



# The Link

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## 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.



Tony Zappia MP, Rev'd Joan Riley, Dr. Cath Hall, Flora & Michael Brawn

# International Women's Day

#BeBoldForChange

*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.  
(John 10.10)*



The era in which we live is saturated with technology and dominated by media. The age of handwriting and manual skills is becoming a thing of the past. The basic occupations of many people have been lost, or are facing loss, through the demise of manual jobs and the manufacturing industry. Everything has turned into a computer programme, and fewer and fewer people are required to make things work. Children and young people are given ipads and tablets instead of pens and pencils. Learning is now all online and libraries are primarily centres of information technology rather than books. Everything is mobile and 'smart.'

Things change. Aircraft and motor vehicles changed the world. Advances in medical science improved and continue to improve the lives of so many people. These things we know and want. Yet sometimes, we need to catch up before everything overtakes us and too many people are left behind. The price of technology and the need to keep up with every digital invention is high in money and social terms. And with each increase in cost, the vacuum between those who can keep up and those who cannot gets wider, deeper and more impenetrable.

One of the most dangerous inventions of this fast paced, changing era is social media. It is especially so for young people who have grown up with computers instead of school books. Have you ever been sitting in a café and seen a table of people who do not speak to each other, but spend the entire time scrolling up and down their phone? It's a tragic vision. People are beginning to lose the skills of social interaction. Social media is making people unsocial. I have 267 friends of my Facebook page. Goodness, doesn't that make me seem popular! If only. Facebook 'friends' are part of a cyber world in which people do not really know each other. People promote themselves, air their griefs, post causes, load pictures... And continue to be solitary beings losing touch with the world.

I might be a bit hard. Not everyone is like that. Many people manage social media as a low-grade communication tool, keep in touch. Many make it work for them. Businesses and community organisations use it to legitimately advertise events and products. Sadly however, some people get

caught up in a world of cyber bullying, online streaming of humiliating and violent acts, revenge porn, obsession with statuses, and ensuing anxiety and depression. Too many young people live in this world. They determine their worthiness by how many 'likes' they get on a post. Some even lose themselves to suicide when their online image has been damaged.

Social media has claimed a place in young people's lives which ought to cause deep concern. It's easy to abuse a person over the computer, post a comment which is hurtful or untrue, and never be called to account. It's much easier to say something online than to a person's face. I think that's why bullying has become a major issue of our day. Where is the place of faith and the church in the cyber world? Jesus calls us to a community of followers, loving one another as he loves. Love online is hardly the tangible expression of Jesus' words. Online kindness cannot compare with the hand of another, tenderly holding, easing the suffering. A church may be able to be 'out there,' promote its activities and presence through social media and digital expression, and this is a good thing. However, the measure of its community, the body of Christ, happens when people meet for real, when hands clasp, faces smile, mouths begin to speak.

We are in the season of Easter. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We are confident that the message of life beyond the grave is real, like the body Thomas touched when Jesus appeared among his friends. Jesus said, "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly." Full life is the real thing, not the cyber shadow of life that hangs like a grim reaper over some vulnerable people. Change can be great, technological advances can better our lives, but let's always measure the cost, and carry everyone along for the journey. Life is meant to be abundant, full of God's grace. Let's share that abundance with the care and compassion of the living Christ, face to face.

*Rev'd Joan Riley*

## Some news from the Parish

The year is moving fast (I think we say this every year), We are already a third of the way through it and a lot has already happened.

For the first time St. Luke's hosted an event for International Women's Day - more about this later in the Link. It was a great occasion and we were privileged to have 2 excellent speakers. The event was attended by Tony Zappia MP and Frances Bedford our local state member. The service was followed by a lovely chicken and champagne lunch.

The Lenten studies this year were held on Monday mornings at 10am and Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm. Both were well attended.

This year we looked at John's gospel thinking about the darkness and light, the miracles of healing performed by Jesus, his betrayal and crucifixion and finally the hope and joy of his resurrection on Easter Day.



Rev'd Joan held a session with the children on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. They sat on the lawn while Joan explained the Stations of the Cross and why it is called "Good Friday". This was followed with hot cross buns for morning tea.

The installation of **The Right Rev'd Geoffrey Smith** as Archbishop of Adelaide took place on the 28th April at St. Peter's Cathedral. St. Luke's was represented by Thelma Tyler, Antony Bown, Tony Tyler, Colin Fidock and our Synod Representatives.

The Annual Vestry meeting was held in March. Colin Fidock and Margaret Curd both resigned as Wardens and thanks was extended to them for their many years of loyal service. Wendy Wake-Dyster also resigned as Treasurer and again thanks was extended to her for looking after the church finances for the last three years.

Rev'd Joan appointed John McIntosh as the Priest's warden and Thelma Tyler was elected unopposed as People's warden. The Parish Council members this year are Helen Mayes, and Helen Wright (continuing from 2016), Lyn Ho, Toni Owen (Treasurer) Geoff Taylor, Tessa Richmond also Jacob Kei and Dennis Yengi from the Bari congregation. Deborah Travis is continuing as Minute Secretary. Due to the resignation of Mark and Chris Robjohns as Synod representatives Enid Sutton and Tessa Richmond were elected as replacements for the next 2 years.

The new Parish Council have only had one meeting so far this year but the council is still following up on the suggestions from the planning day last year to see how we can best serve the community. We first have to establish what the needs are and then what others are already doing. The sub committees looking into these areas are working steadily. More news soon.

Have you noticed the changes in the Memorial Garden. Late last year we added a metal screen laser cut with a tree of life and just recently a Lychgate has been installed to mark the entrance to the garden as a special place. Thanks to all those involved in designing and erecting these additions. If you have any ideas for upgrading the garden, speak to one of the Parish Councillors.



## SPOTLIGHT ON Samuel Mori Yengi



Samuel, that lovely tall man who assists the Rev. Joan at the altar from time to time, was born in Kajo Keji in South Sudan. The family home was there but his Dad who was an Anglican Minister and a mechanic spent a good deal of his time in Juba with his work and his parish.

Samuel who was born in 1964 and went to school in Sudan; as a child he worked in the garden before school and once at school had duties to do to help maintain the school property. The family were in the refugee camp Ajumani in North Uganda for thirteen years before migrating to Australia in 1999. The application to migrate took three years and eventually allowed his two brothers, two sisters and brother and sister cousins to reach our shores. Sadly his mother deceased before the family was able to migrate. His father who stayed in South Sudan deceased in 2001.

Samuel returned and married his childhood sweetheart in Kampala, Uganda in 2003 returning to Australia in 2004. They have three children Steve Mori 10 years, Patience Mori 8 years and Winnie Mori 6 years of age. Samuel had an interest in horticulture and completed a certificate 3 and 4 at Urbrae TAFE. Moving on he completed a certificate 3 and 4 in Aged Care allowing him to work in Nursing Homes. Since then he has completed a General Nursing Diploma at TAFE and has worked at the Royal Adelaide Hospital Orthopaedic Ward for the last nine years.

This year Samuel is undertaking Theological studies at Bachelor level at St Barnabas branch of Challis University in Canberra. Indeed a young man about whom one could say-

What lies behind us and what lies before us  
are tiny matters, compared with what lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)  
American essayist, poet and philosopher.

Well done Samuel and every blessing in the future.  
*Ngairie Stichbury*

At my age!

# I talk to myself because sometimes I need expert advice.

#When I was a child I thought nap time was a punishment. Now it's like a mini vacation.

#Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes and come out wrinkle free and three sizes smaller.

#When the kids text me 'piz' which is shorter than please, I text back 'no' which is shorter than 'yes'.

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

#BeBoldForChange

8th March 2017



How appropriate that our first celebration of International Women's Day should be conducted by Reverend Joan Riley. The event was well attended by many of our parishioners (male and female), friends and family along with representatives from Anglicare and our local MPs Frances Bedford and Tony Zappia. We were fortunate to have two outstanding Christian women as our guest speakers, Dr Cath Hall and Flora Brawn.

Cath Hall is a Doctor of Education and Lecturer in Nursing at the University of South Australia and she related her experiences as a daughter, wife and stepmother. She talked about her career and it was clear that her dedication to her profession benefitted her patients, her colleagues and those students who were mentored by her. We could relate to some of the situations that confronted Cath and could share some emotions. Her talk reflected a very busy life with dedication to her nursing profession and commitment to her Christian faith. Cath's story is a shining example of how today's women are making significant contributions in our world.

Flora Brawn (wife of Michael who leads our Sunday afternoon Sudanese worship) was accompanied by her daughter Margaret who spoke of her journey from being a young girl in Sudan to being a mother of 9 children in South Australia. There were many hardships along the way and situations in a war torn country that we find hard to comprehend. Our parishioners know the story of Benson, Gloria, Godfrey and Vitale, we have lived it over the past three years. Emotions were raw as we watched Flora standing beside her daughter as her story

unfolded; she represents the essence of motherhood, the giving of self to your family. We salute you Flora, you have raised 5 wonderful children of your own and now taken four others into your family.

To add to the joy of the day, the Sudanese Ladies Choir celebrated in song.

The gathering then moved outside and, blessed with a beautiful summery day, we sat under the gum trees, enjoying chicken and salad, fresh fruit salad and we sipped our champagne!

An amount of \$300 was raised and has been donated to the Zahra Foundation which will provide assistance to South Australian women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

There is no doubt that we want to do it all again next year!

*June Hindmarch*

*17/3/17*



## STAINED GLASS TOUR

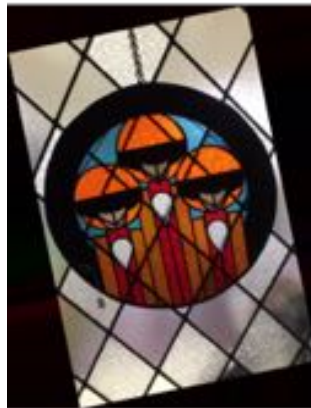
Thirteen people undertook the Stained Glass Tour. We were met by the artist Marilyn and waited on her front verandah for all interested people to arrive.

Marilyn's display area is her home so we progressed from room to room spying beautiful examples of her art - some of which is featured here. Her workshop is a very small room outside her home. She demonstrated some her skills for us as well as explaining that she had done a six weeks course at Prospect Leadlight in 2002. She has been self taught since.

We were shown different textures, colours, designs soldering techniques and became aware of the large amount of polishing required. My impression was that leadlighting requires a creative spirit, great patience and a very steady hand.

Eleven parishioners, friends and friends of friends partook of lunch at the Highbury Hotel. The "buy one get one free" luncheon offer provided a fitting culmination to a beautiful experience.

*Ngairé Stichbury*



# Schools Ministry Tea Tree Gully

## TWO NEW INITIATIVES

June Hindmarch

### TRANSITION DAY

Last year our PCWs (Pastoral Care Workers) identified a way that they could assist students with the daunting step from Primary School to High School. They organised a Year 7 Transition Day hosted by Fairview Park Primary School on 21 October 2016 with 6 primary and 9 high schools taking part.

The plan was to enable students to meet and spend time with others who would be attending a particular High School. There were staff members on hand from most of the High Schools and they linked with their group of students answering questions and giving information.

The groups took part in a selection of indoor games, a writing activity, and some very exciting team building outdoor activities. At the end of the morning they came together for a talk about 'Next Year' and to be given their 'Survival Kit'. These kits are a collection of helpful hints, sayings, coping strategies, chocolate and lollies. They also included little items as a reminder of coping strategies ie. a rubber band – a reminder to be flexible! A group of volunteers helped to run a BBQ lunch.

As a result of attending Transition Day the students were feeling much more confident about their first day at High School and they were able to look forward to catching up with the new friends they had made. The cost of putting on this event was \$1,800; each school contributed \$150 and SMG Tea Tree Gully provided \$150 per school; the organisation who ran the day was called 'Beyond Limits' Uniting Venues SA. There has been lots of feedback from students, teachers and parents, all very positive and wanting SMG to do it all again in 2017. I think you will agree that this is a very worthwhile way of spending some of our funding dollars.

Our Parish supports Schools Ministry Tea Tree Gully with an annual donation of \$1,000 dollars and the members of the Monday Morning Bible Study Group make weekly contributions which we pass to SMG during the year. If you feel you would like to contribute in any way to the work of the Schools Ministry Group please speak to me or to Denise Robinson



'When Disaster Strikes' is a new programme that aims to be proactive in its support of children, families and communities with a Chaplaincy Service at the time of a disaster or crisis, and in the period following. Disasters and crises can include bushfires, flood, tsunami, drought, earthquakes and cyclones, death, suicide, medical illness or epidemic, major accidents, industry closure and terrorism. SMG Chaplains help young people, their families and school communities. They are well positioned in Adelaide and Regional Areas across the state. They have established relationships, networks, connections, and are well placed to pastorally and practically care for people when disaster strikes. As emergency services come and go it is the Chaplains that are the constant presence and support for young people and their families in the days, weeks, months and years following a crisis as they rebuild their homes and their lives. The PCW at Balaklava High School Ryan Bernhardt wrote the following :-

*"The Pinery bushfire had a huge impact on my community. The fear and panic during the fire, and the devastation, heartbreak and suffering after has left the entire community reeling. One of the year 8 boys at my school lost everything. One of his most prized possessions was a signed Woodville West Torrens Football Club Guernsey. He was devastated that it was gone. I made contact with the club, and they organised to send out another signed Guernsey. When I gave it to the young lad at school, he cried. He took off his jumper, slipped on the Club Guernsey, put his school jumper back on and left it on all day. His mum rang me and thanked me, and said he hadn't taken it off till after school the next day. It was so special to be part of something that exciting."*

## “Take it to the Lord in Prayer”

### *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.

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

### *Bishop George Appleton*

### *When Faith is Strained*

In times of doubts and questions,  
when our belief is perplexed by new learning,  
new teaching, new thought;  
when our faith is strained by creeds, by doctrines,  
by mysteries beyond our understanding,  
give us the faithfulness of learners and the courage  
of believers in You:  
give us boldness to examine, and faith to trust,  
all truth;  
stability to hold fast our tradition with enlightened  
interpretation;  
to grasp new knowledge and to combine it loyally  
and honestly with the old.  
Help us, protect us from stubborn rejection of new  
revelation and from hasty assurance that we are  
wiser than our fathers; save us and help us, O Lord.

John 7:17 – If any man wills to do his will he shall  
know of the teaching whether it be of God

### *Bishop Ridding*



### *In Depression*

Dear and Father, when a thick cloud of darkness  
descends upon my spirit, remind me to look up in  
bare faith to You.

I send quick darts of willed love to You: let them  
pierce the darkness and make a path for your love  
to re-ignite my trembling faith and warm my lonely  
heart.

Let me remember how your perfect Son  
experienced the same depth on the cross and called  
out to You in undefeated faith, so he will be my  
beloved brother and You my ever-loving God.

Psalms 130:1,6 – Out of the deep I call to You O  
Lord.....more than they that watch for the morning.

### *Bishop George Appleton*

### *Moods*

Oh my Lord, when the moods of depression,  
anxiety or resentment take possession of me, let me  
ask: ‘Why art thou so heavy O my soul? And why  
are thou so disquieted within me?’  
And let the answer show me the cause of my mood  
and dispel it so that I forget my hurts and want only  
you.

Psalms 30:5 - Heaviness may endure for a night but  
joy comes in the morning.

### *Bishop George Appleton*

When the Power of Love  
is greater than the Love of Power  
then the world will know peace.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- This year, there have been a steady number of children attending.
- Bible studies and activities have been taken from the Old and New Testaments including; the miracles of Jesus, the Transfiguration, Epiphany, Lent and Easter.
- The children made posies on Mothering Sunday, 26th March and enjoyed giving them to the ladies in church, much to the delight of the recipients.
- The congregation continues to enjoy the children's songs and hearing about and seeing what the children have learnt and made.
- Happy Birthday in Term 1 to Amanuel, Jhanelle, Heidi, Xavier, Summer and Mack.



## FRIENDSHIP GROUP : Ridgehaven Aged Care

Our monthly meetings with a group of aged care residents continues to be a valuable and enjoyable part of our St Luke's outreach program. Sessions include: prayers, hymns, themes and activities in which the residents are keen to participate. Special guests are invited to come to talk to our group from time to time.

So far this year themes have been:

**February;** Summer season, clothing, shell collections, sandboxes and seaside songs.

**March;** St Patrick's day, Irish songs, riddles, blessings, poetry.

**April;** Autumn season, collection and display of leaves, nuts etc., leaf prints and making Pot Pourri bags.



## Kate's birthday

On a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon late in February some of us gathered at Thorndon Park to wish Kate a happy birthday.



## Lunch at the Blacksmiths Inn - One Tree Hill

The outings which Ngaire organises are an outreach to which parishioners, friends and members of University of the Third Age are invited.

Nineteen people took advantage of the luncheon at Blacksmith's Inn. Three people who are not parishioners, and who have been on other tours, joined us for the meal which was pleasing.

One of the guests is an artist in glass. She is willing for a small group to visit her studio - more later.

There was an opportunity to chat with St Luke's members who do not stay for coffee, an opportunity to know each other a little better. The meal and the service were up to expectations - a very pleasant venue and good company.



## VALE AND THANKYOU



How fortunate we are to be members of God's family here in this Parish of St Luke, and to be aware of our place within the Mission we have been called upon to serve others, not only locally within our community, but also within the wider world. At times we may feel insignificant but all that we do is done [no matter how simple] in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ for the good of the church here on earth. Since its dedication, St Luke's has seen many faithful servants [now resting in faith] who have given freely of themselves in prayer, service and work without counting the cost. Today and always, we need to remember them and give thanks for all they have done for the growth of God's Kingdom.

In these last weeks we have lost two members of our parish, Tom Oborn and Graham Drodge. Tom and his faithful friend were regular members of the 8 o'clock services and a staunch supporter of the parish. He also was fully committed to the needs of God's call for the wider church and persistent in encouraging us to follow his guidance. I recall his great desire for us to establish an Op Shop and his delight that his wish was fulfilled. Graham, over many years, supported his family and especially Faith in whatever way he could to give his personal gifts to our church as it grew year by year. Luke's Op shop is indebted to him for the many hours he gave in the early development of the shop and in later years as the chief watch mender.

Rest in Peace dear Brothers.

## THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT

### Operation Christmas Child

is a unique project bringing God's hope and joy to needy children in over 100 countries.

CAN YOU HELP US by packing and filling a gift shoe box for a child. It is such a fulfilling joy to pack boxes and know "our love" is being given to a special child overseas.

Boxes are now available with the leaflet of details to assist you. A box is on the table in the foyer for any gifts you may wish to help us pack extra boxes.

Do please talk to us as we already have items for the boxes, eg. girls skirts, book bags, knitted hats.

Please ask for help if needed.

We collect the shoeboxes at the end of September - perhaps encourage friends and family to fill a box too.

Thank you so much

*Yvonne Brumley & Denise Robinson*



## ADELAIDE WELCOMES A NEW ARCHBISHOP

### Installation of Archbishop Geoffrey Smith

On Friday 28 April a huge crowd filled St Peter's Cathedral to welcome Archbishop Elect the Right Reverend Geoffrey Martyn Smith to be installed as the 5th Archbishop of Adelaide. The atmosphere was electric right from the start and carried on throughout the whole evening. Throughout the service there was a wonderful sense of the family of God coming together and of great joy.

There was of course wonderful pomp and ceremony: before the entry of the Archbishop Elect the hand bells were rung and the congregation stood for the entry of the Governor of South Australia and then two long processions of robed and mitred bishops and clergy; the churches and schools carrying their colourful banners; the very special experience of watching the beautiful processional dance by Kaurna dancers accompanied by a didgeridoo; the welcome to country with fire making and smoke purifying ceremony for the Archbishop Elect and then the very long and loud applause when the Administrator presented to the congregation Archbishop Geoffrey of Adelaide and Metropolitan of South Australia.

The dramatic medieval-like ritual of the Archbishop Elect banging loudly on the heavy wooden doors with Bishop Short's staff in the silent cathedral; after a few moments in the still silence the Dean said "Let the doors be opened" the Archbishop Elect then entered and the Dean spoke a brief sentence of welcome following which the whole congregation loudly declaimed: "In the name of the Lord, we welcome you! We welcome you!" The Archbishop elect responded with the Grace which the congregation answered; he then replied "Christ is risen. Alleluia!" and the congregation even louder responded "He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" at the end of the Service they loudly applauded as the Archbishop and Clergy members processed to the West Door to bless the Diocese and City of Adelaide.

Throughout the service there was a great deal of participation by the congregation: the responses when the Archbishop Elect was installed and

received the Pastoral Staff from the Administrator; the responses by the congregation to recognise the new Archbishop and the opportunity to join with the choir in all the hymns and liturgy with the choir singing the psalm. We felt that everyone present

was able to be participants and not just observers.

Archbishop Geoffrey preached on the gospel reading: John 6:1-15, The Feeding of the Five Thousand. His theme was that our church may be small now and have limited resources but if, like the boy with the small gift of his lunch of fish and bread, we offer our few gifts to God we can expect God to do great things. This was reinforced by the reading of Mrs Lynn Smith of Acts 5:34-42 in which a Pharisee warns his colleagues that if a plan is of God nothing will stop it. The hymns and the psalm also chosen by

Archbishop Geoffrey spoke of the light of God; of a people waiting in darkness and of the role of the Church to love the world and live out our creed and bring God's light to the world even at great personal risk.

It was a great privilege to be there and we hope these few words share some of the evening with you. Privilege was further extended to Tessa Richmond and Antony who were invited to take two vacated VIP seats on the front row and who therefore had a wonderful view of the ceremony and met the Archbishop and several dignitaries! Our Order of Service copies are at the back of the church for people to share.

*Colin Fidock, Tessa Richmond and Antony Bown,  
Enid Sutton, Tony and Thelma Tyler and Helen  
Wright.*

