



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 449, TIS 594, TIS 432, VV.1,3-5, TIS 147)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: TIS 636, MP 583, VV.1,3,5, TIS 535, MP 744)

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

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through me.'

Rev'd Timothy writes...

Our gospel from John this Sunday is part of a long discourse from Jesus which the gospel writer places on the night that Jesus was arrested. He is preparing them for what will happen. He was about to leave his followers...but he was also going to continue to be present to them. It is thus a good reading to be included in the lectionary in these Sundays of Easter, where we reflect on the Resurrection and of how Jesus is still present to us now. This is an anticipation of the great message of Pentecost, the gift of the spirit, God's presence with us.



The first part of our reading (John 14:1-6) is an oft chosen passage at funerals. "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (v.1) and "In my fathers house are many dwelling places...I go to prepare a place for you" (vv.2,3) give a message of hope. But the message is deeper than the level at which this is often taken. The many dwelling places have more to do with relationships, the different ways in which Jesus relates



to his followers through time. They had known him as a human walking amongst them, soon they would experience him as the Resurrected one, and then through the Holy Spirit. Jesus was not going to leave them, nor does he leave us. That is certainly cause for our hearts not to be troubled.



Kerry Anne Clark

died on 24th April

Her funeral will be held at St Luke's,
on Tuesday 5th May at 1pm.

We give thanks for Kerry's life,
and pray for her family at this time.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory

Readings for 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55–60 A promising leader of the burgeoning young church takes a courageous stand and pays the ultimate price. Nevertheless, his faith and forgiving words are noticed by a key future leader.

Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16 In need of protection and a sense of God's presence, the psalmist finds reassurance in the rocky landscape around him.

1 Peter 2:2–10 The writer of this letter to the early church somersaults through different images, including stones, in an enthusiastic plea for members to put Christ in the centre of their lives.

John 14:1–14 At a time of fear and uncertainty, Jesus reassures his disciples about the future through his own confidence in God, a God he knows as a dependable and welcoming parent.

First reading

A reading from the book of Acts

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.

⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 17-18 (7 am only)

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.

² O deliver me in your righteousness:

incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.

³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:

for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

⁴ Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:

bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

¹⁷ All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.

¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant:

and save me for your mercy's sake.

Second Reading (7 am only)

A reading from the first letter of Peter

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh

that wage war against the soul.

¹² Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

¹³ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have

been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2:11-25

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of John

¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also

do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 14:1-14

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Word for the Day

No one likes the idea of getting lost—or trying to find someone when we don't know what they look like. This seems to be how the disciples feel as Jesus prepares to leave them. Jesus has a clear sense of where he is going and tries to put their minds at rest.

As we find so often in scripture, there is a call not to be afraid but to trust in God (Exodus 14:13; Isaiah 41:10; Luke 2:9). Fear and faith are sometimes presented as opposites—if we are afraid, perhaps we do not have faith. Yet for the writer of 1 John, it is perfect love that casts out fear (1 John 4:18).

Thomas is not afraid to articulate the awkward question and speak on behalf of the group (as he also does in John 14:5): 'Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?'

Philip, usually so ready to draw others towards Jesus (John 1:43–46; John 12:20–22), is now uncertain and asks Jesus, 'Show us the Father. That is all we need.' (John 14:8) Despite being confident in the past, both disciples are now floundering.

Have we, like them, found ourselves unsure of the direction our lives or faith are taking, even after periods of confidence? There is no shame in asking genuine questions.

For us in a contemporary world, what might be the questions we would ask of Jesus today?

Ideas for Reflection

- Where in your life do you feel unsure of the way forward, and what might it mean to trust Christ's steady presence there?
- How is Christ shaping you— and us—like living stones into something strong, purposeful, and life-giving?
- What does being part of a community built on Christ the cornerstone mean for how we live, serve, or offer compassion this week?
- What questions are you carrying today, and how might Christ be inviting you to bring them honestly, without fear or shame?
- Who in your life has revealed something of God's welcome or wisdom? What qualities made their presence healing or grounding?

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Would parishioners like to personally donate some of the prizes of perhaps \$25-\$50 gift cards, to be presented during the Art Exhibition?

If so, please speak to Rev'd Timothy, Alison Lampe or Lynn Mitchell.

Annual Dinner 2026 - Friday 8th May



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At this year's annual dinner Stephen Driscoll will speak on "**Made in our image: God, Artificial Intelligence, and you.**"

Stephen won the Australian Christian Book of the Year award in 2025 with his book on this topic. In his talk, Stephen will explore how Christians can think wisely and faithfully about the rapidly developing world of artificial intelligence, and what it means for our humanity, our ethics, and our discipleship.



Tickets are \$50 if we can get together a table of eight. Please speak to Rev'd Timothy or June TODAY if you are interested in being part of a St Luke's table.

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

Ever living God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The World

Pray for wisdom for all those involved in negotiations for peaceful and just settlements of the complex and ongoing conflict situations in the world today, and for those seeking to bring relief to those caught up in the effects of these events both near and far.

The Anglican Communion

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The Diocese of Armidale: †Rod Chiswell; Clergy and People

The Parish of Coolum: Karen Allen, Richard Gowty, Jocelyn Pitt, Jim McPherson, Richard Bowie

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Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Continue to pray for the last stages of work needed to enable Little Angels Tarragindi to open.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

3 May: Theodora Helen Booth; 4 May: James Frederick Mendham, Colin Cyril Calder, Iris Joan Ham; 6 May: Ronald G. J. Murphy; 7 May: Aileen Victoria Harrison, Courtenay Digby Spry, Mary Pugh; 8 May: Joseph Ball, Graeme Percival Mundy



Tea for Tomorrow

Thank you to all who participated in this last Sunday.

A total of \$650 was raised for Anglicare's Youth Homelessness Accommodation Project.

Children's Church

Children's Church continues each Sunday in term 2.

All welcome!



Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohy Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: C10686424

Also part of St Luke's:

Little Angels Tarragindi

Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au



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

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 10th May

(6th Sunday of Easter)

7am Holy Communion

9am Family Communion
(St Luke's/Zoom)

Readings: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:7-19.

1 Peter 3:8-22, John 14:15-21

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