

# Weekly Pew Sheet

## The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

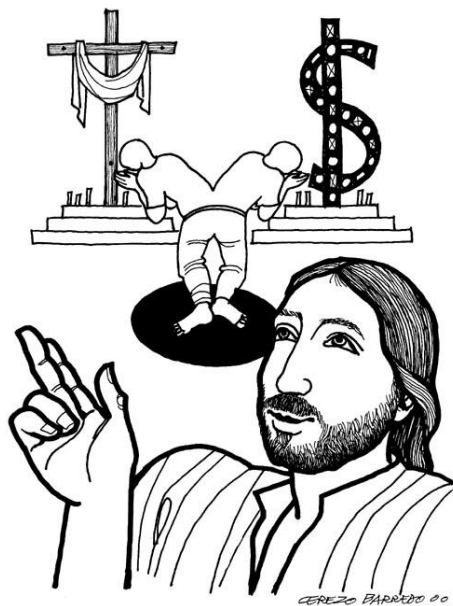
Sunday 22nd September, 2019

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### Worship Leader: Kevin Yelverton

"Ancient Words"



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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**.

# Congregation News

## Office hours for school holidays

Now that Robyn has completed her teaching placement, normal office hours and functions have resumed. Special thanks to Jean, Pam, Noel and everyone else who stepped into the breach while Robyn was away to keep the wheels turning. During the school holidays, the office will be closed on Friday 27th September and Tuesday 1st October, however Robyn will be in on Wednesday the 2nd of October from 10am-1pm in the second week of the school holidays.

## Leprosy Mission Speaker

Pastoral Connections, through Valerie Grills, has been fortunate to secure a speaker from the Leprosy mission who will visit and share worship at St. Luke's on **Sunday 6th October**.

The Leprosy Mission was founded in India in 1874 and was introduced into Australia in 1913 by Weliesley Bailey and his wife Alice, the mission was funded initially by Isabella, Charlotte and Jane Pim in Dublin, who pledged to contribute 30 pound a year, inspired by the sisters generosity, the sum of 600 pounds was raised in the first year.

Today the Leprosy Mission is an international Christian charity working towards the eradication of the causes and consequences of leprosy.

Speaker: Amar. Amar was born to a poor family in a remote village in Nepal. He battled Leprosy reaction and rejection for many years. His wife divorced him because of it. He felt abandoned by people. Come and hear how God transformed his life.

## Mental Health Training and Education Seminar

**Sunday October 13th, 2019 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm at St Luke's.**

An introduction to the signs, symptoms and strategies to help a person developing or experiencing mental illness.

Better understanding facilitates in reducing stigma and fosters social inclusion in communities which is important for self-growth and relapse prevention.



Input will include:

- Mental illness, facts and figures
- Depression
- Anxiety Disorders
- Post-Traumatic Stress
- Ageing and Mental Health

The seminar will be led by Karen Spinks.

Karen Spinks has worked in Mental Health for 35 years across a broad range of areas including the acute, homeless, families and youth as well as the education sectors. More recently she has focused on Mental Health First Aid Training both the Standard and Aged course in an aim to help communities better understand the prevalence and interventions that can assist in helping people with mental health issues.

This seminar is for anyone who wants to learn more about mental illness and how to offer support to others. Attendees will be asked to consider making a \$10 or \$5 donation at the door towards the cost of the seminar.

### Book Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24th September at 2pm, at the home of Alf and Helen Swan. Apologies to Alf on 5243 3398

## Wider Church News

### Uniting Book Sale

The month end book sale will be held on Friday 27th September 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; all books are only \$1.00!

### From Presbytery: Closure of the Playdate Cafe

The Playdate Cafe, run by Fiona Adams, a Mission Pioneer, has been an experiment in new ways of being church in Hoppers Crossing, and has been supported by our Presbytery.

Standing Committee has reviewed the missional and operational goals of the Playdate Café at Hoppers Crossing Uniting Church, and sadly has decided that

Playdate Café will close on Thursday 19 Sept 2019. The review came to the conclusion that PC is neither missionally or financially sustainable.

We commend Fiona and her volunteers for their loyal and committed service over the past 3 1/2 years. We send our prayers and best wishes to Fiona and her family as she discerns the next steps in her journey. From Fiona:

*“Over 5 years ago, I had a dream to create a safe and welcoming space, where the values of love and respect, accepting difference and no judgement could be lived out everyday. This meant the purpose of creating a community that would eradicate social and spiritual loneliness was set.*

*Over 60 people!! over the 3 years that Playdate Cafe has been open, have volunteered to gain valuable work experience in the cafe during this period. They have found work, returned to work or study with the cafe as their current reference. Thank you.*

*The Playdate journey has been a privilege and will always be a time in my heart that I will treasure, through all that we have endured as a community we will celebrate living out our purpose beyond today ..... so with thanks go into the world my Playdate family ..... go be kind. Fiona xoxo”*





# Community News

## Humans in Geelong Expo 2019

A free community event with everyone welcome and something for everyone.

**Sunday 6th Oct Deakin**

**Waterfront Campus 10 – 3pm**

The Uplifting start to Mental Health Month.

In 2018, attended by over 3,000, come and see why!

Hosted by Humans in Geelong at team of volunteers, our aim is to INSPIRE – CONNECT – STRENGTHEN our community

The poster for the Humans in Geelong Expo 2019 features a stylized illustration of a person's face with large, expressive eyes and a speech bubble that says "Be inspired by amazing locals making a difference". The background is a mix of blue and yellow. Below the illustration, the text "HUMANS IN GEELONG EXPO 2019" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Underneath, the event details "Sunday 6th October 10am-3pm Deakin Waterfront, Geelong" and "CAFE OPEN, Gold Coin Entry" are listed. At the bottom, logos for sponsors including Deakin University, City of Greater Geelong, Villawood Properties, and Snap are shown, along with the website "www.humansingeelong.com".

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## Singing the Classics

Sunday 6th of October, 2pm @ St Luke's Uniting Church

For the Joy of Singing the Classics gives choral music enthusiasts a chance to come together in a friendly environment and sing a grand choral work, just for fun. No audition required, just come along and sing! The three hour session costs \$15 and includes all music and afternoon tea - pay at the door, cash only.

On Sunday 6th of October we'll be singing "Cantata Memoria" by Karl Jenkins. Fifty years ago a primary school in a small Welsh village was engulfed by a torrent of waste material from a colliery; 116 children and 28 adults died. Karl Jenkins was asked to write a piece to commemorate the catastrophe. Cantata Memoria, sung by Bryn Terfel among others, is in two distinct sections but performed continuously. The first deals with the disaster and its immediate aftermath, and the second moves from darkness to light, reliving memories and celebrating childhood.

Contact Anne Pilgrim to register your attendance 0412524316 or [pandapilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:pandapilgrim@gmail.com)

Concert for Blaze Saturday 5 October 2019 at 8:00pm

# Concert for Blaze



**The Concert for Blaze** is a fundraiser for Blaze Broadway who is battling a rare form of brain cancer. She is a wonderful young woman, largely self-raised from her teens, gaining a variety of specialised skills, eventually attaining a managerial position with a local firm, only to be struck down by an awful disease. Funds raised will provide Blaze with the chance to experience aspects of life which have been denied to her throughout her short 24 years.

The Concert organisers acknowledge the generosity of the theatre communities of Geelong. Nearly every theatrical company in the district will be represented at the **Concert for Blaze**. They are joined by a number of talented artists, headed by **Peter Coleman-Wright** of international opera renown. It is an historic occasion on several levels and the first public event in Belmont High's new Performing Arts Centre. This is all about community, with performers of all ages, from the vastly experienced to talented new comers.

## You can help this young Geelong woman

**Facebook:** Concert for Blaze  
**Book at:** [trybooking.com/book/event?eid=533313&](http://trybooking.com/book/event?eid=533313&)

# Prayer Points

With thanks to the Trekkies for this week's prayer points

## We give thanks:

- For those who care for the elderly and older family and friends
- For family and friends
- For the freedom to come and study God's word and to worship God
- For young people with the courage to stand up and demand action on the Climate Emergency from our leaders - 3,000 plus in Geelong



Photo Credit: The Farm Next Door

## We pray

- For the leaders in the world, that they will use their authority wisely
- For leaders to be receptive for people's concerns and bring unity
- That leaders will work together to bring good to the environment
- That we can all help the climate in our own small way
- For Noel P as he leads a worship service elsewhere this Sunday
- For Messy Church, that the seeds sown in every story and caring interaction will grow God's love in the world.
- For Claire and Glad and all those who are house-bound.
- For the safe arrival of grandchildren and for all who are going into surgery

# Appeals and Reminders

## Soup & more Tuesdays \$8

Throughout winter you will find every Tuesday a hearty meal of soup and bread .... Served with 'more': Friendship, laughter, welcomes, listening, chatting and simply sharing with others rather than sitting eating alone at home. Bring a friend, family, or a neighbour, confident that a warm welcome awaits them. (Children eat Free).

# What's On this coming week

## What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 23-29 September 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
7:30pm-9:30pm <b>Environment Action Group</b> (Fellowship Room)	<b>9am-12pm Men's Shed</b> (Chapel, Lane Memorial Room)  <b>9:30am-11:30am Prayer Space Open</b> (Sanctuary)  <b>11:30am-1:30pm Soup &amp; More Lunch</b> (Fellowship Room, Kitchen)  <b>2pm-3pm St Luke's Book Club</b> (Private Home)  <b>5:30pm-7:30pm English Classes</b> (Foyer (40), Kitchen)	<b>2pm-3pm Coffee &amp; Chat</b> (Barwon Edge Boat House, 40 Windsor Rd, Newtown VIC 3220, Australia)	<b>9am-12pm Men's Shed</b> (Chapel, Lane Memorial Room)  <b>9:30am-11:30am Prayer Space Open</b> (Sanctuary)	<b>9am-10am Walking Group</b> (Barwon Edge Boat House, 40 Windsor Rd, Newtown VIC 3220, Australia)  <b>9:15am-10:45am Trekkies</b> (Fellowship Room)	<b>Sunday</b> <b>9:30am-10:20am Worship</b> (Fellowship Room, Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary)

Sunday Worship 29th September		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader:	M&J Russell	<b>Pentecost 16</b>
Welcomer:	S Hunter	Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15
Ushers:	M & M Batson	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16
	M Baum & I Spear	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Sound:	K McAvaney	Luke 16:19-31
Powerpoint:	J Daw	Liturgical Colour: <b>Green</b>
Reader:	E Nicholls	
Morning tea:	J Pooley/A John	
Connections:	I Tattersall	
Driver/s:	M Robertson	
Sharing the Journey:	S Anderson	
Vestry Prayer:	B McClelland	
Flowers:	<b>TBA</b>	
Musicians:	<b>TBA</b>	