

# The Anglican Parish of Emerald

St Luke's Emerald

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 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

## **Around the Diocese**

Bishop Elect Peter Grice will be consecrated in Brisbane on February 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 and Installed in Rockhampton on February 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

MAF Fathers Day cards will be available from the St Luke's Shop and the Church as soon as they arrive

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

## **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. 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\\_S3USRCRsQ?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmi_udObRDZ0N_S3USRCRsQ?view_as=subscriber)
- Bible study via zoom 7pm on Monday nights. Bible study notes are available <http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bible-sudies>
- 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.***

## **ANNIVERSARIES: August**

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

**Birthdays:** 24th Sussan Bass, 25th Harry Peters, 27th Thadeus Soedira, Jessica Lennon, 29th Dianne Sheales 3rd Sept Desley Murchie 5th Merv Maisey

**Baptism:** 23rd Michelle Peters, 2th Lawson Swain,

**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: July 2020**

Income: \$ 9,468.61 Expenditure: \$ 6,419.08 Gain: \$ 3,049.53

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
- 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 6th Fathers Day: 11am Outside BBQ service. BYO Chair, hat & Dad jokes. Sausages and bread provided.
- September 14 - 17 Christian Motorcycle Association visit 15th Sept Pizza and Movie night; 16th BBQ & Interviews & Worship. RSVP Chris 0488 048 641
- October 17th Trivia night fundraiser (Details to follow)
- October 23rd-25th Synod
- October 25th - 29th Clergy Conference & Retreat

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| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup><br/>August</b> | <b>Daniel 5:1-30<br/>Psalm 124,<br/>Romans 12:1-8<br/>Matthew<br/>16:13-20</b>                | <b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  | <b>Daniel 7:1-28<br/>Psalm 149<br/>Romans 13:1-10<br/>Matthew<br/>18:10-20</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup><br/>August</b> | <b>Daniel 6:1-28<br/>Psalm 105:1-6,<br/>23-26<br/>Romans 12:9-21<br/>Matthew<br/>16:21-28</b> | <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | <b>Daniel 12:1-13<br/>Psalm 114<br/>Romans 14:1-14<br/>Matthew<br/>18:21-35</b> |

**Treasury Project memory verse:**

**August 23rd: Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!"**

**August 30th: James 1:2 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds".**

**Prayer Points:** Please pray for;

**The Diocese of Tasmania:** For Bishop Richard Condie, Assistant Bishop Chris Jones and the Diocesan team as they continue to intentionally make disciples in Tasmania. Please pray for the Anglican campaign program which reaches hundreds of young people each year as they re-work their program to allow for COVID-19 protocols.

**Anglican Mission Agencies:** That they will proclaim the gospel faithfully and that they will be a light in the darkness to those that they reach.

**Diocese of Central Queensland.**

**Special Ministry District of Barcaldine:** Under care of the Administrator - visited by Graeme and Susan Liersch. Pray for revival in the region, for faithful witness and for families to seek security in Christ in the midst of the pandemic.

**Vocational Deacons:** Rev'd Susan Liersch, & Rev'd William Oates.

**Bishop Elect Peter Grice:** For ending well at Holy Cross Cathedral. For planning to move across the country, for settling children in university and school. That God will fill him with wisdom, patience and endurance. That God will protect him and his family during this time.

**The persecuted Church in Nepal:** Where Hindu extremists are seeking to make Nepal a Hindu state and where Churches are attacked and bombed, and individual Christians are threatened and driven from their homes. Pray that Christians will be salt and light in their communities, that Bibles will reach believers, and that national leaders will come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord.

**The persecuted Church in Jordan:** Where the constitution establishes Islam as the state religion and Sharia law as the principal source of legislation. Pray that Muslims will continue to encounter Jesus and be transformed; and that believers will continue to trust, pursue and follow God no matter the cost.

**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.



The advertisement features a young girl in a red shirt and blue and white striped apron smiling on the right. On the left is a red MAF jerrycan. The background shows a blurred image of a small airplane on a runway. The text 'FUEL - FOR - FATHER'S DAY' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the jerrycan, a handwritten-style note reads: 'Every 20 litre jerrycan gifted for Father's Day puts us in the air for 20 minutes - enough time to save a life!'. At the bottom right, a white box contains the text: 'You can donate and receive your card online at: [www.maf.org.au/fathersday](http://www.maf.org.au/fathersday)'.

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## Notepad thoughts:

I was chatting with someone this week about become better disciple makers by intentionally recognising God's faithfulness in our everyday life, and putting the WOW back into our witness. This came from a discussion around Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace:

- How their experience of God's faithfulness in their lives lead them such certainty in the promises of God that they knew even if God did not save them, with God on their side they ultimately never lose - WOW!
- How they themselves were unharmed whilst those throwing them into the furnace died in the heat - WOW!
- how in the midst of the furnace they were unharmed, their clothes not scorched not any smell of smoke upon them - WOW!
- How God didn't save them from being thrown into the furnace, but met them in there and walked through it with them - WOW!
- How when they emerged from the furnace that which had bound them previously had been removed - WOW!
- How because of their faithful witness in the face of fiery trials someone far from God saw the power of God in action, and

WOW is an exclamation that we use when something takes us by surprise (in either positive or negative ways) - which, one commentator notes is why we spell it the same both forwards and backwards! But how does WOW make us better disciple makers? When we (adults and children) are WOWed by something in a negative way, we learn valuable lessons and seek to help others to avoid the same mistakes. When we are WOWed by someone (in a good way) we talk about them endlessly, we spend as much time with them as we can to learn as much about them as we can, and seek them out at every opportunity. When children are WOWed by something (in a good way) they can't wait to tell their friends, they're excited, they're bubbling, and their passion is infectious ... God wants to WOW us - and he wants us to share our WOW with others around us. When we read His word closely, His story and his faithfulness will WOW us; when we bring our lives to the foot of the cross, His grace will WOW us; when we seek Him and walk in relationship, his love (and his correction) will WOW us ...

When was the last time you allowed yourself to be WOWed by God?

When was the last time you witnessed like a child who has been WOWed?

Grace & Peace

Jen



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## HOW BIG IS YOUR HEART?



Currently, across Central Queensland there are nearly 2000 children in care. Sadly, there is currently a shortage of approved Foster Carers and most are stretched beyond capacity. This shortage is causing significant stress for children, families, carers and professional staff.

Children are only removed from their family when all other wider family options have been exhausted. In their most traumatised state, these little ones are often sitting in offices waiting until staff are able to source a bed for a night. They are scared and sad. This is when Foster Carers step in to provide a safe home.

Foster Carers open their hearts and their homes to children and young people who are unable to live at home with their own families because of abuse or neglect. More Foster Carers are needed throughout Central Queensland.

Almost anyone who wants to make a difference in a child's life, can become a Foster Carer. Foster Carers come from all walks of life. The main criteria is that you can provide a safe and caring home for a young person. It is a special job that needs people with a generous heart.

AnglicareCQ will provide the training and support you need.

If you or somebody you know could open their heart and their home for a child in need, please contact the AnglicareCQ Foster Care Team. You just need to be you and have the passion to make a difference in a child's life.

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# Bible Pathway Adventures

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