



OUR VISION

Every Day
we all must
make God
the centre
of our lives;
and be
fearless
in asking
God
what to do,
and then
do it.

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Christmas Services

Sunday 18th December

7.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Family Service with Holy Communion
and Children's Nativity

10.30pm Traditional Carol Singing

11.00pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.00am Sung Holy Communion with Carols



A MESSAGE FROM REV'D JOAN



*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.*

Welcome to Advent! What a beautiful season it is this time of the year. The jacaranda trees are blooming with beautiful purple flowers, the colour of Advent. The days are so long and the birds sing early in the morning of the joy of the breaking summer. In the church, Advent is a time of hopeful waiting. We wait for the coming of the Christ child at Christmas time and we wait for the coming again of our Lord, as he promised his people. There is an edge to our waiting in Advent. The circle of salvation is completed when the Lord's birth and second coming meet. Jesus tells us to be ready because he may come at any time. We make ourselves ready by orienting our hearts and minds toward God, by acting out of love. In the season of Advent, it is important for Christians to show their faith and advertise that Christmas is about looking for and finding Christ. It is not about losing ourselves in a glut of overspending, or the stress of dysfunctional family relationships, or the anxiety of wanting it to all work out for that one perfect day. Christians look for Christ, and we find him in unexpected places.

What a wonderful and busy year it has been for St Luke's. Our fiftieth anniversary celebrations were fantastic. Many people joined us for a special day where we not only celebrated the past fifty years, but we looked to the future with a great sense of joy. We celebrated the very precious events of baptism and confirmation. We celebrated the multicultural diversity in our midst with singing and dancing to the Lord.

In August, we got together for a parish planning day. Many ideas were put forward and the parish council was set the task of preparing the results and beginning the process of implementation. One of the important things we identified was the need for clearer communication between the council and congregation. In fact, better communication all round needs to happen to make us a more fully

functioning community. Eight areas were identified during the consultation. These included, in rank of popularity: partnering with Anglicare with a view to service delivery to the wider community; consulting with the wider community and linking in with services which are already happening (these two ideas ranked equally top); increasing our connection with the Sudanese; expansion of leadership and sharing opportunities; developing new styles of worship; small group development; upgrading the foyer; annual parish review session. We grouped all the ideas from the planning day into these main areas. The parish council have prioritised the development of the first two areas: partnership with Anglicare and service delivery to those in need, and consulting with the wider community about what is already happening. It is important that these two ideas go together. We need to know what is already out there before we set out to implement ideas. We may think the need in the community is one thing, but we might find out by investigating that there are different needs in the community. We have some excellent space at St Luke's, such as the large kitchen area downstairs. This space is not being well utilised. We have a great gift in our premises here at St Luke's, and it is our duty to make use of it for the purposes of ministry.

The first action in implementing ideas is the forming of a small group to consult the wider community and identify the needs and gaps in service provision. The second action is to explore possibilities of shared ministry with Anglicare. These things will be undertaken as a priority in the new year.

Another exciting development, which links in with the area of developing connections with the Sudanese community, is the new Bari language service on the first Sunday of the month at 11.30 am. This service is an outreach ministry of St Luke's. Continued on Page 3

OUR GOLDEN OLDIE

SPOTLIGHT ON YVONNE HOAD

Yvonne was born in 1929. The family lived at St. Morris where Yvonne's mother billeted defence force personnel during WW2. After schooling at St. Andrew's Walkerville Yvonne attended Stott's Business College. During WW2 working age young people were directed to various occupations - Yvonne worked for The News and for Shirgis Hairdressing in reception.

Yvonne married Sid in 1953, they lived for a time at Westbourne Park and at Bartonville before moving to a residence on Smart Road Modbury in 1964. Smart Road at that time was a dirt road with one lane each way, no kerbs and a ford which when flooded caused residents to travel via Tea Tree Gully. Golden Grove Road was also a two lane dirt road. There were only 2 houses on Smart Road, there was no Tea Tree Plaza, no Modbury Primary School and no Tea Tree Plaza but there was a pub, a chaff mill and some small shops. At the Smart Road home Yvonne and Sid held many functions for good causes.

Yvonne has been a long time worshipper at St. Luke's Modbury, she has seen many changes; services held in the Rectory occupied by the Rev'd Bill West, services in the Council Supper room, services in the chapel from the Royal Adelaide Hospital which is now the Op Shop and eventually a smaller construction which now forms part of the larger church building.

Some of Yvonne's memories include David Skein being the first baby to be baptised in the house church and her son Graham being the first server in the church.

With others Yvonne started the catering service in 1966, the Clergy Wives luncheons at Christ Church and progressive dinners, trading tables at Clovercrest shopping centre in front of People's Store and at Tea Tree Plaza. She also commenced a Women's Fellowship. The object of all this activity was to enable a church to be built - and in 1971 the foundation stone was laid.

Well done good and faithful servant.

Ngaire Stichbury



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The Bari congregation leader is Samuel Yengi. The Diocese of Adelaide has accepted Samuel into the vocational discernment programme. He is undertaking theological studies at St Barnabas College. Come along and join in the Bari worship. It is such a joyful experience. Your presence, even if only for a short time, gives great encouragement and support to this new initiative. There is much future potential for shared activities in worship, youth and social gathering.

Of course, the most wonderful thing of the year has been the long-awaited arrival of the Brawn children from the South Sudan. It's hard to believe the children are here. So many ups and downs have accompanied the long process. It's worth every moment of hard work to finally see the children.

June Hindmarch and Margaret Curd have given much time to this task, and I commend them. I also commend the generosity of you, the parish of St Luke's, for believing in this cause and supporting it to the extent that made it all possible. Thanks be to God. May your Advent be filled with a joyful sense of waiting. May you find time to be with Jesus, to be quiet and to pray. And may your Christmas be a beautiful and blessed time.

“Count your blessings and not your burdens”.

At approx 10.10 pm on Wednesday 16th November 2016 a joyous little group assembled at Adelaide Airport. To the weary tourist and business travellers arriving from Perth, the meeting was of some interest as the group gathered for a photograph – no words were spoken or questions asked but the travellers caught on to the moment and there were smiles all around.

Of course the occasion was the long awaited arrival of Benson, Gloria, Godfrey and Vitale on Australian soil and in the care of their Uncle Michael. Aunt Flora, the cousins and some supporters were there to greet the children and welcome them to Australia, which is a world away from the UN camp where they had spent the last few months. The excitement, joy and emotion was hard to contain you could only feel it, and be grateful to the Almighty for bringing this happy reunion about. It was a privilege to be there, Benson latched on to his cousin Mathew and Mathew carried little Vitale through the airport.

If we had a proper timeline it would stretch back to a sad occasion in May 2012, Pageri Hospital, South Sudan when the late Lawrence, brother of Michael died. The children had already lost their mother and now they were orphans. Without hesitation Michael and Flora, who had already been supporting the family stepped up to be long distance carers. This involved meeting their daily needs by the provision of food, shelter, education and medical care for the children. The logical step was to seek visas so that the children could be cared for in Australia. Of course that particular journey was fraught with bureaucratic demands (some justifiable), scrutiny of the children's situation, large expenses in lodging the applications, uncertainty, even disappointment.

Approximately 3 years ago Michael approached members of Parish Council at St Luke's to seek assistance, as the financial burden was getting heavier, and the process of gaining visas was taking a long time.. From that time the Parish of St Luke's has generously supported Michael and Flora, prayerfully, financially and with moral support for their quest to have the visas granted to the children.

In pursuit of the visas there was mountains of paper to satisfy queries, separate DNA tests, material proof of statements and there would not be enough space here to cover the detail of the application and the appeal processes.

Moving along to February of this year, it was a devastating blow when, after the assistance of the Legal Services Commission SA, and meeting the Department of Immigration requirements such as DNA tests for the children to prove their kinship, the application was rejected. There was only one opportunity to appeal and in a short space of time, but that could be costly and involve hiring an Immigration Lawyer (they don't come cheap).

This is where the blessings came from an unexpected direction, in desperation we approached Tony Zappia's office for advice and assistance, and we were introduced to the Electoral Secretary Mr Frank Barbaro who from that time on gave us advice in writing and lodging the appeal. The appeal was put together by meetings, rehashing the old evidence, presenting new evidence, and in particular a new set of DNA tests. The final submission had twenty attachments (and through all this St Luke's were doing their bit praying and raising funds – another blessing).

The appeal date was set for 12th July but at that time the war had erupted again in South Sudan, dreadful war crimes were being committed and the children had to flee for their lives (this was not new to them). The hearing was approached that morning with no knowledge of the children's whereabouts if they were safe or how they were surviving. Another blessing, the presiding Member was thorough, she gave Michael through a Madi interpreter, a good hearing, she was respectful and while she could not be openly sympathetic, I think she understood the children's situation. The Member promised a swift decision and asked us to keep her informed of the children's whereabouts. It was a great joy to hear that the appeal was upheld and the children were entitled to Orphan Class visas.

“Count your blessings and not your burdens” - continued

Eventually Benson, Gloria, Godfrey and Vitale were traced to a UN camp in Uganda and after more red tape and medical tests, Michael was able to bring them to Adelaide, hence their arrival on 16th November. I am sure there is more of this story to be told but time and space may not permit at present.

I think June Hindmarch would agree that through the time delays, the disappointment, the fear for the children's safety, giving up was never an option. It is a true blessing to have these children in our midst.

Thanks to all the parishioners for the support, for their prayers and their prayerful donations. We wish Michael and Flora and their new family every blessing particularly at this Christmas time. God is good.

Margaret Curd
26th November 2016



Knitted Blankets for Anglicare

This year 48 blankets were made up out of knitted squares which were given to Magdalene Centre. Many thanks to Denise Robinson for delivering them to the centre for those in need. They were gratefully appreciated.

Squares can be knitted and passed on all year. Any number of squares are appreciated, either wool or acrylic.

To make a square - use garter stitch
Cast on 40 stitches
Knit to 8 inches or 20cm in length.
If preferred you can knit one piece
72 inches or 183cm.

Many thanks to those who knit squares.

Any enquiries to Yvonne Brumley.

50th Birthday Celebrations

In October we celebrated our 50th birthday. An exciting weekend was planned - Saturday afternoon a Cheese and Wine get together culminating in Evensong at 5.00pm and on Sunday a Sung Eucharist with a baptism and confirmation followed by lunch.

The invitations were sent to as many people whose names we could remember, inviting them to either or both events. All previous Priests (still living) were invited but unfortunately because of their own commitments were unable to attend.

We did receive a letter from our very first Priest Bill West who now lives in New South Wales. Several past parishioners were able to attend either one or both events. This was very exciting catching up with them all. Geoff and Berrie Skein, Coralie Bonnett (nee Basnec) and Les Watson were there joining with Yvonne Hoad and Toni & David Owen who were all part of that service in May 1966 when it was decided to form a building committee to establish a church in Modbury. We were able to renew acquaintances with Tom Oborn and his daughter and grand daughters, Dawn & Denis Falland, Helen Hendricks, Mark Taylor, Barbara Colbert, Yvonne Riley, Sue and Harry Barratt, and Denise Bollen, Bev Inwood, Susan Tyler and her son James. We were also pleased that Kevin Knight, the Mayor of Tea Tree Gully, and his wife Karen spent some time with us.

A highlight of the Saturday afternoon was the slide show that David Owen had put together of some of the events over the last 50 years. Everyone seemed to enjoy seeing themselves in much younger days and reminiscing with friends.

The Saturday afternoon finished with Evensong from the BCP (Book of Common Prayer), a reminder of the type of service we would have celebrated 50 years ago. We also got the chance to hear the newly formed choir who led the singing - well done!

Sunday morning's service was a combined Sung Eucharist at 10.00am. This was presided over by the Administrator, The Right Reverend Dr. Timothy Harris, Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, with Rev'd Joan Riley assisting. The service included a Baptism - Abbas Hadi Jebur. and eight people were confirmed - Abbas Hadi Jebur, Millicent Rose Anderson, Kate Marie Davis, Reshal Teresia Davis, Jhanelle Chua Dionela, Imogen Kathleen Wilson-Shaw, Hannah Eliza Wilson-Shaw, Daniel Leo Biner. It was a wonderful service. The church was full, the singing led by the choir was full of joy and praise, two of the confirmation candidates read the lessons and the children sang the Rainbow Song for us. After Communion we were privileged to have our Sudanese congregation present a very happy song for us.

We were pleased to have some past members of St. Luke's family join us for this service, Geoff and Berrie Skein, Graham Hoad, Coralie Bonnett, Neil & Margaret Hurst, Jenny Osborne Pauline (nee Parham) and Linda & Peter Brooker. If I have left anyone out I am sorry, there were so many people there I may have missed some.

After a lovely spring afternoon on Saturday the weather decided to take a turn for the worse on Sunday with wind and rain forecast. This did cause a few worries as lunch was being served under the church but with the help a few Patio Heaters and lots of people the conditions weren't too bad.

Many thanks to Helen and John Spencer for organising the food on both occasions, We were well fed, lots of nice hot casseroles, rice and baked potatoes with side salads and some Sudanese delicacies everyone had a great lunch.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the occasion.

Toni Owen
Link Editor

**To Colin Fidock & Margaret Curd
Wardens : St. Luke's Modbury**

Thank you so much for your invitation to St. Luke's Anniversary celebrations. I must decline your kind offer as I have recently travelled twice to Adelaide visiting a family member in sickness and later for his Funeral. So can't justify another trip.

You may know that I initiated the establishment of the Modbury church by holding Sunday meetings in my house. It was a farm house on North East Road where now stands a shopping mall, I think. The simple venue, basic furniture & ornament & the vibrancy of the new congregation put me in mind of the exciting spirit of the early Christian Church in Acts, who met in their homes, were caring and sharing. In like fashion the early Modbury Church was back to basics, and I am thankful for the experience. They were good times, with good friends and blessed by God.

And I pray that the present-day Modbury congregation continue strong in this Christian tradition of love of God and neighbour as first principles above all else.

Dominus Vobiscum
Bill West

**To all our brothers and sisters at St. Luke's
Congratulations on your Golden Anniversary.**

I remember St Luke's fondly during my Uni years, making many friends in the church and through youth group.

St. Luke's holds a special place in my and Nerida (my wife's) heart as we were married there in 1992. Thank you all for your ongoing prayers and support during our ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators the last 16 years.

Our prayers are that God will continue to guide and bless you.

Lots of love

Peter, Nerida, Terissa and Andrea Fidock

**To the Rev'd Joan Riley, and the Wardens and
congregation of St. Luke's Modbury.**

I want to express my gratitude and delight to have been invited to share in the fiftieth celebrations of the dedication of St. Luke's Church last weekend. Although it is now twenty years since I moved away from Modbury, and therefore St. Luke's Church, it was lovely to find that many of the "old brigade" are still there. It was great to be made so welcome by everyone...and to be able to view the wonderful film of St. Luke's history which has had quite a bit added since I last saw it all those years ago.

I cherish the memory of my thirty years as a member of the congregation. My three children were baptised and confirmed there, attended the Sunday School, CEBS and GFS, and I was a member of the Women's Fellowship and Parish Council, as well as many other committees and activities within the parish.

I was later supported by the people of St. Luke's through my husband Ted's illness and eventual

death and was greatly comforted when so many of the congregation attended his funeral in the church.

Life moves on, of course, and I have been richly blessed through my very happy marriage to Sylvan, but my years at Modbury, and the people of St. Luke's Church, will always hold a special place in my heart.

With love and thanks
Coralie Bonett (formerly Basnec)

*Great to see the church full
catch up with past parishioners.
Yvonne Brumley*

*A wonderful time of sharing and friendship.
Great to be able to share with our Sudanese
families.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It is pleasing to report that attendances have continued to grow with the arrival of new children. During the second half of this year various activities have been covered in relation to the Gospels and the readings each Sunday. Sessions included parables and a focus on Jesus, his teaching and healing. We are now focussing on Advent. The children have enjoyed their music time each week.

The children participated in St Luke's day celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

A special event was the Christmas Tree Festival. The children enjoyed making colourful decorations and were able to decorate the tree at the end of Sunday service.

The children and Ministry team wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas



The Christmas Dinner

Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat only this story concerns a turkey, the family's Christmas dinner.

My father was a butcher and (as it was in those far off days) his customers always came first.

It was around the early 1950's when turkeys were becoming more plentiful, affordable and popular.

Christmas eve about 7.00pm, the family was at dinner, when there was a knock at the back door!

This was the penalty for living on the premises. The caller was in "trouble". He had forgotten to order his family's turkey and did Dad have one available.

Of course he did and out the back door went our Christmas dinner. Luckily for Dad there was still a chook left over from Christmas trading and that became our Christmas dinner.

If memory serves me correctly, this would have been our first Turkey dinner. We never let him forget!

Jenny Cooling

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2016

This major fundraiser for Schools Ministry was a great success with trees provided by many church groups and schools. This year St Luke's provided two trees, one symbolising the 'cradle to cross' and the other a traditional tree decorated with recycled decorations made by the children who attend our children's ministry group. There were about 40 trees and many were ingeniously decorated and/or created, by using recycled products - the theme of the festival being 'Christ Makes All Things New'. There was a great atmosphere each day as people from churches in the Tea Tree Gully area worked together to make the festival a success; it was a joy to see the faces of the children as they walked around looking at the Christmas trees, nativity sets and adding decorations to a tree in the foyer. There were musical items presented by local schools and it was lovely to hear the children singing carols. We are hopeful that the final figure will be over \$20,000.00, a tribute to the many people who were

involved in the planning and organisation of this event and the teams of volunteers from various churches who worked tirelessly on the stalls and in the kitchens providing morning and afternoon teas, lunches and suppers.

The work of our amazing team of chaplains (Pastoral Care Workers) is a blessing in our schools and our communities; let us continue to take an interest in this Ministry, support Ailsa Roberts, the PCW at Fairview Park School, and keep them all in our prayers.

June Hindmarch



St. Luke's Tree
'From the Cradle to the Cross'



Our Childrens Christmas Tree



Working on the Cake Stall on Thursday



This is entirely from dried plant material



Some Nativity scenes from all over the world

RIDGEHAVEN AGED CARE FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We have continued to enjoy our time with the residents who all look forward to the sessions we prepare for them.

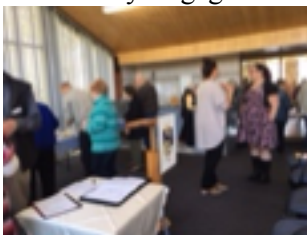
- In winter, Luke's Op Shop came to Ridgehaven with jewellery being the most popular buy. The residents had such fun trying on an assortment of scarves, hats, woollen gloves etc.
- Cheryl John, a travel manager, gave a fascinating account of her travels throughout Canada and Alaska.
- The residents made some wonderful door hangings for their rooms to prepare for the festive season.
- In December, June, Thelma and Carolyn D. will be joining us to sing and to celebrate the Christmas nativity.
- Peace to one and all this holiday season.



OP SHOP NETWORK MEETING: ST LUKE'S, OCTOBER 5th 2016

The team at Luke's Op shop had the pleasure of hosting a meeting of op shop teams from across the Diocese. These meetings are held twice per year, providing opportunities for members to share information and to support one another in their endeavours to reach out to the needs of local communities.

It was a pleasure to have Jill Rivers [Parish Community Engagement Worker [Anglicare SA] to



lead our gathering. The focus was two-fold; to discuss the issue of Mission Outreach and the possible conflict in providing finance for parish works and a

group discussion on the 'Marks on the Mission shaped Op Shop'.

The first session was introduced by Sandra Williams, Op Shop Manager of Cathedral Fashions which led to considerable discussion. So what are Op Shops about beyond buying and selling and making money?

Colin followed with this theme relating to the role, Luke's Op Shop endeavoured to achieve in the TTG community.

Following a sumptuous morning tea the groups reconvened to discuss which 5 main points they believed significant in the ministry and mission of an Op Shop within the Diocese.

MARKS OF THE MISSION SHAPED OP SHOP
[DISCUSSION POINTS FROM 'WHAT'S OLD IN NEW AGAIN/ OPSHOPS IN MINISTRY 2011]

What are your thoughts on these marks of mission?

- INVITATION
- HOSPITALITY
- FRIENDSHIP
- INCLUSION
- SAFETY
- STORY TELLING
- FAITH SHARING
- INFORMATION
- NETWORKING
- VOLUNTEERS
- CREATIVITY AND RECYCLING
- ENTERPRISE [items made and sold]
- GOODWILL AND GENEROSITY
- LOSS AND GRIEF
- CELEBRATION
- RENEWAL



This session led to considerable discussion with groups linking many of the marks together with variables of significance. A good time was had by all in attendance.

BLESSED ARE.....

Blessed are they who understand,
my faltering steps and shaking hand.

Blessed who know my ears today,
must strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who look away,
when tea is spilled on the cloth that day.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile,
whostop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who never say,
"You've told that story twice today".

Blessed are they who make it known,
that I'm loved, respected and not alone.

And blessed are they who ease the days of
my journey home in loving ways.

Clarice Pawsey

This Christmas Discover the Light

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1

Some photos from the Anniversary weekend



Saturday - being welcomed by the Wardens



Enjoying the slide show



Rev'd Joan chats with Mayor - Kevin Knight



Ngaire enjoys a laugh with Barbara Colbert



Confirmation group with Bishop Timothy Harris



The children singing The Rainbow Song



Enjoying the Sudanese singing



Lunch time