



Worship at  
St Luke's  
this weekend

Sunday 9am:  
Family Service  
(also streamed via  
ZOOM)

(Hymns: TIS 313, MP  
121, MP 749, MP 179)

*First reading*

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>7</sup> I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup> For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their saviour <sup>9</sup> in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

*Isaiah 63.7-9*

*Psalm 148*

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from

heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels:  
O praise him, all his host.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all you stars of light.

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heaven:  
and you waters that are above the  
heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for he commanded and they were made.

<sup>6</sup> He established them for ever and ever:  
he made an ordinance which shall not  
pass away.

<sup>7</sup> O praise the Lord from the earth:  
praise him, you sea-monsters and all  
deeps;

<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, mist and snow:  
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills:  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
<sup>10</sup> Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:  
creeping things and winged birds;  
<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth, and all peoples:  
princes, and all rulers of the world;  
<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens:  
old folk and children together.  
<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is exalted.  
<sup>14</sup> His glory is above earth and heaven:  
and he has lifted high the horn of his  
people.  
<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the praise of all his  
servants:  
of the children of Israel, a people that is  
near him. Praise the Lord.

### *Second Reading*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and  
through whom all things exist, in bringing  
many children to glory, should make the  
pioneer of their salvation perfect through  
sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies  
and those who are sanctified all have one  
Father. For this reason Jesus is not  
ashamed to call them brothers and  
sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'I will proclaim your  
name to my brothers and sisters, in the  
midst of the congregation I will praise  
you.' <sup>13</sup> And again, 'I will put my trust in  
him.' And again, 'Here am I and the  
children whom God has given me.'  
<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share  
flesh and blood, he himself likewise  
shared the same things, so that through  
death he might destroy the one who has  
the power of death, that is, the devil,

<sup>15</sup> and free those who all their lives were  
held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For  
it is clear that he did not come to help  
angels, but the descendants of Abraham.  
<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his  
brothers and sisters in every respect, so  
that he might be a merciful and faithful  
high priest in the service of God, to make  
a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of  
the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was  
tested by what he suffered, he is able to  
help those who are being tested.

*Hebrews 2:10-18*

### *Gospel Reading*

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

<sup>13</sup> Now after they had left, an angel of the  
Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and  
said, 'Get up, take the child and his  
mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain  
there until I tell you; for Herod is about to  
search for the child, to destroy him.'  
<sup>14</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and  
his mother by night, and went to Egypt,  
<sup>15</sup> and remained there until the death of  
Herod. This was to fulfil what had been  
spoken by the Lord through the prophet,  
'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'  
<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been  
tricked by the wise men, he was  
infuriated, and he sent and killed all the  
children in and around Bethlehem who  
were two years old or under, according to  
the time that he had learned from the  
wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had  
been spoken through the prophet  
Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup> 'A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they  
are no more.'

<sup>19</sup> When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, <sup>20</sup> 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' <sup>21</sup> Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over

Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

*Matthew 2:13-23*

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## For our Prayers

### *Prayer for the day*

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the light of your incarnate Word: may this light, kindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### *The World*

Pray for those parts of the world where the Christmas message of peace is sorely needed: Ukraine, Gaza and the West Bank, Myanmar, Sudan and South Sudan, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Tanzania, ...

### *The Anglican Communion*

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Diocese of Ballarat: †Garry Weatherill; Assistant Bishop – †Scott Lowrey; Clergy and People

The Parish of Gold Coast North: Stephan Prabu, Gary Smith, Don Campbell, Lynette Dunn, †Len Eacott, Roseanne Stower, Sidney Rogers, Bill Doak, Martin Hunnybun, Medha Masoji

Gold Coast South: Arthur Savage, Greg McGrory

Woodford Correctional Centre: Paul Bryden

Canterbury College, Waterford: Principal – Daniel Walker; Chaplain – Dan Talbot;

Chair of College Council – Toni Bache; members of College Council; staff & students

### *Our missionary partners*

David and Zoë Browne, supported by BCA in Gladstone.

### *Local Schools and colleges*

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary

## Our parish

Pray for those in our parish who are travelling over the holiday period, for safety on the roads, and for a time of rest and relaxation.

### **Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed**

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., Jan Moody, Robyn and Maxine McElnea, Rita Johnson, Sharon L., Margaret Sheehan, Don & Deb Rennie, Georgina Crawford, Glenda, Sue, Liz and Angie Lockhorst, Rev'd Shane Hubner, Natalie McHue, Lynette Coop, Sue, Rose, Al, Jennifer D, Sandy Tonello. Mary Bickerdike, Lee.

### *From the Parish Book of Remembrance*

29 December: Ivo Geoffrey Karl Wacker; 30 December: Beryl Mary Ricketts;  
31 December: Cecelia Foster Erickson, George Henry Boldeman; 2 January: Benjamin Hanscomb.



**Nancy Capern**  
died last week on  
23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025.

Her funeral will be held at St  
Luke's on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 10am.

We give thanks for Nancy's life,  
and pray for her family at this time.

## Services This Week:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

*(Feast of the Epiphany)*

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)

9am: Holy Communion  
(St Luke's/Zoom)

*Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14,  
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12*

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