



Barossa North Lutheran Parish

## *Barossa North Lutheran Parish*

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# **SUNDAY BULLETIN**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

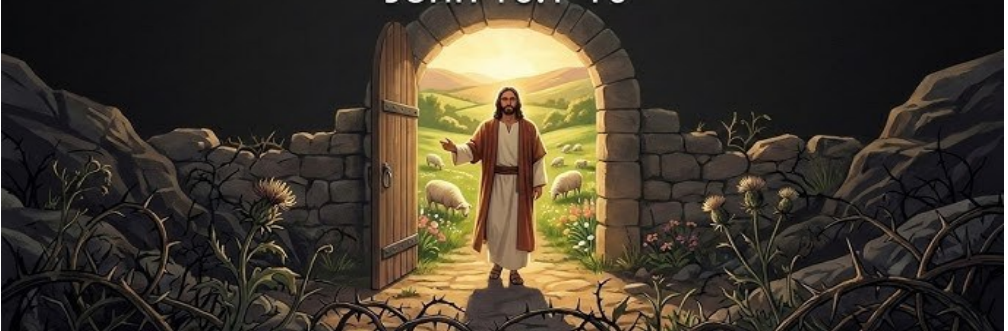
26th April 2026

**Strait Gate, Light Pass; Holy Trinity, Nuriootpa; Pilgrim, Neukirch;  
St John's, Ebenezer; St John's, Dutton; Immanuel, Truro;  
St Thomas, Stockwell; Immanuel, Light Pass.**

*Christ's Church of Living Stones.*

# I AM *the* Gate

John 10:1-10



A parish of the Lutheran Church of Australia



Welcome to all those who are worshipping this week either at home or face to face. The following documents will be emailed or delivered to help you with your worship time;

- \* A service order including bible readings and a sermon
- \* The weekly Bulletin



### **This Week's Bible Readings**

Acts 2:42-27  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

### **Next Week's Bible Readings**

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5,15,16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

### **In Your Prayers Remember**

Those who have been hospitalised or are recuperating at home:  
Melva Graetz, Eleanor Kassebaum, Keith Riebke, Trevor Boyce

Our aged members at home and in places of care:

Val Graetz, Colin Gerhardy, Lorna Holmes (Lutheran Homes Hope Valley), Royce Kleinig, Eileen Laubsch, Phyllis Linke, Una Paech, Dorothy Rohrlach, Helga Sabel, Audrey Schmidt, Mavis Schrapel, Barry Steinborner (Gumeracha Aged Care)



### **Additional Prayer Points**

- For those who have served or are currently serving in our armed forces
- For all who are returning to school or study for term 2
- For those who long for the comfort of human companionship with friends and/or partners/spouses
- For those on the land who are struggling mentally and/or financially
- For strength and courage to defend the cause of the vulnerable in our society
- For the blessing of friends and family
- For those who have recently lost a loved one or are sick or injured

### **SAFE CHURCH - Safe People, Safe Programs, Safe Places**

Spiritual Abuse occurs when a person with spiritual authority uses that authority to coerce, control or exploit another person causing spiritual wounds. Any form of abuse is not tolerated within our Parish and should be reported.

*Find out more: [www.childsafe.org.au](http://www.childsafe.org.au)*

For any Child Safe or Safe Place concerns, please contact the Parish Office on 0491 764 651 or Dave Biar on 8267 5211.

# Parish

**Parish Office Hours:** The office will be occupied on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am until 3:00pm. The Parish has a mobile number that is to be used to contact the Parish Office and the number can be found on the front page of the bulletin.

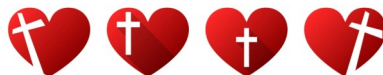
**Strait Gate Congregation:** All members of the Strait Gate congregation are invited to attend the celebrations to commemorate the Conservation of Rechner's Cottage on Sunday the 3rd of May starting with a 9:00am worship service at Strait Gate. For more information about the day, including how to RSVP for lunch, please refer to the flyers that are in the entry of the Strait Gate Church.

**Save the Date:** On Sunday the 13th of September the Light Pass Immanuel Congregation will be celebrating their 180th Anniversary. More details will follow as they arise. All are welcome!



**Parish Newsletter:** If anyone has any items that they would like to be included in the next Parish newsletter, can they please be emailed or dropped off to the Parish Office by Thursday the 7th of May. Thank you.

**Ebenezer Congregation:** The Ebenezer Church Council will next meet on Thursday the 14th of May at 7:30pm in the hall.



## Strait Gate Congregation

The Strait Gate Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday the 6th of May at 10:00am in the Church Hall. All Strait Gate members are invited to attend and you are encouraged to bring along a friend/sibling/neighbour etc. Please feel free to wear something pink (this is optional). A guest speaker from the Barossa Area Fundraiser for Cancer will give a talk and a \$10 donation from each person will go towards supporting this local worthy cause. Can you please bring your own tea cup/saucer/plate (some supplied). Please RSVP to Christine by Wednesday the 29th of April.



From the Parish Exec:

The Parish Council are still in need of an **Assistant Secretary**. If anyone would like to fill this position, please contact someone on the Parish Exec or the Parish Office.

Charlie Braunack – Parish Chairperson  
Janet Grosser - Secretary

Roger Frahn – Vice Chairperson  
Andrew Kleinig - Treasurer

# Parish



Come and worship  
with us at the



## 22nd Annual Community Blessing of the Seed, Soil and Water Service



2026  
Sunday 3rd of May at 10:30am  
At Baldon Station  
(Property of the Dorman family)  
REFER TO MAP



### What to bring:

- We invite you to bring some savoury and sweet food for a shared lunch.
- A hat and casual clothes / farm attire and a folding chair.
- We invite children to join Pastor in a seed planting and watering ceremony.

### Supplied:

- Tea, coffee, sugar, milk, cordial, water, cups, biscuits, napkins etc

### Itinerary:

- Tea, coffee and biscuits available from 10am.
- Worship service begins at 10:30am with a live music and drama skit.
- This year, we will donate the offering collected on the day to a Barossa community charity.
- Morning tea and soup after the service at around 11.30am.
- Fun activities and a treasure hunt along the creek for the children.
- Shared Lunch at 12 noon.
- Afternoon activities: games and guessing competitions for all ages.
- The Annual Billy Boiling Competition and Iron Couple Championship for young and old.
- Winners announced and prizes presented at approximately 2:30pm.
- **Please Note: PARENTS AND CARE GIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES ON THE DAY.**

For further information phone Ken Jaeger on: 0439840647 or Roger Frahn on 85640295 or 0447080022.

If you require transport on the day, please contact Diann Auricht on 85621844.

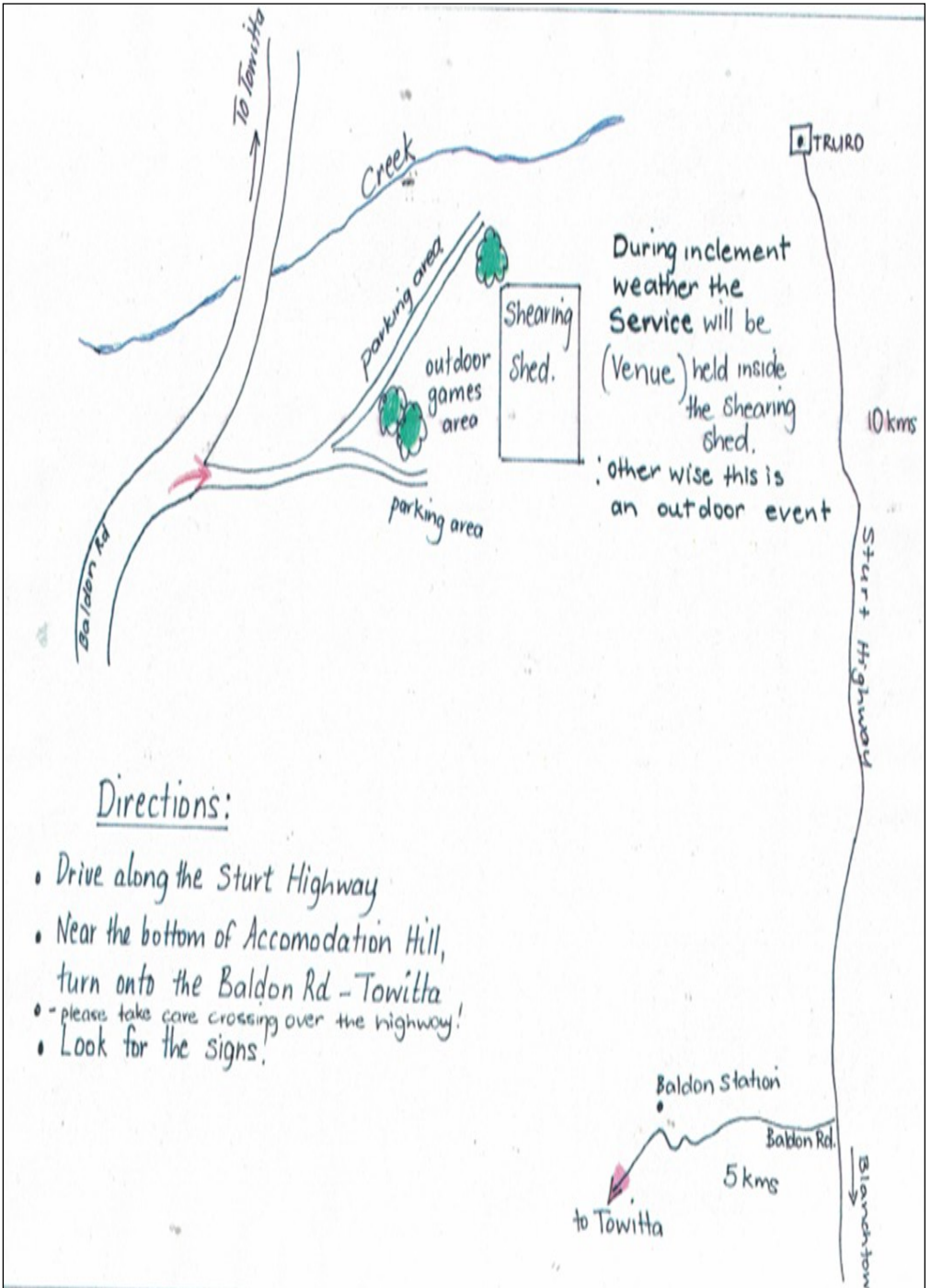
**We hope to see you there!**



**LUTHERAN  
CARE**

This year the offering from the Blessing of the Seed, Soil and Water Service will be donated to Lutheran Care to help set up a new Nuriootpa based Barossa Community Centre. Helen Walker will be the guest speaker on the day.

# Parish



## Directions:

- Drive along the Sturt Highway
- Near the bottom of Accomodation Hill, turn onto the Baldon Rd - Towitta
- - please take care crossing over the highway!
- Look for the signs.

# Parish / General

## NOW Service at Pilgrim Neukirch

Sunday April 26th (TONIGHT)

7:00pm

Come and join us at our NOW service to hear about the Lutheran Church in Indonesia and its nearly 8 million members!

Michael and Debbie Borgas will share stories about teaching English at an Indonesian seminary at the beginning of 2026.

The evening will begin with a light meal at 6:30pm, with proceeds in aid of the LCA's international mission work.



**LUTHERAN WOMEN**

**SA-NT RETREAT**

**Saturday, June 20, 2026**  
**From 8.30 am**

**Langmeil Lutheran Church**  
**7 Maria St, Tanunda**



*“Women  
of faith”*

**RETREAT CHAPLAIN:**

Libby Jewson

**COUNSELLOR:**

Rosalie Polkinghorne



Registrations for the Lutheran Women SA-NT Retreat are open.

The cost of the retreat is **\$50.00** per person and includes tea and coffee, morning and afternoon tea and lunch on Saturday.

For catering purposes, all registrations must be received by Tuesday the **9th of June 2026**. Payment must be made ON THE DAY of the Retreat with cash.

Extra cash may be required for the offering that will support the work of the Bible Society, for dinner at the Tanunda Hotel (if attending) and for any bookshop purchases you wish to make.

Enrolment forms with further information have been forwarded to all congregations or copies can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office.

## General

SA History Festival May 2026

# Stockwell History Walk

Saturday 16th May 2026

10am and 12noon

Wander the historic streets of Stockwell and uncover stories hidden in its buildings – from the old Hall and School to the Flour Mill and Webber's Store.

Enjoy a special performance at St Thomas Lutheran Church and hear tales of grand openings, lively crowds and even a famously disputed church bell..

Stockwell Community Association inc.

Bookings- [Stockwellcommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Stockwellcommunityassociation@gmail.com)



## Lutheran Care Needs Your Help...

Emergency Relief is a program that supports a large number of locals with food, bedding & toiletries.

We would love your support to replenish our stock with items that we are in need of. Thank YOU for helping US to help OTHERS.

All donations can be dropped off at the Tanunda Office ( 109-111 Murray Street).

For the month of **April** we would love your support to replenish our

Emergency Relief with:

**Shampoo & Conditioner  
2 in 1 Shampoo &  
Conditioner**

**Tinned Mixed Vegetables or  
Corn**

## VALLEY VOICES CHOIR

invites you to

**CELEBRATE**

**PRAISE**

**THANKS**

A Musical Programme  
featuring Choir and Local Artists

**Sunday 26 April 2026**

**2.00 pm**

Langmeil Lutheran Church  
Maria Street, Tanunda

Admission – Donation

A Community Choir supporting local charities



# General

## BAROSSA ARK NEWS

Did you know Barossa Ark has a **great selection of books for all ages** that encourage and support life's journey of faith in Jesus?

Did you know Barossa Ark has a **great customer book order service** to help you find that Christian book you are looking for?

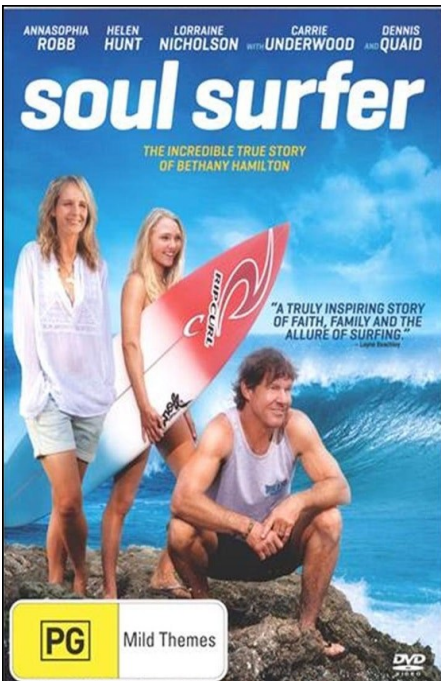
Did you know that the next Mission Moments **may help us grow in sharing the gospel in our Australian culture?**

Pastor Richard will share insights and perspectives that he feels are pivotal in sharing the gospel with different cultural groups and settings.

Referencing both Scripture and lived experience, Pastor Richard is bound to challenge and encourage us in sharing the gospel in our Australian cultural setting.

Details of dates and times for these next Mission Moments coming soon.

 <b>Barossa Ark</b> gift + bookshop	<b>Open Hours</b> TUE-FRI 9.30 AM - 5 PM SATURDAY 9.30 AM - 12 NOON PH: 8562 4631 barossaark@gmail.com
47 Murray Street Nuriootpa Barossa Ark CLOSED Mondays	



## Movie Night

Holy Trinity Church Hall

Sunday 3rd May 2026

7:00pm

\$5 (includes popcorn & a drink)

Soul Surfer is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton, who lost her arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unwavering faith. In the wake of this life-changing event that took her arm and nearly her life, Bethany's feisty determination and steadfast beliefs spur her toward an adventurous comeback that gives her the grit to turn her loss into a gift for others.

# General



REGIONAL  
LEARNING  
HUB

**5-WEEK SERIES**  
APRIL 29 TO MAY 27

MORE INFO VISIT OUR SITE ON  
[HUB.STPETRI.ORG.AU](http://HUB.STPETRI.ORG.AU)



## Reading Revelation Today

Presented by Rev Dr Noel Due

Join us for five weeks in April and May 2026 as we navigate this study series that reflects on the biblical book of Revelation, considering its message within the broader story of Scripture and exploring how its themes continue to resonate in today's world. We are looking forward to Rev Dr Noel Due leading us through the process for Reading Revelation Today. His dynamic approach to digesting the messages from God and the principles of interpretation will inspire you.

**Session 1 - 29 April: Wrestling with Revelation // What NOT to do.**

How do we make sense of a book overflowing with images and visions?

**Session 2 - 6 May: Angles and Perspectives // What NOT to assume.**

Is Revelation a straight timeline, or do we see the same reality from different angles?

**Session 3 - 13 May: One Big Idea // Why we should NOT panic.**

Is there a central theme holding everything together? If so, what is it?

**Session 4 - 20 May: A Worked Example // Why NOT to over-simplify the mysteries.**

What happens when we closely examine two key images? How do layers of meaning unfold?

**Session 5 - 27 May: One Big Picture // What NOT to get confused by.**

Can we bring it all together into a coherent whole? Or is that too ambitious?

**WHEN:** Five Wednesdays (29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 20 May, 27 May)

**TIME:** 6:45pm (for 7:00pm start) - 8:30pm

**WHERE:** Redeemer Lutheran School, 17 Vine St, Nuriootpa

**COST:** \$50 (Standard) - \$30 (Concession) - Covers all sessions

Reserve your tickets online at [hub.stpetri.org.au](http://hub.stpetri.org.au) or at the **St Petri Church office**.



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## Barossa Christian Life Week - Catering Support

Barossa CLW is a high school aged Christian camp that runs for 5 days in the July school holidays. It aims to bring young people together from all over the Barossa region to build friendships, grow in faith and to learn more about God. This years camp is running from the 6th to 10th of July and is being held at Cornerstone College, Mount Barker.

We are seeking helpers to be our **kitchenhands** throughout the week. We are hoping to have 4-5 volunteers each day to assist with food prep, serving meals and cleaning. You are welcome to help for one day or several days. All menus, recipes and shopping will be organised. We simply need someone onsite to prepare these meals.

If this sounds like something you would enjoy helping with or you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch.

God Bless,

Anneka Sauerwald 0422 935 851  
[anneka.wilksch@lca.org.au](mailto:anneka.wilksch@lca.org.au)

10 am  
Tuesday  
April 28

29 Valley Rd Angaston

CHOCOLATES  
**MELBA'S**  
CONFECTIONERY

SPINROCKET  
ROCKETS  
SOCIAL CYCLING & COFFEE-ROASTERY

Cyclists 9.30  
Langmeil  
Carpark  
Thursday  
April 30  
Others 10.30  
at Melba's

THE HUGA MUG CLUB

# What's on this week?

Mark your  
Calendar

## Sunday 26th April:

9:00am *Kids Living in Christ (KLIC)* in the Ebenezer Hall  
7:00pm **NOW Service** at Pilgrim, Neukirch

## Monday 27th April:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest



## Tuesday 28th April:

Pastor Damien Back In the Office  
1:45pm **Bible Study** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP  
4:00pm **Confirmation Class** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

## Wednesday 29th April:

9:00am **Prayer Fellowship** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP

## Thursday 30th April:

## Friday 1st May:

6:30pm **Shed Happens** - see below for more information

## Saturday 2nd May:



## Friday 1st May Shed Happens

Venue: Pr Adrian & Leanne Kitson's Shed  
999 Keyneton Road, Keyneton

6.30 pm - 9.30 pm BBQ **Cost \$15**  
BYO drinks, chairs, plate and coffee mug

More info:

Wayne Rohrlach 8562 1911, Viv Fiebiger 8562 3636  
or Greg Schubert 8562 2163

Men's  
night  
out



If you require  
transport, phone  
Ian Rosenzweig  
8562 2213

# What's on next week?



## Sunday 3rd May:

Fifth Sunday of Easter - service times are on the back page of the bulletin  
9:00am **Conservation of Rechner's Cottage Service** at Strait Gate Church  
10:30am **Blessing of the Seed, Soil & Water Service** at Baldon Station  
7:00pm **Movie Night** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

## Monday 4th May:

Pastor Damien's Day of Rest



## Tuesday 5th May:

1:45pm **Bible Study** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP  
4:00pm **Confirmation Class** in the Holy Trinity Church Hall

## Wednesday 6th May:

9:00am **Prayer Fellowship** in the Meeting Room, Immanuel LP  
10:00am **Strait Gate Women's Fellowship Biggest Morning Tea** in the Strait Gate Church Hall

## Thursday 7th May:

## Friday 8th May:

## Saturday 9th May:



## Thought For The Week

Life is like a quote.  
You never know which one will speak to your soul.

*Unknown*

**Sunday 3rd May 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter (White)**



**Parish Service**

**Blessing of the Seed,  
Soil and Water Service**

**Baldon Station**

**10:00am Cuppa**

**10:30am Worship  
Service**

**Pastor Damien Martin**

**LIGHT PASS - SG**  
**Grounds:**

**9:00am Rechner's Cottage Celebrations**  
Mick Seelander & Jarred Rathjen

**HOLY TRINITY**  
**Grounds:**

**No Service**  
James Verrall

**NEUKIRCH**

**No Service**

**EBENEZER**

**No Service**

**DUTTON**

**No Service**

**TRURO**

**No Service**

**STOCKWELL**  
**Church Grounds:**

**No Service**  
R Leigh & Family

**LIGHT PASS - IM**  
**Grounds:**

**No Service**  
Dean Atze, Peter Boehm & Michael Gerhardy



Deadline for inclusion of notices is **Thursdays at 9:00am** to the Parish email [barossanorthlutheran@gmail.com](mailto:barossanorthlutheran@gmail.com) or by hand to the office.