

# THE LINK

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*The Year Book of St Luke's Anglican Church Modbury 2019*

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*Our Vision*

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an open community of faith which engages with the community  
and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ.*

# Looking back on 2019 and looking forward to 2020

*Rev'd Dr Joan Riley*

2019 has been an enormously energetic year for the St Luke's community. We began the year with our prayerful efforts in putting together the parish Vision. This exercise in discernment began in December 2018 at the Mission Action Planning presentation and Christmas party, where you all came up with your ideas for how we might engage fruitfully in the mission of God in this parish here in Modbury. We came up with the statement, which I pray you have taken to heart and started to learn, [St Luke's will be an open community of faith which engages with the community and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ.](#) This vision has emerged through our study of the Five Marks of Mission of the Worldwide Anglican Communion and identifying from them both our strengths and the areas where we need more work. We decided that we were diligent with environmental issues and that we were lacking in our discipleship. This led us to engage with the Diocese's Vision 2022 and see where we made connections. The next phase was identifying what we could do to build on our strengths and build up where we weren't doing so well.

David Datson's idea about a community garden sounded fantastic, but I really didn't know how we would get the necessary funding to make it happen. This idea really would build on our commitment to the environment and sustainability in our local context. We were so blessed by our friends from Anglicare Elizabeth who offered

to us all the equipment of a community garden which was no longer used. Fund raising began in earnest and we achieved first a \$5000 grant from the Anglicare Parish Community Engagement Fund, then \$6000 from the City of Tea Tree Gully Community Grants Programme. More recently, there has been the Open Garden at Max and Carolyn Pontifex's house and the Quiz Night which have both brought more funds into the garden. You can read more about the community garden further inside, including the grand opening day in November.

Alongside this, the parish council decided to undertake the Pilgrim Christian educational course. This course is intended to build up our confidence in the grounding tenets of the Christian faith and enable us to be the disciples of Jesus Christ who are equipped to encourage new disciples to follow him. Pilgrim has been very well received at St Luke's, with a good number of people participating over four different groups. Again, you can read more about Pilgrim inside. Perhaps you will think about joining a group in 2020 as we continue through the course books. Both the community garden and Pilgrim are priorities of our Mission Action Plan. They are intended to enable us to work towards achieving our vision. I am delighted that a dedicated prayer group has come together to pray for the parish mission and vision, and that most recently there has been a connection with the Bari Sudanese prayer group. How

wonderful that we come together to pray as one, fulfilling our desire to be God's faithful people and seeking to do God's will.

In January 2019 the fabulous Karo Convention was held in Adelaide, celebrating the Bari Sudanese community in Australia. This convention was organised by our own Bari congregation here at St Luke's. The music and the dancing were so amazing! We are very blessed by the cultural diversity in this church. May we continue to grow together in unity, enriching our lives by sharing as brothers and sisters.

I have been busy teaching New Testament Greek at St Barnabas College throughout the year, which I have enjoyed very much. Sometimes the Monday Bible Study group get hit with some Greek – one day I will have you all coming along to learn the Bible in Greek! I have also been a member of the Church in Society Ministry Unit of the Diocese. As part of this I convene a working group on the issues of family and domestic violence. In Australia, violence against women causes one death each week, an appalling statistic which the federal government is addressing financially. The Diocese of Adelaide is also investing in resourcing and training clergy to respond to this important social issue. Sarah Breed from St Luke's has been a member of the working group in 2019.

Easter was a wonderful celebration with two adult baptisms into the Church of God, Terry Stoneman and Kanchana Wickramage.

We were blessed again in October with more baptisms in the Bari community and at the festival of St Luke Bishop Chris McLeod confirmed seven people in a wonderful celebration of our patron. As we reflect on the year that was and look forward to next year, we have much for which to give God thanks. The people of St Luke's are hard-working, incredibly generous and

outward looking, and I am very glad to be here as your priest. There is a stirring of the Holy Spirit in the church and it is creating energy among the people and enabling us to imagine what we might become as the body of Christ, being faithful and seeking opportunities God provides. There's a great hymn we sing in the church which I think speaks to us where we are now and

challenges us to look forward with excitement: 'God gives us a future, daring us to go into dreams and dangers on a path unknown. We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power, we will let God change us, for new life starts now.' (Together in Song 687) May God bless you and those whom you love and care for now and for ever.



# KARO CONFERENCE

## Joy, Unity, Welcome, Hallelujah!

This just about sums up the wonderful atmosphere of warmth, love and acceptance at the Adelaide Karo Convention, 18 – 20 January 2019.

“Karo” encompasses everyone whose origins or ancestors come from Central Equatorial Africa; our South Sudanese brothers and sisters at St Luke’s are from just one tribe “Bari” within the Karo area.

### **“God’s Chosen People” was the theme of the conference**

Christ came to bring people back to a right understanding and a right relationship with God. He spoke of One Church; which over millennia has divided into many different denominations. The Karo Convention encompasses all denominations including Anglicans, Baptists and Roman Catholics coming from all across Australia, some from S E Asia and one who had travelled from the UK plus a video link to a Karo Anglican minister in London. The expression of Christian love and welcome shown by the constant stream of homemade refreshments brought around to our seats; everything spoken in Bari and English, the music and spontaneous dancing [yes, we joined in!] created a wonderful awareness of the followers of Jesus together as a family: loving, forbearing and working together for God’s glory.

### **Bishop Tim and Rev. Joan**

Bishop Tim, Rev Joan with grandchildren, Summer and Baby Cleo and ourselves

attended the conference and were warmly welcomed and accepted as members of the Karo family. Rev Joan was the first speaker of the day. She spoke of the coming together of the Bari church and St. Luke’s church. Our Bari brothers and sisters bring new thinking and new ideas. In the spirit of Karo we are uniting in worship and friendship. Rev Joan introduced Bishop Tim who gave the first presentation. He spoke of our mission to love this world as God loves this world. He also spoke about the changing of our old clothes to the new clothes and put on the new ways of thinking and doing: expressing Christ’s humility, compassion and love for humankind. We should conduct ourselves as Christ did, modelling the life of Christ. The colours we wear reflect the beauty and diversity of the rainbow and white reflects the light of Christ – “His marvellous light”.

### **Dance for Jesus**

Rose introduced the children’s music and dance team who “danced for Jesus”. Their exuberance and tremendous joy shone out and all the delegates went onto the floor and joined in including Rev’d Joan, Bishop Tim and ourselves. Apparently the Bari congregation are still talking about Bishop Tim jumping as he danced!! Rose remarked “this is a free gym, together we can lose at least 2 kg”. Everyone roared with laughter and we are not sure if we lost those expected kilos!

Samuel spoke of the truly important role of children. That it is the responsibility of the church to nurture the children in worship and church life as they are the guardians and leaders of the future. The children are the security of the church. They are the ones to pass on God’s word. The Karo Conference was in an ordinary school hall but the atmosphere was very special. Words couldn’t really describe it but there was a wonderful sense of peace, joy, welcome, belonging and being in Christ’s presence.

It was truly inspirational; if you ever have the chance to attend a Karo Convention, do go – you will have a wonderful transforming experience. Congratulations to the Bari congregation for the wonderful Adelaide Karo Convention.

### **Hallelujah !**

*Helen Wright  
and Jeanette Pfitzenmier*

## NGAIRE'S TOURS

There have been two tours offered this year, Hearing Dogs at Verdun, Spring Gully and Quality Always at Cavan. Both tours were well attended and given a tick of approval by the participants.

**For the Hearing Dogs tour** we assembled in a reception area where we were told of the history of the organization and then given a demonstration of the abilities of the dogs. It was remarkable to see these animals respond to door bells, ringing telephones, and after checking out the sound go and alert a profoundly deaf owner to the need to respond to the door or telephone call. We had a tour of the premises before departing for the Hahndorf Inn where we partook of lunch.

### **Spring Gully and Quality Always**

We gathered in a small reception area before proceeding into a room where all the Spring Gully products were displayed. Local produce is used for their products, and non local produce is used only when local ingredients are not available. There was a second room where we were able to taste all that was available for purchase. The success of the tour can be gauged by the amount of purchases made, pickles, cooking sauces, relishes and much more.

We continued our tour by paying a visit to Quality Always which was next door to Spring Gully.

Quality Always manufacture woollen and wool mixture products such as mattress protectors, beds for animals, woollen socks etc. We ended our visit with a tour of the factory where we saw the gigantic rolls of wool (washed elsewhere), cotton and polyester.

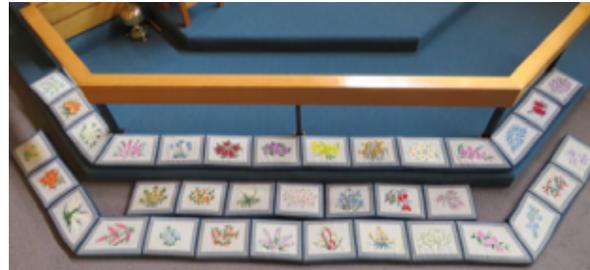
We then concluded our tour with lunch at Cooper's Ale House, Gepps Cross. On the Spring Gully tour were accompanied by two people from the local community, a reminder that these tours are part of outreach, and I encourage you to invite friends and family along to these events when numbers allow.

Ngaire Stitchbury  
November 2019

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## Australian Native Tapestry Kneelers Dedicated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1991

*June Hindmarch*



Did you know that these were made here at St Luke's, stitched with love by our parishioners? It was a project that covered a period of 4 years and involved people who stitched and those who donated money and goods. The team was led by Berrie Skein assisted by Joan Watson and these facts and figures were published at the time:-

- The 35 kneelers contained approximately 7,000,000 stitches
- It took 90 hours to produce each one - including design, painting, sewing and assembling.
- 90 x 35 = 3150 hours
- 3150 hours = 1 year & 32 weeks at 8 hours per day, 5 days per week,

including annual leave.

The gift of labour has not been small!

Some of the contributors are still around, Yvonne Hoad, Toni Owen, Colin Fidock and June Hindmarch and they can point out the kneelers that they stitched!

## Easter Dawn Service

*Toni Owen*

In the lead up to Easter this year the weather had been perfect Adelaide autumn days but the forecast was for rain early on Easter morning. This caused lots of conversation and concern as we were planning to again this year have a dawn service in the church grounds.

Easter Day, David and I rose early about 4.00am and though it was overcast it wasn't windy or raining. We arrived at church about 5.00am and after consulting with Rev'd Joan it was decided to go ahead in faith. So the chairs were assembled and an altar set up, the candles and service sheets were handed out, the wind had started but still no rain.

The service started with the lighting of a new fire and the marking and lighting of the

Paschal candle – "The Light of Christ". This always seems to have more depth and significance when it is done in the dark. Our candles were then lit from the Paschal Candle. We bravely sang a hymn with music from Joan's phone to accompany us.

We were fortunate this year to have an adult baptism take place in the service and this gave us all the chance to reflect and renew our own baptismal vows.

This joyful service continued with the breaking of the bread and sharing communion as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Unfortunately for the 25 people who attended, they did not get to see the sunrise because of

the cloud cover, but they did move from the darkness of night into the light of the day which fits so well with the Easter story, moving from the dark sadness of the crucifixion on Good Friday to the light filled joy of the Resurrection on Easter Day.

Our faith was rewarded as the rain didn't start till the service had just finished so we moved our chairs to the undercroft to enjoy bacon and eggs for breakfast.

Thank you to the people who cooked this and to the people who provided the eggs, bacon, bread, orange juice etc and to the people who cleaned up after.

This was a moving and wonderful way to start the celebration of Easter Day.



## Vale

### The Reverend Garnet (Gary) Donald Douglas Prince

23 November 1929 – 2 July 2019

Father Gary was well known and well loved in the Anglican Church for many decades since his ordination as a priest in 1956. He served in parishes in Victoria as well as South Australia, along with his work with the Anglican Board of Mission which took him many places around Australia and to PNG. He was married to Joyce, who also died in 2019, just two months before Gary. Together they had five children. Gary and Joyce were a ministry team. They complemented each other and they lived fully for the church. When they retired it was the complete engagement

in the life of the parish that they both missed the most.

Gary was a character who lived on the edge of the church, not always comfortable with hierarchy, but always serving faithfully and fulfilling the calling that God planted in him. Gary and Joyce were known at St Luke's in the 1980s. They lived in Ridgehaven during the ABM years and worshipped here. Later Gary was back when Rev'd Joan became priest at St Luke's, and he assisted on an occasional Sunday in the beginning, then later on Thursdays as he and Joyce became less mobile.

Gary was witty, sarcastic and fun to be around. He made genuine connections with people which was a lasting mark of his pastoral ministry. He was humble and knew his place before the Lord, always aware of his shortcomings, never boastful, always forgiving, a bit cynical and sometimes cantankerous as he grew older. He aligned himself with the underdog, among the people and in the very places Jesus walks. Gary's ministry was faithful, long and full, blessed by God and now he is at peace with the Lord. Thanks be to God for the gift of life.

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### This year St Luke's welcomed to our Christian family in Holy Baptism



Beau Marcellus Fitzhardy, Kanchana Dinesh Wickramage,  
Terry Ian Stoneman, Edward Patrick Waldon, Mia Rose Skrinikoff,  
Benjamin Scott Clisby, Georgia Lee Clisby, Archer Benjamin Clisby,  
Samuel Bonglian Kenyi, Gladys Juan Kenyi, Joshua Woja Kenyi,  
Jonathan Tabi Lomumdu, Saviour Duku Lomumdu,  
Roseline Guo Lomumdu, Naomi Lubo Mori,  
Matthew Bosco Diamond Yonna, Grace Rojo Sokiri.

# PILGRIM STUDY COURSES

June Hindmarch



Quote "For the church to be growing there must be an intentional focusing of time and energy in teaching and nurture". Every church should be able to offer teaching to newcomers on an established annual framework. So, how to go about doing that?

When Archbishop Smith introduced VISION 2022 to the Diocese we received the leaflets and the first section was entitled 'Growth in Discipleship'. Four groups have been run this year on Monday evening at St Luke's with Rev'd Joan, Tuesday afternoon at Dot Possingham's home, Tuesday evening at Colin's home and on Friday morning at St Luke's led

by June and Margaret. About 40 people have attended and they are looking forward to more next year. One of the Five Marks of Mission is 'To teach, baptise and nurture new believers'.

We identified this as one of our 2019 Mission Action activities and looked around for suitable material. The Church of England PILGRIM STUDY COURSES were chosen and offered to our congregation and we have been delighted with the response. Not only have the three courses run so far been very well attended, but we have seen additional benefits of fellowship flourishing in these small groups.

The material is for use in churches to be able to nurture:

- Those who have recently started coming church
- Those who want the chance to think about Christian faith
- Those preparing for baptism or confirmation
- Those who have been Christians for many years and want to visit the roots of their faith

Courses held in 2019 were entitled 'Turning to Christ', 'The Lord's Prayer' and 'The Creeds', there are 5 more available.

	What do Christians believe?	How do Christians know & worship God?	How do Christians behave?	What is the Christian vision for the world?
<b>FOLLOW STAGE</b> <i>"Do you turn to Christ?"</i>	1 TURNING TO CHRIST	2 THE LORD'S PRAYER	3 THE COMMANDMENTS	4 THE BEATITUDES
	Available October 2013		Available January 2014	
<b>GROW STAGE</b> <i>"Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship?"</i>	1 THE CREEDS	2 THE EUCHARIST	3 THE BIBLE	4 CHURCH & KINGDOM
	Available September 2014		Available January 2015	

# ST LUKE'S CATERING

Margaret Curd - November 2019

I recently had the pleasure of sitting and having a chat with Yvonne Brumley who kindly agreed to tell me some of the history of St Luke's Catering Group whose efforts raised money to assist paying off building loans to establish the present church building. I am also indebted to Toni Owen who gave me the background on the various loans and how the work of the Catering group assisted in paying them off. In this context notable achievements were paying off the ANZ building loan in 1995 and the O'Leary Bakewell loan in 2001, and paying for air conditioning of the present rectory in Harrison Avenue. We are very grateful to those people, many of whom still worship here today, for their hard work and dedication to the creation of this beautiful place of worship where we meet each week.

The Catering Group had its genesis in the 1960s when they supplied luncheon for clergy wives at Bishop's Court and this engagement continued for many years, catered by St Luke's. Yvonne Hoad (who recently celebrated a fabulous 90th birthday) began co-ordinating the work of the catering group. The profits from the proceeds were donated to reduce the loans and the results were amazing. Other parishioners who co-ordinated the group were Berri Skein, Yvonne Brumley and Sheila Hall. While I mention the names of those who were closely involved, I think it may be fair to say that anyone who was connected with St Luke's

more than twenty years ago contributed to the success of the catering group. The group gave their time, energy, commitment, skills, money, food and much more, and the fruits of their labours are evident, it must have been an exciting and blessed time to be involved in the work of St Luke's. To quote Yvonne Brumley "there was a wonderful cooperation between all the people who helped at the functions.

Some waited on tables, drink waiters also, people working in the kitchen heating and plating food, decorating pavlovas and desserts, washing up and packing up all the crockery and cutlery for the next event. Many people came from their day jobs to work for the group and sometimes it was quite late in the evening before we finished".

The functions catered for included luncheons, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, formal dinners. One event which sparked my interest in the history of the group was a story Yvonne told me how they were asked to cater for a Red Cross Event at Government House when sandwiches for 1,000 people was the order. The logistics of that operation were amazing and the group again supported the production of 1,000 sandwiches individually boxed. Trestles were set up in

the Hall, which is the current Op Shop, a three day roster was also created and the boxed sandwiches had to be taken to Tea Tree Plaza for refrigeration. On the day of delivery to Government House, an army truck was standing by to pick up and transport the sandwiches. However when Yvonne and the team went to pick up the sandwiches from Tea Tree Plaza, there was a fire drill in progress, and a bit of an anxious wait to retrieve the goods for on time delivery, but it all worked out well. A mighty effort.

There is much more to the catering story and this is just a snippet, but I am sure we owe a debt of gratitude to the many people who over the years contributed to the success of the Catering Group.

Now as we move on with other activities, the Op Shop, the Community Garden and the development of the precinct to be a welcoming and vibrant space, we tread in the footsteps of those who were committed to the establishment of St Luke's and we build on that spirit of friendship, commitment and dedication.

Thanks Yvonne Brumley and Toni Owen for your contributions to this article.



## Memorial Corner

*Toni Owen*

One of the things I like to do when travelling is visiting churches, not necessarily to attend a service, but to look at the stained glass windows, memorials etc and learn something of the history of the church and town where it is situated. Unfortunately in Australia most churches aren't open these days but in the main cities one can usually visit the Cathedral. Australia being a young country does not have the rich history of the European churches but we are finding many interesting stories in some of the places we have visited.

St. Luke's is only a baby in terms of years but I think our new Memorial Corner is adding to the history of our church. We have been very fortunate here to have many gifts which have a much longer history than just at St Luke's, the beautiful stained glass windows in the Southern Wall, the Font, the bell etc.

In establishing a church in Modbury the land where we are situated was purchased in 1968 by Anglican Home Mission Society for a church building in Modbury and in 1970 the Nurses Chapel from the Royal Adelaide hospital was purchased from the Public Building Department for \$1500. This chapel was situated in the grounds of what is now known as Ayers House and was no longer being used.

After the main church was built in 1972 the fittings were removed from the Chapel so it could be used as a hall. David Owen who had always had an

interest in wood and what could be built with it looked at the reredos (the wall behind the Altar) and thought we can't throw this out. He rescued it and put it in his shed knowing that at sometime in the future he would come up with an idea for it. There it stayed until about 2015 – 43 years!

In recent years at St Luke's a small table had been placed in front of the font with bowl of sand on it - a place to light candles and say a silent prayer. David thought it would be good to have something more permanent so suggested making a desk, which would hold the bowl and a Memorial Book, from the wood he had kept from the Chapel. Parish Council accepted his plan. The desk has a place for the bowl with a drawer under it to keep candles and matches and the other side has a drawer with glass top where the Memorial Book is kept opened at the appropriate day. Then the question of where to place it arose and it was decided as the north eastern corner was not now being used that it be placed there. The north eastern corner of the church has been used for choir stalls, the organ, the side altar was there for a while and used for week day services, and for quiet times of prayer.

The desk was blessed in 2017 by Bishop Chris McLeod.

The idea of having a statue of The Blessed Virgin Mary was put to the congregation and donations were made to purchase this. David was then asked to make a pedestal to

match the desk to stand the statue on. This may have sounded simple but to continue the shapes from the original reredos and used in the desk he found he could no longer buy the tools to cut those shapes, so every time we went on a trip in our caravan we visited Second Hand shops in country towns looking for old tools. God must have been listening to us as we found the exact tool needed in Cowell on one of our trips. The pedestal was made and was in place for the blessing



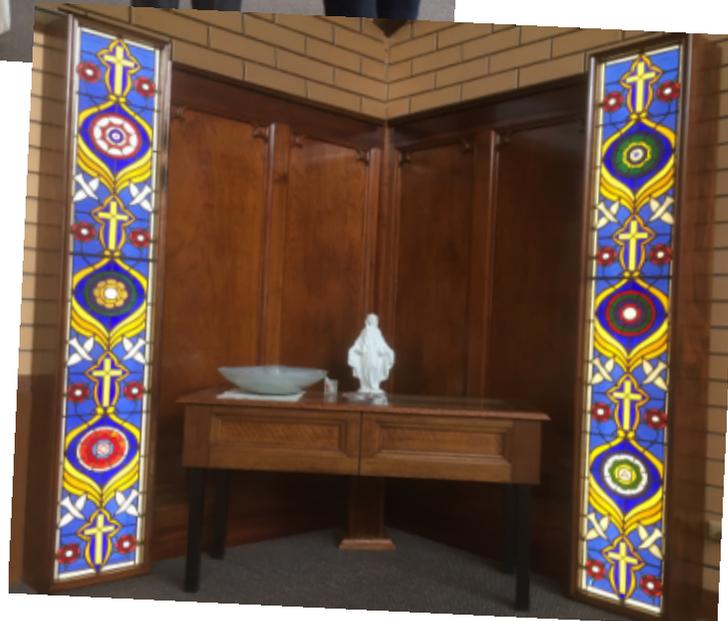
The final stages to the Memorial Corner came about when we received a donation of two Stained Glass panels from the Liberal Catholic of South Australia. This church had closed and they hoped some of their treasures could be used in another church. After much discussion the idea to make a wall behind the Memorial Desk incorporating the stained glass panels was agreed upon.

As David wanted to keep the wood the same as the desk he knew that the narthex wall of the chapel (the narthex wall is a transverse section at the west entrance to a church) had been used to make a fitting room wall

in the Op Shop so he set about dismantling this wall and building another wall for the fitting room over a long weekend so as not to disrupt the Op Shop. He then set out drawing plans sourcing more wood to build the boxes to house the panels and lighting for illumination.

The plans had to be approved by our Vestry then sent to the Archdeacon to submit to the Diocese. Finally approval came through and he was able to get on with the work. He set himself a deadline to have it installed before Easter 2019. This was completed with no cost to the parish and the use of timber from our original church building makes this very special.

I think this has given that corner of our church a focus where we can have a quiet time with God and bring our thoughts to him in prayer. This corner was blessed at St Luke's Patronal Festival in October by Bishop Chris McLeod.



# Luke's Community garden

David Datson - November 2019

On November 12th this year Luke's Community Garden was officially opened by Mayor Kevin Knight in front of a large crowd.

The opening marked a significant milestone for both the garden and our Mission Action Planning process.

Initial plans for the garden were made by the garden leadership team (Max Pontifex, David Owen and David Datson) but were quickly changed after Anglicare at Elizabeth offered us the materials from a community garden on their premises that was being decommissioned. Moving the materials began just before Christmas 2018 and was completed in late February 2019. Hard work by many people resulted in us having 18 raised garden beds, a metal framed pergola and many square metres of paving to be relocated and ready to be used in our garden. That was the easy part of the process!

While this was happening we also applied for several grants and were fortunate to be awarded two (grants) - \$5000 from Anglicare and \$6000

from the Tea Tree Gully council.

Our challenge was then to create the garden from the blank canvas in the area around and in front of the Op shop. Three beds were placed on the eastern side of the Op shop and two near the existing tank to give people an idea of what the larger garden might look like and how it might operate.

Next step was to have the main garden area cleared in preparation for installation of the garden beds, a tank, a paved walkway next to the Op shop and erection of a verandah in front of the maintenance shed. We had a long list of tasks but, thanks to a lot of hard work by many volunteers the garden had progressed far enough to be commissioned early in September, with people who had put their names on a list in the Op shop indicating interest in being involved in the garden, invited to a morning tea and information session. As a direct result of the commissioning day there have been 4-6 people from outside the parish as well as approximately 6 parishioners

attending the garden each Tuesday morning.

The garden is now flourishing and the first stage is almost completed. The beds are 90% planted, mainly with vegetables, fruit trees have been planted, as well as some flowers and ornamental plants. The irrigation system now allows us to water from the tank and an automatic watering system will soon be installed.

We have also been given two compost tumblers, a worm farm and have materials ready to construct two large compost bins. We have also been donated a garden mulcher, which will aid in our green recycling.

Each member of the leadership team has felt so much joy and pleasure seeing the garden with at least 12 people working together and sharing a cuppa on Tuesday mornings.

Come along and see for yourself - everybody is welcome and join in, even if it is just for morning tea.





# The Quickest Warmth Project

*Ann Inglis*

Many parishioners would be aware of the Quickest Warmth Project which is enthusiastically supported at St Luke's. This article is a behind-the-scenes perspective. I work closely with Rev'd Prue O'Donovan, the Co-ordinator of Quickest Warmth, and other members of the team.

The Quickest Warmth Project started about four years ago with the donation of seven quilts to Families SA (now the Department for Child Protection) for children in foster care. Sadly, lifestyle choices and the current economic climate sometimes make it difficult for parents to care for their children who then go into foster care, often with few of their possessions. A quilt in a carry bag with a story book and a soft toy gives them something of their own in a foster placement.

From that modest beginning the Project has grown to now having about 200 participants from Yorke Peninsula across the metropolitan area to Mount Gambier. These are people who donate their time, skills and purchases to help those who have fallen on hard times, easy enough to do if you're vulnerable. The donations now overflow into several rooms in Rev'd Prue O'Donovan's house before being distributed to meet requests from AnglicareSA and the Department for Child Protection.

While I was aware of and sporadically donated to the Quickest Warmth Project from its inception, my closer involvement began 18 months ago.

The Project needed administrative support which I was able to provide when another commitment ended. A group gathers every Monday afternoon to sort through donations received during the week. Contributions are packaged and labelled to meet the many requests for bedding, baby bags, kitchen and cleaning packs, toiletry, pamper and children's packs. The household packs go to refugee families and people moving into accommodation from shelters for the homeless or for victims of domestic violence. The toiletry packs go to homeless men and women to help them retain the dignity of personal hygiene. There are constant requests for baby bags to assist foster parents or new parents who lack supplies. Pamper packs are given to ladies in aged care facilities who may not have many visitors, or to lift the spirits of exhausted mothers struggling to keep their families together. Educational and toy packs go to children in need of stimulus or whose families have few resources.

My tasks are to record contributions in a data file and ensure appropriate acknowledgement of donors in the monthly newsletter, log the requests so we know where everything goes, send items to the newsletter editor and deal with any correspondence. I also distribute the newsletter by email and post.

As above, our participants come from far and near. The 'Sewing Nutters' from Port Pirie periodically arrive in a whirlwind of pillow-beds (a child's bed made from pillows which can be

rolled up and easily transported) and leave with fabric to make more pillow-beds. A volunteer in Mount Barker uses her skills to make or renovate curtains, a craft group in Hillier make and fill the toiletry packs and a talented volunteer in Gawler makes beautiful pamper packs which could easily be sold in a gift shop. Other people knit, crochet and sew blankets, quilts, soft toys, carry bags and a myriad of useful things. Their enthusiasm is infectious. For the first time in my life I finished a piece of knitting - a blanket, albeit with the occasional ventilation hole where a stitch was dropped; I'm improving, however, and a second one is in progress.

Since attending St Luke's from the beginning of 2019 I have been amazed by the generosity of parishioners who consistently donate to the Project. Nearly every week there is something on the shelves allocated to donations for Quickest Warmth. With these and other donations my lounge room frequently bears a resemblance to the O'Donovan home before everything is transported onwards as quickly as possible to where it will do the most good.

I get a lot of satisfaction from my involvement with Quickest Warmth. I think we are given opportunities in life to use our God-given talents and resources but it's our choice whether or not we grasp them. I am so grateful for the support provided to this volunteer-driven Project.

# Synod 2019 – Report

*Lyn Ho [Priest's Warden], Tessa Richmond and Helen Wright*

Synod commenced with a beautiful Eucharist at the Cathedral on the Friday evening which was the Festival of St Luke. The theme was Christian service and evangelism as exemplified in the life and work of St Luke. Wonderful organ music and singing by the choir. The diversity of Christians present from all over the world and the unity of the family of God was demonstrated by the reading of the liturgy by Vietnamese, Korean and Sudanese Christians living in Adelaide with the English reading given as a translation including our own Samuel Yengi and Helen Wright.

Archbishop Geoff's presidential address on Saturday showed particular focus on the absolute need to evangelise: Mission Action Planning for all parts of the church, not just parishes, will lead to action from which will come energy for mission. Archbishop Geoff spoke of the total importance of unity within the church and that any of our anxieties should be calmed by trust in God's grace and love. He reminded us of the many New Testament references to unity between humans and God: of the incarnation when out of love "God reconciles the world in Christ" through crucifixion and resurrection; Jesus' prayers for his disciples [which also includes all of us today] to have unity like the unity of the Holy Trinity and to remember that diversity is a gift of God. He reminded us that unity does not mean that we all think the same but in love we "stay together and work together for the glory of God and the spread of the Gospel". This teaching was particularly important when we debated a

motion for liturgical and pastoral recognition of LGBTIQ+ Christians to be used by the parishes of the diocese. The strongly expressed differences of opinion regarding the very different views of faithful Christians who love God but have very different views regarding the role and acceptance of LGBTIQ+ people into the Church. Archbishop Geoff reminded us of Jesus' parable of the tares [weeds] – the need to wait and take things slowly so that it becomes very clear what is the correct way forward: what is God's way, not just pushing our own personal views. Our unity rests on trust in God and that He will lead the way. While waiting we must love each other and work together. Archbishop Geoff said: "We say that salvation is by grace through faith – that is trust [Eph2.8] so we need to act that way. It is important we trust God to lead the church rather than being driven by [blind] anxiety". Our unity and trust is needed if we are to faithfully evangelise and enact the good news. He reminded us of the historical changes within the church regarding slavery and the role of women in the Church – these all needed to be done slowly to discern the will of God. A motion was narrowly passed to request Archbishop Geoff to explore ways to assist those in the diocese who experienced disunity.

A topic on which there was no disunity was the motion that Archbishop Geoff should send a letter to the state government to seek ways to facilitate open adoption – This provides enduring love and security for children while retaining a connection with their birth

families. Various members of Synod spoke of their own personal experience: of the terrible insecurity and of feeling unloved when in temporary foster care and the life changing experience of adoption – of belonging and a forever home. In 2017 -18 only one child was given that security; with a big increase in the numbers living in and out of home care until 18 years old when they then had to leave the foster home and fend for themselves.

The motion was passed unanimously. Bishop Chris Mcleod [the National Aboriginal Bishop] presented a very moving DVD: "Walk in My Shoes" and quoted from the Uluru Statement from the Heart – both really important to help white Australians to see and experience Australia through Aboriginal eyes and work towards true reconciliation and an equitably shared Australia. This was followed by a workshop to look at existing and future ways in which the Anglican Church in Australia can work towards real reconciliation and sharing Australia and all the good things our country can offer. Another issue looking at our history was the proposed development of a cathedral precinct and the sale of Bishop's Court. Most people were in favour of the sale as we were advised that this would provide a more appropriate residence for the Archbishop and release funds for many different groups of needy people. There were very few facts and figures given and careful consideration will need to be taken of the cost of land and building near the Cathedral;

clearly a modern house would dramatically reduce running costs and upkeep. The motion to sell Bishop's Court was passed.

A motion to request that Archbishop Geoff write to the Prime Minister and all other federal political leaders and independents to ask their support for legislation protection of religious freedoms as recognised in the International Covenant Civil and Political Rights [ICCPR] Article 18. This proposed legislation would protect people's rights to express, practise and teach any religion subject only to limitations of Australian law and the fundamental rights and freedoms of other people.

Passed unanimously.

A motion moved by Bishop Tim Harris and seconded by The Rev'd Dr Joan Riley called for a commitment by the church to provide a safe, respectful, supportive and welcoming environment to all people who are vulnerable and marginalised, for those with disabilities, mental illness and

those suffering and who have suffered physical or psychological abuse including the LGBTIQ+ community and to commit ourselves to do better to provide a safe place of sanctuary, refuge and nurture. This motion was carried after much debate and failed amendments. A motion proposed by Rev'd Dr Lyn Arnold AO and seconded by Rev'd Peter Sandeman that Synod would reiterate its apology moved in the 2017 Synod for the hurt caused by words or behaviour by the church to members of the LGBTIQ+ community to be widely circulated and displayed in parish churches and other ministries was carried.

A well earned vote of thanks was given to Amanda Harfield who has recently resigned from the role of Synod Secretary – a huge job – she will be greatly missed. Synod uses strange old fashioned words sometimes but the issues are very much of today. This is no dry and dusty meeting but a strong debate on topical issues by people who

are committed to serving God in today's world. As St Luke's current Synod representatives we are learning a great deal about how the diocese functions and where St Luke's fits in. Synod operates like a kind of parliament for the whole diocese and is thus an opportunity for democracy within the 'broad church' of Anglicanism. Every church representative can either propose a motion to be voted on, give their vote or ask a question about an important topic.

We would encourage everyone to take the opportunity to attend Synod at least once: it is a real privilege; it takes us right into the heart of our diocese. It is a great opportunity to listen and learn about how the Anglican Church functions in South Australia and see and hear some of our church leaders. It is very friendly and welcoming and it is fun to catch up with old friends and get to know other church members and we can thoroughly recommend the catering!



## St Luke's Patronal Festival

*Jo Johnson*

St Luke's Annual Patronal festival on October 13 opened on a bright note with a group of Sudanese dancers welcoming our guest, The Right Reverend Chris McLeod, Assistant Bishop of Adelaide.

The first hymn "For all the Saints" reminded us that as well as having a great celebration we were in fact remembering our Patron Saint, Luke, Evangelist and Martyr.

Rev. Joan read the acknowledgement that we meet on land originally inhabited by the Kaurna people.

We are lucky enough to have some very talented people at St Luke's and on this day we asked Bishop Chris to dedicate our beautiful Memorial Corner crafted by David Owen. This is proving to be a wonderful addition to our church both as a thing of beauty and a place where people can come,

light a candle and offer a special prayer.

A little later in the service the Sudanese children's choir sang a traditional Sudanese hymn. They looked lovely in the blue and white uniforms they had worn at the National Sudanese Conference some months previously.

Bishop Chris then conducted a Confirmation for the candidates whom Rev. Joan had prepared over the last few weeks. This was a wonderful occasion to see Sudanese candidates and our great friend Terry confessing their faith and becoming full members of Christ's church. Communion followed and the confirmees made their first communion.

The service finished with a joyful celebration of song and dance by the Sudanese choir. Bishop Chris and Rev. Joan

were two of the more energetic participants!

After the service the congregation and guests adjourned to the Under-croft where a delicious BBQ lunch was served by a wonderful group of volunteers. The congregation had contributed with donations of salads and desserts.

The Patronal Festival was a very happy day and provided many blessings for all St Luke's congregation.

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At the Patronal Festival five young people and two adults confirmed their baptism vows and received the laying on of hands by Bishop Chris McLeod.

Mercy Yebu Vivian,  
Gloria Kenyi Peru,  
Joseph Kenyi,  
Kenedi Kenyi Duku,  
Christine Donge Sokri,  
Patience Kojo Mori,  
Terry Ian Stoneman



# LUKE'S OP SHOP

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH 2019

*Colin Fidock*

It is hard to imagine that once again another year has almost come to an end within our opshop. Each year I am always amazed at the community support we receive not only with the myriad of goods that are given to us but also the relationships we have built with one another.

15 years ago, we began this outreach program in the Joseph's room and celebrated Jim's birthday on that day. Sadly Jim, who with Margaret has given faithful service left us this year and now rests eternally. How grateful we as a church have been for those who gave time and still do in ensuring our opshop continues to provide support to the wider community.

I am pleased to report that 38 people are committed to our outreach ministry. Within that number 8 have offered to

support us from the wider community. A special thankyou to all who have given time and commitment to the daily life of our opshop. It has grown, in fact more space would be wonderful to coordinate the areas currently providing ongoing materials for those who visit us each day.

Before Luke's was established, the parish organised regular garage sales under the undercroft. These proved to be quite successful despite the setting up and storing of goods. In recent years [with the final setting up of the shop] the parish decided to hold special garage sales 'fetes' to raise extra funds. These were again a lot of work but proved to be successful. However, it was decided this year that we [the opshop team] would not continue garage sales but rather set up a 'Bargain shed'

selling excess stock at reduced prices. In its infancy, this have proved to be popular with customers.

During the year it was decided to use Luke's as a base for providing food parcels for those in need. Members of our congregation are to be thanked for years of providing food for those in need via Anglicare and now through our local food outreach program. I would estimate that at least 4 parcels a week are distributed, either homeless packs or general packs.

Thank you all for your commitment to this program and to the future outreach of your opshop Luke's.

May god bless us as we journey on in the coming year.



This is the fantastic response to the Christmas Hamper Appeal plus the 5 boxes already filled.

**THANK YOU**

## VALE

### Leith James Palin

1st October 1929 – 14th October 2019

Leith or Jim as we know him was born in Broken Hill on the 1st October 1929 and worked in the mines office before moving to Adelaide where he met and married Margaret in October 1963. Jim worked in various places but was very happy to work for many years at Modbury hospital.

Jim and Margaret started worshipping at St Luke's in 1997 after many years worshipping at St Wilfred's Tea Tree Gully. They quickly settled into the family at St Luke's and we were very fortunate to have their expertise and hard work ethic. Margaret was deeply involved with ABM auxiliary and Jim supported her in her efforts. During Lent every year it was a common sight to see Jim cutting palm branch leaves and Margaret making them into Palm crosses for ABM to distribute all over Australia. Jim and Margaret also worked tirelessly providing housing and settling refugees in Adelaide.

Through this they have made some lifelong Cambodian friends and are now considered part of their Cambodian family.

When we decided to open an office at St Luke's Jim was one of the first people to put up his hand to work there one day a week. Maybe it was there that Jim decided he would like to get a computer and learn how to use it. Despite his age and therefore the unfamiliarity of technology he applied himself and spent many hours learning. When iPads became popular Jim moved on to this and loved taking photos and receiving/sending emails. Most Sundays he would bring his iPad to church and share some photos with us. The one thing Jim couldn't master was to insert spaces between words so we all smiled when we received an email from Jim and then had to interpret it. Jim and Margaret also volunteered in the Op Shop, I vividly remember on the first day our Op Shop opened

(it was only in Joseph's room then) Jim sitting outside in the sun welcoming people. I think it was his 75th birthday!

He enjoyed going on holidays with Margaret and they explored many places across the world and in Australia and can tell you many stories. Jim's most recent trip was a flight over Lake Eyre to see the flood waters. It was not long after that that his health deteriorated and after a short time in hospital and Homestead Residential Care he passed away peacefully on the 14th October with Margaret at his side. Jim was farewelled on the 21st October at St. Luke's Church with a service of thanksgiving for his life attended by nearly 200 people.

Rest in peace Jim with our Lord.

*Toni Owen*



### CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm Family Comunion and blessing of the crib

10.30pm Carols

11.00pm Midnight Mass

### CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00am Holy Communion

*The Light shines in the darkness  
and the darkness did not overcome it.  
John 1.5 NRSV*

## **SCHOOLS MINISTRY GROUP (SMG) - SUPPORTING PASTORAL CARE WORKERS (PCWs) IN LOCAL SCHOOLS.**

SMG Tea Tree Gully is supported in many and different ways by at least 15 local Christian Churches, including St Luke's.

The SMG TTG committee meets monthly to be a connection with local church communities, to provide support to and to engage with PCWs in their school communities, to participate in PCW selection panels and reviews, to oversee management of funds and to support the bi-annual TTG Christmas Tree Festival (the major non-govt. fundraiser for this ministry).

PCWs attend SMG TTG meetings once a term, when we hear first-hand what God is doing in our school communities. Their reports often include moving examples of how the PCWs have been Christ's hands and feet in their support of students, staff or

families and they often ask for prayer support from supporting churches for themselves and their work.

We at St Luke's specifically support PCW Ailsa Roberts and her role at Fairview Park Primary school.

In August we provided morning tea for the school staff to help Ailsa acknowledge the fantastic work they do for their school community. Thank you to everyone who helped with this.

In November, SMG TTG and the local PCWs supported two local 'Year 8 Preparation Days' with a BBQ and lunch for the students and morning tea for staff and helpers.

Approximately 400 students attended. Programs for the days were provided by Life Matters and Hope Downloaded seminar teams and were supported by the PCWs from the source schools. The sessions were

based on change, challenge and choice. These two days took lots of planning and hard work but the students appeared to have a great time and new friendships, confidence and problem solving strategies explored by the students will be invaluable to them as they begin year 8 next year.

During December, under the auspices of SMG TTG, a Christmas workshop, The Star of Christmas, will be run at several local primary schools. The aim of the program will be to share the Christmas story, as told in the Bible, in a contemporary, interactive and professional way and to share what Christians believe the purpose of Christmas to be. These workshops have had a wonderful impact on children, schools and homes in past years.

Please keep the SMG TTG, all PCW's and PCW AILSA in your Prayers.



# Advent

We are into the season of ADVENT. This the beginning of the Church Year for most churches. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation for the coming of Jesus.

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing.

Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is **Purple**. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King.

The Advent wreath is an increasingly popular symbol of the beginning of the Church year in many churches as well as homes. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

The light of the candles itself becomes an important symbol of the season. The light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world that comes into our lives to bring newness, life, and

hope. It also reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's grace to others (Isa 42:6).

The first candle is traditionally the candle of Expectation or Hope, the second candle is the candle of Peace, the third candle usually on the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally Pink or Rose and is the candle of Joy it represents God's love and faithfulness. The fourth candle is the candle of Love as we remember the heavenly hosts proclaiming Christ's birth, "Behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy!"

The center candle is white and is called the Christ Candle, symbolizing the Birth of Christ. It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Have you ever wondered about the Advent Calendars that are popular in our homes especially where there are young children.

## ***The history of Advent calendars***

Like many others aspects of modern Christmas practices, the Advent calendar is of German origin. From the early nineteenth century, at the latest, German Protestants began to mark the days of Advent either by burning a candle for the day or, more simply, marking walls or doors with a line of chalk each day. A new practice of hanging a devotional image every day ultimately led to the creation of the first known handmade, wooden, Advent

calendar in 1851. Sometime in the early twentieth century (either 1902 or 1908 depending on who you believe) the first printed calendars appeared, followed by Gerhard Lang's innovation of adding small doors in the 1920s; he is thus often seen as the creator of the modern calendar. Others added short bible verses behind the doors alongside the traditional picture from the 1930s. Lang's business closed shortly before the outbreak of war; subsequently cardboard was rationed and with a Nazi ban on the printing of calendars with images, the calendars disappeared and might have done for ever. But after the war ended Richard Sellmar of Stuttgart almost miraculously (considering the paper shortages) obtained a permit from the US officials to begin printing and selling them again. His company Sellmar-Verlag, 70th anniversary, remains one of the most important producers of such calendars. Calendars filled with chocolate began to appear from the late 1950s around the time that they also began to spread around the world. Eisenhower is sometimes credited with the American popularisation of them having been photographed while President opening them with his grandchildren. Today they are a global phenomenon, even seeing a boost in popularity in recent years but at their heart they retain the essence of counting down the days to Weihnachten that began with those simple chalk scratches.

*By Alex Wakelam*

## Spotlight on Colin Fidock

Colin is a dinky di South Australian, born and bred in Adelaide. During his formative years in Whyalla. Colin was baptised as a teenager, confirmed at 15 and continuing with his Christian development becoming a Lay Reader at age eighteen at Holy Trinity Whyalla.

After completing School Colin began his teaching career at wattle Park Teachers College. Once qualified he began his first appointment back home in Whyalla, where he met Gordana [Dany] Torneff. They were engaged in September 1966 and married in 1968.

In that year Colin began teaching at Gawler Primary, and while there undertook his Librarian- ship training as a teacher/librarian at Bedford Park College [Flinders Uni] This dual role enabled him to work at The Education Department at Flinders Street Adelaide as a Library Advisor, the Regional Office at Clare and Burra where he became the Community Librarian a library

open to the whole community.

The family now with 4 children, lived in Burra for 10 years. Colin was awarded a South Australian Government honour, Citizen of the year for services to community and heritage during that time.

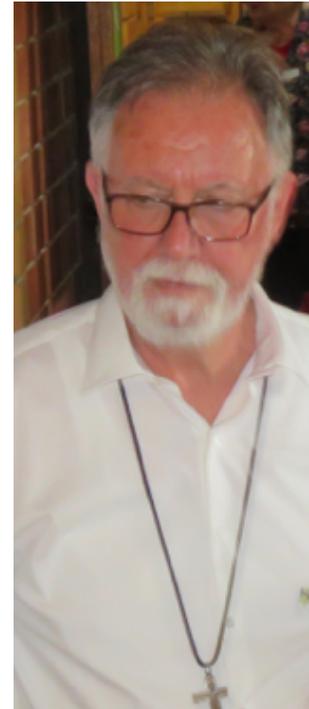
In 1988, the family moved to St Agnes where Colin took the position of Senior Teacher Librarian at Modbury High School and a few years later, Senior Master /Teacher Librarian at Trinity College Gawler until he retired. Colin's Christian journey has continued throughout his lifetime.

Colin became a professed member of the third order of the society of St Francis in 1985, became the Provincial Minister for the Asia / Pacific Region in 2012.

Colin and Dani began worshipping at St Luke's in 1988.

More later as I trace the family.

*Ngairé Stichbury.*



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## Prayers

### *Often Afraid*

Lord God, my heart is often afraid, fearful of the future, old age, death, misfortune, loss of loved ones, failure, ill-will from others. Forgive my lack of faith in You to guide and protect me. Even if the worst happens You are always present in it so that the feared worst cannot harm the eternal me.

Nothing can snatch me out of your hand nor any of my loved ones. Nothing that happens can separate us from your love made known to us in Jesus your beloved Son and our beloved Brother.

Psalm 56:3 – Nevertheless, though I am sometime[s] afraid, yet put I my trust in Thee.

Bishop George Appleton

## Creative Writing at The University of the third Age.

Every first and third week, I join a group as large as twelve to share our creative talents. We meet in the common room at the Lutheran village on Grand Junction Road Tea Tree Gully.

Our preparation involves a task set by the coordinator; it might be several words, a paragraph or sentence on which to build. The topic is the same, but what we share is very different. It is so interesting to see what everyone comes up with- M always has great

descriptive passages, J usually something to do with Scientific Fiction whilst P and I focus on crime. We laugh and chatter and give each other helpful

hints on how to do better next time. We all come from different backgrounds, a couple of old nurses, a funeral official, several clerical workers and currently two males. Occasionally we have a speaker. Usually a local who has

published and in fact the U3A creative writing group have published and you can obtain our Anthology from the library at U3A.

We break for coffee halfway through the two-hour session and are privileged to have delicious cakes provided by dear V.

I have belonged to this group for several years and intend to continue if my old brain allows.

U3A is for those who have retired and are over 65 years of age.

*Ngaira Stichbury*



Naomi Lubo Mori  
daughter of Samuel and Rose  
baptised at St Lukes this year.



