



**This is your invitation to support Salt & Light 2022/23  
at St Luke's Uniting Church**

Developed in 2021, the 'Salt & Light' vision offers a pathway to what we believe God wants us to do in the future. It also offers an opportunity to reflect on your contribution to this work for the next year.

We invite you to review what you contribute to God's work here for the next twelve months.

**St Luke's has a vision and purpose to reach out in Christian Ministry and Mission.**

We thank you for your previous involvement in and support of St Luke's and invite you to consider making a further commitment through offerings or donations of money, time or other talent you might have. These commitments will help the church to plan its activities and budget for the coming year/s.

Attached to this letter is a form that you are invited to complete and sign and return to St Luke's or email to St Luke's Recorder (Mrs Judy Boehm) before the end of July. Your commitment can be through the use of 'Pledged Offering' envelopes or arrangements with your bank or credit union as indicated. If you would prefer to use direct debit or direct credit please tick the appropriate box.

Please note that your commitment (financial or otherwise) can be altered at any time should your circumstances change.

We look forward to your continued support of our mission here at St. Luke's – we are on a journey together and our sharing reflects our faith in a God of abundance.

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**Michael Currie**  
Church Council Secretary  
July 2022

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***A note from the Church Council Treasurer:***

The ministry and mission of St Luke's has been continuing at a pace even during the time of the lockdown. Many people have remarked on the value of the online/streamed services including those not associated with our community. With the easing of restrictions, numbers at Sunday Services and Mid-week Services are slowly recovering. More regular Messy Church gatherings will recommence in the second half of 2022. The refugee ministry continues with new families arriving into Geelong on a regular basis.

There is no question that the Congregation faces serious challenges financially and part of the response will involve our two Manses. Synod and Presbytery will be working with the Congregation to enable these assets to provide income for mission. (Currently one manse is not leased out due to some maintenance issues which in itself has reduced our income.)

St Luke's has unfortunately experienced a simultaneous decline in income and an increase in expenses in recent years. Some of the causes of our drop in income include the loss of



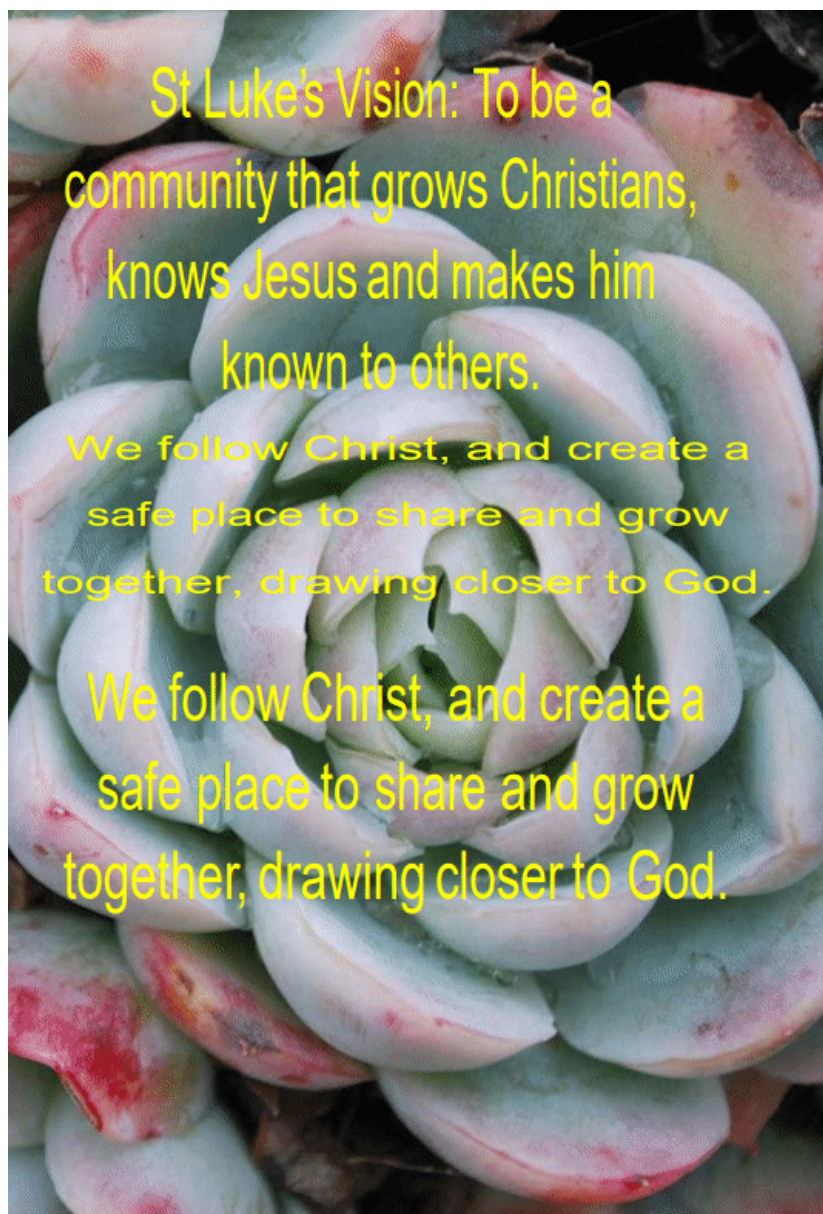
some members, a drop in pledged giving and a decrease in the income from the hire of the church buildings due to the impact of the pandemic.

From a cost perspective inflation has continued to increase our cost base, as has increases in maintenance and insurance costs. As well as Paul we also have 2 professional part time employees, Robyn and Shaghek. We are incredibly fortunate at St Luke's to have many hardworking volunteers, the fundraising efforts via collectables and furniture sales in aid of the refugee ministry over recent times has been fantastic.

Please take this opportunity to consider your offering to the mission and ministry of the church, every contribution makes a difference.

**Lachlan Farren**

Church Council Treasurer





## ST LUKE'S UNITING CHURCH, HIGHTON "SALT AND LIGHT" 2022/23 STEWARDSHIP

I/We .....

Would like to pledge or try to contribute by: *(please tick selection)*

- Envelopes for use in the offering
- Direct debit/credit arrangement
- A donation
- Using the open plate in church. **OR**

I am/We are unable to commit financially at this time, but will contribute to our St Luke's community by:

.....  
*(please describe)*

### **For financial pledges or contributions**

This commitment is:

- New **Or**
- Continuing or increasing from previous years.

The money I am/We are committing to give to God's work at St Luke's is:

\$ ..... weekly/monthly/half yearly/annual/once-off *(circle the right period)*

For envelope-giving: I would/would not like my envelopes to be identified *(please cross out as appropriate)*.

For direct debit/credit use these details with your bank/credit union, and let Judy know:

Bank: Bendigo Bank  
 Account Name: UCA St Luke's Congregation  
 BSB: 633 000  
 Account Number: 163 104 656

Please include **your name and "offering"** in the details.

I/We understand that should my/our circumstances change the above commitment can be reviewed or changed at any time.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Please drop this in to the office, send to "The Recorder," Ms. Judy Boehm, St Luke's Highton, 174 Barrabool Road, Highton, 3216 in a marked envelope or email to [judy.boehm@stlukesuca.org.au](mailto:judy.boehm@stlukesuca.org.au).

**Note:** If you are already giving regularly (by whatever method) and we do not receive a response we will assume that your pledge will be continuing at the current level.