



ST LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
25 Smart Road, Modbury, SA 5092

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first issue of a newsletter which we hope will give some idea about activities at St Luke's Anglican Church in which everyone is invited to join.

In this issue we share news about what's happening in the Community Garden, the Op Shop, an Art and Craft Project and our support for local schools.

Everyone is welcome to drop in and take part in the activities on site. See our contact details on page 8.



What's Growing in the Community Garden

Luke's Community Garden was opened in late 2019 and has been further developed since then. The initial focus of the garden was growing vegetables but with the recent expansion it now includes many ornamental plants as well as a small quiet reflection area.

Gardening sessions at the moment are each Tuesday morning from about 10am to 12noon which includes a morning coffee break. On the first Tuesday of each month there is a BBQ from about 11.30am.



The garden has been quite productive with a great variety of vegetables that have been planted in raised garden beds. These beds are also accessible for people with walkers or wheelchairs. The garden produce is for sale from the Op Shop.

Come along and get your hands dirty or just visit at coffee time or the BBQ. For more details phone David on 0413278180.

David Datson

LUKE'S OP SHOP: A mission-shaped outreach

The Op shop has an important role in the life of our Parish and apart from the importance of raising funds to support the church and its mission objectives within the wider church, it also has a significant role in its outreach to the wider community.

It is hard to believe that our Op Shop has now been functioning for over 16 years. Initially the parish ran regular Garage sales in the undercroft which required moving items for sale from the old house next door (now Health Partners). In time we decided to open in the Joseph's shed which was once the Sunday school with its floor of many colours.

Luke's popularity continued to grow, as did the many donations from our parish family and the community. This growth led to moving into the first parish church and in the time since has expanded to three spaces. These include the main "shop," Joseph's and the Bargain shed. The latter has become a recent addition (2019) as it was decided that we would forgo future giant garage sales and use this space for the excess stock donated to us.

In its evolution Luke's has become a well-organised and managed outreach involving over 35 volunteers both from our parish and the community. From the arrival of donations, items of all shapes and sizes, including clothing and bric-a-brac, are sorted and prepared for display and sale to the community. This is done in our storage shed.

Keeping our objective as a mission-shaped outreach, we have endeavoured to provide clothing and most items at a low and affordable price. Joseph's fulfils most of these needs with adult clothing for \$1.00 and children's for 50 cents. Excess items like bags, shoes and clothing are sent to a recycling company and then sent overseas.



Since 2019 we have also provided food parcels for the homeless and people who need support. This has been very rewarding thanks to the generosity of the members of our parish.

We are indeed thankful for the involvement of our community, for the donations given so freely, for coming to our shop and for the friendship and goodwill that has made Luke's an open and welcoming place for all of us.

Colin [Co-ordinator]



What Working in Luke's Op Shop means to me: As someone who has been unable to return to paid employment due to suffering ongoing panic disorder, Luke's Op Shop has provided me with a safe environment where I am able to contribute to the community and thus take my place in society.

But the best part is that I get to work with some truly special individuals who contribute to my life simply by being themselves. Plus I get to discover the donated items, which is like Christmas to me as I have always been an avid Op Shopper since I was a teenager and I am now in my early 60's!

I very much look forward to my work day each week as I get a kick out of merchandising the goods for sale, polishing the silver, starching the doilies, washing, pressing and presenting serviettes and napery.

I genuinely feel appreciated by St Luke's community members and the volunteer team and I consider myself privileged to be part of it.

Barbara (Op Shop Volunteer)

A CRAFTY WAY TO RECYCLE



Garden art

There's a lot of activity at St Luke's on a Tuesday morning. Apart from workers and visitors to the Op Shop and the Community Garden, as well as the monthly barbecue, you may notice some colourful and unusual items inside the Op Shop and decorating garden beds. These are the work of Bronwyn, a clever crafter who



uses her imagination and talent to make mosaics using discarded crockery and bottle tops. Some of her work has been displayed on a café wall in Glenelg.

Bronwyn discovered St Luke's by chance when she walked past one day while a barbecue was in progress. She stopped and chatted to some of the people on site, an idea was born and the results are on show all around the community garden. Colourful items made from old plates, bowls, glass pebbles and bottle tops stand in the garden beds or hang from tree branches (great bird-scarers for fruit trees).



Some pretty and delicate glass 'mushrooms' made from discarded bowls and tumblers.

There seem to be no limits to the extent of Bronwyn's imagination and creativity and she is currently working on an idea for a mosaic to adorn the side of the Op Shop. St Luke's congregation has been collecting bottle tops which might end up in the mosaic.

Bronwyn's work is on display in St Luke's Community Garden. We encourage you to drop in and have a look at what can be done to brighten up a drab spot with plastic, glass and porcelain which would otherwise go to landfill.

Ann Inglis

Support for local schools: Why we think it's important



St Luke's has two representatives on the Tea Tree Gully Schools Ministry Group which supports the work of 15 Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs) in our local schools, both primary and secondary.

PCWs support the needs of their particular school community and their work is wide ranging and often challenging. They are God's hands and feet in our schools. PCWs provide students with a sense of purpose, value and hope. They are positive role models who tirelessly show love, care and compassion, giving pastoral and practical support not only to students but also to staff, families and across the breadth and length of school community life.



In addition to prayer support of this ministry, faithful supporters at St Luke's give financial support, knit comfort teddies and balls for PCWs to give distressed children, help at the annual Year 8 preparation days which are run for all Year 7 students in the district, and are actively involved in fundraising events, especially the biennial Christmas Tree Festival.

St Luke's specifically supports the PCW at Fairview Park Primary school. Our Monday Bible study group generously gives items for children who have no recess and, thanks to some of our wonderful cooks, we provide an annual thank you morning tea for the staff.

Carolyn Datson

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or just drop in!