

# The Anglican Parish of Emerald

St Luke's Emerald

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020

*St Luke's Parish Mission Statement:*



## 'To know Christ and make Him known'

Website: [www.stlukesemerald.org.au](http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au)

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*Welcome to St Luke's Emerald. To everyone who have come to St. Luke's for the first time, to those who call our parish home, and to those who wanted to "come and see".*

**Parish Contacts:** *Pastoral Care:* Rev'd Jen *Prayer Chain:* Dianne McAtee  
*Safe Ministry: Elvanto: Hall Bookings: & Roster:* Colin Hercott

The Anglican Church of the Diocese of Rockhampton has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic in Central Queensland. We have been following advice from Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services and have been communicating best practice protocols to our churches based on all government recommendations.

### **In our local context this means:**

Services are now being streamed on

<https://stlukesanglican.online.church> & Facebook @EmeraldAnglican.

Past services can be found on our website

<http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/church-on-demand> & YouTube @EmeraldAnglicanChurch

Pew sheets and the new Diocesan newsletter are now available on our website

<http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bulletin>.

Kids talks with Colin Buchanan can be found

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmi\\_udObRDZ0N\\_S3USRCRsQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmi_udObRDZ0N_S3USRCRsQ?view_as=subscriber)

Bible study is now conducted on zoom 7pm Monday nights. Bible study notes are available [http://](http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bible-studies)

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Intrigue Youth is now meeting on zoom Friday nights at 6pm. Regular members of our church have been allocated to 'connect groups' and everybody should have had at least one contact by now. If you think you may have been inadvertently missed, please contact Jen. Our shop is now closed to the public and for donations until further notice.

### **Other arrangements:**

If you do not have internet access or can not access the services please contact Jen know and we can arrange to have a DVD delivered to you.

If you would like the pew sheet and/or the Diocesan newsletter printed please let Jen know and we can arrange to have these delivered to you.

Special services such as Weddings and Funerals will still be able to be conducted under strict hygiene protocols but will be limited in numbers for attendance. We will work with families around providing outdoor services and/or streaming of services as appropriate for those who can not attend.

Arrangements are still being made for Playtime on-line.

If you find yourself isolated or in need during this time, please contact the church and we will find ways to love and support you.

## **ANNIVERSARIES: May**

*Please give Rev Jen any corrections or additions for our Anniversaries Diary.*

**Birthdays:** 3rd May Susie Soedira, 4th Rose Emery, 5th Lorna Hicks, Theresa Congreve, 7th Philip Neville, Tracy Ritson, Ossie Siddins,

**Baptism:** 9th Laura Sypher,

**Wedding:** 5th Ted & Michelle Peters,

**Containers for change:** To support the church through the containers for change program eligible containers can be dropped directly at the collection centre or left in the green collection bins in the kitchen or the church office. The church collection number is: C10121548. If you are unsure what containers are eligible please check the website <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/how-it-works>.

### **Church Finance: April 2020**

Income: \$ 7,464.84 Expenditure: \$ 8,399.94 Shortfall: \$ 935.10

Whilst our services are suspended our bills will continue. Please continue to support the mission and ministry of St Luke's through regular giving either on-line or by deposit at the bank.

**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**

### **Prayer for a new Bishop:**

*Eternal God, shepherd and guide,*

*In your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart*

*who will walk in your ways, and with loving care lead and watch over your people.*

*Give us we pray a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth, so that your Church may be built up, your kingdom extended, and your name glorified.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

### **Activities**

**Monday night 7pm: Bible Study Zoom**

(please contact Jen if you would like the log in code for Bible Study)

**Friday night 6pm: Intrigue Youth online**

(please contact Jen if your teenagers would like to be part of this activity)

**Sunday 9am Church Online** (please log on and join us for Sunday Service)

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> 9 am Service on line	<b>Acts 2:42-47</b> <b>Ps 23</b> <b>1 Peter 2:1-10</b> <b>John 10:1-10</b>	<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9 am Service on line	<b>Acts 17:22-31</b> <b>Ps 66:7-19</b> <b>1 Peter 3:8-22</b> <b>John 14:15-21</b>
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9 am Service on line	<b>Acts 7:55-60</b> <b>Ps 31:1-5, 17-18,</b> <b>1 Peter 2:11-25</b> <b>John 14:1-14</b>	<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> 9 am Service on line	<b>Acts 1:6-14</b> <b>Ps 68:1-10, 32-35</b> <b>1 Peter 5,</b> <b>John 17:1-11</b>

### **Treasury Project: (memory verses)**

**May 3rd: Psalm 100:4**

**"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name."**

**May 10th: Psalm 110:5**

**"For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations".**

**Prayer Points:** Please pray for;

**Diocese of Armidale:** Bishop Rick Lewers and the Diocesan Leadership team as they lead the Diocese through their Diocese through the difficulties of this current ministry environment. Pray that Gods word will go out through new and innovative ways and that lives will be transformed.

**Defence Anglicans:** Bishop Grant Dibden and all Defence Chaplains as they support and nurture families on the front line. Give thanks for their courage and their ministry and pray that through them many will come to know the love, light and peace of Jesus Christ.

### **Diocese of Central Queensland.**

**Cathedral Parish:** Please pray for Dean Melusi and the Cathedral team as they lead prayer and worship through social media channels. Give thanks for the daily peel of bells reminding Rockhampton that God still calls us, even in isolation.

**Parish of Wandal:** Please pray for Rev'd Andrew Gall as he strengthens and grows the ministry of Wandal Parish. Give thanks for his stance for the gospel and pray that his passion for Jesus will ignite excitement in a whole new generation of believers.

**The persecuted Church in Egypt:** Where Christians are viewed as second-class citizens and laws restrict Christian activity and sharing of the gospel. Pray for God's provision and comfort for converts, pray for strength and boldness for the underground church, and pray that God will bring Islamic extremists to Christ and use them for His good purposes.

**The persecuted Church in Algeria:** Where violence and persecution of Christians continues to rise. Pray that God will give peace and wisdom to church leaders, that converts will find mentors and continue to hold firm to their faith in Jesus, and that the country will find a way to internal peace.

### **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 front line workers for protection, strength and courage.

Please pray for teachers, students and families as they seek to navigate distance learning.

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.

**Notepad thoughts:** Our theme for 2020: Making Disciples.

On our theme of Making Disciples - Disciple making in Isolation

It seems the whole world has gone “online”!

This social isolation has transformed how we do anything and everything. There are things we never imagined doing online, yet here we are: from church to coffee catch ups, choir practice to playdates, even doctors visits and dinner parties; it seems there is nothing which we cannot do remotely. Suddenly, it seems we have found that random people in video form have become fixtures of our everyday life, keeping us fit, keeping us laughing, keeping us thinking.

Like so many churches across the globe, we have taken to streaming services and ramped up social media presence as a way keeping us connected as a community, and keeping our hearts and minds focused on God. So, in many ways it is business as usual (with an online twist). Yet there are still so many who are outside our church community who are isolated, lost and lonely; so the question arises - can we make disciples in isolation?

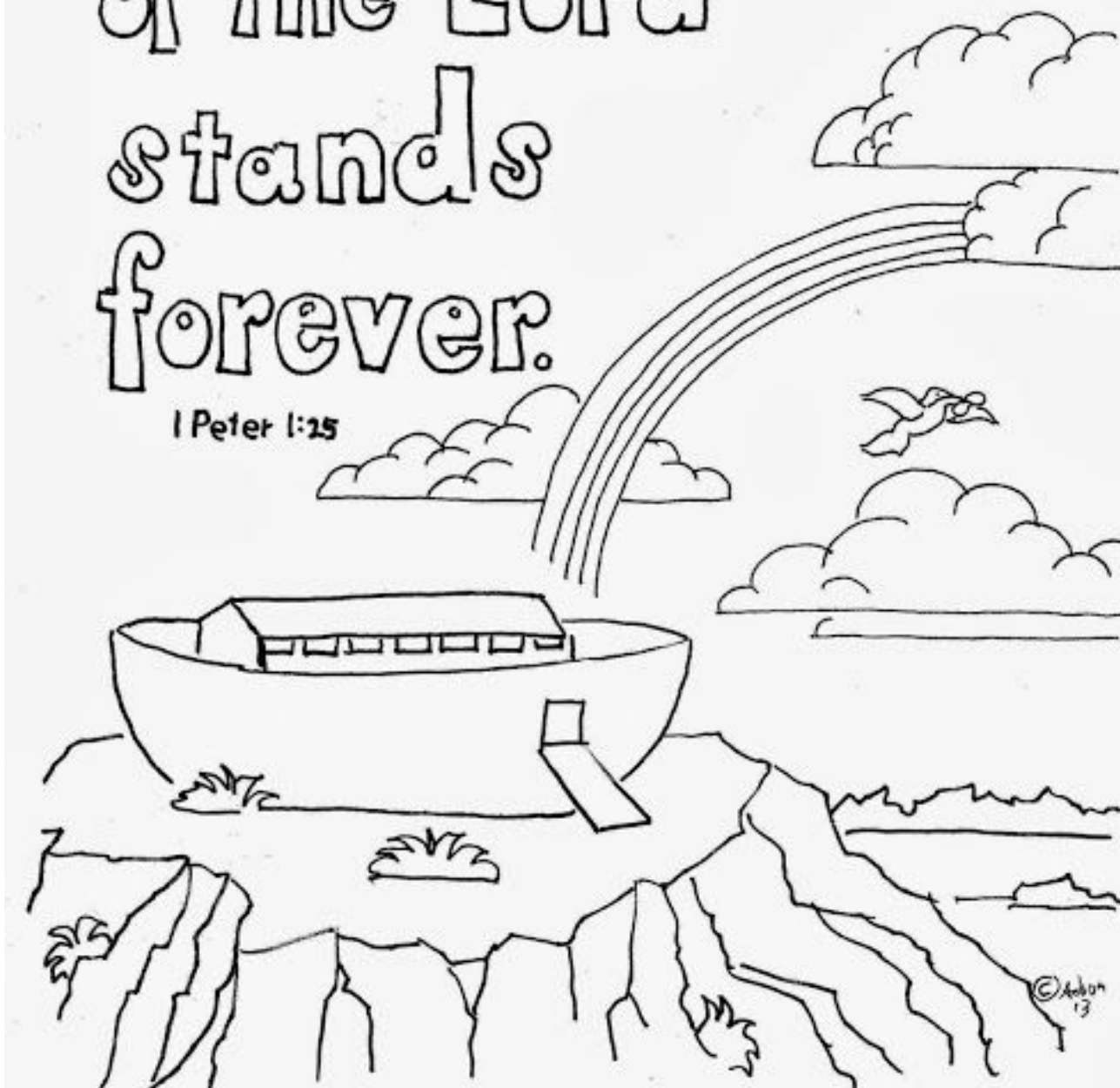
Our calling as disciples is to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus does not qualify this with “just so long as you can get out and about”, so I read this as saying go and make disciples in any context, and at any time. Disciple making is not simply one on one contact imparting knowledge and wisdom; true disciple making should be considered more as life on life sharing of self, a building of God-honouring relationships in order to transform lives with the love and truth of the gospel, and to help them learn how to live this out in their every day. The early disciples not only heard the teaching, but they saw an example of how what they had heard could be lived out in their context, and it transformed the world! So how can we share a Jesus infused life in our current contexts? Is it possible to do this in isolation? What examples can we draw on? We need look no further than the Bible! The Apostle Paul managed a disciple making relationship with Timothy from the isolation of a first century prison! Paul used what the confines of his context allowed (letters and messengers) to encourage, build up, correct and caution young believers. Paul chose to be a disciple maker despite his circumstances; by sharing life on life, he built an enduring relationship of which we are still beneficiaries today. His example shows us that disciple-making is about relationship - and not even social isolation can stop that!

So, will you choose to be a disciple maker in isolation? Will choose to encourage others to build their life on the rock of Jesus Christ by sharing your life with them? Will you be an example of a Jesus exalting life from the confines of your home? It's as easy as picking up a pen, picking up the phone, sending an email, or getting on line; let's all get on board true disciple making and transform the world one life at a time!

Grace & Peace, Jen

But the Word  
of the Lord  
stands  
forever.

1 Peter 1:25



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# HOW TO ACCESS ZOOM



BY KELLY SKILTON

## START HERE

Welcome to Zoom. To get to your meeting, there are two options:



1. Click the ZOOM link that might have been sent to you; or,
2. Go to your internet browser and type in: [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)  
A display window will appear. Here you can enter the Meeting ID number. Then click 'JOIN'.

Await your HOST to begin your gathering

If this is your first time using Zoom, follow along to POINT 2. If you have been on Zoom before, you may SKIP TO POINT 4.



When you are joining Zoom for the first time, you will need to download a file. This process is slightly different depending on what device or program you are using.



**COMPUTER** • When you download this file off the internet, make sure you save the file (this can be anywhere, but a good place to keep it is the Applications Folder). These steps should be written on the screen as you wait for the download to complete. Once downloaded, saved and opened you can move on to POINT 3.



**SMARTPHONE** • You can get Zoom from either the App Store or the Google Play store. To set up, there are simple prompts to follow.



You will be asked how you would like to join your Audio (sound). The best option is to click 'join audio via computer'. (You can select the 'automatically join via this method' for next time.)



If you are having trouble with hearing or seeing, make sure your volume and camera are switch 'ON'. You may also want to check whether you have muted your camera or microphone in point 5.3



Once in Zoom, there are some extra buttons that we can use to help us all have a respectful time together (particularly as we cannot see body gestures when we are behind our screens):

### 5.1 • RAISING OUR HAND



These buttons will allow our host to know when there is someone who would like to speak next in line.

Raise Hand

Lower Hand

### 5.2 • CHAT MESSENGER

You can type to one another. Click this button, and then select either EVERYONE or THE NAME of who you want to type to.



### 5.3 • SOUND & CAMERA

These buttons, when a red strike is through them, mean you are turned off to others.

