



From the Rectory Desk...

For this issue of Church News I can finally announce that we have received the final paperwork, the Certificate of Occupancy, for our redevelopment. It has been a long and involved process and I wish to especially thank the members of the diocesan property team, Cenk Yuksel and Hiro Kawamata, for their determination to get us to the place where we are. Now the next phase begins! Little Angels Tarragindi are finalising what is needed in order to be granted an operating licenses and expect to open their doors in term 2 after Easter, St Luke's Theatre Society are

rehearsing for their first play on the new stage (Romeo and Juliet, opening 13th March), and in the parish we are gearing up to make good use of our new facilities, both for parish events (such as the successful Pancake Dinner – see picture) and for hire by others.

These are all good things, but in the season of Lent in which we find ourselves, we need to be mindful that our overwhelming mission is to respond to the loving grace of God, to work in tending God's creation, as is the image in the Hebrew origin myths of the first chapters of Genesis. We can only do this, echoing the words of St Paul to the Philippians (4:13), through the one who strengthens us.

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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

December 2025 – February 2026

Baptisms

Nil

Deaths

Janet Moody 23 January 2026

Dorothy Grenier 1 February 2026



Funerals

Nancy Melba Capern 6 January 2026

Janet Moody 10 February 2026

Interment of Ashes

June Audrey McNicol 11/12/2025 (died 18/10/2025)

Robert William Edgar McNicol 11/12/2025 (died 14/4/1974)

Beverley Rosemary Soden 20/12/2025 (died 16/10/2020)

Dorothy Sheila Grenier 20/2/2026 (died 1/2/2026)

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The words of the Lenten hymn by the Australian priest, Elizabeth J Smith are especially pertinent:

*Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.*

I wish you all a holy and blessed Lent, and the joy of the Easter message.

Rev'd Dr Timothy Nicholson
Rector

Celebrating Advent and Christmas at St Luke's in 2025

We prepared for Christmas, by keeping the four Sundays before Christmas, called Advent, by lighting the four candles in the Advent wreath during our worship over the period with special prayers. Rev'd Timothy offered an Advent study to help us to move closer to the real meaning of Christmas.



Children presenting "Do you hear what I hear?"



Elton and Fred helped Rev'd Timothy to light the candle of Joy during Advent



Maurice reads one of the nine lessons during the Carol service

A highlight for our preparation for Christmas is of course our Christmas Carols, held this year on 14th December. Always a joyous occasion, this year felt even more exciting and inspiring with the choir, the musicians, the children's song of "Do you hear what I hear", the Children's





At the breakup, Fred dresses up before cutting pieces of chocolate as fast as possible before the next person's turn!

Chloe enjoyed June's face painting at the Children's Church breakup

Ministry break-up on our spacious deck and on our enclosed grassy area beforehand, and more than 100 people attending, raising the roof with the traditional favourite carols, and some more modern pieces too. Inspiring to see so many intergenerational families worshipping and celebrating together.



The musicians at the Carol Service included two mother & daughter teams, mother Helen on the flute, daughter Phileda on the violin, pictured on the right; and Sarah, behind on trumpet, with her mother Sue singing, second from the left at the back.



St Luke's all ready to celebrate Christmas

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day our beautiful church looked splendid, with Christmas tree, crib, and specially prepared, beautiful floral decorations prepared by Alison, all ready for the three services celebrating Christ's birth with the inspiring readings, music, prayers and hymns!



One of the special Christmas flower arrangements provided by Alison Lampe

Thanks to all those who generously contributed, and participated in making our Advent journey meaningful and our Christmas celebrations uplifting and joyful.

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WRITTEN BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE



We started the year with our first gathering on Wednesday 28th January, a lovely morning, with 20 of us at our 9.30 service, followed by morning tea and chatting on our parish deck. We brainstormed themes for the year ahead, and our calendar is full! In February our theme was 'School Tales'. So, look out for news of future gatherings and mark your diaries - all are welcome!

Alison Lampe

National Day of Mourning 22 January 2026

The Australian Federal Government declared 22nd January 2026 as a National Day of Mourning for the massacre of fifteen innocent people at Bondi Beach on 14 December 2025.

St Luke's Ekibin held a special service of Evening Prayer on this day, all were invited and it was also available on Zoom. I was able to attend by Zoom this very moving service, a tribute to those whose innocent lives were taken, and those who mourn the loss of their family members, their friends and all members of the Jewish community. The service included inspirational prayers and music and the opportunity to light a candle, as the Prime Minister had encouraged all Australians, including those from all faiths, and none, to do on this day.



St Luke's candle tribute

The Jewish community shared the following document with the wider Australian community on this day of mourning:

Mitzvah

Today, on the National Day of Mourning for those impacted by the Bondi Beach terrorist attack, Australians are invited to undertake one or more of the 15 suggested Mitzvah for Bondi.

A Mitzvah, in the Jewish tradition, is an act of kindness, compassion, and a moral responsibility. It is about taking practical action to help others, through simple everyday acts of kindness that together create a powerful wave of goodwill. This can be as simple as checking in on a neighbour, volunteering time, offering support to local businesses, or donating to those in need.

Fifteen suggested Mitzvah for the 15 people lost in the Bondi attack:

1. Give to others - donate to organisations in service of others.

2. Uplift the sick - visit someone who is unwell and offer support.
3. Help those who have helped you - perform one small task to help your parent or older relative.
4. Open your home - offer hospitality to someone you may not have thought to.
5. Travel with care - help those needing transport, treat the roads and drivers with respect.
6. Act with intent - reflect with a moment of silence to seek guidance and clarity before beginning a task.
7. Prioritise family - spend the first hour of your evening dedicated to your family, screen-free.
8. Gratitude first - begin your day with thanks for the good things surrounding you.
9. Prayer for healing - say a prayer for the complete physical and spiritual recovery for the victims of the Bondi massacre.
10. Work with integrity - give the time you committed to the tasks you committed to.
11. Pay it forward - When someone wants to repay you for an act of kindness, encourage them to 'pay it forward' to a stranger instead.
12. Cherish your partner and friend - remind those you love every day how grateful you are for all they do for you.
13. Kindness without expecting anything in return – Quietly perform an act of kindness to brighten someone else's day.
14. Teach children - read children stories that show them all the good in the world.
15. Legacy of life - empower the next generation to carry forward not with loss but with hope.

Thank you to Rev'd Timothy for providing this opportunity to join with other Australians in praying for those who lost their lives and for all who grieve their loss.

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Memories of Jan Moody

Jan Moody, a much loved, long-standing member of St Luke's Anglican Parish at Ekibin and the St Luke's Theatre Society, passed away on 23rd January 2026, aged 101 years.

I am sure many of us have memories of Jan and Bill, both of whom were involved in so many aspects of life in our parish. I remember receiving very helpful and detailed training from Bill Moody when I first became a very nervous server.

Below is a brief history of her parents', Jan and Bill Moody, involvement in the Parish of St Luke's, Ekibin, and the St Luke's Theatre Society, kindly shared by her daughter Vivien:



Jan Moody



Mum and Dad were married in St Stephens Church Coorparoo in 1947. They wanted to be married at St Luke's but for some reason this didn't come to pass. However, my brother Philip was baptised in St Luke's in 1950 and myself in 1954 and Mum and Dad were regular worshippers then. Mum and Dad moved into the Shaftesbury Street residence also in 1947. The small Memorial Park diagonally opposite is named after Dad.

Mum was a member of Mother's Union I know for sure and I think other women's church groups that were around at that time in the

60s. She also arranged the flowers in the church and cleaned the brass work. I know she baked cakes for fundraising events and they both helped with fetes.

The Theatre society was created in 1958. Mum was a founding member and president for 38 years. She produced, directed, acted, did stage decor, costumes and advertising. Everything that was involved in staging productions. She was awarded an OAM in 1996 for her contribution to community theatre in general and St Luke's in particular.

As you mentioned Honor, Dad taught Serving for many years. He was involved in a men's group who held barbeques for fund raising (not sure of the name as I was just a child at the time) and I think the CEBS.

For a few years Mum and Dad worshipped at St Aiden's and Dad served for Canon Jeffries and Rev Don Bleakley. Mum was doing the flowers over there too.

Jan was farewelled at a private funeral service at St Luke's on Tuesday, 10th February. She will be missed.



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Rev'd Timothy and June delivered flowers for Jan's 100th birthday

Children's Church

In December 2025, we thanked David and Sharon for their many years of coordinating Children's Ministry at St Luke's. Together with the Children's Ministry team, David and Sharon have ensured that there has been a Children's Church during the 9 am service every Sunday during school terms. Their dedication and commitment to sharing the gospel with the children of our parish, together with their creativity and sense of fun, has inspired families to keep coming Sunday by Sunday! Thank you, David and Sharon.



The 2025 Children's Ministry team

On the fifth Sundays of the month, Rev'd Timothy and June organise a family service, where the children remain in church and participate in the service, and join in creative craft, suitable for all generations, to help all to learn more about how to follow Jesus in our daily lives.



At the Family Service in November 2025, the children sang with Trevor on the guitar!

Under the inspired direction of Pru, all the children joined in performing the beautiful carol, "Do you hear what I hear?" at the Carol Service on 14 December 2025.

The older children all sang solo parts of narrator, night wind, king, shepherd boy etc with the younger children joining in the chorus. Elizabeth played the piano accompaniment for the children during their practices and for their performance on the night. Thank you to Pru for planning and directing this very special part of our Christmas celebrations, and to the families for supporting the event, and to the children, ranging in age from 13 to 3 years of age, all of whom joined in enthusiastically on the night.



In this Children's Message Rev'd Timothy explains the moment of enlightenment for disciples at the Transfiguration of Jesus

June presents the Children's Message during Advent



Every 9 am service includes a Children's Message, given by Rev'd Timothy and sometimes June. The message brings out a gospel message relating to the readings of that Sunday. Even when there are no children present, the congregation enjoys the simple but effective teaching from these messages. Thank you, Rev'd Timothy and June.



Rev'd Timothy commissioned the Children's Ministry team for 2026

On 1st February 2026, the new Children's Ministry team was commissioned by Rev'd Timothy. We welcome Brenda and Greg to the team and thank Pru for leading the team and all who contribute to this vital ministry of St Luke's parish.

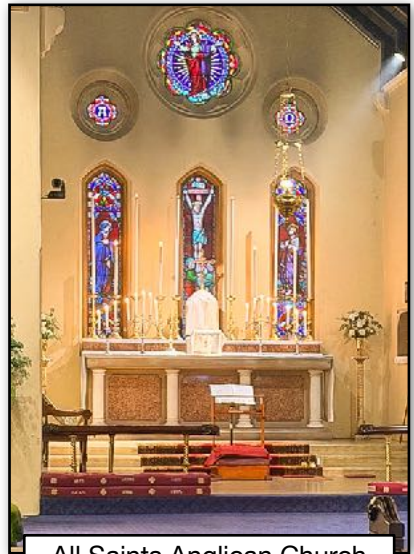
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A promotional graphic for Little Angels Tarragindi Early Learning Centre. It features the text "Little Angels Tarragindi Early Learning Centre", "Enrol Now", and "Find out more" with a QR code. A photo of a young girl with blue handprints is on the right.

A Composer in our Midst

Under the shadow of our great cathedral lies the beautiful little Anglican church of All Saints, established in 1862, and the oldest continuously used church in Brisbane. Renowned for being high church, the smell of incense is saturated into its very fabric, and the vestments are of the richest gold. It is also blessed with a beautiful choir of professional singers who sing at Evensong.

On the 1st of February the church was celebrating a special evensong and benediction with the blessed sacrament, when the choir performed



All Saints Anglican Church



Elizabeth Lamb at All Saints

the world premiere of two pieces, one of which, "Sleep then our Eyes", was written by our own Elizabeth Lamb. Elizabeth wrote the piece as An Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours *Christe qui lux es et dies*. It was sung at the very beginning of the service, its soaring notes echoing across the quiet building; a perfect prelude to the choral evensong and benediction that followed.

There, to celebrate the occasion was a group of nine from St Luke's, and all agreed that it was a very beautiful piece of music.

Congratulations to Elizabeth for this wonderful achievement.

We have a composer in our midst.

Trevor Lunn

Shrove Tuesday 2026 – Pancake Dinner



Pancake Dinner in our new Parish Hall

Tuesday 17 February was a significant date in the Parish calendar this year as it was when St. Luke's was able to celebrate Shrove Tuesday in style again by holding the Pancake Dinner in our new parish hall. This annual tradition has not been possible in 2024 and 2025 because of the redevelopment, so it was a special, happy occasion enjoyed by 55 guests.



Mmm! delicious!

The dinner was delicious, consisting of three savoury pancake fillings, chicken mornay, chilli con carne and vegetarian, accompanied by several salads. Dessert pancakes followed. Wine by the glass was available to purchase and fruit punch was on the tables.

The first event in the new hall also meant the first preparation in the new kitchen. The pancake fillings were all freshly prepared in the afternoon. All was going smoothly with four pairs of busy hands chopping and stirring until it was noticed that the new electric stove had lost its heat! Some problem solving took place to determine that the power circuit to the stove had tripped. A flick of that switch (once located) and a crisis was averted.

Although I have always been a strong supporter of this annual event, it is the first time I have volunteered to help with the preparation, and I can honestly say it gave me a real appreciation of the work that goes on behind the scenes into making this a successful, happy evening of fellowship. It is also worth noting that over \$600 was raised in what was our first fund-raising event for 2026.

Thank you to Jenny O'Sullivan who co-ordinated the event, the pancake makers, the kitchen workers and members of the Kofi Klub who served and cleaned up the kitchen. The tables looked lovely with flowers. Rev'd Timothy organised the background music. Thank you everyone.....it was a great night.



Lynn Mitchell

Pancakes were so good,
Philly had to lick her plate!

CHOIR REPORT

December 2025 to February 2026

The choir made two contributions to Advent season worship.

On the 9th December, a small (5 plus Judy Moy) number of choristers was able to attend Rev'd Timothy's Christmas service at Regis Residential Care at Salisbury. We supported the congregational singing and presented two items - 'Glorious Light', by Keith & Kristyn Getty and Ian Hannah and, 'It was on a



At Regis Residential Care, Salisbury

Starry Night' by Joy Webb. With a small number of singers, they were mostly sung in unison, with some harmony in the chorus by the men for 'Glorious Light'.



At the parish carols

On 14th December, at our parish carols service in the afternoon, the choir again contributed two items: - 'On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry', and 'Glorious Light' – as noted for the Regis Service above.

The former song is a version of the traditional hymn (TIS 270) with music by Roger Jones to an arrangement by Annie Routly. It was sung in 3-part harmony and incorporated an instrumental solo interlude with Helen on flute. The latter was sung in unison for the verses and 3-part harmony for the chorus.

That concluded the choir's contributions for the year and it went into its usual end-of-year recess.



The new year activities started on 18th January with the choir's annual social at Alison's home. There were 13 attendees including family members and Rev'd Timothy. It is a social occasion, but opportunity was taken to express appreciation to Brian and the other musicians for their dedication to the group. As always, our thanks to Alison and Guy for their generous hospitality.

First practice then began on Saturday 24th January at the usual 3.30pm. A good number of singers attended – given it was still in the school holidays. Brian selected the song 'Seek ye First' to start the year. This is a version of the well-known hymn (TIS 745) by Karen Lafferty. The choir sang it with voices in unison for the verses, 2-part harmony for the 'Alleluia' choruses and concluded with a 2-part round for the final verse. It was presented as a 'reflection' item after the sermon at the 9am service on 8th February.

With Ash Wednesday on 18th February this year, the season of Lent is already upon us. The choir's main contribution will be to reprise one of its favourites – 'Lenten Carol' by Marc A Robinson. It was presented as the 'reflection' item after the sermon in the 7am service on 22nd February. It was sung in 3-part harmony, with some variation in participating voices, accompanied by Susan V on piano and Elizabeth on cello.



Singing in January 2026, accompanied on the piano by Elizabeth Lamb

We look forward now to sing 'Lenten Carol' for the 9 o'clockers in March and prepare songs for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Greg Rodger

