

The Anglican Parish of Emerald

St Luke's Emerald

Sunday 26th July 2020

Sunday 2nd August 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:

Bishop Elect: It is really exciting that the new Bishop-Elect has been announced. The Very Rev'd Peter Grice has been elected as the next Bishop of the Rockhampton Diocese and will join us in early 2021. Peter and his family will be moving from Geraldton in Western Australia where Peter currently serves as the Dean of Holy Cross Cathedral. Please pray for Peter, Virginia and their family to finish well in Geraldton, and for God to order their steps in the moving process. Please continue to pray for Ven Tom Henderson-Brooks as he faithfully serves as our Administrator until Peter arrives.

A special session of Synod was held last week via Zoom. A "State of the Diocese" presentation was given by the Administrator, the Registrar and the Chancellor which made for somber reading and listening. Synod unanimously embraced the roadmap presented by the Registrar which will enable the Diocese to continue to provide ministry in an autonomous way.

New Fence: At the Parish Council meeting this week it was decided to recommence the process of fencing the lawn area of the church to facilitate mission and ministry with families and children. This process was underway before COVID-19 and it is exciting to once again be able to progress projects in line with our Vision and Ministry plan (2018).

COVID-19 Updates:

We are slowly being able to recommence services and other activities in our churches. The Diocese is continuing to closely monitor all advice from Queensland Health Services, WorkSafe and all applicable Industry Endorsed COVIDSafe Plans.

Where we stand as a Parish at the moment:

The physical size of our building will allow us to have 50 people in a normal worship service. We still need to provide for 1.5 metres between each person so some modification of the way church looks and flows will need to be made in the short term.

Services: Significant cleaning needs to be undertaken between services therefore we will offer one in person service a week 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

Bible study will continue via zoom at this point at 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.

Special services such as Weddings and Funerals will still be able to be conducted under strict hygiene protocols but will be limited to 100 people for attendance. We will work with families around providing outdoor services and/or streaming of services as appropriate for those who cannot attend.

***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: July / August

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

Birthdays: 28th Bella Busst, 29th Brittany Gnech, John Gnech, 1st August Jordan Sauer, Jayden Busst, 2nd Cameron Sauner. **Baptism:** 1st August Shovarn Gnech.

Weddings: 7th Steve & Dianne Sheales

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: June 2020

Income: \$ 8719.41 Expenditure: \$ 6,109.15 Gain: \$ 2,610.26

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

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

Activities @ St Luke's

- Sunday online church 9am.
- Sunday 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.

****Please note Sunday 19th of July 9am streamed service only.****

Sunday 26 th July	Daniel 2:24-49 Psalm 105:1-11 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:44-58	Sunday 9 th August	Daniel 4: 1-27 Psalm 105:1-6 Romans 10:4-15 Matthew 14:22-36
Sunday 2 nd August	Daniel 3:1-30 Psalm 17:1-7 Romans 9:1-8 Matthew 14:13-21	Sunday 16 th August	Daniel 4: 28-37 Psalm 133 Romans 11:13-32 Mathew 15:21-28

Treasury Project: (memory verses)

July 26th: Ephesians 5:20 "Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

August 2nd: Ephesians 5:21 "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ".

Prayer Points: Please pray for;

The Diocese of Northern Territory: For Bishop Greg Anderson and the Diocesan team as they provide leadership and assistance to parishes in the region as they return to worship. Pray for Christians across the Diocese that they will witness faithfully across the region in area area of their lives.

The Australian Anglican Church: For Primate Geoff Smith as he leads the Australian Anglican Church at this very difficult time. Pray for God to grant him wisdom and courage in the way that he navigates the difficult terrain through which the Church is currently travelling. Pray General Synod, that all decisions, conversations and actions will be God honouring and kingdom building. Pray that the Anglican church can be known as proclaiming Christ faithfully to our nation.

Diocese of Central Queensland.

The Parish of Longreach: For Rev'd Graeme & rev'd Susan as they lead and support their community through the return to services. Pray that God will continue to use them to proclaim Christ faithfully that their town may hear and respond to the Gospel.

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 Burkina Faso: Where Islamic extremists target religious minorities murdering, violating and displacing thousands of men, women and children. Pray that God will comfort those who have lost loved ones to persecution and violence, that believers will remain steadfast in God's word and continue to share the gospel, and that God will bring peace and stability to this country.

The persecuted Church in Mali: Where Islamic extremism continues to increase, where it is no longer safe to live openly as a Christian, and where threats of attack and kidnapping is common place. Pray that the witness of believers will drive more Muslims to want to know the love and peace of Christ. Pray for God's peace and provision for believers. Pray that believers will continue to share the word of God not 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.

From the Administrator: Excerpt from the Presidents address at Synod 18th July 2020

...I have seen that that good news is sweeter than honey. It is water for the thirsty. It is freedom for the captive. It is sight for the blind. It is treasure for the poor. It is wisdom for the foolish. It is justice for the oppressed. It is direction for the lost. It is hope for the abandoned. It is a cure for the infected.

We are living at a critical point in the history of our world. Members of Synod, we are also at a critical point in the history of our Diocese. Our Diocese hangs in the balance. That is the reason for this Special Session of Synod. Consequently, we need wisdom to face this critical period in both our church and our world. Wisdom that has withstood the test of time, is wisdom indeed. That wisdom is found in the Old Testament writings and prophets. That wisdom is the wisdom of the likes of Solomon, Moses and David. That wisdom is the wisdom that is the resurrected Christ when he tells his disciples that *he is* the fulfillment of all God promised in the Old Testament.

"This is what I told you while I was still with you:

*Everything must be fulfilled that is **written about me** in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."*

The Old Testament wisdom is in the end, all about Jesus. It is always, all about Jesus. Listen to the wisdom found in the ancient Proverbs and realise its full meaning when you understand that it is all about Jesus.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

My virtual friends, if you want to have any understanding about why anyone can have any hope in this life, then it is all found in Jesus. And members of Synod, if you want to have any understanding about why anyone in this Diocese can have any hope for the Anglican Church in this Diocese, then again, it is all found in Jesus.

Yet the path before us is fraught with snares, traps and dead ends. Members of Synod, as God's children, as leaders, as board members, as Synod Representatives, as parishioners and clergy, here in the Anglican Diocese of Rockhampton, we need to fall on our knees in humble prayer. For the only good news that I see in our 'State of the Diocese Report' being presented to you in three parts during this Special Synod, is the good news of the gospel ...

Notepad thoughts: It is vital as disciples of Christ, as inheritors of the Kingdom of God, and as members of the ACCQ that we become people of prayer. Please pray for the Church universal, for the Anglican Diocese of Central Queensland, and for St Luke's in Emerald. Pray that we will all proclaim Christ faithfully as our highest priority everyday. That we will all seek to know God on a deeper level everyday through knowing His word, and through communicating with Him in prayer. Pray for our Country, our State, our town and our families. Pray for the survivors of the historical abuse in our Diocese and beyond (Sexual, Physical & Emotional). Pray for our indigenous brothers and sisters so cruelly treated for so many years. Pray for refugees and immigrants who now call our country home, but struggle to find acceptance. Pray for all those living on the fringes of society. Pray that we as the church will rise up and be the difference we want to see - in Christ's name and for His sake.

Grace & Peace

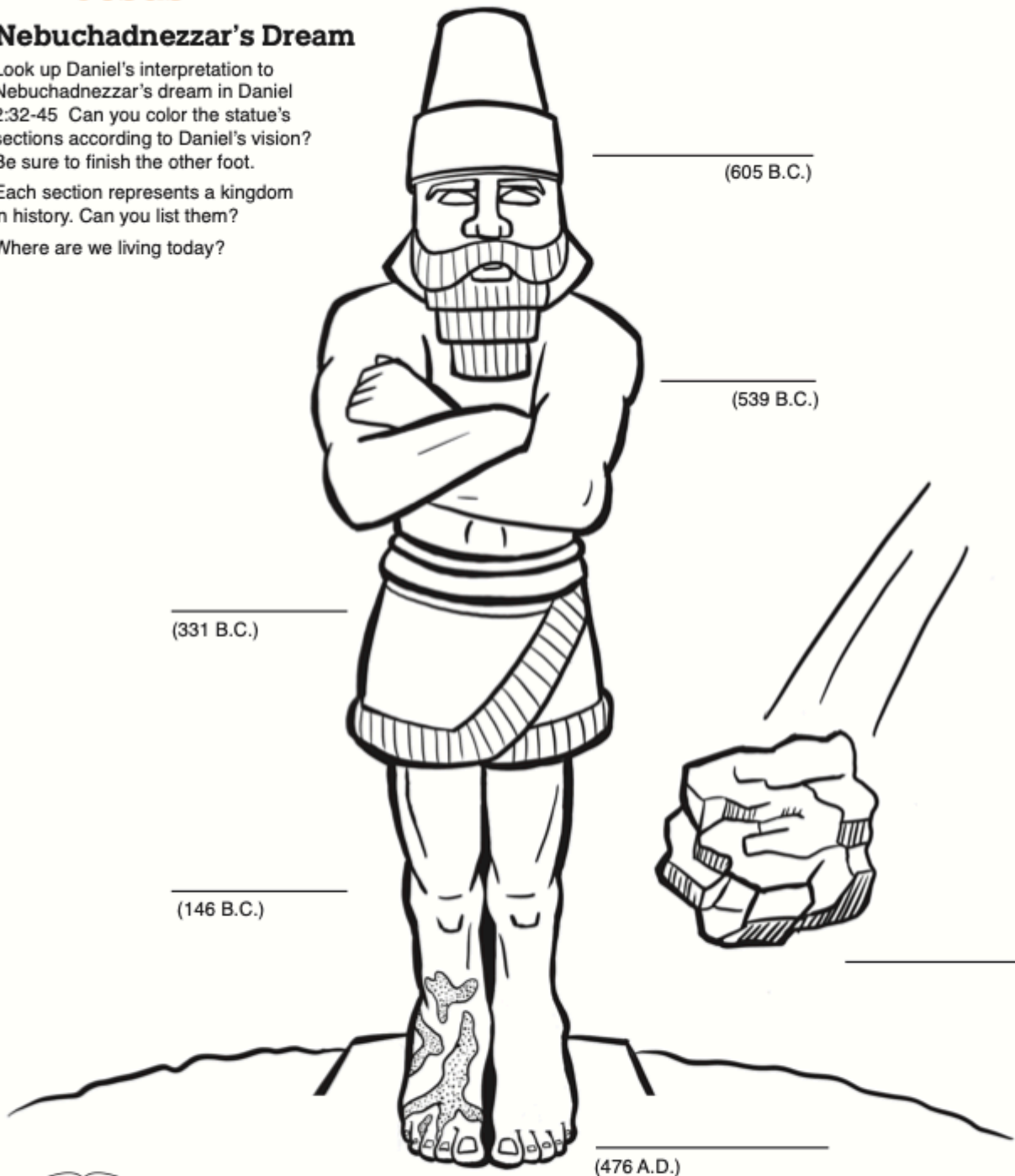
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Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

Look up Daniel's interpretation to Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2:32-45. Can you color the statue's sections according to Daniel's vision? Be sure to finish the other foot.

Each section represents a kingdom in history. Can you list them?

Where are we living today?



Bible Lesson

"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." Daniel 2:44

Jesus will soon set up His everlasting kingdom. Don't you want to be a part of that?