

Weekly Pew Sheet
The Uniting Church in Australia
ST LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON



Sunday 2nd Dec 2018

Worship Leader: Paul Stephens
'Living Each Day'



Sharni Boydell/Act for Peace



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.

The monthly newsletter, St Luke's Link, is published on the first Sunday of the month. The deadline for submissions is the last Wednesday of the month. Brief, interim notices are published in a single page weekly bulletin, deadline Thursday 9:00 am, and announced prior to services.
e-mail items to news@stlukesuca.org.au

Office administrator: Robyn Hodge. Office open hours: Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30-12:30pm

SHARING THE JOURNEY – DECEMBER

Sharing the Journey for December will be led by Noel Patchett. *From Carole Findlay*

ADVENT MORNING TEA 2ND DECEMBER – TODAY

Please join us TODAY in the hall following worship for a special morning tea to welcome the commencement of the Advent Season - Pastoral Connections Team

DECEMBER HOUSE CHURCH – TODAY

House Church TODAY is a Christmas Communion Service at 7pm at the home of Annis & Rob Ballard, 11 Grosvenor Drive. Ph 5243 0239. Will be led by Rev. Paul Stephens. Supper - A-M Christmas food only, N-Z Christmas drinks only. Apologies to Kevin or Joy McAvaney kjmca@ozemail.com.au or 5243 1448.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – 25TH DECEMBER

Today in your notice sheet you will receive your invitation to join us here at St Luke's for a Christmas Day Lunch on Tuesday 25th December. Kitchen and Hall available. BYO festive Drinks. If attending worship, you can leave your food in the kitchen. - *Rae Anderson*

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Pastoral Connections invite you to share in a service of remembrance and hope for those who are hurting. This time of reflection will be held at St. Luke's on Tuesday 11th December at 7 pm.

Our service is open to the family and friends of those who have lost someone close to them, missed sharing a special anniversary or birthday, had a separation or divorce in the family or perhaps you or someone you know, has recently lost their job.

The service is at St. Luke's and will be followed by a light supper. For more details contact Pam on 0407 557 933 or Jenny on 5243 4832.

CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS

Please note a slight shift in timing of church office open hours to 9:30-12:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays - *Robyn*.

Prayer points for this week

Prayers of Thanksgiving

“God who fulfils promises, help me to wait and work with hope this Advent.”

- Give thanks for the children in our midst – may we all experience the wonder and joy of the Advent and Christmas season with child-like trust.
- Give thanks for all the wonders and beauty of nature, for creative minds and advances in science and technology.
- Give thanks for those who work in the community to keep us safe – law-enforcement officers, intelligence organisations.
- Give thanks for the privilege of bringing the needs of people before God in prayer.

Prayers for others

- Pray in this season of Advent for peace in the world.
- In all the busyness of Advent, may we rediscover the wonder and joy of welcoming the Christ Child.
- Pray for the newly-elected State government and for all politicians who have been elected to represent us.
- Pray for those impacted by war – those who have lost loved ones, those who live in fear, those who have had to flee.
- Pray for those facing or recovering from surgery, those who are ill, the frail aged, and those who are suffering from loneliness, anxiety or loss.
- Pray for those who are victims of domestic violence.
- Pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time. Pray also that the Blue Christmas service will offer comfort and peace to all who attend.
- Pray for all the services and activities during Advent and Christmas.

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 3rd to 9th December					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
AMEB exams	AMEB exams	AMEB exams		AMEB exams	
	Men's Shed 9:30am-12pm	Men's Shed Bunnings BBQ 8am-5pm	Men's Shed 9:30am-12pm	Walking Group 9-10am	Sat - Repair Cafe 12-5:20pm
	Office open 9:30-12:30	Pastoral Connections Meeting 1-2:50pm	Prayer Space open 9:30-11:30pm	Office open 9:30-12:30	Sun - Worship 9:30-10:30am Kids Church
	Resource Ministry Team 3:15-5:45pm		St Lukes Link Monthly Deadline 9:00am	Trekkies Study 10am (includes Kinder Songs)	Sun - Advent Morning Tea 11-11:50
	English Classes 5:30-7:30pm		Funeral - Graham Marshall 1-4pm	Sewing Group 12:15-2:45pm	

Sunday Worship 9th December		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader:	Paul Stephens	Advent 2
Welcomer:	B Murphy	Mal 3:1-4
Ushers:	I Allan & P Gill D & T Ayrton	Lk 1:68-79
Sound:	K McAvaney	Phil 1:3-11
Powerpoint:	J Daw	
Reader:	I Speare	Lk 3:1-6
Morning tea:	H Swan & M Baum	
Connections:	L Robertson	
Driver:	V England	
Sharing the Journey:	N Patchett	
Vestry Prayer:	B McClelland	

Please note - The weekly bookings calendar is updated and displayed on the noticeboard facing the Sanctuary. Church volunteers can check online or on this noticeboard to see when spaces are available for setup etc.