

Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion
(Hymns: TIS 474, TIS 699, TIS 398, TIS 531)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)
(Hymns: MP 1087, MP 69, MP 414, MP 664)

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

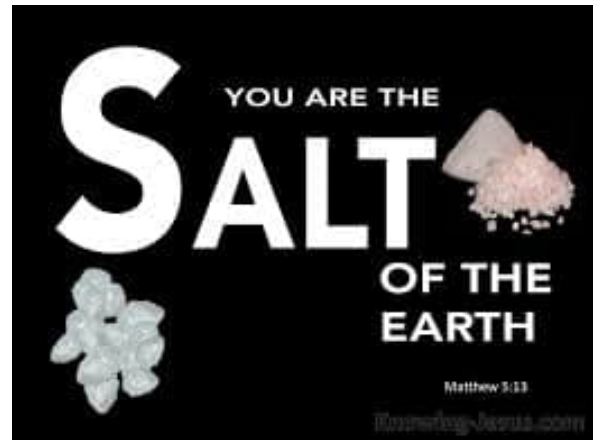
Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Rev'd Timothy writes...

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?" (Matthew 5:13). So Jesus describes the people of God in his sermon on the mount that we read this week. But perhaps the question that needs answering first is how can salt lose its saltiness? Perhaps Jesus is referring to a common practice in the salt trade of the day by which salt, an expensive commodity was mixed with other minerals or dirt to bulk up the quantity (but keeping the price). Such adulterated salt would be less effective in its roles of preservative, disinfectant or seasoning. But chemists will insist that the actual salt therein is still just as salty!

If we are the people of God, we are the salt of the earth, and we remain salty through God's grace. But we can still be less effective in God's service if this saltiness is masked by the 'cares of the world', as the author of the gospel puts it elsewhere.



Lent at St Luke's

Lent starts on Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday). This is a good time to make an intention to pray and reflect on our faith as we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, the cross and the resurrection.

Ash Wednesday: Services at St Luke's at 10am and **6.30pm with imposition of ashes.**

Every Wednesday at 9.30am: Eucharist at St Luke's (St Luke's Connect still on on the last Wednesday of the month).

Tuesdays 10am or Thursday 7pm, starting 16/18 February: Lent study group using the book "Uncharted Territory" by Rev'd Dr Canon Fran Grimes (in the Boardroom).



Refreshing the Parish prayer list

Week by week, in our notice paper, we list the names of members of the parish and their friends who have asked specifically for our prayers. From time to time it is appropriate to ask whether these people still wish their names to be included, or whether we can rejoice by removing their names from the list.

We will therefore be refreshing the list on Sunday 22nd February (the first Sunday in Lent). Please contact the parish office if you wish your, or your friend's, name to remain on the list before Ash Wednesday.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1–9a challenges the hearer to consider whether their behaviour is pleasing to God and in service of one another.

Psalm 112 The psalmist explains that those who honour God will be rewarded, and their righteousness will stand forever.

1 Corinthians 2:1–13 continues the treatise on the difference between divine and human wisdom that was present in last week's reading. Paul uses the example of his own conduct to reinforce his message for the Corinthians.

Matthew 5:13–20 Jesus explains that his followers must maintain their integrity if they expect other people to listen and follow. Further, their integrity should be grounded in the Law and the Prophets.

First reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their
God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on
your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to
fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own
kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the
dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your
rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will
answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm 112

¹ O praise the Lord. Blessed are they fear the Lord:
and greatly delight in his commandments.

² Their children shall be mighty in the land:
an upright race who will be blessed.

³ Riches and plenty shall be in their house:
and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

⁴ Light arises in darkness for the upright:
gracious and merciful are the righteous.

⁵ It goes well with those who act generously and lend:
who guide their affairs with justice.

⁶ Surely they shall never be moved:
the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not fear bad tidings:
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ Their hearts are confident and will not fear:
they will see the downfall of their enemies.

⁹ They give freely to the poor:
their righteousness stands for ever, their head is uplifted in glory.

¹⁰ The wicked shall see it and be angry:
they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;
and the hope of the wicked shall fail.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians

¹ When I came to you, brothers and

sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:13-20

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Word for the Day

There may seem to be little connection between the ideas contained in Matthew 5:13–16 and 17–20. You are salt and light; live in accordance with the law and the prophets. At first, these might sound like abstract or even harsh instructions, but they are meant as both metaphor and a call to action.

The metaphor of salt and light helps us imagine how we are in the world. Think of the characteristics of salt and light. As a call to action, the metaphor is not just something to think about—it invites us to live differently. It is a challenge to act in ways that reflect God's reign here and now.

The law (the Pentateuch, the torah) is a collection of myth, narrative and laws that tells the Israelites where they have come from and who they are called to be. The prophets alert the Israelites to where they have strayed from right living and worship.

The law and the prophets point to how to live in community, because it is within loving communities that the reign of God is found. We are called to enact the reign of God, and to do this we need to be salt, light, righteousness and love to all the people around us. Being salt and light means adding flavour, preserving goodness, and letting others see the light of God through our words and actions. What is one small way we could be light for someone this week? How might your actions bring

life, hope, or guidance to those around you?

Ideas for Reflection

- Isaiah speaks about genuine righteousness—how does this inspire us to be salt and light?
- Psalm 112 talks about honouring God—how can this guide our daily actions?
- 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16) reminds us of God’s wisdom—who in our community shows this, and what can we learn from their witness?
- There are times, such as in Matthew 5:13–20, when the requirements of the law seem unattainable for ordinary people. What practices of grace might help us as we read passages such as this?

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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.

Help is also needed on Sunday 15th February after church to get the hall set up ready.



Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 22nd February at 10.30am in St Luke’s Church. It will also be possible to participate in this meeting by Zoom.

The Annual Report book will be distributed next Sunday 15th February. This means that any reports from parish groups for inclusion

need to be emailed to the parish office (admin@stlukesekibin.or.au) NOW!

Nominations are now open for the following positions: Churchwarden (2), Nominator (3) and Parish Councillor. Details and nomination forms are available at the back of church or by contacting Rev’d Timothy. These need to be returned by next Sunday 9th February. Note that the positions of Synod Representatives are continuing and there is no need to elect these this year.



For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be a light that shines in the world: let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The World

Pray for all affected by the continued conflicts in Ukraine, Gaza and elsewhere, for an end to bloodshed and a commitment to peace by those with influence.

The Anglican Communion

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Diocese of Bunbury: †Ian Coutts; Clergy and People

The Parish of Morningside: Martyn Hope, Warwick Humphries

Logan Multicultural Ministry

Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim: Principal – Michelle Carroll; Chaplain – Kathrin Koning; Chair of College Council – Peta Grenfell; members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

Parishes in the Western Region (Bush Ministry Fund).

Local Schools and colleges

St Elizabeths Primary, St Agnes Primary, Red Hill Special School

Our parish

Pray for Little Angels Tarragindi as they complete the necessary steps to obtain an operating license and open their doors.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Jocelyn Hawes, Peter F, Peter Pressdee, David F., 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

Give thanks for the life of Dorothy Sheila Grenier, who died on 1st February.

8 February: Gordon Oliver Cameron; *9 February:* Eileen Clara Summerson;

10 February: Alice Cocking; *12 February:* Christopher Paul Dowling, Phyllis Eleanor Mills, Sidney Henry Meier, Ronald William Bond McLune; *13 February:* Arthur Alexander Thompson, John Ray Wilkinson; *14 February:* Leola May Crust.

Church News March 2026

Please send articles and photos to Honor by Sunday, 15th February 2026.

Email: phlawler@optusnet.com.au

Or phone: 0410 423 446

Children's Church

Children's Church
for 2026 continues
today and
throughout school
terms



All welcome

Containers for Change

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

Services This Week:

Tuesday –Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Tuesday 10th February

1.30pm: Holy Communion at Regis
Salisbury

Sunday 15th February 2026
(*The Transfiguration*)

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)

9am: Family Communion and
Children's Church
(St Luke's/Zoom)

*Readings: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter
1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9*

Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au




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

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