

# Parish Life

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## Fulfilling our vision... 120 years on

### The festival of St Luke

On 22 October we celebrate the festival of St Luke. What *is* a patronal festival? It is the time each year when a parish honours its patron saint. This custom can be traced to the ancient Christian practice of building churches over martyrs' tombs. The winged ox, above our church door, is the symbol of St Luke, evangelist and martyr. It signifies strength, service and patience.



WWI memorial window

There have been three St Luke's churches in Mosman. In fact, there was a St Luke's church before there was a St Luke's *parish*. The first St Luke's church in Bond Street was part of St Clement's parish. In 1897 this first St Luke's was dedicated by Archbishop Saumarez Smith.

In 1909, St Luke's separated from St Clement's and the Revd Fred Reeve was inducted as the first Rector of St Luke's as a separate parish. Only months later, St Luke's moved from Bond Street to a new building fronting onto Heydon Street. Part of the old Bond Street church was incorporated in the Heydon Street building, so a direct link with the first St Luke's remains.

The third St Luke's, our present church on the corner of Ourimbah Road and Heydon Street, was dedicated in 1958 by Archbishop Mowll, a few months before his death. In 1966, the parish received a large anonymous gift, which let us clear our debt. Soon after, the church was consecrated by Archbishop Loane.

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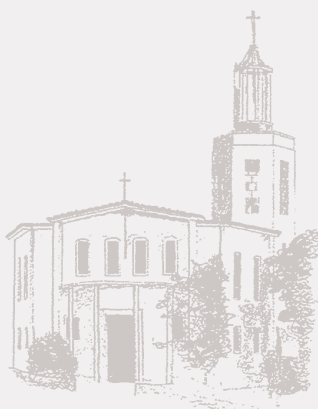
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St Luke's church Bond Street



St Luke's church Heydon Street



The Rector, Wardens and Parish Council  
invite you to share with us our

### 120th Festival of St Luke

Sunday 22 October 2017

Choral Eucharist

Guest Preacher: Bishop Chris Edwards

10 a.m.

# Fulfilling our vision

## ... a place of rich and diverse liturgy

In June, at Pentecost, we celebrated the birthday of the Christian Church. We prayed as a parish that the Holy Spirit would fill us afresh with the gifts of his presence.



## ... a place which values sound biblical preaching, teaching and learning

St Luke's is an all-age parish family.

Children's ministry is important to us. During school term time it begins in church each Sunday when children are blessed after the first hymn and then depart together for *Kids@Church*. They return in time to take part in Holy Communion with their families and friends.

Photos show activities involving the story of Jacob's ladder. As described in Genesis, Jacob dreamt of a ladder between earth and heaven while he fled from his brother Esau.



Our ministry team



**Sung Mattins**  
Sunday 29 October at 9am



**Baptism Bears' Service**  
Sunday 5 November 2017  
11.30am  
RSVP Thurs 2 November  
T: 99696910  
E: office@stlukesmosman.org



**All Souls' Memorial Service**  
Sunday 12 November 2017  
9am  
RSVP Thurs 9 November  
T: 9969 6910  
E: office@stlukesmosman.org



## ... a place committed to missions

The parish commits each year to **three Anglican missions** – **one local, one national, and one international**. Various events are held each year to help St Luke's meet its commitment.

*A Night at the Captain's Table* was one such event. It was a fun night for those attending, who danced the night away in a transformed Seddon Hall!



One of our mission outreach initiatives for the past year has been supporting **Bush Church Aid's Indigenous Ministry**, especially the work of Revd Neville Naden and his wife Kathryn in Dubbo. On 15 October, the Revd Dr Mark Short, Bush Church Aid's national director will tell us about this work. Some parishioners will remember Mark, who was a Pastoral Assistant at St Luke's during John Seddon's time.



*Mark and Monica Short with John and Fay Nevile and Debbie Seddon*

## Something different at St Luke's... our new walking group

St Luke's Walking Group is a new group of keen people who do walks together in scenic areas around Mosman. Founded by David Henry, the group's motto is *Safe and Happy Walking* – usually followed by tea or coffee together! All are welcome to join the group and the walks. **Next walk is 30 September**. Contact David at [davehen22@gmail.com](mailto:davehen22@gmail.com)



# ...a place which supports ecumenism

## The Mosman Neutral Bay Inter-Church Council held its Hymnfest at St Luke's in June.

St Luke's enhanced the event with flowers displayed around the church and in the chancel. Flowers were donated by ICC member churches, St Luke's parishioners and Mosman businesses, and arranged by Ruth Rock and helpers from St Luke's.



Highlights were choral and congregational singing items. The combined Scots Kirk-St Luke's choir, led by our music director Gareth Baard and accompanied by Scots Kirk organist Heather Moen-Boyd and Queenwood's string and brass ensembles, was superb.

Hymnfest included performances by cantors of Sacred Heart Church and a music group from St Therese Church, Beauty Point. Another highlight was a solo rendition by Revd Darren Liepold, Minister at Neutral Bay Uniting Church of *How Great Thou Art*.

The event was attended by some 100 people. It finished with afternoon tea and ecumenical fellowship in St Luke's lower hall. Hymnfest raised \$1294, which was donated to Bear Cottage, a children's hospice.

The occasion was an inspiring community event and an uplifting expression of the ICC's and St Luke's ecumenical ideals.



## Some coming events

- 22 Oct** Patronal Festival and lunch 10am
- 5 Nov** Baptism Bears' Service 11.30am
- 12 Nov** All Souls' Memorial Service 9am
- 17 Dec** Nine Lessons and Carols 7pm
- 24 Dec** Christmas Eve Family Service 5pm
- 25 Dec** Christmas Day Sung Eucharist 9am

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## Did you know?



The Reverend Canon Katherine Bowyer will be commissioned as the first woman Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle next month. Katherine attended theological college with our Rector at Morpeth and is the mother of Elizabeth who has previously assisted with St Luke's *Kids@Church*.



... And that St Luke's finally has an address?  
**No 4 Heydon Street**

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 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 Inter-Church Council and the NSW Ecumenical Council.

To stay in touch at St Luke's, check the weekly pew bulletin regularly, read the quarterly *Parish Life*, check our digital noticeboard in Bridgepoint and our website [www.stlukesmosman.org](http://www.stlukesmosman.org) and follow us on

