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This news sheet is available on the website each Saturday evening

*Today we welcome
Rev. Margaret Russell
who will conduct our service of worship.*



WELCOME

*A warm welcome to everyone, especially any visitors
who may be sharing with us today. All are invited to
stay for fellowship and a cuppa after the service.*



SHARING THE JOURNEY: During March, **Joy Hicks** will conduct this section of worship. She can be contacted on 0429 178 973.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS.

CARING TOGETHER



IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE WEAR OUR NAMETAGS EVERY WEEK SO THAT OUR SUPPLY MINISTER FINDS IT EASIER TO IDENTIFY US AND LEARN OUR NAMES. ALSO, WEARING A NAMETAG MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO GREET NEWCOMERS AND TO MAKE THEM FEEL WELCOME. NOT EVERYONE HAS AN EXCELLENT MEMORY FOR REMEMBERING NAMES.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees – 9 April The Melbourne Walk starts at 1.30pm (with music) and 2.00pm with the speeches on Sunday 9 April at the State Library in Swanston Street.

Welcome Luncheon



**Mission Outreach Ministry Team
Ministry of Hospitality.**

Last Sunday more than 40 people **Just Walked Across The Room** to say hello to another person during our **Welcome Luncheon**. How simple is it to **Walk Across The Room** to strengthen old friendships or to make new friendships as you share a meal together? Thank you to everyone who came along and thank you to the willing Team who prepared our meal.

Rae Anderson – Mission Outreach.

LECTIONARY READINGS: APRIL 2, 2017

Exodus 37: 1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

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| OFFERING: | ACTUAL: | \$1657 | Y.T.D. | \$19784 |
| | BUDGET: | \$1711 | Y.T.D. | \$20532 |

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

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|-------|-----|----|----------|-----------------------------|
| Mon | Mar | 27 | 2.00 pm | Tennis Geelong Photos |
| | | | 7.00 pm | Geelong Chorale |
| | | | 7.30 pm | Environment Action Group |
| Tue | | 28 | 9.30 am | Men's Shed |
| | | | 5.00 pm | Tennis Geelong Photos |
| | | | 5.00 pm | Weight Watchers |
| | | | 7.30 pm | Theatre of the Damned |
| Wed | | 29 | 6.30 pm | Welsh Ladies Choir |
| Thurs | | 30 | 9.30 am | Men's Shed |
| | | | | Let's Make Music |
| | | | 4.00 pm | Choir Practice |
| | | | 4.30 pm | Junior Choir |
| | | | 7.00 pm | Geelong Youth Choir |
| | | | 7.30 pm | Theatre of the Damned |
| Fri | | 31 | 9.30 am | Trekkies |
| | | | 10.30 am | Let's Make Music |
| | | | 12.30 pm | Sewing Group |
| Sun | Apr | 2 | 9.30 am | Worship – Rev. P. Greenwood |
| | | | 7.00 pm | House Church |

Church Office Hours: Wed - 10am to 12noon, Thurs – 10am to 12noon,
Fri – 10am to 12noon

St Luke's Congregational Annual General Meeting will be held during the Service TODAY. Business will include reports from the Church Council and resolution of St Luke's budget for 2017.

PASTORAL UPDATES.

Have you changed your address, home phone number, mobile number or email address lately?

Please update your details on a pew card located in the holder on the back of each pew.

Please hand these cards to Pam Seller or Jenny Pooley.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER CORNER.

At St. Luke's prayer is considered an important and valued part of our worshipping community.



The Pastoral Connections ministry team offer several opportunities for you to share in this ministry.

1. You can become a member of the **Prayer Link**.

Submitted prayers are forwarded to those willing to commit time to pray for the joys and concerns of the congregation members and their family and friends.

These prayers are shared only after permission has been given by the person requesting the prayer and are always kept confidential.

2. You can fill in a **prayer request form**.

These are found in the container on the back of each pew and can be placed in the offering bowl or handed to Jean Williams or Pam Seller following worship. Urgent requests can be emailed to Jean on bijl.williams@gmail.com at any time during the week.

3. **Prayer candles**

These are available at the front of the worship space. Candles represent prayers offered privately for people or situations we care about.

4. Visit the **Prayer Corner**.

The Prayer corner is in the North-West corner of the sanctuary. This is a quiet place for reflection and private prayer. If you would like someone to pray with you see the worship leader, Jean Williams or Pam Seller.

WE ARE CALLED TO UPHOLD EACH OTHER IN PRAYER.

PRAYING BOTH INDIVUALLY AND TOGETHER.

ST. LUKE'S PICNIC TODAY from 12 noon.

Venue: Barwon Valley Park, Barrabool Rd., Belmont (opposite Riverview Coffee House, now called Cafe R n R).

This area has easy access to Barwon Valley Fun Park, walking tracks, open areas for ball games, riding bikes, and of course, close to the Coffee House for excellent hamburgers, coffee, cake, etc.

This is a great way to spend a relaxing few hours getting to know some of our newer members or catching up with each other.

BYO everything.

Wet weather venue: Back at St. Luke's.

Maps will be available.

EASTER BISCUIT BAKE

We will again be partnering with other churches, schools and groups in Geelong to provide home-made biscuits for all prisoners in the Geelong Region. This is an initiative of Prison Fellowship to show those in prison that God loves them and that people care. The biscuits will be packed at St. John's in Highton, and distributed by Prison Fellowship prior to Easter. Each inmate receives a pack of 10 home-made biscuits, together with a card that explains the meaning of Easter.

Details:

* **ONLY 1 MORE SUNDAY TO BRING BISCUITS.**

- * Biscuits need to be home-made (no nuts or peanut butter, please). Anzacs, Choc-Chip, etc. are excellent.
- * Biscuits need to be in sealed disposable containers such as ice-cream containers.
- * Ingredients are to be clearly listed on the top of the container.
- * **Please place the containers in the box provided in the foyer at St. Luke's by Sunday, 2nd. April.**
- * If you have any further questions or would like your biscuits to be picked up, please contact Beth on 52436874.
- * Empty ice-cream containers are available in the foyer.



St Luke's Environment Action Group
News

The Earth Hour was last night – what was it all about?

In 2017, WWF is celebrating 10 years of Earth Hour and 10 years of progress on changing climate change.

We have come a long way in the last decade. Australian states and territories are now going full steam ahead with their ambitious targets for renewable energy. Right now, about 1 in 7 Aussie households have solar panels installed on their roofs - we sure love our sun!

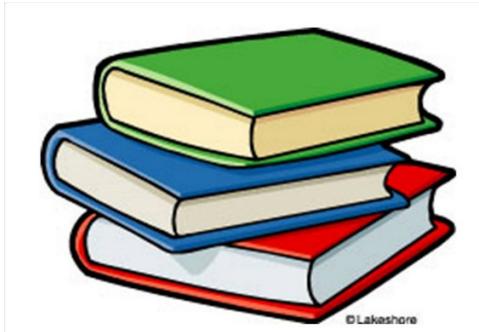
Earth Hour as a global movement has seen remarkable results. Last year the world came together to bridge our differences in a landmark global agreement in Paris to tackle climate change. We have seen 3.4 million hectares of marine parks protected in Argentina, an Earth Hour Forest in Uganda established, and a ban on plastic bags in the Galapagos Islands. Every individual voice, in chorus with the world during Earth Hour, has created an unstoppable momentum for our planet.

More than ever, our actions on climate change today will shape the future for our children. Since they were born, our children have been taught to be active recyclers, aware of renewable power alternatives, and informed about the effects of pollution on our planet. They know more about climate change than any other generation. And they have extraordinary views on what they want for their planet.

Yet our future is under threat from rising temperatures and more extreme weather. Small changes to our climate as a result of increased carbon pollution are messing up the delicate balance of nature that we enjoy so much – that's what it was all about!!

St. Luke's Environment Action Group
Next meeting 27th March 2017
At 7.30 in the Fellowship Room

SOCIAL JUSTICE - INFORMATION EVENING



The combined Belmont and St Luke's Uniting Church Social Justice Group is hosting an information evening to hear about the work being done to support newly arrived refugee students at North Geelong Secondary College.

Sunday 26th March, 2017

Presentation at 5pm

A light meal will be provided

Suggested donation, \$5

Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson St., Belmont. 0414431006

All donated money will be used to assist refugee students.

LENTEN EVENT: At present, the Church in China is experiencing a critical lack of trained leaders for its people – with only 1 ordained minister for every 18,000 Christians. Here in Australia, that number is 1 ordained Uniting Church Minister for every 39 parishioners. UnitingWorld's Rev Dr Ji Zhang says, "The Uniting Church in Australia's partnership with the Church in China is about providing training for a severely under-resourced clergy, and it's also about listening and learning to their stories that provide us with hope for what God continues to do in the world." As a church with a commitment to partnership and a global vision, we believe, as Paul writes to the Corinthians, that when one part of the church is honoured, we are all honoured. Let us pray for the Christian leaders of the Church in China and each other, as we are aware of the part Jesus plays as redeemer in our life, and redeeming the world around us. Visit www.lentevent.com to learn more or to make a gift to support the mission of the Christian Church in China.

ST LUKE'S PASTORAL CONNECTIONS MINISTRY TEAM

KEY POINTS FROM MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY DAY 1st MARCH 2017

Team members –Beth Allen, Carole Findlay, Joy Hicks, Joan Marshman, Jenny Pooley, Isabel Tattersall, Pam Seller.

- **Prayer** –Beth shared an example of pastoral care within the congregation to illustrate how the network of pastoral care within the small groups is actively working. Pam opened with prayer.
- **Pastoral team sharing** – Joys and concerns were shared by team members.
- **Pastoral Concerns Shared** – Pastoral needs and concerns of the congregation were shared. **All pastoral concerns are shared in confidence.**
- **Correspondence** – In -Thank you card from Barry Tattersall for Pastoral support.
Out – 2 Welcome cards. 1- 10-year remembrance card.
- **Fellowship/prayer** – Prayer Calendar – other options being explored.
Picnic on March 26th being advertised.
- **Catering/Small Groups** –Small group details for notice board forwarded to Des. Thank you catering letter sent out. Lyn Robertson now leading No 3 catering group.
- **Sharing the Journey** – Joy Hicks will lead this segment of worship during March.
- **Directory Changes** – Change of address for Pearl Mills, now 6 Auburn Way, Grovedale. Olive Hunt, now Estia Grovedale, 6A Perrett Street, Grovedale.
- **Clarification of Sunday Wheels** – Contact person is no longer Des Younghusband. For clarification contact Pam Seller.
- **Clarification of Refugee Visiting** –Mission Outreach clarified that Pastoral Connections were not required to visit refugee families as there was ample contact and visitation already happening through (bread runs/furniture/soft furnishings/English classes/Sewing Classes etc.)
- **Continuation of Ministry at St. Luke's** – Arrangements are in hand to cover preaching and urgent visiting requirements. For details contact Pam.
- **Upcoming dates** – The following dates have been forwarded to Church Council, Ministry Teams and Church office for inclusion in Team diaries to prevent any clash of events.
Picnic – March 26th, Mothers' Day Flowers – May 14th, Slice of Pentecost Morning Tea June 4th, Easter Biscuit Bake – **last** Sunday for delivery 26th March.
- **Roll Updates** – Remove by death – Nancy Funston.

Next meeting – at 1 pm on Wednesday 5th April in the Fellowship Room.

St. Luke's Sunday Morning Worship Roster 2nd April 2017

| Duty | Member |
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| CLEANING | J BOEHM & B COX |
| COMMUNION | D & D BATH & C FINDLAY D YOUNGHUSBAND & L & M WALKER |
| DRIVERS | P GILL P PHELAN |
| FLOWERS | M BAIRD |
| FOYER CONNECTIONS | P SELLER |
| MORNING TEA | E & M BAUM |
| POWER POINT | M SELLER |
| READER | D BATH |
| SHARING THE JOURNEY | R ANDERSON |
| SOUND | P PHELAN |
| USHERS | H SWAN & MacROBBIE M & M BATSON |
| WELCOMER | E NICHOLLS |