

We acknowledge those who were here before us, the first inhabitants of this place. We honour them for their custodianship of the land, on which we gather today.

St Paul's Stafford Uniting Church

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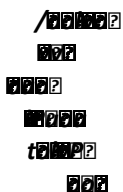
Minister

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Please respect this except in
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Welcome!



Pastoral Care Aims

We really want to show our Christian love and care for all our church family.

You can help!

If you know of anyone who is sick or in need, please contact their Elder.

Our Offering Commitment

Offerings 15 Mar: \$1,750.31

Average: \$2,710.20

2020 Budget \$2,470.00

A/c Name: UCA St Paul's
Stafford

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Check out our "St Paul's at Stafford"
website at

<https://stpaulsstafford.org.au/>

Newsletter



Sunday 22 March 2020 – Lent 4

9:00 am – Rev. Dr Debra Tedman, "The blind man receives sight"

Scripture readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; **John 9:1-41**

What's on this week:

Monday 23

10:00 am – Home Group: Myrna's

Tuesday 24

7:00 pm – Home Group: Bruce & Carol's

Wednesday 25

7:00 pm – TM/JR Bible Study

Sunday 29 March 2020 – Lent 5

9:00 am – Mr Paul Fletcher, 'Life in the Spirit.'

Scripture readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; **Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11;**
John 11:1-45

What's on next week:

Wednesday 1 April

7:00 pm – TM/JR Bible Study

The Blind Man Receives Sight

Paul encouraged believers in Thessalonica to stand fast as the body of Christ against problems, by living together through Christ to "... encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). This advice is relevant for us today in regard to challenges presented by the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In our Gospel reading for this Sunday (John 9:1-41), we hear Jesus' testimony "...I am the light for the world" (vs 5), who came into the world so that all could see. Seeing others through the eyes of love, as demonstrated by Jesus, encourages us to treat everyone with compassion, dignity and respect. I have been very happy to observe the pastoral care that members of our church community show towards each other.

I pray that as people of faith we continue to be empowered and encouraged through Christ, to reach out to each other and members of the wider community (not physically, but in other ways) that enable us to build each other up and support each other through our journey during the next few months. We will be strengthened and sustained by our faith and hope in Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Debra



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TODAY!**



Our mission

St Paul's is called to be a vital worshipping Church which -

- **Nurtures** and grows the faith of all
- **Serves** each other and the wider community
- Values and involves **all** its generations in God's work
- Recognises the **unique** needs of all

Monday Morning Prayer

As we take up our Lenten journey again, Lord, may we be drawn closer to you, and be freed of that which would ensnare our faith, hope and love. Amen

Weekly Newsletter

If you don't have access to the St Paul's phone app and would like a copy of the newsletter please contact Mavis at the church office on admin@stpaulsstafford.org.au

The **Merry Maids' visit to GOMA** (planned for today) has been **cancelled**.

SET (Social Events Together)

Hoping to meet for fun and fellowship on Sunday 5 April from 4:00 pm on the beach near Fifth Avenue, Flinders Parade, Sandgate. Will be confirmed. Buy fish and chips or BYO food. Bring a chair. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Wet weather: will be cancelled.

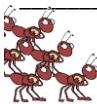


The **ORCA Project Celebration and Showcase** which was to be held this Friday has now been **postponed** to a later date (yet to be determined) due to the Coronavirus crisis.

The **Uniting Women 2020** conference has been **cancelled** due to the Coronavirus crisis.

Easter Madness 2020

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Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving.

Frederick Buechner

Amplify Conference Notes

Debra, Tricia, Jillian and Tegan have compiled their notes from the recent Amplify Conference. Hard copies are available and it has also been placed on the app; if you would like a copy emailed to you please email Mavis on admin@stpaulsstafford.org.au

Prayers for:

Our Church Family	Prayer Requests	Prayers for Local Community	Prayers for the Wider Church
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Stella E◦ Ofeira & Mavis◦ Di D◦ Jean McF◦ Elizabeth B◦ Edris S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Kids Hope Children◦ Those affected by bushfires◦ Timothy and his parents◦ Ross & Kathryn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Kangaroo Point Uniting Church◦ Sporting industry Chaplains◦ John Ruhle and his team at the Qld Synod◦ Stafford Heights State School	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ John C◦ Colleen G◦ David B◦ Alison C◦ Mark C◦ Pam B



Happy Birthday to Anthea F and Kayne N (TODAY), Sally N (24 Mar) and Elizabeth B (27 Mar).

Entertainment Book/Digital Membership 2020

From now on Digital Membership only is available. No more hard-copy books. Just download the Entertainment Book App onto your mobile phone. IT IS VERY USER-FRIENDLY. *Digital Membership starts anytime. Flexible start dates are 12 months from your date of purchase – with 3 months bonus when you purchase during March, plus a \$10 JB HiFi eGift Card.* 3 different purchase options are available from \$69.99. (More info next time about these.) Please go to your Entertainment Book App or www.entbook.com.au/2226r90 to access our St Paul's UC Stafford Order Page or contact Anthea on 0437 355 867, email fletcherpa@bigpond.com with any enquiries. Thank You 😊

Fundraising

2020 Lent Event Project

Ambon Island is one of the poorest regions of **Indonesia**.

One third of its people live on less than a dollar a day. In 1999, a drawn-out conflict between Christians and Muslims killed 5,000 people and left 70,000 homeless. The legacy of the clash has embedded poverty and ongoing resentment. Then an earthquake in September 2019 destroyed homes and left thousands living without power and clean water for months. The UnitingWorld 2020 project will support small business start-ups and peace-building.

Donation envelopes and information are in the foyer.

Project Plenty: What we heard report

In the latest episode of the [Project Plenty podcast](#), Rev Monique Coughlin, chaplain at The Lakes College unpacks discipleship within the contexts she has worked in.

Rev Heather den Houting describes Project Plenty as a [journey of discovery](#) as she looks at the eight themes which have come out of the engagement sessions to date.

To find out more, visit the Project Plenty [website](#),

<https://ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty/>

James O'Callaghan, Communications Coordinator, Queensland Synod

Coronavirus update

The Synod office has established a central coronavirus task group. This team is centrally managing the Queensland Synod's pandemic and outbreak preparedness activities across the Synod office, presbyteries and congregations, schools and colleges, childcare centres, enterprises and in close liaison with our agencies. A [website](#) has been developed with a range of information and resources to support you including the latest [letter to presbyteries and congregations](#). https://ucaqld.com.au/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2020/03/coronavirus-ministry-agent-20200316.pdf

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