

# Weekly Pew Sheet

## The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 18th August, 2019

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**Worship Leader: Paul Stephens, Preacher: Lloyd Walker**

“Faith Lived Out”



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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 weekly pew sheet is printed on Fridays. E-mail your weekly notices to [news@stlukesuca.org.au](mailto:news@stlukesuca.org.au) by **Friday 9am**. Longer articles are published in the bimonthly Newsletter, St Luke's Link - next edition will be in September. Submit your Link contributions to [news@stlukeuca.org.au](mailto:news@stlukeuca.org.au) by the **29th August at 9am**.

Temporary Office open hours: Fridays 9:30-12:30pm

# Congregation News

## Newsheet and office hours for August - September

While Robyn is on teaching placement, Jean Daw will be compiling the weekly news sheet. Submissions should still be sent to [news@stlukesuca.org.au](mailto:news@stlukesuca.org.au). Office hours will be Friday 10.30 to 12.30. Bookings can be made via email to [info@stlukesuca.org.au](mailto:info@stlukesuca.org.au) or by leaving a message on the office phone.

## Rosters

Please notify Pam Seller if you will NOT be available for September or October rosters.

## House Church.

7pm Tonight at the home of Jenny and Ian Pooley.

## A Message from Paul -

Most people have probably heard that my Father, Donald, died in the early hours of Tuesday morning after a short illness. Dad was a marine and mechanical engineer and served on the Cunard Liners. He was born in Swindon in England. He was a few weeks short of 91 years of age. My mother is 93 and lives in a retirement home in Lara.

At my mother's request a private funeral has been arranged for Monday morning. Thank you for your prayers, support and love. We have felt very much upheld and cared for. Thank you to those of you who have taken up some of my responsibilities, often at short notice.

Grace and peace, Paul

## Next Sunday August 25th.

The service will be led by Paul Stephens.

There will be a report back on the themes that emerged from the Dreaming Big process.

The guest preacher will be Rev. Robert Elkhuisen who has a mission role with the Property Services Unit of Synod. A Q&A meeting will be held after church for CC members and any other interested parties to discuss the congregation's likely future property needs given our mission directions. (Discussions are already in place regarding the need to improve the toilet arrangements and to repair the car park.)

## The Story - Tuesdays Soup & more \$8.

*From Rae Anderson:*

A group of 10 church people joined together to discuss “Dreaming Big” in our 2019 Lenten Studies. After discussing the demographics of our community we set about to consider how best we at St Luke’s can connect with our community, in a warm and welcoming way, so that we can grow our church here at St Luke’s. Indeed – our Mission Statement clearly defines our journey towards ‘Growing Christians’. And so, our small group finally decided on holding a Soup Luncheon every Tuesday in July, August and September. This we are doing.

We need your help. All it requires is for you to ask a neighbour or friend to come along with you to our Soup Lunch. It is very simple.... You bring a friend, we’ll cook and serve the Soup & more! Tuesdays between 11:30 & 1:30pm, friendship, laughter, welcomes, listening, chatting and simply sharing with others rather than sitting eating alone at home. (Children eat Free)

Dreaming Big Team: Terry & Dorothy Ayrton, Nola & Noel McMillan, Jenny Stephens, Rae & Ken Anderson, Shaghek & Qara Qassabyan, Alison Lyons.



## Appeals and Reminders

### Supporting the Uniting Winter Appeal in August

This month, St Luke's will be taking up a retiring offering TODAY to support the work of Uniting in our region. Food from our trolley and funds from today's retiring offering will make a big difference in the lives of people facing hardship this winter - please share what you can.

### Letter writing campaign from UCA Justice and International Mission Unit

The following letter writing campaigns are available in the foyer for you to action.

- Advocate for concessions for people seeking asylum - Keeping the lights on for people seeking asylum
- Advocate for fair treatment and protected wages for overseas workers - Fair Treatment for People coming to Work in Australia from Overseas.
- Advocate for stopping the exploitation of children online - Protecting Children Online
- Help to address the exploitation of those vulnerable to harmful alcohol consumption - Unhappy Hour – Profiting from Alcohol Harm

## Prayer Points

### We give thanks:

- For God's people who keep in contact and encourage us
- For being blessed to be living in the age
- For people how have stepped in while Paul has been unable to fulfil his commitments
- For those who step forward to help
- For those who have recovered their health and returned home
- That Maureen's sister has improved slightly
- For the life of Donald Stephens

### We pray

- For Paul, Jenny, Emma, James & David and Mary
- For Hedley Seller as he has more treatment and for others that are undergoing medical treatments
- For people who are ill especially Claire and Robert.
- For safe travelling for all those who are going away and those coming home.
- For an improvement in international relations and wisdom for all leader



St Luke's Environment Action Group

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### What can I do with my recycling?

With the collapse of SKM Recycling everything that is collected from your yellow recycling bins is currently being put into landfill. This is likely to continue to occur for some time.

If you would still like your material to be recycled you can separate at home and take the following materials to:

- Cardboard and paper to Council Depot at Douro Street, North Geelong or Drysdale, or GT Recycling on Pt. Henry Rd, Moolap.
- Cans / tins to Council Depot
- Glass. There is currently no commercial scale recycling of glass in this area. You can take some jars to urban upcycle or the op shops (reused by customers for jam etc). It is cheaper and safer to import or manufacture new containers from raw materials, so many Australian cities now have huge "mountains" of crushed glass because there are currently very few commercial uses for this material.

Unfortunately there are also currently no options for recycling of any hard plastics from domestic waste.

Consequently, the best option for disposal of glass and hard plastics from your household is to continue to place these containers in your yellow recycling bin for collection.

Check out our recycling bay for ideas on where to take individual items (in the folder). Items such as cleaned toothpaste tubes, reading glasses, plastic bottle tops, bread tags, corks and stamps can be placed in the boxes along with small e-waste, including light globes. (Printer cartridges to Officeworks).

## Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight is officially underway! August 2 – 15<sup>th</sup>.

The next two weeks are a great opportunity to make your commitment to empowering farmers and workers even more visible, and encourage family, friends and colleagues to get involved too.

Whenever you purchase a product carrying the Fairtrade Mark, you're helping to empower producers, to have more control over their lives and livelihoods, because they've been paid a fair price for the commodities they produce and earned additional money to invest in their businesses and communities.

The power to create real, positive change is in your hands!



Facts you should know:

1. St Luke's is a designated Fairtrade Faith Community.
2. St Luke's stocks Fairtrade Tea, Coffee and Chocolate on the Trading Table.
3. St Luke's, since 2009 has sold over \$19,000 Fairtrade products.
4. St Luke's serves Fairtrade Tea and Coffee from our Kitchen.
5. St Luke's House Church presents Fairtrade gifts to guest speakers.
6. St Luke's gladly encourages Fairtrade shoppers to purchase from Aldi, Safeway and Coles Supermarkets.

*Let us pray that we are not satisfied until the products we bring to our table give a better deal, to all who hunger.*

Rae Anderson

## Community News

### Youth Choir Raffle

Geelong Youth choir fills our church buildings every Thursday with children and adults who love singing. Abigail will be selling raffle tickets (\$10 each) at morning tea today for anyone who would like to support this fantastic youth organisation and long time tenant of St Luke's.

### Geelong Chorale Concert - today @ 2.30pm

Geelong Chorale presents 'Great Moments' - Areas, duets and choruses from some of the best loved operas, operettas and musicals, here at St Luke's Uniting church. Tickets \$25/ Concession \$20 Phone 0407 095 408 or email [thegeelongchorale@gmail.com](mailto:thegeelongchorale@gmail.com)

## Uniting

The Uniting month end book sale will be held on Friday 30 August 2019 at the Uniting Barwon Grovedale site (272 Torquay Road, cnr Reserve and Torquay Roads) between 10.00am – 2.00pm.

Plenty of old and new stock to browse through and all books are only \$1.00!

