

St Stephen's Lutheran Church



Sunday 1st March 2026
Second Sunday in Lent

9.00am - Traditional + HC
10.30am - Chinese Worship
11.00am - Contemporary Worship + HC

Welcome
Please take a moment to sign our visitors book in the church foyer.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Preacher: Helen Lockwood
Sermon Title: 'Birthing Nicodemus'
Sermon text: John 3:1-17

BIBLE READINGS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Creative God, thank you for writers, performers and all involved in organising Adelaide's Festival of Arts and Fringe Festival. Thank you for the freedom we have to create and to share what we create. Thank you for our city which provides so many opportunities for being together and for being able to share the good things of life.

God of all ages, thank you for the young people who enliven our community and our lives - thank you for their enthusiasm and their giftedness. Help us to hear their voices, to learn from them and to act on their suggestions. May we encourage them and uplift them in our prayers and may we share their vision and build their hope for the future.

We pray for our community: As the Lenten season unfolds, help us to find time to reflect on Jesus' generous gift to us in coming to live among us, to be fully human and fully divine. We pray for those who are grieving that they would be able to share their grief and be comforted; for those who are ill that they would receive the care that they need. Help us to share Christ's love with our family and friends and may the Holy Spirit be active among them so that all may come to know God's gracious love. We pray for Katherine Habel-Orrell who was baptised a year ago - that she may continue to grow in God's grace.

Worship is live streamed on YouTube.

To access, go to www.youtube.com and search 'St Stephen's Lutheran Church, Adelaide'



*An audio version of today's sermon will be available on the church website for you to listen to.
New sermons are posted during the next week.*

Next Sunday's Bible Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

In the spirit of reconciliation we acknowledge the Kurna people, traditional custodians of the land on which the St Stephen's church stands. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

9AM WORSHIP DETAILS

Organist: Andrew Ampt

1. **LHS 865** 'God will take care of us'
2. **TIS 217(i)** 'Love divine, all loves excelling'
3. **TIS 422** 'Come Holy Spirit Come'
4. **TIS 593** 'Lord take my hand and lead me'

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you have blessed us with the gift of new birth to a living hope through Jesus' resurrection. Thank you for the strength and courage our new life provides to face life's challenges. Grant us the joy of knowing that our lives are safe in our Saviour's keeping. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

Thank you, loving God, for sending your Son as our Saviour. Help us to trust in him and follow wherever you lead us, serving you and our fellow human beings with all that we have. Amen.

PSALM 121

Lift my eyes to the mountains.
Where is help to come from?
My help comes from Yahweh,
who made heaven and earth.
Yahweh does not let our footsteps slip!
Our guard does not sleep!
The guardian of Israel
does not slumber or sleep.
Yahweh guards you, shades you.
With Yahweh at your right hand
the sun cannot harm you by day
nor the moon at night.
Yahweh guards you from harm,
Protects your lives;
Yahweh watches over your coming and going,
now and for always.



**You are invited to join us for tea & coffee
after the 9am service or a light lunch
after the 11am service.
*All welcome.***



WHAT'S ON... WHAT'S NEW...

Call Meeting

The combined St Stephen's Congregation will hold a call meeting in the Wakefield Street Church **TODAY Sunday March 1st at 12 noon**. It will be connected by Zoom to the Immanuel Church. Following the call meeting we will share a simple lunch.

We will provide food as we usually do after the 11 am service so please come and join us; if you wish to contribute and it's simple to do so, finger food that doesn't require heating, or cut fruit, would be welcome.

2026 World Day of Prayer

The 2026 World Day of Prayer service prepared by the women of Nigeria with the theme "I Will Give You Rest: Come," will be held on Friday 6th March at 10.00am at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

Funeral of Gladys Schulz

Gladys Schulz went to her eternal home last Saturday (21st Feb). Her funeral details are yet to be confirmed, but will probably be held at Simplicity Funerals, 771 North-east Road, Valley View, on Friday 6th Feb at 2pm. Check with Tanya on Sunday for confirmation.

Easter Tracts

There are Easter tracts and cards in the tract rack inside the middle door of the hall, please help yourself to them.



Lent 2026

Broken and Beloved

Stories of God's Steadfast Love

4th March Elijah – Broken by Fear
(Peter Lockwood)

11th March The Syrophenician Woman – Broken by Desperation
(Helen Lockwood)

18th March Mary Magdalene – Broken by Demons
(Suanne Tikoft)

25th March Peter – Broken by Failure
(Pr Tanya Wittwer)

10.30am at Immanuel

Offering update for period to January 2026

Community	January Actual	January Budget	Variance	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
English	16,596	17,692	1,096	16,596	17,692	- 1,096
Chinese	5,856	3,969	1,887	5,856	3,969	1,887
Total	22,452	21,661	791	22,452	21,661	791

THIS COMING WEEK'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

March 2026			
Mon 2nd	1.00pm	Jazz Group	Hall
Wed 4th	9.30am & 5.45pm 10.30am 7.00pm	Yoga Immanuel Lenten Service St Stephen's Lenten Service	Hall Nth Adel Church
Thu 5th	7.30pm	City of Adelaide Band	Hall
Sat 8th	1.00pm	Dungeons & Dragons Group	Hall
Sun 9th	9.00am 10.30am 11.00am	Matins + HC Chinese Worship Contemporary Worship + HC	Church U.Hall Church

UPCOMING PREACHERS

March 8th: Pastor Tanya Wittwer

March 15th: Susan Wood

March 22nd: Pastor Joyce Graue

March 29th: Pastor Tanya Wittwer



Women's Fellowship:

Will resume in March

Regular Electronic Giving (REG)

Direct Debit Request Forms and Information are available from the brochure rack in the narthex.

PRAYER GROUP

For prayer requests and inquiries about the prayer group, please email Colleen Fitzpatrick on coljon@internode.on.net

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Our current Church Council members are:

Chairman : Karl Schenscher

Vice-Chair : Julie Rodda

Secretary : Janice Bartholomaeus

Treasurer : David Zweck

Additional members : Douglas Sia, Paul Bohlmann, Tim Chen and Marcia Lohe