

Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday am: Holy Communion
(Hymns: TIS 210, TIS 382, TIS 535, TIS 447)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)
(Hymns: TIS 745, MP 132,vv1,4,5, MP 435,vv1,2,4, BBC 352, MP 954)

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

'I am the resurrection and the life,' says the Lord; 'whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.'

Rev'd Timothy writes...

We are getting closer to the end of the journey with Palm Sunday next week, so this week we are getting to the crux of the biblical message. In the Old Testament reading we have a prophecy from God as told to Ezekiel of a valley of dry bones which come to life by the breath of God; and in the gospel of John there is the story of Lazarus, who dies, but whom Jesus raised to life again.



Both of these are foretastes of the message of Holy Week and Easter. There is the inevitability of death, but there is also the promise that through these deaths, God can and will work powerfully to bring about resurrection. In the darkest of times, there is hope.

Our other two readings also attest to this mystery. The psalmist in Psalm 130 reminds us that, from the depths, we can “wait for the Lord, with whom there is love unending: with whom there is fullness of redemption” (Ps. 130:7), and St Paul tells us that “If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.” (Romans 8:11)



We welcome for Baptism at 9am today....

Aribella Yvonne Friend

along with her parents, Jason and Eloise
godparents, Kerrina, Paul, Sarah and Cameron
and family and friends.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God.

Sunday @ 9 for Palm Sunday

The next 5th Sunday of the month falls on next week, Palm Sunday and so at 9am that day we will have a special intergenerational family services at which our children will help lead the service and there will be interactive activities for all ages to help us prepare for Holy Week.



Readings for the fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1–14 From their place of exile, God's people receive a message of hope through the prophet's vision of life coming to dry bones.

Psalm 130 In a time of trouble, guilt and fear, the psalmist waits in hope and trust for God to act and forgive.

Romans 8:6–11 Paul writes about the difference it makes when God's Spirit guides our lives.

John 11:1–45 Jesus shares in the grief of his friend's death, then calls him from the tomb to new life.

First reading

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' ⁷

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says

the Lord God : Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely."

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths:
have I called to you, O Lord.

²O Lord, hear my voice:
listen to my cry for mercy.

³Were you to see transgressions, O Lord:
then who, O Lord, could stand?

⁴ But with you there is forgiveness:
that you might be revered.

⁵ I long for the Lord, my soul yearns:
and I await his word.

⁶ My soul looks to the Lord:
more than those who watch for the
morning,
more than those awaiting the dawn.

⁷ O Israel, wait for the Lord, with whom
there is love unfailing:
with whom there is fullness
of redemption.

⁸ Surely God will redeem his people:
from all their transgressions.

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Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Romans

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death,
but to set the mind on the Spirit is life
and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that
is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it
does not submit to God's law—indeed it
cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh
cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in
the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in
you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit
of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if
Christ is in you, though the body is dead
because of sin, the Spirit is life because of
righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who
raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ from the dead will
give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Romans 8:6-11

Gospel Reading

A reading from the gospel of John

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of
Bethany, the village of Mary and her
sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who
anointed the Lord with perfume and
wiped his feet with her hair; her brother
Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a
message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you
love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he
said, 'This illness does not lead to death;
rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son
of God may be glorified through it.'
⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha
and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having
heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two
days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples,
'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples
said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just
now trying to stone you, and are you
going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are
there not twelve hours of daylight? Those
who walk during the day do not stumble,
because they see the light of this world.
¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble,
because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After
saying this, he told them, 'Our friend
Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going
there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said
to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he
will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had
been speaking about his death, but they
thought that he was referring merely to
sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly,
'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am
glad I was not there, so that you may
believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas,
who was called the Twin, said to his
fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we
may die with him.'

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet

and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' ³⁷ But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11:1-45

Word for the Day

Life and death, peace and conflict, ruled by the Spirit or ruled by our desires— these are the opposing pairs that Paul writes about in Romans 8:6–11. How challenging do you find these verses? How much does this either/or dichotomy mirror our experience of life in contemporary society?

In the ancient world, it made a difference to be a Roman citizen living under Roman rule—a citizen conformed to society’s expectations and duties and, in turn, received its benefits and protection. The early Christians saw a direct conflict between serving Jesus Christ and obeying Caesar. Paul also saw a conflict between living under the Jewish law and living in the freedom of the Spirit. He wants to explain how belonging to God brings life and peace here and now because the Spirit of Christ lives in us.

Paul writes about desires in these verses—does he mean that following our desires is wrong? Not all our desires are bad! Some of our desires are life-giving: the desire to eat nourishing food, to seek human touch and conversation, to breathe fresh air, to stretch our limbs, and to respond to others in need or crisis. However, when having our desires met becomes an obsession or addiction, it can hurt others, distort our needs and drain our energy in harmful ways. For some, Lent is an opportunity to put limits on our own needs, perhaps by fasting or going without something. It can also be a time when we try to develop a desire for a life-giving practice, such as prayer, meditation, reading, or healthy exercise. As we try to follow the way of Jesus, what can we do this Lent to be more intentional about this journey?

Ideas for Reflection

Paul writes: ‘If our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.’ (Romans 8:6)

- When and where do we look for life and peace today?
- Are there local communities that are creative and affirming?
- Can we find places to grow and become more like the people God wants us to be, and so we wish to become?
- Where will people find others who will encourage and care for them?

How true is it that where there is life and peace, the Spirit is present?

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday (29th March):

7am Palm Procession,
Passion Gospel reading and
Holy Communion

9am Family service with
activities for all ages,
including Palm procession
and Holy Communion.

6pm Ecumenical Service at
The Rock Church, 406
Ipswich Road, Annerley.

Daily in Holy Week:

Monday-Saturday: 9am
Morning Prayer

Monday-Friday: 6pm
Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Maundy Thursday:

7.30pm Holy Communion
and the Watch

Good Friday:

10am Family Service
2pm Devotions at the Cross

Holy Saturday:

6pm Easter Vigil (Zoom)

Easter Day (5th April):

6.30am Lighting of Paschal
Candle and Holy
Communion

7.45am Resurrection
Breakfast

9am Family Communion



Last weekend of this excellent
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7.30pm Friday,
2pm and 7.30pm Saturday.

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PALM SUNDAY

Combined Churches Service

Annerley Baptist, Fairfield Christian Family, St Lukes Anglican & The Rock Church

Celebrate the triumph, the cross, and the risen Christ

"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

John 12:13

SERVICE DETAILS

Church	The Rock Church
Date	Palm Sunday – 29 th March 2025
Time	6:00pm
Venue	406 Ipswich Rd, Annerley. More parking in Junction Tce.
Contact	Ps Lloyd at The Rock Church ph 0407125142 or your minister at the churches listed above

Featuring worship, Scripture, prayer, and a message of hope for all ages.

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US THIS EASTER SEASON

DATE CLAIMER

Back after our redevelopment, the annual Art Show with Lilly-Lee studios, will be in our hall on 16th and 17th May.

More details to come, but please save the date!



St Luke's Connect

The next St Luke's Connect is on Wednesday 25th March.

Service at 9.30am, followed by morning tea and a (belated) celebration of St Patrick's Day.

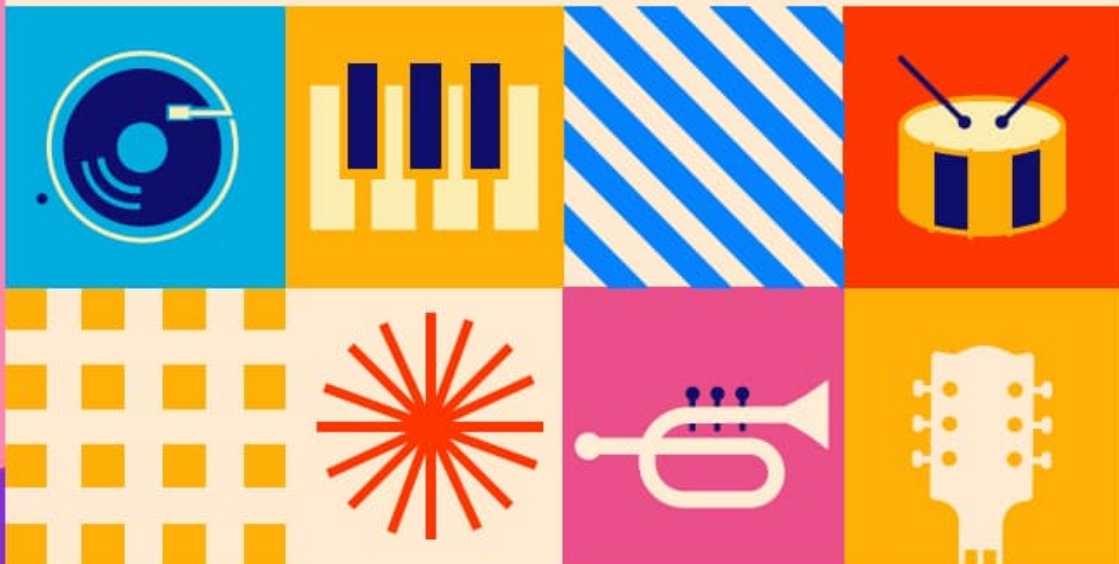


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Friday, 24 April - 6:00pm for 6:30pm start

St Luke's Ekibin hall, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi



Scan to book tickets

\$20 per adult, \$5 per child under 12

Ticket price includes snack platter on each table

Drinks can be purchased at this event

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Pray for Danie Middeldorp (SU Chaplain, Wellers Hill SS)

- Pray for the last couple of months of Danie's pregnancy and for God's blessing and protection over her and her husband Robert as they become parents. Prayer that our marriage would remain strong and that we would keep giving any anxiety etc over to Him.
- Pray for the next chaplain who will be covering maternity leave at Wellers Hill. Pray that they would settle into the school well and find great joy in the work.
- Pray for the school and the P&C. Please be praying that the right people who come forward and nominate themselves for the leadership positions in the P&C and that the school would continue to thrive despite the reduction in enrolment numbers.
- Give thanks for the students and how they are seeking to be kind and actively involved in caring for their teachers and friends. It is very heartwarming to see the student led acts of kindness happening around the school

Pray for David and Zoe Browne (BCA, Gladstone)

March 2026

Pray for growth in Bible study groups as we unpack our baptismal vows during Lent.

- Pray for open minds and conversations during the Easter period, particularly for visitors to the Harbour Festival.

April 2026

- Give thanks for the recent BCA Connect events, and the opportunity to share about ministry.

Pray for follow up after Easter services; that we would be good stewards in ministry and of our time.



Discover what God is doing in the bush; come & hear **David & Zoë Browne** speak about their life & ministry in Gladstone plus a devotion from **Simon Reeve**

St John's Wishart, Saturday 11 April 9am - 12noon

Cost: \$12 per adult which includes refreshments

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Life-giving God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death: breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen.

The World

Pray for an end to the hostilities spreading throughout the Middle East region and for those affected directly or indirectly by what is happening.

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Korea

The Diocese of Sydney: †Kanishka Raffel; Assistant Bishops – †Peter Hayward, †Christopher Edwards, †Peter Lin, †Michael Stead, †Malcolm Richards, †Gary Siew Leong Koo; Clergy and People

The Parish of Toowoomba, St Luke's: Neil Fernando, Terry Leonard, Bill Watson, †Clyde Wood, Malcolm Twine, John Coleman, Phillip Ward, Tom Hall

St Lawrence's Parish Care Program, Caboolture

St John's College UQ: Warden – Rose Alwyn; Chaplain – Samuel Dow; Chair of Council – John Peden; members of College Council; staff & students

Our missionary partners

David and Zoë Browne, with Bush Church Aid in Gladstone.

Local Schools and colleges

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary.

Our parish

Pray for Little Angels Tarragindi as they continue to work towards getting their operating license and planning to open.

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., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Rose, Mon McNeill.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

22 March: Edith Haskins, John Gants, Mathea Josephine Griesheimer; *23 March:* Katherine Hoffman, Valma Margaret Douglas, Claire Margaret Lumchee; *24 March:* Frances Spry; *28 March:* Phyllis O'Dea.

Children's Church

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

Note special services for children and families at 9am on Palm Sunday and 10am on Good Friday.



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



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

Services This Week:

Tuesday—Friday

6pm: Evening Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 25th March 0

9.30am: Holy Communion at St Luke's

Sunday 29th March

(Palm Sunday)

7am: Holy Communion (St Luke's)

9am: Intergenerational family service with communion (St Luke's/Zoom)

6pm: Ecumenical Service at The Rock Church, Ipswich Road, Annerley

Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-18, Philipians 2: 5-11, Passion gospel from Matthew

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