



## Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion  
(Hymns: TIS 143, MP 545, TIS 586, TIS 446)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM\*)  
(Hymns: TIS 699, MP 1100, MP 238, TIS 268)

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

Suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him!'

*Matthew 17.5*

*Rev'd Timothy writes...*

As we come to the final week of 'Sundays after Epiphany', we have another image revealing Jesus's nature, and by implication revealing the nature of God. We have light, as in the star that was followed by the magi, the candles of Candlemas, the Baptist's echoing of Isaiah's prophecy that the light has dawned. And then we have the mountaintop, the place where God meets with God's people, as both Moses and Elijah did on Mount Sinai, as Jesus taught. The gospel writer is clearly emphasising this revelation to the disciples of who Jesus was.



No wonder they, Peter especially, were overawed. No wonder they wanted to prolong the moment, to be in the very presence of the divine, Not to stay for ever, Peter's impulsive offer to build 'dwellings' actually refers to tents of tabernacles, temporary structures. But to take time to be 'in the moment'. It is not to be. The disciples know all they need to know of Jesus for now, and the 'now' is the start of the journey to Jerusalem, to the cross and the resurrection. In effect they are told that the essence of discipleship is what they heard at their initial call 'follow me', strengthened by their experience of the light on the mountaintop.

As we start our Lenten journey, may we be moved to action as we follow our Lord.

## Lent at St Luke's

Lent starts on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.**

Sunday services: As we move through this solemn season, I invite you all to arrive early for our Sunday services. I will ring a bell and read the sentence of the day five minutes before the service is due to commence, and then encourage you to sit silently in prayer until we sing the opening hymn. If you arrive after this time, please enter quietly.

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

Tuesdays 10am or Thursdays 7pm, starting 17/19 February: Lent study group using the book "Uncharted Territory" by Rev'd Dr Canon Fran Grimes (in the Boardroom).



## Readings for the Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12–18 narrates the event when Moses ascends the mountain to meet with God and receive the Ten Commandments.

Psalm 2 Contrasts earthly rulers with God, established on Mount Zion and promises blessing to those who take refuge in the messiah.

2 Peter 1:16–21 The reader is reminded that the Holy Spirit inspires God's words to be spoken through men and women.

**Matthew 17:1–9** On a high mountain, Jesus is revealed in glory as heaven and earth seem to meet in cloud and light. From the cloud comes a voice that echoes the words of Jesus' baptism, affirming him as God's beloved and calling all to listen to him, and inviting us to recognise how the ordinary can become extraordinary when God's presence is revealed.

### *First reading*

A reading from the book of Exodus

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.'<sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Exodus 24:12-18*

### *Psalm 2*

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in tumult:  
and why do the peoples cherish a vain  
dream?

<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth rise up and the  
rulers conspire together:  
against the Lord and against his anointed,  
saying,

<sup>3</sup> 'Let us break their bonds asunder:  
let us throw off their chains from us.'

<sup>4</sup> He that dwells in heaven shall laugh  
them to scorn:  
the Lord will hold them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then will he speak to them in his wrath,  
and terrify them in his fury:  
'I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion  
my holy hill.'

<sup>6</sup> I will announce the Lord's decree, that  
which he has spoken:  
'You are my son, this day have I begotten  
you.

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask of me, and I will give you the  
nations for your inheritance:  
the uttermost parts of the earth for your  
possession.

<sup>8</sup> 'You may break them with a rod of iron: and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

<sup>9</sup> Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

<sup>10</sup> Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling: lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.

<sup>11</sup> For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

### *Second Reading*

A reading from the second letter of Peter

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

<sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's

own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

*2 Peter 1:16-21*

### *Gospel Reading*

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

*Matthew 17:1-9*

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## Word for the Day

The story in Matthew 17:1–9 is commonly known as the Transfiguration—a moment of awe and wonder. On the mountaintop, amazing and transformative things happen.

The disciples experience both a literal and a metaphorical mountaintop experience. Peter's response is to build three shrines/memorials/shelters/dwelling places. Perhaps the impulse is to fix the moment, to allow other disciples to come close to this experience, or another reason.

We are not told, so we cannot know. What we might recognise, though, is our own impulse to memorialise important events. We might take a photo, write a story, create a cairn or post about it on social media. How might these mountain moments shape the way we live day to day?

On the mountaintop, amazing and transformative things happen. Peter, the disciples, and Moses all encounter God in ways that shape their lives. Today, we are invited to notice those moments in our own lives and see how they call us to carry awe, hope, and God's light into our daily lives.

### **Ideas for Reflection**

- How do you feel when you have exciting news that you are not allowed to share? Are you good at keeping confidences?
- The disciples would not have met or seen a picture of Moses or Elijah, so how did they know that these were the other two figures?
- The impulse to build shrines/memorials/shelters/dwellings was a significant act for Peter. Think of a moment when you felt awe or hope. How did it affect your actions afterwards?
- There are no women in this story. If there had been—say, Mary and Martha—included on this trip to the mountaintop, what might have been their response? How might it have been different?
- How might modern ways of remembering or sharing stories (such as photos, journals, and social media) help us preserve and share God's presence without losing the personal encounter?

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Thank you from Debra

Thank you to everyone for your love, prayers and support for me when I broke my femur. I am truly blessed to have such beautiful people in my life.

## Refreshing the Parsh 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> February after church to get the hall set up ready.*



Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am in St Luke's Church. It will also be possible to participate in this meeting by Zoom (using the same credentials as are used for our streaming of services).

The Annual Report book will be available in church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, and a link to an online copy sent that day.

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. **Nominations close at 10.30am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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*

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

### *The World*

Pray for all affected by the continued weather extremes of heatwave and flood.

### *The Anglican Communion*

The Diocese of Taungoo – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Ministry with the Aboriginal People of Australia: †Chris McLeod

The Parish of Nanango: Robert Chippendale

The homeless and those out of work

St Luke's Anglican School, Bundaberg: Principal – Matthew Hughes; Chaplain – Vacant; Chair of School Council – Darren Hart; members of School Council; staff & students

### *Our missionary partners*

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

### *Local Schools and colleges*

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

### *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, Lauren

### *From the Parish Book of Remembrance*

*15 February:* Donald Adrian Turnbull; *16 February:* Ken Turnock; *17 February:* Gabriel Yvonne Lose; *18 February:* Margaret Thompson, Margaret Wood; *19 February:* Raymond George Teske; *20 February:* Edwin Keith McMillan, Wilbur Ronald Toombes; *21 February:* Richard Vitaly Tatzenko, Margaret Fay Brock.

## Church News March 2026

Please send articles and photos to Honor  
TODAY Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Email: [phlawler@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phlawler@optusnet.com.au)

Or phone: 0410 423 446

## Children's Church

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

## 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

## Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels  
Tarragindi**

Anglican Childcare  
opening soon:

[littleangels.qld.edu.au](http://littleangels.qld.edu.au)



St Luke's Theatre Society:  
[stlukestheatre.asn.au](http://stlukestheatre.asn.au)

## Services This Week:

Thursday, Friday

*Note no Evening prayer Tuesday or Wednesday*

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February

*(Ash Wednesday)*

10am: Holy Communion &  
Imposition of Ashes

6:30pm: Holy Communion &  
Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

*(First Sunday in Lent)*

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)


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

*Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Psalm 32,  
Romans 5:12-21, Matthew 4:1-11*

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