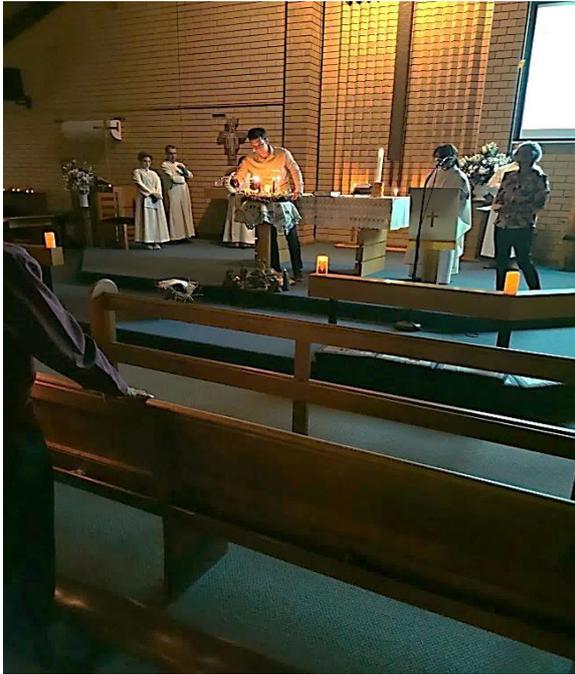


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The Year Book of St Luke's Anglican Church, Modbury December 2021



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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.

A Message from the Parish Priest, The Rev'd Dr Joan Riley

The end of 2021 comes with the sense both of satisfaction and fatigue. It has been a tremendously difficult year. The energy of last year that kept us going and the hope that everything would be better this year has been complicated by the ongoing rules and restrictions, constant changes and unclarity in interpretation. People are tired.

However, it is a testimony to the spirit of St Luke that we have not given over to apathy and despair. You have all steadily attended worship and staffed the op shop. The community garden has kept going – indeed it has flourished. There are new gardeners. Summer crops, winter crops, autumn and spring plantings have all taken off with vigour and the precinct has transformed into a beautiful garden area. People come to sit and eat, to spend time in quiet reflection and conversation. We can see the outward thrust of our vision bearing fruit in ways I don't think any of us would have imagined when we set out on this bold venture three and a half years ago. People have stepped up to the task and others have stepped in. This is a journey in discipleship and service to others which has its place in the gospel of our Lord.

There have been many highlights this year and you can read about them in the following pages of this our Yearbook. I recall the International Food and Film Evening, the Fashion Show, the Open Day, the Pet Blessing. There was the pilgrimage to Sevenhill and the stations of the cross in a beautiful natural space, breaking the sacred bread on a stone and experiencing a raw spirituality. We learned more about First Nations People in a conversational style sermon for Australia Day. We held the first Eucharist of Easter outside in the still morning under the garden cross to the glow of the new fire and Paschal Candle, the song of magpies and rustle of possums. Rev'd Cameron's ordination was another high point in the year with many from St Luke's attending the cathedral and joining in a joyous celebration, God's vocation affirmed in him by the laying on of hands.

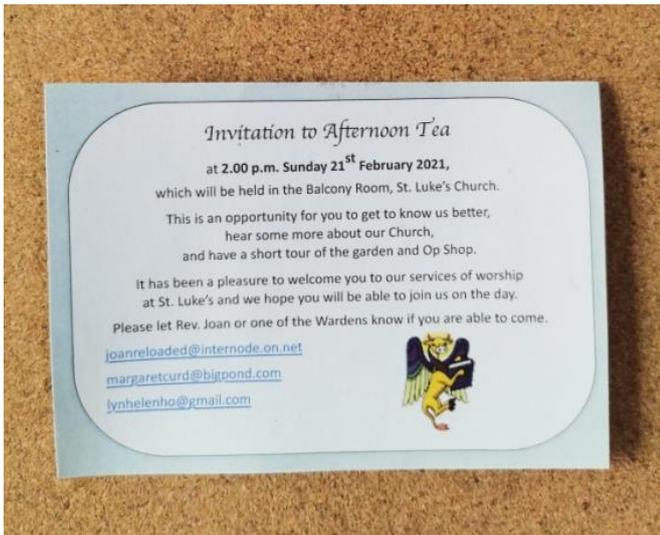
At our Christmas party and Mission Action Plan presentation on 3 December I laid out a path going forward in mission. This is the final stage in the current Mission Action Plan before we reset again and consider where else God might be leading us. Earlier in the year the parish council formed a steering

group to research the gaps in services in the local community. It seems that many people are hungry and seeking a meal. With that in mind, we have secured the mobile Foodbank to commence attending the church once a fortnight on a Wednesday morning. This is a start. Last year we had bold plans to enclose the undercroft area to be a community resource. Our research into funding opportunities for large scale building projects helped us see that we must have the ministry and the people who need it in place first before we build. And so, we are proposing a smaller scale project, a smaller enclosed area to start with until we establish a viable project. We aim to serve a meal one day a week for people who need it, growing the project from a seed. Please pray for this work as the new year unfolds.

May you be blessed in many things, may you know love, peace and good health, and may the Lord hold you constantly steadfast in grace.

WELCOME TO ST LUKE'S

Ann Inglis



When I was given an invitation to Afternoon Tea at St Luke's on the 21st of February 2021, I thought "What a lovely idea." A number of people had joined the congregation – and proudly received their name badges - in the two years since I began attending St Luke's, so Parish Council had decided to hold an event to welcome new and new-ish parishioners.

I arrived on the day to be greeted with a glass of champagne, nibbles, and the sight of (then) Ministry Student Cameron Burr busily whipping cream for the scones spread with jam which sat invitingly on plates, ready for Afternoon Tea. There was time to chat and then we all went

into the church where Rev'd Joan explained the roles of the Parish Priest and the leadership group. Tony Tyler outlined the history of the stained glass windows that had come from the deconsecrated St Paul's Church in the city and those in the Memorial Corner which came from the Conservative Catholic Church. David Datson and Colin Fidock spoke about the Community Garden and the Op Shop.

After this we trooped outside for a tour of the Precinct, including the Cross Road with its recently-installed seating. We then went back to the Balcony Room to sample those scones with a cup of tea or coffee and to get to know both

new parishioners and some who had been attending St Luke's for many years.

This was such a good idea and displayed the true spirit of hospitality and welcoming strangers that Jesus encouraged in his followers: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." *Matthew 25:35.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Denise Robinson

This year the World Day of Prayer (WDP) service on 5th March was held at St Luke's Church for the TTG and Modbury area. A small committee from Christian denominations planned the service. The churches involved were: St Luke's Anglican, TTG Uniting, Trinity Lutheran, St John's Lutheran and Hope Valley Uniting.

The theme of the service, written by Christian women in the Republic of Vanuatu, was "Build on a Strong Foundation."



At the start of the service five women processed into the Church, wearing colourful leis and representing different denominations united as one. They carried symbols of Vanuatu: a candle, an open Bible, the Vanuatu flag, a basket of potatoes and a bunch of bananas, all of which were placed on a table near the altar with a globe of the world. The altar frontal was a large piece of blue material which showed the many

islands and nearby countries.

On arrival people were given a service booklet and a souvenir bookmark showing the national flower (hibiscus) and the meaning of the colours of the Vanuatu flag which are red - the blood uniting the people; yellow - the sun; green - the fertile land; and black - the Melanesian people.

The organist on the day was Noreen Klein from St John's Lutheran Church. Her amazing playing assisted us to sing the hymns so appropriate for the theme: *The Church's One Foundation, Bind us Together Lord, Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*, and the final hymn *The Day You Gave us Lord has Ended*.

The service told the stories of the lives of some of the women of Vanuatu in their voices and how God was their source of strength. This was very moving.

The Parish Priest of St Luke's, The Rev'd Dr Joan Riley, was the guest speaker and reflected on the Bible reading in Matthew 7:24-27. Rev'd Joan invited our Vanuatuan parishioner, Markson, an international student, to share comments about his country.



All of this was very interesting. Rev'd Joan (accompanied by her grandson, Jackson) led us in special prayers to protect those living in places prone to natural disasters, Australian communities affected by bushfires and for Vanuatu, Australia, and world communities affected by Covid 19.

Following the reflection we watched a PowerPoint presentation of many pictures of Vanuatu so that we could visualise, understand and learn more about our neighbour.

Guests from other Churches attended the service - TTG Uniting, Trinity Lutheran, Hope Valley Uniting, Para Vista Uniting, Modbury Uniting, Ingle Farm Anglican, Church of Christ, Clovercrest Baptist, Salvation Army, Catholic (John XXIII, St David's and Para Hills).

The service was also attended by the Hon. Tony Zappia, Federal Member of Parliament for the area.

After the service a Covid-safe afternoon tea was enjoyed.



A generous gift was sent for educational programs in Vanuatu.

Not many people realise the significance of WDP. It is always held on the first Friday in March and around the world a service is being held each minute of that day, "all united in prayer as one."

In 2022 World Day of Prayer will be held on **Friday, 4th March** in honour of England, Ireland and Wales.



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## PEACE

Ruth Bear

O restless world, why lust for war  
with one press of a button  
our world would be no more.  
Why do we need a nuclear age  
Why so much anger, why so much rage  
We have so much beauty in our world  
So let's reach out before it's too late  
Let's stop all this fighting, this anger, this hate  
Let's lay down our arms and begin to explore  
Share beauty that surrounds us and oh, so much more  
So Presidents, Leaders, Heads of State and all  
Our lives are in your hands  
It's you who want to keep score  
God gave us life and strength to grow  
Why must we hurt and anger so  
We need no wars and no soldiers lost  
For it's the left-alone families  
who live to count the cost  
It's a mother of three, will they live to get old  
Will they ever survive to have babies of their own  
Will they see peace in their lifetime  
Or the horrors of war for the babes  
of the future, shut their light out no more.

## Our Dot Possingham

June Hindmarch



Some people touch our hearts, feed our souls and enrich our lives, Dot is one of those people. In her long life, (she has currently notched up 96 years) she has served our Lord within her family, her community, her church, her neighbourhood, her local hospital and her retirement village. At St Luke's you would find her

name on many rosters, Welcoming, Morning Tea, Reader, Op Shop volunteer; she was also our Leprosy Mission representative, a Modbury Hospital chaplaincy volunteer, a supporter of Schools Ministry, and those are just the ones that come immediately to mind!

At the beginning of our Monday Morning Bible Study, Dot would light a candle and lead us in prayer. Over the years she had gathered inspirational prayers from many sources; her wisdom, her deep faith, her humility and sense of humour were a joy and blessing to us all.

After moving to Adelaide from the country Dot lived independently in the

Chippendale Retirement Village until a fall and subsequent stroke brought that chapter of her life to an end earlier this year. Although she is no longer able to attend St Luke's she is still part of our family and we can visit her at Room 27 Estia Health, Golden Grove. She has a lovely room at Estia and is supported by her family and a very caring staff.

So God has opened a new chapter for her and I have no doubt that she will continue to shine the light of our Saviour's love into her new home. God bless you Dot, thank you for all you have given to us at St Luke's.

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A New Permanent Resident for Australia

Rev'd Dr Joan Riley



In September 2021 Abbas Jebur received his permanent residency visa to live in Australia. Abbas has had a long journey from his homeland in Iraq. He has studied in Australia, returned to Iraq in 2018 for six months, and finally has

permission to stay in the country he has come to love. We honoured him in church with a flag and a hat!

Schools Ministry Group TTG

Carolyn Datson & Denise Robinson

The COVID pandemic has presented lots of challenges for SMG and for our Pastoral Care Workers during 2021 and we have all needed to be flexible in meeting those challenges.

Although the PCWs had many of their programs closed down earlier in the year, they enthusiastically redirected their time and efforts to meet the immediate, and sometimes challenging, needs of the students, staff and families at their schools; some have sourced emergency food hampers or personal items, some have been able to



refer needy families to appropriate Government services, some have begun a new daily breakfast club, a lunch club or friendship group to enable more one-on-one chats with students. Yet others have found new ways of connecting with and supporting staff and

parents - linking with parents face-to-face has been especially difficult. Our PCWs have all done an amazing job!

The SMG TTG has also needed to be flexible, with restrictions making fundraising difficult. In the middle of the year we were fortunate to be included on the Bunnings BBQ roster and by the time this is in print we will have run an all-day Saturday Bunnings BBQ. We also ran the BBQ at the TTG Craft Fair in October. In an effort to reach out and to increase awareness of SMG and the work of the PCWs in our district, we are hoping to have a PCW or SMG representative and some of the SMG TTG visit local churches to speak with their congregations and to provide pancakes or a Sausage Sizzle as a fundraiser.

SMG day at St Luke's was our first such event and we were very pleased with the interest, warm welcome and generosity shown by all of you.



We at St Luke's support Amber, the PCW at Fairview Park PS. In November, with the support of some from St Luke's, we helped Amber provide a Thank You Morning Tea for the staff at the school, which gave her the opportunity to thank the staff for the support they have given her and the school community during this year.



Confirmation and Reception Covid-style with Bishop Denise



It was a wonderful day when, after a couple of Covid-related delays, Assistant Bishop Denise Ferguson attended St

Luke's Patronal Festival to confirm Ali Karimi and to receive Dianne Thiele into the Anglican Communion. Masks were mandatory but

that didn't detract from the joy and reverence of the occasion. A splendid Covid-safe Morning Tea followed the service.

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## Welcome to a New Baby

Douglas and Louise Home welcomed baby Elizabeth Georgia into their family on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Here's the new family with the gift contributed by members of the 8.00 am congregation. Congratulations and God's blessings!

## A FUND-RAISING EVENT – SPRING FASHION SHOW

June Hindmarch

Well, we talked about it a lot but it took a few years before it became reality and we put on an OP SHOP FASHION SHOW. I have to say that it was a lot of work, but my word, it was worth it.

It was held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2 pm with the entrance fee and the raffle money to be donated to the



Zahra Foundation supporting women experiencing domestic violence. Covid restrictions had to be observed, especially the wearing of masks and our Covid Marshalls did a great job in ensuring compliance.

There was so much work carried on behind the scenes in the weeks prior to the show and I have to thank Helen Mayes and the Op Shop Volunteers for their contribution. The downstairs kitchen was

turned into a storage area where garments were put on racks, sorted into sizes and colour shades, priced, and, where needed, steamed! It was a mighty effort and thanks to Colin for getting us extra pricing guns and assisting us with the pricing. A major exercise on Thursday afternoon was moving all the clothes and racks up into the church and thanks go to all our male stalwarts who contributed to that. There was a full rehearsal on the Friday for the models who came in two by two, running sheets were tweaked and final changes made. Garments were chosen for each model and they created an amazing show. There were tops, pants, skirts, long and short dresses - and I'd better mention our male model, Cameron, who looked particularly suave in a smart suit!

Thanks to our own Fashionista, Barbara Sampson, we had a running sheet giving details of every outfit that was worn by our 12 models, plus the item of jewellery chosen to go with the outfit. At times it was bedlam in the dressing room (the Vestry and Rev'd Joan's office) as very quick

changes had to be made, zips done up, necklaces fastened and footwear changed. Happily we all survived, braced towards the end by the bottle of white wine cracked open by model (and Reverend) Joan!

The final set of garments were the 'special wear' and all the models paraded at the front and were joined by Barbara for a well-earned round of applause. A bottle of red was presented to Rev'd Steven De Kleer from the Barossa, whose skills as a compère added to the afternoon's entertainment.

On the day, the church was transformed with beautifully gowned mannequins, racks of clothing, tables of jewellery, bags and shoes.

Again thanks are due for the lovely flower arrangements that were done early to assist us. The 'stalwart team' again helped with moving the centre blocks of pews to a more angled position for better viewing.

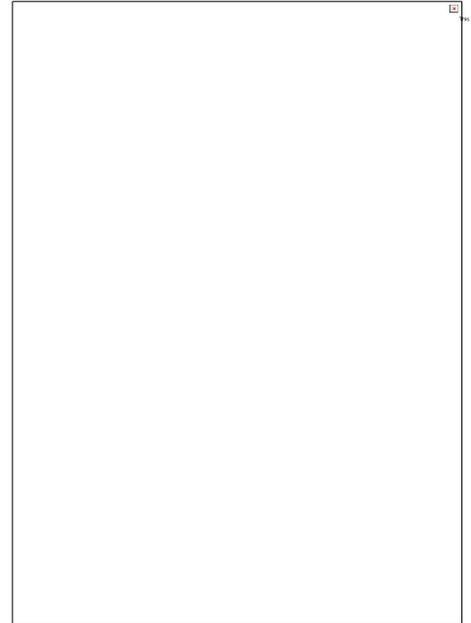
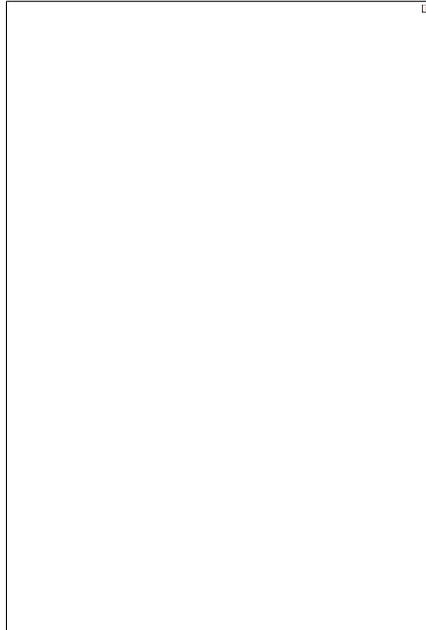
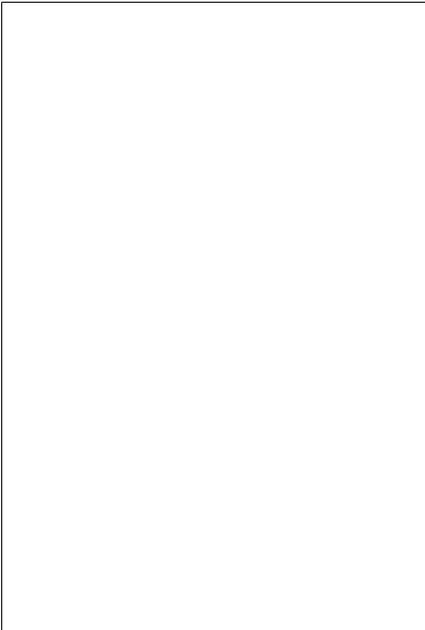
I cannot possibly name all the people that supported this event, there were so many of our parishioners, our volunteers, friends and families. However, I must thank Helen Spencer and her team for putting on a beautiful afternoon tea, all

twelve models who did a fantastic job and Jeni Cooling and her helpers for running the raffle – and a big thank you to all those who contributed prizes.

After the Fashion Show, we drew the raffle then invited our guests to enjoy Afternoon Tea, and importantly, to do some shopping! We were delighted to be able to send the sum of \$1,770 to the Zahra Foundation and to add \$800 to the Op Shop takings for that week.

Let me finish by telling you about a lady who came up to me as she was leaving and said, "I have had such a lovely afternoon, thank you so much." That pretty well summed up the feeling of our guests that day.

Look, it was very hard work, but in view of the success I think we simply have to do it all again!!



## Luke's Community Garden 2021

COVID continued to affect us all in 2021 but somehow Luke's garden continued throughout with the exception of two weeks.

Summer 2020 saw great crops of vegetables with a lot being sold at the Op Shop. We had several regulars, Op shoppers who really enjoyed the fresh veggies. During the summer of 2020-21 the garden tank was emptied many times. The garden in front of the Op shop has been expanding with many plantings of a variety of annuals, shrubs and perennials. It has been amazing to watch this part of the garden grow. Part of this expansion has involved the completion of a shelter with seating.

This year also saw the purchase of another tank thanks to a Community Grant from the TTG council which has now been plumbed into the existing tank system. Recently the garden beds that border the



tanks have been completed and one of our next tasks is to plant it out.

The lawn area was also given a 'tonic' and thanks to the care taken



by John McIntosh, his hard work has resulted in a great improvement to this area. Currently John is working on creating garden beds that border the lawn.

Each week about 10 - 15 people tend to the garden, with half of these willing volunteers coming from the community. Everyone looks forward to the Tuesday mornings in the garden followed by a cuppa. This year there has also been a BBQ on the first Tuesday of the month. These have proven to be popular, with up to 25 people coming along to enjoy a sausage or a piece of chicken while having a chat.

Thanks to all the gardeners who are ably led by Max



Pontifex - special thanks to Max for his leadership. The beauty of the garden is now being realised and everyone should very proud of their efforts.

David Datson

## Garden Club Visit

Wendy Wake-Dyster

The Blumberg Garden Club visited St Luke's Community Garden for our meeting on 1st September this year. We are a group of keen gardeners from the Hills and north-eastern Adelaide. Twenty members enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning at St Luke's. We

began in the outdoor seating area, with Garden Coordinator Max Pontifex giving us an overview of the garden history. As we wandered around the garden, Max was on hand to answer our questions. As a mix of experienced gardeners and novices, we

all gained ideas, enthusiasm and knowledge from our visit. We were able to share morning tea in the Balcony Room and later most visited the Op Shop. Many thanks to Max and St Luke's for making the morning possible.

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An Honour Bestowed

Everard and Caryl Walker had the pleasure of attending the Investiture of their daughter, Carren, as a Dame in the Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, at Christ Church, North Adelaide, in June. She was nominated to receive the honour by existing members of the Order for her volunteer commitments to the law and the church over many years.

The Order of St John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaller, has its origins in the 11th century and is the oldest surviving Christian Order of Chivalry.

The Order was at first a charitable group which cared for Christian pilgrims in the Holy Land. The Order is to this day committed to carrying out Christian charitable works around the world and established itself in Australia in 1969 in accordance with their motto *Pro Fide Pro Utilitate Hominum, For Faith for Service to Humanity*.

The Order currently has an active membership and supports the work of the Mary Potter Hospice.

A Life Changing Moment

Helen Wright

Have you occasionally had one of those marvellous moments when you felt really close to God, almost a physical awareness of the presence? Perhaps for you it is more than occasional! For me there have been sporadic times when I have been most open to the Spirit, when I have done what Jesus told us to do in St. Matthew's Gospel – to go in to our inner room. Our inner room is to go deeply into our very selves and it is here away from all the other concerns and thoughts that distract us that we can come close to God and discern His will. When we are able to do this the sense of peace and wellbeing surpass anything else. There are no words to express this sense of joy, wellbeing, security and love.

Jesus explained that we do not need to be clever in any way, only faithful and that God meets with those who have a humble heart - "the meek" - the children of God.

There are so many different ways to pray – some liken it to the number of spokes of an old wagon wheel. In addition to the many, much loved ways of prayer that most of us are accustomed to many Anglican churches including St Peter's Cathedral church

community now meet together for Christian meditation. The practice helps us both individually and as a church to discern God's will and how to implement it. At a basic level this spiritual experience which removes us from our mundane cares and worries has also been found to have considerable physical and psychological health benefits. For these medical benefits many non-Christian groups practise a kind of despiritualised meditation. For the Christian the goal and the benefits are so much more: for we Christians can "touch the hem" of Jesus' robe; sit at Jesus' feet for the "better part" as did Lazarus' sister Mary and pour out a jar of Nard [expensive perfumed ointment] to show our love for the Lord. We sit in silence, with empty minds so that God can come to us and we can hear him.

Adrienne and I came across the concept of this kind of prayer about a year ago

through a string of Christian 'coincidences'. As a result the co-ordinator of Christian meditation groups for South Australia [a part of the World Community for Christian Meditation] met with us to explain what it was all about and then kindly came to our early meetings to explain further and teach us the basics for this 'new to us' ancient form of Christian prayer.

We can only say that it is addictive! We have now established a small group which meets in each other's houses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We have a brief catch up and then open and close the meeting with spoken pre-written prayer and for 20 – 30 minutes meet with the Lord in silent prayer. It is almost impossible to explain why this is so special but know that this is one very special way of being in God's presence and more clearly discerning the will of the Holy Spirit for us individually and for St. Luke's.



Once mastered, Christian meditation can be practised on one's own, at any time and in any place; being in a group helps members to learn the basic technique, provides support and

creates its own very special experience.
Do come one evening and "sit at Jesus' feet"; please contact Adrienne [0412542353 or 8482-6466] or me (0405747226 or

8251-3818) so that we can answer any questions you may have. We would love to share with you this life-changing ancient Christian practice of prayer.

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### Poem No.8

The swish of a washing machine  
The lilt of a child's voice  
The chirp, chirp of a robin  
What would I do  
To hear these sounds again;  
But I am ninety percent deaf  
And these sounds are not for me to hear.

The turn of a page in church  
The ring of my phone  
How did I lose this valuable sense?  
I would give a fortune  
For a cochlear implant;

Ah, memories abound,  
At least I have these.

Beethoven was completely deaf  
When he wrote his Ninth Symphony,  
But I think I am no Beethoven.  
Just think yourself lucky, Helen Keller,  
Deaf, dumb and blind  
She became world famous  
And was able to write her thoughts.

I still can think –  
Cogito Ergo Sum  
(I think, therefore I am)

### The Sun Wasn't Beautiful That Day

The sun wasn't beautiful that day  
It was fierce and had a glare  
Which no-one could tolerate;  
I think I will go away  
And come again  
Some other day.

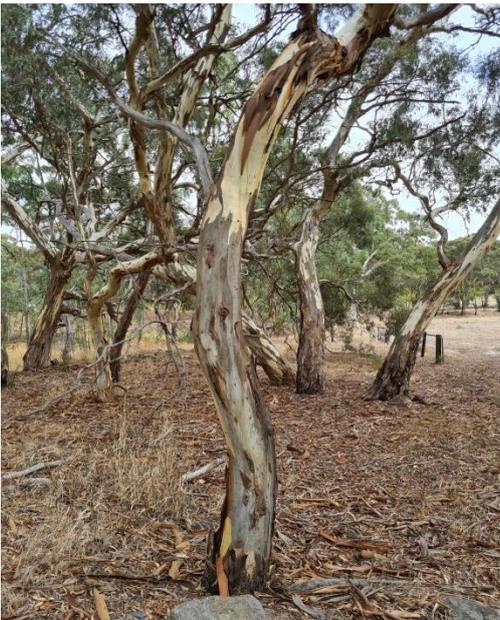
In all my 74 years, going on 75,  
I have never experienced such  
A strange existence  
Nor the world turned upside-down.

Infinites come relentlessly  
But for now is for all time,  
Is it?  
Should I give up poetry forever  
Take two Bex and lie down.

Terry Stoneman



MAP Evening 2020



Stations of the Cross, Sevenhill; Holy Saturday 2021



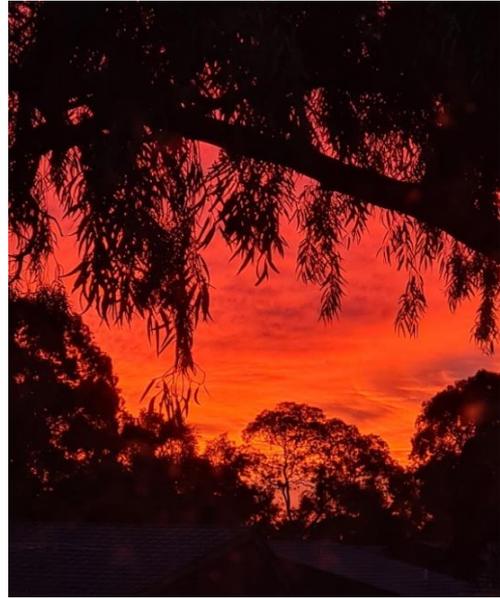
Easter Dawn 2021



Bari Choir, Easter 2021



An all-male Sanctuary Party!



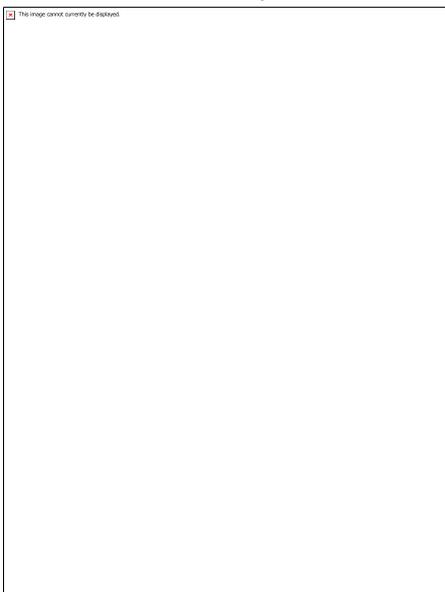
Sunset from the Balcony Room



ANZAC Day



Pet Blessing



Tess, Lyn & Helen at Synod



The big announcement!



Many willing workers in Luke's Community Garden

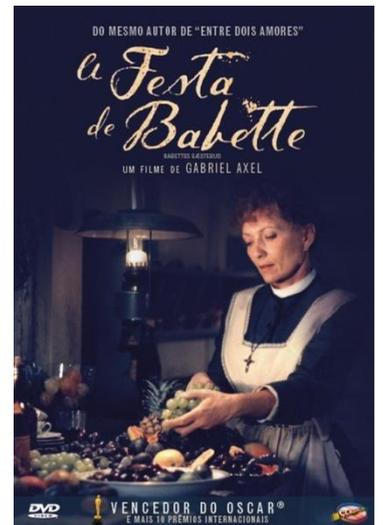
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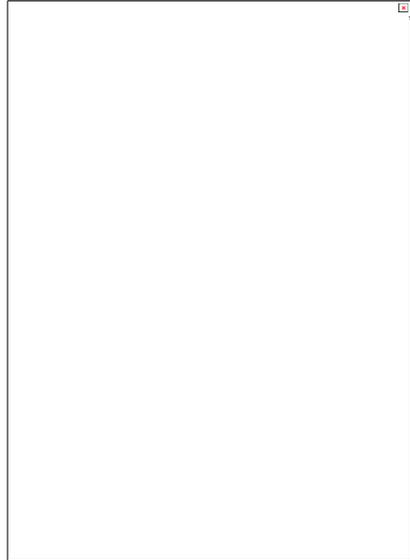
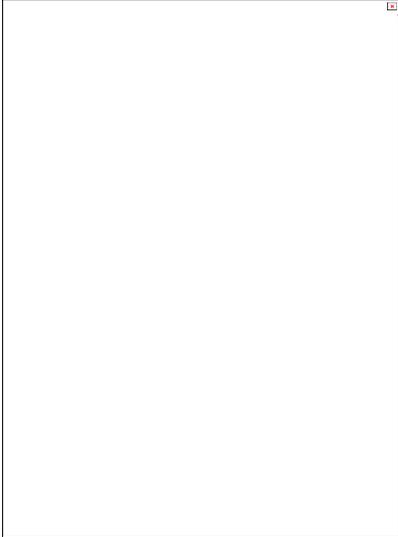
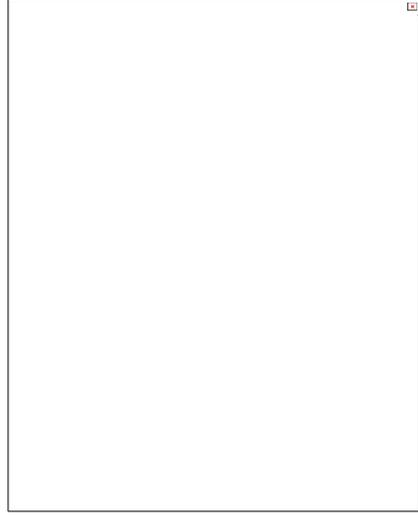
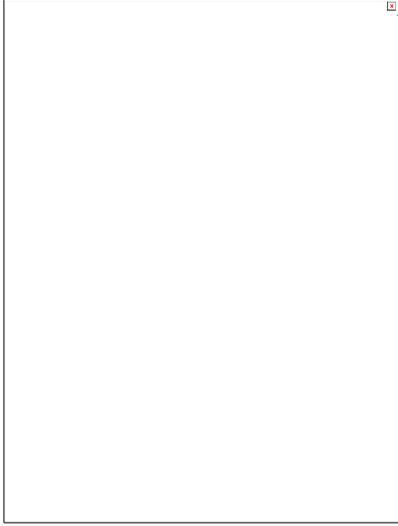
Blessing the Shoeboxes



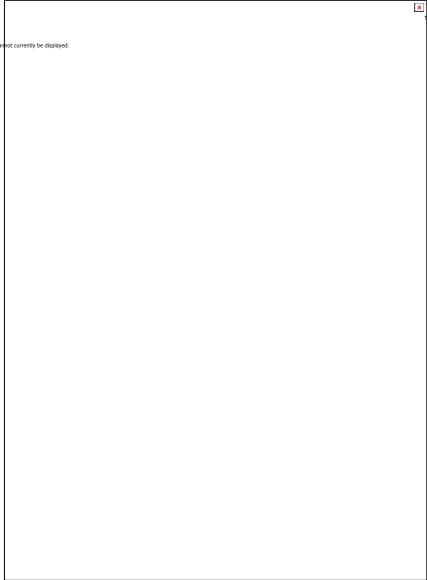
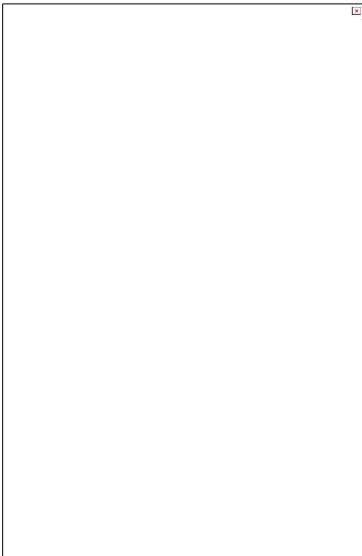
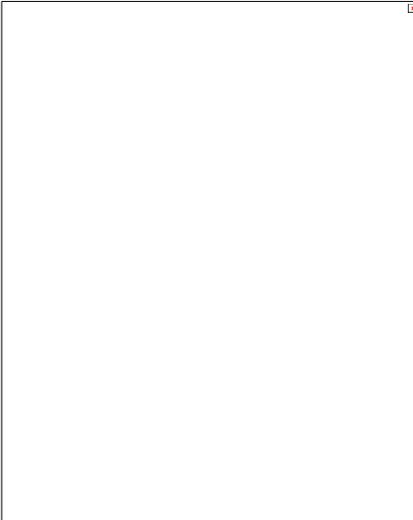
Open Day 13 November



International Food & Film Night; the movie was award-winning French film *Babette's Feast* (with subtitles)



**More Fashion Show Photographs**



## Our Ngaire Stitchbury

June Hindmarch

What an extraordinary lady she is, our Bush Nurse Ngaire! Sadly she is no longer able to be with us each Sunday, but we are so thankful for all she has done for St Luke's over her many years with us. Who could resist buying raffle tickets when Ngaire was selling them? How about all those delicious packets of nuts and chocolates she sold to raise funds for Bush Church Aid? We miss her in our Monday morning bible study group and thank her for starting up the prayer tree that has become an invaluable part of our prayer ministry.

One of Ngaire's many talents is writing and over the years she has written the profiles of many members of our family to go in the Link. To celebrate International Women's Day, Ngaire was one of three women who



told their story to the congregation. Through this we learnt that her life has been one of service and dedication to all people and in particular those living in the Australian Outback. On a lighter note, it was Ngaire who organised some really enjoyable outings and bus trips.

As her health deteriorated she was blessed with assistance from Ali Karimi whose sister had boarded with Ngaire when she was a student in Adelaide. When

Ali was baptised Ngaire took on the role of Godmother and supported his journey to confirmation. When he was confirmed by Bishop Denise in October, Ngaire travelled down from the hospital in a wheelchair in order to be with him. She is now living in the Lutheran Retirement Village at Hope Valley – room 113 - and joining in lots of activities. On a recent visit I found her in the dining room sipping her pre-lunch glass of wine!

God bless you Ngaire, we still count you as one of our family and we will keep in touch.

**PS:** You will be pleased to hear that Ngaire's beloved cat has a new home. Tom now has a large backyard, chickens and young children in his life and is thriving and enjoying new adventures.

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Baptisms in St Luke's 2021

Hudson Riley James Parsons – 10th January
Ethan Leigh Fitzhardy – 7th March



A PRIVILEGE

Deborah Travis



In April this year, on a visit to family in Sydney, I had the pleasure of attending an appointment at the Sydney War Memorial to speak to historians about my father-in-law, Colonel Keith Travis, and his service in WWII. Keith was the Commanding Officer of the 2/8th Field Company, Royal Australian Engineers, which was part of the 6th Division, and served in the Middle East, Greece and then Crete where he and the majority of his Company were captured by the Germans. Keith spent the next three years as a prisoner of war in Germany.

During this time, Keith kept a small handwritten diary which he managed to bring back to Australia. Following the death of my mother-in-law, Moya, in 1978, I found the diary amongst her personal papers as well as a satchel containing letters

Keith had written to her whilst at war. I had the privilege of typing the diary about twenty years ago before the writing faded too much. During Covid lockdown last year, I thought about what to do with the letters as the paper was fragile and the writing fading. Being a family history enthusiast, I decided to type them as they were too flimsy to scan.

At this time, my husband Chris's health was deteriorating quickly, so I read all the letters to him before he died in October 2020. Chris had so much

enjoyment hearing what his father endured on the lead up to his capture and the ensuing years as a POW. When Chris's brother, Geoff, and sister-in-law, Kerry, visited just before Chris died, we discussed how to preserve this information and decided to donate it to the Sydney War Memorial.

So earlier this year, I contacted historians at the Memorial who were very eager to see our collection when I visited Sydney. On the appointed day I attended along with my brother, Barry, and sister-in-law, Helen. I am ashamed to say that the three of us, who had been brought up in Sydney, had never visited this beautiful Memorial. On arrival we were welcomed by four historians and invited to attend the 11.00 am Service of Remembrance which is held daily. Visitors

are asked to join in this moving service with the recitation of the Ode and sounding of the Last Post and Rouse after one minute of silent contemplation. People can then make a personal tribute by taking a commemorative star bearing the name of an Australian serviceman or woman killed on active service or a veteran who has since passed away, and cast it into the Well of Contemplation following a moment of reflection. This personal tribute was designed to reflect the original intention of the galaxy of golden stars which adorn the Memorial's dome, which represents the men and women of NSW who embarked for overseas during the Great War (1914-1918). Stars that are released into the Well are collected and kept on site until they are cremated at Rookwood Cemetery. The

ashes are carried on annual pilgrimages by the Premier's Anzac Memorial Scholars to the key battlefield sites of the Western Front, Gallipoli, the Middle East and Asia. We took blank stars to write Keith's name and my father's and cast them into the Well of Contemplation.

Following this moving service we were taken on a tour of the Memorial which opened in 1934. This building had many functions other than being a memorial to those who died. It provided a headquarters for those working to assist widows and children of those killed and those AIF members who returned, housed the AIF records, was a meeting place and source of assistance with repatriation and a centre of later campaigns and their dependents. It also provided office accommodation for the RSSILA, the TB Soldiers' Association and the Limbless Soldiers' Association. Following this we went to the Library to sit among artefacts and books containing a wealth of knowledge about Australia's role in various theatres of war. The historians lead by Brad were very enthusiastic about the diary and letters, their content and German stamps. Brad remarked that the Germans must

have been running out of paper as it was so thin; then looking at Keith's photo observed that he was wearing an ordinary ranks battle jacket which officers tended to do so as not to distinguish themselves from ordinary ranks. The Memorial had recently received some Japanese POW material and comparing the two would be interesting research. Brad regaled us with many tales about veterans who have shared their stories.

I had been informed previously that the majority of paper-based collections was kept in the State Library as there was not enough storage space in the Memorial; however, Brad was so enthused he said our collection would stay in the Memorial. In future they hope to have a display about the Greek campaign depending on funding.

Now I would like to relate a small part of Keith's story. He was born in 1902 in Maffra, Vic, attended Melbourne Grammar School and in 1920 was accepted into the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He graduated in 1923 and in 1927 gained a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil). He left the Army and spent seven years in Qld as a civil engineer. In 1935 he married Moya and rejoined the Australian Staff Corps, Australian Military Forces in

1937. He was promoted to Captain in command of the 2/8th Field Company, R.A.E. in 1940 and in September sailed for the Middle East disembarking in Palestine. They were involved in the battle of Bardia and Tobruk and in May 1941 sailed for Greece. Whilst they were among the last troops to leave Greece they were not so fortunate in Crete. They were captured on 1st June 1941 at Sphakia whilst waiting on the beach for evacuation; sufficient shipping was not available and they were still there when the general capitulation happened. The Company as a whole retired to Germany and along with other prisoners were crammed into enclosed cattle trucks with meagre rations and transported across Europe on a nightmare train journey. As prisoners they were widely scattered throughout Germany. The Unit's five officer prisoners were held in various Oflags and were exempt from work under the terms of the Geneva Conventions. The company's 140 other ranks became separated in various working camps and Stalags. Even those who were first in the same Stalag lost sight of their companions as working parties were sent out to different camps. Three soldiers died in captivity, 146 officers and men of the Unit survived despite starvation, air raids, trigger-

happy guards and other dangers. For health reasons Keith was repatriated and exchanged for German POWs in May 1944 and sailed via the Middle East arriving in Sydney in September after three years in various Oflags.

The diary and letters which were heavily censored were so interesting to read. Only two letters and four post cards were allowed a month and they relied heavily on parcels from the Red Cross and home as well as mail from their loved ones and friends. As Officers they were spared forced labour and their incarceration was one of boredom. However, they organised classes on various subjects and sports matches, played cards and tended their own vegetable gardens when allowed. Rumours about the war abounded and various

escapes took place.

In a statement Keith made as a returned POW, he made the following comments about his prison experience. "The accommodation was generally reasonable but overcrowded and heating inadequate in winter. German rations were inadequate and prisoners depended on Red Cross food parcels. Bathing and washing facilities were poor, sanitary conveniences inadequate and frequently out of order. Small yard for exercise, plenty of books after first few months and news from German newspapers. Camp staff were bombastic and offensive at first but there was improvement in every camp. At the last camp the attitude was so polite as to be offensive, but the guards and security personnel knew and did their job. Medical treatment was

affected by shortage of personnel as well as dressings and drugs. Suitable diet not available for POWs except from Red Cross sources. Medicines only available at considerable trouble if Red Cross supplies ran out".

I never had the privilege of meeting Keith as he died before I met Chris and it has been a sobering experience to read about his war time experiences, life as a POW and his great love for his wife and family.

It has also been a privilege to transcribe his diary and letters in order to preserve them for his family and future generations. On reflection I am sad Chris did not have the experience of visiting the War Memorial, meeting the historians, hearing about their research and listening to the stories told.



Major Keith Travis

**Ordination of Cameron Burr and Sally Sandford-Morgan to the Order of Deacons
Saturday 27th November 2021 (a weekend of celebrations)**

Margaret Curd

It was a bright Adelaide Saturday morning when the supporters of Cameron Burr and Sally Sandford-Morgan made their way to the St. Peter's Cathedral in the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide and the occasion was the Ordination of Cameron and Sally to the Order of Deacons in the Anglican Church of Australia by the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith, Archbishop of Adelaide.

There was a buzz of excitement and anticipation in the Cathedral as guests arrived and found their seats. It was a grand and colourful occasion as the first procession entered the Cathedral led by the Crucifer followed by visiting Clergy, the Preacher, Deans, Canons, other Clergy, Archdeacons, etc, with the Cathedral Dean bringing up the end of that procession.

The second procession then arrived led by Cross and Acolytes, the Master of Ceremonies, presenting Laity, Clergy, more Archdeacons, and at last the candidates, the Dean, the Archbishop and his Chaplains.

With everyone settled in their spot the organ then

rang out with the hymn "I the Lord of Sea and Sky" and the well known chorus "*Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord ... I will go Lord, if you lead me ...*" spoke volumes as we sang lustily and silently prayed for Cameron and Sally.



After the greeting of the Archbishop, the Mass commenced using The Christ Church Mass Setting (Philip Matthias, 1954 -). The Ordination Collect was followed by the first reading from Isaiah 61, 1-3(a), read by Jamie Sandford-Morgan. We pondered on the words "He has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed". This reading was followed by Psalm 100 (sung), and the second reading by Dr. Carl Aitken was from Romans Chapter

12: "Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good".

The Gospel reading was from John chapter 13, 1-5 and 7-12. The Reverend Julie Worrall delivered the sermon and we were intrigued by the illustration of a bush telephone in the order of service. Reverend Julie wove the theme into the sermon and urged the candidates and the congregation to stay connected to the true source of power.

After recital of the Nicene Creed, the Deacon candidates were presented to the Archbishop who concluded the presentation with the prayer "Let us pray for these persons now to be ordained as Deacons".

The Candidates:

Sally Sandford-Morgan migrated from England with her family at the age of six years. She has a strong background in Chemistry, Mathematics and Junior Science teaching. She is married to James and they have three adult children. Sally has been a student minister at St Jude's, Brighton, and she will continue there as a Deacon.

Cameron Burr has been a student minister at St Luke's, Modbury, for almost a year, and after ordination he will continue there as a Deacon. Cameron, whilst serving as a volunteer Chaplain to the Women's and Children's Hospital, felt he was being called to Ordained Ministry, and in answer to that call he has been studying a Bachelor of Theology at St Barnabas College for three and a half years. Cameron has worked in industry as a chef in SA and Victoria. Cameron acknowledges that God has led him to connect with people who are on a journey to discover faith and change. He cares passionately for those on the "fringes" of life and seeks to bring that love and compassion in his parish work by God's grace.

We admire and commend Cameron and Sally for their commitment and compassion and pray that God will bless them on their chosen path. After the presentation of the candidates the most poignant episode of the Ordination Service occurred, and the atmosphere in the Cathedral was palpable, as

Archbishop examined the candidates with probing questions, the candidates answering each question together and with the response "I will by God's Grace." The Archbishop then asked the congregation to accept Sally and Cameron as Deacons in the Church of God.

Following the hymn "Be present, Spirit of the Lord" came the Laying on of Hands. It is a beautiful, spiritual and emotional part of the service when the work and preparation of the candidates comes to fruition and ends with the words "Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I present to you Cameron and Sally who have been ordained as Deacons in the Church of God".

At the invitation of the Archbishop applause rang around the Cathedral and lasted for quite a long time as we all shared in the joy and celebration of what we had just witnessed.

There were more celebrations on Sunday morning at St Luke's as the Reverend Cameron preached

his first sermon. At the end of the service he announced to the congregation that our



pianist that morning, Ms Carren Walker, was his intended bride, he had proposed marriage to her and she said "yes".

Yes, it truly was a weekend of celebrations as we shared the joy of Cameron and Sally and their commitment to the service of Christ and their new focus on life.

We also shared the joy of celebrating the love and commitment of Cameron and Carren to enter into marriage. We were privileged participants and observers of these events.

Vale Bronwyn Grundy

Soon after the opening of the Community Garden Bronwyn came to join the gardening team. She was a bright and interesting person who devoted much of her time to serving local community. It was humbling for us all to discover that Bronwyn wanted to commit to building our community even though she was struggling with serious disease.

In October 2020 Bronwyn and husband Steve renewed their wedding vows in the garden under



the cross. It was a beautiful service.

In May 2021 Bronwyn lost her battle with illness and passed on to the Lord. Rev'd Joan conducted her funeral service at the Enfield Cemetery.

Bronwyn has left behind a legacy of kindness and goodwill and her artwork still adorns the Community Garden. A beautiful soul taken back home – may she rest in peace.

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### Vale Mabel Langton

Mabel came to the 10 am Thursday services with Kate. She lived a long life and was a good and kind person who was always interested in the wellbeing of others. She was truly a special human being who gave so much to those around her. She was committed to the community, to the Novita organisation, to Meals on Wheels, the toy library, out of school hours care, Sunday school at St Wilfrid's, religious education in schools and St Luke's Op

Shop. Mabel had a deep Christian faith and church was part of her life; she was involved as a worshipper, a student of the Bible, a volunteer on rostered duties, and activities with children.

Mabel was blessed with 95 years on Earth. She saw and experienced so much and the world is a very different place now than it was when Mabel was born. She saw the generations come and go and lived through times of

Rev'd Dr Joan Riley

massive global and social change but along the way she filled her life with love and friendships.

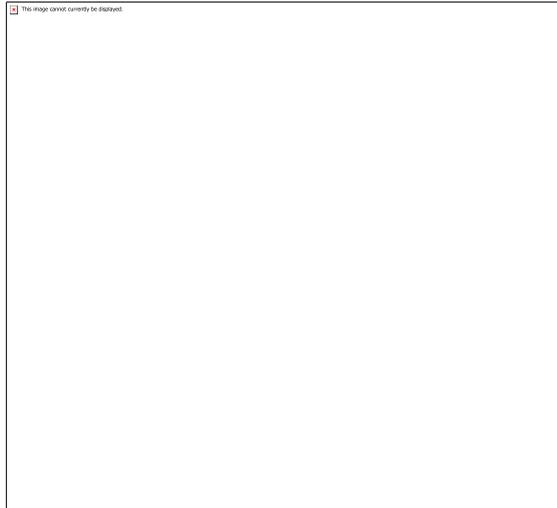
Mabel has made a difference to everyone who knew and loved her. The world is made different by the footprint of each person, no matter how small or how great the mark made, and so we thank God for Mabel, a life well lived. May she rest in peace.

## Vale Ken and Sheila Hall

Toni Owen

Ken and Sheila joined the family of St Luke's in the late 1960s soon after migrating to Australia and settling in Modbury. The congregation then was quite small and met for worship in the Civic Centre ballroom. They quickly became involved in working towards obtaining our own worship centre, helping to organise fundraising events such as fetes and progressive dinners and attending working bees, Ken helping with the manual labour and Sheila with the cooking and entertaining.

Sheila was a member of the Women's Fellowship for many years and was also a member of the choir and Ken tried to get a men's group going.



Ken was treasurer for St Luke's for many years and for a short period in the late 1990s was employed as Parish Manager. After resigning as treasurer he audited the parish books. He was also on the social committee and organised some very enjoyable parish camps.

Both Ken and Sheila were part of the flower group and provided some memorable flower arrangements to enhance our worship.

After many years working for St Luke's Catering Group they took over as convenors. This was a very time-consuming job and many thousands of dollars were raised for St Luke's.

Ken and Sheila's faithfulness was evident in everything they did and here at St Luke's we were blessed that they were part of our family. They are now at peace with our Lord.

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Anglicare Hampers 2021

← An impressive array of hampers waiting to be filled with donations for the Anglicare Christmas Appeal and ...



↑ the drop-off at the Magdalene Centre.

Trip to the Tip – A Dream Come True!

Harry and Veronica

“The longest scenic flight in the world!” was how our pilot described the first leg of the journey to the northernmost point of Australia. The flight left Cairns and, once cleared from the airport, we were flying very low over the Daintree Rain Forest, which was vast, and then out over the ocean to the Maritime Park and a close look at some of Great Barrier Reef. We flew over Cooktown, Cape Tribulation, some small places, Bloomfield and Rossville, and some amazing beaches which cannot be reached by land. In fact we were flying so low we could see the salt water crocodiles sunning themselves below! On we went over Black Mountain and the Endeavour River National Park and eventually, after a couple of hours, landed at the Northern Peninsula Airport, Bamaga. This airport was used by the US Air Force during the war and their pilots apparently hated the landings there due to strong and unpredictable winds. We were fortunate our pilot was very experienced and landed us smoothly. Not far from the airport was the wreck of an aircraft which did not make such a good landing during the war.

We had never before considered this journey up to the very tip of Cape York due to the nature of the rough travel required. However, while spending a week at a caravan park in Cairns catching up with family, we happened to hear of a tour to the top which could be done in a day. On enquiry, we found that the tour organiser was able to fit us in during that week and family were there to provide doggy day care - this was too good an opportunity to miss!



It was an early start and there were three planes going that day, each carrying nine people. We were given our life jackets and head phones and a brief lecture before take-off. As you can imagine, the seats in the plane were quite small and we had been warned that as we would be flying low, below the clouds, the sun would penetrate and it could get quite warm, as it did. There were window screens which we could position if needed but the view was so

good, they did not get much use.

The next stage of the tour was in a 4 x 4 bus and as we got on our way we were in quite dense forest, it was amazing to see that the foliage was covered in a thick layer of red dust metres high on either side of the track. We were informed that the road is graded twice a year and had been done only a few weeks before we drove over it. The corrugations were so deep cars driving over would not dent a can of Coke dropped in to them. There were also some very large pot holes which had to be avoided. (No wonder we never attempted it in our vehicle!). It was a long drive, taking a good couple of hours before we arrived at a beach with the most breath-taking view of beautiful blue water and many small islands. The surprising thing is that this was still not our destination.



We then had to remove our shoes and paddle knee deep around a headland – with mangroves on the edge - and it was not until we had got back to the bus that I was informed that the salt-water crocs just love that sort of country! When we had waded out of



the water we had to climb over a really rocky path until we actually reached

our destination and had to join a queue of people in order to take the obligatory photo next to the sign saying we were at the very northernmost point of Australia.

Reaching the tip was a most exciting experience but it was not the end of the day. There was more to experience on the return and in fact we visited both sides of the Cape that day as we called into the place boats are able to bring in supplies – they cannot bring in much by land. We called in to a souvenir shop called The Croc Tent and of course

there was an enormous (wooden) croc keeping watch on the place. We had lunch waiting for us at Seisia, the port, and then commenced our return journey.

By the time we took off in the plane for the return flight, there were quite a few heads nodding after such a long and tiring day. Flying along with the sun sinking lower, it seemed like a dream. It certainly was - a dream come true!

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## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

***Christmas Eve, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December***

**6.00 pm      Family Communion and Blessing of the Crib**

**11.00 pm     Midnight Mass**

***Christmas Day, Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> December***

**9.00 am      Holy Communion**

***Boxing Day Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December***

**9.00 am      Holy Communion**