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**PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 10.**

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* Give thanks for the signs of new life all around us, and for the blessings of the past week.
* Pray that we may be good stewards of the land that sustains us, giving thanks for God’s abundant provision. Help us to be wise in our use of resources.
* Pray for people in countries where they are persecuted for living out their faith. Pray for minority groups who are treated unjustly and who live in fear.
* Pray for peace in the world and especially for world leaders, that there may be an end to the threat of nuclear disaster.
* Pray for those living in parts of the world where there is catastrophic famine, floods, poverty and disease – floods in India, famine in Africa, hurricanes and floods in USA, the Caribbean, Bangladesh, to name just a few.
* Pray for our own country and its political leaders, for wisdom in decision-making.
* Pray for the Congregational Meeting to be held on 24th September.
* Praise for the success of the last Messy Church, for all who attend, and for the opportunity to reach out to new families.
* Pray for Alex Reid, for safety and for a memorable experience on the Kokoda Trail.
* Pray for all those who are sick, frail, facing or recovering from surgery, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those who are living in fear or who are vulnerable.
* We pray for those who have lost hope, direction, love and faith.
* May each of us strive to make this world a better place, where love triumphs over hate, and the needs of people come before greed and power.



PRAYER COMFORT SHAWLS

The Pastoral Connections Ministry Team is very grateful for the support of the congregation in making the prayer comfort shawls and for the generous donations of money and wool.  35 shawls have been made and many given to those who have experienced difficult times recently.  At each of our monthly meetings, we pray over the shawls that have been made, seeking God’s guidance and blessing on those to whom each will be given.  Each gift, an expression of God’s love and care from the church community, has been much appreciated by the recipients, and we will continue to make them available where there is a need.  We now have sufficient wool for the rest of this year.  The photo shows the array of some of the colourful and cosy shawls.

**SHARING THE JOURNEY:**

During **September** it will be Michelle Walker. Michelle can be contacted on 0411 430 820 or personally before the service.

***To help keep this segment of Sunday Worship compact, it would be appreciated if announcements could be given to the monthly leader before the commencement of the service.***

**ROSTERS**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE ROSTER WHICH HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THOSE LISTED FOR DUTY.**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

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| **FLOWERS** | J White | **USHERS** | N PatchettI Allan |
|  |  | **WELCOMER** | J Hicks |
| **MORNING TEA** | N & N McMillan | **CAR DRIVING** | G Boehm |
| **SOUND** | P Phelan | **POWERPOINT**  | I Pooley |
| **CONNECTIONS** | A Lyons | **READER** | S Anderson |
| **COMMUNION** | TBA | **COMMUNION****SET UP** | TBA |

**St Luke's Congregational Meeting during the Service on Sunday 24 September 2017**

This Congregational Meeting is convened to receive a report from the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) on its deliberations for the placement of a full time minister at St Luke's. The JNC will recommend to call a person who it will name at the meeting. Confirmed members and members in association will be asked to vote on the recommendation. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. As usual, it will be a secret ballot. I strongly urge all who are interested in the future life of St Luke's to attend.

**What is a prayer chain?**

**St. Luke’s Prayer Chain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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“An intercessory Prayer Chain consists of a group of people which has been called to the ministry of praying for others on a regular and ongoing basis.

They have committed themselves to ***pray regularly, confidentially and individually*** for the people and concerns that are requested of them.

They form part of a chain through which God’s love flows, and they circulate prayer requests and results amongst themselves via a communications chain.

Prayer chains are most often organised amongst people of a church congregation.”

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St. Luke’s is blessed with an active prayer chain that has 17 members and usually receives weekly prayer requests via the Prayer Request forms, found in the holders on the back of each pew, (these can be handed to Jean Williams following the Sunday service or placed in the gold box on the prayer table in the prayer corner), by email to bijl.williams@gmail.com , by text message to Jean on 0437 661 690 or to Pam by telephone on 0407 557 933.

Each member of the Prayer Chain has committed to pray regularly, for the concerns placed before them.

All prayer passed on to the prayer chain must have the permission of the person being prayed for, and clarify what it is they wish the group to pray for.

Prayer on behalf of people or groups within our community, and any

answers to prayer are always welcome.

St. Luke’s prayer chain members respect the privacy of those making any requests and undertake to keep what they are asked to pray for confidential.

While the knowledge of some of the situations and people prayed for may be widely known, many of the circumstances we uphold are confidential.

New pray-ers are welcome and if you would like to become involved of please contact Beth on 5243 6874 or Pam on 5243 9575 for details.

**House Church.**

Next Meeting:   Sunday, 17th September, 2017

 Time:               7.00 PM

 Place:                Ian and Jenny Pooley, 76 Barwon Blv, Highton

 Speaker: Robert Packett will lead a discussion:

“Was God There in the First World War?"

**Ladies Fellowship.**

A coffee morning will be held at the home of Mary Baird (Unit 2, 14 Bellevue Ave, Highton) at 10am on Thursday 21st September.

 Please bring a small plate to share.

All welcome.



**Information Booklet.**

Copies of the revised St. Luke’s Information Booklet are now being printed.

The booklet contains information about Church and Small Groups that are

available at St. Luke’s along with the contact numbers of those people who

co-ordinate our 23 plus groups.

If you would like to receive a copy of this helpful Information Booklet please

add your name to the list found outside the Vestry or speak to a member of

the Pastoral Connections Team.

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Corrine started her induction on Thursday and will be working in the office on Mondays and Fridays from 9am -1pm.  She reports to Lloyd, our church council chairperson, and brings to the role some great admin skills and a servant heart.  She is here to support any church members involved in ministry and mission at St Luke’s.

Corrine worships at Kardinia Church South Campus and knows our friends the Carmody family.  She'll introduce herself in more detail in future, but for now, please make her welcome and introduce yourself if you happen to be visiting the church on her work days.



More hands

 make light

 work.

*ROSTER UPDATE*

 Thank you to all those who have indicated their willingness and availability

to serve in various areas of Church life at St. Luke’s.

If you would like details of any of the following or would like to be a part of

any of the listed Sunday worship rosters please speak to Pam Seller or

Ian Pooley.

Rosters include – Sound desk, Power point, Usher, Collection steward,

Sharing the Journey, Reader, Welcomer, Morning tea, Flowers, Communion server, Communion set up, Communion bread baker, Foyer connections, Abervale driver. Extra help means less commitments.

If you are already on a roster and know that you will be unavailable on the date that you are rostered can you **please change with someone else** on the roster and **advise** the church office or Pam on 5243 9575 or 0407 557 933 as soon as possible, so rosters can be amended before printing in the News Sheet and placed on the notice board.

If you are aware of dates that you will be away throughout the year please let Pam know and you will not be placed on a roster during those times.

Thank you for your help and support,

Pam (on behalf of Church Council)

THANKS: After some two months out of circulation we are both back in action in a quiet way. Dorothy had a week partly in isolation in St. John of God with the flu and came home last Saturday. We have been looked after by Andrew, Stephen and Suzanne during this time but are now almost looking after ourselves. I am still being looked after at “Hospital in the Home” when a nurse visits each day to do my observations which is much better than being in the hospital full time.

We would like to thank all the members of St. Luke’s for the get well cards and visits, phone calls and prayers during the last few weeks. I would especially like to thank the “Messy Church” family for the card of good wishes which they did. It was greatly appreciated.

Now that we are both beginning to get active we are looking forward to getting back to the “front two seats” on a Sunday.

Once again may thanks to everyone for their king wishes.

Des and Dorothy.

**LECTIONARY READINGS**: **September 17, 2017**

 **Exodus 16: 2 - 15 .. Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45**

 **Phil 1: 21 - 30 .. Matthew 20: 1 - 16**

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**LAST WEEK’S STATISTICS**

 **OFFERING: ACTUAL:** $1,889 **Y.T.D.** $62,797 **BUDGET:** $1,711 **Y.T.D.** $63,304

**THIS WEEK’S DIARY**:

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| Mon | 18 | 9:00-1:00 pm7:00-9:00 pm | Office HoursGeelong Chorale |
| Tue | 19 | 9:30-12 noon5:00-8:00 pm | Men’s ShedWeight Watchers |
| Wed | 20 | 11:00-12:30pm1:00-3:00 pm | Chew, Chat and ThreadsWelsh Ladies Choir |
| Thurs | 21 | 9:30-12:30 pm9:30-12 noon4:00-5:30 pm4:30-6:30 pm | Let’s Make MusicMen’s ShedChoir PracticeYouth Choir (Junior Choir) |
| Fri | 22 | 9:00-1:00 pm9:30-11:00 am10:30-12:30 pm | Office hoursTrekkiesLet’s Make Music |
| Sat | 23 | 9:30-5:30 pm | GSODA(Hall, Kitchen) |
| Sun | 24 | 9:30-11:30 am | Worship – Barry Tattersall |