

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 2nd June, 2019



Worship Leader: Paul Stephens

"Giving is life-giving"



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

Key points from Church Council Meeting 21st May

- Progress is being made toward finalising an ongoing agreement between St Luke's and Uniting in relation to the Preschool.
- Council authorised an application to the Simpson fund (Presbytery) for a digital display monitor in the foyer of St Luke's.
- Resourcing Team are applying for funding from Synod to assist with the future resurfacing of the car park
- Funds are available through Presbytery for church members to attend education and training events for mission.
- Paul will be on leave from the 8th to 29th of September 2019
- Clarification on AEC decision not to use St Luke's as a polling place - Executive advised that it was the AEC who decided that 7:30 was too late to access the building to set up on Friday. It is not expected that this will affect use of St Luke's as a polling place for future elections
- A storm water drain will be installed in front of the veranda's at Men's Shed at a cost of \$3,388.00 (incl GST of \$308.00). The cost will be met by Men's Shed.
- St Luke's Link is reverting to a bi-monthly publication on the opposite month to Crosslight - next edition will be in July.
- Excess unused copies of the Australian Hymn book will be disposed of as they are taking up space for storage and are no longer used by the congregation.
- Council spent time allocating tasks to calendar months for a yearly planning cycle. It was agreed that in order to keep meetings to a reasonable length, the council and exec needs to meet more frequently. The new schedule for meetings in 2019 is:

Tuesday 18th June 7pm	Prayer and Reflection followed by exec meeting
Tuesday 16th July 7pm	Council Business meeting
Tuesday 20th August 7pm	Prayer and Reflection followed by exec meeting
Tuesday 17th September 7pm	Council Business meeting
Tuesday 15th October 7pm	Prayer and Reflection followed by exec meeting
Tuesday 19th November	Council Business Meeting

Wider Church News

First Aid Training at Wesley Uniting Church

Volunteers at St. Luke's are encouraged to consider First Aid training. Please contact your Ministry Team Leader if you would like to attend. This course has been organised by Wesley Uniting in partnership with Cameron Walker, the UCA Vic/Tas Safety Officer. This is a great opportunity to refresh or learn new skills. The courses are fully accredited.

- Tuesday 25th June 2019
- Wesley Geelong Uniting Church 100 Yarra Street GEELONG
- 9AM TO 3.30PM

These courses have been greatly discounted to \$110.00 per person.

Catering will be provided. Please note that there may be a small charge to cover the catering costs.

How to book:

- Click on link to book online: <https://premiumhealth.com.au/unitingchurch/>
- Click on enrol and select continue button in blue.
- Follow prompts to fill in details.
- Payment to be made by credit/debit card (VISA or Mastercard) on enrolment to secure place.

Alternatively

- Call 03 9530 7111 to book over the phone with Premium Health Customer Service
- Payment to be made by credit/debit card (VISA or Mastercard) on enrolment to secure place.

An invitation from Western Heights UC

St Luke's friends are warmly invited to the following event:

NEW ARRIVALS WELCOME BBQ LUNCH Saturday the 29th of June 12:00-2:00pm

Come and show our love for one another by welcoming, interacting and meeting with our newly arrived neighbours living with us in our Geelong community. Halal meat supplied, bring a salad or a sweet to share.

Please register your name for catering purposes with Bruce Rookes 0402 135 313

Reminders and Appeals

Fellowship Morning Tea Sunday 9th June - A slice of Pentecost

Each year, the Pastoral Connections Ministry Team provides a special morning tea, 'A Slice of Pentecost', after the service on Pentecost Sunday, which happens to be June 9th, this year. It has been traditional for members attending the service to wear clothing in the colours of the flames of Pentecost; namely red, orange or yellow. Even a scarf might provide the colour required. With this in mind, brightly coloured slices, such as red jelly slice, yellow passionfruit slice, cherry slice, and lemon slice with orange sprinkles are provided to choose from at morning tea, which is a pleasant change from the bought biscuits. Do come along and enjoy this special cuppa and chat.

- Where: St Luke's Hall
- When: Following Sunday morning worship on 9th of June
- What: Slices for your enjoyment

Common Dreams Conference

The Common Dreams 2019 conference in Sydney, 11 to 14 July, is a stimulating gathering of religious progressives from around Australia and the South Pacific.

The Earlybird cut-off date for registration for Common Dreams 2019 is next Friday. Save by registering now.

Details on the website <https://2019.commondreams.org.au>

There is an attractive program led by the distinguished international writer & speaker Matthew Fox. The conference theme/title is "Sacred Earth: Original Blessing; Our Common Home" based on Matthew's concept of Creation Spirituality.

In addition, noted Aboriginal leader Anne Pattel-Gray, Ro Allen (Victoria's Commissioner for Gender & Sexuality), Rabbi Jonathan Keren-Black, Prof Elaine Wainwright, & Norman Habel will deliver important addresses.

There are also electives on a range of subjects relevant to the conference theme – plus a strong artistic component demonstrating the expression of spirituality through poetry, drama, & song which has been put together by Alex Sangster.

A feature of the conference will be the Australian premiere of the documentary "American Heretics: The Politics of the Gospel", a powerful film with a message for progressives everywhere.

See details of location and the full daily program and register at

<https://2019.commondreams.org.au>

Link to go bi-monthly

St Luke's link will now be published every second month, on the opposite month of the Crosslight magazine. Our next edition will be in July. Submissions are due by 9am Thursday 27th June.

Prayer Points

This week's prayers with thanks from Trekkies

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- For the welcome rain.
- For the wonderful fellowship in the church, especially within the small groups that meet regularly.
- For opportunities for hospitality – giving and receiving.
- For new insights about living in a way that reflects the Kingdom of God.
- For the celebration of the marriage of Tony and Heidi, and for Hannah's happy involvement.
- For those working in the medical field – doctors, surgeons, nurses, medical scientists and the wonderful advances in medical technology.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- For families dealing with mental health issues, and for there to be funding to provide resources for mental health needs.
- For the victims of violent crime and their families left to pick up the fragments of shattered lives in the wake of traumatic events.
- For police and other first responders who deal with traumatic situations every day - may they know God's peace and strength
- For those in our congregation grieving the loss of beloved pets.
- For those suffering from anxiety, depression and hopelessness.
- For the aged, the frail, those who fear losing independence, and those approaching end of life.
- Pray that God will help us in our response to those who are not well.
- For ongoing Reconciliation with our First Peoples, and opportunities to support new arrivals.

What's On this coming week

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday World Environment Day	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed 9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)		9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed 9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	9-10am Walking Group (Barwon Edge) 9:15-10:45am Trekkies (Fellowship Room)	Sunday 9:30am Worship A slice of Pentecost
	3:30pm Resourcing Team (Fellowship Room)	1-3pm Pastoral Connections Team (Fellowship Room)			
7:30-9:30pm Mission Outreach Team (Fellowship Room)	5:30-7:30pm English Classes (Fellowship Room)		4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House)		

Sunday Worship 9th June		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader: Welcomer: Ushers: Sound: Powerpoint: Reader: Morning tea: Connections: Driver/s: Sharing the Journey: Vestry Prayer: Flowers:	P Stephens J Clark P Gill & I Speare K Turrill & V Grills K McAvaney M Seller R Anderson & Friends P Seller & B Allen L Robertson V&J England J Hicks Alison Lyons ph: 5241 2353 B McLelland D Bath	Day of Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 (25-27) Liturgical Colour: Red