

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

ST LUKE'S CONGREGATION, HIGHTON

Sunday 10th February, 2019



Worship Leader: Paul Stephens

The call to a path of costly love: 2



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

LIBRARY SUGGESTIONS WANTED – CHILDREN & YOUTH COLLECTION

The library has some funds budgeted for resource purchases and our librarian Glenis would like to refresh our collection of books and DVDs for children and youth. If you would like to suggest some worthy titles, please email info@stlukesuca.org.au or chat to Glenis at the Sunday morning worship service.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

St Luke's Distribution of Material Aid

The demand was again huge in 2018 with many of the newly arrived UN Humanitarian refugee families seeking items. Aid was provided to 145 families including referrals from Uniting Barwon and Barwon Youth Trauma Counselling as well as providing items for use by St John of God Hospital and Lazarus House. Ethnicities assisted included Afghani, Australian, Congolese, Indian, Iranian, Iraqi, Karen, Karenni, Pakistani, Somalian, Sri Lankan, Sth Sudanese, Syrian and Turkish. Diversitat have been informed that up to 250 new families could be settled in Geelong in the first half of 2019.

We are grateful for the donation of household items and an increasing trend in 2018 was the donation of complete estates of items from homes where people have moved to higher level aged care or families wishing to donate the estate of their deceased family member.

Chapel Room:

The next opportunity to explore the Chapel Room will be after church on **Sunday 17th March**. Make a point of checking out the 'needs' of needy people – the people to whom we provide material aid. (read above)

Wanted: Saucepans. Maybe you can answer YES to the following questions:

- Do you have a cupboard full of saucepans that you no longer use?
- Do you have family members who have surplus saucepans?
- Can you be a 'Saucepan Spotter'?

If you wish to become a 'Honoury Spotter' please have a chat with Rae Anderson.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP ROSTER

St Luke's has been blessed by the work that Pam Seller and Ian Pooley have done over the past several years in ensuring that our Sunday Morning Worship is well supported by the volunteers from the congregation.

From now on, the role of organising and co-ordinating the volunteers for Sunday morning Worship returns to the St Luke's Office co-ordinator - Robyn Hodge -

commencing with the March roster. Roles that are usually organised by particular people will continue to be done by those people.

Volunteers can notify Robyn of changes and availability on 52442997 or email info@stlukesuca.org.au.

There may be some hiccups in the first couple of months, but I trust that people will be understanding and gracious as any problems are sorted out. Thanks to all of you who help the weekly Sunday Morning Worship service to happen!

Robyn Hodge, Office Co-ordinator.

LENTEN STUDIES: DREAMING BIG – WHERE IS GOD CALLING US NOW?

Our first whole church Lenten studies for a long time will commence in the week beginning 10th of March. Groups already registered for the study are:

- Day 41
- Seekers
- Trekkies
- Praise and Worship

If you or your group would like to explore this 5 week series, email info@stlukesuca.org.au or phone the office on 5244 5227 to register your interest and availability. A few extra groups will form to undertake the study based on demand, so don't be shy!

REV PAUL STEPHENS ON LEAVE

Our hardworking Minister Rev. Paul Stephens will be on leave from Friday the 22nd of February to Monday the 4th of March inclusive. Rev. Ikani Vaitohi, Minister at Belmont Uniting will cover any urgent pastoral matters. Contact the office on 5244 2997 for contact details.

FEBRUARY HOUSE CHURCH

House Church this month is on Sunday 17th Feb at 6:00pm at the home of David and Carol Manks, 9 Coronado Court, Highton. Ph: 5222 4212 or 0409 255 146

A welcoming festive BBQ to launch another year of House Church.

Crockery, cutlery, and glasses will be provided. Please bring folding chairs (plus folding table if able in case needed) and whatever you want to cook on the BBQ. Also, to share, please bring drinks and A-M a salad, N-Z a sweet or dessert.

Apologies to David and Carol Manks by email
(admin@davidmankspsychology.com.au) or phone 5222 4212

NAMETAG ORDERS

DO YOU NEED TO PURCHASE A UNITING CHURCH NAMETAG BECAUSE YOU ARE NEW AT ST. LUKE'S OR BECAUSE YOU HAVE LOST YOURS?

Wearing a nametag makes it easier for people to greet newcomers and make them feel welcome, as not everyone has an excellent memory for remembering names. During the month of February, orders are being accepted. The cost is \$9 and pre-payment is required. Envelopes for ordering are available from JENNY POOLEY, at church or by calling 5243 4832.

SHARING THE JOURNEY IN FEBRUARY

Sharing the Journey will be led for the month of February by Joy Hicks. Joy can be contacted on 52434284 or email joyh23@bigpond.com

ISRAEL: A VIRTUAL TOUR – RTC SHORT COURSE

The Reformed Theological College in Geelong are offering a short course commencing 19th of February on the land, history, geography and culture of biblical Israel. For details, see noticeboard beside hall.

MUSIC AT THE BASILICA

A DIFFERENT HAT: WENDY GROSE – Soprano; Len Vorster - Piano; presenting the inspiring story of MARJORIE LAWRENCE “the girl from Winchelsea” who started her career in Geelong and became one of the world’s leading sopranos

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AT 3 PM

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NOBLE ST. NEWTOWN

Tickets at the door \$35 full, \$30 concession or at Trybooking.com/BABCW

Children and school students free, details at www.music.basilica@bigpond.com

Contact jenjohnston@bigpond.com 0408 305868



Prayer for the week

We believe, O Trinity of Love, that you are drawing us into your dance of life. You fill us with the Holy Spirit and call us to share in Christ's ministry – living and praying for the world day and night, until rivers run in the deserts and all people find their place gathered around the feast of your table.

For the care of the earth:

that mining, industrial and farming practices might safeguard soil, air and water... (name the environmental situations God has laid on your heart)

For reconciliation and justice:

that those who have plenty may live more modestly so that others who have little may have enough... (name the situations of inequity that grieve your soul)

For those whose lives have been devastated by natural disaster or violence wrought by other human beings;

that their suffering might be answered with compassion and restoration... (pray for those people whose suffering has awoken your own compassionate response - this is God's Spirit working in you)

For our brothers and sisters in Christ whose needs are close to our hearts at this time... (Pray for the people connected to your life, that they may receive God's grace in whatever form it may come to them).

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless us as we embark on a new week.

Breathe purpose into crooked paths.

Fill our dreams with reality, our visions with clarity
and our ordinary words and actions with sincerity and love,
in the name of Christ. Amen.



What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 11th-17th February 2019					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	9-12 Men's Shed		9-12 Men's Shed 9:30-11:30 Prayer Space Open Sanctuary	9-10 Walking Group (Barwon Edge) 9:15-10:45 Trekkies Fellowship Room	Saturday 9:30-10:30 Level 1 Tai Chi (Hall)
	9:30-11:30 Prayer Space Open Sanctuary		Midweek Worship 2:00-3:00pm Fellowship Room	Sewing Group 12:30-3:00pm Chapel and Fellowship Room	Presbytery Meeting 9:30-12:00pm (Hopper's Crossing UC)
	English Classes 5:30-7:30pm	Seekers 7:30-9:30pm	4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House)	4:30-7:00pm Messy Church	Sunday 9:30am Worship (Communion) 7:00-9:30 House Church (David & Carol's house)

Sunday Worship 17th February		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader: Communion Set Up: Communion Servers: Communion Bread: Welcomer: Ushers: Sound: Powerpoint: Reader: Morning tea: Connections: Driver/s: Sharing the Journey: Vestry Prayer:	Paul Stephens I Speare & P Caddy V England & J Daw D Youngusband & I Speare N McMillan & B Murphy J Daw J Hines K Turrill & V Grills I Allan & P Gill K McAvaney N McMillan L Salamy C & D Manks J Pooley C & D Manks J Hicks B McLelland	Epiphany 6 Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

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.