

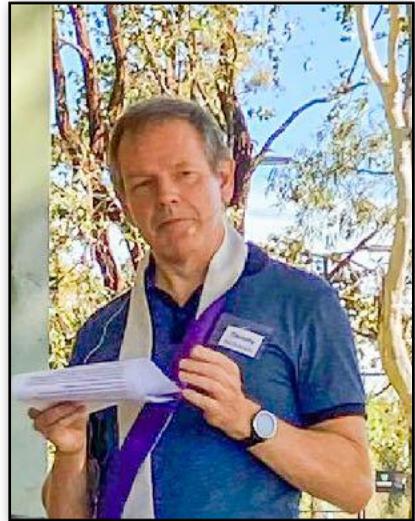


From the Rectory Desk...

Once again, we have come to Advent, the start of a new year in the church. One of my favourite customs during this season is the lighting of the candles on the Advent wreath (which June is constructing as I write this letter). This Advent tradition originated in Germany in 1839 when, so the story goes, Pastor Johann Hinrich Wichern built a wreath out of an old cartwheel to help the children in his mission school count the days until Christmas. He added small candles to be lit every weekday and Saturday during Advent, and on Sundays, larger white candles were lit. This evolved over time into the smaller wreath we know today and spread throughout the world. It is said that in England it became popular after *Blue Peter* (a bi-weekly children's TV program) demonstrated making it in 1964!

But it is much more than just a countdown to the celebration of Christmas. In one sense we are not waiting for Jesus' incarnation, as that has already happened, but we are waiting for Jesus' second coming. So more than anything else, Advent is a time of reflection and affirmation as we contemplate what it means to live in faith in the era of the Church.

The Advent Wreath can prompt our thoughts. The evergreens used in today's wreaths represent everlasting life; holly leaves and berries represent the crown of thorns and blood; and pinecones symbolize the resurrection. The candles also are given meanings, and there are several different versions of this.



Leading the outdoor service on
the Parish Camp

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Our Mission Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a faithful, worshipping, caring community, committed to serving God by sharing His love and peace with others, in the name of His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

Christmas and New Year at St Luke's



Sunday 11th December:

5.00 pm: Community 'sausage sizzle'

6.00 pm: Carol Service (*)

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December):

7.00 pm: Family service with communion (*)

(children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or kings)

10.30 pm: Carol singing

11.00 pm: Holy communion

Christmas Day (Sunday 25th December):

9.00 am: Family communion service (*)

New Year's Day (Sunday 1st January):

9.00 am: Holy Communion (*)

(Note that there will not be a 7am service on Sunday's 25th December or 1st January)

(*) These services will also be streamed via Zoom.

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The interpretation I first heard were that they represent the patriarchs, the prophets, John, and Mary:

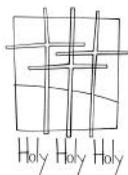
- To the patriarch's, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God made a covenant that he would be their God, and they would be his people. We are inheritors of this enduring promise and so this candle reminds us of this, our **hope**.
- The prophets reminded the people of this promise in the face of troubled times, and foretold of the coming of a 'root from the stump of Jesse', bringing fulfilment of the Kingdom. Thus, this second candle reminds us of our **faith**, our firm belief in this message.
- John the Baptist, the last of the Old Testament prophets, called for all to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah. That God's plan came to fruition, and that through baptism we can be a part of the Kingdom, is a reason for **joy**, the third candle.
- Finally, Mary is the one through whom Jesus came into the world, bringing the fulfilment of God's plan. The fourth candle is the candle of **peace**, the message that the angels proclaimed, and still the same today.

Finally, candles have long been a symbol of the light of Christ in the world. So, in the words of the hymn by Bernadette Farrell:

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church
gathered today.*



Yours in Christ



Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson

Sacraments and Rights of Passage

September, October and November 2022

Baptisms

Zoe Kjaer-Olsen 16/10/2022

Philippa Grace Schmidt 30/10/2022

Funerals

Dorothy Anne Edwards 14/09/2022



Memorial Service

Nil

Interment Of Ashes

Nil

Marriage

Nil





During Spring we celebrated the Seasons of Creation from 1st September (Global Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4th November (St Francis of Assisi Day). The liturgy each Sunday had a focus on the wonder of God's Creation and recognising our responsibility as stewards of the Earth. Our thanks to Rev'd Timothy for his choice of hymns and readings and for his themed sermons.

Our parish SEG group met on Saturday 19th November and considered our summer season focus. We discussed ways in which we can ensure we are recycling appropriately at church and at home, and we considered initiatives for increasing our recycling commitments. We reviewed some of the tips and information available in Brisbane's Best Recycling Guide for Households, 2012-2022 edition. This is available from BCC libraries or ward offices; it can also be found on the BCC website. Much of the information is included in the Brisbane Bin and Recycling app for smartphones and tablets (also useful for remembering whether it is a green or a yellow bin week, thus not confusing the neighbours by putting out the wrong bin!!). The information makes it clear that we can recycle waste made from paper, cardboard, firm flexible plastic, metal (aluminium or steel) and glass jars and bottles, even if the items do not have an Australian Recycling Label on them. Containers do not need to be rinsed. Lids can be left on. Aerosols and containers that had household chemicals in them can be recycled. Remember not to put recycling items in plastic bags in the bin, put them in loose.

Our group discussed that there are bins at Wellers Hill Bowls Club carpark where you can deposit plastic bread tags, plastic lids and metal lids. Batteries can be taken for recycling to certain supermarkets.

As some will be aware, thin (scrunchable) plastics cannot be put in the recycling bin and unfortunately the Red Cycle programme at supermarkets is currently suspended. We have decided to continue collecting our thin plastics at church for the time being and these will be stored until the thin plastic recycling options are recommenced.

Another topic of discussion was to aim for a bike rack to be installed in the church grounds in future, so individuals or families opting for sustainable transport have a secure place to leave their bikes.

Money from our parish 10c containers for change collections will be set aside for sustainable initiatives and we will also hope to fundraise for these initiatives in the future.

Our next discussion group is planned for Saturday 11th February 2023, 10am at church. Please come along to support this group-all welcome.

Happy recycling!



Alison Lampe

More Minister's Munchies

June and Rev'd Timothy have been continuing their series of 'Minister's Munchies - Rectory Lunches'. The Giant Jenga is still a popular feature of these gatherings and last time Barbara Legua managed the seemingly impossible. Take a look at the picture!

We will continue these lunches in the New Year, so if you didn't get an invite this year, you will soon.



Rev'd Timothy





St. Luke's Connect

Our delightful monthly gatherings of St. Luke's Connect continue. After a service of thanksgiving at 9.30 am, prepared by Rev'd Timothy and June, we gather in the lower hall for refreshments and fellowship.

As a highlight during our September meeting, June McNicol gave a fascinating presentation about 'The Great Omar', a translation of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, exquisitely bound with precious stones, the binding being completed in 1911. June has a wealth of knowledge on this subject (see following article) and on book binding in general. We had the opportunity to try some of June's bookbinding tools, which are used to create delicate leather patterns, a painstaking and highly skilled endeavour. June founded the Queensland Bookbinders' Guild in 1977, for which she was recognised with an OAM.

Thank you to June for sharing her passion and expertise.

In October the group met after our church service and enjoyed guitar music played by Trevor Lunn, who is always so generous with his time and talent. We finished with some nostalgic singing of 'camp-fire' songs.



June McNicol with the rest of the Connect crew

We plan to continue our church service and Connect gatherings on the last Wednesday of the month during 2023. Sincere thanks to our dedicated, ever cheerful and welcoming facilitators, Jenny N and Janette H.



Alison Lampe



The Great Omar

In 1896, two young men, Francis Sangorski and George Sutcliffe, did a course of bookbinding with Douglas Cockerel, a pupil of William Morris who started the Arts and Crafts movement. They decided to go into partnership and started a bookbinding business in Southampton Row, Holborn, London to provide jewelled bindings for rich clients.

In 1909, John Stonehouse from Southeran's booksellers, impressed by their results, commissioned them to bind a copy of 'The Rubyat of Omar Khayyam', the most popular best seller of the time, 'sparing no expense'.

The Rubyat of Omar Khayym' is a book of philosophies by a 12th century Persian poet translated by Edward Fitzgerald in 1858 into English. 'Rubyat' means 'quatrains', or four-line verses.

The binding took two years, using Sangorski's designs for the cover, both doublures and both flyleaves. The peacocks' feathers contained 97 topazes, their crests 18 turquoises and their eyes were rubies. The surrounding borders were set with garnets, turquoises, olivines and amethysts in the form of grapevines. The back represents a Persian mandolin made of mahogany, inlaid with silver, satin-wood and ebony. Altogether, over 1,000 precious and semi-precious stones and 1,500 pieces of leather onlays were used, to say nothing of the many sheets of gold required for the tooling.

Each of the precious stones was held in a gold clasp, the edges of which were spread out under the leather, and they had to be fixed to the boards before the leather was applied on top, with suitable holes for the stones. There was no possibility of adjustment. The leather he used was green levant goatskin, chosen because when plated it had a very smooth surface, suitable for fine gold tooling, while retaining the grain.

It was put on the market in 1911 by Southeran's, the book dealers at 1,000 pounds, when an average workman's annual wage was 150 pounds. However, when it came to the auction, for various reasons, it only fetched 450 pounds, bought by a mystery American collector who shipped it to the US in – you've guessed it – the Titanic! And there it lies to this day, probably somewhat water damaged, but if they ever come to light, the jewels in their gold clasps should be unaffected.

The 'Observer' of 21st April, 1912 declared that "there has gone down with the Titanic what may safely be called the most sumptuous book in the world."

Sadly, Sangorski drowned the following year, trying to save a swimmer in difficulties off the Devon coast.

George Sutcliffe's nephew, Stanley Bray, had joined the firm and decided to make another copy from the original designs, which he completed in his spare time after many years, just before WW2. For security, it was housed in a lead box in the vaults of a London bank, but unfortunately, during the 1941 blitz, the bank was firebombed and the Great Omar II was thoroughly baked, though the jewels were unaffected. Ironically, Sangorski and Sutcliffe's bindery was not damaged!



June McNicol with an image of the books cover

Stanley Bray decided to make yet another copy, using the salvaged jewels. He was not popular in the firm, but when he retired, he still went to work each day. After many attempts to get rid of him, the firm decided to simply pack up and move to Rochester Road, near Buckingham Palace over the weekend, so when he went to work as usual, there was nothing and nobody there. He was pretty bitter about that, but he finished the

book, and when he died, he left it to his wife, who for security reasons deposited it in the British Library ‘on permanent loan’, where it can be seen today.

In 1999, two of our bookbinders, Valma and Chris Waller were in London and decided to view it. There are no photographs available and it is not in the computer catalogue, so they had to make an appointment to be collected and escorted through many locked doors before they entered the bindery where it is kept. The curator put it on the floor in its velvet lined box so that they could photograph it (illegally!), so that at last we can see what the flyleaves and doublures look like.

The book, drawings, plans, some of the tools used in decorating and patterns are all kept in velvet lined boxes.

But that’s not all! Sangorski and Sutcliffe fell on bad times and in 1998 was taken over by Shepherds’ Bookbinders in South London. On looking through the records, Rob Shepherd was thrilled to find not only all the patterns of the Great Omar, but also black and white glass negatives of the complete binding itself. So, employing the very latest computer and printing technology, and with reference to many existing Sangorski and Sutcliffe jewelled bindings, the colours were slowly built up until his team was satisfied the facsimile looked as close to the original as possible.

Rob Shepherd then printed posters of the restored cover which you see here today.

There is a detailed account by Rob Shepherd of the reconstruction in the Society of Bookbinders “Bookbinder” of 1999.

June McNicol



Elizabeth II – She Reigned Long Over Us



For many people, it was a sad shock to awake to the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II on the 8th September 2022.

For most people, she was “our Queen” – the only monarch some had known throughout their lives.

The following Sunday, the Reverend Timothy gave a moving tribute in words, music and photographs, at the two services. It was beautiful. Near the candle bowl was a small vase of white flowers, and the portrait of the Queen, which had featured prominently at the Parish Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. (That didn’t seem all that long ago.) It was unfamiliar to be singing “God save the King”.

St John’s Cathedral held a thanksgiving service for the life and work of the Queen, the day after her funeral. There were eight people from St Luke’s Parish attending. The Cathedral was about three quarters full, although provision had been made for total capacity. Many people wore clothing suitable for a funeral, and the mood was sombre.

Archbishop Aspinall spoke about the Queen’s grace and humanity, her courage, her steadfast faith, her example of service and duty to her nation and the Commonwealth, and the happiness she brought to many people. Representatives of the multi-faith community lit candles for a tribute, while the combined Cathedral Choir and Girl Choristers sang gloriously. The Governor of Queensland, the Honourable Dr Jeanette Young, gave a tribute speech to the Queen’s long life of dedication and service. The sermon was given by The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane.

After prayers of commendation and the blessing, the Last Post, silence, and Reveille were performed by a trumpeter in the western gallery. Then the congregation sang the Royal Anthem “God Save the King”. It was a very beautiful and meaningful service.

One clear element emerged throughout all the ceremonies and tributes given in the Queen’s honour, both here and overseas. It was her strong, humble, and sincere Christian faith throughout her long life. She, herself, often mentioned it in her Christmas broadcasts.

We too, can follow her example. We don’t need to be a well-respected national and world leader to do so. But in our own way, walk forward in the faith of Christ’s promises.

Desley Soden

Service of Thanksgiving for Queen Elizabeth II



Regis Aged Care at Salisbury invited Rev’d Timothy to hold a service on 20th September 2022 for their residents and staff so that they could join the world-wide thanksgiving and celebrations of the Queen’s life.

Many residents and staff were able to attend the service, held on the lawn at Regis. After a welcome from

Rev’d Timothy and a prayer, we all sang the Queen’s favourite hymn, “Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven” and Rev’d Timothy invited participants to share their memories of the Queen. Some very interesting stories were shared with us by the residents. Trevor Lunn generously supported our music with his guitar, while some choir members joined in singing the hymns. After the blessing, we all enjoyed singing “God save the King”, followed by a delicious high tea, prepared beautifully by the staff.

Thank you Rev’d Timothy and the staff of Regis Salisbury for an uplifting time of celebration of, and thanksgiving for, the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

Honor Lawler



Greetings from the ACTS 1:8 Committee.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

In the last couple of months I have witnessed two unbelievable things on my television. The first was the death and funeral of our Queen – Elizabeth II, the second was the mainstream media including the ABC, not only talking about the Christian faith, but talking about it in a POSITIVE way.

I should first declare a bias as a monarchist, but please stick with me and read on, I am working up to a point.

The Queen had a very strong Christian faith, but unlike some ‘celebrities’ and public figures, she resisted the push from society to hide it or worse deny it. Regardless of the fact that Christianity is rapidly becoming not a ‘popular’ thing, the Queen wore her Christian armour proudly and would not censor her beliefs to suit the trendy masses. She was open about it and in both, speeches and actions, was comfortable to allow the world to see that, like it or not, ‘this woman was a believer’.

And in what I class as her last great act of service, for a brief time during the lead up to the funeral, the mainstream media, put down their swords and actually spoke of the Queen’s Christian faith in a positive way. The Queen was actually able to get the concepts of a Christian life into the media and have it spoken of as one of the sources of her strength.

Now being Captain Cynical, I did not ever think I would see some media outlets talking this way ever again, it is too easy for the media to sink the boot into Christians, but here was the Queen performing one last duty and giving people around the world a chance to see the true nature of a Christian life. For this reason, I would like to nominate the Queen as ‘Missionary of the Century’.

What the Queen was able to do by both her actions in life and the resulting discussions after her passing is what thousands of missionaries are doing all around the world on a daily basis. Granted, they do not have a global platform in which to do this, but they are out in the field chipping away, one person at a time.

Our own Bruce and Libby are fine examples of this, every person who walks into their presence is shown a little of God's love through their actions. Be it a hospital or a school, the people who benefit from Bruce and Libby's hard work and dedication are ultimately seeing the love of God in action.



Contributions to the seafarers appeal

This year, St Luke's has also been chipping away, and in our wider mission work has been spreading the word and love of God to the world. Most recently we asked you to contribute to the Mission to Seafarers Christmas Appeal. Through your generosity we were able to take a donation that covered two tables with bags of goodies. These gifts will in a small way spread the love of God to people over Christmas.

Our children also wrote 30 Christmas cards which were given to the Mission to Seafarers for inclusion in gift bags. These cards also carried a photo of our church and our details. Every person who receives one will see the caring nature of a Christian church community. How powerful is that? A piece of cardboard with a hand written message (and some were really touching) from a child expressing God's love for a stranger on a boat.

Imagine if just one person sitting in their cabin asks themselves, "Why would a bunch of people who I have never met do this for me?" and what if that question then leads them to research what it means to be a Christian? And better yet, what if they decide that this Jesus bloke we follow is the sort of person they too want to follow?

Throughout the year, we have, as a church also supported other causes that presented us with the opportunity to allow us to show God's love.

Inala Pantry has been very well supported this year. The basket at the rear of the church is regularly filled with grocery items and along with this there have also been considerable cash donations. All of these gifts have been used by The Inala Pantry to make a difference to people experiencing hard times. Again a great chance for someone as they walk away from the Inala Pantry to ask – why would people do this for me?

Along with these causes, we have continued to have a great relationship with Regis Aged Care, Weller's Hill School Chaplaincy, Bush Church Aid, Bush Ministry Fund and Hospital Chaplaincy.

As the year hurtles to an end, we will support the Archbishop's November Appeal for Newton Theological College, Papua New Guinea, and The Annerley Baptist Church Pathways Out of Homelessness project.

Not all of us can move to another country and perform mission work. We are not all royalty or celebrities with a wide public platform to speak of the benefits of a Christian life. If you are reading this and you are a celebrity, may I apologise for my rude assumption.

To conclude, to each and every one of you that has supported our wider mission work this year, thank you. No matter how small you think your contribution has been, be assured it has made a huge impact. In 2023 we will continue to look for ways to support missions, and we encourage you to join our committee and if you have an idea suggestion, please come along and let us know.

And as Queen Elizabeth was the opening topic it only seems fitting to give the final word to our late Queen, taken from her 2014 Christmas message;

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none." (Christmas message, 2014)

God Bless, and Merry Christmas.



David Frarricciardi

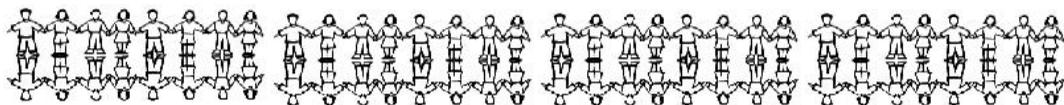
St Luke's and St Francis' Days and Defence Sunday

Children have so much fun at our services, particularly when we have celebrations!



Rev'd Timothy shows the children what you'd need on a mission

During the Children's Message on St Luke's Day held on Sunday, 16th October 2022, Rev'd Timothy asked the children what you would need to take with you when you go on a mission, like St Luke did. He asked them to hold some suggestions which ranged from a packet of cereal, a bible, a book on "How to be an Anglican", a torch and even a giant teddy bear!! Rev'd Timothy then said how awkward it would be to carry all these "things", when all you need when you go on mission is to say, as Jesus did, "Peace be with you". The adults in the congregation also appreciate the strong messages and the humour Rev'd Timothy adds to our Children's Messages!





The sermon was a bit ruff on St Francis' Day

On St Francis' Day, held on Sunday 9th October, all pets were invited to join our service at 9 am. We had no birds or reptiles, but we did have five dogs and one cat. The owners of each pet were given a prayer card for their pets to take home. As you can see from the photo, the animals were so well behaved throughout and added great joy for all the congregation.

On Defence Sunday, held on 13th November, while Rev'd Timothy and June were on a well-earned week's holiday, our locum, Rev'd Valerie Hoare, took our Sunday services. Her Children's Message included asking the children to hold a bottle of water while she poured blue colouring, so all could see the water, when she poured in some oil. Rev'd Val asked the children to shake up the water and oil so it would mix. No matter how hard, Fred or Elton tried to shake, the oil remained separated from the water. However, when she added a little washing up liquid, the children could shake the bottle, and it all mixed well! Rev'd Val explained when you add Jesus into a conflict, it helps to break differences down, and there can be peace, not war! One of the activities for the following Children's Church, included the boys pretending to fight, then adding someone (Jesus) into the mix, they could accept each other's differences and love each other again.

Thank you, Timothy, June and Val!

Honor Lawler

Ecumenical service - Fairfield Christian Family



Chaplains Jennifer Bennett, Deb Pasley and Robyn Maxwell with Christine from Fairfield Christian Family

The highlight of this service was the invitation to local area school chaplains to attend and share their testimonies. The three who came were Jennifer Bennett from Yeronga Primary, Deb Pasley from Junction Park and Robyn Maxwell from Wellers

Hill, and in a very moving moment, Christine, a vision-impaired member of Fairfield Christian Family introduced each and prayed over them. Hers is an inspiring story. She felt called to missionary service, so the church arranged for her and a support person to go to Tonga and India, covering their costs in a powerful example of Christian missionary outreach. She spent 3 months in Tonga and 18 months in India as a teacher. She has also represented Australia in blind soccer and cricket.

No matter how it is measured, most would agree that the service was a great success, with about 70 people representing Fairfield Christian Family, St Luke's, Annerley Baptist



The St Luke's Crew

Church, The Rock Church Annerley, Hope Church, Bridgeman Downs Baptist Church, St Brendon's Catholic Church and the Logan Community Church of the Nazarene.

At heart the service was a Baptist-style worship, but nothing in which we couldn't join enthusiastically. The music and singing, led by pastor Andy and the church band was outstanding; choruses and all. Plus, we, the St

Luke's choir, sang two songs: "Beauty For Brokenness" and "Sing of the Lord's Goodness", which all seemed to appreciate. The music was much enhanced by Helen playing flute. A bit of trivia related to the music - not that anyone probably realized - but the guitarist, Daniel, was playing a very unusual baritone guitar. I noticed because the chords he was playing were not right for ordinary guitar tuning, and I wondered why. Only after the service did he explain. This instrument is pitched between

a bass and a regular guitar and has a very rich, full sound that complements well with a regular-pitched acoustic guitar.



During the service an artistic member of the church produced a large freehand drawing on an easel of Jesus holding a lamb, which contributed nicely to what was an engaging and memorable worship service.

One thing all church groups seem to do well is food, and this was no exception. A splendid supper was provided after the service and everyone took advantage of the opportunity to chat and get to know each other. Tim and Kate Vassella took it to another level trying to beat the home churches at a game of pool. I just found out they won!!



The St Luke's Choir

While St Luke's was well represented with the presence of the choir, it would demonstrate our commitment to the broader Christian community if more people would attend. It might also open our eyes to some alternative worship styles that we ourselves could embrace. Several of us who were there felt that the ecumenical service should be held more often. We look forward to the next one.

Trevor Lunn

Garage Sales At St Luke's Anglican Parish Of Ekibin

For many decades now the Parish of Ekibin has raised funds by holding well stocked and interesting garage sales, or what were known formerly as “trash & treasure sales”. It was around 2000, the records show, that they became known as garage sales. Originally the concept of a trash & treasure sale was the initiative of the Anglican Men's Society but they always involved as many members of the parish as they could, to come and set up, price, serve, clean-up and provide refreshments for the workers. At the end of 2013 the AMS decided to disband due to a lack of membership. The garage sale management was taken over by The Fund-Raising Committee and Janette Hagerty has managed the organisation ever since. A final AMS Monster Garage and Book Stall in October 2013, which included clothing, cake stall, sewing & craft, and a sausage sizzle took place with total proceeds of \$3,486.45. Congratulations to the long serving members of the AMS!

Thanks to the meticulous editing of the Church News, by June McNicol, I have on hand three beautifully bound books (created by June) of every publication from 1993 until her retirement in 2020. Trash & treasure sales were always advertised in the Church News. There were trash and treasure sales before 1990 but the first available historical record shows that in December 1993 a request was made by Robin Wilkinson for people to donate goods for the “Trash and Treasure Sale”. Early in 1994 there was an urgent plea from Phil Flower, Geoff Crittall and Robin Wilkinson, wanting stock for the sale in February. They even suggested “discarded or unwanted Christmas presents would be ideal”. They made \$900.00. In 1995 it was resolved to try to hold two garage sales a year. Clothing donations were not accepted for the sales. In 1999 the total for two garage sales was \$3,650.00, \$2,000 of which was donated to the parish and the rest going to other Anglican organisations supported by AMS. (C.M.S, St Luke's Nursing Service, Bush Ministry Fund, Mission to Seafarers and Orphans in Tanzania). In 2001 similar distributions were made. A proposal was made for the AMS to run a separate book sale but as the book sales were an attractive part of the garage sales, it was not followed through. However, in 2008 a separate book sale did eventuate and made \$727.40. In 2010 a donated gold bracelet was raffled at the garage sale and was won by Robin Kreltszheim – he promptly donated it back to be raffled again.

At one of the earliest trash and treasure sales there was a beautiful silver tea set donated and there have been many beautiful crystal and silver treasures donated as well. There has been an enormous variety of items sold over the years. Beds, carpets, bikes, desks, chairs (various types), ironing boards, heaters, tools, mowers, crockery, cutlery, ornaments, jewelry, hats, handbags, toys, games, exercise equipment, works of art and any amount of “stuff” to set up a kitchen. All at bargain prices!! Once, Graham Schumann delivered many pots of anthuriums which sold like hot cakes. The sales provided an outlet for the community, for people emptying homes, and were often used by parishioners moving house, or after one of our devoted community passed away. Not only did we donate, we all found things we needed to buy. Walking machines and exercise bikes found new homes with parishioners. Even hand push lawn mowers which are still in use to this day.

The sales also provided a sense of community and brought people to our site. They provided social interaction between church people and the community. There have been over 50 garage sales at St Luke’s over the past 30 years and they have raised in excess of \$100,000.00. What an incredible achievement!!

People took on “special roles”. The AMS Members would collect goods from people unable to deliver their treasures. The church trailer was used over and over again and was also used as the collection point for reject and unusable sale items on the sale day. These items, visible to all-comers, invariably attracted the attention of astute buyers searching for treasures, thus, leaving more space for junk destined for recycling. Annabelle Crittall, Lyle Schwarten and Kay Brown would arrange jewellery and enjoyed displaying the fine china and glassware. Rhonda McGuigan and Susan Nott from the Southside Antiques Store at Annerley have always been ready to advise on the value of precious donated items. Dot Pollard always cooked biscuits. Jenny Newsome and Kathryn Carstens among others helped to give morning tea to the workers. June McNicol took pleasure organising the books – Sue Johnson, Hazel Park, Kathryn Carstens and Loane Lilley would help. At times the accumulation of books became so great, the parish would donate them to Lifeline. The AMS treasurers changed over the years, but there was always a dedicated soul sitting collecting money at the door, just as Janette Hagerty did at the beginning of September this year. There are memories of Eddie Cairns, Graham Utting, Keith Schwarten, Keith Miles, Max Robins and Bill Moody with the cash box in front of them.

There was a ritual we followed. Most of the two days before were spent putting out trestles and then loading them up with the goods we had stored in the AMS Men's Shed from the previous sales. There were definite times contributors could deliver goods and so it was set up ready for 7am Saturday morning!!!

Bunting was strung across the front fence and a huge sign hung out across the front of the church – even balloons sometimes. When Saturday arrived, (they were always on a Saturday), we had people waiting at the door at 6:30 am – but they were not allowed in until 7am as that would be unfair - the opening time was 7AM!! We knew how to advertise! The notice board at the front of the church advertised our impending garage sale a few weeks ahead. Geoff Crittall would put advertisements in the Courier Mail's "Week-end Shopper" and when something of value was donated it was advertised there separately to get the most money we could. Dot Robins was responsible for this more recently and notified local newspapers, radio stations and garage sale sites with advertisements for St Luke's garage sales.

There were outside displays of the larger items and a "specialist team" appointed to manage this. David Carstens, David Newsome, Derek Dickey, Keith Schwarten, Noel Wood, Arthur Brown and Greg Rogers played pivotal roles. Prices were set according to the perceived need of the purchaser and the ability to pay. Some of you will remember things appearing on the tables, time after time, ever hopeful that they would be sold. Eventually they would go ... when we lined up a skip bin and did a clear out at the end of the day. In the early days we were free to sell anything, but new rules were introduced by the government and mandated that all electrical items required an electrical certificate. This was just one more thing for our organizers to attend to before the big day! St.Luke's Theatre Society with Jan Moody, Roy Dowling and later under Barry Kratzke, donated unwanted props to sell at the garage sales. This was also the case at the most recent garage sale.

"THE DAY" involved teams of parishioners – Bob Knight, Keith Miles, Bob Rayner, Joyce & Grahame Bertram, Jill & John Moreton, Neville & Dot Francis, Ronnie, Greg & Elaine Roger, Brian Wood, Noel & Margaret Wood, Kay & Arthur Brown, The Bromwich Family, The Cuskelly Family, The Sullivan Family, The Lampe Family, David & Judy Moy, The Vassella Family, Honor & Philip Lawler, Lynn & Clyde Mitchell & Family, Una Burns, The Quarterman Family, Rose & Glen White, Bobby McLune, Fay

Brock, Gwen Leeson, Jill & Allan Goodwin, Juliette Fenner, Hazel Park, Gwen & The Williams Family, Carol & Norm Booth, Fiona & Rohan Chiswell, The Bannon Family, Laurie Stinton, Laurie & Jan Redsell, Andrew & Karen McNicol, Margaret Pengilly, Del Webster, The Crawford Family, Karl Dodd, The Lee Family, Joy & Norm Ballard, Noel & Norma Bernardin, Julie and Bill, The Soden Family, Maureen & Sid Meier, The Jeffrey Family, Maxine & Keith McElnea, Robin Kreltszheim, Laurie Stinton and Sylvia & Ray Dodd. Thanks to David & Kathryn Carstens for their recollections of activities at Garage Sales.

When the day was over, an energetic band of parishioners would turn up to pack boxes and clean up and perhaps buy a little bit more. All the boxes would be packed into the AMS shed under the hall ready for the next time. There was always a trip to the dump, now known as a Resource Recovery Centre, with trailer loads of unsaleable items (although, who was to decide??). This was dutifully carried out by an enthusiastic band of workers. In later years, we would have a skip bin on hand for removal of rubbish early the next week.

We thank the community for their support and the many, many people who worked to make the garage sales a huge success over the years. I apologize if your name does not appear in the long list of helpers above, but - your time, support and effort are sincerely appreciated.

There were no garage sales during the Covid pandemic years, but we held a garage sale in September this year. It was not of the calibre of the previous events, but we did add car boot sales, a cake stall, a craft & plant stall and the obligatory sausage sizzle run by Ann & Grahame Baker. This helped to swell the crowd. The very interesting point about our last garage sale was that there were two silver tea pots and they both sold.

Our clergy from over the years - Lorraine and Keith Slater, Bev and Alan Sandaver, Jan and Ian Mundy, Canon Geoffrey Williams, Jane and George Markotsis, Mark & Julie Vincent and Denis and Donna Galloway and our locums who worked with, helped, and encouraged the parishioners.

Thank you, Timothy and June Nicholson, for joining in and following tradition.

Noel Mary Quarterman

Choir Report –September to November

Subsequent to our (unwanted) August recess, the choir finally got back together and re-started Saturday afternoon practices at the end of September. Our first contribution was then at the conclusion of the 9am service on 25 September, when we sang ‘Go Peaceful in Tenderness’ (Paul Field) as an item in place of the missional hymn at the end of the service. This was a new song for the choir and one I am sure we will come back to again.

Saturday practices continued (with a couple of morning sessions to fit in with other commitments of accompanist Brian) and our next contribution was at our 9am St Luke’s Day service on 16th October when we sang a traditional hymn, ‘St Luke the Evangelist’, a song several hundred years old and written in an ‘olde worlde’ religious chant style. A challenge we did our best to meet and deliver. The following week, at 7am, we sang another new song, ‘Beauty for Brokenness (God of the Poor)’ by prolific church music composer Graham Kendrick. This song was put forward by Trevor as having lyrics very relevant to some of the undesirable happenings in the world this year – as well as being a lovely ‘sing’.

On 23rd October available choristers also attended an ecumenical service at the Fairfield Christian Family Church. We were asked to sing two items and presented (again) ‘Beauty for Brokenness’ and for contrast, the well-known, up-beat hymn, ‘Tell of the Lord’s Goodness’ (TIS 183). Our contributions seemed to be well received.



Brian Wood with Ted Star on trumpet
at the St Cecilia Day Concert

Sunday 13 November was designated ‘Defence Services Sunday’ by the Church. The choir is always pleased to sing at this service, presenting the hymn ‘The Day you gave us, Lord, is Ended’ (TIS 458).

This was the first time we had sung it for this occasion. It was very relevant as it is the evening hymn of the Royal Australian Navy.

Our next presentation was on Sunday 20 November at the local, annual 'St Cecilia Day' concert, held this year at St Philip's Anglican Church at Buranda. St Cecilia is considered to be the patron saint of music and musicians. Her 'Day' is 22 November. This concert was initiated, quite a few years ago now, at St Philip's Anglican Church at Buranda. It is an ecumenical event with a number of church, school and other community music groups invited to perform. We sang two items: the traditional Latin chant, 'Dona Nobis Parchem' (Grant us Peace), sung in a round of three and followed with an arrangement of the John Newton hymn, 'Amazing Grace' by Robert J Hughes. Both items received generous acclamation.



St Luke's Choir at the St Cecilia Day Concert

To conclude our November commitments, the choir reprised these last two songs at the 7am service on 27 November. The 'Amazing Grace' arrangement was sung as a 'reflection' following the sermon. 'Dona Nobis Pacem' (Grant us Peace) was sung at the Greeting of Peace, with the choir members standing beside the congregation along the sides of the pews.

We have also started practising our musical selections for the parish carols evening on 11 December. Hope you can make it. Best wishes to all from the choir for a happy and holy Christmas.



Greg Rodger



Creation

The following is an extract from a letter to the editor of Readers' Digest published in its October 2022 edition. The letter refers to a quiz question in its July edition about the start of time and creation (quiz unsighted by me). The author of the letter is Rabbi Chaim Ingram OAM.

*"...The Jewish calendar begins with the creation of Adam and Eve. Rosh Hashana, the Jewish New Year, commemorates the creation of Man and that is when the new Jewish year begins. The six days of Creation are regarded in Judaism as a Divine mystery. Only when Man came on the scene does the clock of the world's chronology begin. The six days of Creation are Godly days – after all, the constellations were not created until day four and not activated until Man came on the scene. Thus, Judaism says the universe is 5782 years old **plus six Godly days**. How long is a Godly day? We don't know. Maybe billions of years. Thus, Judaism does not see an inherent contraction between the Bible and science...."*

I have not previously seen this matter commented on in this way

Greg Rodger

Rev'd Timothy Responds:

In both Judaism and Christianity there are many different ways of looking at these first few chapters of the book of Genesis (or Bereshit, 'in the beginning', in Hebrew). There are some, from the orthodox school in Judaism or the more fundamental wing of Christianity, who see the creation accounts as factual (with famously the 17th century Irish bishop James Ussher calculating that creation occurred on 23rd October 4004 BC). On the other hand are those who see these accounts as fable as they clearly contradict the views of the scientific enlightenment, and therefore of little interest. Practically though, these writings have the genre of 'creation myth' (which are common throughout all civilisations) and therefore sit between these two extremes. A myth is not a false story, but rather a traditional story that embodies some truth about how the world is, expressed in terms of a particular worldview. Thus such stories are 'true' without necessarily being 'factual' (whatever 'factual' means: modern science is based on theories rather than facts).

The premise of the last line of the quotation from Rabbi Ingram is that there is a contradiction between the Bible and science which needs to be resolved, such is the rhetoric of writers such as Richard Dawkins. But this is not the view held by many scientists, who take the view that no such dichotomy exists, but rather that dialogue is possible. A great friend of mine, a scientist from the UK, Professor Tom McLeish, says that rather than discuss ‘theology **and** science’ we should develop a ‘theology **of** science’.

Finally, pragmatically, the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashana (they actually celebrate four different new year’s days!) falls at the time of the autumn equinox which, in the northern hemisphere, is the start of the new economic year, after the harvest is gathered in.

Rev’d Timothy

Parish Camp



Jumping Rope

It’s hard to know where to start, camp was so perfect. The weather was sunny but cool, the landscape was lush and green, the dam was fuller than it’s ever been, and all the families with their children. As the *unofficial* “official photographer” I was

everywhere taking photos of all the activities. I took 150 photos on my Fuji camera and iPhone of pretty much anything that moved. When I got home to sort them, I found that 105 were of the children. There were nine



28 Judy, Sue, Philly, Anna & Ada

children who were into everything: making the craft bookmarks, jumping rope, swimming in the dam with Tim and Judy, helping bake Nutella snacks, jiving to the music at the campfire. It made me realize how important these



Baking Nutella Snacks



Duncan shows Al how it's done

learned a very important thing about camp; camp calories don't count... We owe a big vote of thanks to Chris, Brian, Tim, Judy and all the helpers who worked in the kitchen. The meals: pasta, and chicken, and ice cream and jelly, and bacon and eggs for breakfast were perfect. Brian is by now famous for his excellent bacon and eggs. He also developed a

kids are to our church life.

The appeal to bring sweet snacks was obviously taken very seriously. There was a surfeit of yummy treats including macaroons, home-made slices, chocolate chip cookies and a variety of fruits, and I

reputation as the camp barista, always being around to serve coffee to the willing campers.

Judy organised the craft activity that was making laminated bookmarks. There are photos of the children deeply engaged in this project, and some mums too.



Judy Organising Craft

Our worship service in the afternoon was held out in the open due to the very nice breeze. There was singing, a bible reading, prayers and a short sermon by Rev'd Timothy. He proudly showed off his new wireless PA system that can be used outdoors or when there is no other public address system available. It's just as well he had it because, in addition to it being great for his own voice, I accidentally left my amplifier turned on overnight and flattened the battery, so Timothy was able to come to the rescue for my guitar and microphones too.



Judy, Colin, Helen & Timothy

Afterwards in the late afternoon sun we drove round to the other side of the dam where there is a cordoned off swimming area, and as the photos attest all the children and some brave adults (Tim and Judy) went in, enthusiastically splashing about, cheering and screaming as kids do. This was also the time to see some really spectacular scenery as the sun sank lower in the sky and to take some lovely photos.



An Afternoon Delight

Splash, Splash! Hey! Where's Judy?



Our Campfire Singalong

In the evening we lit the campfire. There was some discussion about whether to sit on the logs surrounding the fire. Some were hollow and earlier in the day a brown snake was seen near the camp. So, everyone brought a chair along and we spent over an hour singing nearly all t h e

s o n g s
in both booklets handed out. The abiding memory I have of this is the young people and some mums getting up and jiving to the well-known up-tempo songs we sang.



Chris, Timothy, June & Esmaeil



Sue Johnson

T h e s e
are my reflections of camp. I'm sure others will have their own memories. Whatever, I'm sure that everyone would agree that this is a very valuable part of our church life. I am equally sure that everyone would join in thanking Chris Bromwich for bringing

the whole exercise together, planning and organizing and then managing the event. It's so often the behind-the-scenes activities that underpin successful ventures like these. So, thank you, Chris.

Looking forward to the next one



Trevor Lunn



K I D S K L I P S

A Child Is Born



Luke 2:7 is part of the Christmas story. Use this code to discover these verses.

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And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger.

Answer

Savior

We also know Jesus is God's Son and our Savior. Jesus is called our Savior because he saved us from being separated from God by our sins. He was even willing to die on the cross for us. Why did he do that? Color in the shapes with a dot in them to find out.

