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St Luke's Anglican Emerald

Mission Statement

'To know Christ & to make Him known'

January 31st and February 7th 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-elect Peter has commenced. 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.

•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.

•Risk Assessments are currently underway for all Children's & Youth Ministry for 2021. We desperately need volunteers to help with these outreach programs.

•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 12months 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

Australian Religious Orders:

For all who answer God's call to serve in this way. That God will guide them, protect them and use them in a mighty way for the glory of His name and the extension of His kingdom.

The Diocese of Brisbane:

Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, all assistant Bishops, clergy and laity as they take God's word to Southern Queensland.

The Diocese of Central Queensland.

Diocese Staff: As they welcome Bishop-elect Peter and work behind the scenes to enable ministry.

Our Partner Diocese of Popondota (PNG): Pray that financial issues will be overcome and that God's word will continue to burn brightly in this region.

The persecuted Church

Malaysia: Where persecution means meeting & worshipping in secret, fear of family rejection and fear of violence. Pray for wisdom and boldness of church leaders as they lead their people.

Mozambique: Where Islamic extremists and organised crime are the main drivers of persecution. Pray that church leaders will be equipped with courage and wisdom to gainfully guide their congregations through persecution.

Those that we know

Evelyn, 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".

As we all know, healthy bodies are important. This is one reason why the church-as-body metaphor is so helpful because it helps us to focus on the things that matter, and it strengthens our witness in the world. In order for us to live, thrive and survive, we need healthy bodies. When our body isn't healthy, we are limited in what we can do, if one part of the body is not functioning properly it puts additional strain on all other parts, as disease takes over our body breaks down and if left untreated eventually will die.

For a body to be healthy it requires proper nutrition, exercise, rest, and purpose.

Nutrition: A diet of junk food, or high fats and sugars will quickly lead to a deterioration in our physical health. We become sluggish and risk obesity and heart issues. Our Spiritual diet is no different what we put into our mind matters. What are you reading, what are you watching, what are you talking about? Is it fill-in your mind and heart with the things of God or the things of the world?

Exercise: The more we are involved the more we want to be involved. This is true of all exercise physical and faith. So, get involved! Exercise your faith. Volunteer, pray, participate in events and groups. The more we exercise, the fitter we become and the more resilience we have to problems that we face. When we become lazy, when we are not challenged and stretched, we lose the will to want to be involved.

Purpose: when life has lost direction and meaning the mind suffers and the body loses energy. Parts of the body may even start working against itself, going in opposite directions. As the body of Christ, we must remain focused on the mission and purpose given to us by Christ for His body on earth.

(Matt 22:36-40 & Matt 28:18-20)

Rest: Our bodies need rest; when we are overworked, over-stressed, over tired our body does not function well. Our mind is clouded, and our body breaks down. Jesus said, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Anything of meaning and substance can only be achieved in the strength of God, and (exercise) trust that He is indeed sovereign and in control.

Healthy bodies grow, they replicate and they work as one. The health of the church works in parallel with the health of the faith of each of its members. To ensure a healthy body we must encourage and equip each other to remain strong and healthy in our faith.

Grace & Peace,
Jen

Coming up @ St Luke's

- 31st BBQ Lunch following the 11am service
- 11th Feb Kids Club first session
- 17th Feb Ash Wednesday
- Christianity explored.
- Jesus the Game Changer series 2.
- Budget meeting & discussion (date to be set)
- AGM (date to be set)

Anniversaries: February

Birthdays: 1st Feb Clayton Lewis, 3rd Jen Hercott, 9th David Murchie, 11th Kerry McAtee

Baptisms: 10th Donna Lewis, 11th Narelle Sypher,

Wedding: 12th Graeme & Val Sypher.

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

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| Sunday 31st Jan | Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 Ephesians 4:17-5:21 Mark:1-21-28 | Sunday 7th Feb | Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11 Ephesians 6:10-23 Mark 6:30-34 |
| 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 |

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:

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

January Figures for January not yet available.

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.

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

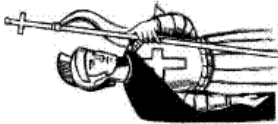
Contactless payment option is available at the back of the church each week.

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

The Armor of God

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Ephesians 6:13

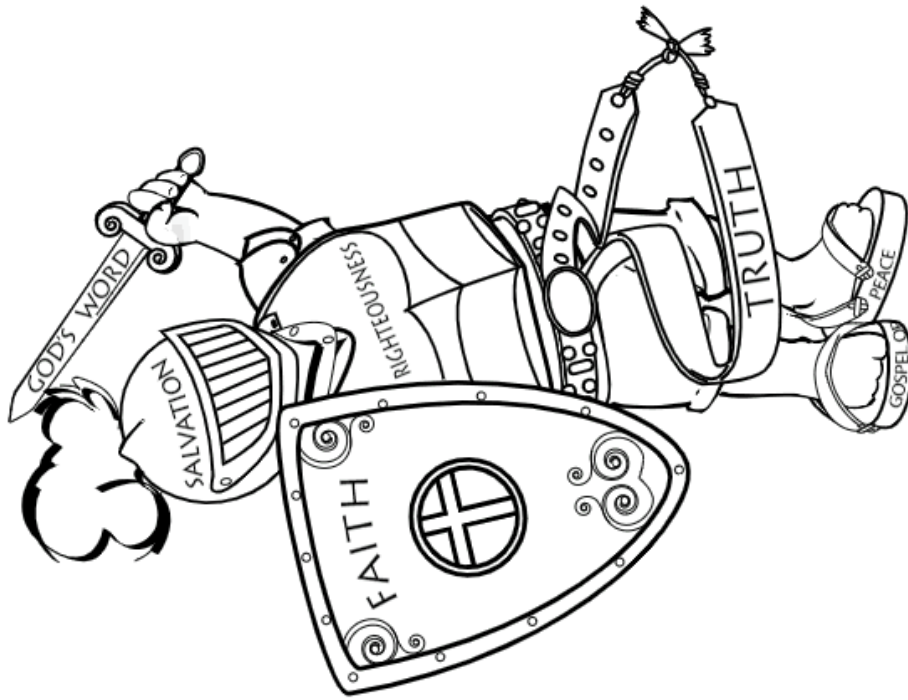
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