

THE LINK

St Lukes Anglican Church
Modbury



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Welcome to this August edition of the Link magazine. I'd like to reflect on the work we're doing here at St Luke's to prepare for the future in ministry in this local community of Modbury. The parish leadership team is currently undertaking a process of Mission Action Planning. This is in response to the recent release of the Vision 2022 of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide. Vision 2022 is intended to help us realise our potential as individual communities united as a wider body of the Anglican Church. This is the vision: 'We will be a Diocese of flourishing Anglican communities, united and connected, whose members are confident and competent to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.'

Priorities of achieving this vision include: leadership development, innovation and advocacy, flourishing churches and growth in discipleship. Each parish can work towards these priorities by developing their own Mission Action Plan and structuring the plan so that it aligns with Vision 2022. In June this year parish council and those in leadership positions met to begin this procession of planning. I presented some material to get us thinking and we did some work on the Five Marks of Mission of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. The marks are: to proclaim the good news of the kingdom; to teach, baptise and nurture new believers; to respond to human need by loving service; to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation; to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth. What fabulous news!

Our work on the planning evening was to see how St Luke's measured up to these marks of mission. We noted our strengths and the gaps in our ministry. It is important to recognise these things before we make plans for the future. In the mission action planning process, the first step is to generate a genuine desire to do God's work. The marks of mission and the Vision 2022 are structures against which we may measure our plans and as we develop our own local vision. Deep prayer must undergird mission action planning. We are to seek to do God's will, not our own. What is God saying to us here at St Luke's in Modbury? If we listen for God, if we hear what the community is saying around us, in addition to the breadth of voices present among us, then we are on the right track. Some of you have already given me some ideas through the shiny red box at the back of the church. Others have spoken to me in person. Everyone of you is important. Everything you have to say matters. We may make mistakes along the way, we will need the courage to take risks, yet if we are listening to God it will work out.

This is an exciting time. Remember that Jesus sent the disciples into the world armed only with their faith – and their faith was enough! I ask your prayers and encouragement over the coming months as we develop our Mission Action Plan and put it to work.

Rev'd Joan

Samuel Yengi (continued)

Samuel like many other South Sudanese Left his home, friends and probably extended family in South Sudan because of continuing conflict disrupted lives and living. With his brothers and sisters, Mum and Dad Samuel sought peace in Ajumani refugee camp in Northern Uganda. Samuel was in the last years of primary schooling. The refugees improved somewhat the living conditions in the camp with the help of United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR). Life was without many comforts but Samuel was able to continue his education.

An application was made in 1994 for refugee status in Australia through the Australian High Commission in Nairobi which was in Kenya. The process of their visa took 3 years for them to finally receive the approval for resettlement in Australia and Refugees and humanitarian class of visa. A delay of six months was allowed before an application lapsed - and lapse it did causing a second journey, a second expense and the patience of a saint.

Sadly, Samuel's Mother became ill and died before migration permission was granted, his Dad then decided that he would remain in Uganda. So the younger members of the family, after 3 years of delays, eventually were able to board a flight for Adelaide South Australia where it peaceful.

Uncle Ben who lived at Prospect was able to offer the new arrivals accommodation until they were able to obtain a rental home. After a period of time Samuel returned to Kampala Uganda to marry a childhood sweetheart Rose. They now have three children who attend Holy Cross Catholic school at Parafield Gardens. Samuel now has his own home at Paralowie. He is in his year of a Theology and continues with work as a nurse at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. A remarkable life.

Volunteers always welcome in the Op shop.
Contact Colin Fidock.

"Imagining a new world!"

In Mid - June 2018, I attended our Third Order of the Society of St Francis Conference and General Chapter. This year it was held in Brisbane and over 70 of our brothers and sisters were able to make the journey.

The theme: Imagining a New World: focused upon;

- The contemplative spirit
- Creation and the environment
- Social justice

The aim was to provide forums inspired by prayer and the Holy Spirit to enable us to express our concerns and passions, enabling each of us to have some impact upon the world today.

We are all so fully aware as members of our church and wider community, that there are seemingly so many issues that seem to us as insurmountable. However, we can't imagine how difficult it must be for those who are personally affected by the world they have to face each and every single day.

In our Principles and as part of our Daily Obedience, our Second aim, is to spread the spirit of love and harmony where we pledge regardless of race, gender or creed to fight against the ignorance, pride and prejudice that breed injustice or partiality of any kind.

One such forum that ran over 3 sessions related to the "Uluru Statement of the Heart". You may recall that Rev'd Joan placed this on our notice board. I for one noticed it but did not address it as I should have. This Statement, short and to the point, without embellishment was presented to our Prime Minister. Sadly, with a flourish of political speak this statement [from the heart] was dismissed.

Our response has been to write to our Prime Minister via our Provincial and as members of our order asking him to revisit this statement.

We wrote: 'We understand ourselves to be all connected as fellow citizens and we know that the issues that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people affect us all...we accept the statement to walk with the Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander people, our fellow Australians and our children in a "movement of the Australian people for a better future" for this country.'

Recently we were given, via our Archbishop, the 'Five marks of mission of the world-wide Anglican communion.'

Point 3 states: to respond to human need by loving service.

Point 4 states: to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.

Given 2 of these points of mission, how can we, guided by the Holy Spirit respond to and strive for a better world and better place for all people. Is your heart open to the call of our brothers and sisters here in our great nation?

Please read the 'Uluru Statement From The Heart' and be given the wisdom and grace you need to plead for this important call for equality each and every Australian deserves.

Colin tssf

Can you volunteer to assist the running of the Church. Greeters, Sides-people, Readers, Tea and coffee and coffee servers, working bees, please contact the Wardens to be put on the rosters.

Apricot Loaf Recipe

1 cup of dried apricots (Aust)

Soak for ½ hr. Drain well.

Cut into pieces (or use diced ones)

2 cups SR flour.

1 cup sugar.

1 cup orange juice.

1 egg.

2 Tablespoons melted butter.

½ teaspoon salt.

¾ cup chopped nuts (walnuts).

Put all in a mixing bowl and mix well.

2-2 ½ X 3" tins.

Bake in a moderate oven 30 to 35 mins.

THE "OUR FATHER" PRAYER:

Do I Really Mean What I Pray? Let us examine how well we live what we pray as we meditate on the following:

I cannot say OUR, if I keep my faith only to myself and never share it with others.

I cannot say FATHER, if I do not trust in His loving and complete concern for me, forgetting that He always answers prayers how and when He knows is best.

I cannot say WHO ART IN HEAVEN, if I am so attached to the ways of this world that I neglect to seek God first in everything. I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME, if I am unwilling to let His holiness penetrate my life and help me grow in my own holiness.

I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME, if I am not using my life to bring His love into the world. I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE, if I live by my own ideas of morality or choose to follow the world's standards.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN, if I am not devoting my life to serving Him here on earth.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, if I am not willing to be generous with whatever God gives me.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, if I don't want to put forth enough effort to change.

I cannot say AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US, if I still hold a grudge, if I'm still angry, or if I still insist that other people change.

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, if I deliberately or knowingly place myself in a position or place to be tempted.

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL, if I'm not actively fighting against evil through deeds of love and service for everyone in my life, especially those who cause problems. author unknown

[extract from 'The Vision' the Cursillo newsletter in South Australia]

Tea and coffee served in the Balcony room after the service. Please join us.

WHAT HAVE OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKERS BEEN DOING?
HERE IS SOME FEEDBACK GLEANED FROM THE LATEST PCW REPORTS.

Lunch time craft programme is still going strong. We are in the process of doing Christmas craft and I have had a lot more of the kids who struggle to make friends coming to this programme.

The speaker from Prayer Breakfast this year has made a profound impression on our students and I am glad we took the time to go, it has also rekindled the faith journey of one of the teachers. There have been some major issues with some students which has taken its toll on staff.

Breakfast club has continued as usual with my wonderful volunteers and the provisions donated by Kickstart. Numbers fluctuate each week, yet we still have our usual students and our lovely atmosphere.

One-on-one support – some of this support has consisted of working with students on friendship, self-esteem, confidence, grief, coping with change, missing their parent who is away for work, managing conflict and anger and other sensitive issues.

Christmas Seminar: we will be hosting a Christmas Seminar for the first time and so far, 40 students have returned permission slips. Please pray that it will go well and will lead to seminars next year. I am working with a group of students who need a positive influence in their lives so please pray that I will make the most of my opportunities with them and that God will give me the right words to say.

The Yr7 Transition Day was held at the Modbury South Primary School. The Beyond Limits team led the day with an exceptional program of activities, well-being chats and advice, group work and games outside which then ended with the BBQ lunch. We had some amazing volunteers from our SMTTG group who organised the preparation and served up the food which released the PCWs to connect with their schools. Overall the day was a huge success. My staff and Leadership commented on the day saying that they were very impressed with the program and organisation of the event.

I am excited to share about two new exciting programs at the school. Our connections with The Heights Church has continued to grow and flourish. They began a breakfast program at the school and come every Friday and supply and make pancakes on the BBQ, with delicious toppings. Through Kickstart for Kids, I was also able to make toast, have yoghurt and fruit. The students love it and we regularly have between 150 and 200 students come for breakfast each week. The feedback from students, staff and families has been overwhelmingly positive.

I have recently completed a four-part lesson series with the 6-7's which endeavoured to explore maintaining healthy mental health and other topics such as vulnerability, empathy and resilience. I have received highly positive feedback from the students and the program has given me access to create new relationships and understand the inner workings of the lives of the young people which would have been otherwise unavailable.

