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Mission Statement

*'To know Christ & to make Him known'***19th and 26th June 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

- Diocese Office is closed 28th June - July 2nd
- Bishop Peter is currently working his way through visiting all Parishes for a Sunday service, and all clergy in their Parish during the week. He reports being very encouraged by what he is observing across the Diocese.

Around the Parish.

- Jen on leave 28th June - 2nd July & at conference 18th -25th July
- Faculties have been approved for the fence project and other safety concerns around the parish.
- The Sausage Sizzle at the Twilight Markets was a huge success. Thanks to everyone involved. Big thanks to Fair Dinkum Fresh who are always very generous with their prices for our fundraisers.
- Planning meeting for Little Luke's in Term 3 is planned for 10am Friday 25th June.
- New Home Visit Pastoral Care Team includes: Dianne McAtee, Alan Thomas, Larry Daniels, Colin Hercott, Mark Burley, Niki Tan, Merv Blake.

Prayer Points:

The Australian Church

The Diocese of Riverina:

Bishop Donal Kirk, and all ministry regions as they seek God's kingdom growth in their Diocese.

The Diocese of Willochra:

Bishop John Stead, giving thanks for faithful ministry across vast and small population centres.

The Diocese of Central Queensland.

Anglican Regional Ministries:

Including Mount Morgan, Wowan and Duaringa. For Bishop Peter as he oversees the region and Rev'd Paul Gribble as he ministers to local saints in these regions.

CQ Chaplaincy:

That through the ministry of presence we may gain the right to speak of our Lord and Saviour in Prisons, Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Schools and University across our region.

The persecuted Church

Columbia:

For persecutors to come to see Jesus in the faces of believers, and for a revival of hope in the community.

Qatar: That the word of God will be proclaimed boldly in this land.

Those that we know

Wilna, Peter, The Wagstaff family preparing for baptism, Peter & Justine preparing for marriage.

Notepad Thoughts: Pentecost and the modern church

Most of us are all too aware of the statistics pointing to a national crisis in Australia with regards to Domestic and Intimate Partner Violence. The Royal Commission into Family Violence reported in 2016 that faith communities were vital settings for influencing attitudes and providing leadership in relation to family violence; yet the recent NCLS report into Domestic violence in the Anglican Church has sent shockwaves through our communion, identifying that both women and men within the Anglican Church are at least as likely as the general population to experience Domestic Violence. So, what can we do about it?

Firstly, we can be clear about what the Bible actually teaches: All forms of domestic violence/abuse are incompatible with scripture and Christian faith. True repentance is seen when the perpetrator genuinely recognises their sin and are horrified by what they have done (Isaiah 6:5), they recognise the depth of pain they have caused (Isaiah 64:6), they seek to make amends (Luke 19:1-10), they accept consequences (Luke 23:40-43), they don't expect or demand forgiveness (Genesis 32), they change their behaviour (Acts 9), they grant space to heal (Galatians 5:22-23), and they are awestruck by forgiveness (Genesis 30:10). When repentance is genuine, all parties are blessed, and God is glorified. However, even genuine repentance does not mean that previous behaviours are free from consequences even including involvement of authorities.

Forgiveness is indeed a hallmark of the Christian faith; forgiveness is about not holding hatred and bitterness in our heart, it is about seeing the person who has harmed us as God sees them; it does not require a victim of Domestic abuse/violence to remain in an abusive environment. Forgiveness does not mean you are to ignore that a wrong was done or that you deny that a sin was committed. Forgiveness does not mean that you close your eyes to moral atrocity and pretend that it didn't hurt or that it really doesn't matter whether or not the offending person is called to account for his/her offense. Neither are you being asked to diminish the gravity of the offense, or to tell others, "Oh, think nothing of it; it really wasn't that big of a deal after all." Forgiveness simply means that you determine in your heart to let God be the avenger. He is the judge, not you. (Acts 29)

Secondly, we need to educate our families, our churches, and our community about what Domestic abuse/violence is. I have included a graphic as a starting point for this discussion.

Grace & Peace, Jen



Coming up at St Luke's:

- 26th of June CMA BBQ
- Parish Council 27th June
- 'Just For Starters' 7 Basic Bible Studies. Thursday evenings in Term 3.
- Singing@St Luke's looking to return in term three
- Kids Zone 12th July
- New 8.30am Service commencing 4th July 2021

Anniversaries: June

Birthdays: 19th Norma Tasker, 20th Sarah Lewis, Sloan Wilkins, Mitchell Birch, 26th Patsy Sauer, Shelia Jones, 27th Andrew Sheales

Baptism: 29th Laura Lewis, 2nd July Lorna Hicks

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 20th June	1 Samuel 17:32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	Sunday 27th June	2 Samuel 1:17-27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
Sunday 4th July	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13	Sunday 11th July	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:1-14 Mark 6:14-29

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:

MAY: INCOME: \$12,870.64 EXPENSES: \$9,208.37 GAIN: \$3,662.27

You can give **directly and securely from our Website** www.stlukesemerald.org.au

Direct Debit/Electronic Transfer: To do so simply use the bank details below:

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

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

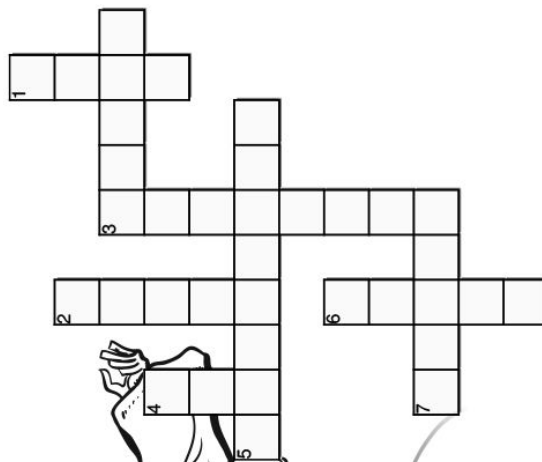


Jesus calmed a storm while He and His disciples were on a boat. Mark 4:35-41

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JESUS CALMS THE STORM

**Matthew 8:22-27;
Mark 4:35-41;
Luke 8:22-25**



Across

3. All that Jesus had to do to quiet the storm was?
5. When Jesus took command of the storm, there was absolute _____?
7. One of the disciples said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're all _____?"

Down

1. After another day of teaching, Jesus and the disciples got on a _____ and headed home.
2. As soon as they got out onto the lake, a quiet wind turned into a terrible _____.
3. What was Jesus doing as the storm got bigger?
4. The Disciples wondered who Jesus was, that even the wind and _____ obeyed him.
6. Jesus said to the storm, "Peace! Be _____!"



