



Perth Emmaus Community

Hi everyone,

Greetings from your Community Lay Director - Neal Leggo

Greetings to all and welcome to our new community members, the Pilgrims of Walks 75 and 76.

God has been gracious to us in 2025. Following the walks in October, we held our most well attended gathering in November. Congratulations to all involved. To bolster efforts for next year we have appointed 4 PEC members to fill casual vacancies on the board: Caroline Mulrone, Jacinta Robertson, James Robertson, and Andrew Riddington. Jacinta, James and Andy have many years of Chrysalis involvement and Caroline has been active in Emmaus since the 1990s.

2026 Walks are booked so please diarise the dates detailed below! Please also note that Mens and Ladies walks in 2026 will be at different locations due availability constraints at the two venues.

The Board is pleased to announce that the Walk Lay Directors for the 2026 Walks are Darren Gibbon and Janice Burdinat. We are grateful for their willingness to serve in this special role. Join me in praying for them now and through the year of preparation ahead.

Please also diarise our first Community Gathering for 2026 which is being held on 21-February at the South Perth Unity Church.

I wish everyone a joyous and holy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

Neal Leggo, CLD

Message from our Community Spiritual Director - Paul Mulrone

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

Micah 5:2 (NRSV)

Christmas is coming! It only seems like last week it was January, and now here we are in December. Christmas decorations were out for sale in October. Shops, eager to cash in on the event, bring us a word from their sponsors, BUY! As many businesses are getting ready to shutdown over the Christmas/New Year break, the pressure is on to get work done, and projects delivered. Some schools have finished already, and school leavers are wondering what to do with their time, Oh, to be young again!

In among all the busyness, maybe it's time to stop and pause for a moment and remember Jesus. At Emmaus, we light the candle as a symbol of God's presence with us - maybe during this Christmas season we might do the same. Let's take a moment to light a candle, take a breath, and pause to recenter ourselves in God. Just like Bethlehem is insignificant in size compared to all of Israel, and yet the King of Kings, our Saviour was born there; so too we who sometimes feel very small and overwhelmed have the

King of Kings living inside us. As we light a candle, let that moment with God re-ignite our wonder for the Saviour who brings us new life in Him.

May God bless you in this Christmas season, and I hope to see you all in 2026 at a Gathering or a walk.

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Paul Mulrone CSD

Upcoming Key Dates and Community Gatherings

Community Gathering

When: Sat, 21-Feb @ 7pm.

Where: South Perth Unity Church

Mens Walk - #77

When: 27 - 30 August

Where: Swan Valley Adventure Centre

Ladies Walk - #78

When: 24 - 27 September

Where: St John's Retreat Centre,

Sponsorship

Please pray for guidance about who you are going to invite on Walk #77 and #78. Sponsorship forms will be available on the website by the end of January.

Due to rising costs of venues across Perth, the cost for the 2026 Walks is \$380. Please pray about making a small monthly contribution towards walk costs to defray expenses for those experiencing financial difficulties.