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**JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER**

**AT ST. LUKE'S UNITING CHURCH**

174 Barrabool Rd. Highton Victoria

Regular Worship Services @ 9.30  
every Sunday Kid's Church on 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday

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**Uniting Church. Uniting People.**

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.30 am**

Cantata presented by St. Luke's Choir

**Midweek Communion Service**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 2pm**

Traditional service

**Maundy Thursday**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 5.30-7.30pm**

Easter Reflections over Dinner

Family orientated.

**Good Friday**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.30am**

Followed by Hot Cross Buns.

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 9.30am**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Celebrate a Slice of Pentecost at

Morning Tea.

**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.*



## LECTIONARY READINGS: APRIL 16, 2017

Acts 10: 34-43 or Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;  
Colossians 3: 1-4 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20:1-18, or Matthew 28:1-10.

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### LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

<b>OFFERING:</b>	<b>ACTUAL:</b>	\$1671	<b>Y.T.D.</b>	\$22937
	<b>BUDGET:</b>	\$1711	<b>Y.T.D.</b>	\$23954

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### THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Mon	Apr	10	7.00 pm	Geelong Chorale
Tue	Apr	11	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			2.00 pm	Ford Retirees
			3.30 pm	Resourcing Ministry Team
			5.00 pm	Weight Watchers
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Wed		12	6.30 pm	Welsh Ladies Choir
			7.30 pm	Seekers
Thurs		13	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			2.00 pm	Midweek Service – Rev. M. Russell
			4.00 pm	Choir Practice
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Fri		14	9.30 am	Good Friday Worship – Rev. M. Russell
Sun		16	9.30 am	Worship – Rev. P. Greenwood

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

**Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees – *today*** 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.

**SHARING THE JOURNEY:** During April, **Rae Anderson** will conduct this section of worship. She can be contacted on 0413 888 884.

### **PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS.**

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.

### **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.

CARING TOGETHER



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](mailto: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 INDIVIDUALLY AND TOGETHER.**



A request for jars with lids. We have been asked for them at the op shops and we have none left. It's jam season of course. For more information see Claire Ziegler

**LENTEN EVENT:** Teaching people how to tackle stark injustice is key to overcoming poverty. UnitingWorld is supporting the Church of North India, to help people take a stand. Where children are excluded from school, or where there aren't enough teachers, they're training community workers to educate families about their rights, get their kids into schools and lobby for trained teachers. Where water supplies aren't correctly installed they're organising people to politely but firmly insist these are properly serviced by local government.

Let us pray for the Church of North India as they continue their ministry to help the most vulnerable and marginalised. To learn more and to make a gift to support this work, visit [www.lentevent.com](http://www.lentevent.com). When you give to Lent Event you're supporting long-term change in India, not short-term handouts.

### **DUTY ROSTERS**

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

#### **APRIL 16, 2017**

<b>CLEANING</b>	M. & B. HUNT	<b>USHERS</b>	J. & D. JACKSON P. & I. PETERSEN
<b>FLOWERS</b>	O. TOMKINS	<b>KID'S CHURCH</b>	
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	F. & A. SAFAREJAD	<b>CAR DRIVING</b>	C. & D. MANKS
<b>SOUND</b>	C. MCAVANEY	<b>POWERPOINT</b>	J. DAW
<b>CONNECTIONS</b>	C. FINDLAY	<b>READER</b>	R. HODGE
<b>WELCOMER</b>	J. SMITH	<b>ORGAN</b>	M. JOHN

#### **APRIL 14, 2017**

<b>COMMUNION</b>	P. & M. SELLER N. & N. MCMILLAN	<b>USHERS</b>	I. ALLAN, N. PATCHETT N. & N. MCMILLAN
<b>FLOWERS</b>	D. BATH	<b>KID'S CHURCH</b>	
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	P. SELLER D. & T. WALKER	<b>CAR DRIVING</b>	J. & V. ENGLAND
<b>SOUND</b>	K. MCAVANEY	<b>POWERPOINT</b>	I. POOLEY
<b>CONNECTIONS</b>		<b>READER</b>	J. DAW
<b>WELCOMER</b>	S. HUNTER	<b>ORGAN</b>	M. JOHN

## EASTER MID-WEEK WORSHIP AND COMMUNION 2017



Amid a very busy week of services you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Room on Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> for our midweek Easter service

led by Margaret and John Russell.

Mid-week is a traditional form of worship that takes place at 2 pm on the second Thursday of each month (except in January).

Following each service afternoon tea and fellowship are shared.

For details contact Lyn on 5241 6269.

For transport contact Pam on 5243 9575



### EASTER BISCUIT BAKE.

The Pastoral Connections Ministry Team initiative to join with other church and school groups to provide home-made biscuits for all prisoners in the Geelong region resulted in 21 containers of biscuits from St. Luke's – a very good response. There are 1,300 inmates of prisons in the Geelong region, and 13,000 biscuits were needed. The biscuits were packed in packs of 10, and distributed personally by Prison Fellowship. Included with each pack was an Easter card explaining the true meaning of Easter, bringing new life, hope and encouragement through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A big thank-you to all those who baked the biscuits. Prison Fellowship also have asked that their thanks be passed on to those who have supported the Biscuit Bake.



## Uniting Share Lenten Appeal

Do you have a 'gold coin' in your pocket today?

For if you do then, you may choose to spend it at today's Trading Table where there is an opportunity for you to take part in a 'guessing game'.

Yes, can you remember the days when raising money, we were required to guess the number of buttons in a bottle? If you guessed correctly, then you won the prize!

*The Bible tells us that a generous person will prosper, that whoever refreshes others will be refreshed also (Proverbs 11:24-26)*

Over the next 2 Sundays try and guess just how many buttons are in the bottle. The winner's name will be announced at morning tea on Easter Sunday 16 April.

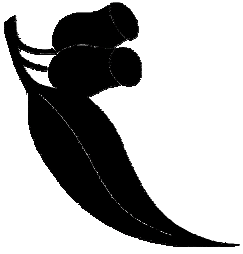
Come on, have a guess and the money raised will be directed to our Share Lenten Appeal. **AND** you could be rewarded with a basket of beautiful Easter Eggs to share with family and friends.

*Rae Anderson and Jean Williams*

### **LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP:**

On Thursday 20th April, we will visit the "Uforic food cafe" and Beach Tree Nursery at 1135 Surfcoast Hwy, Torquay.

If you wish to carpool, please meet at St Luke's carpark at 1pm or meet at the cafe at 1-30pm. All welcome.



St Luke's Environment Action Group  
News

What: Earth Day Activity and BBQ

When: Saturday 22 April 10.00am

Where: The Dell, Clifton Springs

Who: Highton Rotary, St Luke's Environment Group, Clifton Springs, Curlewis Coast care, anyone else who would like to join us

How to get there – drive the length of Jetty Rd., Clifton Springs, turn right at the end of Jetty Rd., drive on until you see the sign pointing left to THE DELL. Parking at the top of The Dell and walk down the ramp.

What to bring – gloves, sunhat and sun cream, warm top (just in case), bag or bucket, \$2.50 for BBQ water bottle.

What we are doing – we will take a survey of the litter we find at The Dell and send our findings to the Port Phillip Eco Centre who will add this to their data base from all around Port Phillip Bay. A proactive approach will be taken by finding out where the rubbish comes from and taking action.

How are we going to do this –

1. 10.00 am - we will divide into 3 teams
2. measure and mark 3 areas on the beach
3. we will then pick up all the rubbish in the 3 areas
4. time for a break and have a BBQ
5. now we will lay out all our rubbish on 3 separate tarps
6. lastly, we will count all the different types of rubbish and record it on the survey sheet and send the results to the Eco Centre.

Highton Rotary is organising the BBQ

St. Luke's Environment Action Group  
Next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
At 7.30 pm in the Fellowship Room



# 10 April 2017 - 16 April 2017

April 2017							May 2017						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

## Monday, 10 April

7:00pm - 9:30pm Geelong Chorale ↻

## Tuesday, 11 April

9:30am - 12:30pm Men's Shed (Lane Memorial, Workshops) ↻

2:00pm - 3:30pm Ford Retirees

3:30pm - 5:30pm Resourcing Ministry Team (Fellowship Room) ↻

5:00pm - 7:00pm Weight Watchers (Hall) ↻

7:30pm - 9:30pm Theatre of the Damned (Hall) ↻

## Wednesday, 12 April

6:30pm - 9:00pm Welsh Ladies Choir (Hall) ↻

7:30pm - 9:30pm Seekers ↻

## Thursday, 13 April

9:30am - 12:30pm Men's Shed (Lane Memorial, Workshops) ↻

2:00pm - 3:30pm Midweek Service - Rev. M. Russell (Fellowship Room) ↻

4:00pm - 5:00pm Choir Practice (Worship Centre) ↻

5:30pm - 7:30pm Easter Reflection Service (Worship Centre, Hall, Kitchen)

## Friday, 14 April

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30am - 10:30am Good Friday - Rev. M. Russell

8:00pm - 10:00pm Mission Outreach (Fellowship Room) ↻

## Saturday, 15 April

## Sunday, 16 April

9:30am - 11:30am Worship - Rev. P. Greenwood