

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 14th April, 2019

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Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Stephens

*"Following Jesus"*



Palm Sunday - Cafe Church

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**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.

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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.

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# Congregation News

## Holy Week and Easter at St Luke's



**Sunday April 14th 9:30am - Palm Sunday**

"Dreaming Big" series final at Cafe Church, then:  
Catch a train to the Rally for Refugees in Melbourne at 2pm

**Thursday April 18th 7:00pm - Maundy Thursday**

Interactive Tenebrae Service  
"Journeying with Jesus to the Cross"

**Friday April 19th 9:30am - Good Friday**

Good Friday Service - Reflections on the Cross  
Fellowship after service with Hot Cross Buns

**Sunday 21st April 9:30am - Easter Sunday**

Service of Celebration of the Resurrection and Communion  
Incorporating a "Where is Jesus?" Scavenger Hunt  
for all ages

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## New arrangements for Key Holders

If you hold keys to the St Luke's buildings could you please contact Robyn at the office for instructions regarding changes to access for the front door. New keys will be required from mid-May.

## House Church TONIGHT 7pm at the Manks' home

Tonight's House Church will include watching and discussing "Before the Storm", a Palm Sunday sermon by Rev Ric Holland. Worship leaders are Kenneth and Alison Ralph and surnames N-Z are to bring supper. Apologies to Kevin or Joy by email ([kjmca@ozemail.com.au](mailto:kjmca@ozemail.com.au)) or phone 5243 1448.

## No polling booth at St Luke's this Federal Election

The AEC has informed us that they will not be using St. Luke's Hall as a polling place for the Federal Election on the 18th of May. If you know people who regularly vote here, you might want to give them a "heads up"!

## EASTER BISCUIT BAKE THANK-YOU



*Beth and Barbara deliver the goods*



*A tremendous effort from the St Luke's Bakers*

A very big thank-you to all those wonderful bakers who responded to the call to help Prison Fellowship with their initiative to provide every prisoner in Victoria with a pack of home-made biscuits at Easter, together with a card explaining the true meaning of Easter. This is the 5th year we have been part of this initiative, and our best response yet. 39 containers of biscuits were provided. The inmates just love this gift, which reminds them of home, and brings a message of hope and love. Last Wednesday, Pam, Barbara and Beth took the biscuits to St. Johns, where thousands of biscuits from church groups around Geelong were assembled, and packed, ready to be distributed by Prison Fellowship volunteers to the prisons in the Geelong area.

Submitted by Beth for Pastoral Connections Ministry Team.

## Wider Church News

### Easter events in Geelong

#### Holy Week Activities

Tuesday 16th April, 1:00pm "An Easter Movie" East Geelong Uniting Church followed by a Stations of the Cross installation at 7:00pm

Wednesday 17th April 7:00pm, Service of the Shadows

#### Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Good Friday

There is an ecumenical stations of the cross in the centre of Geelong starting at St Mary's church on Good Friday. If you are late, you can catch up and join in. "The

Way of the Cross starts at 10.45am from Myers St, turns right into Moorabool, crosses Ryrie St and ends up turning right into the Mall – where there is the last Station. The finish time is usually around 12noon."

## Easter Sunday Dawn Services

A number of churches have dawn services on Easter Sunday to which all are most welcome:

- Wesley Uniting Church at **Rippleside at 6.30 am**
- East Geelong Uniting Church at **Lime Burners Point 30 mins before Sunrise** (East Geelong also has some Holy Week events each evening between Monday and Thursday at 7 pm)
- The churches around Corio share in a combined service at 6.30 am Easter Sunday at the Baptist College, 590 Anakie Road, Lovely Banks

## 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.

### Belmont LEF Morning Tea and Fashion Parade

On Wednesday 8th of May, Belmont Uniting Church Evening Fellowship invites all ladies to a morning tea (10am) followed by a fashion parade (10:30am) featuring clothes from the Blumes Fashion Winter Collection. Entry \$7, includes door prizes. Enquiries ph Muriel 52441864 or Loris 0418 334 994.

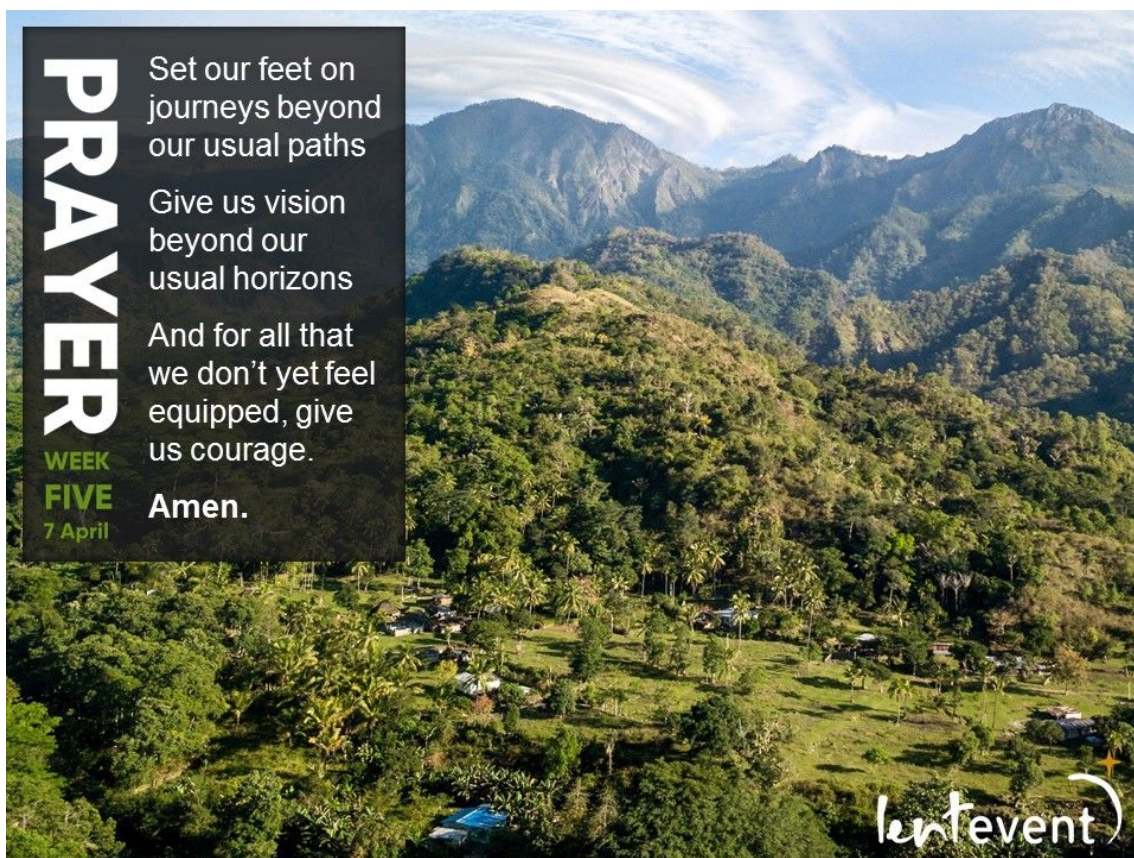
# Prayer Points

## Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

- For the beautiful Autumn weather!
- For the opportunities we have to share faith with others, and for the prompting of the Spirit who reveals these opportunities
- For the way in which Grace appears in unexpected ways

## Prayers of Intercession

- That people will hear and be touched by the Easter story, for the first time
- For everyone travelling in the holiday period - safe passage, rest and refreshment
- For those sick and in hospital, and for those who are caring for them
- For the upcoming election - may we elect leaders who motivate people by appealing to the best in us, rather than by creating fear and division in our community
- May those standing for parliament have a servant heart for the people they hope to represent
- May our time of "Dreaming Big" result in inspiring new pathways for following Jesus and serving here in Highton.



# What's On this coming week

## What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 15th-21st April 2019

### Holy Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed		9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed	9:30am Good Friday Service with Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea	<b>Saturday</b> 1-4pm Repair Cafe (Hall)
	9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)		9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)		<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:30am Worship and "Where is Jesus" Hunt
	5:30-7:30pm English Classes (Fellowship Room)		4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House) 7-8pm Tenebrae Service		10:45am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross (St. Mary's)

	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
Worship Leader:	Rev. Paul Stephens	Rev. Paul Stephens	Rev. Paul Stephens
Welcomer:	E Nicholls	S Hunter	J Hicks
Ushers:	N/A	N/A	P Gill & I Speare
Sound:	K McAvaney	K McAvaney	M Baum & C Zeigler
Powerpoint:	A Hodge McAvaney	N McMillan	C McAvaney
Reader:	E Nicholls	A Hodge McAvaney	I Pooley
Morning tea:	N/A	S Crowe & R Hodge	D Seller
Connections:	R Hodge	A Lyons	M & M Batson
Driver/s:	N/A	N/A	J Pooley
Sharing the Journey:	N/A	N/A	C & D Manks
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Communion Setup:	N/A	N/A	B McLelland
Communion Servers:			J White
			P Seller & D Bath
			T & D Ayrton
			D Younghusband & I Speare
			V England & L Salamy
Communion Bread:			J Daw