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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: JUNE 25, 2017

Genesis 21: 8-21; Psalm; 86:1-10,16-17;

Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

OFFERING: ACTUAL: \$1899 Y.T.D. \$39442
BUDGET: \$1711 Y.T.D. \$41061

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Mon	Jun	19	7.00 pm	Geelong Chorale
Tue		20	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			5.00 pm	Weight Watchers
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Wed		21	1.00 pm	Chew, Chat & Threads
			6.30 pm	Welsh Ladies Choir
Thurs	Jun	22	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			9.30 am	Let's Make Music
			4.30 pm	Junior Choir
			7.00 pm	Youth Choir
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Fri		23	9.30 am	Trekkies
			10.30 am	Let's Make Music
Sun		25	9.30 am	Worship – Trekkies

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

SHARING THE JOURNEY: During **June** Alison Lyons will conduct this section of worship. She can be contacted on 5241 2353 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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Holy Communion will be celebrated today.



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 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.

NEW INITIATIVE FOR ST. LUKES



The Pastoral Connections Ministry Team are introducing a new initiative to help those who are going through difficult times – the making and giving of Prayer Comfort Shawls. These soft, warm, comforting wraps, hand-made with love and bathed in prayer, will symbolise the inclusive, unconditional and embracing love of God and the prayers of the St. Luke's community. To do this, we need knitters, crocheters, and wool (8-ply or more). Donations of wool can be left in the box in the foyer. Patterns are available. For any questions or offers to help, please contact Beth on 52436874.

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- Pray for peace in the world. Pray that there may be an end to terrorism, and pray for all those families whose lives have been impacted by senseless acts designed to breed fear and carnage.
- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones in the London inferno, for those injured and those who have lost their home and possessions. Give thanks for those who risked their lives to help others.
- Pray for refugees and asylum-seekers as they seek a safe place to live, work and bring up their families. May authorities and politicians act with justice and compassion.
- We ask for your energy and vision for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression, those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger.
- Give praise for all the agencies that work for justice and to ease suffering, helping the poor and marginalised. Pray especially for all the 22 UCA agencies, including UnitingCare and Share, as they come together to form a single organisation, Uniting, delivering the church's community services.
- Pray for those who have serious health issues or are facing surgery. May they know God's peace, comfort and strength. Give thanks that Graham and Millie Lehmann have arrived home, following Graham's hospitalization in Dubbo.
- Pray for the aged and frail, those who are lonely or separated from loved ones, that they might have adequate care, companionship and safety.
- Give thanks that the Parish Profile has now been completed, and ready to be circulated. Pray for God's leading in the search for a new minister for St. Luke's. Give thanks for all those who are giving leadership in worship during the ministerial vacancy. Pray for Margaret, John, Lloyd and other lay leaders.
- Pray for the preparation for the worship service next Sunday, to be led by Treckies.
- 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. This weekly list of prayer points DOES NOT REPLACE THE PRAYER LINK, which is available for those wishing to submit confidential prayer requests (see article headed Prayer Requests and 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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CLEANING	V. & J. ENGLAND	USHERS	B. MURPHY B. ALLEN G. STEWART P. SELLER
FLOWERS	D. BATH	KID'S CHURCH	
MORNING TEA	B. MURPHY H. SWAN	CAR DRIVING	G. BOEHM
SOUND	P. PHELAN	POWERPOINT	M. WALKER
CONNECTIONS	A. LYONS	READER	STUDY GROUP
WELCOMER	D. AYRTON	ORGAN	

ORCHESTRA GEELONG INC. presents its Winter Concert "Classic Fire" TODAY at 3.00 pm in the Keith Humble Centre for performing arts at Geelong College. A lively and tuneful program of music by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Alfred Hill features Flute, and Violin solos. Tickets at the door are \$20, \$15 [concession]. Youth are free. All welcome.



St Luke's Environment Action Group
News

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Two weeks into our "Plastic Free" pledges and how are we progressing?

Quite a number of people have signed the pledge to try and cut out the plastic in their lives and the lives of the beautiful creatures in our oceans who are suffering because of our plastic waste.

One member of our congregation has an interesting story to tell. He dug up his children's "time capsule" after 20 plus years – the plastic bag in which the capsule had been placed was still intact!!

Some interesting items on our face book page re coffee cups - which are not recyclable, (see our display board in the foyer for further information for coffee drinkers), and where to recycle cereal bags.

Rae has lots of paper bags and boxes on the Trade Table and we have material and templates for those who want to make their own shopping bags.

Don't forget we have a number of Op Shops where we can recycle our unwanted goods.

Also see the Geelong Sustainability Directory (on the table in the foyer) for information on where to recycle items.

St. Luke's Environment Action Group
Next meeting 26th June 2017
At 7.30 in the Fellowship Room

St Luke's Trading Table



*St Luke's Trading
Table*

Supports War

on

Plastic Bags

'Hats Off' to the following wise 'shoppers' who supports the war on plastic bags by bringing their own re-useable shopping bags to our Trading Table: Lesley Gunning, Jean Williams, Jean Daw, Alison Lyons, Linda Salamy, Claire Zeigler, Glenis Stewart, and Jenny Pooley.

(Can I add your name to this growing list?)

Shoppers will note that we now stock and use paper bags and small boxes for customers to carry home their purchases.

Next Sunday's Trading Table

On Sunday 25th. June will focus on a **Winter Games Table** ... look in your cupboards for unwanted jigsaws, board games, cards or any other game that may attract people's memory of playing games from the 'good old days.'

Rae Anderson - Mission Outreach Ministry Team.