

*From the Rectory Desk...*

As I write this letter, we have just had the second session of the current parish study 'Being an Anglican Today', which reflected on the Prayer Book. This has been a feature of Anglican Worship since the early days of Thomas Cranmer in the sixteenth century, who aimed to craft liturgy "in suche a language and ordre, as is moste easy and plain for the understandyng, bothe of the readers and hearer", as the preface to the first Prayer Book put it. In fact, for Anglicans, how we conduct worship is fundamental to who we are, as in the ancient maxim from the fifth century Prosper of Aquitaine, "lex orandi, lex credenti", 'the law of what is prayed [is] the law of what is believed'.



Therefore the question of what we do when we meet together for corporate worship is important. Some like the familiarity of the words of the prayer book, as we use at our 7am service, others the opportunity to explore alternative ways to worship, as we do at 9am, especially on the 5th Sunday of the month, but we are all doing it together. In one respect, the actual words don't matter, it is the shape of our worship that is important. There are some aspects that you will always find in an Anglican service:

- We gather as the people of God;
- We hear God's word in the readings, the sermon and in the words of the hymns;
- We respond to God's word in prayer and song and, often on Sundays, share in the Eucharist; and
- We are sent out as missional people

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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*

## **SACRAMENTS AND RIGHTS OF PASSAGE**

March, April and May 2022

### ***Baptisms***

Nil

### ***Funerals***

Alan Maurice Johnson



25 March 2022

Harry Nies Taylor

21 April 2022

### ***Memorial Service***

Nil

### ***Interment Of Ashes***

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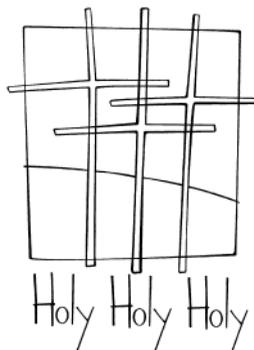
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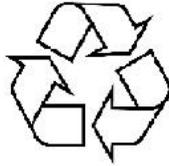
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Cranmer called it 'Common Prayer', as it was to be used by all, uniting us with those throughout the world, and those of past and future generations who follow Jesus. I look forward to continuing to celebrate Common Prayer with you all at St Luke's.

**Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson**



## *Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship @ St Luke's*



We had our first discussion group meeting on Saturday 9th April to brainstorm ideas about how we can focus on initiatives for sustainability and environmental governance in our parish. It was decided to have a seasonal focus and hold a discussion group in the month prior to the change in season (all invited, come along even if you can't make it each time). Rev'd Timothy will aim to link our seasonal focus to the liturgy where appropriate, for example, using the Season of Creation lectionary for the 4 weeks leading up to St. Francis' Day in September. Our seasonal focus for Winter 2022 is to promote sustainability measures in our St. Luke's redevelopment project: for instance, energy efficient lighting, solar power, careful use of resources, recycling of waste and using recycled materials if possible. These are being discussed at the project control group meetings.

You may have noticed the addition of a few more bin options at the back of the lower hall. We now have a bin for thin (soft, clean, scrunchable) plastics and one for 'containers for change'. If you have plastic and glass bottles eligible for the 10c rebate and you do not wish to take them to a recycling depot yourself, bring them along to church and help raise some funds for church mission. Rev'd Timothy has offered to be our c4c recycler!

Are you aware of the BCC litter initiative '104 or more'? This encourages us all to help reduce litter in our community by picking up at least 2 pieces of litter a week, each week of the year-small actions multiplied can have a big effect!

A reminder that Sustainability and Environmental Governance is now a standing agenda item at parish council.

Please come along to our next discussion group in July (date will be in the pew bulletin) or discuss your ideas with myself or Rev'd Timothy.

**Alison Lampe**

## 100 Years

What an amazing birthday I had. We first had a family celebration on Anzac Day with 2 of my children and their spouses, 11 grandchildren with their spouses and my 19 great grandchildren. A niece came from Newcastle and a nephew and his wife came from Cooma. What a grand gathering of descendants! Then I had the parish celebration at “The Connect Service” at St Luke’s on 27th April 2022, my actual birthday. It was such a special occasion. To be with so many of you on my birthday was a happy and enjoyable experience. Some



Loane with her card from the Queen

of you I have known for a long, long time. Lyle and Keith since 1957 and Annabelle since 1960 when she was a neighbour of a mutual friend. Many more of you I have known for at least 36 years. I also think of the many dear friends who have left the parish and gone to be with our Father in Heaven.

I moved to Tarragindi in 1981, but continued to worship at Bardon for 5 years. I met and talked with then priest at St Luke’s, Keith Slater, in 1986, and he said he was having trouble getting enough people to door knock in a mission St Luke’s had planned. I bravely said that as I would one day be worshipping at St Luke’s, I would help. I had some experience at that sort of thing when endeavoring to plant a church in Paddington.

I attended the necessary training sessions at St Luke’s and by the end of the year I had decided to become a member of the Parish of Ekibin. I taught RE Classes at Weller’s Hill School for 8 years, sang in the choir, joined bible study groups and prayer groups, helped proofread the Church News with June McNicol, taught Sunday School with Margaret Ambrose and the Goodwin family, became a parish councillor and supported the parish in all its fund-raising activities.

I joined in and completed an Education for Ministry course with the parish which was led by Jill Moreton. I also oversaw the knitting and provision of over three hundred beanies for the Mission to Seafarers. I remember Daphne Turnoch, Beryl Collingwood, Dot Robins, Maxine McElnea, Jan Moody and several members of the Mothers' Union were among our knitters but there were more.



Loane is assisted by her daughter, Noel Mary, to cut her cake

My memory is failing. The beanies were more to keep the seafarers' heads comfortable under their helmets than to keep their heads warm.

I wrote this poem some years ago in 2015 and now it is even more appropriate.

Growing old is hard to bear  
Hard on those who hold you dear  
Hard to do the things you love  
Hard to reach for things above.  
Harder still to reach below  
It would be good if one could see,  
But better still if one could hear.  
If one could walk or climb a stair,  
Whatever way you look at it,  
Growing old is hard to bear.

Thank you Reverend Timothy and the people of St Luke's Parish, Ekibin, for the amazing 100th birthday party. I was thrilled and overwhelmed. I did appreciate the prayers, flowers, cake, messages, food, music, effort and the beautiful souls present. How wonderful it is to be 100 and loved and supported by the parish. It truly was a spectacular day. I send my love to each of you and God's richest blessings into the future.

**Loane Lilley**

## *St Luke's Connect*

Wednesday 27th April was a particularly special day in our parish. We were privileged to share the morning with Loane Lilley and members of her family to mark the occasion of her 100th birthday.



Loane with friends, Annabelle Crittall, Lyle & Keith Schwarten and Barbara Utting

A 9.30am church service was followed by a St. Luke's Connect morning tea. It was a delightful morning celebrating a true parish treasure. During our preparations several of us commented that this was our first 100th birthday party. I later shared this with Loane and she confided that it was her first too! Still an active sense of humour!

We enjoyed shared treats, facilitated by Jenny N and Janette H and music from our talented guitarist Trevor. A sung blessing, flowers, card and cake acknowledged a remarkable achievement.

Thank you for sharing part of your busy day with us all Loane, 'May the Lord Bless and Keep You, Happy Birthday to you'!

**Alison Lampe**

## ***PARISH SAFETY PLANS***

This year, as required by the diocesan parish safety policy, we have reviewed our parish safety plan. It is important to remember that safety is everyone's responsibility, and therefore our new Parish Safety Person, Trevor Lunn has helped draw up a plan that embraces all members of the congregation. The draft plan has four main parts:

1. Medical incidents in church
2. Fall awareness and preparedness
3. Fire safety
4. Safety first

In addition, programs as laid out by the Diocese will be conducted for all volunteers and parish officers.

The rationale for the four parts of the plan and their order is based on past history. There have been several medical incidents in church, only one fall-related event, no fires and the last is a catch-all of safety considerations to be aware of at all times.

### ***MEDICAL INCIDENTS IN CHURCH***

Thankfully these are rare, but they do occur. There can be many reasons for them and as the congregation ages, so the risk increases. If any person indicates that they feel unwell, can no longer remain standing or sitting, or collapses, an immediate response may be important. The following steps should be followed:

1. Call out for assistance. Minutes may matter. If CPR is required, survival falls by 10% for every minute of delay.
2. Make room for the doctor or a first aider to attend to the person.
3. If the person remains conscious and responsive, they should sit or lie on their side on the pew, or if they feel able and more comfortable leaving the building, they should be accompanied. They should sit or lie down as soon as practical. The doctor or a first aider will stay with them until they recover, or until further help arrives. A trained volunteer will bring a blanket and pillow to help keep the person comfortable.

4. All others should remain seated while the situation is assessed. The service may be interrupted during this period at the discretion of the priest-in-charge.
5. If the person remains unresponsive or deemed in need of ambulance attendance, the doctor/first aider will ask for 000 to be called. At this time all persons, other than trained volunteers, should quietly and in an orderly fashion vacate the church. Unless you have been specifically asked to do so, do not call 000. It can be confusing for the emergency operator to receive more than one call for the same incident.
6. The priest-in-charge will provide further information at the appropriate time.

### ***Ministers Munchies Rectory Lunches***

Over the next year, June and I would like to invite all on our Parish Roll in small groups to an informal lunch at the Rectory, so watch out for an invitation in your letterbox.



We had our first gathering at the end of May, where we also enjoyed playing 'giant Jenga'!

## *Alan Johnson*

What a privilege to share my memories of Alan Johnson, a man I greatly admired and loved. Alan was 97 when he died and, in that time, he offered us all his friendship and wisdom.

Alan and Barbara and their family were involved with the parish of St Luke's for many years. They initially worshipped in our parish at St Aidan's where they both took on roles of leadership and service. Alan was the treasurer there for a long time and the Rector's appointed warden for over 10 years (as far back as I could find records). I'm told he was the seller of raffle tickets at fetes and election stalls and his strong voice called out to all as he promoted the meat tray or other raffle he was selling. When St Aidan's was closed, they moved over to St Luke's and worshipped with us very regularly, even coming in maxi taxis when they could no longer drive.



What are the key things I remember about Alan? His hearty laugh and the smile he had for everyone. His calm wisdom. His generosity. He was mentally sharp, aware and caring. He was always interested in people, never failing to ask how our girls were going – remembering all the details of where they lived and the specifics of their lives. What about his beautiful baritone voice? He loved to sing and sang with gusto and strength – always in tune.

Alan was a man of deep faith and a very supportive family man. He was always there with and for Barbara, right to the end. Always attentive and caring. He was so proud of his children and grandchildren and delighted in each new great-grandchild.

He was reliable, astute, cheerful and friendly. He didn't push himself forward but was always ready to help and guide. Alan was having a spell

in hospital when I first shared with him news of the potential redevelopment at St Luke's. He listened and asked many questions and then had no hesitation offering his full support. He was a progressive thinker and only interested in what was best for our parish and the kingdom.

I miss both Alan and Barbara and their friendship and am blessed by having known them both.

**Chris Bromwich**

### ***AV Upgrade at St Luke's***

Over the last few weeks we have completed the upgrade of the AV system in St Luke's including a new audio mixer, a Pan-Tilt-Zoom camera and a control computer at the rear of church. This has enabled us to improve the quality of our Zoom stream for those participating in our services online. The upgrade was paid for using a bequest from the estate of the late Miriam Winifred Burgess, received in June 2020.



We are seeking more people interested in controlling the Zoom stream during the 9 am service. If you would like to give this a try, please contact June Nicholson for details.



**Rev'd Timothy**

Rev'd Timothy at the new AV control desk..

## *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

So I walked into my local coffee shop and the barista was wearing a face mask. I asked, "Why are you wearing a surgical mask?" She said, "I'm not, it's a coughy filter."

I will allow you a moment to groan and to be grateful that I am only including one mask joke in this report. But why include one at all? I am glad that you asked. It was an attempt to get you thinking about face masks. ‘Those things? They are yesterday’s news’. Well not quite. Though there has been over the last month or so a lot of relaxing of regulations, health care professionals are still working their entire shift in masks – those hot, horrible, uncomfortable things that we all hate.

This was one of the motivators for our March mission focus. The staff at Regis Aged Care Salisbury has been working hard in very difficult circumstances, managing the ever changing world of aged care within a Covid environment.

So they knew that they were appreciated and cared for, we asked you the parishioners of St Luke’s to donate items to make into ‘Refresh kits’. The response from you was wonderful and I am pleased to say that 87 ‘Refresh kits’ were assembled, wrapped and delivered to Regis by Rev’d Timothy and June.



Some of the “refresh kits”

They were a great opportunity to show both God's love and our appreciation for a group of people doing an amazing job. The kits were left where all staff had the opportunity to pick one and to realise that we do recognise and value them and the work that they do.

So thank you to everyone who supported us by donating to this collection and know that this small gift has made a difference to a lot of staff at Regis.

April saw Australia pause to commemorate ANZAC Day. We paused to give thanks and recognise the work of Defence Chaplaincy in the Australian Defence Force. The role of chaplain, or padre as they are often referred to, is a varied one. They could be conducting a church service or offering counselling and support to a soldier. Just as the role is varied, so is the location of their service. It may be the friendly barracks, base or docks in Australia or the front line in an active war zone in a hostile country.

While researching chaplains, I found this description from the Australian Defence Force website – 'The foundational role for Defence Chaplaincy is to bring honour to the dead, comfort to the sick, hope to those in distress and support to all.' I think that says it all and to that we all say, 'Thank you'.

Our Bush Ministry stall continues to be well supported by both bakers and buyers alike. Thank you to everyone who continues to supply the stall with items and to the people who support by purchasing them. These funds continue to offer support where it is needed most.

The Inala pantry is also enjoying our ongoing support and we have been able to supply both donations of grocery items and cash to allow the pantry to support those in need. We also congratulate St Hugh's Inala on the commissioning of their new Priest in Charge, Rev'd John Brooke.

Thank for your ongoing support and involvement in the work of the Acts 1:8 committee and our mission support in the wider community.

**David Fraricciardi**

## *Margaret's Vocation*

On Australia Day, 26th January this year Dr Margaret Patricia Kay was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for the dedication to medicine in many fields, serving on state and federal committees especially in the area of doctors' health, lecturing medical students at the University of Queensland and other universities and for her work with migrant health, especially with refugees.

The investiture was held at Government House on Tuesday, 10th May, 2022. A nice birthday present for her.



Margaret at Government House

Her family and friends are naturally very proud of Margaret's dedication to medicine. She graduated in 1983 from the University of Queensland with honours. That same year she married Gerard Kay in June at St. John's Cathedral. During the early years in medicine she worked as a registrar in many different hospitals. The need to combine motherhood with medicine led her into general practice. The refugee work began at the Mater Clinic in the 1990s where many doctors worked as volunteers to help migrants cope with their medical problems. This care continues throughout Australia today.

Her faith was nurtured in the early days at St Barnabas, Tarragindi and later at St Luke's, Ekibin. She currently attends Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley.

As a teenager she was a member of the Anglican youth group which met every Sunday night. This group was started by Stephanie and Peter Kennedy. It was a great foundation for many young people in the parish in the 1970s and 1980s. Libby Johnson (Hayes), Tim and Kate Kelly, Diane and Greg Spearritt, John and Wendy Crittall, Susan Johnson and many others have since become leaders in their own fields.

Margaret's award celebrates the work of many who have helped and supported her over many years. Thank you.

## *Choir Report – March To May*

With the easing of Covid restrictions, choir practice resumed on the last Saturday afternoon in February and continued through March. We were focussed on items for Easter.

St Luke's hosted an ecumenical service on the evening of Palm Sunday, 10th April. The choir contributed with 'Prepare the Royal Highway' (words by Frans Michael Franzen and set to a Swedish folk tune) at the start of the service. We had also been practising 'The Blessing' (written by Kari Jobe et al, a song coordinated by Tim Hughes, a church leader from Birmingham, using singers from 55 churches in the UK, as an online vocal blessing which has reached over two million people at a time when they can't attend church in person). It is an up-tempo song based upon a traditional Christian blessing. Helen, Trevor, Kate and accompanist Brian led the congregational singing of this item at the end of the service and the rest of the choir was pleased to join in.



On Good Friday (15th April) the choir participated in the afternoon service. We sang, 'There is a Green Hill Far Away' (Cecil Frances Alexander (1848)), an old hymn, a favourite of many. Trevor had coordinated the arrangement for 4-part harmony, which we felt we handled reasonably well. We also contributed 'At the Foot of the Cross' (Words and music by Ray Boltz and Lawrence Chewning) later in the service.

On Easter Sunday the choir participated with 'Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed' (by Ed Cash, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty) in the 6.30 am service. This song was a new one for the choir suggested by Trevor.



David Newsome  
read "The Ode"

Parishioner Loane Lilley celebrated her 100th birthday on 27th April. At the morning tea party held for her in the lower hall that day, a number of choristers in attendance, led by Trevor, performed for her an abbreviated version of 'The Blessing' song referred to previously.



The choir sang 'The Blessing' song

The choir finally got to participate in two of our regular services in May. The song selected was 'El Shaddai' (English meaning "God Almighty" - written by Michael Card & John Thomson), which we had also sung last year. This was presented in the 7 am service on 8th May and the 9 am service on 22nd May.

As always, the choir is looking ahead and is presently practising material for Pentecost as the Easter season comes to an end.

**Greg Rodger**

## *From Hosanna to Hallelujah*

The preparations for Palm Sunday began at the Palm Cross Workshop on 2nd April. Nine people attended, including Maxine and Robyn McElnea, our very patient tutors, armed with a bucket of large palm fronds of golden cane.



The Palm Cross Workshop

However, everything that could go wrong, did go wrong with my efforts – leaving frustration and failure, instead of a quiet meditation. Perhaps the message I needed was more patience and mindfulness! The company and the cakes were a consolation. Some 200 palm crosses were needed for the three services on Palm Sunday. Barbara later recalled making palm crosses at Sunday School in the Solomon Islands using coconut palm fronds.

There is a local connection to the Middle East in Yeronga Park, where palms were planted from seeds brought by returning soldiers after World War 1. Reflecting on Jesus' entry to Jerusalem, it seems a spontaneous event rather than an organised parade. Some of the last hours of Jesus' freedom – did the people really understand what it was about? It would take considerable effort to break off palm fronds. They are tough plants. Also, the colt, taken by strangers amongst a rowdy crowd waving palm branches would be enough to frighten any horse. Jesus was able to instil calm and confidence in the animal – it knew it was in good hands.

I have always found entering a church decorated with palms a joyous occasion. Palms were symbols of victory, joy or triumph. (Britannica World Language Dictionary 1962, p. 909) The Palm/Passion Sunday 7 am service began outside the church with a gospel and processional hymn. Inside, the mood became sombre, as Jesus' Passion was explored, particularly in the dramatised gospel from Luke. Various people read particular roles, while the congregation read the words of Jesus (as we share in his suffering). How compassionate and courageous Jesus was despite his own trouble and pain. The final hymn was "Lift High the Cross" with everyone holding up their palm crosses.



Ecumenical Service on Palm Sunday Evening

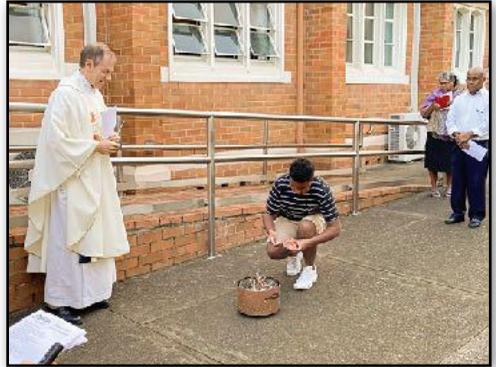
By all reports the Ecumenical Service on Palm Sunday evening was well attended and the singing was great. So began Holy Week.

Morning Prayer every day used a Celtic ritual of special responses, taize chants, and reflections from John Stevens' book, "Because Grace. A Lenten Journey". These gave a different perspective to the usual service.

The Maundy Thursday evening service was a very sombre occasion. After the communion, the church was symbolically stripped of altar furnishings, while June Nicholson read Psalm 22 in a very meaningful way. The lights were turned off and people left with their silent reflections.

Good Friday afternoon devotions were also very moving with the Gospel story from John, read by the Reverend Timothy and accompanied by appropriate illustrations on the screen. This was interspersed by prayers and reflections read by June Nicholson. The choir sang two hymns: "There is a Green Hill Far Away" and "At the Foot of the Cross".

Easter Day brought the congregation out early for the lighting of the new fire. As everyone gathered outside the church, a grey butcherbird sat atop the bell tower and sang beautifully. What a nice start! Neil and June lit the fire from which the Paschal Candle was lit.



Neil lit the fire

Everyone processed into the church for the communion service. Due to the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, there was the bonus of being able to partake of the wine as well as the bread. What a joy after so long. The choir sang accompanied by Brian on piano, Helen on the flute and Trevor on guitar. They sang “He is Risen”, ending with a triumphant shout – “He’s alive!”. It was truly uplifting for all.



The choir sang “He is Risen”

Throughout Holy Week the Reverend Timothy and June conducted nineteen services – a highly appreciated effort. Thank you both.

**Desley Soden**

## *The Story of the “Stained Glass” Tapestry*

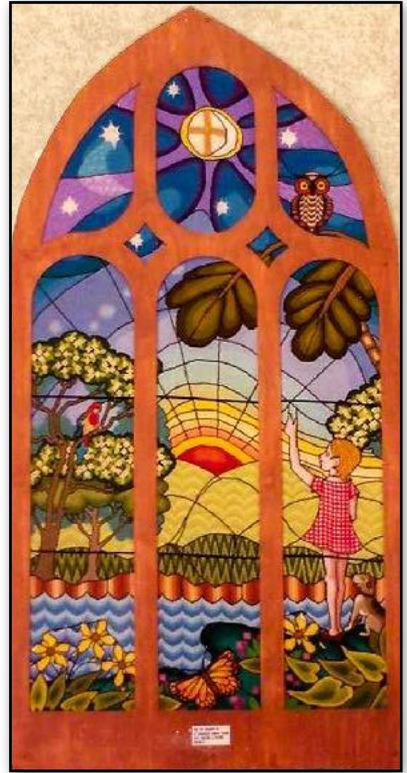
At the back of St Luke’s church, there’s a beautiful artwork on the wall. It was brought to St Luke’s and installed after the sale of St Barnabas church for which it was originally designed.

Perhaps you have wondered about the inspiration for the work and the significance of all the elements.

On a visit to England in 1985, my husband and I spent a night in West Coker, a beautiful village in Somerset. The following morning, a Sunday, I went to have a look at the lovely little local church, St. Martin of Tours. Fascinated by the BMX bikes propped up against the ancient tombstones in the church yard, I realised Sunday School was taking place, and as I was at that time one of the Sunday School teachers at St. Barnabas, I decided to see what they were doing. I peeked in and saw a red-haired woman surrounded by children.

The morning sun filtering through the stained-glass windows of the church scattered rainbow patterns of light onto the little group. I felt sad that the children of St. Barnabas missed out on the beautiful colours of a stained-glass window and vaguely wondered if I could do something about it.

Back in Brisbane I wrote to the rector of St. Martin’s who gave me the name and address of the Sunday School teacher. I organised the children of St. Barnabas to write a communal letter, containing greetings and drawings, to the children of England. The English children replied and their teacher, Lyn Monson wrote to me about their joy and surprise at getting a letter from Australia. (Lyn has since become a close friend of mine. Our family has visited her family and her daughter, Charlotte, stayed with us while she was visiting Australia.)



However, I still wanted to give the children at St. Barnabas a stained-glass window of their own. I had previously designed my own needlepoint tapestry and the idea for a window design embroidered in wool took shape. Early in 1986 I painted the design onto tapestry canvas and began to sew. I was so fascinated with it I often stayed up all night sewing.

Finally, it was completed. The frame was made by Danny Wise, a local cabinetmaker and the little plaque was donated by A-peel Signs. After St. Barnabas was sold, the tapestry was moved to St. Luke's where it now hangs, ironically surrounded by real stained-glass windows!

The design of the tapestry is based on the words of Psalm 8 which praises God's creation. The left upper panel has a depiction of Halley's Comet which was around in 1986. The cross on the moon in the centre celebrates our Christian Faith and the owl on the right is for wisdom. I like to think that children should reach for the stars, remembering their faith, wisely!

The lower panels depict a little girl with her pet dog admiring the beauty of the sunset and the stars. The hills and the river are Brisbane's hills and rivers. (I know the frangipani trees are not native but as they are such a feature of our summer and their flowers are like stars too, I included them.) The bird in the tree is a rainbow lorikeet, a living piece of stained glass! The little girl is for all children – I was once a little girl and remember the awe and wonder of a child discovering the beauty of the world in which we live. The dog is there to commemorate all animals which give us companionship and joy. The pink flowers at the foot of the panels are Impatiens and the yellow are Sida Corrugata, common to all states in Australia. The butterfly is a common one.

The tapestry has many mistakes in it and there are parts of it I would do differently today. However, every time I look at it, it reminds me of little children learning the Christian faith on Sunday mornings in churches all over the world, and the joy of friendship with Christians here and in other counties on this beautiful planet given to us by God, Earth.

**Llyn Crawford**

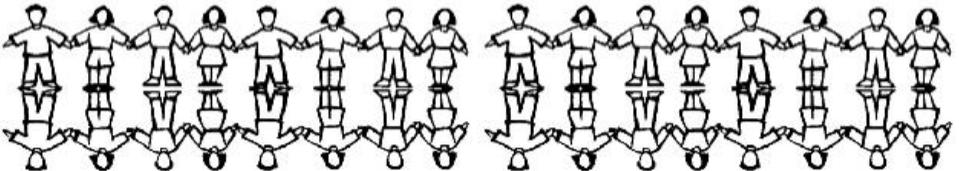
## Hall Clean-up

On Saturday the 26th March 2022 an intrepid band of over 14 people (maybe a couple more who had left before the photo was taken) gathered to sort and pack up the kitchen in the Upper Hall in preparation for our planned redevelopment.



Some of the clean-up crew

We went through everything in the kitchen - every cupboard, every shelf. We all worked beautifully together - some making up boxes, others getting things out of cupboards, others sorting "like" items so there was logic in what was in each box, others wrapping, others packing, others itemising content of boxes and creating a list, others moving boxes downstairs and packing away in the storeroom. There was also a crew working to pack less needed items in the downstairs kitchen. Those items deemed no longer needed were stacked on tables in the lower hall ready to give away or sell.



We expected to be working all morning and afternoon but were so efficient that we had finished by lunch time; however, we shared a cuppa and lunch in the lower hall before heading home. Janette arrived to help in the afternoon, only to find the work done and the hall empty!!

It was a lovely time of work, fun and fellowship.

**Chris Bromwich**



David Bromwich moving boxes

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## SPOILER ALERT: Koalas Up Close and Cute

We commonly see koalas nestled in the crook of a branch high up in a eucalypt tree. After all they love to eat those leaves. I've never really wondered how they get all their nutrition just from leaves, but then I've never investigated the nutritional content of leaves, after all I guess we don't normally concern ourselves with such detail. Anyway here it is: water 55%, fibre 15% (no surprise there), tannins 13%, starch and sugars 7%, oils 6% and protein 4%. No heart disease in the making there. We could learn a lot from Koalas.

The lucky folk who joined our parish walking group this month were treated to a visit to the koalas at the Daisy Hill Koala Centre. There we had the opportunity to be up close to some of these cute furry balls curled up asleep. Then it turns out there's a lot to know about koalas. They vary greatly in size and males and females are different in many respects. This chart shows these differences.





June, Trevor and Kingston exploring Daisy Hill Forest

But the walk didn't end there. The surrounds look like virgin bush. We were hoping to trek along the boardwalk through the wetlands, but unfortunately the recent rains made it wetter than usual and the area was cordoned off. Never mind, the camaraderie was great, so was the morning tea. Our little dog, Kingston, also enjoyed it, especially the snacks. If you haven't thought to join the walking group, it might be worth considering; good for heart and mind.

**Trevor Lunn**



# Fun at Children's Ministry



## Family Pizza in the Park

Earlier this year, we decided to hold our pizza and wine afternoon for families in the park rather than at someone's house. With so much uncertainty around Covid, we felt it would be safer and healthier to hold it in the park in the fresh air. It was a great afternoon; the kids loved all the play equipment at Laura Street park, the dogs were delighted to be out and about and the Dominos pizza was delicious. Although our focus is families with young children, everyone is welcome and it was so lovely to see a number of our St Luke's community attend.



We've decided that these events will continue to be held in the park for the foreseeable future. Keep an eye on the notice paper for the date of the next one.

**Helen Hutchings**

## Used Stamps

Don't forget to save your used stamps, preferably with a 4mm backing surrounding.

Please leave in the pigeonhole at the back of the church or give to Maxine McElnea. Stamps are sold to benefit Bush Church Aid.



**Maxine McElnea**





# K I D S K L I P S

## Animal Facts

On the sixth day God created the animals of the earth of every kind (Gen 1:24-26).



Draw a line to match the fact to the animal.

1. I'm green and live in and out of water.
2. I catch lots of insects with a trap I make.
3. I can fly up, down, sideways, forward, backward and hover.
4. I'm the largest creature on earth.
5. I can hang by my tail and I play dead.
6. I live near the North Pole and my babies are born in a snow drift.
7. I can stand on my front legs and spray a terrible scent.
8. I have a bill, four webbed feet, and live mostly under water.
9. I can fly, but I have skin, not feathers.

- a. bat
- b. skunk
- c. platypus
- d. spider
- e. frog
- f. blue whale
- g. polar bear
- h. opossum
- i. humming bird

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## Connect the Dots

Make a picture of a common kind of pet.  
Give it a name and write it here.

