

Parish Life

MARCH 2017

Celebrate Easter with St Luke's

Our special Easter Day services conclude the events of Holy Week.

On Easter Day join in our family Communion Service at the Balmoral Rotunda at 7 am.

Bring a rug or a chair. Hot cross buns for everyone and Easter eggs for children will be supplied.

Our collection will support Taldumande Youth services. This year Taldumande celebrates forty years of housing and caring for homeless young people on the North Shore. For something more traditional, join us for Sung Eucharist at 10 am at St Luke's.

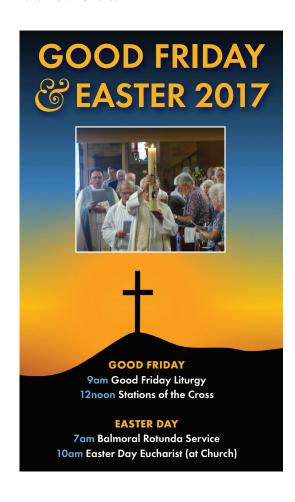
After the service stay for brunch in the Upper Hall as we rename it Seddon Hall in honour of our long-serving fourth Rector, the Reverend John Seddon. John and members of his family will be attending.

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St Luke's, 120 years on

In the 1890s, support for a "church for members of the Church of England living in the vicinity of Spit Junction" led to the dedication on 10 January 1897 of St Luke's first church in Bond Street. Now in Heydon Street, St Luke's has been a place of Anglican worship and witness in Mosman for 120 years.

Two recent sermons have highlighted key aspects of our life as a faith community. Both sermons can be read on the parish website. At Christmas, the Revd Peter Kurti, our Honorary Associate Priest, reminded us that the message of Christmas is that God gets close to us, that the first words of John's



Gospel lift us from our routine lives into a world of mystery and wonder, and that Christmas calls us to think again about who we are, how we live, and how we honour God, ourselves and each other. Peter urged us, as we received again the gift of the Christchild at Christmas, to resolve anew to be active in his service and joyful in his praise.

During Epiphany our Lay Minister, Natalie Mc Donald, reminded us that being a disciple is not always about the individual, but about being a disciple in community. She urged us to see that as a community of disciples and believers, we have an effect on those around us, and that people around us are shaped by what we do and say. Natalie reminded us that being part of a community means we





are not alone, that God is a God of community, and that being Christ's disciples happens within a community of the faithful.

Some important reflections as we celebrate our 120th anniversary.







Fun and fellowship supporting missions

St Luke's Trivia Night in February was one of several events of fun and fellowship this year. Congratulations to the winners, Table 1, and thank you to everyone who supported the event. The photos tell the story!

Proceeds will go to our mission outreach initiatives for 2016-17. As outlined in recent bulletins, we support three Anglican missions, local, national and international. Locally we support Revd Francis Chalwell, who works in northern Sydney for Anglicare Sydney's Social Support Group Chaplaincy; nationally we support BCA's Indigenous Ministry, particularly the work of Revd Neville Naden and his wife Kathryn; and internationally, we are supporting ABM's Economic Empowerment Project in the Philippines.







Bush Church Aid – Revd Neville Naden, Indigenous Ministry Officer

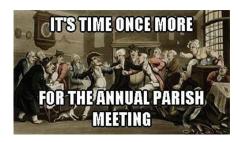
The Revd Neville Naden and his wife Kathryn, for some time Bush Church Aid workers at Broken Hill, are taking on a wider-ranging brief within BCA's Indigenous ministry program. Based in Dubbo from August in this new role, Neville will train and support field staff working with Indigenous people and Indigenous staff.

Neville says that although BCA has always worked with Indigenous people in rural areas and remote communities, the purpose of his new role is to have someone to walk alongside field staff and support them in their work. A key task is to identify gaps in theological training of Indigenous leaders in rural areas.

We look forward to having a BCA representative visiting us to discuss their work and possibly a St Luke's group visiting them in Dubbo – a trip on the XPT?



St Luke's Annual General Meeting



...but nothing like this!

These people were elected at St Luke's Annual General Meeting on 12 March, or have been appointed, to these positions:

Wardens

Paula Turner (Rector's Warden); Denise Thomas (People's Warden); Tony Tanner (People's Warden and Parish Treasurer)

Parish Councillors

Damien Bastock (Parish Council Secretary); David Burke; John Candy; Mary Cunnington; Ann Jobson; Wendy Payne; Phillip Seale

Parish Nominators

Damien Bastock, Jocelyn Chey, Phillip Seale, Tony Tanner, Denise Thomas

Lay Synod Representatives

Peter Keenan, Paula Turner (positions are for the three-year term, 2017–2019)

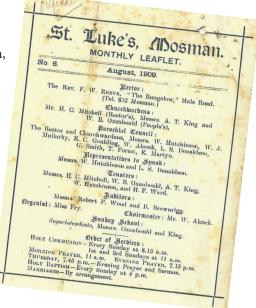
Safe Ministry Representative

Jocelyn Chey

Our new-look Parish Life

Parish communications have changed greatly since St Luke's early days. In 2017, we have moved from print-form to social media and digital communication, so this *Parish Life* is new-format. To stay in touch at St Luke's, check these regularly: the weekly pew bulletin, the new, shorter but now quarterly *Parish Life*, our digital noticeboard in Bridgepoint, our website www.stlukesmosman.org and follow us on Facebook and Twitter @StLukesMosman.





Recent family celebrations



The Baptism of Jasmine Sophie Waggett 18 December 2016



The Wedding of Yuana Leonardo-Wuwan and James Robert Melville 5 January 2017

Some coming events

4 June Festival of Pentecost

17 June ICC Hymnfest

22 July Parish Themed Dinner A Night at the Captain's Table

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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 rregardless of gender, 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 Interchurch Council and the NSW Ecumenical Council.