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**October 8, 2017**

**Rev Helen Robinson**

***This news sheet is available on the website each Saturday evening***

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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 OCT 8<sup>TH</sup>**

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- Give thanks for God's ever-present love and forgiveness.
- Give thanks for the beauty of nature that surrounds us.
- Give thanks for the freedom in which we live, and for opportunities to share our faith without fear of persecution.
- Pray for people in countries where they are persecuted for living out their faith. Pray for minority groups who are treated unjustly and who live in fear. Pray for those who find it necessary to seek refuge in other countries, and that they may be resettled in safety and with dignity.
- Pray for peace in the world and especially for world leaders as they negotiate peaceful solutions, especially amid the ongoing threat of nuclear warfare.
- Pray for those living in parts of the world where there are catastrophic natural disasters, leading to loss of life, homes, and where poverty and disease are rife.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones in the tragedy in Las Vegas.
- Pray for our own country and its governing bodies, both national and state political leaders. Pray also for the upcoming City of Greater Geelong Council elections.
- Give thanks that a call has been issued to Rev. Paul Stephens to be our minister.
- Give thanks for Lloyd and all those who have given leadership in ministry during the ministerial vacancy, and pray for Spirit-leading, strength and patience to continue during the extended vacancy. Give thanks for Rev. Helen Robinson who is currently giving ministerial support.
- Give thanks for all the small groups that continue to operate within St. Luke's, offering support and fellowship.
- Pray for the planning and preparation for the next Messy Church.
- Give thanks for Men's Shed, and it's outreach into the community, providing practical assistance and fellowship.
- Continue to pray for Uniting Barwon (previously named Uniting Care Geelong), as it ministers to needy families in this area. Pray for the clients, volunteers, staff and board.
- Pray for all those who are sick, frail, facing or recovering from surgery, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, those who are anxious about the future or who are suffering from depression. Pray for those who are unemployed.
- Pray for young people who have lost their way and are making bad decisions. Pray that they may be influenced in positive ways by good role models to find direction in their lives. Give thanks that Jesus lovingly offers a better way.
- May each of us strive to make this world a better place, where love triumphs over hate, and the needs of people come before greed and power.



**Consider the links and  
Chains of Life.**



We take so much for granted, and never stop to think  
That life is but an endless chain and each of us a link; And while the chain's unbroken and  
all is going right.  
We never spare a moment's thought for other people's plight.  
We feel that life can't hurt us, it will always be the same;  
And other folk with problems?  
Why, they've but themselves to blame.  
Until the day that tragedy comes, knocking at the door,  
And death or illness break the chain that just the day before  
was strong enough to hold us all, and keep us safe and warm.  
to shelter us from misery, and protect us from the storm,  
But time and help from someone else can mend the broken chain,  
can forge the links together, and make it whole again.

**SHARING THE JOURNEY:**

During **October** it will be Ian Lawrence. Ian can be contacted on 5243 6817 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.*

## ROSTERS.

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

**OCTOBER 15, 2017**

<b>FLOWERS</b>	O Tomkins	<b>USHERS</b>	D Ayrton A McAvaney
		<b>WELCOMER</b>	J Hicks
<b>MORNING TEA</b>	C & D Manks	<b>CAR DRIVING</b>	C & D Manks
<b>SOUND</b>	C McAvaney	<b>POWERPOINT</b>	I Pooley
<b>CONNECTIONS</b>	J Pooley	<b>READER</b>	R Hodge-McAvaney
<b>COMMUNION</b>	H Swan & A Lyons N Patchett & D Younghusband	<b>COMMUNION SET UP</b>	J MacRobbie & P Seller

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### Upcoming Events

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Refuge Action Sunday Luncheon at St Luke's	Rae Anderson
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 4:30- 6:30pm	Messy Church St Luke's Uniting Church	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2:30- 4:30pm	Finding your way in Aged Care Eastern Reserve, Bennett St Winchelsea	Jenny Mathison 0409672054
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	St Luke's Uniting Church Garage Sale Cnr Barrabool & Scenic Roads, Highton	Ian 52434852
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	175 years of Worship Wesley Uniting Church 100 Yarra St Geelong	03 52298866



## "SPRING AT ST. LUKE'S

Our lovely Spring flower show is due to the many hours of weeding and trimming, carried out over many years, by Joan and Doug Jackson.

Thanks Joan and Doug we are appreciative of your work and are enjoying your efforts."

CARING TOGETHER



### **MID-WEEK WORSHIP.**

You are invited to join us in the in Fellowship Room this  
Thursday, 12th October, for our midweek service  
to be led by Helen Robertson.

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.

## Next Sunday's Trading Table . . . . 15 Oct'17



Next Sunday 'Jean's Jewellery' will be on the trading table for sale. Jean's collection has grown over recent months and she always has a bargain waiting to be snapped up. With Christmas just around the corner, who can miss a bargain?

### ***Volunteer Teacher English Conversation Classes***

*St Luke's UCA is seeking a person to support adult Refugee and Asylum Seekers in the learning of English through Conversation.*

*This role would be ideal for a person who is prepared to share their skills and experience through voluntary work.*

*Start date: Wednesday 18 October 2017, 1 Session x 2 hrs per wk.*

*Desirable skills and experience:*

- 1. Experience in teaching or tutoring English in a CALD setting,*
- 2. Experience in dealing with newcomer families,*
- 3. Demonstrated ability to be cheerful, flexible, outgoing and patient,*
- 4. Sensitivity to 'new arrival' issues,*
- 5. Demonstrated ability to be a "Good Listener".*

*Expressions of Interest to Jean Daw Convenor, Mission Outreach Ministry Team Email: [\\_stlukes\\_highton@iinet.net.au](mailto:_stlukes_highton@iinet.net.au)*

# Today is .... Refugee Action Sunday



Refugee Action Sunday is about engaging with the general public around the issues that asylum seekers and refugees face in Australia and its offshore detention centres.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull - Bring Them Here.  
Stand Up ..... Speak Out!

***Today we give thanks for our families who have prepared our food for lunch:***

Terzai Amayliek	South Sudanese
Lena Ajak	Sudanese
Alison Lyons	Indian
Joyce McRobbie	Malaysian
Khatoon Alkhawri	Iraqi
Azi Safarnejad	Iranian
Sahar Roshadel	Iranian

***All Welcome ....Taste and enjoy***      ***Cost: Donation***  
***Rae Anderson - St Luke's Mission Outreach Ministry Team***

**LECTIONARY READINGS: October 15, 2017**

**Exodus 32: 1 - 14    .. Psalm            106: 1-6,19-23**  
**Phil            4: 1 - 9            .. Matthew        22: 1 - 14**

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**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS**

**OFFERING:    ACTUAL:        \$1,781                    Y.T.D. \$68,706**  
**BUDGET:       \$1,711                    Y.T.D. \$68,437**

**THIS WEEK'S DIARY:**

Mon	09	9:00-1:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	Office Hours Geelong Chorale
Tue	10	9:30-12 noon 5:00-8:00 pm	Men's Shed Weight Watchers
Wed	11	6:30-9:00 pm 7:30 -9:30pm	Welsh Ladies Choir Seekers
Thurs	12	9:30-12 noon 4:00-5:30 pm 4:30-6:30 pm	Men's Shed Choir Practice Youth Choir (Junior Choir)
Fri	13	9:00-1:00 pm 9:30-11:00 am 10:30-12:30pm 12:30-2-30pm 2:00-3:30pm 4:30-6:30pm	Office Hours Trekkies Let's Make Music Sewing Group (Chapel) Cottage By The Sea Messy Church
Sat	14		
Sun	15	9:30-11:30 am	Worship – Rev Helen Robinson