

Weekly News Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia



ST. LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON
Sunday 11th February, 2018

Worship Leader: Alexandra Bingham



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

Rosters

Thank you to everyone who has generously given their time to be part of one of our weekly rosters. The March, April and Easter Rosters are now being prepared.

If you are rostered on and find that your circumstances have changed **please swap with someone else** on the roster and **advise** the church office or Pam on 5243 9575 or 0407 557 933 as soon as possible.



Rev Paul Stephens Induction Service TODAY at 2pm

Plan to come this afternoon at 2pm at St Lukes, Please bring a plate.

Ash Wednesday - Wed 14th February - 7pm Rev Paul Stephens

Come together in community for a service of reflection and prayer. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship as we share supper

Sunday Roast Luncheon - Sunday 18th February - 12 Noon

Plan to stay after Worship, after a cuppa and share a leg of lamb with us! No bookings required - just come. Enquires to Rae Anderson

Do you need a new Name Tag as you are new to St Lukes or because you may have misplaced yours?

Wearing a name tag will help Rev. Paul and Jenny Stephens to get to know you so orders will be taken during February. Cost is by **pre-payment** of **\$9**. Envelopes are available from Jenny Pooley at church or by calling 5243 4832

Please note that the Weekly News Sheet submissions deadline is 9:00am Thursday mornings. Email news@stlukesuca.org.au

Requests and Appeals

From Claire Ziegler, St Luke's Environment Action Group

NEWS – ST LUKE'S IS BEING PRESENTED WITH AN AWARD

St Lukes will be presented with the '5 Leaf Eco Award' on the 18th February. These awards are part of an Australian ecumenical environmental change program specifically designed for churches and religious organisations. These non-competitive awards assist the program by assisting, inspiring and rewarding faith communities for taking environmental action and becoming more sustainable.

The next meeting of the Group is 26th February at 7.30 in the Fellowship Room.

Also we are presenting a fundraising screening showing 'The desperate plight of the Orange-bellied Parrot' a film by David Neilson at the Pivotonian Cinema (Cnr of Moorabool & Verner Sts, South Geelong). Tickets are Adults \$20, Concession \$15 and are available via www.trybooking.com/TYYB, Tickets incur a 30c booking fee. For information call 0409 383 306 or davidneilson@snowgumpness.com.au. Proceeds from this evening will go to the Orange-bellied parrot recovery efforts and Geelong conservation issues.

From Beth Allan, Pastoral Connections Catering Team

THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of Des Bath was held last Wednesday and was attended by 260 people. The service reflected the high esteem in which Des & Dorothy are held and Des' many involvements. Thank you to all those who provided afternoon tea.

*Thank
You*

What's On

Church bookings week beginning 12th February 2018

Mon 12 Feb	● 9:30 – 10:50am	Pastoral Connections Fellowship Room
	● 7 – 9:30pm	Geelong Chorale Rehearsal Sanctuary
Tue 13 Feb	● 9am – 12pm	Men's Shed Men's Shed, Lane Memorial Room
	● 6 – 8pm	Weight Watchers Hall
Wed 14 Feb	● 6:30 – 9:20pm	Welsh Ladies Choir Hall
	● 6:30 – 9:15pm	Windfire Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
	● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service Fellowship Room, Kitchen
Thu 15 Feb	● 9am – 12:20pm	Let's Make Music - GYC Hall
	● 9am – 12pm	Men's Shed Men's Shed, Lane Memorial Room
	● 3:45 – 4pm	GYC Setup Fellowship Room, Hall
	● 4 – 6pm	Youth Choir Rehearsals Fellowship Room, Hall
	● 4 – 5:15pm	Church choir rehearsal Sanctuary, St Luke's Uniting Church
	● 6 – 9pm	GYC Rehearsals - Chamber Choir & Raise the Bar
Fri 16 Feb	● 9am – 12:20pm	Let's Make Music - GYC Hall
	● 9:15 – 10:45am	Trekkies Study Fellowship Room
	● 12:15 – 2:35pm	Sewing Group Chapel, Fellowship Room, Kitchen
Sun 18 Feb	● 9:30 – 10:20am	Worship Fellowship Room, Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary

From Ken Anderson, St Luke's Mens Shed

ADVANCED NOTICE – GARAGE SALE – 24TH MARCH

Individual sites can be arranged through Ian Pooley (5243 4832) @ \$20 per site.
Further information in the coming weeks. Flyers will be available from Ken Anderson

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, by email pamseller@bigpond.com or call 0407 557 933

Website: stlukesuca.org.au **Email:** info@stlukesuca.org.au **Ph:** 5244 2997 4

Prayer points for this week

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- Give thanks that we serve a risen Saviour, and for the gift of Holy Spirit, working in and through us.
- Give thanks for our new minister, Paul Stephens and his wife Jenny, as they begin ministry at St. Lukes.

Personal Prayers

- Thank you, God, for those times when we feel your presence in a very special way – times of stimulation and encouragement, leading to increased faith.
- May we be open to new avenues of service, and may we respond to your call.
- May we continue to be a welcoming church to all who come, and may we seek opportunities to help and encourage newcomers.

Prayers for Others

- We give thanks for the life of Des Bath, and pray for Dorothy and the family as they grieve. We thank God for the many ways in which Des contributed to the life and witness of St. Luke's and in the community
- Pray for those who are unwell, in hospital, or awaiting surgery, remembering particularly Graham Lehmann, June Longmore, and Doris McClelland.
- Pray for Paul and Jenny Stephens as they settle in, meeting people and familiarising themselves with the ongoing life and ministry here, the needs, the visions, and may we respond with a welcoming love and eagerness to grow together in faith.
- We pray for young people facing all the challenges of life. May they have support, love, encouragement, and wise counsel as they learn to make wise decisions.
- We pray for families, and upcoming workshops; creating a thriving family culture.

Prayers for the World

- Pray for people in those countries where there is war, poverty, starvation, lack of basic needs such as hygiene, clean water and housing.
- Pray for all agencies who work to ease suffering, in particular, UnitingWorld as it partners in God's mission in the world through relief and development.
- Remember in prayer those who seek refuge or are making a new life in Australia.
- Pray for world leaders, that they may be able to negotiate peaceful resolutions in areas of conflict.
- Pray for local, state and national representatives, for wise and fair government that seeks to provide for those most in need.

From Michelle Walker, Repair Cafe

REPAIR CAFE STARTED YESTERDAY

The Repair Cafe will commence this week at St Luke's.
The remaining dates for 2018 are:

17th March	14th April	12th May
16th June	14th July	11th August
8th September	10th November	8th December



From Robyn Hodge - Belonging & Becoming - Starting NEXT SUNDAY

A RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG(ER) CHILDREN

First meeting is **TODAY** 11th February 4-7pm at 49 Apex Avenue, Belmont. Phone Robyn on 0427 571 453 to RSVP. Yes that's right, straight after the induction of Rev. Paul Stephens!

A new small group is meeting fortnightly at the Walker and Hodge McAvaney homes 4-7pm on Sunday afternoons. The study commences at 4.30, concludes at 6.30pm with a share tea for anyone who can stay. Younger children will be looked after by the older ones (we hope!) and we really look forward to sharing faith and food with other families connecting to St Luke's.

We are starting with 'Belonging and Becoming: Creating a Thriving Family Culture' by Mark and Lisa Scandrette. This is an 8 week, high commitment learning journey that we hope will encourage and equip parents to nurture a family that is creative, intentional, soulful and globally aware.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

Free lunchtime reflections for the season of Lent at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, 136 Yarra St. Geelong Free admission - all welcome

Wednesday February 21 12.30 – 1.00pm
Shannon Ebeling - saxophone

Wednesday February 28 12.30 – 1.00pm
Helen Seymour - poetry, Tom Healey - organ

Wednesday March 7 12.30 – 1.00pm
Patrycja Radzi-Stewart - violin

Wednesday March 14 12.30 – 1.00pm
Julie Seal - clarinet

Wednesday March 21 12.30 – 1.00pm
Prue Farnsworth - flute

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

Wednesday March 28, 8 pm
Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels 136 Yarra St. Geelong

EASTER CONCERT

Windfire Chamber Choir and Strings
Conductor Rick Prakhoff
Emily Swanson – soprano Meredith Cox – alto
Miranda Brockman – cello

Works by Max Reger, Arvo Part, Peter Sculthorpe,
Stephanie Martin and
the premiere of a new work by Malcolm John OAM

Tickets \$35/\$30 Children and school students - free
from www.trybooking.com/TNUY or at the door

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 12th - 18th Feb 2018		
Men's Shed Tue/Thu 9:30-12:30	Sewing Group Friday 12:30-2:30	House Church Sunday 7:30pm
Sunday Worship 9:30am 18th Feb		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader:	Rev Paul Stephens (HC)	Gen: 9:8-17
Welcomer:	J Mac Robbie	Psalm 25:1-10
Ushers:	N & N McMillian P Gill & H Swan	1 Peter 3: 18-22
Sound:	C McAvaney	Mark 1:9-15
Powerpoint:	I Pooley	
Reader:	L Salmey	
Flowers:	B Hunt	
Morning tea:	M & M Batson	
Connections:	J Pooley	
Drivers:	C & D Manks	
Sharing the Journey:	Joy Hicks 0352434284	
Communion Set up:	I Speare & P Caddy	
Communion:	E Nichols & V England D Husband & I Speare	
Upcoming meetings		
Pastoral Connections	Tuesday 12th Feb 1-3pm	Fellowship Room
Church Council	Tuesday 20th Feb 7-9pm	Fellowship Room

Church Calendar Dates 2018

The office has been confirming and updating bookings with regular groups and users - if you haven't already, please be sure to email Corrine to book your events and activities in the calendar. Access to view the online calendar for venue bookings is now be available in the members area of the St Lukes website. Contact Robyn for password.

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