

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 24th March, 2019



Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Stephens

'The Church and Mission ... Making Disciples!'



A graphic with the text "Raised in New Life in Christ". The word "Raised" is written in a large, flowing, cursive script. Below it, the words "in New" are written in a smaller, simpler font, with "in" and "New" separated by a small banner. The words "Life in" are written in a similar cursive script, with "Life" and "in" separated by another small banner. Finally, the word "CHRIST" is written in a large, bold, all-caps serif font, with horizontal lines extending from either side. A small cross symbol is positioned to the right of the word "CHRIST".

Today we celebrate the Baptisms of Eli and Aphra,
and the Confirmations of Abigail and Lillian!

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 (they're the ones wearing a flower on their lapel) 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

Congregation News

Thankyou from Azadeh, Farhad and Amin

We would like to thank our friends at St. Luke's for their attendance at the memorial service, and/or cards, flowers and prayers at this difficult time when Azadeh's younger sister Atefeh, suddenly passed away in Iran.

Your loving support is deeply appreciated.

Azadeh, Farhad and Amin



Annual General Meeting Sunday 7th March

St Luke's Congregational Annual General Meeting will be held at the conclusion of the Service on Sunday 7 April 2019. Business will include reports from the Church Council and presentation of St Luke's budget for 2019.

Kevin McAvaney, Congregational Chairperson

Reminders and Appeals

Please bring a plate of afternoon tea to Kathryn's Ordination this afternoon!

Apologies for late notice but could St Luke's folk attending Kathryn's ordination this afternoon please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share - with thanks from the Pastoral Connections team!

Next Kid's Church Sunday 31st March



A reminder from Judy and Judy that **next week** is Kid's Church@Sunday morning worship. There is no Kid's Church in April due to school holidays, but there will be plenty of kid-friendly activities at our Palm Sunday, Tenebrae and Easter Sunday worship!

Book Sale FRIDAY 29th MARCH 10:00am – 2:00pm

Uniting

To inspire people, enliven communities, and confront injustice.

BOOK SALE FRIDAY 29th MARCH
10:00am – 2:00pm
272 Torquay Rd Grovedale
(Cnr Reserve and Torquay Rds)
NOTHING OVER \$1.00

Easter Biscuit Bake

You are again invited to participate in the Easter Biscuit Bake, to support Prison Fellowship's aim to present every prisoner in Victoria with a pack of 10 home-made biscuits. Each pack of biscuits will contain a card explaining the true message of Easter – of God's love for all, forgiveness and the possibility of new beginnings.

This year there are 1,300 prisoners in the Geelong area, amounting to 13,000 biscuits required! We will be joining with other churches and Christian groups, sharing in this wonderful opportunity to bring a message of hope and compassion. The biscuits will be packed at St. John's, Highton and distributed in the week leading up to Easter. Details:

- All biscuits to be home-made
- please pack in sealed disposable containers such as ice-cream containers with ingredients clearly marked.
- No nuts or peanut butter.
- Please place containers in the box marked Easter Biscuit Bake in the foyer.

LAST SUNDAY TO BRING BISCUITS: 7TH APRIL.

For any enquiries, please ring Beth Allen (Pastoral Connections on 52436874).

Dreaming Big Lenten Studies - available for all to join!!!

St Luke's is embarking on a journey of discernment this Lent, seeking to understand where God is calling us now. See calendar for next group sessions.

Prayer Station

During Lent and in the lead up to Easter, remember that our Prayer Station open for reflective and silent prayer. It's open Tuesday and Thursday morning b/w 9:30 & 11.00am. Arrive when you can and leave when you must. See Rae for details

Prayer Requests

Pastoral Connections team would love you to know that if you would like a dedicated group of “pray-ers” to uphold your needs to God in prayer, you can fill out a pew sheet and pass this to Beth Allen or anyone on Connections duty in the foyer (they’re the ones wearing a flower). Confidentiality is respected by the team.

Lenten Devotions for families

Families with children are invited to express their interest in printed copies of the "Illustrated Lent for Families: Reflections on Prayer (2019)" resource. This resource is designed for families to reflect on their lives as a household with children, and includes many activities that children can participate in. If you would like a copy of this resource for your household, please contact Robyn at the church office.

Wider Church News

Beautifully Broken Conference Saturday, 30 March 2019

Be inspired by real and raw stories of healing and transformation at the Beautifully Broken Conference in Geelong.

Date: Saturday, 30 March 2019 Time: 10am – 4pm

Place: Kardinia Church Auditorium - South Campus 16/147 Marshalltown Road, Grovedale, Victoria

Cost: \$35 (adult), \$30 (concessions), Group of five (\$150) - plus processing fee

Speakers at the Beautifully Broken conference include media personality/Brave Enough CEO Danni Synot and award-winning Christian author Merry Watson.

David and Lisa Campbell will provide music and worship.

The Leprosy Mission’s Lisa Sturzenegger will also share stories of people affected by leprosy who have overcome adversity to find new hope in their lives. Lisa travelled to Nepal in 2017 on a Trek to Defeat Leprosy. She visited The Leprosy Mission Anandaban Hospital and met the people you are bringing hope and healing to.

Community Events

Orchestra Geelong 2019 Concert Series commencing Sunday March 31
See Noticeboard and website for details

For the Joy of Singing the Classics 2-5pm Sunday 7th April
See noticeboard and website for details

Prayer for the week

With thanks to members of the Trekkies small group for these prayer points

Thanksgiving and Praise

- We give thanks for the shining example of compassionate and wise leadership demonstrated by Jacinda Ardern and her team in the wake of the terror attack in Christchurch. We give thanks for the caring and compassionate response from people to the victims of the attacks and their devastated families.
- For the inspiring show of solidarity with the Muslim community shown by thousands of Australians who attended the Mosque open days last weekend
- Praise God for the beauty and creativity of the world and the people in it
- For the gifts and talents so generously shared in the community to make the world a better place for all
- For the freedom we have to speak, including to a wider online audience, tempered by our respect for others
- We give thanks for all those people, bright spirits among us, bringing love, healing, joy, hospitality and comfort to others.

Prayers for others

- We are deeply distressed to hear of the shootings at the Deans Avenue Mosque and the Linwood Masjid in Christchurch, New Zealand. We offer our prayers and support to all those affected, particularly victims and their families.
- That people may have the wisdom and patience to be open to understanding other cultures and ways of being in the world.
- For members of our faith community who are experiencing ill health and undergoing surgeries - may they be healed and comforted
- For Farhad, Azadeh and Amin as they continue to mourn the loss of Atefeh.
- For people affected by the extreme weather events happening in this last week - victims of the devastating cyclone in Africa, and for those in Western Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory facing the threat of tropical cyclones
- For those engaging in the Lenten Studies and the outcome of "Dreaming Big."
- For those who are being baptised, confirmed, and ordained this Sunday.

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 25th-31st March 2019

Lent Week 4 Prison Biscuit Bake this week and next week

Monday Day 20	Tuesday Day 21	Wednesday Day 22	Thursday Day 23	Friday Day 24	Weekend Days 25 & 26
10am Day 41 Dreaming Big Study Group (Private Home)	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	8-9am Worship & Education Team Meeting (Fellowship Room)	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	9-10am Walking Group (Barwon Edge)	
7:30pm Environment Action Group (Fellowship Room)	2-3pm St Lukes Book Club (Private home)	2-3:30pm Coffee and Chat (Barwon Edge Boathouse)	9am April Link Deadline	9:15-10:45am Trekkies Dreaming Big Session 3 (Fellowship Hall)	Sunday 9:30am Worship and Kids Church
	5:30-7:30pm English Classes (Fellowship Room)		4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House)	12:30-3pm Sewing Group & Playgroup	

Sunday Worship 31st March

Worship Leader:
Welcomer:
Ushers:

Sound:
Powerpoint:
Reader:
Morning tea:
Connections:
Driver/s:
Sharing the Journey:

Vestry Prayer:
Flowers:

Rev. Paul Stephens
S Cox
K Turrill & V Grills
P&I Petersen
L Walker
A Hodge McAvaney
B Tattersall
J Pooley & P Caddy
I Tattersall
M Robertson
A Lyons
52412353
B McLelland
P Mills

Lectionary Readings

Lent 4
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32

Liturgical Colour: **Purple**