



From The Rectory Desk...

In the last edition of Church News I wrote “I expected by the time I was writing this letter that our redevelopment program would have been complete.” This is still the case as I write this, but we really are nearly there now. There are just a few defects to rectify and compliance issues to address and then we will be able to fully use our new space. This didn’t stop us from having a wonderful service on 20th July

with Archbishop Jeremy, where we looked back at the past 100 years of the parish, celebrated the (near) completion of the building, and looked forward to the next phase of our life together.

After ‘the redevelopment’ taking up so much of our time and energy over the past seven years, including all the time I have been your Rector, where do we go from here? Our Sunday gospels in August have certainly given us pointers. Our ministry student Juliet Briner encouraged us to consider our priorities (“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”, Luke 12:34). Then Rev’d Mike Uptin from BCA, reminded us of the importance of growing the church. Celebrating St Bartholomew (also known as Nathaniel) allowed us to reflect on the preparation we need to do for mission, and the obstacles that may be in our way as we seek to echo Philip’s call to Nathaniel to ‘come and see’ (John 1:46). Finally, our intergenerational family service on 31st August explored practical ways in which we can welcome all to ‘the table of the Lord’.

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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.

Sacraments and Rights of Passage

June 2025 – August 2025

Baptisms

Ruby Brailford Edwards	8/6/2025
Adeline Brailford Edwards	8/6/2025
Peter Brailford Edwards	8/6/2025
Adam Brailford Edwards	8/6/2025



Interment Of Ashes

Thomas Henry O'Brien	25/06/2025
Valerie Joan Sturgess	22/08/2025
Owen William Sturgess	22/08/2025

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A number of years ago, our diocese invited two Yorkshiremen, Robin Gamble and Bob Jackson, to come and share ideas of how to 'lead your church into growth'. They suggested that there are four things we need to do, all starting with the letter P:

- First we need to **pray**, as we remember from the words of St Paul in 1 Corinthians 3 that we might only plant the seed and water it, but it is God alone that brings growth.
- Then we need to have a **presence**, we need to get to know our community, we need to build relationships of trust and friendship.
- We can then **proclaim** the Gospel, presenting the Christian message in an appropriate way, taking into account the societal locale we find ourselves in.
- Finally we need to **persuade** those who have been interested in the proclamation to take the next step on their journey into faith.

I encourage you to consider how we can live this out at St Luke's.

Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson
Rector

Ascension Day

Ascension Day this year almost descended into chaos. An unfortunate technical glitch caused a flurry of activity to get everything working. I thought it may result in the cancellation of the service. Thanks to Rev'd Timothy's innovation, the service proceeded successfully despite the late start.

Jesus' disciples probably had chaotic thoughts as he rose through the cloud to heaven.

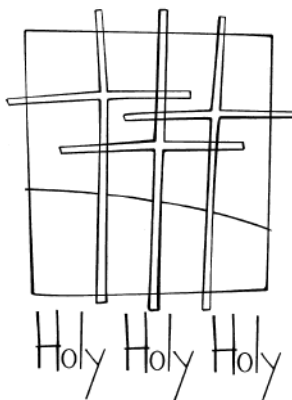
"He's leaving us – how will we manage on our own? We depended on Him so much."

They were reassured by the angels, then gathered for prayer to wait for the start of their ministry.

Rev'd Timothy explained why the Ascension was important. While on earth Jesus was restricted by his human condition. He could only be in one place at a time. In Heaven He can be anywhere at any time, or everywhere all the time. That is a blessing to us so we, like the disciples, are not left alone.

Even though this service wasn't quite what we expected, for the five people in church, and six on Zoom, I'm sure it was a joyous experience. Three rousing hymns were sung to recorded music. The little bit of chaos turned out to be refreshing. Thanks to Rev'd Timothy and June.

Desley Soden



Almost as Old as St Luke's



In June a group of parishioners took flowers and chocolates to help June McNicol celebrate her 99th birthday.

ST LUKE'S THEATRE SOCIETY PRESENTS...

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BY ARRANGEMENT WITH DRAMATISTS PLAY SERVICE INC.
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY JANE AUSTEN

by Kate Hamill



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2:00PM 22, 29 NOV + 6 DEC

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Celebrating 100 Years of St Luke's

St Luke's Ekibin 100th Anniversary Service



Archbishop Jeremy Greaves

On 20th July St Luke's Ekibin held a wonderful anniversary service of thanksgiving for 100 years of worship at St Luke's, the completion of the redevelopment including a new hall and Little Angels Early Learning Centre and the refurbishment of the old St Luke's hall and rectory buildings!

Archbishop Jeremy Greaves noted in his sermon that we were there to remember and give thanks for the vision and the courage of the clergy and parishioners of St Luke's over the previous 100 years of worship, witness and service to the community.



Hamal the camel and Lamba the lamb joined David and Sharon to tell the story of 100 years of children's ministry

The story of St Luke's Ekibin was told briefly by current members of the parish, including the beginning, local and wider outreach activities, children's ministry, the St Luke's Theatre Society, fellowship, music and service to the community and the story of the redevelopment.



Duncan Hutchings on bass guitar, Elizabeth Lamb on cello, Phyllida Hutchings on violin, Helen Hutchings on flute and Brian Wood on piano contributed to the beauty of the worship.

Together, a five-piece orchestra, the organ and St Luke's choir and the congregation of over 160 people, added to this meaningful and joyous service of worship and thanksgiving.



St Luke's Choir sang "Revival" by Robin Mark



St Luke's Church was filled to overflowing for the service! Fr Ian and Jan Mundy, (front left) one of 3 previous rectors of St Luke's who attended.

“For me the highlight of the day was the volume of the voices singing praises to God in the service — to have a church so full that we spread out onto our new deck, with guests from both the wider Church and our local community, was truly inspiring,” the current rector, the Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson, said.

Three previous rectors of St Luke's Ekibin were able to attend the service. Rev'd Alan Sandaver, Rev'd Ian Mundy and Rev'd George Markotsis were all welcomed warmly by their former parishioners.



From left: Rev'd Timothy Nicholson, current rector, and previous rectors Rev'd George Markotsis and Rev'd Alan Sandaver



Archbishop Jeremy assisted Rev'd Timothy to cut the 100th Anniversary Cake

St Luke's parishioners provided delicious refreshments and a beautiful 100th anniversary cake, cut by Archbishop Jeremy and Rev'd Timothy.

After the service the architect of the redevelopment, Matthew Patterson, and the Project Manager, Cenk Yuksel, ran tours of the new facilities for all who wished to view the new and refurbished buildings.

Thank you to all who contributed to this anniversary service and celebration to make this an exciting, meaningful and uplifting occasion in the life of the parish of St Luke's Ekibin.

Honor Lawler



Archbishop Jeremy gave the blessing

100th Anniversary From the Other Side of the World

I could have been up the road in Tarragindi, watching the service on Zoom, but I wasn't. I was on the other side of the world, 14,350 kms from Brisbane, in Huntsville, Alabama, visiting my daughter, Naomi.



It was just after midnight, local time in Alabama, mid-summer but raining, when I tuned into St Luke's. I don't think I can add anything much about the service. Those of you present experienced everything up close. For me it was a bit wistful not being there to participate. It was great and I especially liked the choir singing Revival, although I must admit to some sadness and envy that I wasn't there to join in one of my favourite worship songs. I was also most impressed by Archbishop Jeremy. I think he offers a refreshing challenge to our Anglican and Christian world view. (I follow him on Facebook, which I thoroughly recommend to all). While Zoom enables a world of communication possibilities, nothing can replace the real thing.

Trevor Lunn

St. Luke's Connect



St Luke's Connect on 28 May: June told the story of the Mouseman!

St. Luke's Connect continued its last Wednesday of the month 9.30 am services and 10 am gatherings at the rear of the church- until July when the first gathering on our new church deck was possible!

In May we had a s u c c e s s f u l fundraising

morning tea for Cancer Council Australia, raising \$500. June McNicol gave us a talk about Robert Thompson, the 'Mouseman', a furniture designer from Yorkshire, England, born 1876, died 1955. The Mouseman handcrafted oak furnishings for homes, schools, churches and abbeys with a distinctive signature-a small mouse. June's high school had its library fitted out with furnishings crafted by Robert Thompson. June brought along a small wooden bowl with its distinctive mouse.

In May Trevor L. gave us a very useful talk on emergency preparedness. He promoted the importance of having critical medical information and documents to hand, including Enduring Power of Attorney, with these kept in a place visible to ambulance crew, in case of an emergency at home. Trevor is a longstanding and active QAS CPR trainer and CPR training advocate.

In July Connect celebrated Christmas in July, with Christmas bon bons, Christmas trivia and much conviviality.

For our August gathering the 'Ekka' will be celebrated with 'show bags', strawberry sundaes and possibly some prizewinning(?) canine attendees!

Alison Lampe

The Mouseman

Before World War 2, I attended Leeds Girl's High School in Leeds, Yorkshire. It was built in 1906, a standard two-story building of classrooms with an assembly hall in the centre. In 1932 the Board of Directors decided to build an extra wing to contain a library.

To fit out the library they chose Robert Thompson of Kilburn, Yorkshire, who had a reputation for building well-constructed oak furniture and was famously known as 'The Mouseman', because he used a mouse as his trademark.



June, her ashtray and a cuppa

Every chair, table, bookshelf and notice board had a mouse carved on it somewhere -on a leg, a back or a corner. When asked about his mouse trademark, Thompson said, "Well, a mouse manages to chew the hardest wood with its chisel-like teeth. And it works quietly; nobody takes any notice." I thought this was like Thompson's workshop, hidden away in the Yorkshire hills.

When I was on a visit to the UK, a friend took me to the workshop which sold various items, all mouse marked of course. I bought a small ashtray for two pounds which I have treasured ever since.

After I came to Australia, the Leeds Girls High School decided to combine with the Leeds Grammar School (boys only) and move to a more distant site. The old school was converted into a block of flats and the new wing had to be demolished. This meant removing all The Mouseman's work, and the governors decided to auction it off to old girls.

I got an invitation, but of course I couldn't go.

An old friend, who still lived in Leeds, did go and she reported the auction was an absolute frenzy. Many of the old girls had done very well

in life and were showing this by bidding more than their contemporaries. Some of the prices were enormous and they must have made thousands. Afterwards, the auctioneer said it was one of the most profitable auctions he had held!



The Mouseman (Robert Thompson) Ashtray

The reason I remember this is because last December, Antique Roadshow in the UK showed an identical ashtray and a brief account of Robert Thompson. It was valued at 250 pounds! I wish I had bought a bit more!

June McNicol

Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry on 1 June 2025
- Pru telling the story of Paul
escaping from jail.



The children made streamers of yellow, orange and red to celebrate Pentecost! Four children were baptised at the Pentecost service too! A joyous celebration for St Luke's Parish!

Jesus loves me still today
Living with me on my way
Giving us a friend to give
And love to all who live
Jesus loves me
Jesus loves me
Jesus loves me
The bible tells me so



Family service 22 June: Trevor plays for
children to sing "Jesus Loves Me"



The children's message given by Juliet Brinner: they all put on the clothing of Christ to love and serve others.



Children's church on 27 July 2025: Pru helped children to make "Prayer Fish" - soft toys they could take home with their prayers written on them. For the Lord's Prayer at home at night!

Choir Report

June 2025 to August 2025

The choir's contributions in this period started on day 1. At 4pm on the 1st of June, Rev'd Timothy conducted a service of Evening Prayer to mark the dedication of our new Memorial Garden. The choir contributed to this service with two items. The first was 'The Lord is my Shepherd' by Jill Gallina. It had recently been presented during the afternoon service on Good Friday and was considered appropriate for this service. It was sung during the service as a reflection piece following the prayers. The second was 'Abide with Me'. It had also been presented recently at our Anzac Day service and, again, was considered appropriate for this service. It was sung outdoors at the conclusion of the service beside the Memorial Garden.

(I must make a correction regarding 'Abide with Me'. In my previous report, I attributed it to William Monk. The lyrics were actually written by Henry Lyte in the mid-19th century. The version that the choir presented was set to William Monk's tune, 'Eventide'.)

The choir's normal routine for monthly sings was reversed for June at the request of Rev'd Timothy. On Pentecost Sunday, 8th June, the choir presented a relevant Pentecost song after the sermon in the 7am service. The song chosen was 'Great God, Your Spirit like the Wind', with lyrics by Alan Gaunt to the well-known tune 'Jerusalem' by Charles H.H. Parry. Set in an arrangement by Gordon Jacob, it was sung generally in unison with some alternating voices. Brian accompanied on organ, rather than piano, to complement the power of the music.

On the 4th Sunday, 22nd June, the choir presented a reflection song in the 9am service and continued the Pentecost theme. The song chosen was 'Send us your Spirit'. This is a relatively new song (about 40 years old) by American David Haas. The choir presented it with alternating voices in the verses.

In July, the choir again sang at the 7am service (rather than the 9am) on the 2nd Sunday (13th). The song chosen was 'Galilee Song'. This song was also written about 40 years ago by Queenslander Frank Andersen. It was sung to an arrangement by New South Welshman David Pudney. It is

a favourite of a number of your choristers, with its mysterious lyrics and gentle melody. The choir presented it in unison on the verses and 2-part harmony and descant on the refrains.



St Luke's Choir after singing outside near the Memorial Garden on 1 June 2025

This brought us to our service of thanksgiving on the afternoon of Sunday 20th July. The choir contributed the Robin Mark song 'Revival', following the Archbishop's sermon. This song had previously been sung at our patronal saint's day service last October. It was considered very appropriate for this occasion, given the challenges and opportunities in front of the parish at this time. In addition to Sue Vassella on piano, the choir was backed by a multi-instrument accompaniment from the Hutchings family (Duncan – bass guitar, Helen – flute and Phyllida - violin) and Elizabeth Lamb on cello, to arrangements prepared especially for the occasion by Elizabeth. (It also received some complimentary comment in the Focus magazine report on the event.)

Into August and we again by-passed the 9am service on the 2nd Sunday. The choir's next contribution was a reflection song after the sermon at the 9am service on the 17th. We reprised 'Galilee Song', since the '9 o'clockers' did not hear it in July.

Finally for this period, the choir contributed the song 'Pentecost Prayer' by Robin Mann as a reflection item after the sermon at the 7am service on 24th August. It was familiar to choristers, having been sung in the Pentecost Day service last year. It was presented with alternating voices in the verses and 3-part harmony in the choruses, incorporating again the soprano and tenor parts composed by Brian.

Greg Rodger

Church Camp 2025





Many hands make light work of the craft



Children loved helping to paint the combined artwork



The community artwork, designed and finished off by Pru.



The completed canvas with input from all ages



It was very cold at 6.30 am but it was a good time for a very early communion service before Rev'd Timothy & June left to take the 9.00 am communion service back at St Luke's!



Chloe gets a ride with Dad Greg for her bird walk! Accompanied by mum, Brenda.



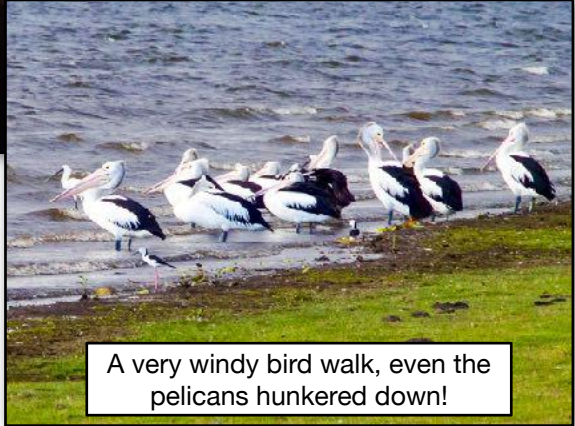
Sue Johnson kept busy while socialising!



The camp jigsaw had many contributors!



The evening light over Atkinson Dam was spectacular!



A very windy bird walk, even the pelicans hunkered down!



Jenny and Danny organised ball games for adults and children. Just like the camp overall, it was great fun for almost every age!

Bush Church Aid

On Sunday 17th August we had the privilege of a visit from Mike Uptin the regional officer of Bush Church Aid QLD/Northern NSW. His last visit was in 2021 and much has happened since then. Mike spoke at the 7am and 9am services.

The 9am children's message was themed around what do families do with exciting, good news like a new baby is born. This drew a wide variety of responses and captivated imaginations. The idea that when we celebrate good news, we want to share it with others. Share the joy. Celebrate the occasion. Mike said that was similar to the role of BCA:



David & Zoe Brown, Priests-in-Charge in Gladstone, with sons, Micah & Jude.

Bush Church Aid is all about aid to the church in the bush; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the life-changing gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia.

His talk introduced us to field staff David and Zoe Browne and their children Micah and Jude, who have been serving in Gladstone for nearly 6 months. Prior to this, they ministered at Dalby. As joint priests-in-charge, they hold services in both Anglican churches, conduct bible studies and engage in outreach and charity work. We were encouraged to pray and support them.

Mike's homily was on the apparent differences between Jesus' teaching on peace and on division. He attested that in his own life, examples of being committed to Jesus, often brings opposition. He said that the BCA staffers face much opposition as they shine the light of the gospel. He challenged us to make a firm stance for Christ and celebrate the good news of the gospel.

Sue Vassella



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