

Weekly Pew Sheet

The Uniting Church in Australia

St Luke's Congregation, Highton

Sunday 28th April, 2019



Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Stephens

"Our own road to Emmaus"



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

Thank you from Beth and Family.

We have been overwhelmed with all the love, prayers, and support of our wonderful church family since Ken's passing on 13th. April and the Service to celebrate his life on 23rd. April. To all who helped in any way, a very big thank-you. It is going to take time to thank you all personally, but I can say how much we appreciated every gesture of support and condolence.

Reminders and Appeals

Donations to Uniting World's Lent Event

Envelopes to donate and help the people of East Timor are available from outside the vestry. Online donations can be made by following this link:

<https://www.lentevent.com/give/>

Book Club meets this week

A reminder from Glenis Stewart that the St Luke's book club is meeting this Tuesday at 2pm at Bob McLelland's house.

Wider Church News

Prayers and Solidarity with Sri Lanka

Uniting Church President Dr Deidre Palmer has offered prayers and support to the people of Sri Lanka in the wake of the recent Easter Sunday bombings.

"These were horrendous terror attacks against Christians at worship on Easter Sunday and against innocent people sharing time with friends and families," said Dr Palmer. "I condemn these barbaric and cruel acts. Everyone, wherever they are, should have the right to worship in peace and safety."

News agencies report 321 people were killed and 500 injured in a series of coordinated blasts.

"As Christians, we believe we are called to create human communities, in which we live at peace with one another and respect one another's faith traditions," said Dr Palmer. "We pray for people who have lost loved ones in the attacks and for all those who have been injured and traumatised by what they have witnessed, on this holiest of days in the Christian calendar."

“In the Risen, Crucified Christ, God speaks to us of love winning out over hate, peace and love for our neighbor being stronger than violence. We express our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ in the churches in Sri Lanka, whose life and mission bear witness to this love and peace of Christ.”

“In the shadow of the violence perpetrated against our sisters and brothers in Sri Lanka, may the church in Sri Lanka be comforted by God’s love and the solidarity of the communion of the global Christian community,” said Dr Palmer. “May God strengthen and bless our embodiment of Christ’s message of peace and reconciliation.” Sri Lankan ministers and members in the Uniting Church are coordinating ecumenical prayer services in response to the tragedy. Details of these services will be posted on Uniting Church social media channels as they become available.

Prayer Points

With thanks to the Trekkies for this week’s prayers.

Give thanks...

- For those who show kindness to others at unexpected times
- For all organisations that work to bring a better life for the poor and oppressed of our world
- For the opportunities our congregation has to encourage people to faith in Jesus and use that faith to spread the word.

Pray for...

- School teachers who face confrontation in their work place
- Those who are grieving may they find comfort and peace
- All people who are affected by the bombings in Colombo especially those grieving, and those injured. Pray that the perpetrators and like-minded dissidents can come to the realisation that violence is not the way instead dialogue, harmony and peace will bring about lasting change.
- Refugees that they all may find a new life where they can be safe and live in peace and harmony.
- Politicians and our elections that compassion and care for all people especially the disadvantaged can dominate their election policies.
- Victims of sexual abuse may they find a safe haven where they are protected and supported so they can start to rebuild their lives.

- English Classes that students can gain the conversation skills they need which will enable them to communicate and understand effectively our complex English language.

What's On this coming week

What's on @stlukeschurchgeelong 29th April - 5th May 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed 9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	1-3pm Pastoral Connections (Fellowship Room)	9:30-12:00pm Men's Shed 9:30-11:30am Prayer Space Open (Sanctuary)	9-10am Walking Group (Barwon Edge)	
	2pm St Luke's Book Club (Bob McLelland's house)			9:15-10:45am Trekies (Fellowship Room)	Sunday 9:30am Worship
	7 - 10pm Windfire Rehearsals (Sanctuary)	6pm Rotary Star Search (Sanctuary, Fellowship Room)	4-5pm Choir Practise (Jenny's House)	12:30-2pm Sewing Group and Playgroup (Chapel, Fellowship Room, Hall)	2pm MND Memorial Service (Sanctuary, Hall, Kitchen)

Sunday Worship 5th May

Worship Leader:
Welcomer:
Ushers:

Sound:
Powerpoint:
Reader:
Morning tea:
Connections:
Driver/s:

Rev. Paul Stephens
J Donaldson
V Grills & K Turrill
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Vestry Prayer:
Flowers:

B McLelland
J Hines

Lectionary Readings

Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Rev 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Liturgical Colour: White