

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 11th August, 2019



Worship Leader: Kenneth Ralph

“Worry”



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 weekly pew sheet is printed on Fridays. E-mail your weekly notices to 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 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. Office hours will be Friday 10.30 to 12.30. Bookings can be made via email to info@stlukesuca.org.au or by leaving a message on the office phone.

August House Church Sunday 18 August 2019 7.00 pm

House church this month is at the home of Ian and Jenny Pooley. Supper: N - Z Contact Kevin McAvaney phone 5243 1448 for further information.

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 at next week's service to support the work of Uniting in our region. Iris Speare is a volunteer at Uniting Barwon and shares "a day in the life" at the Grovedale centre:

"The day starts with a gathering of all our wonderful volunteers, during which information is shared. Everyone is encouraged to participate. We never know who will reach out for our help - we have mums whose cupboards are empty or fathers who have lost their job. Often single men come, and you have a sense that the most important need is someone to talk to.

Each and every person is an individual with a unique situation that has prompted them to come and therefore every visit is special.

Once their appointment is completed they visit the food room and clothing department to choose what they need but it surprises us the items that put a smile on stressed faces. A cake mix for a party, fresh fruit, a colourful scarf, a special teddy their child fancies or having a laugh with our caring volunteers who never judge them."

Food from our trolley and funds from next week's retiring offering will make a big difference in the lives of people facing hardship this winter - please share what you can.



Photo: Volunteers distributing food to the food room - Uniting Barwon

Pastoral Connections Prayer Seminar - postponed until further notice

Due to unforeseen circumstances **this event has been postponed**. Thanks for your understanding and stay tuned for a new date.

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade Fortnight is officially underway! August 2 – 15th.

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 - next Sunday 18th August @ 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

Patchwork Tango & High Tea -Saturday 17th August 2019, 2-5pm

at Christ Church Hall, Cnr Moorabool and McKillop Streets, Geelong...

Tango demonstrations featuring Dancers Dianne Heywood-Smith and Bruce Groundwater!

- Social tango dancing!
- Fantastic afternoon High Tea!

Tickets \$15 (\$12 concession) from Jan 0409176409 or at the door.

Prayer Points

We give thanks:

- For volunteers
- That the Porter Avenue Op Shop has enough volunteers to open on a Saturday morning
- That plans for a Christian Bookshop in Geelong are underway
- For the Trekkies study group and all those who attend and contribute

We pray

- For people who have made mistakes; may they find people to support and guide them
- For Paul's father Donald and his family, that they will know God's peace and comfort in trying times.
- For Maureen's sister Anne in New Zealand as she comes to the end of her time on earth
- For Kenneth as he steps into the breach and leads worship at St Luke's this Sunday
- For victims of crime and injustice and their families, including those murdered in Canada and in the recent mass shootings in the US.
- For Messy Church to find the volunteers needed to lead and support this well loved, family friendly expression of church

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 12th to 18th August 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	<p>9am-12pm Men's Shed (Chapel, Lane Memorial Room)</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)</p> <p>11:30am-1:30pm Soup & More Lunch (Fellowship Room, Kitchen)</p> <p>5:30pm-7:30pm English Classes (Foyer (40), Kitchen)</p>	<p>7:30pm-9:30pm Seekers (private home)</p>	<p>9am-12pm Men's Shed (Chapel, Lane Memorial Room)</p> <p>9:30am-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>9am-10am Walking Group (Barwon Edge Boat House, 40 Windsor Rd, Newtown VIC 3220, Australia)</p> <p>9:15am-10:45am Trekkies (Fellowship Room)</p> <p>4:15pm-7:00pm Messy Church (Fellowship Room, Foyer Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary)</p>	<p>Saturday 9:30am-12:00pm Presbytery in Council (Hoppers Crossing Uniting Church, 235 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing VIC 3029, Australia)</p> <p>Sunday 9:30am-10:20am Worship (Fellowship Room, Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary)</p> <p>7pm-9pm House Church (Private home)</p>

Sunday Worship 18th August		Lectionary Readings
<p>Worship Leader:</p> <p>Welcomer:</p> <p>Ushers:</p> <p>Sound:</p> <p>Powerpoint:</p> <p>Reader:</p> <p>Morning tea:</p> <p>Connections:</p> <p>Driver/s:</p> <p>Sharing the Journey:</p> <p>Vestry Prayer:</p> <p>Flowers:</p> <p>Musicians:</p>	<p>P Stephens</p> <p>J SMITH</p> <p>I & P PETERSEN</p> <p>I SPEARE, M BAUM</p> <p>K McAvaney</p> <p>I Pooley</p> <p>K McAvaney</p> <p>C & D MANKS</p> <p>J Pooley</p> <p>C & D Manks</p> <p>V Grills ph: 52615342</p> <p>B McLelland</p> <p>J White</p> <p>V McKenzie</p>	<p>Pentecost 9</p> <p>Isaiah 5:1-7</p> <p>Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19</p> <p>Hebrews 11:29-12:2</p> <p>Luke 12:49-56</p> <p>Liturgical Colour: Green</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Servers:</p> <p>D Younghusband</p> <p>G Connelly</p> <p>H Swan</p> <p>P & I Petersen</p> <p>I Speare</p> <p>Communion Setup:</p> <p>I Speare</p> <p>P Seller</p> <p>Communion Bread: J Daw</p>