

From the Rectory Desk...



As I write this, we have just held our Annual Meeting and I have been the Priest-in-charge here for a little over a year. I reflected on this past year which was not what any of us would have expected. Two things in particular shaped much of the year.

The first of these is of course Covid-19. Even this time last year we could not have imagined the profound effect that this would have on the whole world. The way that we interact with each other has changed, and, whilst in Queensland things seem close to normal, we know that much of the world is still deep in the pandemic, and as the circuit breaker in January showed us in Brisbane, things are still fragile. The arrival of the first airliners carrying vaccine last week is a hopeful sign that things will become more stable this year.

We had to worship via Zoom for nearly four months, which we coped well with. Many people learnt how to use their iPads to connect and the breakout room discussions were fruitful. Coming back to St Luke's we were able to take the opportunity to revamp the 9am service which has proven very successful. Also we have a continuing group of people committed to joining with regular Evening Prayer on Zoom. Is this another example of a rainbow after the storm as we reflected upon in today's bible reading of the story of Noah?

The second major item was the ongoing discussions about the proposed Early Learning Centre (ELC). I had been told by the Archbishop when he invited me to accept the appointment at St Luke's that I would arrive to find the builders on site. That wasn't to be as the C&K proposal fell through. However the new proposal to work in collaboration with the Anglican Schools Commission to build a Christian ELC, with its missional opportunities has arisen.

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Our Mission Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a faithful, worshipping, caring community, committed to serving God by sharing His love and peace with others, in the name of His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 28 March

- 7.00am Palm Procession and Holy Communion**
- 9.00am Palm Procession, Family Service and Communion
(also on Zoom)**

Monday-Wednesday 29-31 March

- 9.00am Morning Prayer**
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom)**

Maundy Thursday 1 April

- 9.00am Morning Prayer**
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer (on Zoom)**
- 7.30pm Holy Communion followed by The Watch**

Good Friday 2 April

- 8.00am Morning Prayer**
- 9.00am Family Service (also on Zoom)**
- 12.00pm Three Hours at the Cross
(Reflections and Music 12-2, Service 2-3)**

Holy Saturday 3 April

- 9.00am Morning Prayer**
- 6.00pm Easter Eve Music and Prayers (on Zoom)**

Easter Day 4 April

- 6.30am Lighting of the Paschal Candle and Holy Communion
followed by Resurrection Breakfast**
- 9.00am Family Service and Communion (also on Zoom)**

**All services at St Luke's, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi
unless stated otherwise, and are subject to any applicable
Coronavirus regulations in force at the time.**

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The general concept and site plans for this have been agreed, but the details, particularly the financial model, are still being finalised. However I would hope that this project will commence during this year.

I was particularly heartened by the response of so many to the parish survey and the concern for the continuance of God's mission through the auspices of the Parish of Ekibin shared by many. This has led to the development of our new Mission Action Plan (MAP) that was launched at the Annual Meeting. This has three priority areas which build on each other. The first is to promote faith development, the second to build intergenerational ministry, and the third to reach out to our wider community through both the ELC and other initiatives. The full text of our MAP, which includes our vision statement and practical actions to promote our priority areas is included later in this publication.

Finally I must acknowledge with grateful thanks the ongoing support of you all in my first year here. I am especially thankful for Brian, Chris and Judy for their fellowship and wise counsel. June and I very much look forward to continuing to work together with you all in God's mission in Ekibin and surrounds, and assure you of our prayers at all times.

Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson

Sacraments and Rights of Passage

December 2020, January and February 2021

Baptisms

nil

Funerals

Lawrence Neil Hawes 3 December 2020

Betty Marina Wacker 7 December 2020

Memorial Service

nil

Marriage

nil



Fellowship & Fund Raising Report

Our first event for 2021 was our annual Pancake Dinner on Shrove Tuesday 16th February. Over 50 guests, including a number of families with children, enjoyed the delicious food and very good company.

Many thanks to those who attended, to Chris Bromwich and the ladies of the Kofi Klub and others, who cooked and served the food. After expenses, over \$500 was raised for parish funds.

Inquiries have been received regarding the holding of a car boot sale in the near future. Discussions will be held as to how this can occur in a COVID safe way.

Janette Hagerty



St Luke's Theatre Society

Presents



Oscar Wilde's
**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING
EARNEST**
Directed by Gary O'Neill

Two young gents have taken to bending the truth to put some excitement into their lives. Worthing has invented a brother, Ernest, whom he uses as an excuse to leave his dull life behind to visit Gwendolyn. Moncrieff decides to take the name Earnest when visiting Worthing's young and beautiful ward, Cecily. Things start to go awry when they end up together in the country and their deceptions are discovered.

**New Venue: Yeronga Christ Church Hall, 10 Cork Street,
Yeronga**

March 2021	7.30pm – 19, 20, 26, 27
March 2021	2.00pm – 20, 27

Bookings: Purchase tickets online at www.stluketheatre.asn.au
or
Phone: 0490 371 885

Adults \$25, Concessions \$20 (Refreshments & Program included)

ACTS 1:8

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Our first committee meeting for the year was held on February 7th to pray and plan to raise awareness of local, national and international missions. Each month a different mission focus will be presented to the congregations, calling for a variety of responses including prayer and finance or in-kind support.

In January the focus was for those who participate in the works of ecumenism and inter-religious dialogue. We prayed that Christians would treat one another with extraordinary kindness seeking the unity that is found in Christ and a true openness to the giftedness found in each other. A week of shared bible readings and reflections were made available at the back of the church.

In February the Bush Ministry Fund was the focus, with the parish continuing to commit to contribute \$2,000/year towards the \$40,000 needed for ordained leadership provision in the Leichardt - Chinchilla Anglican Mission Area (LCAMA). The first monthly mission stall was held on 14th February. Thank you to the wonderful cooks of the parish who continue to provide items for sale.

In March the focus will be hospital chaplaincy and aged care. A visit to Regis Aged Care Salisbury has been planned for during the school holidays after Easter.

A few members attended the CMS “Missionary Grill Night” on 4th February at St Phillips, Rochdale. Discussion was around how to pray for the missionaries during Covid. It was encouraging to hear the maxim that God and the Gospel are not quarantined during Covid.

The Bush Church Aid “Bush and Bible Day” will be held on March 6th from 9am-12.30 at St Johns Wishart.

Sue Vassella



Carol Services December 2020

With COVID social distancing and restricted numbers allowed in church, Rev'd Timothy decided to hold two carol services in December to enable as many people as possible to come together and hear the Christmas message in these relaxed, joyous services.

Both services were preceded by community barbecues at 5 pm and the services started at 6 pm. The services were very well attended by parishioners and their families and friends.

Music portrayed the strong theme of HOPE with well-known carols and some not so familiar but all were enjoyed and we were lead beautifully by the St Luke's Choir. Brian accompanied on the organ and piano in his usual brilliant way. We were also fortunate to have other accomplished musicians to add to the variety of music, namely Trevor on guitar and Duncan on clarinet. The choir sang two lovely songs, "Who Paints the Sky" and "Christmas Hallelujah", accompanied by Brian on piano.

No carol service is complete without prayers, led by Rev'd Timothy, and two readings from the books of Isaiah and Luke interspersed in the carols. There was also a five minute video animation "The Christmas Story from the Book of Luke" which was very much enjoyed by all.

So many people facilitated these happy events in parish life but particular thanks go to Rev'd Timothy, June, Judy who guided us through the service, Brian, the choir and musicians and the dedicated crew who organised the sausage sizzle.

There is little doubt that everyone who attended on these evenings left the church filled with Christmas spirit.

Lynn Mitchell

A Celebration

We celebrated the first year's anniversary of Timothy and June arriving in our Parish with a cake, cut and shared after both 7am and 9 am services on Sunday, 7th February 2021.

Thank you, Timothy and June, for guiding us gently and carefully through this past year. You have held us together through the huge disruption of COVID, keeping us focussed on worship, prayer, teaching and fellowship, not least with your amazing creativity and technical expertise with Zoom. You shared our joy of being able to worship together

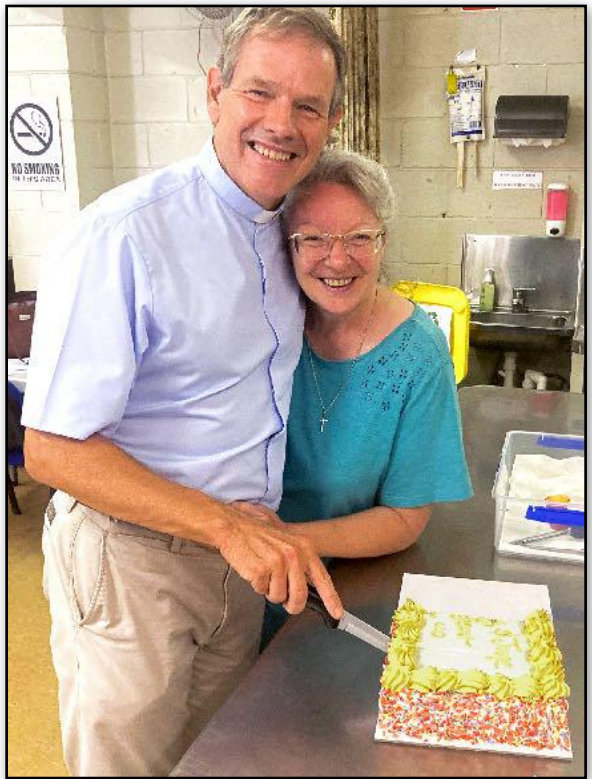
again, in person, at St Luke's, albeit within the COVID safe rules. We also appreciate the interesting and thought-provoking bible studies you have led and the opportunities for on-line worship and study.

We feel blessed and privileged that you have been called to lead our parish and look forward to many more years with you.

Honor Lawler

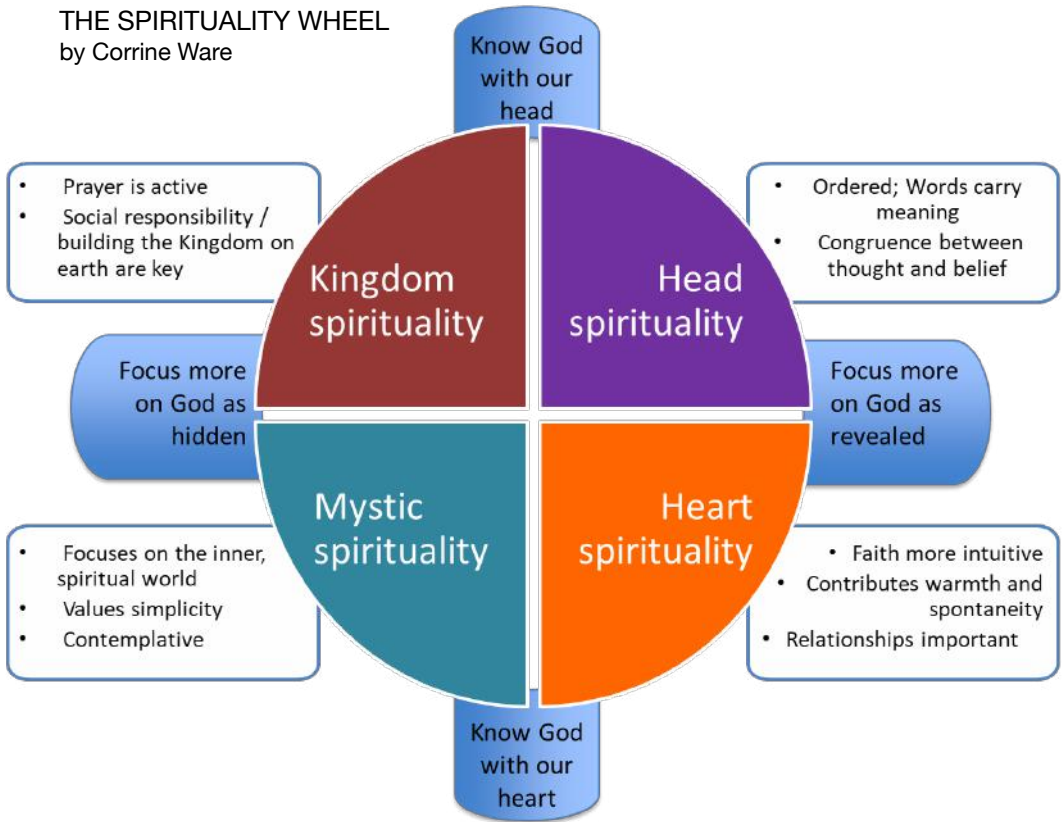
Praying in Anglican Ways, Faith360 Seminar

Consider that there are at least four pathways of spirituality that may be abundantly present in Anglican worship and prayer: spirituality of the hands, spirituality of the head, mystic spirituality of the feet and spirituality of the heart. That's what a group of us contemplated during the last two Saturday mornings' discussions on Praying in Anglican Ways, the Faith360 seminar conducted by Rev'd Timothy.



THE SPIRITUALITY WHEEL

by Corrine Ware



As with all things Anglican there are many approaches to the idea of prayer. Bishop Redfern was quoted during the seminar, “In Anglicanism there has never been an attempt to systematise Christian experience into a single set of views or practices. Thus there are few boundaries, the focus is on what is common.” That commonality led to some robust interchanges about how we can know God, from the deeply personal to the universal; from the intimate relationship with Jesus to reverence for the Creator God. We wondered how the hymn “Almighty, invisible God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes” resonates with the idea of personal prayer. And we didn’t finish, so engaging was the material, and we carried on for a third Saturday morning. If the first paragraph needs some clarification, there will be more Faith360 seminars in future.

¹ Corrine Ware, *The Spirituality Wheel*, Faith360 Praying in Anglican Ways, St Francis Theological College, Brisbane, 2017

Trevor Lunn

² Bishop Alistair Redfern, *Being Anglican*, Darton, Longman & Todd, London, 2006

Mission Action Plan 2021-2022

Our **parish vision**:

St Luke's Ekibin will flourish and grow in our relationships with God, each other and in outreach to our local community. We will increase in number and be known as a welcoming place where people can engage with faith.

This document seeks to provide practical actions that we as a parish can do together to realise this vision.

There are three **priority areas**:

1. Promote faith development and growth

2. Develop intergenerational ministry, focussing particularly on these key demographics:

- a) Families with young children (up to primary)
- b) Families with older children (high school/young adult)
- c) Elderly and shut-ins

3. Develop connections with the local community

- a) Improve our marketing activities
- b) Seek opportunities to interact with the community
- c) Build relationships with staff and clients of the proposed Early Learning Centre on our site

A key factor in our planning is the proposed redevelopment of our site to include an Anglican run Early Learning Centre. Therefore the actions proposed fit in three different time periods:

- January-July 2021 Things we can action now.
- August 2021– April 2022 During the preparation for and the start of the building process, with an aim to maintaining our focus.
- May-December 2022 Preparing for the opening of the ELC and the opportunities this will give.

Priority 1: Promote faith development and growth

Time period	Goal	Resources
Jan-Jul 2021	Develop and promote a yearly calendar of key events for the parish and that people could be invited to	Research other local events to either avoid clashes or seek opportunities to work in with
	Continue and encourage participation in faith development opportunities including 'taking faith home', bible studies	Advertising, seek potential bible study group leaders,
	Organise a regular program of faith development activities such as BIBLE/ FAITH360, retreat/quiet days	Identify possible retreat/quiet day opportunities and leaders
Aug 2021- Apr 2022	Have an integrated focus for Advent and Christmas 2021 that includes bible studies, church services and outreach	Advertising within and beyond parish,
	Identify courses that could be offered to both existing congregation and families associated with ELC, such as courses for couples or parents. Trial one of these	Research possible options (e.g. Alpha marriage course)
	Run an integrated whole of parish faith development program such as '40 days of purpose' in Lent or after Pentecost	Identify course and train leaders/hosts
May-Dec 2022	Repeat and build on Advent/Christmas focus from 2021 with an emphasis on engaging ELC contacts	Review of 2021 activities. Advertising
	Consider launching 'Mainly Music' as a faith development/outreach ministry	Identify and train leaders and support staff
	Select and offer a suitable 'introducing Christianity' course	Identify material, advertise to ELC contacts and the wider community.

Priority 2: Develop intergenerational ministry

Time period	Goal	Resources
Jan-Jul 2021	Increase Children's church provision to every week during school terms	Recruit and train additional leaders. Research appropriate material to use
	Upgrade the AV system in the church to improve streaming and increase participation	Engage consultant, make use of bequest received in 2020
	Hold a 'pizza and wine' activity, with children's activities, for young families to give an opportunity for them to explore what they want/need from St Luke's	Off-site venue, child minders, budget for food, identify and invite families
	Promote termly Messy Children's Church to grow numbers attending. Encourage parents to stay and participate	Advertise in school newsletters, engage chaplains, boosted Facebook posts
	Maintain and build links with Regis Aged Care including special celebrations (e.g. Easter and Christmas) with more parish involvement	Team of musicians and others
	Revise the family service format. Include more AV, use a 'low altar', fellowship focus	Need to consider how remodelling our worship space could enhance this
Aug 2021-Apr 2022	Repeat 'pizza and wine' activity for families with older children	Off-site venue, budget for food, identify and invite families
	Implement monthly 'families celebration' (no communion, BBQ/meal after). Consider whether this could be 'in the park'	Music, ministry, food teams. Advertising within and beyond parish
	Develop <i>Messy Church</i> to be an intergenerational activity	Decide appropriate time-slot (Sunday@9, or after school). Recruit and train team
May-Dec 2022	Recruit an part-time ordained or lay minister to encourage families' ministry and links with the ELC	Funding as part of the income from the ELC

Priority 3: Develop connections with the community

Time period	Goal	Resources
Jan-Jul 2021	Use the church sign board to give more frequent targeted messages	People to change board. Consider revamping to make it more readable.
Aug 2021-Apr 2022	Increase planned regular Facebook posts and use sponsored posts	Marketing plan. Identify person(s) to do this.
	Hold a community open day to show the plans for the development of our Early Learning Centre (after diocesan approval is obtained)	Good quality plans, speaker from Anglican Schools Commission, BBQ, flyer to distribute prior.
	Decorate the front of the church to say 'we are still open'	Teardrop flags, A-frame signs, wall mounted banners etc.
	Open the church when possible, especially when people on site	Volunteers to welcome visitors
	Explore overall marketing 'look' e.g. St Luke's logo that is incorporated into build, website, signage etc.	Graphic designer, working group for ideas
	Hold external church activities (park/shopping centre)	Research permissions needed. Coordinating team.
	Be actively involved with a community event (such as clean up Australia Day)	Research this. Church t-shirt or polo with our name and logo
May-Dec 2022	Maintain communication with parishioners and the wider community during building process	Regular parish emails, social media, letter drops etc.
	Install an electronic sign board	Funding required, BCC permit
	Prepare to welcome the new ELC community by planning events to give them an opportunity to tell us what they might seek from St Luke's	Building relationships with ELC staff, advertising
	Offer seminar/discussion activity on topic of public concern, to include Christian response to this	Research suitable topic(s), advertising
	Launch the new hall	BBQ, signs and info sheet

Children Are Our Future

Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" *Matthew 19:14*



How beautiful! We all love the children's message that Rev'd Timothy does every Sunday and here they are on the chancel steps during the 9.00am service, searching for hidden pictures on a piece of paper - seeking the unseen. How memorable was that? We are reminded by scripture of the centrality of children in God's Kingdom and there is simply nothing more heart-warming than boisterous, noisy, playful children running around in our midst. The future is in the hands of these children and what they learn today will profoundly affect that future. Let's say a big thank you to Rev'd Timothy, Sharon, David, Chris, Tim & Kate, Denis, Diane, June and Honor for nurturing them.

I think of the opening lines of that great Whitney Houston song:

*"I believe that children are our future
Teach them well and let them lead the way
Show them all the beauty they possess inside..."*

Trevor Lunn

Children's Ministry Report

It seems like only yesterday that we were putting up Christmas trees, organising family events and looking forward to Christmas church services. Christmas and Easter remain important times of the year for reconnecting our families and our children with our Christian faith and to connect them with the love of Jesus.

But in a blink of an eye time flies by and we find ourselves half way through the first term of school and with that, half way through the first term of Children's Ministry at St Luke's. As this is the first Church News for 2021 let us have a quick recap.

At the end of 2020 we set ourselves a target to be able to hold Children's Church EVERY Sunday during the school term and we have been blessed that a group of dedicated people has answered the call and joined us in 2021. Chris Bromwich will continue in the role of Children's Ministry Coordinator and we are grateful that Chris will be joined by Fr Denis, Tim and Kate, Honor, Diane, Sharon and David.

At our first meeting of the year we all agreed to look for ways to improve and grow our Children's Ministry to allow it to continue to provide our young folk with a chance to know God. But how do we do that? We need your help, we can't do it alone. If you have ideas and suggestions – we are always open to hearing them. If you would like to volunteer and you hold a current Blue Card, Chris would love to hear from you. But most important – if you have children, grandchildren, friends, or neighbours bring them along to the Sunday service at 9am.

But what do we do? What is the program? I am very glad you asked. All of the Children's Ministry teachers have their own program that is linked to the readings of the day. Children's Ministry is run during the 9am



The children show Fr Denis how to do it

service in the lower hall. Your children are more than welcome to join us at the back of the church before the service or they may wish to stay with you in the pews.

Reverend Timothy invites the children to join him and the Children's Ministry teachers at the front of the church for his Children's Message at the start of the service. Don't worry if your little one is shy, they can still join in with the group when we leave to go to the lower hall. Reverend Timothy discusses the readings or theme for the week with the children and then the group goes to the lower hall.

Once in the lower hall, the children take part in supervised, safe, Covid friendly activities. Every week is different. For example last Sunday Sharon and I began with an opening prayer, followed by a short video that explained the Transfiguration of Jesus using Lego and then after that we had an activity where the children changed their appearance with dress up glasses etc. and finally a craft activity.



Trevor Lunn sings along with the children

The children were then able to re-join their family during Communion and at the end of the service we all went to the front to explain to everyone what we did.

As mentioned every week is different but the basic structure is the same. Except when we get messy! Yes you asked for it, Messy Children's Church will be returning in 2021.

Hopefully this article has sparked an interest in you for our Children's Ministry. But I know what you are now thinking. I have forgotten to explain my little introduction. Nope, have not forgotten that at all. If we consider how short an amount of time out of a year that the Christmas and Easter periods are, there is a lot of time left in the year where children may not be exposed to a Christian message aside from our homes. Children's Ministry is here to reach out to children in a creative way so that they may learn about God. We hope to see you all Sunday.

David Frarricciardi

Choir Party 2021

On Sunday 24th of January I had the privilege of hosting the ‘Summer Sparkle’ choir party, for choir members, partners, children (young and young adults!), musicians who have joined with us through the year and our alumna choir conductor and parish treasure, June McNicol. This year’s gathering was permitted within COVID-19 regulations and was particularly special as we had cancelled last year’s event at short notice due to increasing concerns about a mystery novel virus spreading across the world.



Some Choir members visiting Hazel Park, another of our parish treasures, a long-standing member of St Luke’s Choir & our organist for many years.

We enjoyed an afternoon of shared plates and sparkling drinks, along with an icebreaker with each person revealing 2 truths and 1 falsehood about themselves, with everyone trying to guess the falsehood—not always easy!

Later in the afternoon we took the opportunity to thank our wonderful Sue Vassella, always so generous with her musical talent, teaching and patience (and not forgetting her icebreaker ideas). Fortunately Sue remains with us as a choir member but is taking a step back from the organisational role she has shared with Brian.

We look forward to more opportunities to sing together in the coming year, to enjoy the camaraderie of our group and the joy of singing and most importantly to share our praise of God with the congregation.

Alison Lampe

St Hugh's Careforce Inala Pantry



Judy Moy with Inala churchwardens Myrna and Pauline

Parishioners currently at St Luke's and sister churches have been donating non-perishable food items and cash donations to St Hugh's Careforce Inala Pantry for over 30 years. 2020 saw an increased promotion of this home mission work through our weekly bulletins, quarterly reports and service notices.

This activity, strongly supported by numerous parishioners, has seen five deliveries to St Hugh's in 2020. On each occasion, non-perishable food and personal care items to an estimated value from \$80 to \$200 have been delivered. It is particularly pleasing to note that cash donations each delivery have also increased from about \$180 to over \$500 in December. An additional amount of \$400 has been donated through the parish accounts. It should be noted that all cash donations are receipted by Inala Pantry and those receipts passed back to donors. We have queried Inala church wardens – Pauline and Myrna – who run the Pantry as to how these cash donations are used. On average \$400 a month is utilised by the Pantry to add frozen foods to selected non-perishable goods to provide the makings for a complete family meal to needy clients. We have personally observed a mother passing a school lunch to her son over the back fence of the St Hugh's grounds. It is also noteworthy that the well-stocked shelves in the picture plus another large store area were expected to be cleared before Christmas, i.e. in less than three weeks after our December delivery.

We would like to specially acknowledge the Inala Careforce Team who not only run the "St Hugh's Inala Pantry" but also interview and service long queues of people each week attending to receive Government support. Praise the Lord!

Judy and David Moy



Parish Walk – Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens

It was a “walk in the park”. What a lovely day for the Parish Walk at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens on 26 November 2020.

Eleven people participated but our regular canine companions had to stay home. The Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens are a treasure trove on the doorstep of Brisbane City: from large sculptures, exotic plants, beautiful flower displays, ponds with marine life, to tiny frogs and a variety of birds.



We set off from the café towards the large lakes, going past two of the white figure sculptures from Expo 88. The lakes provided a great deal of interest when we discovered the resident turtles, eels, and fish. The water was not very clean – causing algal growth on the shells of the turtles. Standing very still on the shady bank nearby was a pair of bush stone curlews. How nice to see them.

The path wound around some colourful flower beds and tall palm trees, until arriving at a sandstone carving of plants.



Mick the Rolling Stone Curlew

Beyond that we found ourselves in the stillness of the neat Japanese Garden. It had all the elements you would expect: a gateway, a pavilion, a topiary and water features. Some easy stepping stones crossed a small watercourse fed by a waterfall.

The Children's Garden came next and was full of fun, intriguing features. A log with large bronze bees indicated a small hollow for native bees. A pond covered in water plants looked as solid as a lawn. This was deceptive because it contained a crocodile! Wait a minute – a crocodile in Brisbane?? Yes, no need to panic, it was a lifelike four foot long



Don't Smile

bronze sculpture. However, a real water dragon lizard sat ever so still on a rock as people took photographs. It was a "living sculpture".



Not a cactus or bromeliad

The Tropical Dome Glasshouse contained a large pool surrounded by exotic plants and vines, kept humid by gentle misting sprays. There were some large fish who came to the surface of the pool, as if expecting to be fed. Prominent signs discouraged such an activity. People had thrown many coins into the pool: Brisbane's answer to Rome's Trevi Fountain? I hardly think so.

Our next stop was the desert plant section containing cacti and bromeliads. It was very interesting. My particular favourites were the Desert Roses, a couple of metres tall.

Our round trip brought us back to the café, where cool drinks and cakes were very welcome, as well as the friendly conversation. Thanks to Honor and Philip for organising this event. We look forward to the next walk, when it is cooler.

Year's Mind for February

Every Sunday we pray for the people who appear in our Parish's Year's Mind (Remembrance or Memorial) Book for that day and the following week. Below is an article from Jocelyn Hawes whose parents appear in our Memorial Book in February:

My parents, Arthur Alexander and Margaret Thompson died in February many years ago. Two years apart. They spent most of their married life at Annerley.

Both were born in Queensland to large families. Arthur, son of a postmaster, was born in Ayr in 1911. Margaret Browne was born in Ipswich in 1914.

In early 1938 Arthur trained as a meteorologist and was posted to Darwin. So the young couple began their married life in this multicultural outpost, far from their families.

Their first child, Jocelyn, was born there in September 1939 just after the beginning of the Second World War. Following the attack on Pearl Harbour they were evacuated and returned to Brisbane. Living first at Moorooka, two other war babies were born, Peter in 1942 and Helen in 1945. In 1943 Arthur joined the RAAF. He served in Rockhampton and at Archerfield. His meteorological training was paramount for air safety. Pilots could not fly unless they had a weather report.

In 1952, Margaret went to work at Thiess Brothers at Yeerongpilly; her photographic memory soon earned her the respect of the partners. Balancing work and a family was a challenge. Their goal was to buy a home of their own. This was achieved in 1956.

As a shift worker, Arthur was able to care for his children and play his favourite sports, tennis and golf. He could fix anything. He also became a house husband, a role which he pioneered in that era.



Arthur and Margaret

In 1960s they became proud grandparents of four beautiful granddaughters and put their hearts and minds into their on-going care.

After Arthur's first heart attack, his horizons changed. Instead of golf and tennis, he played croquet at the Stephen's Club in Yeronga Park. Family trophies prove that he conquered this game too.

Margaret, always the family historian, wrote her life story of growing up in Ipswich with a bevy of cousins, aunts and uncles. She had a great sense of humour, an understanding of human nature. During her childhood yearly holidays to Southport by train featured in this memoir, with happy family weddings, births and tragic deaths.

Arthur died on 13th February, 1985 and Margaret lived on for two courageous years in their Waverley Street home. She developed Parkinson's disease and died on 18th February 1987. Their ashes are interred in a memorial garden at Mt. Thompson.

Jocelyn Hawes

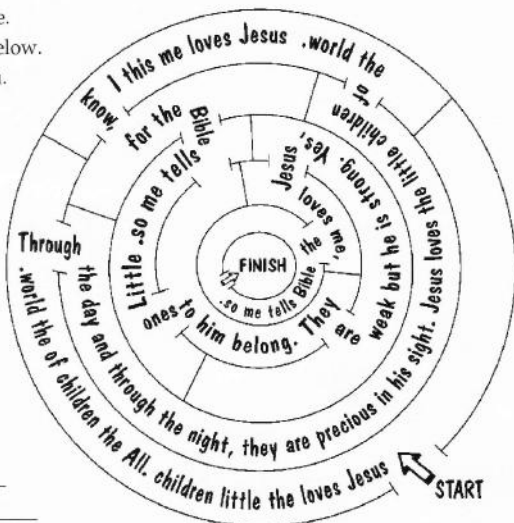




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Song Maze

Follow through the maze.
Write the words from the maze in the spaces below.
Some of the song words may be familiar to you.



Answer: Jesus loves the little children. All children the world. Through the day and through the night, they are precious in his sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world. Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so.

Psalm 100 Word Scramble

Unscramble these words:

E A M K A F J U O L Y I E N S O

O T H T E D R L O L A L E H T

R T A E H S W H O I R P E T H L R D O

I H T W N G E L S A S D M O E C N O T I

S H I S E E E C R P N W H T I G G S N I N I

Answer: Psalm 100:1, 2
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.