



The Anglican Parish of Modbury, St Luke's Church
NEWSLETTER 3

August 2019

It's August already and the year is flying by. The days are cold but we've had a bit of rain to begin filling our tanks to prepare for the blooming spring and the opening of our community garden. It's wonderful watching our garden as it develops and transforms the face of our church grounds. We are so blessed to have the dedication of the community garden team, David Datson, Max Pontifex and David Owen. They are here at the church each Tuesday between 10 am and 1 pm working hard. They would love to see you, even if it's just to say Hi and see what's happening.

- * Thanks to everyone who has been submitting photos and stories for the monthly newsletter. It's so great to hear stories about parish activities as well as from your life and share moments and celebrations together as a church family. Everyone has something that is worth sharing! Please email your items to stlukesmodbury@outlook.com or joanreloaded@internode.on.net, or handwrite and give it to Rev'd Joan.
- * On Tuesday 6 August we remember the bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima, which signalled the ending of the Second World War. It is also a day we can celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. We remember the deathly white light of the nuclear explosions that wrenched the world into the atomic age, even as we recall the dazzling image of the transfigured Christ on the mountain.

Remember the power of prayer, as St Chrysostom reminds us...

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

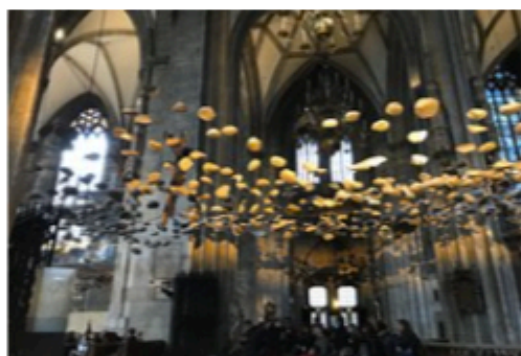
St Luke's will be an open community of faith which engages with the community and inspires and encourages people to know Jesus Christ.

St Stephen's Cathedral Vienna

On Sunday 4 August we celebrate the festival of St Stephen. The usual date for St Stephen is 26 December - remember the carol, 'Good King Wenceslas,' who looked out on the feast of St Stephen, or Boxing Day. Mostly this day goes unremembered in the Church liturgical year because it is so close to Christmas. In the Revised Common Lectionary the alternative date for St Stephen is 3 August. At St Luke's this year we're celebrating him on Sunday 4 August.

Toni Owen writes:

On our recent trip to Europe we visited the cathedral in Vienna. We were surprised to see the ceiling decoration (see photo), lots of crumpled up pieces of paper hanging there - most cathedrals we had seen had very elaborate ceilings with paintings and carvings. After looking at this scene we decided these represented the stones thrown at Stephen.



On further investigation we found out that contemporary artist Peter Baldinger turned the vault of St Stephens Cathedral into a sky full of Stones. Altogether there are 1332 stones which are made of paper attached to the ceiling. The artwork was installed at the beginning of Lent and was lit purple during Lent, golden at Easter (we were there in the Easter season) and finally lit red at Pentecost.

Community Garden in progress

Here is the new rainwater tank being rolled into place. The tank is now in and the pavers are laid. Come and take a walk and see how it's all coming together. An official opening of the garden will take place in November. More details soon.



SCHOOLS MINISTRY GROUP (SMG) GOOD NEWS!!

Carolyn Datson

Federal Government (again) endorses the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) Background - The Schools Ministry Group (SMG) employs Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs) in more than 320 SA Government schools and is an approved Chaplaincy Service Provider of the SA Department for Education through the Federal Government National Schools Chaplaincy Program.

— THE GOOD NEWS IS — The Coalition Government has stated that

- They will continue to support the National Schools Chaplaincy Program until at least 2022.
- Around 3,000 schools nationwide (362 in SA) will participate in the program.
- It will provide pastoral care services to students.
- It will also support the wellbeing of the school community.
- The Program assists more than 3,000 schools to engage the services of a school chaplain (Pastoral Care Worker).

Schools Ministry Group's PCWs provide young people with a sense of purpose, value and hope. They are positive role models who tirelessly show love, care and compassion, giving pastoral and practical support not only to students but also to staff, families and across the breadth and length of school community life. We at St Luke's Modbury support Ailsa Roberts the PCW at Fairview Park Primary school. There will be more news in next month's SMG newsletter. Please also check our balcony room notice-board for the latest news and information about SMG, the SMGTTG (on which we are represented) and the work of our wonderful PCWs.

Here is the **Thursday morning** congregation busy folding the pew sheets for Sunday. There's always a job for everyone!



Holiday Travels

This month we're featuring the recent holiday to Canada by Carolyn and David Datson

We were recently fortunate to spend about a month holidaying in Western Canada and the Inside Passage, Alaska. We flew via Brisbane and Vancouver to Victoria, British Columbia where our tour began. Victoria, the capital of BC is a small, very pretty garden city situated on Vancouver Island and we spent two enjoyable days exploring the city before our tour began. The world renowned Bchart Gardens, developed in a disused quarry some way out of Victoria, were especially beautiful.

Our tour took us to mainland Canada, via the spectacular Sea to Sky Highway to Whistler and then to Blue River and Jasper in the Rocky Mountains. From Jasper we travelled the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise and Banff. We were blessed with beautiful weather which complimented the magnificent scenery - snow capped mountains, glaciers, vast forests of fir, pine and hemlock, rapidly flowing streams and rivers, spectacular waterfalls and beautiful lakes. We were lucky to spot brown bears (including 3 different mothers with cubs), elk, longhorn sheep, moose, squirrels, osprey and bald eagles in the wild and to see wild humming birds close up. A 25 minute helicopter flight over the Rockies from Banff gave us a taste of how expansive and spectacular the magnificent Canadian Rockies are.



Duffy Lake, Near Whistler

We returned to Vancouver from Banff on the Rocky Mountaineer train, stopping overnight in Kamloops. The journey was a real 'pinch me, is this really happening?' experience and showed us even more varied and beautiful scenery. We saw a rarely seen mother grizzly bear and her two cubs from the train.

After a day sightseeing in Vancouver we boarded MS Volendam for a week's cruise of the Inside Passage, visiting Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay and Ketchikan. The Passage was calm and the scenery stunning. One of many highlights was an 8 hour shore excursion which included the historic White Pass and Yukon Railway from Skagway to Fraser, coach trip to Carcross in the Yukon and return coach trip through the Sawtooth Mountain range. Our tour concluded on berthing in Vancouver but we spent another four wonderful days exploring the city. We flew home via Sydney where we spent a couple of hours with our son before the final leg of our journey. As we stepped back into our home we asked each other - 'did we really do that?' Our photo collection proves that we did!



Wow! What a fantastic trip of a lifetime!

Bush Church Aid News

Update from Moranbah QLD

Luke and Julia Collings rectory in Moranbah was consumed by fire on Thursday 11 July. The entire family is safe but everything upstairs (children's bedrooms and belongings) was lost. The local community has rallied around the family and they have been supported with offers of short-term accommodation and clothing for the children. They have been provided with sufficient toys and clothes for the children to meet their immediate needs. Medium-term accommodation and insurance arrangements are being finalised. Bishop David Robinson and his wife Janet spent the weekend with the Collings family and a thanksgiving service was held at Moranbah Anglican on Sunday.

Please pray for deep inner peace for everyone, especially Bede, Tabitha and Silas over the coming weeks.

And the passing of a field member

We were saddened to hear the news of the passing of former BCA Field Staff Lindsay Whybrow on Saturday 20 July. Lindsay and his wife Carolyn served as Co-Workers with BCA in Hillston, a town on the banks of the Lachlan River in NSW from 2007 to 2016. Lindsay suffered a stroke just before they completed their term there in 2016, and after eight months of rehabilitation in hospital Lindsay and Carolyn moved closer to family in Uralla. Lindsay leaves behind his wife Carolyn, their children Amanda, Stephanie, Colin and Lesley and their spouses and children.



Naomi's new home

Just a year ago this month Naomi Barker moved house into Gloucester Residential Care. It's been a challenging year for Naomi and Roland, but we pray this next year will be easier. Here's Naomi with her friend playing a ball game.



Antony and Tess Richmond joined St Luke's over two year's ago now. They have both quickly become part of the life of the parish. Antony is my deputy priest's warden and he helps me in so many ways, especially in the sanctuary and in the vestry. He knows exactly what to do and I rely on him for the smooth running of worship services. It was great to help Antony celebrate turning 30. Congratulations. Here's Antony cutting a lovely cake he shared with us all, and above, with mum Tess and sister Chantelle.

Welcome to the world baby Naomi



Congratulations to Rose, Samuel, Steve, Patience and Winnie on the birth of baby Naomi. This beautiful gift of God entered the world on 9 July at 6.01 pm. Thanks be to God! *May God bless you deeply all your life Naomi, and may you live with grace and journey with the Lord.*



A Very Special Mentor

Judy Hornsblow

I was very honoured, recently, to be asked by our granddaughter, Saffron Ruby, (14) to be her Mentor, in a Specialness Project the year 9's at her school, Tatachilla College, took part in. Saffron is a very talented dancer, and elected to choreograph a dance, and make a costume for that dance, which would be donated to a charity group which teaches disabled children to dance. I spent two days at Saffron's home, in O'Halloran Hill, guiding Saffron in her preparation, sewing, and writing up the required journal. As my sight has deteriorated, Saffron had to do all the sewing, though I did help out with a little bit of hand sewing. It was just very special for me, to be able to do this with her. Peter and I went to the College to see all the projects on display and we were amazed at the thoughtfulness and generosity of these students.



Saffron busy sewing

