

The Anglican Parish of Emerald

St Luke's Emerald



Sunday 19th April 2020 & Sunday 26th 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 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://](http://www.stlukesemerald.org.au/bulletin)

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Bible study is now being conducted on zoom.

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 closed to the public and for donations until further notice.

Other arrangements:

If you do not have internet access or cannot access the services please contact Jen now 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 cannot attend.

Arrangements for Youth Group and Playtime on-line are currently being made.

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: April

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

Birthdays: 15th Lawrie Hawkins, 21st Lawson Swain, 25th Michelle Peters, Lesley Richards, 27th Bishop Alf Chipman,

Baptism: 27th Joshua Sauer,

Wedding: 20th Carl & Kellie Dingwall, 28th Tony & Ngairie Merrifield, 29th John & Shovarn Gnech, George & Kim Sypher,

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.**

Activities

Monday 9am: Little Luke's online (Login code required - please contact Jen)

Monday 7pm: Bible Study Zoom

Friday 6pm: Intrigue Youth online (Login code required - please contact Jen)

Sunday 9am: Church Online

Readings:

Sunday 19th April: Ps 16, Acts 2:22-32, 1 Peter 1:1-12, John 20:19-31

Sunday 26th April: Ps 89:1-9, Isaiah 62:6-12, Ephes 4:7-16, Luke 12:49 – 13:5

Treasury Project: (memory verses)

April 19th: John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

April 26th: 1 Peter 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Prayer Points: Please pray for;

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Diocese of Perth: Archbishop Kaye Goldsworth, assistant Bishops Jeremy & Kate, and all clergy and laity as they seek to keep the church connected and moving whilst buildings remain closed. Please pray for on-line services and for all who are involved in production. Please pray that God's word will make its way into the hearts and minds of those in need.

Diocese of Wangaratta: Bishop Clarence Bester as he settles into his new role of Bishop of Wangaratta, and all clergy and lay people as they attempt to welcome and support him during the COVID-19 shutdown. Please pray for this Diocese as the Appellate Tribunal matters progress. Please pray that God's word will be honoured throughout His church and that all divisions and hurts can be healed.

Diocese of Central Queensland.

Parish of Moranbah: Please pray for Rev'd Luke and Julia as they adjust to life in isolation with the family. Give thanks for their innovation and IT skills and for the way in which they are engaging with their community. Please pray for the people of Moranbah that they will emerge from the COVID-19 challenge stronger and more aware of the gifts that God has placed before them.

Special Ministry District of Winton: Please pray for Archdeacon Tom as he takes on responsibility for all Special Ministry Districts. Please pray for Rev'd Graeme as he supports this parish locally, and for the people of this Parish as they connect God's word and love to every day life in their town.

The persecuted Church in Maldives: Where Christians must keep their faith completely secret or be stripped of their citizenship and risk being arrested, harassed or worse. Please pray that believers will work towards Christian unity, and have the courage to share the gospel with others.

The persecuted Church in Iraq: Where the Christians endure overt hostility and targeted violence in everyday life. Give thanks for the continued growth of the church in Iraq, pray for those who are affected by violence, and pray that God will enable them to both forgive their persecutors and share the gospel with them.

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.

Notepad thoughts: Our theme for 2020: Making Disciples.

Easter 2020 in Australia was radically different to what we are used to. Instead of full churches, fun with family and friends and parades and celebrations; we gathered together through technology, remained isolated from others, and watched in disbelief at the tragic loss of life across the globe. For many in our communities, this Easter was marked by fear, anxiety, loneliness and hopelessness. But when we look at Easter 2020 through the eyes of faith, what we truly see was an undistracted Easter; a day where the anxieties of our world simply highlighted the power and beauty of what Christ accomplished for us through His death and resurrection; it captured beautifully the tension between fear and hope.

As Disciples of Jesus, we know that because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ we are people of hope, not of hopelessness. As Christians we know that God's grace can transform the most hopeless situations to the greatest of victories; the greatest isolation into incredible community; and the deepest sadness into unspeakable joy. Because we are a people of hope, even in situations where things have fallen (or are falling) apart and all seems lost, we can get up, put one foot in front of the other, and let God make something beautiful out of it. We know with certainty that God IS working all things together for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. And what is this purpose? To live our lives *on purpose*. To be intentional about how we live in all things - to bring honour and glory to His name. Jesus said:

- "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
- "Go out and make disciples"

The Easter life is about a personal encounter with Jesus it's about dying to self, to our old ways, our old self, and our old life, and its about living a new life in Him. The Easter life is about opening our hearts to the hope and love that He holds out to us; about living a distinct life. It's about growing in intimacy with our Lord and Saviour, and about being transformed day by day into his likeness. The Easter life is about living for His glory and not for our own; and about helping to bring those far from God near to God. In a world where anxiety, fear and hopelessness are on the increase, it has never been more important for us to share the hope that we have in Jesus Christ: making disciples; bringing those far from God near to God: that is the outworking of the Easter life.

Let's move forward living the Easter life every day; let's share our hope, our joy and our peace with a lost, hurting and desperate world.

In His strength and through His grace. Jen

Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day



HOW TO ACCESS ZOOM



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; 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

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.



5.3 • SOUND & CAMERA

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

