



# NEWSLETTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 2025



If you are visiting today, welcome! Please join us after service for a cuppa in the hall.

## DIARY DATES

- March 2: Service 9.30 a.m
- March 5: Ash Wednesday Service 9.30 (No Ladies Fellowship March)
- March 9: Service 9.30 a.m
- March 13: Bible Study 10 a.m
- March 13: Church Council meeting 7.15 p.m
- March 16: Service 9.30 a.m
- March 23: Service 9.30 a.m
- March 27: Bible Study 10 a.m
- March 30: Service 9.30 a.m

## Dahlias for Sale 2 March

We are once again supporting the the selling of Dahlias for the Engage Youth coordinator. There is no fixed price just a gold coin or two or notes for the Toowoomba Lutheran Youth Ministry.

If you'd like to attend the dahlia show on 1st

## TOOWOOMBA SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025 2pm – 3.30 pm

The Graham Centre, Downlands College, Entry via donation at the door.

A spectacular afternoon of music featuring some of the finest musicians from across our city. Experience the power and beauty of a full symphonic wind ensemble in a one-time-only performance that promises to captivate and inspire.

## Lent Midweek services –

**10 a.m Wednesday at Good Shepherd.**

**THEME: JESUS CHRIST, MY LORD**

*A focus on various aspects of Christ's work for our sake.*

**Lent 1 (12/3) Pastor Paul Hage**  
FROM GUILT TO INNOCENCE – Legal

**Lent 2 (19/3) Pastor Mark Blackwell**  
FROM ENMITY TO PEACE – Reconciliation

**Lent 3 (26/3) Pastor Paul Hage**  
FROM SLAVE TO SON – Redeemer

**Lent 4 (2/4) Pastor Ray Pace**  
FROM DEATH TO LIFE – Creator/Life-Giver

**Lent 5 (9/4) Pastor Mark Blackwell**  
FROM PROFANE TO HOLY – Sacrificial/Lamb

## Ordination- Some Questions answered:

**There are 11 short videos on the LCA website**

<https://www.lca.org.au/bishop/ordination-videos/>

## BE ALERT! NOTICE FROM CHAIRMAN

The front doors of the church were recently left wide open after Sunday service. Fortunately, a vigilant member noticed when driving past the church twice on Sunday afternoon and rang to report this. These doors can be locked without a key so if you're last to leave, please make sure the doors are locked. On this occasion it was discovered on a Sunday not during the week.

## Glenarbon & Stanthorpe

Service at Stanthorpe is Sunday 2/3/25 at 1:00 pm

Glenarbon is Saturday 15/3/25 at 9:30 am

**Live Stream:** This morning's service is being Live streamed on YouTube @RedeemerLutheranChurchTmba  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOhIiSSVetvBpjJSzG7g4FA>

**CHILDSAFE REMINDER:** If children leave church during the service, they need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian

### Child Safety Standards Self Assessment

Redeemer is currently undertaking a self - assessment and preparing their Round 2 Child Safety Standards Action Plan.

This is a living document to demonstrate our commitment to keeping children safe.

If you or your children have any suggestions for how things could be improved at Redeemer, please feel free to contact Julie Gould on a

### UPCOMING WORKING BEE:

Glenn is organising a working bee early in March to washdown the front of the hall. (Date will be announced). And, Glenn and Gary will be doing an audit on jobs to be carried out – e.g some of the doors in the hall and the church need repainting.

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## ***March Devotion* - TRANSFORMING THE HEART**

*For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. (Romans 10:4)*

We all set goals in life. We might set goals in stages to make them more realistic. We want to transform our health and habits. We want to grow in our abilities. Yet, we struggle to meet the goals that we set for ourselves. How much more have we struggled to meet the goals God has set?

The goal of God's law is summed up in this way: Love the Lord and love your neighbour. God's law set the bar as high as it can go—perfection! Be perfect and follow God's law of love perfectly. God sets the goal he wants us to aim for, but we've missed the mark. God's goal is for us to live righteous and perfect lives, free from sin, but we haven't. That's the law.

Here's the gospel, the good news: Jesus Christ has met God's righteous goal as our Saviour and substitute! Jesus met the goal that we never could. Jesus hit the mark that we've so often missed. Jesus loved the Lord with all his heart. As true God and also true man, he placed himself under his own law and did what his Father asked him to do—to keep the law perfectly and then to die for us who haven't perfectly kept it. In this, Jesus met the goal of the law and loved God and us. Perfectly.

This good news transforms our hearts. In Jesus, we are finally declared righteous (right with God). It's as though we'd never sinned because Jesus kept the law and died in our place. Our hearts are transformed, so we no longer have to hide from God in fear. Instead, we can run to him in confidence, knowing that he loves and accepts us through faith in his Son.

We follow Jesus not because he's like some life coach who helps us set more realistic goals and achieve them. He doesn't simply show us the way. We follow him because he is the way, the truth, and the life. We follow him with a heart transformed by his love.

*Lord, continue to transform my heart with your gospel so that I may follow you eagerly from the heart. Amen.*

### **OFFERTORY**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

*(Based on Psalm 51:10-12)*



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