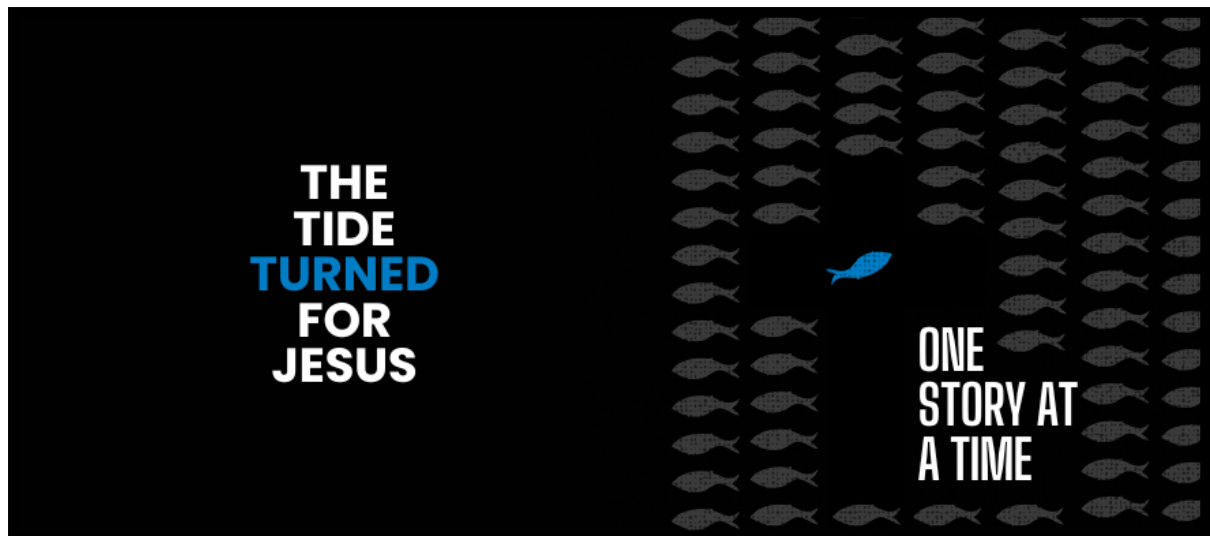




ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2024–APRIL 2025





At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

PHILIPPIANS 2:10

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

For well over a century people have confidently declared that the tide is going out on Christianity. Over the last few decades many in our country have spoken as if the tide is turning against Jesus. But we see something very different. We see the tide turned *for* Jesus, in Modbury and beyond, in our lifetime, one story at a time.

It's always been the case since his 1st coming that Jesus is growing his kingdom. In our 15 years as a church we've seen this. We've seen the tide turned for Jesus in the stories of individuals whose hearts have been turned to him. In 15 years we've seen 70 become over 500 people meeting in 4 churches. As we look forward to the next 5 years, we see that God can use us to plant even more churches, and impact even more people, if that's his will, as the Holy Spirit goes on turning the tide for Jesus.

It's been a big year and this next one is important as we look to God to prepare us to church plant again in 2026! I thank God we're partnered together in his work.

Yours in Christ,

Stephen George



April 2025

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength [...] Love your neighbour as yourself.”

MARK 12:30-31

Love God. Love God's People.
Lead people to Jesus.

What kind of church are we?

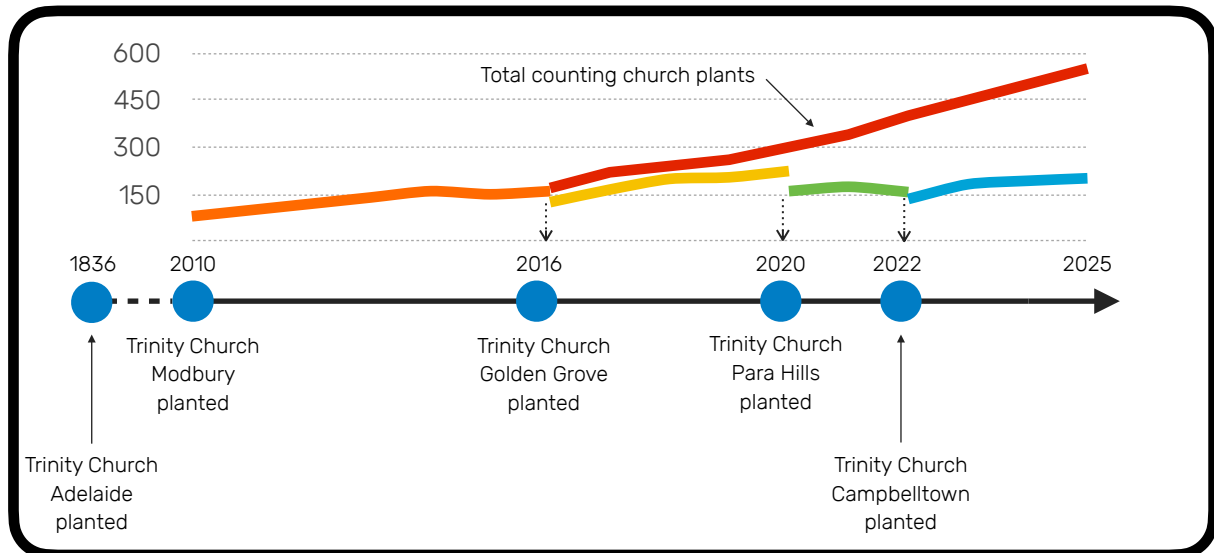
The way we get on with looking to God to turn the tide for Jesus is by getting on with the key things God wants us to care about. For this reason we care about genuine love for God and genuine love for each other. We care about love that's deeply shaped by God's word as we faithfully follow the example of Jesus our Lord. And as our love for God grows, so does our desire to lead other people to Jesus. If you've been around Trinity Church Modbury for more than a few weeks hopefully you can already see that the Holy Spirit leads us to be a people who are **grace filled**. We stand before God by

grace alone and we stand alongside each other extending that same grace (Galatians 5:16-26). The Holy Spirit leads us to be **Bible anchored**. God makes himself known to us in his word and so we want to listen to him (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5). The Holy Spirit leads us to be **courageous**. We take courage to live for Jesus and to lead people to Jesus. We make courageous decisions individually and as a church (2 Timothy 1:6-14). Finally, the Holy Spirit leads us to be **community hearted**. We strive to value each and every person in our church family (1 Corinthians 12:7-13:13).



"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations"

MATTHEW 28:18-19



Our growth past, present (and future?)

Over our 15 year history it's clear that God has been at work as we've grown and planted and grown again 3 times. What is even more remarkable is the overall growth God has enabled through these church plants in our region (see the red line above). For this reason our prayer is that over the next 5 years God would enable us to plant 3 more churches in partnership with the 3 churches we've already planted. Our prayer is that God would use these 7 churches (alongside other faithful churches) to double the impact we're currently having in Adelaide's North as together we declare to the world that Jesus Christ is Lord. The first step for us is to send around 40 people in the 2nd half of 2026 to plant an Evening Church. This means the next 12 months are an important time of preparation. To be in a good place to do this we'd love to grow by 40 more people present on a Sunday with us. Over this time we'd also love to grow not just numerically but in many other ways (some of which you'll read about in the rest of this report).



"Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

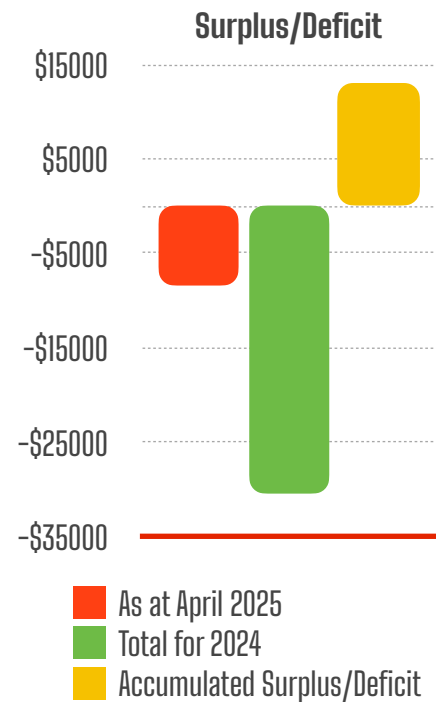
1 CHRONICLES 24:12

Our financial position

God has always provided wonderfully for Trinity Church Modbury through the generosity of his people and we're confident he will continue to do so. Giving to our church enables us to employ the staff we need, raise up Ministry Apprentices (like Ben Goddard), rent our facilities (Modbury Primary; U3A; Playgroup), run our evangelistic Life series, Seek Youth, and all our other ministries. It also enables us to be in a strong and healthy position in order to send out more churches so that we might see the tide turned for Jesus.

This year, as of the beginning of April we have a deficit of \$8465. Given that our total accumulated surplus is now just \$12936 the Leadership Team has brought to our attention our need to lift our giving (Dec 15 2024 & Mar 2 2025). The way we have prayerfully decided to try and do this is by asking members not giving to start; asking members already giving to consider increasing their giving by 10%; and by asking everyone to welcome in new members who want to partner with us in the work we're doing.

At the AGM (11:45am 4 May 2025) we will be able to give an update on how our church has responded to this need.



Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve.

1 PETER 5:2

Our **leaders** and their roles

Our Leadership Team consists of our chair, Michael Physick; Jane Dewing (Senior Pastor appointed positions); Carine Tang (Congregation elected position); Simon Barbour & Daryll Pain (Leadership Team appointed positions); & Stephen George (Senior Pastor). Michael Physick has moved from an elected position to a Senior Pastor appointed position and hence there is a vacancy for an elected position to be filled at the AGM. Our staff team consists of Sally Oster (part-time 2 days per week); Mark Curran (full-time); Stephen George (full-time); Debbie Edwards (part-time 2 days per week) and Ben Goddard (Ministry Apprentice). According to 'Reach Australia' a healthy staffing level is somewhere between 1 FTE pastoral staff member (excluding apprentices) to every 65–90 people in attendance on a Sunday. We currently have 1 FTE staff to 87 people. This means as we keep growing we may be stretching staff capacity to lead and care well for our church.

	MINISTRY LEADS				MINISTRY SUPPORT	
	Sally Oster	Mark Curran	Stephen George	Ben Goddard	Debbie Edwards	Leadership Team
Magnification	●				■	■
Mission		●			■	■
Membership			●		■	■
Maturity		●			■	■
Ministry				●	■	■
Kids			●		■	■
Youth		●			■	■
Young Adults				●	■	■



“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and praise!”

REVELATION 5:12



How has God been at work in our **Magnification**?

We want everyone at Trinity Church Modbury to continually grow in loving God, which is the foundation of loving each other and leading people to Jesus. Primarily we foster love for God communally through our Sunday services by means of singing, prayer, studying the Bible, testimonies and the Lord’s Supper. Time and effort, by individuals and teams, is put into Sunday services to help our hearts and minds dwell on and respond rightly to God as we gather. It’s uplifting to look around during our church services and see people fully engaged as they focus on God.

We foster love for God outside Sunday services through regularly engaging in private devotional activities such as personal Bible reading, prayer and singing. This year booklets for both our Mark and Isaiah series provided daily readings for reflection and

suggestions for personal prayer (Isaiah booklet only).

We urgently need one or two more people who have natural abilities that would enable them to be trained up in operating the sound desk at Modbury. We’d also love to have more people join each of our magnification teams so that we’re in a great position for planting an evening service next year.

I’ve been blessed by the faithful, ongoing serving of many in the various teams and by the ongoing influx of new team members which is energising. Did you know there are two people currently learning drums to serve our church community and free Ben Goddard up for other ministry?

The year ahead

* Please pray that our Sunday services



Sally Oster

would be times of richly fostering our love for God as we dig into God's word, pray, sing, and share in Communion.

- * Pray that our teams would grow so we have an abundance of equipped people when sending to the evening church plant and that God would provide for our urgent need for a sound person.
- * Pray that each of us would be refreshed through God's Word, prayer and singing so that we rest in and rely on God's strength.

Teams	Team Leader
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Bands	Darren Oster
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Sound	Christie Vincent
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Service Projection	Christy Butt
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Communion Prep	Hazel Ravesteyn
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Prayer Ministry	MUCH NEEDED
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Sermon Upload	Wayne Starick
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Service Bible Reading	Sally Oster
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Service Leading	Sally Oster
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“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

JOHN 15:12

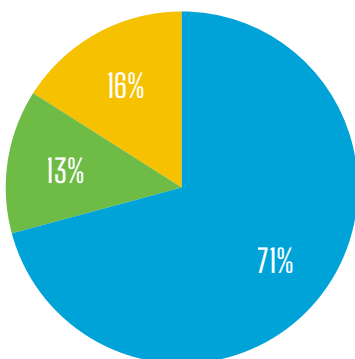
Love God's people.

How has God been at work in our Membership?

Our love for God drives us to love each other. As a church we really do strive to be grace-filled and community hearted. I frequently see evidence that we're keen to welcome others as they come to faith, or join our church.

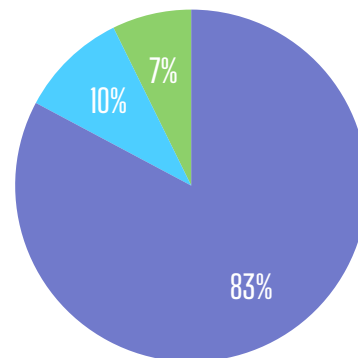
When you look around on a Sunday you will see about 215 people. But what you might not see is that overall we are a community of about 250 regulars (~175 adults ~35 youth ~40

● Adults ● Youth ● Kids



kids) and at any given time around 7% of people amongst us are newish to

● Regulars ● Occassional ● Newish



our church. For this reason we ask every one of us to be really welcoming and quick to meet people & care for them. We also work hard at having a team on a Sunday to help care for people, and we run Onboard 4 times a year.

Membership is also about building and caring for our church community. We try to build community through things like our church camp, our bonfire night, potluck lunches, walks and other events.



Stephen George

Pastoral Care predominantly happens through Community Groups, in addition to each of our pastoral staff (Mark, Sally, Stephen, Ben) playing a key role in this.

* Pray that God would enable us to make progress on starting a pastoral/practical care team into 2026 (meals/visiting/practical care).

The year ahead

- * Please pray that many more people will join us (we're praying for at least 40 people to join us before we church plant in 2026) and that our whole church will continue to have a welcoming heart on Sundays and beyond.
- * Pray we will get a good balance of community building events that effectively aid the deepening of relationships within and across the generations in our church.

Ministry	Overall Leader
Logistics	Jane Dewing
Welcoming	Stephen George
Morning Tea	Heather Morton
Offertory Counting	Michael Physick
Practical Care/Visiting/Meals	MUCH NEEDED
Onboard Team	MUCH NEEDED
Coffee Cart	Josiah George





He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ.

COLOSSIANS 1:28

Love God's people.

How has God been at work in our **Maturity?**

We want everyone at Trinity Church Modbury growing more like Jesus and growing to maturity together as his body. This means everyone – adults, youth and kids alike. It happens on Sundays as we hear and respond to God's word, and in our Community Groups as we dig into the Bible, pray and enjoy community together.

Over the last year our groups have followed along with our Sunday sermon series in Isaiah, James, Big Questions, Acts and Mark. One of the highlights of my year is meeting once a term with our team of leaders and hearing how God has been at work in each group. There have been encouraging stories in the last twelve months of new people joining groups, new leaders getting involved, people

growing in faith, group members caring for one another and some wonderful answers to prayer.

Community Groups

Les Vincent (men's)

Mark Curran & Andrew Downes (mixed)

Ben Goddard (young adults)

Seb & Ashleigh Roy & Joel Goddard (youngish adults)

Lee-Anne Cronshaw & Jane Dewing (women's)

Craig Lockwood & Barb Page (mixed)

Cathy George & Ali Jansen (playgroup)

Michael Physick & Neptune Tang (men's)

Jenny Potter (LHI group mixed)

Jan & Hazel Ravesteyn (LHI group mixed)

Daryll Pain (men's breakfast group)

Wayne & Jeanette Starick (mixed)

David & Suz Foley (mixed)



Mark Curran

The year ahead

- * Please pray that in each of our community groups, members would be growing in their knowledge of God, deepening in love for God, one another and the lost, and being encouraged and cared for by the rest of the group
- * Pray that more people would commit to being part of a community group, as their capacity allows. Around 60% of our adult members are currently in a group. We would love to see that increase to 70% and for this to positively impact our overall sense of connectedness and gospel fellowship.
- * Pray that God would encourage and sustain our leaders as they love and lead their groups. And that under God we would raise up, equip and support new leaders to start more groups.



Les' men's community group serving at the BBQ for carols



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

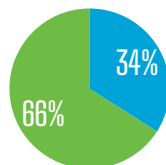
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Love God's people.

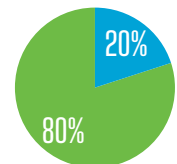
How has God been at work in our Ministry?

We follow the ultimate servant king. A king who told us to take up our cross and follow Him; wash each other's feet; to love God with our all; and to love others as ourselves. But He didn't just tell us to do these things, He gave us His perfect example. We've all been given unique gifts with which to build up the church. It's been an absolute joy to see this at Trinity Church Modbury in the way so many of us serve sacrificially and the way that many people all with different backgrounds, skills, and personalities come together in God's church, united in one purpose, one Spirit, one goal.

● Not Serving
● Serving



● Team Leaders
● Team Members



It would be amazing to see this even more as we grow as a church and as we, under God, hope to plant next year. As we seek to see the tide turned for Jesus, one story at a time, we all have a crucial role to play in the story of someone coming to know Jesus: from the greeting at the door; to the chair sat on, to the way kids are cared for, or the coffee tasted after the service, and so much more.

To enable these things to happen we need servant-hearted team leaders enabling and growing their teams in building up the church, loving God, loving God's people and leading people to Jesus.



The year ahead

- * Please pray that we'd continue to grow our ministry teams to be able to keep Loving God, Loving God's people and Leading people to Jesus.
- * Pray that even more team leaders would be trained and raised up to serve boldly and sacrificially.
- * Pray as we move to 4 teams serving once per month people's hearts would be stirred to start serving (if they are not) or to consider serving in 2 teams.

* Pray we'd all grow more like Christ Jesus, our ultimate serving King.

Team Leaders

Sound - Christie Vincent

Slide Projection - Christy Butt

Bible Reading - Sally Oster

Service Leading - Sally Oster

Offertory - Michael Physick

Communion Prep- Hazel Ravesteyn

Logistics -Andri Leith; Daryll Pain; Jane Dewing; @

Welcoming - John Morton; Lyn Marshall; Belinda Ide ; @

Morning Tea - Heather Morton; Helen Ezard; Julie Fry @

Sunday Youth - Joel Goddard

Young Families (Creche/Minis) -Margie Wintulich

Trinity Kids - Jayne Barbour; Ali Jansen; Neptune Tang; Cathy George

Band Leaders - Bryan Robertson; Darren Oster; Les Vincent; Sally Oster

Life Team - Mark Curran

Onboard - Stephen George

@ = Another Team Leader Needed



An event to raise support to enable Ben to be a Ministry Apprentice



Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel

PHILIPPIANS 1:27



How has God been at work in our **Mission?**

We have an awesome God who is worthy of all praise and glory. And we're surrounded by people who desperately need to hear about Jesus, turn to him and be saved. These two truths lie at the heart of our church's mission.

It was a great joy at our Commitment Sunday gathering last year to celebrate Jordan and Kaylee putting their trust in Jesus. It has been exciting connecting with lots of people in the last year who don't yet know Jesus - on Sundays, over Christmas and Easter, across the three Life courses we

have run, at our recent Mark Drama and at our Tuesday morning Playgroup. It has been encouraging to see many of our members engaging in mission - whether it's bringing people to the Mark Drama, helping out with a letterbox drop or wrapping a gift pack to invite friends to our Easter services.

There has been much to give thanks for in the work of our mission partners. D&T (CMS) are having opportunities to share about Jesus in Asia. Maggie (CMS) is



Mark Curran

seeing prayer answered as she commences her ministry with indigenous communities in Alice Springs. There have been encouraging stories at AFES Mawson Lakes of students exploring Jesus. And a number of our youth were part of a Bush Church Aid mission trip to Roxby Downs.

The year ahead

- * Please pray that we would see increasing numbers of people coming along to church and Life, hearing the gospel and responding

in faith. And that those people who have already connected with us would keep exploring Jesus and come to know him.

- * Pray that every member of our church would be praying regularly for the lost. That we would be encouraged and equipped for mission as we recognise God's glory and people's need to respond to Jesus.
- * Pray that we would support each of our gospel partners with increasingly faithful prayer and generous giving, and be able to rejoice with each of them as they see people come to a saving faith in Jesus.

Team Leaders

Life team members - Mark Curran; Suz Foley, Lisa Langmead (plus others from other churches)

Playgroup - Cathy George, Ali Jansen, Ivy Kong, Alecia Curran





“Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

MARK 10:15

Next generations.

How God has been at work in our Kids?

This year Creche/Minis & Trinity Kids have started as strong as ever. There are around 40 kids involved each Sunday and 8 leaders. Overall there are 32 dedicated leaders who are passionate about this Ministry. This year we have been able to move to 4 full teams (instead of 3). We have also been able to move creche and Minis back into the Open Space building and much closer to church. This is working great.

The year ahead

- * Please pray that over the next 12 months we can grow the team of

Young Families (Creche/Minis)

Carine Tang; Adrian Cox; Nathan Barden; Elissa Ziebarth
Alecia Curran; Shireen Bok; Nicole Rowe; Monique Hoppo
Suzanne Irvine; Bethany Kluge; Heidi Barden; Leah Irvine
Margie Wintulich; Imelia Potgieter; Melissa Andrews; Skye Dobbins

Trinity Kids

Ali Jansen; Andy Burman; Lian Klassen; Micah Oster
Jayne & Simon Barbour; Jordan Pitt; Jacquie Downes
Neptune Tang; Sanja Leith; Alisha Machek; Josiah George
Cathy George; Tim Irvine; Peter Ide; Ivy Kong

leaders (we will need to as more kids join our church).

- * Please pray leaders can keep improving the program so that kids love being a part of church and grow in their love for Jesus.
- * Please pray the kids will become great inviters of their friends with a heart to lead people to Jesus.



Stephen George



How God has been at work in our Youth?

Both our Friday night and Sunday morning youth ministries exist for the prayerful purpose of seeing our high schoolers knowing, growing and remaining in Jesus.

There has been much to be thankful for in the past year. We have had steadily growing attendance at Seek, the Friday night youth group in which all of the northern Trinity network churches partner. It has been wonderful to see deepening relationships between youth, leaders and parents from each of the churches. Our year 7s and other new members have connected in well as we've spent time studying Mark, 2 Timothy, Judges and the topic of prayer in our small groups. We had a great turnout from Modbury at our recent Base Camp, which was

North Region Friday Youth [Campbelltown](#)

Dave Harrington; Les Dennis; Fletcher Telfer; Nate Morton

[Para Hills](#)

Annalise Mattila

[Modbury](#)

Bek & Joel Goddard; Nicky Cox; Mark Curran; Margie Wintulich; Les Vincent; Sally Oster; Mitch Currell

Sunday Youth Modbury

Joel & Bek Goddard; Nicky Cox; Mitch Currell; Ali Jansen

generously supported by our church's bbq donations earlier in the year.

On Sunday mornings our year 7-10s head out most weeks with their leaders towards the end of the service to discuss the morning's passage and sermon. It has also been encouraging to see a number of our youth stepping into new ministry roles and serving our church with their gifts.

God has been answering our prayer for new leaders, with



Mark Curran

a few new leaders coming on board in the past year. I'm thankful for the faithful team of leaders we have both on Fridays and Sundays, and their commitment to pointing our teens to Jesus.

The year ahead

* Please pray that all of our high schoolers would know Jesus, grow in Jesus and remain in Jesus all of their lives.

* Pray that God would continue to grow Seek not just in numbers, but in maturity and love. That this ministry would be in a position of strength as we prepare to plant an evening service next year.

* Pray for our "future youth leaders" - a group of mostly year 12s from Modbury and Campbelltown who are meeting together regularly this year to be trained for possible youth leading roles in the future.



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:20-21