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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: JULY 2, 2017

Genesis 22: 1-14; Psalm; 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

OFFERING: ACTUAL: \$3265 Y.T.D. \$42707
 BUDGET: \$1711 Y.T.D. \$42772

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Mon	Jun	26	7.00 pm	Geelong Chorale
			7.30 pm	Environment Action Group
Tue		27	9.30 am	Men's Shed
			5.00 pm	Weight Watchers
			7.30 pm	Theatre of the Damned
Wed		28	11.00 am	Chew, Chat & Threads
			2.00 pm	Coffee & Chat
				LEF
			6.30 pm	Welsh Ladies Choir
Thurs	Jun	29	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		30	9.30 am	Trekkies
			10.30 am	Let's Make Music
			12.30 pm	Sewing Group
Sat	Jul	1	9.30 am	Australian Opera – Geelong Youth Choir
Sun		2	9.30 am	Worship – Rev. P. Greenwood
			7.00 pm	Praise & Worship

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

SHARING THE JOURNEY: During **July** Linda Salamy will conduct this section of worship. She can be contacted on 5241 2369 or 0407 806 312 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.

LADIES EVENING FELLOWSHIP

This month we are meeting with the "Coffee and Chat" group at Cafe Thyme in Porter Ave, Highton, on Wednesday 28th June at 2pm.
All welcome.



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.

PRAYER COMFORT SHAWLS



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.

NAME TAG ORDERS: DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE A UNITING CHURCH NAME TAG BECAUSE YOU ARE NEW TO ST. LUKE'S OR BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOST YOURS? During the month of **JULY** orders are being accepted. The cost is **\$9** and **pre-payment is required**. Orders are available from JENNY POOLEY, at church or calling 5243-4832.

PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK

- Pray for world leaders. May their focus be on seeking the common good and achieving peaceful outcomes, rather than using their positions of power for corrupt or unjust ends.
- 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 refugees and asylum-seekers as they seek a safe place to live, work and bring up their families.
- Give praise and thanks for the Uniting Church of Australia, now 40 years old. Pray especially 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 in leadership positions at St. Luke's – the Church Council, Ministry Team leaders, worship leaders, and all who serve in so many ways.
- Continue to pray for the JNC in its search for a new minister for St. Luke's. May God direct the deliberations of this Committee.
- Praise God for all the small groups that continue to meet. We give thanks that House Church has recently celebrated 30 years.
- Pray for those who have serious health issues or are facing surgery. May they know God's peace, comfort and strength
- Pray for the aged and frail, those who are lonely or separated from loved ones, that they might have adequate care, companionship and safety.
- 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.**

JULY 2, 2017

CLEANING	J. POOLEY P. CADDY	USHERS	D. & J. JACKSON H. SWAN G. STEWART
FLOWERS	J. WHITE	KID'S CHURCH	
MORNING TEA	J. POOLEY P. CADDY	CAR DRIVING	P. PHELAN P. GILL
SOUND	I. LAWRENCE	POWERPOINT	M. SELLER
CONNECTIONS	J. HICKS	READER	R. ANDERSON
WELCOMER	B. BALLAGH	ORGAN	

BOOK SALE
FRIDAY 30TH JUNE

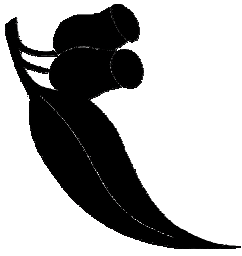
10:00am – 2:00pm

**272 Torquay Rd Grovedale
(Cnr Reserve and Torquay Rds)**

**NOTHING
OVER \$1.00**



Proceeds to



St Luke's Environment Action Group
News
25 June 2017

Well done to those persevering with the "plastic free" pledge



Recycle Right

When you do end up with plastic items and materials recycle them whenever you can. Good recycling programs keep plastic out of landfill and the environment.

- Almost all Australians live in a council that collects plastic packaging for recycling. **Check what your council accepts and follow their rules** for what goes in the bin.
- Recycle soft plastics like shopping, bread, pasta, lolly and dry-cleaning bags through the **REDcycle program** at participating supermarkets.
 - " For every one garbage can of waste you put out on the curb, 70 garbage cans of waste were made upstream to make the junk in that one garbage can you put out on the curb". (The Story of Stuff, 2007)

Please ask one of the environment group or check the Geelong Sustainability Directory if you are not sure where to recycle your items

Don't forget we can bring our used batteries to St Luke's and put them in our recycling bin in the foyer.



St. Luke's Environment Action Group
Next meeting 26 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.

Today's Trading Table

Today we will focus on a Winter Games Table ... take you time to look at the wide selection of indoor games, they may bring back memories of playing games with family and friends, when sitting by the open fire, drinking hot chocolate and keeping 'tally' of the scores!



Rae Anderson - Mission Outreach Ministry Team

FROM THE ARCHIVES: THE JOURNEY OF CO-OPERATION TO UNITING CHURCH

Records show that there was a combined Highton Methodist (Barrabool Road), and Presbyterian service held in the Roslyn Road Presbyterian church as early as 1965.

Encouraged by Rev. Brian Ball, Rev. Steve Box and later Rev. David Pentecost, combined evening services were held periodically in the Methodist church until 1968, then regularly until 1980 when the Roslyn Road property was sold to the South Barwon Council.

In June 1970 a joint meeting of Methodist Leaders and the Presbyterian Session expressed a desire for closer cooperation between the two congregations, resulting in the Methodists using the Presbyterian church for family services eight times, and the Sunday School building for an hour each week, to accommodate increasing numbers of children.

SCHEME OF COOPERATION

In April 1971 a Joint Working Committee unanimously recommended that a joint parish be formed to bring about 'reconciliation, renewal, and effectiveness in mission'. The document was amended to include the Barrabool Presbyterian congregation. The Belmont Circuit Quarterly approved the scheme in Dec. 1971, followed by Presbytery, Synod and Conference approval.

All confirmed members of the Highton Methodist congregation and communicant congregations of Highton and Barrabool voted in favour of the Scheme of Cooperation on 5 March, 1972.

A Parish Executive was elected. Thus, the Highton Methodist-Presbyterian Cooperating Parish came into being in May 1972, five years prior to the formation of the Uniting Church.

The Ceres Methodist congregation joined the Highton-Barrabool Hills Parish in 1975. The name of "St. Luke's, Highton was adopted in 1974 to give the congregation of Highton a greater sense of unity.

CHURCH UNION 22 JUNE 1977.

We rejoiced when union was finally achieved and the Basis of Union was approved by the Congregational Union of Australia (1973), the Methodist Church of Australasia (1974) and the Presbyterian Church of Australia (1974). The Highton and Hills congregations celebrated the day with a combined morning service with the theme,

"THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HAS MADE. LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD OF IT."

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1. MELBOURNE BACH CHOIR Sat 1 July 8pm

2. CHAMBER CHOIR OF ST GEORG Nördlingen, Germany Thursday 10 August
7.30pm

3. AUSTRALIAN CHAMBER CHOIR Sunday 20 August 3.00pm.

Enquiries 0408 305868. www.musicatthebasilica.org.au

AFRICAN FAMINE APPEAL:

There is a map of Africa in the hall which the children of Kids' Church presented last Sunday. We again encourage you to put coins on the map in response to the food crisis especially in South Sudan and to save your coins over the next three weeks. This money will be sent to UnitingWorld.