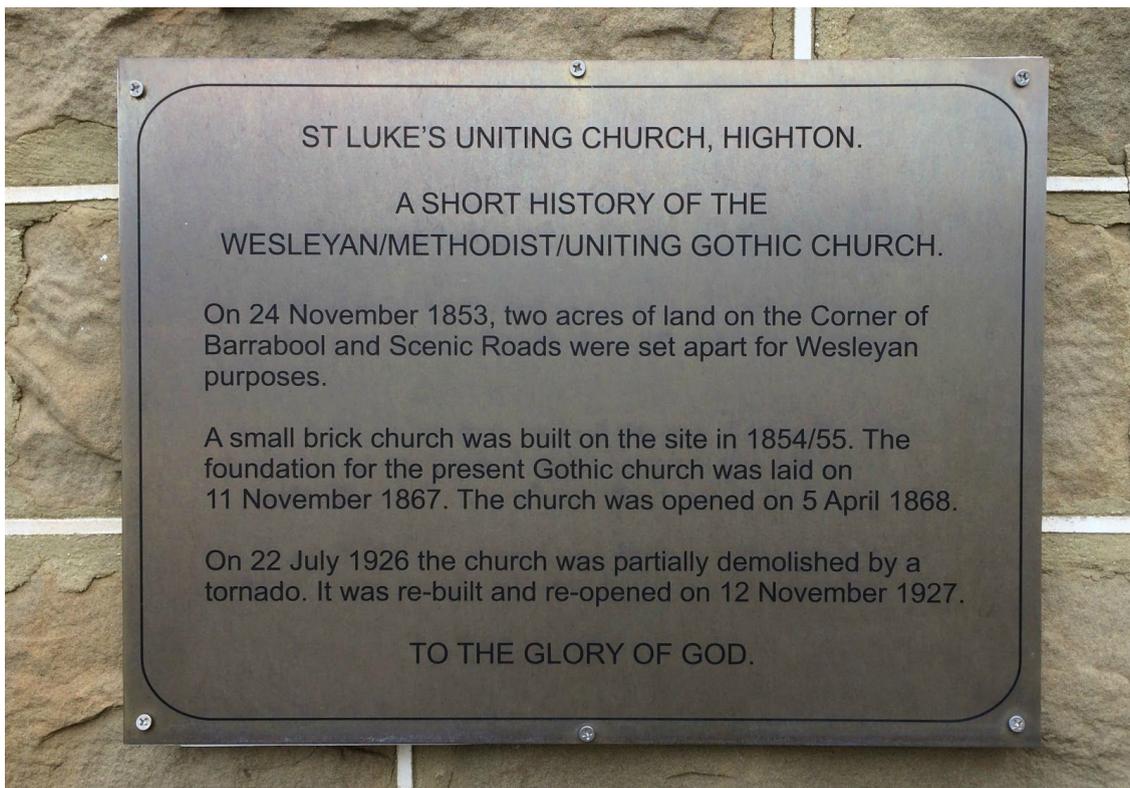




St. Luke's Uniting Church Highton

June Newsletter

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Welcome to St. Luke's monthly newsletter.

Our new deadline is the last Wednesday of the month. Brief, interim notices will be published in a single page weekly bulletin, deadline Thursday 9:00am, and announced prior to services.

Mail items to: news@stlukesuca.org.au

Congregation Reports and News

Buy a pen for St Luke's

Members of the Mission Outreach Ministry Team have \$3 Pens for sale. Every pen is inscribed with St Luke's name on and would make a splendid gift for your family and friends. View them in the foyer today.



From Rae Anderson, Mission Outreach Ministry Team

Do you have any Junior or Student Dictionaries that you could donate?

Student or Junior English dictionaries are required for the students in the Tuesday night English class. If you have an Student or Junior English dictionary at home that is not a large dictionary and you no longer use it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate it by leaving it in the dictionary box in the foyer.

From Jean Daw, Mission Outreach Ministry Team

Sharing the Journey

Sharing the Journey for the month of June will be lead by Valerie Grills. Valerie can be contacted before the service or on 0438 139 424.

From Carole Findley

A word of reflection

Uniting Church in Australia President-elect Dr. Deidre Palmer has invited all UCA members into 40 days of prayer and action in the lead-up to the 15th Triennial Assembly meeting. The meeting commences on the 7th July and will be held in Box Hill Town Hall. The theme of the Assembly is “Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope”.

Through the weekly bulletin and in worship some of the resources that have been prepared for these 40 days will be made available to the congregation. You may even like to log onto the website and perhaps sign up to have a daily prayer point delivered to your email address. The website is <https://uniting.church/40prayers/>

Prayer is one of the resources with which we are blessed for the journey of faith.

Prayer is ultimately relational and involves the heart.

Jesus gave a priority to prayer and took time out of his busy ministry to pray. Mark (1: 35-36) describes how Jesus got up early one morning to pray and eventually his disciples went out to look for him because “everyone” was searching for him.

Prayer is not one way: while we are encouraged in scripture to bring all our joys and concerns to God, we are also reminded that prayer involves listening for the word of God for us.

Jesus’ teaching on prayer certainly invites us to bring all our joys and concerns to God ... to “ask,” “search,” and “knock.” (Luke 11:1- 13).

But equally as we discover in the words of Psalm 46 we are invited to wait upon God. In the words of verse 10 of this Psalm to be “Be still and know that I am God!”

When we explored John 17 in Sunday worship a few weeks ago, we were reminded that Jesus prayed for us (as part of the community of believers that would come after the first disciples); and that more than this Jesus keeps praying for us even when our faith is fragile. Which as one commentator said, “Is pretty cool!”

Paul Stephens (Minister)



Wider Church News

Noticeboards

When next you walk into our church hall, why don't you take a look at our notice board which will keep you 'posted' on our current activities, our plans, our visions, our 2017 Annual Report to Church Council, info about Messy Church, info from our Environmental Action Group, stories about Refugees, a focus on Fair-Trade products, our current Pillow Bank April Appeal, and much more.

From Rae Anderson, Mission Outreach Team

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 to be a part of any of the Sunday worship rosters listed in the News Sheet please speak to Pam. Extra help means less commitment. If you are already on a roster and know that you will be unavailable at any time please let Pam know on 0407 557 933 as soon as possible. Thank you for your help and support.

From Pam Seller, Connections Ministry Team

Prayer requests

St. Luke's is blessed with several avenues for prayer and it is considered our privilege to be asked to pray. Avenues for prayer include:

Prayer request forms - found in the back of each pew. These can be filled in and placed in the offering bowl, the gold box in the prayer corner or given to Jean Williams following worship.

Prayer corner - found in the north west corner of the sanctuary. This space offers a place for quiet reflection and prayer. Books for Meditation are available in this space.

Prayer partner - an opportunity to pray with the minister or a member of the Pastoral Connections team. Speak to Pam, Beth, Judy or Jenny.

Prayer candles - these are available at the front of the church. Candles represent prayers for people or situations that we care about and they may be lit at any time before, during or after the service.

Prayer link - weekly prayer requests are forwarded to those who have taken on the responsibility of praying when requested.

Prayers can be emailed to Jean Williams at bijl.williams@gmail.com, sent by text message to Jean on 0437 061 690, or phoned to Beth on 5243 6874.



All prayers forwarded to the prayer link team must have the permission of the person being prayed for. Each member of the prayer link has undertaken to respect the confidentiality and privacy of those people making the request.

From Pam Seller, Connections Ministry Team

Intentional Cross Cultural Ministry

You will have noticed during recent times that we have had two Bibles carried to the front of the Church at the commencement of worship.

One Bible is the Good News Bible in English and the other has been a Bible in another language. The purpose of this has been to symbolise that we are a cross cultural church that welcomes all people of any ethnicity. As part of our worship and life at St Luke's we have consciously resolved to attempt to make newcomers welcome by making it more easy for them to participate in worship and understand the activity that they are involved in at any given time.

We have recently purchased some additional Bibles in Farsi (Persian) and Arabic to be used during worship in addition to the Dinka and Karen Bibles that we already have. These Bibles are placed in the foyer to be distributed by the Ushers to newcomers for their use in worship.

Rae Anderson on behalf of Mission Outreach Ministry Team



June at a glance

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