

The Anglican Parish of Emerald

St Luke's Emerald

Sunday 17th May 2020

Sunday 24th May 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 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
- Pewsheets 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_udObRDZON_S3USRcRsQ?view_as=subscriber
- Bible study is now conducted on zoom 7pm Monday nights. Bible study notes are available <http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bible-studies>
- 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 open Saturday mornings only until further notice. Donations can still not be taken.

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 till 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: 17th Sandy Neville, Macarthur Swain, Phoebe Trimble, 18th Faye Neville, 23rd Kate Sheales,

Baptism: 18th Grace Sypher, 20th Brittany Gnech, 21st Angela Trimble, 24th Rose Emery, 26th David Congreve, 28th Kylie Emery,

Wedding: 28th David & Desley Murchie,

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 @ St Luke's

- **Monday night 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)

Sunday 17th May 9 am Service on line	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-19 1 Peter 3:8-22 John 14:15-21	Sunday 31st May 9 am Service on line	Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:26-36 1 Corinthians 12:1-13 John 20:19-23
Sunday 24th May 9 am Service on line	Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 5, John 17:1-11	Sunday 7th June 9 am Service on line	Exodus 34:1-8 Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20

Treasury Project: (memory verses)

May 17th: Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their beginning."

May 24th: Matthew 6:33 "But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well".

Prayer Points: Please pray for;

Diocese of North Queensland : Bishop Keith Joseph and the Diocesan Leadership team as they seek God's direction through the COVID-19 era. Give thanks for those ministry areas providing on-line services, and to those ministering in the local context.

Please pray that this time will be a time of personal reflection, church & ministry transition, and growth for the kingdom of God.

Diocese of the Murray: Bishop Keith Dalby and all ministry leaders in this Diocese as they seek to extend the kingdom of God in their beautiful slice of South Australia. Please pray that through local ministries and online activities pray many will come to know the love, light and peace of Jesus Christ.

Diocese of Central Queensland.

Clermont Parish: Please pray for the lay leadership of Clermont as they seek God's will and leading for the next phase of their discipleship journey. Give thanks for Rev'd Luke Collings as he extends his ministry to support the Clermont Parish.

Parish of Barcoo: Please pray for Rev'd Beth O'Neil as she supports and strengthens the people of God in Barcoo. Give thanks for the online services which have been provided and for all who have helped to achieve this. Pray for their ongoing ministry in the region, and that many will become disciples who make disciples through their ministry in this place.

The persecuted Church in Uzbekistan: Where Christians face immense pressure from the government, where believers can be fined for having Christian songs on their phones and where reading or carrying a Bible or other Christian materials in public is illegal. Pray that believers will continue pursuing God, despite the persecution, that converts will find peace and comfort in God's love, and that all Christians will find the courage and strength to meet together for encouragement and worship.

The persecuted Church in Myanmar: Where Christians and other minority groups are pressured to leave the country; where churches are monitored; and where believers are denied access to education, employment and even community water sources. Pray that believers will stand firm in their faith, that they will be powerful witnesses to their persecutors and that through their life and witness hearts will be softened to the truth of the gospel.

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 start returning to the classroom.

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.

Building Disciple making cultures

In John 15:16, Jesus said, *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.”*

Even before COVID-19 the Australian church and the Western Church more broadly had been in decline for decades. So, as we now look to build our pathway out of isolation, perhaps it is time to look at how we operate together as *the church*; how we are *being* the hands and feet of Jesus in the world; and how we are taking up God’s mission to *“go and make disciples”* (Matthew 28:19).

Biblically speaking discipleship is not so much a program, but a culture. The ultimate goal of a discipleship is multiplying faithful followers of Christ to the ends of the earth and to the end of time. Jesus envisioned that the world would be won to to him through the witnessing, teaching and example of His followers. That is His plan! Disciples encouraging and maturing each other, refining our lives until every area of our life simply oozes the love and light of Christ, and bringing others into relationship with Him by intentionally loving those around us in Jesus name. Programs are sometimes valuable parts of a disciple making culture, but in and of themselves can not fulfil the mission to create disciples who in turn make disciples. Discipleship is intentionally relational: the people of God, encouraging each other with the word of God, for the ministry of God, to the glory of God! This was the method given by Jesus, this was the method embraced by the early church, this is the method which will transform the world - one life at a time.

How does it work? Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, *“These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”* Paul writes 1 Corinthians 11:1, *“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ”*, and Philippians 4:9 *“What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”* In other words real discipleship happens in the ordinary ebb and flow of life; it must be part of our daily life, not just something we do on Sunday. Practically, on a personal level this investing in our relationship with Christ every day, being willing to look to others for guidance and encouragement in our Christian walk, and then intentionally looking to guide and encourage others as they grow in relationship with Jesus. On a church level disciple-making must sit as the core mission of the church; in disciple-making churches, all members live discipleship personally, talk about it regularly, and go out of their way to make it an everyday reality. Yes they have programs, but they also have pathways, connection/life groups, prayer groups and small group Bible studies. They focus on relational mission and discipleship because they know that this results in Christ-followers who in turn produce Christ-followers. This is what we see take place in the early Church, and this is the mission to which we are called.

We have been commanded to go and make disciples and to bear fruit: This is the mission of God in the hands of ordinary people ... are you ready to answer His call?

Grace & Peace
Jen

ALWAYS
BE PREPARED
TO GIVE AN
ANSWER
TO EVERYONE
WHO ASKS
YOU
TO GIVE
THE REASON
FOR THE
HOPE
THAT YOU HAVE

1 PETER
3:15

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;
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

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.



Chat

5.3 • SOUND & CAMERA

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



Mute

Start Video