

# The Anglican Parish of Modbury, St Luke's Church

## NEWSLETTER 2

July 2019

This month's newsletter features some holiday reports, community garden progress, Homes to Grow news and some ideas for a plastic free July. Please send in any items you would like to share for future newsletters. We aim to produce this newsletter each month, and your contributions are wanted!

- The Communication Group has considered the future of the Link magazine and we want to change it into a Year Book - a larger production with longer articles which takes in major events that have happened in the year, to be published at the beginning of December. It will be called The Link: A Year Book 2019. The newsletter is a more informal means of communicating other news regularly. Please think about how you can contribute material for both the Link Year Book and the regular newsletter.

### *Remember our Vision...*

St Luke's will be an open community of faith which engages with the community and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ.

**Let us pray for the growth of the souls of every member of St Luke's...**

*Blessed be the longing that brought you here and that quickens your soul*

*with wonder. May you have the courage to befriend your eternal longing. May you enjoy the critical and creative companionship of the question: 'Who am I?' and may it brighten your longing. May a secret providence guide your thought and shelter your feelings. May the sense of something absent enlarge your life. May you succumb to the danger of growth. May you know that you are ever embraced in the kind circle of God.*

- John O'Donohue, *Eternal Echoes: Exploring our Hunger to Belong*, 71-2

The op shop is a great example of recycling clothes and household goods. Rather than sending them to landfill when they are no longer wanted, clothes and other items are sold for a very cheap price to support and outreach into our local community. The community garden will be another practical way of responding to this important Mark of Mission. We also use rain water tanks, solar panels and energy efficient lighting.

When you are at church, please remember to properly recycle paper and cardboard and use the green organics kitchen bin for food scraps. Why not take soft plastics (like Glad wrap or plastic bags) home and pop them in the plastic recycle drop offs at Coles and Woolworths? Better still, look for opportunities to not even use plastic wraps and bags. There are a number of places where you can buy reusable items like these: string or cotton shopping bags, bamboo toothbrushes, steel straws and cleaners, reusable produce bags, beeswax food wrap, reusable coffee cups... the list goes on. You can buy these products at health shops, some supermarkets or specialty stores, or there are some excellent online sites that I have used: Onya and Biome. Recently Aldi were selling reusable fresh produce bags, making it easier and more accessible for everyone to get into the spirit of making a plastic free July a plastic free planet.

We only have one Earth - let's do our bit to preserve it!

## **STAMPS PLEASE!**

Instead of putting envelopes in the bin, please carefully remove the stamps leaving at least a cm around the stamp and pop them into the box on the table. These are delivered to ABM where packs of stamps are made up for sale raising thousands of dollars for their mission work. Foreign stamps are especially welcome and if you have any albums hidden in your cupboards that are no longer required please donate them to this cause.

Many thanks to all the people who regularly donate their stamps. Contact: Margaret Palin 8263 9022 8 am Sunday Service

## **Pilgrim Courses**

Commencing in the week beginning 8 July four groups will meet to engage with another six weeks of study into our life and faith as Christians. Monday evening (7-8.30 pm with Rev'd Joan) and Tuesday afternoon (2-3.30 pm with Dot Possingham) will be working through *The Lord's Prayer*; Tuesday evening (7.30-9 pm with Colin Fidock) and Friday morning (10-11.30 am with June Hindmarch and Margaret Curd) will be working through *The Creeds*.

These are the second round of studies in the Pilgrim course and are a priority of our Mission Action Plan.

## **About the Table...**

### *June Hindmarch*

The table at the back of the church is a space for you to pick up such items as rosters, monthly envelopes, Stewardship Envelopes, Newsletters, and the Guardian.

Please make a point of looking on the table and picking up anything relevant. NB The Guardian is published by our Diocese, it begins with a message to you from the Archbishop and contains articles concerning what is happening around the area.

## Holiday Travels

*By Toni Owen*

David and I recently were lucky enough to enjoy a European River cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, travelling through The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, sailing on the Rhine, and Main (pronounced Mine) Rivers, the Main Danube Canal and the Danube

River. It was a great way to visit some of towns and small villages in this part of Europe. There were arranged walking tours in Cologne, Oberwesel, Mittenberg, Wertheim, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nürnberg, Regensburg, Passau, Dürnstein, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest. Most of these were with guides and usually with some free time to explore yourself. In most towns there was one or two cathedrals to visit and quite a few palaces.

I think at times we thought ‘not another cathedral’ and then inside we would stand awed at paintings, statutes, chapels and history etc. In Vienna we attended a “Sound of Vienna” concert. These are on every night for the pleasure of all the tourists travelling there.



On the ship we treated to a cooking demonstration of how to make Apple Strudel in Vienna,

a Bavarian Folklore Show, and a Bavarian lunch – whole pig, pretzels, various Bavarian sausages, potato salad etc in Regensburg, and a Hungarian Folklore show in Budapest then a night cruise on the Danube to see the lights – spectacular. After a day in Budapest we then joined some of our fellow travellers on a bus tour to Croatia and along the Dalmatian coast to Venice where we spent another couple of days before flying back to Adelaide. We arrived home ready to have a rest as we had certainly seen so much of Europe in such a short time there was not much time to rest.

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### **Jams, onions and other lovely home made produce**

A recent customer in our Op Shop has passed on congratulations to those who produce the jars of pickled onions and pickled zucchini's. *Thank you* to all who make produce to sell in our shop. The lovely jams and marmalades are very popular.



### **Knitted Squares**

Many thanks to all those people who knit squares for the blankets. From January 2015 to January 2019, 33 finished blankets were sent to the Quickest Warmth Project. Anyone who is interested in helping with the blankets can see Yvonne Brumley.

### **Bread Bag Tags**

*Helen Bradshaw*

Our grandchildren's school has a pupil with cerebral palsy who is managing with a walking frame at the moment. A member of the community has promised to buy a wheelchair if the school can collect the weight of the wheelchair in bread bag tags. A shoe box is on the table at the back of the church for collection. Thank you for your help.



*By Colin Fidock*

Over 4 years ago, I had the privilege as Provincial of our Franciscan Order [Asia Pacific] to meet with the other Provincials from other world regions.

It was during this time that we had the experience to visit the first [Home to grow] established by the Parish at Simon's town at the large African settlement. It was moving for all of us to discover how many children suffer from deprivation and abuse but likewise to know that the development of this project by the Interdenominational churches was providing hope for children in need initially guided by Bishop Tutu.

This project has grown and it was a delight for me to see that the children have also grown and are safe and happy. There are two homes now, [each housing six children] both supported by us and Simon's town parish.

St Luke's, has during this time, via members of our congregation provided financial support to ensure the children flourish emotionally, physically and educationally. Currently 24 members of the parish assist in this vital mission

**If you would like to join us please contact Yvonne Brumley or me.**



*Monika with the younger members of the house  
She sends us regular reports.*



## Tea Tree Gully Community Grants Presentation Evening

On Thursday 27 June David Datson, Max Pontifex and David Owen attended the Tea Tree Gully community grants presentation evening to officially receive a certificate for the successful grant outcome. This was an opportunity for networking across different community groups and again a chance to showcase our mission plans in public.



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**22 July** is the feast day of **Saint Mary Magdalene**. We will celebrate the day on Sunday 21 July and remember this remarkable woman who met the risen Jesus in the garden on the first Easter morning.

**Christians Like Us** discussion evenings - earlier in the year we had to cancel these planned events due to the discontinuation of the programme on SBS. Now, thanks to Colin and Dany's son, we have a disc with both episodes. When this second round of Pilgrim courses has finished we will set new dates for viewing and discussion at church (with wine, cheese and good coffee), of these provocative and challenging programmes.

**+Rest in Peace** Father Gary Prince. Sadly dear Gary died on 2 July, only two months after his wife Joyce died. We farewell Gary from St Luke's on Monday 8 July, praying in the confidence of the resurrection to eternal life, with thanksgiving for his long and faithful ministry in the service of the Church of God.

## Community Garden in the Local News

On



Tuesday 11 June David Owen, Colin Fidock and Rev'd Joan met James Kumar and Steve from the Tea Tree Gully Council at the church. This follows on from our successful grant from the council of \$6000 to assist in establishing the garden. James interviewed us about our progress with the garden and our hopes for what we might achieve with our community outreach programme. Steve took a number of photographs - which we posed beautifully for! The photo above appeared in the Tea Tree Gully Grape Vine magazine recently. It is great to see our mission plans move into the public sphere. We look forward to the official opening day of the garden and inviting the benefactors of the project to celebrate with us.

