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## St Luke's Anglican Emerald Mission Statement

*'To know Christ & to make Him known'*  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

Bishop Peter and his family have arrived in Rockhampton. Peter commences in the Office on Monday 18th Jan 2020.

His consecration is February 24th in Brisbane & Installation 27th February in Rockhampton. If you wish to attend either of these events, please contact Barb in the Diocese Office.

Some additional works have occurred recently on the Cathedral to rectify some grouting issues. The Cathedral rectification project is continuing according to the project plan.

**Around the Parish.**

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.

Introduction to Pastoral care training is commencing Saturday 30th 10am -2pm in the church hall.

Parish BBQ lunch after the 11am service on Sunday 31st

Rev'd Jen is working in the Diocese as Registrar on a part time basis for 6 months commencing December 2020. For us this will mean that Jen is only available Friday, Saturday and Sunday each week.

The St Luke's Shop reopened Saturday 16th January. We are seeking volunteers to assist with running the shop on Saturday mornings on a roster basis.

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:**

### **Australian Church:**

#### **The Diocese of North Queensland:**

Bishop Keith Joseph, for Clergy and Laity as they seek to build the church in this region.

#### **The Diocese of The**

**Murray:** Bishop Keith Dalby and all clergy and laity as they take God's word to South-East South Australia.

#### **The Diocese of Central Queensland:**

**The Parish of Clermont:** For Rev'd Luke, as he leads this Parish under the care of the Bishop. For the Saints in Clermont as they discern God's will for ministry in their town.

**The Parish of Barcoo:** For Rev'd Beth, as she continues to lead the saints of this region in prayer and worship. Pray that God's word will continue to burn brightly in this region.

#### **The persecuted Church:**

**Comoros:** Where there is a rise in radical Islam and Christians are not able to share their faith freely in public. Pray that believers will be faithful in their work to glorify God, and that God will strengthen believers giving them wisdom and courage as they support and buildup one another.

**Kenya:** Where extremist groups are growing, corruption and organised crime are a serious problem, and persecution of Christians is an everyday reality. Pray that through trials and persecution believers will see God's faithfulness, and that Godly leaders will be raised up and equipped to lead the church in this land.

#### **CMS & BCA Field Staff**

#### **Those that we know:**

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

## **Notepad Thoughts (for the New Year)**

Our overarching theme at St Luke's in 2021 is 'Body Building', that is building up the body of Christ - "the Church."

For the last couple of years, we have been talking about being disciples of Jesus, and making disciples of Jesus following the command from Jesus himself in Matthew 28 to "**go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.**"

With the roadblocks and difficulties of life making disciples can seem a lofty and impossible goal. However, Jesus didn't set this goal then abandon us to our own imagination to figure out how to achieve it. He established the Church as **the body** in which individual Christians would be integrated with fellow believers in interdependent relationships designed for their mutual growth and maturity and as a launching pad for ministry to others.

When we follow his design the body of Christ (*the church*) matures and grows stronger and functions beautifully. But it doesn't happen on its own! So, what does help the body of Christ to be stronger and more mature?

1. Working together. Unity is essential to the health functioning of the body; like in a physical body, if one part is malfunctioning, or worse working against the other parts, then sickness and weakness takes the place of healthy function.

2. Nutrition. What we put into our bodies matters, and it is the same with the Body of Christ. A balanced diet of Bible study, Bible teaching, Prayer & Worship will give the body the fuel that it needs to function, grow and mature.

3. Training & exercise! Like the physical body, the church will grow when the members of the church engage in training for ministry and in the exercising ministry in the places where we live and work, as well as when the church is gathered.

This can all sound very daunting, but the building up of the body of Christ is meant to be a joy, not a burden! So, it is important that we always remember that:

We don't do this body building in our own strength, but in His

We do not mature by our own wisdom, but through His.

We do not gain unity through our own works, but through His.

Grace & peace

Jen

## **Coming up @ St Luke's**

- 30th January Introduction to Pastoral Care.
- 31st BBQ Lunch following the 11am service.
- Christianity explored.
- Jesus the Game Changer series 2.
- Budget meeting & discussion (date to be set)
- AGM date to be set

## ***Anniversaries:***

**Birthdays:** 20th Nancy Daniels, 27th Alan Thomas,

**Baptisms:** 28th Emily Peters

**Wedding:** 21st John & Amelia Baker, 24th Scott & Alana Mason.

### **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**

<b>Sunday 17th Jan</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51	<b>Sunday 24th Jan</b>	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
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### **Volunteers needed:** We need your help!

Are you willing to give a few hours of your time each week to help with:

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

### **Church Finance: December**

Income: \$11,059.51 Expenses: \$14,254.74 Shortfall \$3,195.23

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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**Acct: St Luke's Anglican Church BSB: 034-181 Acct Number: 810 226**

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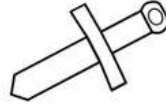
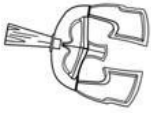
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## KNOW WHAT!

**Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)**  
 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.