

From The Rectory Desk...



Advent marks the start of the church year, so Happy New Year! This new year will prove to be an exciting one for the parish as we continue to celebrate our 100th anniversary. There is much to be thankful for as we look back, from the inspiration of Archbishop Sharp and the dedication of Rev'd Thomas the first minister, through all who have been part of the parish through the years. But next year will be doubly exciting as we will also celebrate moving forward, with our new refreshed facilities and the partnership with the diocesan Schools' Commission in an Anglican Early Childhood Centre. I comment more about this later in this edition of Church News.

Looking both backwards and forwards is how it has always been for God's people. The eternal dimension of God's Kingdom is what sets it apart. As the 19th century bishop Reginald Heber puts it in his hymn 'Holy, Holy Holy', the Lord God Almighty is the one 'which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be'. And this reminds us that it is not only looking back and forward to what God has done and will do, but knowing that God is with us today in whatever circumstances we find ourselves.

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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



O come let us adore Him

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST LUKE'S EKIBIN

Sunday 15th December

6pm Carol Service

Preceded by a community sausage sizzle at 5pm
There will be a collection supporting chaplaincy
at Weller's Hill State School

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December

5pm Family Service

With nativity story and communion

11pm Holy Communion by candlelight

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th December

9am Family Service with communion

Also streamed on Zoom, contact office for details

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Sacraments and Rights of Passage

September 2024 – November 2024

Baptisms

Owen Fletcher Hyatt 24/11/2024

Funerals

Mark Steven Bannon 18/10/2024

Deaths

Mark Steven Bannon 10/10/2024

Gordon James Coop 22/10/2024



Memorial Service

Nil

Interment Of Ashes

Nil

Marriage

Nil

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This too then is the focus of Advent. We prepare for both the remembrance of Jesus' nativity and for his expected return, but in all this see that it is in the present that we are called to promulgate the hope, peace, joy, and love that knowing God brings. May our prayer this Advent (and this new year) be with the psalmist:

*Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.*

*Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long. (Psalm 25:4-5)*

Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson
Rector



It was entirely appropriate that the SEG discussion evening took place on World Clean-up Day, in Climate Action Week. That was Friday 20th of September, this year, when we were addressed by special guest, Jenny Brown, the Climate Lead for the Brisbane Conservation Council.

Jenny is a dynamic and knowledgeable young woman, who discussed numerous topics, such as climate change targets, coal and gas mining, recovery of minerals, solar power, transport, manufacturing, sustainable farming and economic issues. Twelve people attended and had plenty of questions for her. We learnt that some small countries were doing much better than large countries at addressing these issues. In Australia, Queensland was the worst polluter - not something to be proud of, is it?

It was suggested that better transport networks and the encouragement of more local manufacturing options would reduce pollution, save costs, and provide Australia with greater independence than at present. Currently, Australia sends extracted raw materials overseas for processing and then imports back the resulting products. Doing this ourselves would save travel miles and bring other benefits such as employment opportunities.

It was acknowledged that changing the political will would be a critical factor and that many government decisions were economically based, rather than on the environmental impact or benefit.

Despite this, and the fact that there is still so much more to be done, at all levels of society, the conclusions were positive. Looking back over the past decades proved what had already been achieved, the knowledge gained and should provide a good outlook for the future.

Desley Soden

Children's Ministry

Starting Early

This article was inspired by the photo on the right of my great granddaughter carrying the host to the altar at Holy Trinity Anglican church Fortitude Valley with help from Father Rodney Wolf.

Millie and her family have been attending the 7am service since she was a baby. She is familiar with the service. She often joins the priest in the sanctuary; sits and listens and one wonders what she is thinking. On special feast days when the choir and organ are in full voice. Millie who has music in her soul will dance in the sanctuary, much to the delight of the congregation.

But Millie is not alone. Her ministry has begun early like that of many children today who are welcomed to the service and invited to take part. At St Luke's the children are invited to join in with the worshipping, given a short often creative lesson based on the reading of the day and then taken out of the nave for Children's Church. They return later for communion and blessings and to show and tell the congregation what they have learned. As they grow they will no doubt carry their love of the Holy Spirit with them into the wider world.

This beginning is very different from my own early experience as a child where attending church was rather frightening, as the priest, dressed in black robes, preached about sin and fear. As far as I could see there was



Millie with Fr Rodney

no joy. But I was encouraged to continue by my godmother and gradually over the years my own ministry has led me down many different paths. It is in these children that I see hope for the future of all races and religions.

I was christened in 1939 in the Church of England, Darwin. My father was working at the aerodrome as a meteorologist. This church was bombed in 1942. Mum and I were evacuated, flew to Brisbane and Dad followed in an RAAF plane.

Years later I returned to visit and found a beautiful Cathedral had been erected. A small chapel was dedicated to the original church. The Dean, Father Jeremy Greaves, offered to show me the font which he kept in a cupboard in the vestry. He returned with a small metal container about a foot high. Such a small link with the past. I sometimes wonder if Archbishop Jeremy remembers our short and meaningful encounter.

Jocelyn Hawes

An Admission to Communion Celebration

Celebration of the Admission to Communion for four young parishioners in our parish took place on Sunday 13th October 2024



Children's message from Rev'd Timothy was about fear, and how Jesus helps us to overcome our fears by trusting in Him.

What a special occasion in the life of the parish of St Luke's! Oprah, Denzel, Philly and Ada were admitted to communion, with all the children participating in the service by welcoming, taking up the offerings, singing, reading and assisting at the communion table.



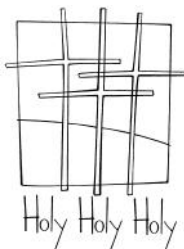
From left: Raven with her children, Oprah and Denzel, Rev'd Timothy, Phileda with parents Helen and Duncan, Ada with her father, Alistair



Those admitted to communion, together with other children in Children's Church, sang for the congregation during the service.



Ada and Oprah assist Judy and Rev'd Timothy at the Holy Table in the preparation for communion



Oprah (centre) and Denzel celebrate with their little sister, Whitney, after the service. In the Samoan culture this day was 'White Sunday', hence the Thomas' were dressed appropriately.



Honor Lawler

St. Luke's Connect

Since the last Church News update, St Luke's Connect has met in August and September for a time of fellowship. We have a lovely group of senior parishioners, with 12-20 attendees each month. Due to the parish redevelopment, and work being undertaken in the church during the week, our October session was cancelled.

In August Lynn Crawford presented a very informative talk on the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. The church was built on the site of Jesus' crucifixion and tomb. Lynn had some interesting recollections of her visit there.



We had a September 'social' and whilst we chatted, we helped colour in the Brisbane Conservation Council, Stand Up for Nature posters that had been partly coloured in by the young people of the parish. They were later displayed on our church fence line. We all enjoyed this 'mindful' activity, apart from the frustration of some very old wax crayons!! I am sure our Children's Church leaders would appreciate any donations of crayons parishioners may have that are in better working order, that are being unused at home.



Sustainability poster with contributions from parishioners of all ages



Celebrating Lyle's birthday at St Luke's Connect

In November we are planning a Christmas themed social gathering. Trevor Lunn has kindly agreed to play his guitar and lead us in carol singing. June McNicol may be reading us a poem and there may even be some Christmas jokes or trivia....!



Alison Lampe





St Francis Day 2024

We celebrated St Francis Day at St Luke's on Sunday, 6th October at our 9 am service, with five dogs being blessed by Rev'd Timothy. Each owner introduced their pet to the congregation, speaking about how much their dog meant to them and their families.



Philly introduced Murphy, while Murphy enjoyed meeting Ada!

The pets were very well behaved, meeting and greeting each other politely for the most part, with Kingston, occasionally adding his voice to the hymns in appropriate places.



Dogs enjoyed meeting new friends!

Each owner was given a promise card encouraging them to give thanks for their pets, together with a promise to care for them with love.

We left this service with many smiles of gratitude for God's creatures, particularly for the animals in our lives!

Honor Lawler



Happy gathering of owners and pets of all sizes





100 Years Young

Jan Moody, a treasured member of our parish, turned 100 this year. Rev'd Timothy and June delivered flowers for Jan's birthday on behalf of the parish and the Theatre Society.

Memories of Jan Moody

When I joined St Luke's Theatre fifty seven years ago Jan Moody was president, and remained so for many years, doing an outstanding job, presenting plays that the audiences thoroughly enjoyed.

She had a very good knowledge of all facets of theatre and passed this on to other theatre personnel. All the plays brought in large numbers and the money was put to good use. There was always money available for the parish when needed, St John's Cathedral {as they were finishing the front of the church}, caring for a child needing help, charities and always the Christmas Bowl appeal.

Jan was an excellent director herself, directed many plays and used suitable directors, when needed. The sets, clothing, accessories and music were always first class and of the correct vintage.

A small group of people from other amateur theatres and Jan formed a committee {just before I came} to help each other.

Jan was a very good church member and was given permission to present a religious play in the church. For all of the valuable work and time given Jan was presented with an OAM by the governor.

Barry Kratzke

St Luke's Day 2024

Another celebration in our Parish!

A hundred years ago Rev'd Thomas was appointed the first vicar of St Luke's Parish in Ekibin, celebrating communion in his own home until St Luke's Hall was built and used as the first church in January 1925. The parish then raised the funds to build the beautiful church we have today, opened and dedicated in 1956.

On Sunday 20th October 2024, the church was decorated by Alison and Jen, the choir sang, and a delicious 100th birthday cake, prepared by Alison, was enjoyed by all after the 7 am and 9 am services, celebrating 100 years of worship in this place.

Thanks to all for contributing to this momentous occasion in the life of St Luke's Parish of Ekibin.



Honor Lawler

St Luke's ready
for 100th
celebration on St
Luke's Day 2024

St Luke's Day decorations





Singing "Happy birthday" after 7 am service on St Luke's Day



Maxine and Naomi enjoy morning tea and that cake after 9 am service on St Luke's Day

Happy Birthday Ekibin!

This is an edited part of a sermon I preached on St Luke's Day, 20th October 2024, reflecting on the early history of the parish.

St Luke's Day marks the 100th anniversary of the appointment of the first minister here in Ekibin. It is therefore a time when it is worth looking back and giving thanks for those who have gone before us. We will have many opportunities to do this over the year ahead, so today I want to think especially about the very start of the parish.

Back in the 1920s, Ekibin was a very different place to what we have today. We might think we are relatively close to the city centre – what is it, just 15 minutes on a 120 bus. But then 4.5 miles (just over 7km) was a long way. The nearest churches were St Phillips in the Thompson Estate (now Annerley), and Holy Trinity, Woolloongabba, quite some distance to walk. And a much larger proportion of the population had a religious affiliation. In 1921: 45% Anglican, 20% Catholic, 30% other Christian denominations. So, there was seen to be a need for a new church in our area. I'll read the story that the first minister gave in Edition 1 of Church News in March 1925:

From the time that the Archbishop of Brisbane made his ringing appeal in synod [in 1924] for a forward movement of the Church in Ekibin events moved quickly. The Council of the Diocese bought a splendidly central area of land, over an acre in extent in Ekibin Road East, out of its own funds for the time being. The present Minister in Charge was offered the task of pioneering the Church, and came into residence on October 16th last. There being no Church or Sunday School, or any convenient hall of any kind, services were held and a Sunday School organised in the house of the Minister in Charge. The Diocesan Council was appealed to for a loan to erect a Church Hall, and again the Council came to the aid of Ekibin, and advanced us a sum of over £600. The fine hall, bearing the name of St Luke's Church Hall, was erected, and duly opened by the Archbishop on January 16th last.

There are some exciting things about this account to me.

The diocese as a whole was looking forward in mission and the diocesan council, on behalf of the diocese, were forward thinking in making a sound investment. Things certainly moved very fast, but I guess that building regulations weren't as tight back then as they are now, and a wooden church hall is much quicker to build than what we are doing now. There was also a calling for leadership of the new church. The first minister, Rev'd Leslie Dawson

Thomas, who had trained at Moore College in Sydney, and worked in New Zealand, was appointed as curate of St Phillips, Thompson Estate, with responsibility for the church in Ekibin, so our parish was a result of a missional activity of that parish as well.

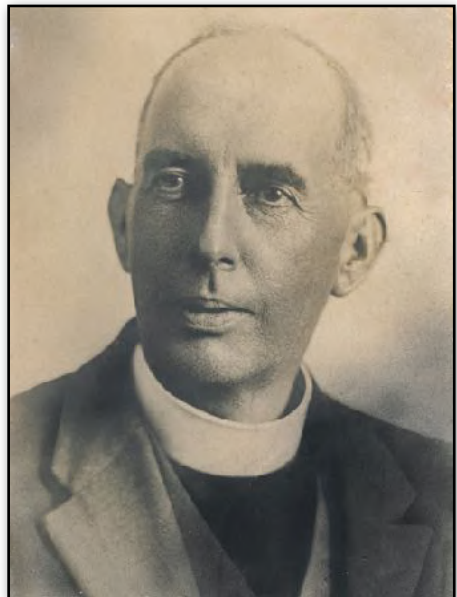
Rev'd Thomas was appointed on St Luke's Day in October 1924, even before the church was completed the following January, and immediately began to grow the parish. Key on his mind was raising money to pay off the debt for the church. He encouraged everyone who came to worship to contribute a shilling a week (this is the equivalent of \$5 a week), thereby raising the money in two years, at which time the church could be consecrated, and Rev'd Thomas was appointed Vicar.

He also grew the Sunday School, and by March 1925 there were 70 on the roll. Once a month, to give the Sunday School teachers a break, they had a children's service instead.

I mention these things because our priorities today have not changed, even though the world is a different place, and the days of a large proportion of the population coming to church and 70+ in a Sunday School are in the past. We are still called to look to the future, to nurture our children, and to invest our time and money in building for mission (both people and bricks and mortar).

It is apposite therefore that, in our centenary year, we are building for a

new phase of God's ministry here. The diocese has once again come to our aid in funding our development and we are working in partnership with others in the diocese, most notably the Schools Commission. Just as the first St Lukes church hall was a place where the community could be welcomed, our new and refreshed facilities will be able to continue this tradition.



Rev'd Thomas

Rev'd Timothy

St. Luke's Parish 100th Anniversary Celebrations

Notes of a meeting held 2.11.2024

Further discussions were held about collating our parish history, the history of groups or societies that have been / are still part of our parish, personal reflections of parishioners' association with St. Luke's, collecting photographs from the past 100 years.

Liz Bromwich has kindly offered to create some photo collages for us.

We are hoping to display both written and photographic history items at our various 100th anniversary celebration events held between St Luke's Day 2024 and St. Luke's Day 2025.

We have had confirmation that Archbishop Jeremy Greaves will be leading our combined worship service at 9 am on Sunday 4th May 2025, followed by a lunch in our new hall. We compiled a list of those to be sent invitations (including past church ministers, local politicians, ministers fraternal, school chaplains past and present, missionary partners, Theatre Society reps, Diocesan reps for the redevelopment, ELC representatives). Revd. Timothy will also submit a notice for Focus to announce this event. We are hoping current and past parishioners will attend-mainly by word-of-mouth invitation. Lunch is planned to be finger food with non-alcoholic punch and sparkling wine.

Our next 100th celebration event will be a combined 9 am service on Sunday 19th January and this will mark the dedication of St. Luke's church by Archbishop Sharp on 16.1.1925 and the first church service held on 25.1.1925. We will share morning tea after our service.

Alison Lampe



Archbishop Sharp

♪ "Oh What A Night" ♪

In late October, a group of around 50 people from St Luke's and our local community descended on The Clubhouse Moorooka for a night of music bingo. Boogieing along to tunes from the 60s, 70s and 80s, a great time was had by all – there was a lot of chair dancing! With the hall temporarily out of action due to the redevelopment, it was fun to get together for some fellowship and to be visible in our community.

Helen Hutchings



Music Bingo at Moorooka Community Hall



Murphy enjoyed meeting new friends





All Souls Service

To commemorate All Souls Day an evening prayer service was held at St Luke's on Sunday the third of November at 5pm. Thirteen people attended this beautiful and touching service.

All Souls Day remembers our loved ones who have died, to commend them to God's mercy and to pray for ourselves. The service began with the hymn, 'The Day Thou Gavest'.

Readings from Psalms, Isaiah, and Corinthians were interspersed with a number of appropriate hymns: 'Tell Out My Soul', 'Faithful Vigil Ended' and 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives'.

The Reverend Timothy spoke of the Celtic tradition of Halloween when the spirits of the dead roamed through the night and people living could make contact with them. Today our connection to our loved ones is through God.

During the prayers the names parishioners remembered were read out, as we came forward to light candles. The names of parishioners who had died this year were also read out. The service ended with the hymn, 'Lord for the Years'.

After the service, Brian played, 'Abide With Me' on the electronic piano with orchestral backing. People left in silence.

Thanks to Reverend Timothy and June for the planning and preparation of this service.

Desley Soden





Choir Report

September 2024 to November 2024

September was designated by our parish to be a month for the celebration of creation. The choir thus selected the song, 'For the Beauty of the Earth' as its contribution at the usual 9am and 7am services. The lyrics were written by English poet and hymn writer F.S.Pierpoint in the 19th century. The choir sang a version set to music by renowned 20th century composer John Rutter in 1978. We sang it generally in 3-parts with some additional 'bass' contributions by David and found some of it a bit 'tricky' as regards the meter but were pleased overall with its presentation.

For October and November, the choir departed from its routine of singing '2nd Sunday at 9am; 4th Sunday at 7am'. In October this was largely to do with school holidays, long weekends and tying in with our patronal saint's day.

Consequently the choir sang once only in October on the 20th as a contribution to our St Luke's Day service. The song presented is called 'Revival', words and music by Robin Mark. This song was written about 25 years ago and



has been described as 'a driving rock anthem which captures the prayer of the church' i.e. revival. While it is in some hymn books, Trevor introduced it to the choir. It was presented mainly in unison, with some soprano descant interpretation. Then, so the 7 o'clockers didn't miss out on it, it was presented again as the reflection item in the service on 3rd November.

The following Sunday – 10th November – was designated as Defence Services Sunday by the Anglican Church in Australia. Brian introduced a new song, 'After the War', by Paul Gross and David Keele, to an arrangement by Mark Sirett. It was written for the 2008 Canadian film, 'Passchendaele' which told a story about a soldier in World War 1. Mark Sirett arranged it for 4-part singing with piano accompaniment. The choir presented it as a 'reflection' item during the 7am service. It is a fairly complex piece, but we were satisfied with its presentation.

This brought us to the final Sunday of this period, 24th November. This is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year and celebrates 'Christ the King'. The choir's selection for the 9am service on this day was the Henry W Baker hymn, 'The King of Love'. The version selected was a 3-part arrangement by Julie Knowles to a traditional Irish tune.

On the afternoon of 24th November, the annual ecumenical concert in our district



in honour of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, was held at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Woolloongabba. The choir has participated in this concert for many years and this year performed the three most recent songs in its repertoire – 'The King of Love', 'After the War', and 'Revival'. The concert was again very successful and our contributions were well received.

We move on now to Christmas, which is always a good time for singing.

Greg Rodger

Redevelopment Update

Work on our redevelopment continues on track, despite the wild weather we have had recently. Most of the framing of the new build is complete and work is progressing within the old house and hall.

This last month also saw work taking place within the church building itself. Doors have replaced the three windows on the north side of the church. These have been expertly designed to match the style of the windows they replace. The flower room will be remodelled as a kitchenette with servery hatch to the deck. We have new energy efficient lights throughout, a new ducted air conditioning system and new fans. The walls and ceiling inside the church are being repainted and the exposed areas of wooden floor sanded and resealed.

Rev'd Timothy, together with Matthew Patterson, the architect and Cenk Yuksel from the diocesan property team recently took a site visit to view the works.

Rev'd Timothy



Painting in progress within the church



View of the new doors and servery opening to the deck



The new church hall, looking south towards the theatre stage



The new bridge link between the new hall and the old hall



Inside the old hall, the framing for the new rooms has commenced



The rear of the old house, being remodelled as part of the ELC

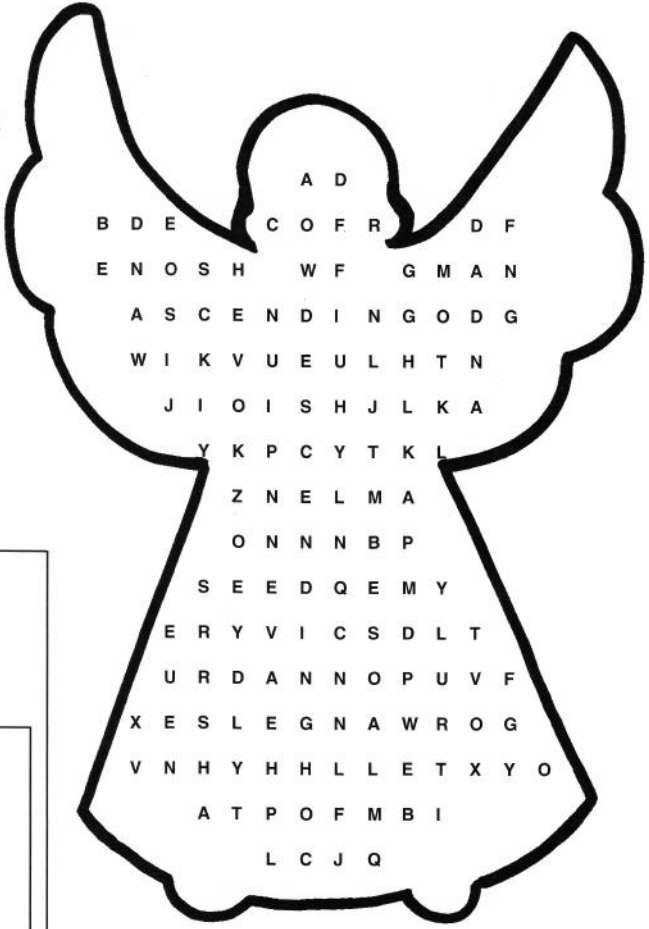




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Angels

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