

# Weekly Pew Sheet

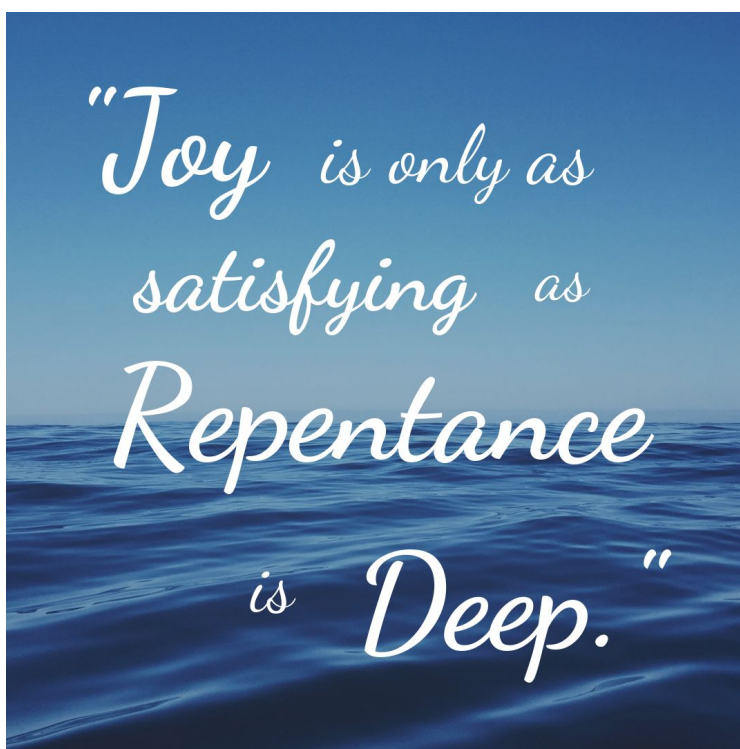
## The Uniting Church in Australia

ST LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON

Sunday 16th Dec 2018



*Worship Leader: Lloyd Walker*



### 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](mailto:news@stlukesuca.org.au)**

## JESUS' BIRTHDAY PARTY CHRISTMAS EVE, 24TH DECEMBER

We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday as we do every year on Christmas Eve, from 3-4pm at St. Luke's. Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share and be ready to join in and help us to re-tell the Christmas Story! A special family-friendly event especially for young children and the young at heart.

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - 25TH DECEMBER

Join us here at St Luke's for a Christmas Day Lunch at 12 noon on Tuesday 25th December. Bring food to share and BYO festive Drinks. If attending worship, you can leave your food in the kitchen.

*Rae Anderson*

## EPIPHANY GIVING TREE - GIFTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

You will have noticed the Christmas tree that has been placed at the front of the sanctuary, has a collection of unwrapped gifts beneath it.

These gifts are for less fortunate young people (primary level and soft toys for preschoolers) to be offered by a local agency for birthdays or appropriate occasions that may arise throughout the year. The opportunity to place gifts under the tree will remain until Epiphany, January 6th. For more information please contact Pam on 0407 557 933.



## ADVENT CONSPIRACY

Join the groundswell of Christ-followers who are choosing to make Christmas what it should be—a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us.



WORSHIP FULLY



SPEND LESS



GIVE MORE



LOVE ALL

For more information and free resources visit [ADVENTCONSPIRACY.ORG](https://www.adventconspiracy.org)

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## *Prayer points for this week*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving

**“God of all creation, I praise you from the depths of my being.”**

- Praise that the Blue Christmas Service last Tuesday offered peace and comfort to those who had experienced loss in the last 12 months.
- Give thanks for the donation of goods which enables us to meet the needs of others. Praise God that when needs are placed before us, St. Luke's is in a position to help.
- Praise God for the volunteers who give up their Christmas to help others.
- Give thanks for those who offer hope and peace in difficult circumstances.
- Give thanks for opportunities during the Christmas period for families to gather together.

### Prayers for others

- Pray in this season of Advent for peace in the world.
- Pray for global events where there are tensions between nations and innocent people become victims.
- Pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time, through loss, bereavement, or family crisis.
- Pray for those who are alone at Christmas,
- Pray for those who are sick, anxious, frail, facing or recovering from surgery, the unemployed and those who find it hard to make ends meet.
- Pray for all the services and activities during Advent and Christmas, and especially for Paul in his busy schedule of preparation for worship services and pastoral care.

# What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 17th to 23rd December					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	Men's Shed 9:30am-12pm  Office open 9:30-12:30			Walking Group 9-10am	<b>Sun - Worship</b> 9:30-10:30am All ages
	Prayer Space open 9:30-11:30pm		Prayer Space open 9:30-11:30pm	Office open 9:30-12:30	

Sunday Worship 23rd December		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader:	Paul Stephens	<b>Advent 4</b>
Welcomer:	P Mills	
Ushers:	J Clark & P Gill K Turril & V Grills	Mic 5:2-5a
Sound:	P Phelan	Lk 1:47-55 (or Ps 80:1-7)
Powerpoint:	M Seller	
Reader:	I Petersen	Heb 10:5-10
Morning tea:	P & M Seller	
Connections:	A Lyons	Lk1:39-45 (46-55)
Drivers:	P & I Petersen J & G Boehm	
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.*

**Please note: There will be one newsheet for the month of January - deadline for submissions is Thursday the 20th of December 2018. Thanks! from Robyn and Kathy.**