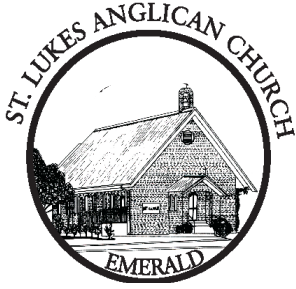


The Anglican Parish of Emerald



St Luke's Emerald

Sunday 20th September 2020

Sunday 27th September 2020

St Luke's Parish Mission Statement:

'To know Christ and make Him known'

Website: www.stlukesemerald.org.au

www.anglicanchurchcq.org.au/emerald.html

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Priest In Charge: Rev Jen Hercott (0435 824 414) (*Day Off - Tuesday*)

Wardens: Larry Daniels (0427 849 285) Ivy Elsdon (0448 821 778)

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: Bishop Elect Peter Grice will be consecrated in Brisbane on February 24th 2021 and Installed in Rockhampton on February 27th 2021. Please continue to pray for Ven Tom Henderson-Brooks as he leads the Diocese at this time, and for Peter, Virginia and their family as they prepare to move.

Around the Parish: Operation Christmas Child is once again underway. Collect a box, pack a box and bless a child with access to 'The Greatest Journey'.

Rev'd Jen is on leave 21st - 28th September. Online Service only 9am 27th Sept.

COVID-19 Updates

We continue to operate in accordance with the Industry Endorsed COVIDSafe Plan for Places of Worship. This means:

Maximum person limit of 50 people for normal worship services; 30 for activities outside of normal worship services. Person limit exemptions apply for Funerals and Weddings.

Significant cleaning needs to be undertaken between services therefore one public service per week is being held at 11am. Wednesday and Sunday's@6 remain in recess at this time.

Services will continue to be streamed at 9am on <https://stlukesanglican.online.church> & Facebook @EmeraldAnglican.

Pewsheets and the new Diocesan newsletter are available on our website <http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bulletin>.

Kids talks can be found https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmi_udObRDZ0N_S3USRGRsQ?view_as=subscriber

Bible study via zoom 7pm on Monday nights. Bible study notes are available <http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bible-studies>

Little Luke's & Intrigue Youth remains in recess.

'Connect groups' will continue. If you are not in a connect group please let us know and we can join you up. It would be great to see these connect groups starting to build relationship and support each other and maybe even meeting occasionally for a cuppa and/or a Bible Study.

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.

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ANNIVERSARIES: September

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

Birthdays: 24th Gerry Huston, 26th Lachlan Day, 1st October Patrick Sauer,

Baptism: 23rd Cameron Saunders, 2nd October Tristan Sauer,

Weddings: Tim & Geraldine Huston, 1st October Paul & Summah Sauer,

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: August 2020

Income: \$ 10,196.36 Expenditure: \$ 7,524.04 Gain: \$ 2,672.32

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

Calendar:

- Sunday **online church** 9am & **in person church** 11am - **27th September Online only.**
- Monday Bible Study 7pm by Zoom (please contact Jen if you would like the log in code for Bible Study)
- Saturday 8am Prayer group (in the hall)
- Christianity explored online & discussion group on zoom.
- September 27th Online Service only
- October 17th Trivia night fundraiser (Contact Wendee 0458235003)
- October 23rd-25th Synod
- October 25th - 29th Clergy Conference & Retreat

READINGS:

Sunday 20th Sept	Daniel 12:1-13 Psalm 145 Philippians 1 Matthew 20:1-16	Sunday 4th Oct	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19 Philippians 3:4 -14 Matthew 21:33-46
Sunday 27th Sept	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:1-11 Matthew 21:23-32	Sunday 11th Oct	Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106:1-6, 2-24 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Treasury Project: (memory verses)

September 20th: Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

September 27th: Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Prayer Points: Please pray for;

The Diocese of Riverina: For Bishop Donald Kirk, and for the faith communities of this region as they work through COVID restrictions and find ways to enjoy worship together and provide encouragement and support to fellow believers and to their broader communities.

The Diocese of Willochra: For Bishop John Stead, pray for communities as local COVID restrictions are eased; pray that the church will be able to speak into the lives of their communities and sow seeds of hope for the future.

Diocese of Central Queensland.

Special Ministry District of Duaranga: Under the care of the Administrator. Pray for Rev'd Paul (retired) and the congregation of this regional ministry district as they meet together for worship and fellowship.

CQ Chaplaincy: Pray for our Chaplains who serve in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Schools, Universities, Prisons and in industry. Pray for effective witness, and that the seeds that they sow will bear much fruit in the future. Please pray that God will raise up new chaplains to serve in the places where vacancies exist .

The persecuted Church in Turkey: Where strong religious nationalism puts pressure on Christians, and where Christians often feel pressured to stay silent and hide their faith. Pray that the church remains strong as persecution increases, pray that isolated Christians will find ways to meet and share fellowship. Pray that the faithfulness of believers will lead their families and communities to faith.

The persecuted Church in Brunei: Where conservative Islamic practices leave Christians as second class citizens, and Sharia law means that there are strict punishments for anyone converting from Islam. Pray that Christians stand firm in their faith, that because of the life of believers that Muslims will be curious to know about Jesus, and that despite the risks, believers will share the gospel and be a light in their communities.

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.



Good News. Great Joy.

1. Grab a box
2. Pack it with approved items
3. Drop it back to St Luke's
4. Pray for the young person who will receive your box



PACK SHOEBOXES, CHANGE LIVES!

Notepad thoughts: Belonging

People will often tell me how they used to go to church, but they don't go anymore. The reasons sound different but usually end up the same: They've been hurt, the church they went to just didn't fit, or they couldn't handle the politics, or they believe they can worship God on their own, or they just didn't feel welcome. I'm not going to focus on the causes today, but on the power of belonging.

Not being an active member of a church is like what happens to my motorbike when I don't ride it often enough; when I want to start it - It won't start! Without regular use, and intentional care and maintenance the battery become weak because it hasn't been charged, the fuel is stale because it hasn't been refreshed, and there is dust covering what was once a clean and beautiful thing. The same is true for our spiritual lives, we need to guard against signs of neglect, ensure that we have fresh fuel in the tank and make sure we are plugged into the Source of Life; only then do we have the energy, power and endurance to stand firm in the face of the storms when they come (because the storms always come!).

Of course we can worship alone (I worship alone every morning) BUT something special happens when you are gathered with the Body of Christ. Jesus told us that when two or three are gathered together in His name, He would be in the midst of them. God inhabits the praises of His people, and true worship allows this to happen. Jesus modelled regular church attendance (Luke 4:16), as disciples we are to follow His example. Jesus also demonstrated the importance of fellowship and discipleship; what His time with the disciples shows us is that Christianity is caught and not taught: so if we want to be going deeper in discipleship journey, if we want to be a good example to our children and grandchildren, if we want to be charged, fuelled and ready to stand strong in the storm, or to share in the growth of others and to be disciple makers in obedience to the Great Commission - then, yes we need to attend church - but more than that we need to belong!

So, let go of old hurts, release grudges, get over past issues and re-engage with church. Find a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching, Jesus-loving church, choose to belong and then be the kind of congregation that you would like to encounter as a seeker or new believer.

Grace & peace
Jen

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN



SU Qld, a Christian inter-denominational youth and children's organisation, invites applications for the position of Chaplain at the following schools. Applicants may have the option of working across more than one school.

Current Vacancies in your area are:

OUTBACK QLD Region

- **Comet State School**

Applicants need to demonstrate their suitability to provide support and care to young people.

Successful applicants may have the opportunity to work in more than one school.

Training and experience in youth work or pastoral care required, as well as a Working with Children Check (Blue Card).

For more information, please contact:
Outback Qld Field Development Manager
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For the role description and to apply, head to:
<http://www.suqld.org.au/morehands>

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