

### *From the Rectory Desk...*



It seems that once again I start this letter by saying that the two things that have been ever present during my 18 months in the parish have been Covid-19 and the redevelopment plans.

The ever-changing Coronavirus regulations mean that we have had to be flexible in changing our plans, often at short notice. The parish walk was postponed, frequent Regis services have had to be cancelled, and for two Sundays we were back to a Zoom service streamed from the Rectory. We have made modifications to our Sunday services to reduce the amount of singing/speaking whilst masks have been mandated, and I thank all for their support. However, despite these restrictions, we have been spared much of the pain that our brothers and sisters in other parts of Australia and elsewhere in the world have suffered, and for this we can be thankful.

On the redevelopment front, our Development Application is being considered by Brisbane City Council, and the diocesan property team are working on responses to questions raised by BCC. Meanwhile sub-committees have been active in planning the new parish spaces with the help of the architects (and **everyone** is welcome to come and listen or contribute to these). In particular, exciting plans for the new Memorial Garden have been developed which will see it become a focal point of the campus, both physically and temporally, as we both rejoice in the past and look forward with hope to the future. It is also wonderful that we have the wholehearted support of the Anglican Schools Commission, who will operate the Early Learning Centre. They want this to be as integrated as possible with the parish, so much so that the architect has been instructed to remove some of the physical barriers from previous designs!

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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*

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I am reminded of the words in the letter to the Ephesians, where Paul speaks of Christ breaking down the dividing wall (2:14), and proclaiming “peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near” (2:17). This is the vision we have for the future of God’s work in Ekibin.

Beside these two big items, there is much else happening in the parish. Our Mission Action Plan has led to more opportunities for fellowship including the Wine and Pizza afternoons for families with young children and the new monthly St Luke’s Connect. These groups will be important for us to maintain our cohesion as a community next year when building work will impact on what we can do on our church campus.

Returning to St Paul. He opens his letter to the Ephesians with a prayer and a blessing, which is as much for us as for the first readers of the letter.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. (Ephesians 1:17-19)

**Rev’d Dr Timothy Nicholson**



Timothy & June: Out and About

## *Sacraments And Rights Of Passage*

June, July and August 2021

### *Baptisms*

Frankie Jane Gordon

20 June 2021

### *Reception Into The Anglican Church*

Jennifer Catherine Basham



29th August 2021

### *Funerals*

Hazel Jean Park

9 July 2021

### *Memorial Service*

nil

### *Marriage*

nil



“LET US PRAY” These are words that easily roll off the tongue. We hear them so often. But when we say or hear them what are we thinking? It seems a trite thing to ask, but eighteen of us spent eight hours spread over sixteen weeks trying to fathom the many shades of meaning in prayer and learning how to pray.

Do we thank God for things? Do we ask Him for things? Surely, we do. Does He listen to our prayers? We believe He does but what if prayers seem to go unanswered? How do we pray: a quiet time, creative prayer, prayer lists, prayer meetings, prayer of relinquishment, silent prayer, breath prayer, the Jesus prayer, confession? We worked through a program of videos by Peter Grieg, a pastor who initiated the 24/7 worldwide prayer movement, in conversation with Poppy Williams. Their videos were instructive and at times challenging. Peter has written a book “How to Pray, A Simple Guide for Normal People” which is recommended and available from many booksellers for around \$26.

## *Fellowship and Fund-Raising Report*

Our Trivia Night was held on Friday 23 July. We had 38 guests in the hall and some enjoyed the night at home on Zoom. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Proceeds from entry fees totalled \$457.18 after expenses.

Our first St Luke's Connect social group meeting took place in the lower hall on Wednesday 25 August from 10.00am to 12 noon. This was a great time of fellowship. We had 22 guests who enjoyed a very interesting talk by June McNicol on the History of Books. Delicious food, tea and coffee and lots of chat followed.



We plan to have this get-together on the last Wednesday of each month. Suggestions for future meetings include a sing-a-long accompanied by Trevor Lunn and his guitar, speakers, trivia and games.

Please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 29th September. All are welcome.

A car boot sale is to be held in October, Covid permitting. Please watch our notice board and website for information.

**Janette Hagerty**

PS Thank you to the wonderful organisers of the first St Luke's Connect, Jenny and Janette.

**Editor**

## *Trivia Night – The Zoom Version*

There was much excitement in the air on Friday 23rd July – the day of the great St Luke’s Trivia Night. Janette had the questions prepared, the tables were set up, the soup and slices made, the score board and pen at the ready.....BUT for two groups we had our own fun to prepare.....

Instead of attending the Upper Hall, two groups joined in on Zoom - Sharon and her niece (who joined from Victoria) from the comfort of Sharon’s living room and “the group of a thousand names” who enjoyed the fun at our home. David and I were joined by Jenny and Dan O’Sullivan and Susan and Laurie Lee. This was our second time joining by Zoom and thanks to technology and the graciousness and skill of the organizers, as well as the cooking skills of Jenny and Susan, we didn’t miss out on anything. We shared a meal of soup and followed up with a delicious dessert during the break.

While the tables at the hall were challenged by the questions (as we were – WE PROMISE THERE WAS NO CHEATING – even though there was a piano in the room which would have given us the correct answer about the number of keys), we also had the additional fun of thinking of a new name for our group each round, adding to the pressure!! This was much to the consternation of David F who did a great job with the scoring. Sorry David but if you knew how much fun we had, you’d forgive us!!



Halfway through one of the rounds, we had the added pressure of the computer warning us it was about to power off – quick find a power cable, quick find somewhere to plug it in, what was that question? Janette can you please repeat questions 4 and 5.....

Thanks again to all for a very successful night of fun and fellowship. Our little group (what was our name again?) already has a games night planned. Maybe the new “St Luke’s Connect” will be able to have ongoing fun with a games morning.

**Chris Bromwich**

## *Acts 1:8 Committee Report*

I would like to tell you about my daily breakfast routine. It is always the same, a bowl of oats, with a healthy drizzling of honey on top and then this is all washed down with a short black coffee. Ok, I know what you are thinking. *“Hey I thought I was reading the Acts 1:8 report, I don’t care for your oats and coffee”.*

Well yes you are reading the Act 1:8 report. So why am I boring you with my daily menu? It is simple. I demand the best for my oats, and so I demand St Luke’s honey – St Luke’s honey when only the best will do.

But as you spread it on your toast or drizzle over your oats, have you ever wondered what happens to the money raised from your purchase? Well I am glad you asked.

At our May meeting it was decided by the Acts 1:8 committee that the money raised from honey sales would go to the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM)’s Myanmar: Integrated Water Sanitation and Hygiene (Wash) Project.

So what is the Wash Project I hear you ask? Great question and the answer I found on the Anglican board of Mission website.

In Myanmar for some villages there is year-long availability of fresh water, but it is located a considerable distance from the village and needs to be piped down to where people live. In other villages a well needs to be dug to access underground water. In another the ground water has become inundated with sea water and thus a concrete rainwater tank has been selected as the means of obtaining fresh water.

Often people have to pay a water-carrying business a fee to bring water long distances to their homes. If they can’t afford the fee, then they need to collect it themselves, often taking many hours. Some of the villages experience additional challenges such as the presence of armed conflict in the area, which can prevent free movement of people and equipment. In such cases they have to wait until the conflict subsides before completing the water project.

In 2021 the Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project needs \$86,600. At St Luke’s our honey sales have assisted and will continue to assist ABM to reach this target.

If you would like to read a more detailed explanation of the project and to see some photos of our fundraising in action go to <https://www.abmission.org/pages/myanmar-integrated-water-sanitation-and-hygiene-wash-project-2021.html> .

Speaking of honey and food – St Luke’s has continued to support the Inala Pantry. David and Judy Moy report that they took \$280 in cash and a boot full of groceries that was donated by the parish to the approx. value of \$200. This outreach is a great effort by our parish and another delivery is scheduled for September.



Our Last Meeting

Looking also at September we will be supporting Prison Fellowship. Our next meeting will be Sunday the 10th of October at 1030 in the lower hall. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our last meeting was held via Zoom. We are aiming for face to face in October.

**David Farricciardi**

## *An Insight into the Life of our Diocese*

Never has the need to communicate been more focused on the wonders of technology. The recent State lockdown prevented us even travelling across our own city. How our lives can shrink suddenly and we can become prisoners in our own small world. One of the reasons I like to receive the fortnightly Anglican Focus e-newsletter is that it gives me an insight into Anglican life. Not just that of our own Diocese of Brisbane (known as Anglican Church Southern Queensland), but a chance to reach out to the world.



The Anglican Focus Website: [anglicanfocus.org.au](http://anglicanfocus.org.au)

Contributions from other parishes are many and varied. Bishops John and Jeremy often share experiences of their ministry. Students from schools in our wider communion discuss projects and share ideas. One of our parish groups might like to contribute information about a special project or event. This outreach would show that our parish has a mission outreach.

Some Anglican friends that I had lost contact with over the years wrote articles for this newsletter. I have since renewed these friendships from Bowen days when we worshipped at the Holy Trinity church as young adults and teenagers in the youth group.

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**Jocelyn Hawes**

## *Children's Ministry at St Lukes*

Grab a coffee or the hot beverage of your choice then read on...

So we have all just completed our census forms. Many interesting questions as always but a question that managed to get some air play was that of religion, tick a box and tell us which religion you are. A number of people utilised various social media to encourage people to tick the 'no religion' box. One of the arguments that was put forward via a short cartoon video was that if you don't go to church then you cannot have faith or religion. It was a campaign designed to have less people aligning themselves with organised religion in Australia.

Sadly it seems that logic like this, in my opinion, is engineered to actively turn people away from faith, dare I suggest that it is designed to skew the data to make it look as though faith and religion are no longer 'trendy' or 'relevant' in the hope of putting doubt into people's mind. In the case of our young people, it could be compared to peer group pressure: "No one else believes, you should not believe either".

So how did I get so deep and controversial this quickly? I am writing an article about Children's Ministry – why have I gone down this path? We need to equip our young people with the skills early to be able to make their own decisions regarding their faith and relationship with God.

St Luke's Children's Ministry, Children's Church, Sunday school, or whatever you would like to think or refer to it as, is our chance as a parish of believers to present to our kids the opportunity we have all had; the opportunity to explore our faith in a caring and supportive environment.

One of our supportive environments is provided every Sunday, at the start of the 9am service Reverend Timothy presents his children's message. This is an opportunity for our younger parishioners to begin to interact with a message about God, as delivered by our priest – like a sermon. From here it is off to the lower hall, a message, or section of scripture can be explored in a fun way. It may be a song, a story or a craft activity.

The photo below is King Solomon, a video in which the ‘puppet’ of King Solomon talks to the kids and they get to play ‘Solomon Says’.



It is all about presenting the stories of the bible in a kid friendly, palatable way. A craft allows for a fun time cutting, gluing and colouring but it also provides for discussions with family later – *‘Why did you make that? What does it mean? Which story from the Bible is that about?’* - the car trip home is a great chance to reflect. Often the children’s message will align itself with the ‘grown-up’ sermon.

Every so often you will ask a question or the kids will ask a question that shows you, that though young, these kids are thinking at a higher level than society may give them credit for. They are thinking about God and the Bible. It is a real credit to their families.

As society changes we owe it to our kids to provide them with the information and opportunities to discover our faith, belief and religion. Once equipped with this, they are then in a position later in life to make an informed decision as to which census box to tick, while avoiding the trending view of social media.

And so I encourage you to consider St Luke’s Children’s Ministry for the young people in your life. It is really all a bit of fun with a serious message at its foundation.

Hope to see you soon.

**David Fraricciardi**

## *Memories of Hazel*

We farewelled one of St Luke's many treasures on 9 July 2021 with a moving funeral service led by Rev'd Timothy. Hazel Park was one of the stalwarts of our parish for many years. She began worshipping at St Luke's Ekibin in 1968. She wore many, many hats: organist, choir member, Liturgical Assistant including home communions, member of St Luke's Healing Society, sacristan, participant in Lenten and Advent studies, Education for Ministry program, as well as most fundraising activities.



Below are some of the many memories of our dear Hazel from parishioners who loved her:

### **From Beryl Collingwood:**

I met Hazel 25 years ago when she played the organ at Tom's funeral and we began a wonderful friendship.



Hazel was a 7 o'clock organist for many years. I attended the 9 am service. She would pick me up about 8.45 am and take me to church. She often played at both services and on those Sundays she would also drive me home and come in for a cuppa when "We would solve the world's problems many times"!!

We joined the Order of St Luke's Healing Service when it began at St Luke's and much later when it was held at St Bartholomew's at Mt Gravatt, Hazel drove me on a Saturday afternoon for training and made sure we left in time for her to be back at Ekibin in time for choir practice. Hazel also visited me as an LA for home communion.

She loved to play golf and watch tennis on television. I don't play golf but I played tennis and love seeing it on television. I attended the Milton Courts to watch the internationals play many times. When the Rafter Centre at Tennyson opened, we were talking sport one day and I said, "I have booked to go to the tennis, would you like to come instead of watching it on television?" We went one day each January for three years. The next two years I could not go because I was in hospital.

Hazel was devoted to her church and to God. She was very humble, very caring and very independent. I have lost a very dear friend.

### **From Gwen Williams:**

After Hazel had retired we used to meet at various study groups and services. I came to enjoy her wit, humour and conversation.

Hazel had organized her retirement in a very Hazel way. I don't know it all but on Tuesdays she went to movies at Graceville (cheap Tuesdays) with some friends. On Thursdays she went to town to meet friends and play Mah Jong and have lunch. She knew all the reasonably priced eating

places. She started to learn to play the violin and went to concerts with another friend. On weekends Hazel played golf.

Hazel did keep in contact by phone (her phone bill was so high she had arranged to pay it monthly). Hazel, Loane and I used to meet with Beryl Ricketts for Bible study and fellowship. She was a cat person but she found me a dog after my previous dog died. Then we used to meet most weeks to walk the dog. I think Hazel was surprised to be greeted so joyfully by the dog.

After I moved into this Granny flat the dog died. The family were all away and I rang Hazel for sympathy. She said, "Come on bring it to my place. We'll bury it with the cats". 50 Shaftesbury St has a pet cemetery.



When she had to stop driving, Hazel's retirement was not so much fun anymore, but she struggled on, very, very reluctant to accept help, never complaining. Hazel was very stoic, still trying to cut the branches and fix any household problem herself.

I was honoured to have been accepted as a friend by Hazel and I miss her.

### **Some parishioners' memories:**

Personality: humble, generous, caring, loyal, devoted to God, prayerful, active, fiercely independent and her sense of humour was dry, quick and wicked.

On very cold winter mornings at St Luke's 7am service, Hazel donned her "open finger holed gloves" to play the organ.

Trying to give Hazel a lift to church was always problematic: if you were not very early, Hazel would head off through the park at full walking

pace. She was seldom caught. She would arrive at the church at the same time as your car.

When Hazel attended our Zoom services, she was resplendent in Pjs, slippers and dressing gown!

From Tim Vassella and Matt Williams – they had to develop creative ways of break and enter when Hazel lost her key, with Hazel's permission, of course.

For two years when we were living in Hervey Bay, away from the parish, Hazel sent each week the church pew bulletin, note and tea bag, with the instruction to "have a cup of tea... with me". I always took 30 minutes to myself to read the bulletin and felt connected.



At a choir celebration at Alison Lampe's: In responding to a questionnaire that outlined her musical past- "What was the worst choir uniform she ever had to wear?". She responded: "no uniform worn". We had a lot of "nudie" jokes following that episode.

Another amusing anecdote: when the parish jungle alarm was raised as Hazel had been hurt recently in an accident and was not answering the door. We were on the verge of breaking in at dusk, when Hazel appeared walking up the path, as sprightly as ever in her early 90s, and had been on a jaunt to the city!

Hazel was generous to every charitable cause.



Hazel knew every hymn, each hymnal, the hymn number, when the choir had last sung it - all off the top of her head. She had a wonderful musical ear, sang beautiful descants to the hymns with the voice of an angel.

We now know that Hazel is “singing with the angels”!

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## *Music is to the soul what words are to the mind*

Despite the lockdowns and the mask wearing, we are still managing to deliver a strong music ministry at St Luke's. The choir was able to sing joyfully at both the 7am and 9am services in June; unfortunately the early July lockdown meant we weren't able to sing for the Bishop on his visit.



There was a sad event in early July when long-time congregation and choir member, Hazel, passed away. A small group of choir members was able to sing at her funeral to give thanks for her life and service to God. I never had the opportunity sing with Hazel, but the choir members all talk of her with such fondness and admiration for her gift.

Although the choir has not been able to rehearse or perform since Hazel's funeral, we have been able to continue our Sunday service music with two of the songs being performed with piano and guitar. We get a lot of positive feedback from the congregation about this ongoing contribution to the service.

We have also discovered June Nicholson's hidden talent for writing hymn verses! June wrote a third verse for *Lord help me to know your presence*, which the choir performed in June. And she recently wrote a third verse for *These are the days of Elijah*, which seems to be a firm favourite in our parish.

At the time of writing this article we are planning for our Prayer and Praise service on 29 August. This is a new style of service that we are introducing for the fifth Sunday in the month (of which there are four in a year). Brian, Trevor and I are delighted that Elizabeth Lamb is joining us on the Cello and Arvind Williams on the drums. My daughter, Philly is also going to play one of the songs with us on the violin. I am sure it is

going to be a joyful and uplifting service and it's wonderful to have so many great musicians in our community.

If you, or any of your family or friends, are interested in joining in with the music ministry at St Luke's, please talk to Rev'd Timothy, Brian or Trevor.

**Helen Hutchings**

### **Choir Report – June To August 2021**

Helen has reported on the music ministry above. I confirm that the choir did re-convene for one item in the lockdown period. We, with the parish in general, mourned the passing of long-time choir member, organist, pianist and general sacred music guru – Hazel Park – on 3 July. Most of the choir was able to gather for Hazel's funeral on 9 July. We sang – in a Covid-safe way – '*O the Love of My Lord (as gentle as silence)*' during the service at St Luke's.

We hoped Hazel would have appreciated it and all will miss her.

**Greg Rodgers**

### **Stewardship Campaign**

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the recent stewardship campaign.



The goal of the campaign was to increase pledges to an average of \$5 per day or \$35 per week from all 65 registered family units. So how did we do? Twenty-eight pledge cards were returned, which amounted in total to a commitment of \$5,981 per month. Being the same number of people who have been paying by direct deposit or direct debit, it is assumed that this group has increased its commitment by 10% to an average of \$51 per week, which, all other things being equal, means total offerings per month from August onwards should be \$7,860. Our goal was \$8,833 per month so we are still about \$1,000 off the goal. Hopefully some more members of the parish will reconsider their current commitment to help achieve this goal.

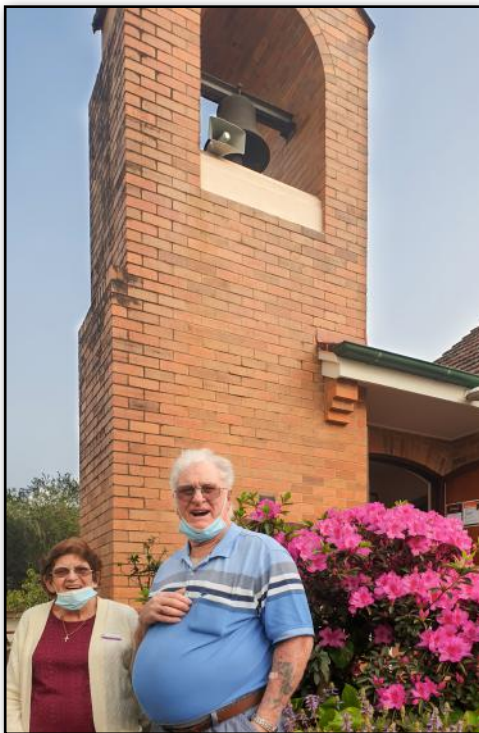
**Trevor Lunn**

## *Thank you to St Luke's Gardeners!*

Our parish has so many blessings, not least of which are our wonderful volunteer gardeners.

This hard-working group keeps our grounds looking neat and tidy and the gardens looking good, no matter what the season. The gardens are admired by many on Sundays at both the 7am and 9am services.

**Honor Lawler**



Rose & Glen appreciating the garden



The front garden is full of marigolds and freesias at present.

## *A Birthday Celebration*

What a lovely day for a party! A sunny, mild, winter's day and the easing of some COVID-19 restrictions made it ideal. Add to this, Maxine McElnea's 90th birthday, and the occasion became very special indeed.

About fifty people gathered in St Luke's Upper Hall to help her celebrate. This included church friends, cake-decorating friends and family – four children, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, spouses and partners.



Maxine McElnea

Maxine's daughters all did a beautiful job of decorating the hall. Pink, silver, red and white balloons adorned the ceiling, with the centrepiece being a big silver 90 over the stage. The mirrors were decorated with strings of colourful butterflies. Each table had a small vase of flowers, and pretty serviettes. There were two photo boards full of memories from Maxine's lifetime. A memory board was available for guests to leave messages for Maxine and the edge of the stage had a long strip of pink paper with multiple "Happy Birthday" wording across it. There were other nice touches, including floral arrangements and Maxine's daughter Wendy had hand crafted an exquisite "90" brooch for Maxine to wear!

The family and friends supplied the delicious spread for the high tea, and the members of the Kofi Klub worked in the kitchen and served on the tables. (Something they are always good at!) There were sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, a variety of slices, plus a fruit platter. All were so colourful and tasty and guests were well satisfied. A highlight was the cutting of the exquisite birthday cake, made and iced by a cake-decorating friend. Hopefully guests had left sufficient room for the birthday cake – it was delicious. Some took their pieces home in pretty serviettes. What a good idea!

All too soon it was time to go home. Thank you, Maxine, for sharing your important day with all of us.

**Desley Soden**



### ***A Second Celebration***

Following Maxine's 90th birthday party on Saturday, the next morning we had a further celebration with morning tea and another birthday cake after the 9 am service.

St Luke's parish has been blessed by Maxine's many, many years of selfless service. She has been a faithful participant in so many activities, including bible studies, fundraising, catering, parish camps, plus being a *chauffeur extraordinaire*, as one of her regular passengers for church services and activities called her.

Thank you, Maxine, for all you have done and continue to do for the parishioners of St. Luke's.

**Honor Lawler**

## *Parish Walk to Whites Hill*



We had an adventure on our Parish Walk on Tuesday, 24 August 2021! The day dawned cloudy and rain was predicted. By 8.15 am heavy rain was falling. By 12.00 noon it was fine, but a blustery westerly wind had followed the rain.



June McNicol

Despite these discouraging signs, a dozen of us, plus the dog, Kingston, climbed Whites Hill to the lookout, including dear June McNicol! The view over the city was beautiful as you can see by the photo.

After our climb we shared fellowship and afternoon tea in a comfortable, sheltered picnic table, beside an excellent playground which includes a flying fox for children.

Whites Hill Recreation Reserve has a lot to offer. As well as many beautifully maintained sports fields, the bush tracks provide easy bush walking through magnificent eucalyptus trees. Apparently koalas can be found there and more birds, perhaps on less windy days.



Trevor with Pricilla & Kingston



Phil says “A Cuckoo-shrike, not a Bin-chicken”

Watch the Notice Papers for the next adventure. If June can do it, so can any of us!

**Honor Lawler**





# Secret Code

Can you figure out the message using this code? Try writing another message using the same code.

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# Finding Your Way through the Maze

Using a dark crayon or marker, start at the arrow and trace a path without crossing any lines. Find your way to the X in the heart.

