



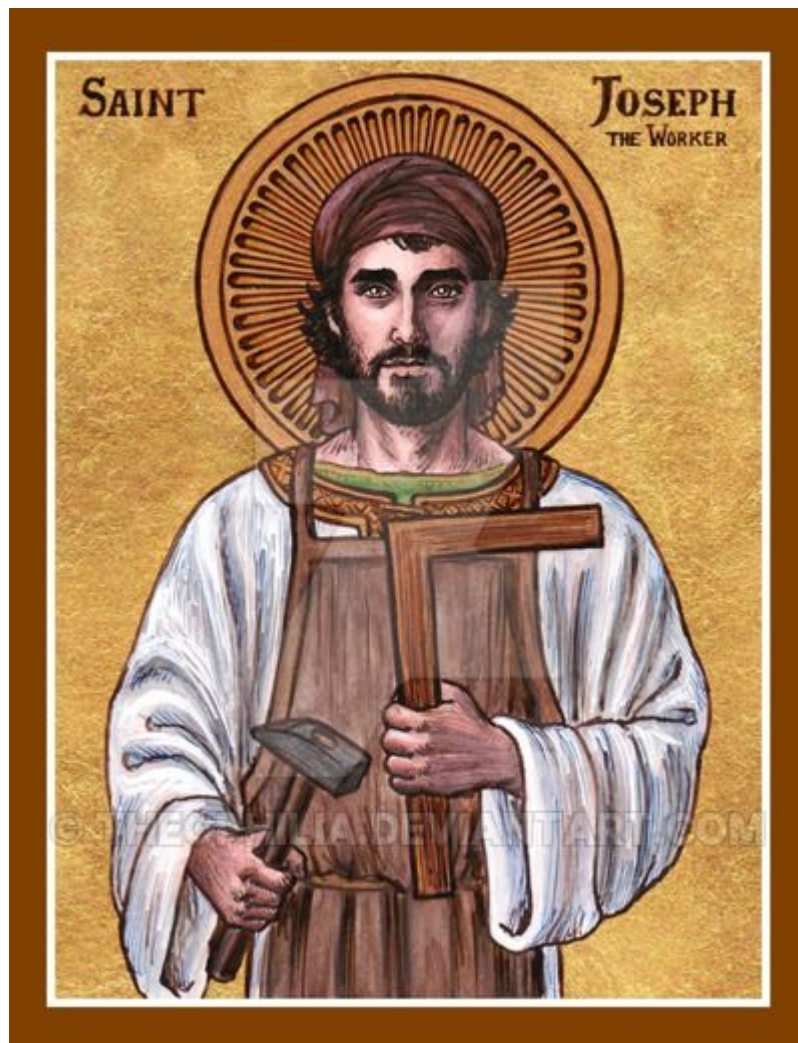
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WELCOME

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.



PRAYER POINTS FOR THIS WEEK COMMENCING August 13.

- Pray for an increased awareness of God's presence throughout each day, comforting, empowering and strengthening.
- Praise God for his amazing gift of grace, freely given and available to all.
- Pray for opportunities to share our faith with others, and for courage to speak when those opportunities arise.
- Pray for the conversations between the JNC and prospective ministers regarding the calling of a new minister for St. Luke's.
- Give thanks for those who are leading worship during the vacancy – for Raymond Surujpal, for Lloyd Walker, for Margaret and John Russell, and others.
- Pray for the children in our congregation and for young families attending Messy Church this week. Pray also for the “team” of helpers making Messy Church happen.
- Many in our congregation are facing serious health issues. May they know God's peace, comfort and strength. Pray also for their families.
- 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 suffering anxiety and depression, and those who are finding it difficult to obtain work.
- Pray for the Mission Outreach of St. Luke's – for new settlers to be made welcome and assisted, for men's shed and other initiatives.
- Pray for our political leaders and for world leaders – for wisdom in decision-making, integrity, transparency, and compassion.
- Pray for peace in the world, and give thanks for all those who are peace-makers.
- Pray for those in African countries such as South Sudan who are starving. Pray also for those in the world affected by flood, fire and drought.
- Pray that there may be an end to terrorism, and pray for the victims and their families.

SHARING THE JOURNEY:

During **August** Joy Hicks will conduct this section of worship on 13th & 27th. She can be contacted on 5253 4285 or 0429 178 973 or personally before the service. On the 20th it will Val Mackenzie 5241 3834 or 0400 768 288.

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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CHURCH ROSTERS

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 details of any of the following or would like to be a part of any of the listed Sunday worship rosters please speak to Pam Seller or Ian Pooley.

Rosters include – Sound desk, Power point, Usher, Collection steward, Sharing the Journey, Reader, Welcomer, Morning tea, Flowers, Communion server, Communion set up, Communion bread baker, Foyer connections, Abervale driver. Extra help means less commitments.

If you are already on a roster and know that you will be unavailable on the date that you are rostered can you **please change with someone else** on the roster and **advise** Pam on 5243 9575 or 0407 557 933 as soon as possible, so rosters can be amended before printing in the News Sheet and placed on the notice board.

If you are aware of dates that you will be away throughout the year please let Pam know and you will not be placed on a roster during those times.

Thank you for your help and support,

Pam Seller

(on behalf of Church Council)

ROSTERS

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

AUGUST 20, 2017

FLOWERS	J White	USHERS	A Lyons, H Swan
COMMUNION BREAD	N & J Daw	COMMUNION SET UP	I Speare P Caddy
COMMUNION	P & I Petersen A & F Safarejad D Aryton, J Lane	WELCOMER	I Tattersall
MORNING TEA	L & M Robertson	CAR DRIVING	C & D Manks
SOUND	C McAvaney	POWERPOINT	I Pooley
CONNECTIONS	J Pooley	READER	R Hodge

St. Luke's Environment Action Group

Next meeting 28 August 2017

At 7.30pm in the Fellowship Room



CARING TOGETHER



PLUG INTO THE POWER OF PRAYER.

Through out the Bible the people of God, where ever they have journeyed, have prayed together. The disciples, in the early Church and Jesus himself prayed often.

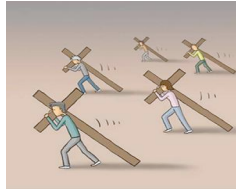
Through out history, the people of God have regularly joined together to pray, and so it is today at St. Luke's.

Pastoral Connections offers in the News Sheet, a weekly page of prayer point suggestions. These points are taken from, and are part of, the Prayer Gathering that follows the weekly Trekkies study group.

If you have additional prayer or praise points that you are concerned about, please advise Beth, following worship, and she will share them with Prayer Fellowship group.

The prayer and praise points found in the news sheet are a guideline for, and addition to, your own personal prayers.

If you wish to place a prayer request, forms can be found in the holder on the back of each pew, or email Jean Williams bijl.williams@gmail.com any time during the week or phone Pam on 5243 9575.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

A young man with a cross to bear came into a crossmaker's shop.

He placed his load upon the floor and gave his brow a mop.

The crossmaker turned and slowly said,

“May I help you son? You seem to be so very tired and you look so weak and wan”.

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The young man stood for a moment and then carefully replied,

“I want to change this cross of mine, it's more than I can bear – for me to bear such a heavy load, I don't think it's quite fair.”

The crossmaker said, without a smile

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“Step up and take one from the pile.

But to find one that's easier will take you quite a while.”

The young man started in to search, he tried them one and all.

But they seemed much too heavy, though some were very small.

He went back to near where he had started and found one that was so very light

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He grinned and said, “This seems to me to be just right.”

so the crossmaker said to the happy young man:

“Take it my friend and a new life begin – for that cross is the very same one you yourself brought in.”

LECTIONARY READINGS: AUGUST 13, 2017

Genesis 45 : 1-15 .. Psalm 133 :
Romans 11 : 1-2a, 29-32 .. Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS

OFFERING:	ACTUAL:	\$1,712	Y.T.D. \$51,113
	BUDGET:	\$1,639	Y.T.D. \$51,327

THIS WEEK'S DIARY:

Mon	14	7.00 pm 7.30 pm	Geelong Chorale Mission Outreach Ministry Team
Tue	15	9.30 am 5.00 pm 7.30 pm	Men's Shed Weight Watchers Church Council – deferred TBA
Wed	16	11.00 am 6.30 pm	Chew, Chat & Threads Welsh Ladies Choir
Thurs	17	9.30 am 9.30 am 4.00 pm 4.30 pm	Let's Make Music Men's Shed Choir Practice Youth Choir (Junior Choir)
Fri	18	9.30 am 10.30 am	Trekkies Let's Make Music
Sat	19		
Sun	20	9.30 am 1.00 pm 7.00 pm	Worship – Rev Rose Broadstock HC, Kids Church Geelong Musical Society House Church