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# 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: MAY 28, 2017**

Acts 1: 6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35;  
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.

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**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

**OFFERING:      ACTUAL: \$1851      Y.T.D. \$32578**  
**BUDGET: \$1711      Y.T.D. \$34217**

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**THIS WEEK'S DIARY:**

Mon	May	22	7.00 pm	Geelong Chorale
Tue		23	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			5.00 pm	Weight Watchers
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Wed		24	1.00 pm	Chew, Chat & Threads
			2.00 pm	Coffee & Chat
			6.30 pm	Welsh Ladies Choir
			6.30 pm	Presbytery APF Committee
Thurs		25	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			9.30 am	Let's Make Music
			4.00 pm	Choir Practice
			4.30 pm	Junior Choir
			7.00 pm	Youth Choir
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Fri		26	9.30 am	Trekkies
			10.30 am	Let's Make Music
Sun		28	9.30 am	Worship – Choir
			1.00 pm	Youth Choir
			1.30 pm	M. Goldsworthy Recital

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

**SHARING THE JOURNEY:** During May, **Max Robertson** will conduct this section of worship. He can be contacted on 5241 6269 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.*

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## **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](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.**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THIS WEEK**

- Praise for those who have been leading worship at St. Luke's during the ministerial vacancy. Please pray for the choir, as they lead worship today.
- Pray for our JNC team of John, Ian, Ken and Robyn and Presbytery representatives as they meet next week to formalise the selection of a new minister for St. Luke's.
- Give thanks for the life of Elva Baum, for her faithful witness to Jesus Christ, her courage and her example. Pray for Merv, Wendy, Sandra and their families.

- Pray for those who have serious health issues or are facing surgery. May they know God's peace, comfort and strength. Pray for all those in pain that they may find relief.
- Pray for Jean Murray's sister Pat Lloyd, as she awaits surgery in Melbourne;
- Pray for those who are becoming frail and need extra care.
- Pray for teenagers, as they learn to negotiate the temptations of the world around them – for good mentoring to learn positive life skills.
- Pray for our political leaders, particularly for those with potential to use their power and influence to do good or evil. May their day-to-day decisions be guided by love, rather than hate or indifference.
- Pray for world leaders that they may be able to negotiate peaceful outcomes where there are tensions.
- Pray for those suffering because of the famine in East Africa, and for all those working to alleviate the suffering.
- Pray for refugees and asylum-seekers as they seek a safe place to live, work and bring up their families. May authorities act with justice and compassion.
- Pray for victims of terror, starvation and helplessness, particularly in Syria, Southern Sudan and Afghanistan.
- Pray for Uniting Care in Geelong – the Committee, staff, volunteers, and especially those who come seeking help.
- Pray for those who are travelling – for safety.

**NOTE:** These are some of the suggested areas where prayer is much needed and appreciated. They are guidelines for your own private prayer. Names of members of the congregation who are sick or have special needs are not mentioned for privacy reasons, unless the person has given permission for their name to be printed. The Prayer Link is available for those wishing to submit confidential prayer requests (see article headed prayer Requests and Prayer Corner.)

“If you are interested in having a copy of the Bruce Prewer “I BELIEVE I NEED A SHEPHERD” psalm it can be found in the Take Home Reflections folder on the table in the Prayer Corner.”

## DUTY ROSTERS

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

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<b>CLEANING</b>	J. POOLEY P. CADDY	<b>USHERS</b>	B. & M. HUNT T. & D. AYRTON
<b>FLOWERS</b>	G. MURRANT	<b>KID'S CHURCH</b>	
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	L. & M. ROBERTSON	<b>CAR DRIVING</b>	G. BOEHM
<b>SOUND</b>	P. PHELAN	<b>POWERPOINT</b>	I. POOLEY
<b>CONNECTIONS</b>	A. LYONS	<b>READER</b>	R. ANDERSON
<b>WELCOMER</b>	H. SWAN	<b>ORGAN</b>	

St. Luke's Environment Action Group  
Next meeting 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017  
At 7.30 in the Fellowship Room

**HOUSE CHURCH: TONIGHT:** 7.00 pm

Annette and Robert Packett, 8 Ocean View Crescent, Torquay

Speaker: Rev Ikani Vaitohi

Worship: Annette and Robert

Supper: N to Z

Apologies: Susan and Jim 5250 2969, 0414 502 969, or email

*Justice and International Mission Unit 2017 Convention, "Building Bridges Not Walls",*  
**Justice and International Mission Unit 2017 Convention, "Building Bridges Not Walls"**

**DATE:** Saturday 27 May 2017  
**TIME:** 9:30 am - 4:15 pm  
**VENUE:** Centre for Theology & Ministry, 29 College Crescent, Parkville VIC (Melways Ref. Map 2B, D4, or Google maps ref <http://bit.ly/2pG8Kzr> )  
**REGISTRATION:** \$30 Metro Participants, \$20 Concession or non-Metro Participants

*The world is changing. Some political and world leaders blame terrorism & financial insecurity on 'outsiders', who are often disadvantaged themselves. How can Christians respond? What is the path forward?*

Meet others working for justice, share ideas, give your input on the JIM unit's work.

Speakers include: Joe Camilleri, Monica Jyotsna Melanchthon, Anam Javed and more.

A flyer with all the information on the convention and registration form is available in the foyer. Alternatively, you can register at <https://www.trybooking.com/PJIZ> . Registrations must be received by **19 May 2017**

### **BUILDING SKILLS FOR ACTION CONCERNING REFUGEE ISSUES**

The Uniting Church and CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum) are offering church and community groups an opportunity to come together and build skills for action around refugee issues in Australia.

#### **So, what's on offer?**

#### **Training #1 - Community Conversations**

Community conversations are a great way for people to learn about the issues affecting people seeking asylum, and to join the discussion about how we can be treating people with dignity and respect. We believe that when a community is made aware of an issue and works together in defence of what is fair and right, anything is possible.

We'll present a model for having conversations in your local community and give you the tools and structures to organise your own.

#### **Training #2 - Meeting your local MP**

MPs are our elected representatives in parliament and have a responsibility to listen to the issues that are of concern to their constituents. In this session, we

will work through some of the key things to think about when arranging, preparing for and following up your meeting with an MP.

We'll build your skills to have effective meetings with MPs that are outcome-focused and help us achieve important change for refugees and people seeking asylum.

For our Wednesday 31st May training we will be joined by former ALP candidate for Melbourne - Cath Bowtell - who has years of experience working with government departments, unions and elected officials and is currently CEO of Industry Fund Services.

For both MP sessions, we will be joined by Catherine Neville, who has held senior policy and advocacy roles in government and the community services sector and worked as an advisor and Chief of Staff for the Bracks, Brumby and Andrews Labour Governments in Victoria.

### **How do I get involved?**

Register your attendance for **one** or **two** of the four sessions we have on offer:

- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – 6.00pm-7.30pm – Community Conversation Training #1
- **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – 6.00pm-7.30pm – MP Meeting Training #1 (with Cath Bowtell)
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – 2.00pm-3.30pm – Community Conversation Training #2
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – 4.00pm-5.30pm – MP Meeting Training #2

All workshops will take place at the **Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.**

***If interested please contact Jean Daw.***



## **St Luke's Pillow Bank**

Last month an appeal was lodged seeking donations of new pillows as we live out St Luke's Mission outreaching to Refugee, Asylum Seekers and other people in need. We are always glad to receive used linen and blankets, but due to strict health regulations we can only provide '**new**' pillows.

We are very grateful to 16 of our families who have generously responded, but with up to 12 Christian Syrian families arriving in Geelong every month, our need continues.

Opportunity for you to 'pledge' and support our Pillow Bank.....**continues.**

\$10.... buys ONE pillow, \$20.... buys TWO pillows etc.

Can you support our Mission in this way?

*Jean Daw – Convenor  
Mission Outreach Ministry Team*