council meeting.

You can find out more about our commitment to being a Safe Church and the Code of Conduct on the LCA NZ website

<https://www.lca.org.au/clh/safe-church/>

The Code of Conduct is available online and hard copies are available in the Community Space.

WHITEHORSE PRAYER WEEK



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WCC whitehorse churches care

18-22 MAY 2026

Whitehorse Churches Prayer Week

18-22 May 2026, 7:30pm each night

Each year the Churches in the City of Whitehorse hold a week of prayer in the month of May. We gather from different traditions and denominations in five host churches on five successive nights to experience the richness of our diversity and the joy of our unity in Jesus. We pray with bold faith and every year we witness the tangible work of the Spirit through our churches as we gather.

The week of prayer gives us a wonderful opportunity to gather with believers from other denominations and celebrate our unity, oneness and love for each other (Psalm 133:1). It is a time to pray for leaders of all spheres of society and for all the people of Australia, a time to declare the victory of the cross and a time of joyous celebration because of the hope we have in Jesus!

Our theme this year is Restoration and Renewal based on [Isaiah 61: 1-3](#)

There are five gatherings from 7:30pm to 8:30pm, held each night at the following churches:

Mon, 18th May – St Alfred's Anglican Church,
107 Springfield Road, Blackburn North

**Tues, 19th May – St Paul's Lutheran Church,
1201 Riversdale Road, Box Hill South**

Wed, 20th May – Flow Church,
9/162 Highbury Road, Burwood

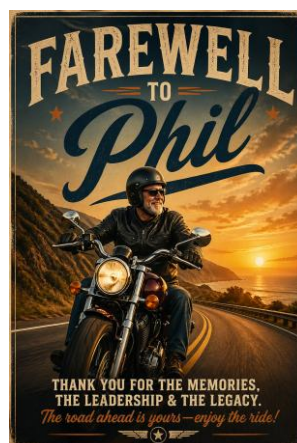
Thu, 21st May – St Francis Xavier Catholic Church,
1087 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Fri, 22nd May – Unihill Church,
245 Middleborough Road, Box Hill South

Isaiah 61: 1-3 (NRSVUE)

*The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the
oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.*

MENS GROUP FRIDAY 22 MAY AT 7PM - FAREWELL TO PASTOR PHIL



**Men's Group is for
men of all ages.**

Good Food,
Great Fellowship!

Please RSVP to John
Hinz for catering
purposes

john.d.hinz@gmail.com

GIVING TO ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH BOX HILL

If you wish to arrange online giving the account details are:

St Paul's Westpac Account

Acct 123 374 BSB 033 172 OR

St Paul's Box Hill LLL Account

Acct 1003 25440 BSB 704 942

Forms to arrange Regular Electronic Giving (REG) via the LLL are available in the foyer.

St Paul's offering is currently under budget by about 12%.