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St Luke's Anglican Emerald

Mission Statement

'To know Christ & to make Him known'

14th and 21st February 2021

Welcome:

The family of St Luke's want to extend a very warm welcome to anyone who is visiting us today. Whether you are local or just passing through, we are delighted to have you here. If you have children with you, please sit close to the front so that they can see what is going on and participate in the service (let them play with the toys, do the activity on the back sheet, and move around ... God put the wiggle in children, so please don't feel you need to suppress it in God's house!)

News from around the Diocese

• New CQFirst available

• Farewell for Ven Tom Henderson-Brookes Saturday 20th February 11am.

• Funeral for Rev'd Dr John Quaife 15th February at St Paul's Cathedral.

Around the Parish.

- Minor works are being scoped for replacing the watering system controller, the air conditioner in the hall, and oiling the floor in the hall.
- A fence project is currently being scoped out for our beautiful lawn area at the back of the church. Keep your eyes and ears out for this exciting development.
- Parish BBQ lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 13th March before the AGM.
- First Kids Zone was held on the 11th February. There were several new faces and lots of fun was had. We are still looking for helpers for Intrigue Youth and Little Luke's Playtime.
- The Diocese no longer qualifies for Job Keeper. Job Keeper, insurance assistance from the Diocese, and the Safe Ministry role that Jen has been undertaking for the last 12 months have all been significant contributors to our current financial position. St Luke's has traditionally been financially secure due to fundraising and the incredible work put in by the Op Shop when it was able to be open. COVID-19 has given us a hard lesson on the reliance on fundraising for Parish Ministry and upkeep. Parish Council is prayerfully considering how we will move forward. Please pray, speak with your Parish Council and share ideas.

Prayer Points:**The Australian Church**

Our Partner Diocese: For the Body of Christ in Llandaff, Wales and Popondota, PNG, for all who serve, lead and worship in these places. Pray that God will bless their ministry and lead them ever closer to himself.

The Diocese of Rockhampton

Pray for our Diocese as we prepare for Peter's consecration as our 13th Bishop. Pray that God will bless Peter's ministry among us and that we will grow and prosper in Christ under his leadership.

The Diocese of Central Queensland

Special Ministry District of Moura: Under the care of the Administrator. Please pray for the saints in Moura as they meet and worship; pray that they will be a light and a witness in their town.

Parish of Springsure: Pray for the ministry team at Springsure as they lead this parish. Please pray that the childcare centre will soon be up and running, and that this relationship and lease will lead to ministry opportunities in the town.

The persecuted Church

Oman: Where Sharia law influences every day life, and being a Christian means being shunned by society and the potential for personal violence.

Pray that God will equip believers with courage, and that He will soften the hearts of persecutors.

Bhutan: Where Christian worship is illegal and anyone converting from Buddhism is watched with suspicion. Pray for that Christians will have access to God's word and build strong foundations of faith upon it.

Those that we know

John, Anne, Margaret, David, Morrish & Woods families preparing for Baptism, Emily & Riki preparing for marriage.

Notepad Thoughts:

Our overarching theme at St Luke's in 2021 is 'Body Building', that is building up the body of Christ - "the Church". So, what does this mean in Lent?

Ash Wednesday this year falls on 17th February. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent which is a period of self-examination and reflection for 40 days (not counting Sunday's) before Easter.

It is a time marks by humility, repentance, reflection, and renewal.

The 40 day period represents two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13). The goal of Lent is to honestly examine your life in light of God's Word and to make a commitment to change in any areas you have not submitted to the Lord. It is a time of putting off the old self and putting on the new (Ephesians 4:22-24), of discovering that our faith is not just a feel-good, self-help religion but one that answers the deepest questions of life and eternity, and of rebuilding our identity in Christ. Done well, Lent is a time that offers us an opportunity to come to terms with the human condition we may spend the rest of the year running from, and it brings our need for a Savior to the forefront; It strengthens our faith, deepens our commitment, and helps us to focus on what unites us the body of Christ rather than what divides.

Join me in taking the Lenten Journey this year. A Lenten reflection book will be available at the back of the church or on our website to guide us through this year's journey. A prayer and reflection group will be available Monday night 7pm on-line and Saturday morning 8:30am in the hall. Please contact Jen to sign up for either of these groups.

Lenten prayer: *Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of this season. Thank you for knowing our hearts and our need for rhythms in our lives, and for drawing us into a deeper communion with you throughout the coming 40 days.*

Isaiah 58:6-7 - "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

Grace & Peace,
Jen

Coming up @ St Luke's

- 17th Feb Ash Wednesday Service time TBA
- Christianity explored.
- Jesus the Game Changer series 2.
- AGM Sunday 13th March (After 11am service & Parish BBQ lunch)

Anniversaries: February

Birthdays: 15th Feb Natia Dingwell, 16th Laura Lewis, 18th Cheryl Perkins,

Baptisms: 24th Seth Cahill,

Prayer for the world during the pandemic (COVID-19):

Please pray for leaders, officials and advisors for wisdom, discernment, and compassion.
 Please pray for healthcare and other frontline workers for protection, strength and courage.
 Please pray for our community, for wisdom, compliance, and calm.
 Please pray that in God's love, compassion, and sovereignty that He will stop this virus. That in His compassion he will heal, comfort, and reassure. That in His wisdom, grace, and mercy He will lead the way to effective treatment and prevention. That in His strength He will encourage, carry, and nurture all who minister in His name at this time; and that He will ultimately use this virus to His Glory and to draw His people closer to Himself.

Sunday readings

Sunday 14th Feb	2 Kings 2:1-12, Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-12 Mark 9:2-9	Sunday 21st Feb	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
Sun 28th Feb	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16, Psalm 22:24-32 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:1-38	Sun 7th March	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

Volunteers needed:

Admin, Gardening, St Luke's Shop in the shop, and behind the scenes, Kids Ministry & Youth Group, Pastoral Care, Reading, Praying, Sound Desk and Serving in church, Odd jobs and maintenance. We need your help! Are you willing to give a few hours of your time each week?

Church Finance:

January Income: \$ 9,386.99 Expenses: \$ 8,418.83 Gain \$ 968.16

As a church we have worked hard to keep the impact of COVID-19 on our services to an absolute minimum. The impact on the finances of our church however has been immense. As a Parish we have previously relied heavily on fundraising events and the St Luke's Shop for Parish income for many many years. These lines of income are no longer available to us as a secure stream of income. Please come to the Stewardship and Budget meeting when the date is proposed. Please share your ideas with others. Please get involved in the life of your church. Parish council are praying and stewarding resources as best we can, we ask you to join us.

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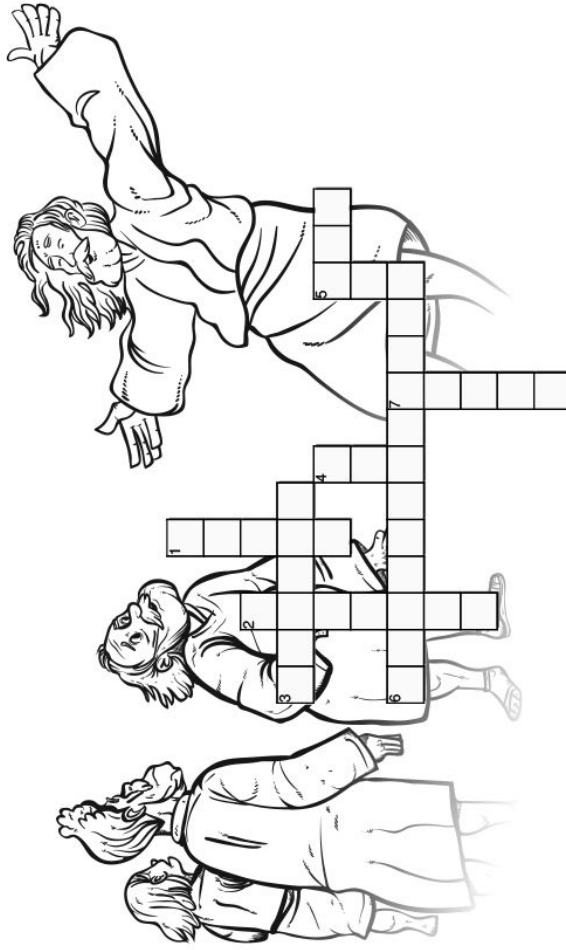
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Please continue to support **St Luke's Mission Fund BSB 034 181 Acct number 103281.**

JESUS TRANSFIGURED

**Matthew 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-13,
and Luke 9:28-36**



Across

3. When prayer was needed the most, the disciples fell _____.
5. In the transfiguration of Jesus, He appeared before the three disciples as bright as the _____.
6. After the transfiguration, Jesus warned the disciples to not tell anyone about the event until after His _____.

Down

1. "The law was given by _____; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:17).
2. God interrupted Peter with the words, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well _____." Hear Him!"
4. Jesus began to explain the plan of salvation to his disciples; that He must first suffer and _____.
5. Without the shedding of Christ's blood, there would be no forgiveness of _____.
7. Peter suggested to Jesus that he and the other disciples build _____ tents.

