

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 7th April, 2019



Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Stephens

Offering a 'mixed economy' - valuing different expressions of discipleship.



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

Congregation News

Annual General Meeting TODAY

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

Hygiene Packs for homeless people in Geelong

St Luke's Social Issues Group is seeking donations of items to provide hygiene packs for homeless people in Geelong. The ziplock packs will be made up at Western Heights UCA on Friday 12th April from 7pm - 8.30pm. Donations of items such as combs, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, disposable razors, handcream, etc would be greatly appreciated. There is a marked collection box in the foyer.

Community Events

Refugees in Geelong - update from the Welcome Place

HEAR THE FACTS - You are invited to an information session which will help to answer the myriad questions which many of us have about the refugee situation in Geelong. REFUGEES? ASYLUM SEEKERS? VISA HOLDERS?

Guest speaker: Linda Cusworth is a Volunteer team leader at the Wesley Uniting Church Welcome Place (a drop-in centre for people seeking asylum), and a member of the Combined Refugee Action Group. She has several years' experience in supporting people seeking asylum as they navigate the complicated visa application process. St Luke's Uniting Church has supported many refugees and several of them will join us for this meeting.

When: Sunday May 5th at 5pm.

Where: Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson Street Belmont.

Listen: be informed – ask questions.

Stay: enjoy a light meal and tea/coffee. Suggested donation for the meal is \$5. Any funds raised will be forwarded to St Luke's to help support their refugee programs.

Prayer Points

Prayers of Praise

- The ministry of the many groups within the congregation: messy church, men's shed, repair café, support of newcomers small groups, sewing group ...
- The opportunities for conversation which arise while serving others through catering for events such as funerals
- Opportunities for sharing within the life of the Congregation

Prayers of intercession

- Those who are struggling with health issues
- For Ken Allen and for Beth ... and Steve, Paul and the family
- The breaking down of walls of division in society
- People who find themselves stateless
- Refugees and our country's response to their needs
- People of New Zealand and their leaders after the events in Christchurch
- Learn from gracious leaders like Jacinda Adern
- Those travelling
- Those impacted by extreme weather conditions
- That political leaders may be sensitive to the people during the upcoming election
- For Kathryn Stoel-Cousineau, her family and the congregation at Leopold as Kathryn is inducted as minister there.
- For wisdom in conversations amongst ourselves and the broader community concerning challenging ethical issues.

Thankyou from Kathryn

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who helped to plan for, prepare, and participate in my ordination service. I'd also like to thank the musicians, Lloyd and Jenny and the choir. And to those who supported me by coming along for the afternoon and through their prayers, I am also deeply thankful.

St. Luke's showed such gracious hospitality to all the visitors who came to celebrate with us, including the delicious afternoon tea. It was a very joyous day for myself as well as our family, which we will never forget!

Kind regards, Kathryn

*Kathryn's Induction Service is TODAY 2pm at Leopold Uniting Church.

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 8th-14th April 2019

Lent Week 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
10am Day 41 Dreaming Big Study Group (Private Home)	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed		9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed	9-10am Walking Group (Barwon Edge)	Saturday 1-4pm Repair Cafe (Hall)
	9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	2pm Midweek Worship Service (Fellowship Room)	9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	9:15-10:45am Trekkies Dreaming Big Session 5 (Fellowship Room)	Palm Sunday 9:30am Cafe Church
	5:30-7:30pm English Classes (Fellowship Room)	7:30pm Seekers (Private Home)	4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House)	7:30pm Social Issues Group Hygiene packs for homeless (Western Heights UC)	2pm Rally for Refugees (Melbourne)

Sunday Worship 14th April

Worship Leader:
 Welcomer:
 Ushers:

 Sound:
 Powerpoint:
 Reader:
 Morning tea:
 Connections:
 Driver/s:

Sharing the Journey:

Vestry Prayer:
 Flowers:

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Lectionary Readings

Lent 6

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 19:28-40

Liturgical Colour: **Purple**