

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 5th May, 2019



Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Stephens

"Fish For Life!"



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

Congratulations to Salam Alkowry

Salam has just returned from Dubai where he and a colleague represented Deakin University in an international competition of students from England, Dubai and Australia and in which he won First Prize for developing a Robotic Agricultural Application. A brilliant effort as Salam has only been in Australia four years.

Mother's Day 12 May 2019

Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

Highton Village Outreach

St Luke's will be in the Highton Village Shopping Centre next Saturday with a trading table of Indoor Gardens for sale. We give thanks to Mary Rynne who created a stunning variety of artistic treasures created 'especially for Mum'. Pop along next Saturday to view and support St Luke's in our Community.

Mother's Day Trading Table

Next Sunday our Trading Table will focus on Mother's Day. This is a time when we especially think about our Mothers and all Mothers on our planet. Perhaps we could call this table a Thinking Table. Take your time to visit our Mother's Day Thinking Table. You may even be pleased to buy a gift for someone special in your life.



Rae Anderson for Mission Outreach.

Prayer Points

Give thanks –

- For people sharing their gifts and talents
- For the perfect prayer – the Lord's Prayer
- For the care and concern that people show to one another
- For our relationship with Uniting as we continue to foster this relationship through working together.
- For the people who by grace have been able to put the past aside and found new life

Pray for -

- Reconciliation where there is estrangement in families.
- People in our congregation who are ill, recovering from or facing surgery, and/or grieving
- People who are isolated and lonely
- Our political situation, and that those elected be remember that they called to serve.
- All the ministries that St Luke's are involved in.
- Ecumenical relationship between churches particularly thinking of the dialogue between the Uniting Church and Lutheran Church which meets in Horsham this week.

Reminders and Appeals

Flower donations needed for Mother's Day Stall

Dorothy is making flower baskets for the Mission Outreach Mother's Day Stall in Highton Village this coming week. If you have any flowers available from your garden, please call 4222 7835 to arrange delivery - thankyou!

New Volunteers needed for the Flower Roster

St Luke's is grateful for the flowers reminding us of God's beautiful creation each Sunday morning at St. Luke's, and on other special occasions. We give thanks for the service of Mary Baird and Pearl Mills who are retiring from the roster this month. If you have an interest in floral arrangements, and would like to join the Sunday service roster, please contact Robyn at the church office for further information.

Roster update

May rosters are in pigeonholes ready to be picked up for those who get a printed copy. Just a reminder to please let Robyn know if you will be unavailable for Sunday morning service duty in June - thanks!

Belmont-Highton Social Issues Group presents:

Refugees in Geelong - an 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.

What the Uniting Church has said:

Asylum seeker and refugee policy (2002)

"We approach the issue of asylum seekers and refugees in the context of the words of Jesus. He spoke of a new community established on righteousness and love, and based on a fellowship of reconciliation — a community in which all members work together for the good of the whole. In essence, working for this kind of society is our contribution to civil society. When we work for freedom, human rights and the common good of the community we are expressing our faith. It is an outworking of the community of God."

Mens Shed Election Day Garage Sale

The St Luke's Mens Shed will be holding a Garage Sale commencing 8.00 am, Saturday 18th May.

Individual sites can be arranged through Ian Pooley (5243 4832) @ \$20 per site.

- Cake Stall – Joy Hicks (0429 178 973).
- Book Stall – Terry & Dorothy Ayrton (5243 3467).
- Plants – Linda Salamy (0407 806 312).
- Paintings – Terry & Dorothy Ayrton (5243 3467).
- Furniture – Ken Anderson (0412 118 554), Ken Riddell.
- Tools – Ian Pooley & Ian Allen.
- Collectibles – Rae Anderson (0413 888 884).
- Devonshire Tea – Jean Daw (0490 103 399).
- Items for sale can be collected: Ian Allen (5243 1730).

The people managing the Stalls will be seeking help and they will advertise their needs over the next two weeks.

There is some very good furniture including Antiques, Collectibles, a large range of Books, Records, Paintings (some originals as well as Prints), Plants and Tools available for purchase. Please spread the word to your neighbours and in any groups to which you belong using this "Flyer" and encourage them to come along.

Ken Anderson, St Luke's Mens Shed



What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 6th-12th May 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed 9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	8-9am Worship & Education Team (Fellowship Room)	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)	Saturday 1-4pm Repair Cafe 2:30-5:30 Geelong Symphony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	5:30-7:30pm English Classes (Fellowship Room)		2-3pm Midweek Worship (Fellowship Room)	2-4pm Cottage by the Sea (Fellowship Room, Hall)	Sunday 9:30am Worship Kids Church Mother's Day Stall
7:30pm Mission Outreach (Fellowship Room)	7 - 10pm Windfire Rehearsals (Sanctuary)	6pm Rotary Star Search (Sanctuary, Fellowship Room)	4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House)		

Sunday Worship 12th May		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader: Welcomer: Ushers: Sound: Powerpoint: Reader: Morning tea: Connections: Driver/s: Sharing the Journey: Vestry Prayer: Flowers:	Rev. Paul Stephens B Murphy S Anderson & I Allen H Swan & P Gill K McAvaney A Hodge McAvaney R Hodge J Hicks & M Baum Lyn Robertson V & J England J Hicks Max Robertson 0439049717 or email mlrobertson@optusnet.com.au B McLelland J Hines	Easter 4 Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelations 7:9-17 John 10:22-30 W Liturgical Colour: White