

Parish Life

St Luke's... why is it special for you?



HOW would you answer this question? What makes St Luke's special for you? Its worship? Its music? Its ministry? Its mission and outreach? The way it works hard at fellowship and community?

This magazine is not just a magazine or a newsletter or a calendar of events. It's a taste of all St Luke's has to offer, to everyone who walk through its doors.

St Luke's story began over a hundred years ago. Our distinctive identity has been shaped by our past. And some

people have been part of the story for a long time. Others have joined more recently. St Luke's vision is to be a worshipping, inclusive, recognizably Anglican Christian community, in which we accept and support each other in our own spiritual journey, as we seek to do God's will within and beyond our parish.

As we move through this year together seeking to be a community of faith, let us each ponder our answer to the question, *What makes St Luke's special for me?*

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SERVICES AT ST LUKE'S

Sundays

- 9 a.m. Sung Eucharist (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays in the month)
- 9 a.m. Sung Matins (5th Sunday in the month)

Week days

- Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Thursday: 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service



At Pentecost, the Spirit flows in us, and through us it flows to others...

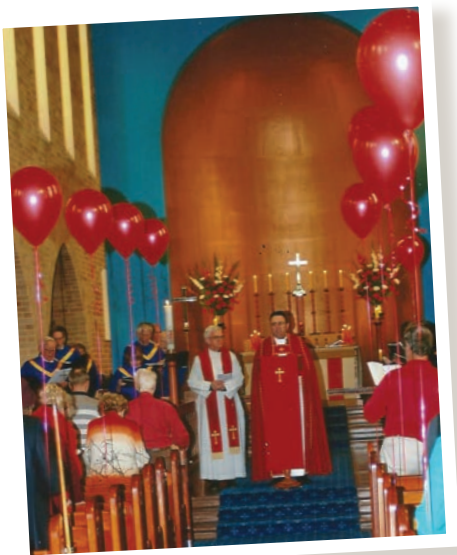
The Revd Peter Kurti, Associate Priest



AT Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes with a mighty wind and shakes the foundations where the followers of Jesus are gathered. And with that, the church is born. Pentecost is the beginning of the church's witness that when we see Jesus we see God. It is still an astounding claim because we are afflicted with such fuzzy notions of God.

"Show us the Father and we will be satisfied," Philip says to Jesus in the opening verse of our gospel this morning. In his reply, Jesus sets out the situation clearly, directly and simply: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

Jesus is not always that clear in St John's Gospel. He is often enigmatic and elusive. "Who are you?" we ask Jesus repeatedly. And He tells us, "I am bread, I am life, I am the vine, I am the door, the shepherd, the water of life." No wonder Philip pleads "Show us the Father and we will be satisfied!" And at last, Jesus lifts the veil.



If you've seen me, he tells Philip, you've seen the Father. This assurance turns into a commission after his resurrection: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And Jesus breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (20:21-2) The Holy Spirit is God's power that remains with us to enable the new way of life we embrace as disciples of Jesus.

St Paul talks about this in his Letter to the Romans, and he uses two quite distinct words to do so. When Paul speaks about 'flesh' and 'spirit', he is not talking about two parts of human nature. Rather, he is talking about two distinct forms of life.

Life in the flesh means life lived with the human person at the centre of all values. Fleshly living, if you like, is all about us. But life in the Spirit sets us free from that bondage to the self and releases us for life lived in bondage to the Creator. Life in the Spirit is all about God. And so Paul reminds us: "But you are not in the flesh, you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you."

Having been freed in the Spirit, the way we go about life has changed. What might that change look like? Well, to take one example, when we live in the Spirit – as St Paul assures us we do – we can stop being pre-occupied with the past, unwilling to let it go. We are led by the Spirit of God to be a member of God's family and the promise of life and joy in the future. It doesn't mean we'll avoid all conflict, or that it will all be plain sailing. But our hope is grounded in our faithfulness to the Spirit's leading.

That's why Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the *advocate* which means 'strengthened'. But this Advocate will not simply bring us strength. The Holy

Spirit will come as the Spirit of truth, guiding the Body of Christ through the witness of the apostles. It will come speaking with all the authority of God the Father.

Like Philip, we often think that once the ways of God are explained to us, we will understand everything we need to know. But Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit of God, poured out from the heavens, is not limited to human expectations and is certainly not limited to human understanding. Pentecost is good news because it reminds us that God's purpose is realized even though our understanding is flawed.

The Holy Spirit was poured out from heaven – just as Jesus promised. The Spirit was received by the disciples – just as Jesus promised. And by their witness, and the Spirit's power, countless generations have heard the Good News – just as Jesus promised. The Spirit, poured out at Pentecost, flows in us, and through us it flows to others. It is like the wind. It is like fire. It is like a river. It is like a still small voice within. And it does not depend upon human understanding.

So on this great day of Pentecost, let us allow the Spirit of God to flow through us anew. And let us be open to that power working in our lives to bring others to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Faithfulness to the Spirit is the ground of our hope in the future glory promised to all who become members of the family of God. For this miracle, this out-pouring of the Holy Spirit from heaven, it is indeed the birth of the church, and it is the hope of our salvation.

This is an abridged version of Peter's sermon at Pentecost, 15 May, 2016.

Generous gifts to the parish...

ST Luke's has benefited greatly through the years from generous gifts of parishioners. Each gift, no matter how large or small, is an expression of a person's gratitude and thanksgiving to God, and significantly assists our mission and ministry.

Fifty years ago our present church was consecrated only eight years after it was built because of a parishioner's generous but anonymous gift which cleared all debt owing on the church.



Dedication of the ramp in February by Bishop Edwards

\$21,000 OUT OF THE BLUE

The Rev. Noel Delbridge — the Anglican minister whose Church debt was wiped out by an anonymous \$21,000 gift — is already planning a new parish development program.

At St. Luke's Church of England, Mosman, Mr Delbridge today said he had plans which would "benefit the community and the church as a whole."

At this stage, he said, he was not prepared to release details.

Last Thursday, a bank manager handed the rector a bank cheque which exactly covered a \$16,000 debt on the church and a \$5,000 debt on the curate's cottage.

Mr. Delbridge said the church cost \$60,000 when built in 1928 and the cottage cost \$6,000.

"It would have taken us about eight years to pay off the remaining \$21,000 if we had not received this wonderful



The Rev. Noel Delbridge at St. Luke's today.

gift," he said.

"I don't know who gave it, but it has been someone since here ever since."

Apparently

son who sent it

found out how

we owed.

"It is a wonderful

cause it will all

give more money to help

cottage.

"I've always

been a church man

and I'm glad to

see it done in

my way.

"I'm present

pledged to go

over three or

four years to

renew the church

in New Guinea.



In February this year our Bishop, Chris Edwards dedicated the ramp to the Parish Hall Entrance on Heydon Street, made possible by the generous gift last year of the Holt family, in memory of Elizabeth and Geoffrey Brabazon Holt.

In May, the parish received two generous gifts in the form of bequests from the estates of the late Jan Gibson and the late David Thomas. Jan, David and his wife Pat, were faithful and involved St Luke's parishioners over many years.

We give thanks for the lives of so many faithful parishioners who have contributed to St Luke's in so many ways over more than one hundred years.



Left: David and Pat Thomas at Mission Fete 1990



Above: Jan and her husband Geoff

COMING EVENTS

JULY

- 9** Parish Dinner*
6.30pm Saturday (Upper Hall)
- 17** SLMMA Recital 2pm (church)
Brendon Lukin (organ),
Dan Mendelow (trumpet)

AUGUST

- 13** Parish Trivia Quiz night**
6.30pm (Upper Hall)
- 20** Parish Race Day
(Bus from Church)

SEPTEMBER

- 2** Annual Dinner,
Anglicans Together
Prof Marion Maddox
7 pm (City Tatts)
- 9/10** *Decline and Fall*
An ICC production
7.30pm (Upper Hall)

- 25** Confirmation
9am Bishop Chris Edwards

OCTOBER

- 23** Patronal Festival and Lunch
10am Bishop Richard Hurford
(Church and Upper Hall)
- 30** Michelle Urquhart: *In Concert*
2pm (Church)

DECEMBER

- 11** Michelle Urquhart: *In Concert*
2pm (Church)
- 18** Nine Lessons and Carols
7 pm (with light supper)
- 24** Family Christmas Service 5pm
Sung Eucharist 9pm
(with refreshments)
- 25** Sung Eucharist 9am

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The seasons and festivals of the Church year...

As a congregation we move through the church calendar each year, which provides us with recurring opportunities to celebrate our faith in worship. The changing seasons of the year give us the opportunity to talk about, reflect upon, and respond to what lies at the heart of our faith. The Church uses myriad symbols as a way to tell our faith story. One way we mark the different seasons of the church year is by the colour of some of our altar hangings and priests' vestments.

Advent is purple, Christmas and Epiphany are white; Lent and Holy Week are purple; Easter is white, concluding at Pentecost which is red. The rest of the year is green and known as Ordinary Time (from the word ordinal which simply means counted time). For Patronal Festival or other Saints' Days red is used.

The sequence of festivals from Advent to Pentecost is an annual spiritual journey for us. And the rest of the year provides an opportunity to reflect on the mission of the church in the world.



Christmas



Advent



*Left: Easter morning at Balmoral
Above: Sung Eucharist at Easter*



...Celebrations at St Luke's



Pentecost 2016



Christmas 2015



Pentecost 2016



Consider the lilies, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Luke 12:27

Many ask why people put flowers in churches. Churches actually began to use flowers as decorations about the twelfth century, using flowers as symbols of creation, and especially of the resurrection – the new hope and new life which is central to the Christian faith.

Services at St Luke's, except during Lent, as is our custom, are enhanced by wonderful flower arrangements, often remembering someone special to a parish family.

For many years, Ruth Rock has been the creative genius behind our beautiful arrangements. Ruth is assisted each week with the necessary disposal of spent flowers and cleaning up generally by Jon Dalrymple. Meg Stevenson and Jenny Willis step in when Ruth is away and also help at Christmas and Easter and other special services.

We are all greatly appreciative to Ruth for her wonderful ministry which does so much to enhance our worship each week.

Through the St Luke's lens

IN 1916 – we had a tennis club
– in 2016 we have many groups,
including a Film Group and *Thank
God it's Thursday*.



Thank God it's Thursday



Four regular helpers at Thank God it's Thursday (Ann Neill absent)



Coffee in courtyard after service on 12 June, the Festival of St Alban. Guest preacher was Revd Kate Heath, Priest-in-charge of the Anglican Parish of Coburg West-Pascoe Vale South, Melbourne. l-r Chris Thomas, James Heath, Kate Heath and the Rector



Lu's farewell morning tea

Remembering... *Lest we forget*

During our morning service on Sunday 26 April, we honoured the Anzacs and all men and women of our armed services. Our Anzac observance was led again in 2016 by Brian Miles.



Tikodane dinner 2016

Heather Chisholm (dinner organizer), with Elke Kroeger-Radcliffe and parishioners Dallas and Mary Ford at the 2016 fundraising dinner at the Mosman Club for *Tikodane* held in April. Over \$68,000 was raised for Elke's work in Katete, Zambia, supported by the parish since 1994.

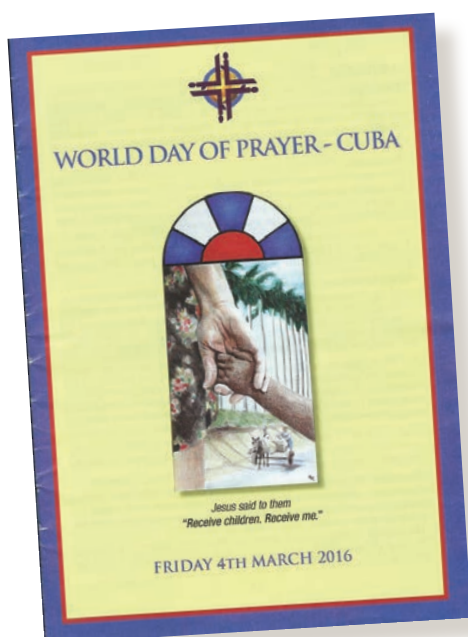


Our ICC membership

THE Mosman/Neutral Bay Interchurch Church Council is one of the oldest local ecumenical groups in NSW. St Luke's is a foundation member of the group, founded over thirty years ago. Ros Amor, Alyson Wills and Phillip Seale represent St Luke's on the ICC Executive Committee, which has had a busy first half year.

The ICC Annual Dinner was held at the Mosman Club in March. Rachael Kohn, ABC radio presenter, *The Spirit of Things* was a most engaging and challenging speaker.

THE annual World Day of Prayer service was prepared by the women of Cuba for use worldwide and was held at St Luke's in March and was well attended. Led by St Luke's warden, Denise Thomas with ICC members participating, the address was given by Dr Ruth Shatford AM.



ICC annual dinner

A SECOND Festival of Wild Ideas at St Luke's was held in April – May at St Luke's. Check the link to St Luke's website for two of this year's presentations: by Jocelyn Chey, *When China sneezes, are we bound to catch a cold?* and by Linda Kurti, *The Age of Trump: what politics tells us about culture, and about us.*

Next year the Festival will be organised as an ICC event. It will be held again in April/May but at the Mosman Community Centre with all member churches being involved

ON the Festival of Pentecost, a service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held at St Peter's Cremorne.

ON the evenings of Friday and Saturday, 9/10 September, the ICC one-act play, *Decline and Hall* will be performed in the Upper Hall of the Parish Centre, with musical and other acts in the second half of the program.



ICC logo



Enjoy a taste of Italy

Join us for a night of Italian fine food and music

On 9 July, 2016

In the Parish Hall

6.30 pm

Enjoy a 3-course meal, listen to your favourite tenor

Great raffle prizes (two tickets complimentary)

All for \$50 BHO

Tickets on sale after Sunday Service or from the Office

Raffle tickets may be purchased separately, \$5 each or three for \$10

Great prizes include a DeLonghi Nespresso coffee machine,

A basket of Italian food goodies, chocolates and champagne

All proceeds to our 2016 Mission outreach





ST LUKE'S TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT

in the Parish Centre

Saturday 13 August – 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start

Organise a table of eight or just come along and join in the fun

\$20 per person (*all proceeds to missions*)

BYO food and drinks

Our dress-up theme this year is the Olympics. Decorate your table to represent any country you choose, come dressed as your favourite nationality

Prize for the best table

If you missed out last year on this great night,
make sure you are early in 2016!

We will begin taking bookings on 17 July

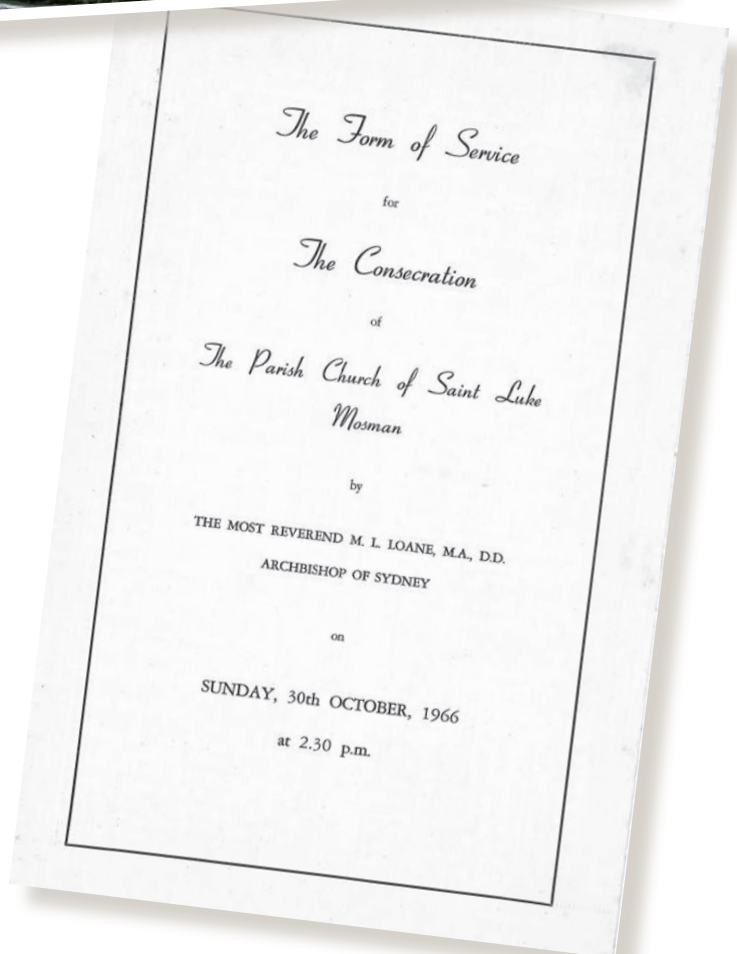
Mark the date in your diary!

Enquiries: Denise Thomas - 0417419535.

Outreach and Mission

THIS year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the consecration of our present church. The church dedicated eight years earlier by Archbishop Mowll, was consecrated on October 30 1966 by Archbishop Loane, the first Australian born Archbishop of Sydney archbishop and the first Australian-born Archbishop in the Anglican Church or Australia. The consecration of St Luke's was his first.

In his sermon at the consecration service Archbishop Loane highlighted some passages unique to St Luke's Gospel, such as the parable of the Good Samaritan. He stressed the need for a parish church to look beyond itself to the needs of the wider church.



THESE are two types of mission fundraising at St Luke's. One is *direct* mission fundraising, such as moneys collected from the Bush Church Aid (BCA) boxes twice yearly, our Act for Peace Christmas Bowl appeal and our Balmoral Easter service collection for *Taldumande* Youth Services.



The other is our *general* mission fundraising through events like our annual parish dinner and our Trivia Quiz night, our winter film group evenings and our Christmas wine drive.

At its recent May meeting Parish Council decided to distribute the \$12,000 raised in 2015, in equal amounts to:

The Archbishop of Sydney's Refugee Crisis Appeal being coordinated by Anglicare, which aims to provide a warm and generous welcome, coupled with practical assistance, to the 12,000 refugees on top of the current humanitarian intake soon to be resettled in Australia, many in Sydney.



The Ministry Assistance Program of the Company of the Good Shepherd which supports clergy and lay people who regularly travel from Gilgandra to the Parish of Brewarrina to support the CGS's ministry to Indigenous and other communities in Brewarrina and Weilmoringle. CGS was established in 2001 as the successor to the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, known to many parishioners affectionately as Bush Brothers. The CGS works in remote areas of Central and Far Western NSW.

ABM Australia's Myanmar Catechist Training Program, which seeks to train and offer refresher training to catechists in the Anglican Diocese of Sittwe is in a remote area of Myanmar (formerly Burma). The Diocese of Sittwe currently has 60 Priests and 165 lay catechists.



Hot cross buns at Balmoral



Film group in May



Date for your diary

Sunday 17 July: Fire and Pipes for a Winter Sunday

Brendon Lukin, former Director of Music at St Luke's, currently organist at St David's Uniting Church Geelong and member of the RAAF Band, is returning to



Mosman for a recital at 2pm on Sunday 17 July. He will team up with Dan Mendelow, former principal trumpet in the SSO, now living in Florida, for a program of old favourites and some exciting new pieces that will get rid of any winter chills!

Tickets at the door: \$25

Enquiries: Jocelyn Chey SLMMA Secretary 99675136

Proceeds to the Music Association Choral Scholars Fund.

From Tim and Vin Waggett in Singapore

Jasmine Sophie Waggett born on 3 June (3.675kgs).

We are ecstatic, mother and daughter doing very well as is big brother, thrilled at having a little sister.



THE PARISH REGISTER

December 2015 – May 2016

Baptisms

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| 9 Jan | Vivienne Victoria Tracey |
| 7 Feb | Colette Elizabeth George-Farlow |
| 28 Feb | Ella Josephine Newling
Jordan Thomas Kells |
| 19 March | Scarlett Elizabeth Louise Watt |
| 3 April | Frederick Robert Fritz
Schmaedeke |
| 17 April | Thomas Benjamin Sumner
Drew
Finnegan Blair William
Leslie |
| 24 April | Maddox Benjamin Stuart |
| 8 May | Hudson Truran Smith &
Saxon Truran Smith (Twins) |

Funerals

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| 4 Dec | Ingrid Erika Clive |
| 21 Dec | Joan Maday Kemp |
| 22 Dec | Joan Vickery |
| 24 Feb | Dorothy Louisa Davis |

Weddings

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| 19 Feb | Simeng Li and Che Zhargon |
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To stay in touch at St Luke's, check these regularly:

The weekly pew bulletin, *Parish Life*
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St Luke's is a place of rich and diverse liturgy, where life and faith connect.

We are a progressive community that welcomes all people regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or religion.

We support the full and equal role of women in society and in the ministry of the church.

The Parish is in association with the Mosman/Neutral Bay Inter-church Council and the NSW Ecumenical Council.