

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 2nd Feb 2020



Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Stephens

"The elements of happiness"



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 occasional Newsletter, St Luke's Link - next edition will be in March 2020. Submit your Link contributions to news@stlukeuca.org.au by the **20th February at 9am**.

Office administrator: Robyn Hodge. Office open hours: Tuesdays and Fridays
9:30-12:30pm

Congregation News

St Luke's Environment Action Group Bushfire Appeal



The St Luke's Environment Group are growing seedlings of herbs, veggies and flowers for the bushfire victims to start their gardens and add a bit of colour. Jean Daw is going to Bairnsdale end March for starters, with a load for the victims in that area. All pots to be at St Luke's 11am Sat 21st March to be loaded in her car. We may have

more going to other areas as well.

If you are interested in helping, please see one of the Environment Group – Claire, Michelle, Jean, Jenny, Ian A, Ian L, Phil.

Prayer Shawls For Bushfire Areas

Pastoral Connections have been seeking contacts who could take and make available to those in the fire-ravaged areas some of our hand-knitted and crocheted shawls, with a card assuring those suffering that we are praying for them. We have had a wonderful response, with the following distribution numbers and areas:

- 6 shawls and 4 knee rugs went to Orbost on 11th January.
- 7 shawls and 3 knee rugs went to a chaplain in Merimbula for delivery to Bombala on the 19th January.
- 5 shawls went to Bright for distribution by the UCA minister.



We still have some available to give to those in fire areas. Please contact Beth on 52436874 if you know of someone who could be comforted by the gift, or who can take into the areas for distribution.

Garage Sale Posters

If you have a local shop or library that would be happy to display our garage sale posters for a couple weeks, please take one from the table outside the Vestry and help us to get the word out!

Thanks from Uniting World

We recieved a call this week from Alexandra Bingham of Uniting World to thank us for the \$739 raised by St Luke's at our Uniting World Everything In Common gift shop. Well done to Jean Daw and helpers for organising this effort. Alexandra spoke at St Lukes at the beginning of 2018 and we look forward to having her back here sometime this year.



Call for submissions for St Luke's Annual Report

It's time to prepare the St Luke's Annual Report ready for our Annual Meeting in March. Submissions (including photos and videos) are invited from activity leaders and participants to share:

- Activities - what were you doing?
- Participants - who was involved?
- Highlights
- Plans for 2020 and beyond

We would love to share the content you send in other platforms like the website and on social media, maybe even to Crosslight!

Please send any photos as separate attachments to your email rather than embedded in any document you create. Please send your submission by the end of February. Thankyou for your help in sharing the good news about our ministry!

Wider Church News

Sacrededge Australia/Survival Day Award

Kerrie Lingham from Queenscliffe UC received a Survival Day award on behalf of the SacredEdge Festival last week. She writes

"It really was an honour to receive the Borough of Queenscliff Community Event of the Year at the Australia/Survival Day Awards last weekend. We would like to especially acknowledge and offer our deep respect and gratitude to all the First Nations people who have courageously shared their stories, art and songs at the six festivals we have hosted.

Sacrededge is committed to listening to the pain and the dreams of all Indigenous people.

We are also grateful to the support of The Borough of Queenscliffe who have helped the festival connect locally and beyond as we invite people of all backgrounds to Dive Deep into Diversity.

Congratulations to all the other award winners."

The SacredEdge Festival is on again this year on the first weekend in May - flyers available from the office window.



New Presbytery Ministers Inducted



Our new Presbytery Ministers, Linley Liersch and Narelle Collas were inducted at the Hopper's Crossing Uniting Church on Saturday 1st of February. Lloyd Walker and Rev. Paul Stephens attended the service on behalf of St Luke's.



ADVANCE NOTICE - Garage Sale



**The St Luke's Mens Shed will be
holding a
GARAGE SALE
8.00 am, Saturday 22nd February.**

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).

Sausage Sizzle –.

Plants – Linda Salamy (0407 806 312).

Paintings – Terry & Dorothy Ayrton.

Furniture – Ken Anderson (0412 118 554),

Tools – Ian Allen (5243 1730) & Ken Riddell.

Collectibles – Rae Anderson (0413 888 884).

Devonshire Tea – Sue Anderson (0412 081 608).

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 as well as the usual amazing Cake Stall loaded with delicacies all 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.

Additional "A4 Flyers" are available from Ken Anderson.

Be sure to come along and enjoy the lovely Devonshire Tea and company.

Ken Anderson

St Luke's Mens Shed

**St David's Uniting Church
Presents**

**Dinner Night
Fundraiser**

**Saturday 29th of February 2020
6pm**

Live Entertainment & Much More



**Island Cuisine Buffet
all you can eat**

\$50 / Adult

\$ 25/ Child under 15yrs

infants under 5yrs Free



ST DAVID'S UNITING CHURCH HALL

74 MELVILLE ROAD WEST BRUNSWICK 3055

More Info Contact:

Pherina Tuaiti 0422089837

or Tangaroa Toko 0411838739

Non alcohol event, Management reserves the right to refuse entry

Change the Heart Joint Prayer Service held at St David's Newtown



Minister Will Nicholas writes: "So wonderful to gather for the #changetheheart service. We are truth telling and praying for real change in our nation." Comments from people who participated included "Wonderful service, beautiful building and warm, welcoming people." If you look closely at this photo you will see some familiar faces!



Appeals and Reminders

Covenanting Sunday February 16

Save the Date: Sunday February 16th is Covenanting Sunday - a day for welcoming new members and commissioning leaders of St Luke's. It will also be a communion service, so we hope to see many of you there to welcome and pray for our community of St Luke's.

Save the Date: Garage Sale February 22nd

Men's Shed are running our first Garage Sale a little earlier this year in the hopes of beating the March crush of events and activities. Stay tuned for how you can be involved, including by promoting our event widely!

Uniting Bushfire Appeal

Donation Envelopes are available from the table in front of the Vestry, or you can head to the website:

<https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/uniting-vic-tas-2020-bushfire-appeal/>

Barwon Uniting Combined Pancake Day 10am-1pm Sat 22nd February

The Uniting Churches of the Uniting Barwon Local Engagement Group (LEG) are joining forces with Uniting to host a BIG Pancake Day Event in the center of Geelong City. Proceeds earmarked for Uniting Housing and Homelessness Support Services in Geelong.

To Volunteer, contact Lisa Stewart – Lisa.Stewart@vt.uniting.org



Prayer

This week's Prayer comes from the World in Prayer website, <http://worldinprayer.org>

World News in Prayer – Thursday, 30 January 2020

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
And thick darkness is over the peoples,
But the Lord rises upon you
And his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1-3 (NIV)

O Dayspring, O Sun of Justice, you have set our hearts ablaze with the light of your message of hope, reconciliation, and peace. Help us to shine that light into our dark world. Help us to look for signs of that light.

Death and the fear of death surround us as the coronavirus spreads from China and into many nations around the world. But the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it (John 1:5). In Wuhan, the center of the outbreak, a restaurant owner named Li Bo spent the Lunar New Year packing boxed lunches for medical workers in the local hospital, despite his fears that his restaurant will go bankrupt due to the city shutdown. Help us to look for the light, O God.

Anger and distrust of the "other" runs rampant in our world as populist movements grow strong and suffering people blame the most vulnerable among them for their ill fortune. But the Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear (Psalm 27:1)? As we recognize the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Holocaust concentration camp in Auschwitz, Poland, we hear stories of hope from survivors like Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, whose musical talent helped her to survive as a prisoner and later thrive as a founding member of the English Chamber Orchestra. Help us to remember the light, O God.

Evidence of human impact on our climate continues to grow as 'extreme' weather becomes the norm in countries around the world. Emergency workers in Australia continue to battle bushfires across the country and respond to damaging hail and rainstorms in places like Canberra and Melbourne. But God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). People of good will across the globe continue to work for solutions, like the firm Portal Forest Estates, which has been planting trees in Ghana since 2000 to provide a balance between conservation and manufacturing for economic growth. Help us to be the light, O God.

Jesus told us, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. (Matthew 5:14)." Give us hearts and minds, hands and voices, to take up that call

and that promise. Rekindle the light of hope in us. Send us out to look for places of light, remember examples of light, and be sources of light to a dark and hurting world.
Amen.

What's On This Coming Week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 3rd-9th Feb 2020					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
4pm-6pm GYC Vivaces & Preludes (Hall, Fellowship Room, Sanctuary)	9am-12pm Men's Shed (Chapel, Lane Memorial Room)	10am-3pm Days For Girls Sewing Group (Hall)	9am-12pm Men's Shed (Chapel, Lane Memorial Room)	9am-10am Walking Group (Barwon Edge Boat House, 40 Windsor Rd, Newtown VIC 3220, Australia)	Saturday 12:30pm-5:00pm Repair Cafe (Hall, Kitchen)
7pm-10pm Geelong Chorale (Kitchen, Sanctuary)	9:30am-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	6:30pm-9:20pm Welsh Ladies Choir (Hall)	9:30am-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	9am-10am	Sunday 9:30am-10:20am Worship (Fellowship Room, Hall, Kitchen, Sanctuary)
7:30pm-9:30pm Mission Outreach Meeting (Fellowship Room)	3:30pm-5:30pm Resourcing Ministry Team Meeting (Fellowship Room)	7-9pm Church Council Meeting (Fellowship Room)	4pm-5pm Choir Practice (Jenny & Noel's)	9am-12:30pm Let's Make Music (Hall)	
	5:30-7:30pm Weight Watchers (Hall)		4-9pm Geelong Youth Choir (Sanctuary, Hall, Fellowship Room, Kitchen)		

Sunday Worship 2nd February		Lectionary Readings
Worship Leader: Welcomer: Ushers: Sound: Powerpoint: Reader: Morning tea: Connections: Driver/s: Sharing the Journey: Vestry Prayer: Flowers: Musicians:	Rev Paul Stephens J Hicks N & N Mcmillan I & P Petersen K McAvaney J Daw R Anderson to arrange K & R Anderson L Robertson V & J England J Hicks Dorothy Ayrton ph: 52433467 email: terdor01@gmail.com B McLelland D Bath J Hines	Epiphany 5 Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20 Liturgical Colour: Green