

The Anglican Parish of Emerald

St Luke's Emerald

Sunday 5th April 2020

Sunday 12th April 2020

St Luke's Parish Mission Statement:



'To know Christ and make Him known'

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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

Around the Diocese & Around the Parish:

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 mean:

We will be mobilising our resources to serve our community in powerful ways. We will use old and new technology to provide connection, teaching and worship

- Services will now be streamed on-line <https://stlukesanglican.online.church>, Facebook @EmeraldAnglican, Youtube @EmeraldAnglicanChurch
- Bible study and connection groups will be held via zoom meeting
- 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 cannot attend.
- Our pew sheets will be available on our website. If you cannot access, download or print and would like a copy posted out please let us know.
- Members of our church will be contacted by a pastoral care leader and small pastoral care groups will be established to check in, pray and share together.
- Our shop is now closed to the public and for donations until further notice.

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: March/April

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

Birthdays: 8th Kerry Saunders, 9th Alana Mason, 11th Colin Hercott, 12th Scott Mason

Baptism: 8th Claire Busst, Sam Busst,

Wedding: Theo & Gescha (Harms) Vermaak

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: March 2020

Income: \$ 10,147.33 Expenditure: \$ 17,052.94 Shortfall: \$ 6,905.61

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.**

Treasury Project: (memory verses)

5th April: John 14:2 In My Father's hour are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

12th April: John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Sunday 5th April 9 am Service on line	Isaiah 50: 4-9 (pg732) Psalm 31 (pg552) Matthew 21:1-11 (pg988)
Friday 10th April Good Friday 3pm Service on line	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (pg734) Psalm 22 (pg547) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (pg1150) Mark 15:21-41 (pg1021)
Sunday 12th April Easter Sunday 9am Service on line	Jeremiah 31:1-6 (pg788) Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (pg609) Colossians 3:1-4 (pg1184) Matthew 28:1-10 (pg999)
Sunday 19th April	

Prayer Points: Please pray for;

Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Gary Weatherill and all clergy and laity as they seek to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God in new and exciting ways. Please pray for their on-line services, that they will reach those who are lost and hurting as well as their regular congregations. Pray for innovation in how ministry is enabled and the gospel shared. Pray that God's name will be glorified in all activities, at all times and in all places.

Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey and the clergy and lay teams now deployed in different ways providing online worship and Bible study as well as reaching out to the most needy through food pantries. Pray that all Christians in this region will be an effective witness of the love and light of Christ this Easter.

Diocese of Central Queensland.

Parish of North Rockhampton: Please pray for Rev'd Matt as he steps up as locum and for Ven Tom as he guide our Diocese as Administrator. Please pray for all those who are feeling increasingly isolated, that the pastoral care groups will be able to reach those most in need at this time. Please pray for the team in North Rocky as they start streaming services this week.

Parish of Boyne: Please pray for Rev'd Beryl as she leads this growing parish through these very trying times. Pray that the saints of Boyne will be able to support each other and care for their neighbours, and bring the message of Hope to all those in need this Easter.

The persecuted Church in Nigeria: Where violent extremists dominate the North of the country killing and kidnapping Christians, destroying property, removing sources of income and preventing access to education and health care. Please pray for extraordinary grace and peace amidst the constant threat of violence. Pray that extremists will hear the gospel and come to know Jesus, and pray that the church will be able to withstand the pressure to give up their faith, and respond to persecution in a way that glorifies God.

The persecuted Church in Saudi Arabia: Where the law forbids any open practice of any religion other than Islam. Christians face the risk of honour-killings and violent attacks. Please give thanks that people are coming to know Jesus on the internet, through TV programs and in dreams and visions. Please pray that Christians will share the gospel boldly and that the Saudi church will grow. Pray that new believers will find support, and that secret churches will be equipped with resources and wisdom.

Notepad thoughts: Our theme for 2020: Making Disciples.

As we approach Easter in a radically different environment

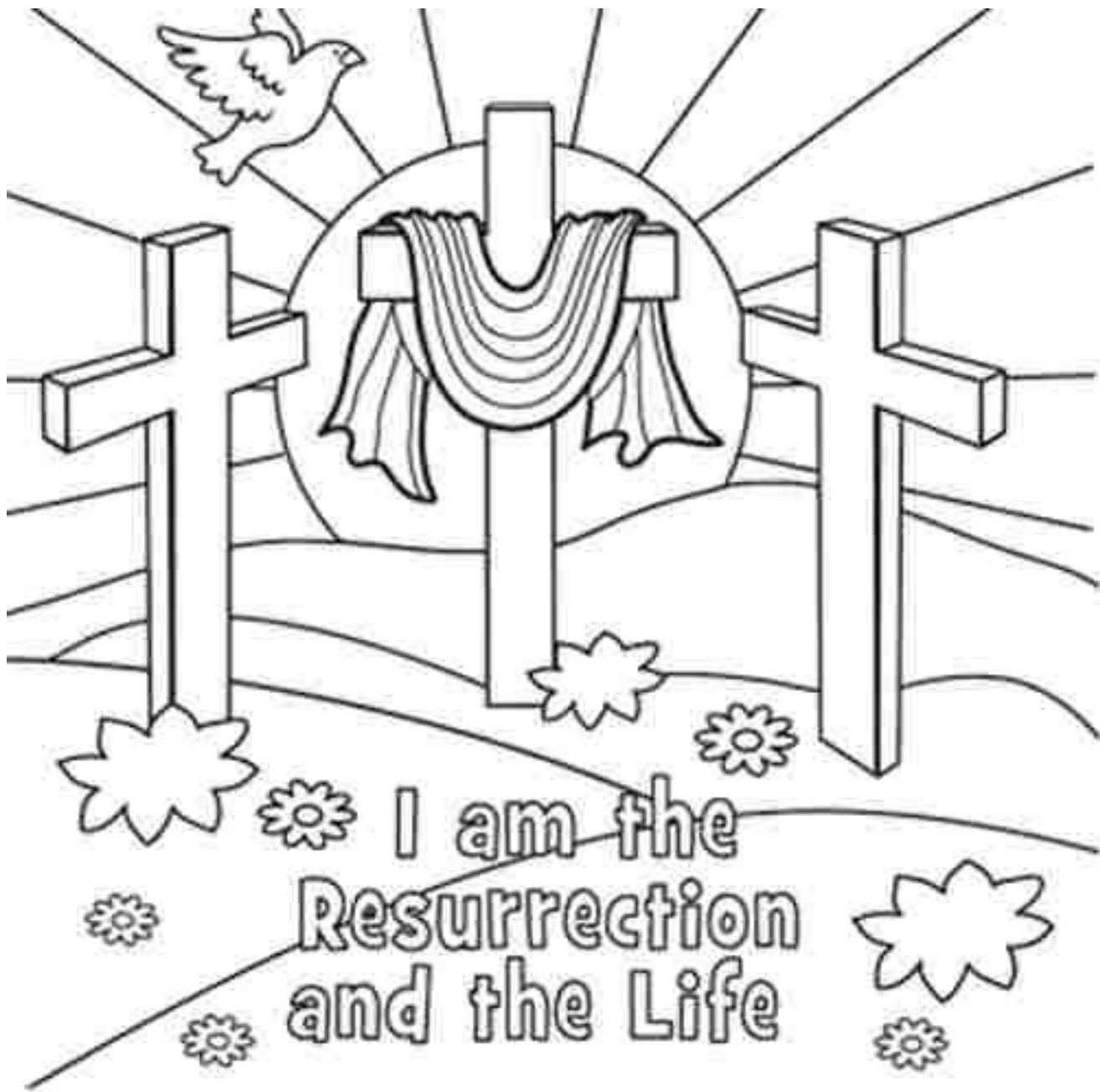
Our world in recent weeks has changed dramatically. Our country and our community is just emerging from a summer of scorching heat, devastating bushfires and uncontrollable flood. And now, with the added uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, for many it is almost unimaginable to find new life amidst the ashes and hope amidst the turmoil. **BUT GOD!**

While we may be struggling with the pace of change right now, as Christians it is important that we recognise that some things remain constant. The message of the gospel is one of the things never changes, regardless of the turbulence around us.

Redemption. Resurrection. Eternal life. Our new normal means that we will be gathering online this Easter; however Easter is not cancelled! The Church building may be closed but this simply enables God to deploying His people in new and exciting ways, taking the message of Easter into neighbourhoods, driveways, letterboxes and online forums: we are taking the message out, rather than expecting a lost and broken world to come in.

The message of Easter is even more relevant in times of darkness, difficulty and change, as it reminds us that in our darkest days, hope rises amidst heartache. The reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the greatest message ever given to humanity. It's the ultimate 'signal of hope'. So as we approach Easter this year lets pray for our neighbours, our friends and our enemies alike; lets remember to give thanks to God for His great love for all humankind, and for His great victory through the cross. And let's be prepared to be deployed as ambassadors of Christ, sharing his message of Hope, Forgiveness and Redemption with lost and broken world.

Standing firm in His Grip & Grace. Happy Easter. Rev'd Jen



I am the
Resurrection
and the Life

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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
A display window will appear. Here you can enter the Meeting ID number. Then click 'JOIN'.

Await your HOST to begin your gathering

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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.



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5.1 • RAISING OUR HAND



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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.



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