



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 560, MP 88, TIS 275, vv1,3,4, MP 188)

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

(Hymns: TIS 821, vv1-3, MP 170, TIS 154, MP 1003)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).
Contact the office for the password.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.9

Rev'd Timothy writes...

The theme running through all our readings this week is 'being called'.

The reading from Isaiah is another of the 'Servant Songs'; even before birth, God knew the unborn Servant and named, called, and equipped them. This passage is often thought of as a prophecy about Jesus, but it equally well applies to all who follow Jesus.



In the opening of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he addresses his readers as those 'called to be saints', 'called into the fellowship of [God's] Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.' And this state of being called is something that Paul enthuses about.

Then in our passage from the gospel of John, we hear of Jesus' first disciples coming to Jesus. We don't have the explicit language of 'calling' that the other gospel writers use. Instead there is an implicit calling. It is the words of John the Baptist, makes them attune to the divine presence of Jesus, and so open to the offer to 'come and see' who Jesus is. Later in the passage Simon is brought to Jesus by the words of his brother Andrew.

For us, the readings are a reminder that we too are the ones called by God's grace, and that part of this calling is to point others towards Jesus.

National day of mourning for the victims of the Bondi terror attack

We will be holding a special service of Evening Prayer this week on Thursday 22nd January at 6pm. This will be in church, with Zoom streaming.

Candlemas

On Sunday 1st February we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the temple, also known as Candlemas. You are invited to bring a candle from home to light from the Paschal Candle as a reminder that Jesus is the light of the world (there will be some candles available in church as well).

At the 9am service we will also mark the start of a new year for Children's Church and commission their leaders.



Readings for 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1–7 This is the second of four passages identified as the Servant Songs in the book of Isaiah, which tell about God's call. In this song, the servant is encouraged to use their voice to speak to Israel and to the nations.

Psalms 40:1–11 Praising God's steadfast love, the psalmist recounts how God listened and encouraged them. In response, the psalmist willingly tells others about God's righteousness and faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 Writing about his call, Paul demonstrates his thankfulness for the church at Corinth, encouraging them and reminding them of God's faithfulness and of their call.

John 1:29–42 The writer of John connects Jesus' baptism with the calling of the disciples. John the baptiser names Jesus as the 'Lamb of God.' John's disciples respond with curiosity, and Jesus invites them to 'come and see.' Along the way, Simon is given a new name—Peter—a sign of who he is becoming.

First reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he
named me.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and
vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his
servant, to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the
Lord, and my God has become my
strength—

⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you
should be my servant to raise up the
tribes of Jacob and to restore the
survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light
to the nations, that my salvation may
reach to the end of the earth.'

⁷ Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the
nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall
see and stand up, princes, and they shall
prostrate themselves, because of the
Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of
Israel, who has chosen you.'

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-14

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:
and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He brought me up from the pit of
roaring waters, out of the mire and clay:
and set my feet upon a rock, and made
firm my foothold.

³ And he has put a new song in my
mouth:
even a song of thanksgiving to our God.

⁴ Many shall see it and fear:
and shall put their trust in the Lord.

⁵ Blessed are those who have made the
Lord their hope:
who have not turned to the proud, or to
those who wander in deceit.

⁶ O Lord my God, great are the wonderful
things which you have done, and your
thoughts which are towards us:
there is none to be compared with you;

⁷ Were I to declare them and speak of
them:
they are more than I am able to express.

⁸ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:
but my ears you have marked for
obedience;

⁹ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have
not required:
then said I, Lo, I come.

¹⁰ In the scroll of the book it is written of
me, that I should do your will:
O my God, I long to do it, your law
delights my heart.

¹¹ I have declared your righteousness in
the great congregation:
I have not restrained my lips, O Lord, and
that you know.

¹² I have not hidden your righteousness in
my heart:
I have spoken of your faithfulness and of
your salvation.

¹³ I have not kept back your loving-
kindness and your truth:
from the great congregation.

¹⁴ O Lord, do not withhold your mercy
from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth
ever preserve me.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the
Corinthians

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ
Jesus by the will of God, and our brother
Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth,
to those who are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called to be saints, together with
all those who in every place call on the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their
Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has
been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in
every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind—

⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been
strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you
wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is
faithful; by him you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of John

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming
towards him and declared, 'Here is the
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of
the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said,
"After me comes a man who ranks ahead
of me because he was before me." ³¹ I
myself did not know him; but I came
baptizing with water for this reason, that

he might be revealed to Israel.’³² And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.’³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed).⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

John 1:29-42

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Word of the Day

In Isaiah 49, the servant is called and named by God, entrusted with a purpose. God’s call is both deeply personal and expansively communal.

In John 1, John the baptiser names Jesus ‘Lamb of God.’ The curiosity of John’s disciples leads them to follow Jesus, who invites them to ‘come and see.’ Simon is renamed Cephas/Peter, showing that God’s call recognises our potential—who we are becoming. Following Jesus begins with curiosity and invitation.

Baptism tells us that we, too, are named and called as Christ’s body. God invites us not only to hear but to respond—to live as people through whom the light of God’s love shines.

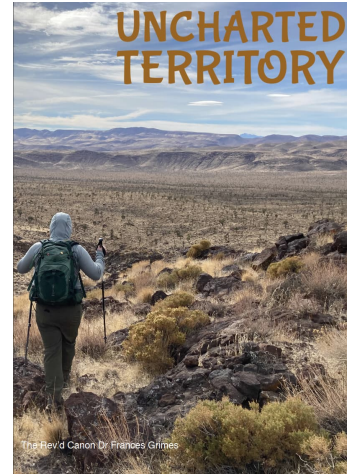
Ideas for Reflection

- The readings from Isaiah and John show a variety of names: Servant, Israel, Lamb of God, God’s Son, Rabbi, Messiah, Christ, Simon/Cephas. Reflect on how each of these names tells us something about the person to whom it is applied.
- What difference does it make to know that God calls you by name?
- Where do you hear God’s call in your life right now?
- How might our community ‘come and see’ where Jesus is in our neighbourhood? How might God’s light and love be made known through God’s people today? (Isaiah 49:3).

Lent studies 2026

Our Lent Study this year is "Uncharted Territory" by the Rev'd Dr Canon Fran Grimes. The author writes of her course:

This series of Lenten studies will take us on a journey through uncharted territory to find that in all life's uncertainties Jesus Christ can show us the Way. Drawing on Sunday's lectionary readings for Lent during Year A we are invited to walk with Jesus into some of His many encounters and realise that He was charting a brand new map for the tired old ways of life....



The studies run for six weeks, Tuesday at 10am (starting on 17th February) and Thursdays at 7pm (starting on 19th February). Please speak to Rev'd Timothy or June if you would like to join us.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

After a hiatus during the redevelopment we are delighted that we are able to hold our Pancake Dinner again this year.



Tuesday 17th February at 6.30pm in the Hall.

Cost is \$20 (adult), \$5 (child 5-12), \$40 family (2 adults, 2 children), under 5 free.

Book now at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIUYW> or call 3848 2123.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 22nd February.

Any reports for the Annual Report Book should be sent to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

To the members of St. hulle's congregation

Many thanks for your very generous gift of \$200.00 and food contribution to aiding Careforce. These last few months particularly have been exhaustive on our supplies, as many of the other Charities are closing down due to lack of funding from the Federal Government. Even our Careforce has lost a third of its funding due to this cutback. But thanks to your Church and other groups who rally to help us to continue to assist the Community where we can. Again our grateful thanks and the Careforce Team wish you all and your families a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year.

The Careforce Team

Inala Careforce

We received this lovely 'thankyou note' from the team at Inala Careforce

PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO YOUR CONGREGATION. THANK YOU. MERRY CHRISTMAS

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Almighty God, whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The World

Pray that the national day of mourning for the victims of the Bondi attack will bring about a sense of unity within our nation.

The Anglican Communion

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

The Diocese of North West Australia: †Darrell Parker; Clergy and People

The Parish of Ithaca-Ashgrove: Margaret Wesley, Pam Hynd, Jack Hammer, Kathy Hammer

Ministry with Young Adults

The Springfield Anglican College, Springfield: Principal – Steven Morris; Chaplain – Jonathan Kemp; Chair of College Council – Michael Willis; members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

The Church Missionary Society and missionaries sent from the QNNSW branch.

Local Schools and colleges

Yeronga High, Mansfield High, Holland Park High, Mt Gravatt High, Brisbane State High

Our parish

Pray for educators and students preparing for the new academic year.

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

18 January: Rita Isabelle Bliss; *21 January:* Olivia Mary Moran, Hazel Irene Hamilton, Barbara Mary Johnson, Clyde Charles Leslie Mitchell; *22 January:* Millicent Thompson, Linda Edith Leahy; *24 January:* Carl Wilhelm Rudolph Just, Athol Williamson.

St Luke's Connect



The first St Luke's Connect for 2026 will be held on Wednesday, 28th January from 9.30am. A service of Holy Communion followed by morning tea. All welcome.

Please come with ideas for future St



Children's Church



Children's Church will restart for 2026 on Sunday 1st February when the school term starts.

Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either by bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Also part of St Luke's:

Little Angels Tarragindi

Anglican Childcare
opening early 2026:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



St Luke's Theatre Society:
stlukestheatre.asn.au

Services This Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Thursday 22nd January
6pm: Evening prayer to mark the national day of mourning for the victims of the Bondi terror attack (St Luke's/Zoom)

Sunday 25th January 2026
(3rd Sunday after Epiphany)


7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)
9am: Holy Communion (St Luke's/Zoom)

Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1-10,
1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

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