

Weekly News Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

ST. LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON

Sunday December 10, 2017



Worship Leader: Raymond Surujpal



A season of anticipation.



Are you new to St. Luke's?

If you would like to connect with us, complete a pew card or please let one of the pastoral connections team know so that you can be included in our contact list and invited to join in.

Congregation Reports and News

Christmas Services at St Luke's Postcards

Pick up your Christmas services postcards from the foyer and stick it on your fridge or give one to a friend.

House Church – 7pm TODAY 10th December Our Christmas Communion Service – lead by David Marks

Will be held at 11 Grosvenor Drive Wandana Heights at the home of Annis and Rob Ballard.

Food A to M – Drinks (alcoholic or non alcoholic) to share
 N to Z – Christmas food to share

Apologies to Jim & Susan 5250 2969 or 0414 379 401 or
js.rossiter@bigpond.com or to Annis & Rob or to David

Blue Christmas Service 2017

You're invited to share in a service of remembrance and hope for those who are hurting. The service will be held on **Tuesday 12th December** at 7pm in the Fellowship Room. Supper will be provided. This service provides space for family and friends of those who have lost someone close to them or missed sharing a special anniversary or birthday, had a separation or divorce in the family or know someone who is struggling with health issues. All are welcome. Call Pam 5243 9575 to RSVP

Christmas Mid-Week Worship

The final mid week service for 2017 will be held in the Fellowship Room on **Thursday 14th December**. Commences at 2pm, followed by a High Tea. All are welcome especially those who enjoy a traditional service. Call Pam on 5243 9575 for details

Rev Paul Stephens Induction Service

The induction service for our new Minister Reverend Paul Stephens will be held on **Sunday 11th February 2018** at 2pm at St Luke's.

Requests and Appeals



From Pam Seller, Pastoral Connections Team

TRANSPORT NEED

St Luke's has had a request for transport for a lady to be able to attend church. She lives on the Highton side of Belmont. It would be lovely to be able to help her get to church. Please call Pam on 5243 9575 for specific details

From Pam Seller, Pastoral Connections Team

PRAYER LINK

How to submit a prayer request:

- Complete a Prayer Request form (found on the back of each pew) and handed to Pam Seller or Beth Allen
- Email to pamseller@bigpond.com
- Call 0407 557 933

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS AT THE TRADING TABLE TODAY

The Trading Table is stocked with Christmas themed gifts today. Why not think about some early shopping for a gift for a special friend?

BRING TWICE THE JOY THIS CHRISTMAS

Every person matters. Buy UnitingWorld's ethical 'Everything in Common' gift card that helps to build lives that are whole and helpful. On sale **TODAY** in the hall.

From Mission Outreach Team

EVACUATE MANUS ISLAND PETITION

Please take time to sign the Evacuate Manus Island petition that is in the foyer **TODAY**. The petition calls on the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection to arrange for the evacuation of all people seeking asylum on Manus Island and relocate them to Australia while permanent resettlement arrangements are being made.

This petition was received from the Justice and Mission Unit of the Uniting Church

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Prayer points for this week

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for Jesus who took on human form and came into our world to share our humanity, and who continues to come to lead, inspire and enable us to be bearers of God's love.

Personal Prayers

- Loving God, may I never forget that I am your beloved child.
- Lord Jesus, may my life be a witness to your goodness and love.
- As we enter the Advent season, may we find time in all the busyness of preparations for Christmas to prepare ourselves to welcome once again the Christ Child.
- May we continue to be a welcoming church to all who come, and may we seek opportunities to help and encourage them.

Prayers for Others

- Pray for opportunities to share the real meaning of Christmas.
- Pray for Paul and Jenny Stephens as they prepare to begin ministry at St. Luke's. Pray for all arrangements and preparations in the lead-up to Paul's Induction Service on Feb. 11th.
- Pray for the Blue Christmas Service this week, and for all who are finding the Christmas season jollity to be difficult, because of loss, sadness or loneliness.
- Pray for all who need extra assistance over the Christmas break, and for the work of Uniting Barwon.
- Pray for the midweek service, and for Helen Robinson as she leads.
- Pray for safety on the roads. Pray also for the families of those killed or injured in road accidents.

Prayers for the World

- Pray for all who suffer in war-torn countries – loss of loved ones, of dignity, lack of access to food and clean water, loss of homes & those living in fear.
- Pray for world leaders, for peaceful resolution to conflict, and justice for all.

Church bookings week beginning 11 Dec 2017

Mon 11 Dec 2017	9:00am – 6:00pm	⊕ AMEB Exams - Fellowship Room, Hall, Sanctuary
	7:00pm – 9:30pm	⊕ Geelong Chorale ☐
	7:30pm – 9:00pm	⊕ Mission Outreach Team - Fellowship Room
Tue 12 Dec 2017	9:30am – 12:30pm	⊕ Men's Shed - Lane Memorial, Workshops ☐
	5:00pm – 7:00pm	⊕ Weight Watchers - Hall ☐
	7:00pm – 8:20pm	⊕ Blue Christmas Service - Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary
Wed 13 Dec 2017	6:30pm – 9:00pm	⊕ Welsh Ladies Choir - Hall ☐
Thu 14 Dec 2017	9:30am – 12:30pm	⊕ Men's Shed - Lane Memorial, Workshops ☐
	10:30am – 12:20pm	⊕ Let's Make Music ☐
	2:00pm – 3:30pm	⊕ Midweek Service - Fellowship Room ☐
	4:00pm – 5:00pm	⊕ Choir Practice - Worship Centre ☐
	4:30pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Geelong Youth Choir - Hall, Fellowship Room, Chapel ☐
Fri 15 Dec 2017	9:30am – 11:00am	⊕ Trekkies - Fellowship Room ☐
	10:30am – 12:30pm	⊕ Let's Make Music - Hall ☐
Sat 16 Dec 2017	12:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ Emma. Concert for students. Worship Centre, Hall etc - Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary
Sun 17 Dec 2017	9:30am – 10:45am	⊕ Worship - Fellowship Room, Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary ☐

From: Robyn Hodge, Communications Team

Please note that the Weekly News Sheet submissions deadline is 9:00am Thursday mornings. Late submissions cannot be accepted.

From the Repair Café - Highton

AN UPDATE FOR DECEMBER

The Repair Café has some significant statistics so far. Since August we have fixed 102 items (213kg). Of all the items brought in we have been able to fix 78%. Items that have been repaired include but are not limited to quilts, dresses, record players and lamps.

Next year the Café will be held on the **second Saturday** of each month beginning on 10th February 2018.

Coming Events

Activity

Date

Belmont Uniting Church Choir Special Christmas Musical – Were you there that Christmas Night? **Sunday 10th December**

7.30pm at the Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson Street, Belmont.
Conductor – Cliff Rankin | Accompanist – Lorraine Rankin
Flautist – Fleur Davison | Narration – Ray and Julie Ferguson
Join this free celebration of the Christmas Story through scripture and music.

FREE LUNCHTIME ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS **Mondays in December**
St Marys of the Angels Basilica - 12.30 to 1.30pm

- Monday 11th December - Ria Angelika Polo
- Monday 18th December - Frank de Rosso

A CHRISTMAS NOEL **Friday 15th December 8pm**
JS Bach - Wacht Auf Bwv 140
St Mary's Basilica, 136 Yarra Street Geelong

Tickets at the door or www.trybooking.com/QOSS. Complimentary Program \$35 Adult/Senior, \$30 Concession, school children free. Complimentary Supper. Details at www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or to Jan 0407 095 408

St Luke's Choir – ADVENT CANTATA **Sunday 17th December**
Will be held during **NEXT SUNDAY's** morning service

The Night the Angels Sang is a lively and tuneful telling of the Bethlehem story; the coming of Jesus into his world is celebrated by the choir in words and music. We hope you come and support your singers contribution in celebrating this Advent season.

WESLEY UNITING CHURCH – ANNUAL CAROLS SERVICE **Sunday 17th December**
8pm – Service lit by candles

You're invited to join in singing modern and traditional Christmas carols. There will be readings and items sung by the Wesley Singers and the As One Voice choir.

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What's On

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 11th - 17th Dec 2017

Men's Shed Tue/Thu 9:30-12:30	Choir Practise Thu 4:00-5:00pm	Trekkies Fri 9:30-11:00am
Blue Christmas Tue 7:00-9:00pm	Mid-Week Service Thur 2:00-3:30pm	

Sunday Worship 9:30am 17th Dec

Worship Leader:	Rev Dr Kevin Yelverton
Welcomer:	J Hicks
Ushers:	D Younghusband & S Anderson
Sound:	C McAvaney
Powerpoint:	I Pooley
Reader:	R Hodge-McAvaney
Flowers:	D Bath (Advent Wreath)
Morning tea:	C & D Manks
Connections:	J Pooley
Drivers:	C & D Manks
Sharing the Journey:	N Patchett 5241 9782
Communion Set up:	A & F Sararefjad P Seller & L Salamy
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Choir:	M. John

Lectionary Readings

Isa 61:1-4,8-11
Psalms 126
2 Thes 5:16-24
John 1:6-8,19-28

Weekly Offering

Budget:	\$1,711
Actual:	\$1,738
Difference:	+\$27
YTD Budget:	\$83,836
YTD Actual:	\$85,942
Difference:	+\$2,106

Upcoming meetings

Mission Outreach	Mon 12th Dec 7:30-9pm	Fellowship Room
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Church Contacts

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