



The Anglican Parish of Modbury, St Luke's Church **NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the first edition of St Luke's monthly newsletter. This newsletter is intended to communicate with you and provide you with information that might not make it into the weekly pewsheet. If you would like to contribute some news to the newsletter, please email the church: stkukesmodbury@outlook.com or handwrite your piece and give it to one of the wardens, Lyn or Margaret, or Rev'd Joan.

- Did you know that two Anglicare Exceptional Needs groups meet on Thursday and Friday in the downstairs kitchen and Balcony Room? And did you know that AA Tea Tree Gully branch meet at St Luke's on Wednesday evenings? What a wonderful opportunity we have to share our space with the community.

On Thursday 30 May Lyn Ho, Margaret Curd, Colin Fidock, Thelma Tyler, Helen Mayes and Rev'd Joan met with Peter Burke, Jill Rivers and Nicolle Hunnisett from Anglicare to discuss our future together. It was a great meeting with goodwill on all sides. We hope and pray for good things to keep happening as we work together in partnership.

As we look forward in faith, praying to hear God's word and respond passionately...

Lord, help me now to unclutter my life, to organise myself in the direction of simplicity. Lord, teach me to listen to my heart; teach me to welcome change, instead of fearing it. Lord, I give you these stirrings inside me. I give you my discontent. I give you my restlessness. I give you my doubt. I give you my despair. I give you all the longings I hold inside. Help me to listen to these signs of change, of growth; help me to listen seriously and follow where they lead through the breathtaking empty space of an open door.

- Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary People

What does your priest do with her week?

The work of a parish priest is varied and changes from week to week according to what is going on. It's never just Sunday services! On Monday I love to join the Bible Study group. This group is amazing and I learn many things from the insights and life experiences of the people around the table. I hope from time to time I may contribute something to the discussion, but the great strength of this group is that it is a lay-led study. Modern ministry is not just the priest leading everything. Rather it involves allowing people to exercise their own God-given ministries and enabling their gifts to be given and received by others. On Tuesdays I lead a Eucharist at 8.30 am. This group then has coffee at the shop at Modbury Triangle. This is where we met Terry, who is a new and much loved member of St Luke's. On Wednesdays this semester I am teaching New Testament Greek at St Barnabas College, which is through Charles Sturt University. On Thursday mornings I lead a Eucharist at 10 am in the Balcony Room. What a wonderful and interactive service this is.

During the week there are so many meetings and I try very hard to visit people, especially when they are having a hard time. I do home communions, hospital and nursing home visiting. My prayer time is usually at home at the beginning of the day before I exercise. Sermon preparation is usually Saturday. My administration load is increasingly high, and I am totally committed to the process of Mission Action Planning in our parish. I'm looking forward to leading the next Pilgrim course on Monday evenings.

At the diocesan level I am a member of the Church in Society Ministry Unit. I have been nominated as the representative of the diocese in the national church family and domestic violence group. As a result of a conference I attended in Sydney in March I now convene an Adelaide based family and domestic violence working group. Our task is to formulate policy and training in the church for clergy and lay leaders to respond to this very serious social issue. I am delighted that Sarah Breed from our parish is a member of this group.

I try to include a research component to my ministry. My research interests are centred in ancient Asia Minor, especially inscriptional evidence and the connection with the New Testament letters. On Friday I have a day off and I especially like to enjoy time with my beautiful grandbabies Jackson and Cleo.

Welcome home

Welcome home Jordan Breed from your six and a half months service in the United Arab Emirates as part of the Australian Air Force. It is great to see you safely home and reunited with your beautiful family!

Christmas Services Feedback

In the near future you will be asked to provide some constructive feedback to assist in our planning for Christmas services this year. A fair bit of negative feedback has been heard and we would love to hear more clearly what it is we could make better. In particular, we would like to hear which service you like to attend over Christmas and what you would like to experience in your chosen service. A brief survey will be made available to you soon.

Nursing Home Ministries

St Luke's people currently are involved with two nursing homes (with a likely third coming up). On the second Tuesday of each month Tess Richmond, Carolyn Datson and Lyn Ho (supported on many occasions by June Hindmarch and Christine Archer) visit **Gleneagles Estia Home**. A service of reserve sacrament Holy Communion is held with hymns and readings from the Bible. This is a lovely group and a fantastic outreach to the community.

St Luke's people also visit **Allity Ridgehaven Home** and offer a friendship outreach ministry which is enjoyed by the residents each month. Currently from our parish connections, Helen Brown, Eileen Paul and Janet Schneider reside in this home.

Thank you to all you wonderful people who so faithfully serve in these ministries.

Visit to the Hearing Dog Centre

by Jean Rechner

In mid-March, eight of us had a lovely lunch at The Mill at Handorf. We then travelled to Verdun to the Hearing Dog Centre. This special facility is the only fully accredited centre in Australia. We were met by two trainter with a dog called Lulu, a lab x poodle. Lulu, like most dogs was selected from the pound. It takes 6-8 weeks to train a dog to react to different sounds, then they let their humans know by tapping their paw on the human's leg, then going to the source of the sound to which the human follows. The dogs react to a door bell, baby crying, whistling kettle, phone, door knock, mobile phone and smoke alarm - each sound has a different reaction.



Lulu demonstrated all of her abilities which she has been taught and was rewarded by tidbits of fritz. We were then invited to view the spotless kennels, play areas and socialisation yards in which all dogs (different shapes and sizes) were at various stages of training. The numerous staff/trainers were privileged to got to various parts of Australia with the trained dogs to their new forever home. The staff then helped the new owner train the dog in their own home to the slightly different tones of door bells, phones etc.

The Lions Club of Australia is the major financial sponsor and we must thank them for their continued support for this most needed organisation. The hearing dogs are recognised by wearing an orange coat and bright orange collar and lead and have the same rights as guide dogs for the blind. It was a most informative tour organised by Ngaire and enjoyed by all who attended.

Thank you Jean and thank you Ngaire for being so enthusiastic about these outings for the parish!

Joy, Unity, Welcome, Hallelujah!

By Jeanette Pfitzenmeier and Helen Wright

This just about sums up the wonderful atmosphere of warmth, love and acceptance at the Karo Convention. “*God’s Chosen People*” was the theme of the conference. “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. 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. (Bishop Anthony Poggo, now an associate of the Archbishop of Canterbury.)

The impression 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 [when the children’s group was delayed] 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’d Joan introduced Bishop Tim who gave the first presentation of the day. 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!

Thank you Jeanette and Helen. It really was an amazing time, and it is great to remember it by reading this!

Prayer Group

A new prayer group is beginning at St Luke's. The prayer group will meet to especially pray for the work of the Mission Action Planning of the parish and the fulfilment of our vision. Helen Wright and Adrienne Wright are working together to initiate this group and if you would like to join them, please speak to either Helen or Adrienne. They may even ask you if you would like to join them. Prayer is the beating heart of our work together in the Lord. We will only fulfil our vision if we believe in it and pray to God to make it happen. Remember also the prayer chain is another vital link to support the needs of the people before our Lord. Call Ngaire if you would like specific prayer.

BABY NEWS!

Introducing... Jacob Malcolm Hunter. Born 29 May 2019 at 11.55 am at Ashford Hospital; 7lb 10oz, 53 cm long. Mum, Angela Hunter and Dad, Matt and baby all doing well!

Congratulations Angela and Matt on becoming parents. And congratulations Jeanette and Fritz on your new grandchild. Thanks be to God!

And...

June is delighted to tell us that she has become a 'step great-grandmother'!

Derrick's daughter Kim has become a grandmother for the first time thanks to her daughter Jodie and husband Matt.

Grace Valerie arrived at 9.15 pm on 28th May weighing in at 8lbs 3ozs and is absolutely gorgeous.

Congratulations to Jodie and Matt and congratulations June and Jhanelle! Thanks be to God!

Welcome to the world, little ones xx May you be blessed by the God of love and peace, and may the Lord guide you in your lives, that you may live long and well.

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Baptisms

On 26 May during the 9.30 am service we welcomed Edward Patrick Waldon into the family of the Church through holy baptism. It was a wonderful, joy-filled service.



Name badges

Would you like a name badge? Have you lost your name badge? Now is the time to speak to June Hindmarch about ordering a new one. It is great when people wear name badges, because new people, or those who might have trouble remembering names, can always call you by your name. Our badges also make us look open and welcoming to the community with which we are trying to engage.



Quiz Night

Our planned quiz night in May had to be cancelled due to the tragic death of the quiz master David Keane. Veronica and Harry have now sourced another quiz master and we will hold a quiz on **Friday, 22nd November**. There will be 12 tables of 8, with a \$10 entry fee and money raised will go to the Community Garden.

Buzz Book

In the near future you will be asked if you consent for your name, number and email (not address) to be included in a condensed publication which will be made available for members of the parish to contact each other. At present we are bound by privacy laws and will not release your details without your express consent.

Authority File

Margaret Curd is in the process of forming an authority file which will hold the names of all who are involved in various ministry areas of the church, as well as the names of people to contact should an issue arise.