

# Weekly News Sheet



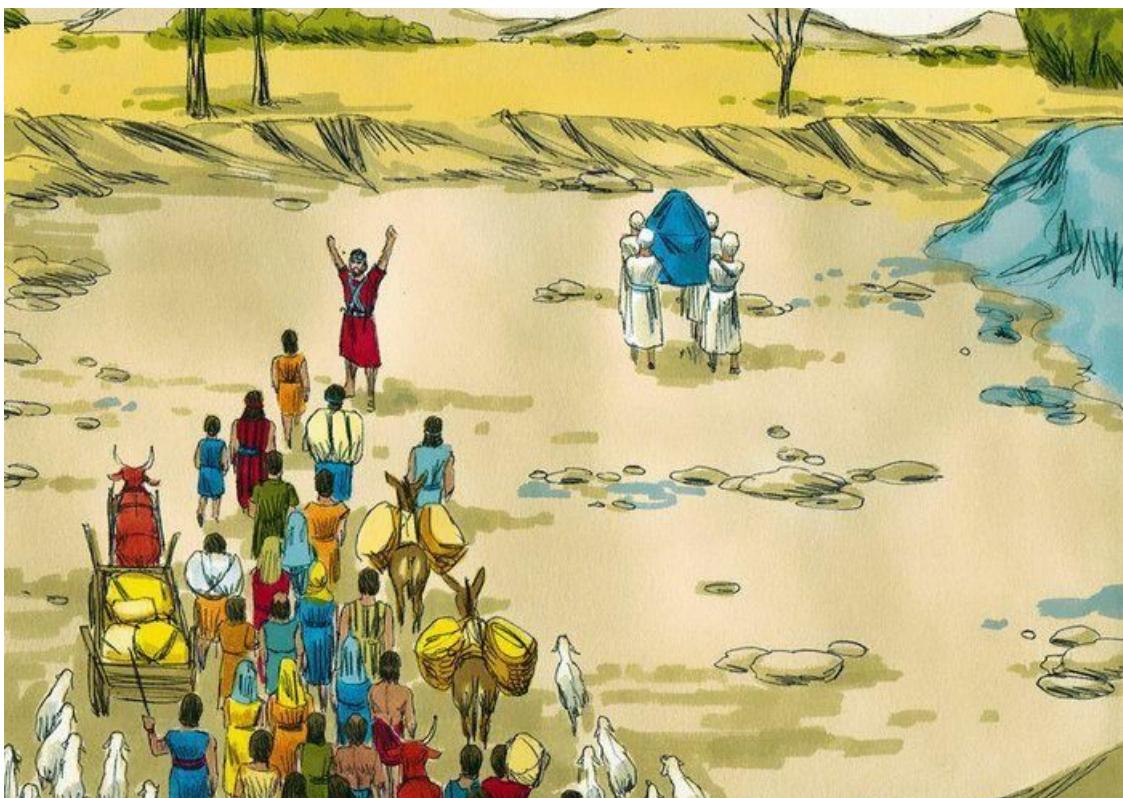
The Uniting Church in Australia

ST. LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON

174 Barrabool Rd Highton 3216

Sunday November 5, 2017

## Barney Tattersall, River Crossing:



**Our mission: To grow Christians**



**Are you new to St. Luke's?**

If you would like to connect with us, please let one of our ushers know or head to our website and complete our connect form here:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/nunnQrFuFJJ93DQy1>

# *Church Reports and News*

## **Congregational Meeting Sunday 26th November**

This meeting will be held during the service to appoint Church Council members commencing 2018. The Council has 10 elected positions: 5 Ministry Convenors and 5 other members. Present convenors and members and their current terms are as follows.

### **Convenors**

Education and Worship	Lloyd Walker	2017-19
Mission Outreach	Jean Daw	2017-19
Communications	Robyn Hodge	2017-19
Pastoral Care	Carole Findlay	2017-18
Resources	Ian Pooley	2017-18

### **Other Members**

Sue Anderson		2017-18
Phil Phelan		2017
Alf Swan		2017

Accordingly, there are 4 vacancies for members commencing 1 January 2018. Confirmed members and members in association are asked to prayerfully consider nominating for one of these vacancies for a period of their choice from 1 to 5 years.

It is important that all positions are filled so that the essential life and work of St Luke's continues effectively and vibrantly.

Nomination forms are available from the office and should be returned by Sunday 19 Nov 17.

Kevin McAvaney  
Congregational Chairperson

## **Five Leaf Eco-Awards - From Jessica Morthope, Director**

St Luke's Highton has earned the Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate and Eco-Worship Award with flying colours!

A presentation will be made on the 18th February 2018.



Council congratulates the Environment Action Group and all at St Luke's who work to help our church show leadership in living sustainably and caring for God's amazing creation.

## **From Presbytery - Winchelsea Uniting Church**

Applications are open for the position of Pastoral Assistant (0.2 EFT). Requests for a detailed job description can be sent to : [olivejohndsl@dodo.com.au](mailto:olivejohndsl@dodo.com.au)  
Applications close on Thursday November 30th 2017.  
John Bumford, Co-ordinator, Winchelsea Uniting Church 0419 535490

## **Requests and Appeals**



**From Pam Seller**

**PRAYER LINK REQUEST CHANGES**

Please note the changes below regarding submitting Prayer Requests. These changes will take effect immediately.

St. Luke's is blessed with an active prayer chain that receives weekly prayer requests via Prayer Request forms, (found on the back of each pew) and handed to Pam Seller or Beth Allen following Sunday services.

Prayer Requests can also be sent by email to [pamseller@bigpond.com](mailto:pamseller@bigpond.com)

or forwarded by telephone on 0407 557 933.

Each member of the Prayer Chain has committed to pray regularly and confidentially, 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 needs to be clarified as to what it is they wish the group to pray for.

## From Rae Anderson

### ST LUKE'S TRADING TABLE

Today we ask you to take the time to take a look at the special 'gift' baskets on sale at the trading table. These gifts are extremely useful to those who wish to take a gift when visiting loved ones in hospital, and for those who are unable to treat themselves to beauty/bathroom products. They are good value. Most baskets are for ladies, but there is one there just right for a man.

We give thanks to one of our church members who kindly made them for our enjoyment.



## Thankyou!

### Update on Prayer Comfort Shawl Ministry Pastoral Connections Ministry Team



Further to Alison sharing about the very difficult time the newly-arrived Syrian family has suffered in the loss of their tiny newborn daughter, it was a privilege to be able to give to the mother and grandmother a prayer comfort shawl each, representing the love and prayers of the St. Luke's congregation. These were given following the funeral service which was held at St. Luke's.

The Pastoral Connections Team is very grateful for the support of the congregation in making this ministry to those in the congregation and community possible, through donations of wool, money and volunteers who have made the beautiful shawls.

Church bookings week beginning Mon 6 Nov		
Mon 6 Nov	Chorale - Hall Mission Outreach Meeting	7:00pm – 9:30pm 7:00pm – 9:30pm
Tue 7 Nov	Men's Shed - Lane Memorial, Workshops Weight Watchers - Hall	9:30am – 12:30pm 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Wed 8 Nov	Funeral- Dorothy Perkins Welsh Ladies Choir - Hall	10 am 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Thu 9 Nov	Men's Shed - Lane Memorial, Workshops Midweek Service - Fellowship Room Choir Practice - Sanctuary Geelong Youth Choir - Hall, Fellowship Room, Sanctuary (after 5)	9:30am – 12:30pm 2:00pm – 3:30pm 4:00pm – 5:00pm 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Fri 10 Nov	Trekkies - Fellowship Room Let's Make Music - Hall Sewing Group - Chapel Cottage by the Sea - Fellowship Room Messy Church - Whole building	9:30am – 11:00am 10:30am – 12:30pm 12:30pm – 2:30pm 2:00pm – 3:30pm  4:00pm – 7:00pm
Sat 11 Nov	Spring Clean Day - Hall	8:00am - 5:00pm
Sun 12 Nov	Worship and Fellowship	9:30am - 11:00am

# Prayer points for this week

## Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Give thanks that God's grace is sufficient in every situation, and that His love is boundless.
- Give thanks for the faithful life and witness of Dorothy Perkins, now in God's embrace.

## Personal Prayers

- May we grow to be more Christlike in what we do and say so that we may be people of reconciliation and compassion.

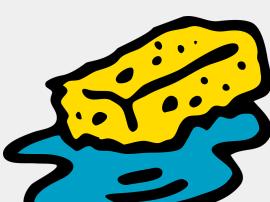
## Prayers for Others

- Pray for all those who are victims – of war, of violence or of greed.
- Pray for those with special needs in our church family – those who are unwell, receiving treatment or awaiting surgery, those who are grieving, lonely or anxious.
- Give thanks and continue to pray for all those with leadership responsibilities at St. Luke's. May they be strengthened and re-energised for the tasks they are called to do. Give thanks for all those who faithfully serve in so many ways.
- Pray for all young people studying for Uni or VCE exams. May they have clear minds and time available to revise the year's work.
- Pray for Rev. Paul Stephens and his wife Jenny as Paul concludes his current ministry and prepares to begin his new settlement at St. Luke's.
- From our friends at Barrabool Hills Baptist - Some of you may know Graham Clarke. Graham was the Senior Pastor of Moolap and Barrabool Hills Baptist Church from 2017 till the end of 2015. Sadly Graham's wife Christy passed away peacefully on Saturday October 28th after a long battle with breast cancer. Christy was a beautiful women who loved people and brought laughter and colour into the lives of everyone she met. It was through Christy's vision that we have Bloom Women's conference, which over 450 women from around the state attend. Christy will be sadly missed. Please be praying for Graham, their children Jonah (13), Daisy (12) and Micah (8). Pray for God's peace, presence and comfort. Thank you for your prayers.

## Prayers for the World

- Continue to pray for peace in the world, wisdom and integrity for world leaders, and for all those who seek to be peacemakers.

# Coming Events

Activity	Date
<b>TORNADO PHOTO DISPLAY</b>  A tornado swept through Highton on 22nd July, 1926, wrecking the Highton Methodist church. On 12th November, 1927 the church was restored - 90 years ago. We will have a display of photos of the damaged church and the restored church next Sunday.  Contact: Jean Williams email: <a href="mailto:bijl.williams@gmail.com">bijl.williams@gmail.com</a>	Sun 12th Nov 
<b>ST. LUKE'S SPRING CLEANUP DAY</b>  Please come along on Saturday to help with the cleanup and/or the catering and enjoy a Sausage Sizzle Lunch with morning and afternoon tea. Come for the morning and lunch, lunch and afternoon tea or stay all day. This will be a preparation and tidy up before our new minister arrives in early 2018. We would welcome donations of food for morning and afternoon teas.  Contact: Noel McMillan on 0419345958 or 52435164 email <a href="mailto:noelmcmillan@bigpond.com">noelmcmillan@bigpond.com</a>	Sat 11th Nov 8:00am 
<b>LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP GET TOGETHER</b>  Our final get-together for this year will be lunch at Van Loon's Nursery, 405 Grubb Rd, Wallington, on Thursday 16th November at 12-30pm. Those wishing to car pool, meet at St Luke's carpark at 12 noon. A non-perishable food item for St Luke's Emergency Pantry would be appreciated.	Thu 16th Nov 12:30pm 

**RSVP to Judy Boehm by 13th Nov. (52438559).**

**CARD MAKING & SCRAPBOOKING SALE**

Sat 18th Nov

9:00-11:30am

Bargains galore including card stock & scrapbooking paper for just 10 cents a sheet. A wide range of embellishments for \$2.00 to \$5.00. Plus lots of other bargains. Tea / coffee will be available with homemade biscuit or slice just \$2.00

At Crossroads Uniting Church Werribee Cnr Synnot St & Duncans Rd

**Contact: Julianne Hennessy email [julieannuc@gmail.com](mailto:julieannuc@gmail.com)**

**ORCHESTRA GEELONG**

Sun 12th Nov

3:00pm

Orchestra Geelong presents its final concert for 2017 in the GLS Auditorium, Keith Humble Centre for Performing Arts corner of Claremont Ave. & Aphrasia Street. Special features include movements from a Bassoon Concerto and an Oboe Concerto, as well as Dancers from the Geelong Ballet School. The theme of Dance is maintained with delightful music by Strauss and Tchaikovsky, Brahms and Saint Saens.

Tickets may be booked on 0448313462 or purchased at the door. Adults are \$20, Concession \$15 and Students are free. All are encouraged to come to this tuneful and entertaining event.

**Contact: Malcolm John email [malison6@bigpond.net.au](mailto:malison6@bigpond.net.au)**