

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

ST LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON

Sunday 9th Dec 2018



Worship Leader: Paul Stephens 'Preparing the Way'



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

SHARING THE JOURNEY – DECEMBER

Sharing the Journey for December will be led by Noel Patchett.

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Pastoral Connections invite you to share in a service of remembrance and hope for those who are hurting at St. Luke's on Tuesday 11th December at 7 pm, followed by a light supper. 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. For more details contact Pam on 0407 557 933 or Jenny on 5243 4832.

FUNERAL SUPPORT TEAM LIST

If you are available to assist with music (organ), sound, flowers, powerpoint, ushering or catering for funerals held at St. Luke's, please contact Robyn at the office 5244 2997 to be added to the team list.



The Christmas Bowl is coming

Order your own Christmas Bowl

On Christmas Day 1949, Reverend Frank Byatt placed a bowl on his table and asked his guests to give a gift for people suffering around the world. This year, keep this tradition alive by placing a bowl on your table in remembrance of others in need. **Order your bowl today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101
VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

Prayer points for this week

Prayers of Thanksgiving

“Lord God, I commit myself to having a heart that loves truth and peace.”

- Give thanks for those who offer hope and peace in difficult circumstances.
- 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. Thanks for the opportunity to hear the kindergarten children sing their Christmas songs and for the ongoing relationship with the kindergarten.
- Give thanks for people who collect food and distribute it to the needy.
- For family gatherings at this time.

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 the elected government and business leaders to remain focused.
- Pray for those who are victims of domestic violence.
- Pray for those who find Christmas a difficult time, through loss, bereavement, or family crisis. 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, and especially for Paul in his busy schedule of preparation for worship services and pastoral care.
- May we continue to reflect in all our living the divine love that is at the heart of the good news of the gospel. May we be peacemakers and agents of
- reconciliation.

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 10th to 15th December					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	Men's Shed 9:30am-12pm Office open 9:30-12:30		Men's Shed 9:30am-12pm	Walking Group 9-10am	Sun - Worship 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	Emma Piera Recital 12:30-5pm
	Blue Christmas Service 7-9pm	Seekers 7:30-9:30pm	Midweek Service 2-3pm		

Sunday Worship 16th December		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader:	Lloyd Walker	Advent 3
Welcomer:	J Hicks	Zeph 3:14-20
Ushers:	A & F Safarnejad	Is 12:2-6
	S Anderson & A Lyons	Phil 4:4-7
Sound:	C McAvaney	Lk 3:7-18
Powerpoint:	I Pooley	Communion
Reader:	B Tattersall	A & F Safarnejad
Morning tea:	C & D Manks	J George & G Connelly
Connections:	P Seller	I Speare & J Daw
Driver:	C & D Manks	P Seller & L Salamy (in seats)
Sharing the Journey:	N Patchett	Set up - J George & G Connelly
Vestry Prayer:	B McClelland	Bread - B Tattersall

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.

