



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: MP 498, TIS 234, God who sets us on a journey, TIS 569)

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

(Hymns: MP 651, MP 1126, TIS 665, JP 188)

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

Rev'd Timothy writes...

In our gospel passages for the remaining Sundays in Lent this year, we follow Jesus to Jerusalem through stories of those whom Jesus met on the way. In Jesus' conversations with them we are led by the writer of the gospel of John to explore key themes of why Jesus is on this journey.



This week we meet Nicodemus who, as a respected scholar had lots of facts about God to hand. But he sees that there is more to it and comes seeking. Jesus tells him that it is only by the work of the spirit that new life, the renewed relationship between God and creation, can be actuate in him. This is what Jesus has come to proclaim, as the famous verse John 3:16 relates:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Anstey Psalter Trial

From this week until Easter Day, we will be participating in the second trial of a new liturgical psalter being translated by The Reverend Associate Professor Matthew Anstey from the Diocese of Adelaide.



Feedback is encouraged at www.ansteypsalter.com where you can also find more information about the project.

Lent at St Luke's

As we travel through Lent, here are some of the ways in which we aim to add meaning to our journey:

Sunday services: 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). *If you are unable to come to the sessions, but would like a copy of the book, please see June Nicholson.*

Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1–4a God calls Abram to leave what is familiar and go toward promise; faith begins as a journey into uncertainty.

Psalms 121 is a song for travellers, lifting eyes to the hills, trusting that the Maker watches over every step.

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17 Faith is not achievement but trust in the One who brings life out of what seems impossible.

John 3:1–17 Nicodemus seeks understanding in the night; on another mountain, light transfigures what was hidden.

First reading

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. - I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

¹ I lift my eyes to the mountains: from where shall my help come?

² My help comes from the Lord: maker of heaven and earth.

³ May he not cause your foot to stumble: may he who guards you never sleep.

⁴ He shall not sleep nor even slumber: he who is guardian over Israel.

⁵ The Lord himself is your guardian: your ever-present shelter.

⁶ By day the sun shall not blind you: nor shall the moon by night.

⁷ The Lord shall protect you from evil: it is he who defends your life.

⁸ The Lord shall safeguard your journeys: from this time forward for evermore.

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is

void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of John

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' ³ Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' ⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is

born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

⁹ Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:1-17

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Word for the Day

Faith is often portrayed as certainty, but the Bible paints a different picture: Abram steps out with only a promise. The psalmist looks to the hills, unsure of what lies ahead, yet confident that help will come. Paul insists that faith is not our achievement but our trust in God's mercy.

Nicodemus, curious and cautious, finds himself invited into rebirth, a new way of seeing.

Lent is the road between loss and resurrection. We travel it carrying our doubts, our griefs, our half-healed hopes. But along the way, grace keeps pace with us, sometimes a whisper, sometimes a light on the path.

This is faith: walking on, even when the stars are the only map we have.

Ideas for Reflection

- What 'leaving behind' might God be calling you toward right now?
- Where have you glimpsed God's guidance when the way was unclear?
- How might grief itself become part of your faith journey?

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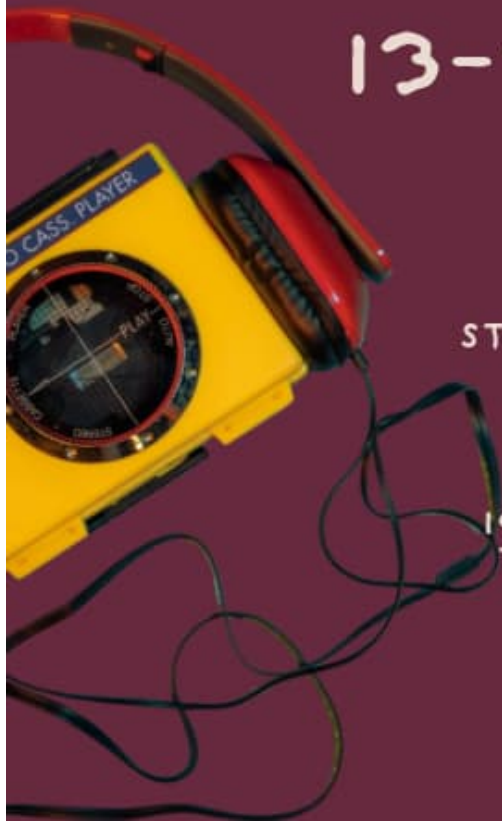
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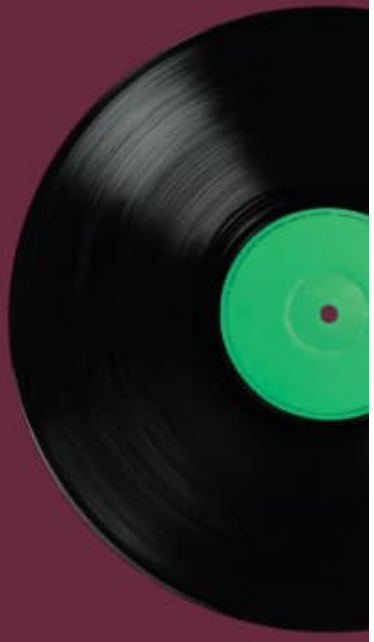
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For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The World

Continue to pray for those affected by ongoing floods across the country.

The Anglican Communion

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan

The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate – †Mark Short; The General Secretary – Anne Hywood; The General Synod and the Standing Committee

The Parish of Sandgate Northpoint: Ann Shepperson – locum, George Henry, Jonathan Osborne

Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan Co-ordinator: Sandra King

Anglican Schools Office, Church House: A/g Executive Director – Geoff Newton, Executive Director & staff

Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Pray for the newly elected Parish Council and for discernment as we seek people to serve as Wardens.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed *

Sandy Tonello, Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, Mary Bickerdike, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Honor, Don, Margaret, Peter F.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

4 March: Samuel Smith; 5 March: Daphne Muriel Sacre, Jack Williams, Cyril Thomas Stafford.

* Note that our prayer list for those who are sick has been revised, only including those who's names were resubmitted. If you know of anyone else who, with their permission, would like to be added to the list, please email or phone the parish office.

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

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Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



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

Services This Week:

Tuesday—Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 4th March

9.30am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

Friday 6th March

10am: World Day of Prayer service
at St Luke's

Sunday 8th March

(Third Sunday in Lent)

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)

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

*Readings: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95,
Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42*

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