



*The* **Prescription** *of St Luke*



**ADVENT 2020**

**Service Times**

9am Sundays  
Holy Communion  
10am Wednesdays  
Friendship Service

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## Silver lining

A new visitor has been welcomed into our St Lucian Services. Chiara has visited Australia for many years, from north eastern Italy. She hails from Faenza, a town renowned for Ceramics.



Chiara developed a love of other countries and their histories, from her mother, an Austrian who became an Italian, when the border in now northern Italy was moved. Chiara remembers her father reading Kipling stories to her older sister, and so began her education in English.

Chiara has lived an amazing life, working in such varied roles, in Britain and India and South Africa. Chiara arrived in Australia in December last year and was due to leave in April, but her flight was cancelled due to Covid 19. Her daughter in Rome has been very thankful that her mother is safely in Australia, as the pandemic has spread throughout Europe.

And we have been so fortunate to be able to enjoy her extended stay in Concord. Even pandemics have ‘silver linings’. Gail Fenton

*Christmas Services*

**Christmas Eve**  
5pm Christmas for children & grown-ups  
9pm Holy Communion

**Christmas Day**  
9am Holy Communion

**the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**

**St Luke's Anglican Church**  
19 Burton St, Concord 9744 7360

The poster features a dark blue night sky with white stars and a bright yellow star. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a manger scene with a dog and a person. The background shows a cityscape with domes and minarets. The text is arranged in a clear, readable layout.

# Elaine's oak tree drama

Elaine Peterson reports: One morning in February, I got up as usual to get my cat's breakfast. I looked out the Kitchen window and froze!. No back garden. Just a window full of green leaves! Out though the laundry and out onto the patio where I found my 82year old Oak tree had collapsed and filled the back garden to the edge of the patio. My next door neighbour put his head over the fence. " Oh you've found it, Elaine, didn't you hear the storm in the night?"

I scrambled through the debris, found a collapsed Hill's Hoist, the concrete bird bath, and garden light.

In the following weeks, I had my fall [see *Ran away to hospital* as per last Prescription], and one of my three delightful nieces took over the legals for me. In due course the debris was moved.

I came home from hospital to a suburban desert! What to do? Fortunately my Lawn mower man, was also a plant person. Together we planned regeneration. He took cuttings of the original garden. A *Murraya*, which had been largely obscured by the oak, this year has flowered as never before. A wire enclosure for my compost rubbish (I call it the Dinosaur Cage) was draped with a couple of creepers which had never done well, but now are a brilliant display of red and white flowers.

I will never have that beautiful tree and its amazing shade in Summer again. But I do have a quite charming formal garden, which by this time next year should be really pretty'.

Of course *our* St Luke's Oak Tree is about thirty years older, and didn't turn a twig! Divine providence? or the recent care it has been given?



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# Celebrating 80!

It is not every day you turn 80. With the pandemic I wondered whether I would make it (I do have a respiratory problem) and if I did, how I would celebrate. I had in mind to arrange a concert but with the virus raging, a couple of players dropped out. The next problem was whether I could have a lunch following the concert. Eventually I was able to have both.

I really enjoyed the concert, and the feedback I received was enthusiastic. Andrew Lane played the organ and piano. Paul Wormell sang and Janice Edward's son John played the trumpet. My neighbour Isabella who is 11 years old also played two pieces on the piano as well as accompanying me as I sang to finish the performance. Ken said grace then all entered the hall, sanitising and distancing as we went.

I cooked some of the dishes and organised a caterer for the rest. My daughter organised the cake and with much cleaning, sanitising and distancing of tables and chairs my family successfully created an acceptable space. We ended up with 40 guests.

As well as about a dozen apologies, I was disappointed that my son and his family in ... *continued...*





# **Marjorie Hudders** had spinal surgery. We pray for a good recovery, Marjorie.

# **Patricia Schofield**, mother of Helen Mackintosh and grandmother of Scott and Lachlan, turns 100 on December 12  
**Happy Birthday Patricia!**



## FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptisms

Weddings

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Rosemarie Alicia  
Spelling  
22nd October, 2020

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Adelaide were not able to fly over: they'd have had to quarantine for two weeks when they arrived back.

I asked my guests to donate to Barnabas Fund rather than buy me a gift. Some did and others did give me gifts. The plants are thriving, the books have been read and the cups and mugs have been used often. Two of my friends who were unable to attend took me out to lunch (on two separate occasions) the next week.

My thanks to all my helpers, especially my daughter and son-in-law, and Vivienne for some excellent photos, my sister for the flowers and my guests for attending in spite of the risks.  
Margaret Lawther



# Rector Writes

Adolphe Adams carol **O Holy Night** has renewed significance:

*... a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.*

Our world does feel a bit weary. How do you feel about 2020? Firstly, my sins and selfishness are always enough to make me weary. On top of that, we have a wearying pandemic. But amid the virus, there is “a thrill of hope”: vaccines are coming and...we can sing praises again in church!

But an even greater “thrill of hope” comes with that “glorious morn”, the birth of Jesus. He came to “give his life as a ransom for many”. Hope is found as we each encourage others to turn our weariness over to Christ, seek his forgiveness and find his renewing strength.

Prayerful best wishes as you celebrate Christ’s “glorious morn” this Christmas,  
Ken Fenton

*Christmas at Playgroup*



# Hall turns 50

Despite the restrictions COVID-19 has imposed this year, St Luke’s has found ways to safely mark special events.

On St Luke’s Day, 25th October, we celebrated fifty years since Archbishop Sir Marcus Loane laid the foundation stone for the church hall. We thanked God for all the ministries conducted over the years, assisted by a remarkable history in photographs, presented in a slideshow by Brian Higginson.



# Remembrance Day



On Sunday Nov 8 and again on Wednesday Nov 11 the signing of the armistice in 1918 ending World War I was remembered in solemn services. Hymns were played, prayers said, Last Post and Reveille were played from a recording and the Ode to the Fallen recited. As is customary, the congregation was invited to write on white crosses the names of friends and relatives who served in wars. These were planted in the front lawn. Alice.

## A new coat of paint

St Luke's has received a beautiful new coat of paint both inside and out. The flaking paintwork of the back wall is now smooth and fresh. Blistering paint near the memorial board is gone. Outside eaves and walls are good for years to come. We continue to give thanks to God for the thoughtfulness of Raymond Hillis whose bequest enables such restoration to be done.



# WHO'S WHO AT ST LUKE'S



RECTOR  
Rev Ken Fenton



PASTORAL MINISTER  
Mrs Glenda Bolitho



ASSOC MINISTER  
Rev David Warner

SECRETARY: Sharon Bogg

OFFICE HOURS: Mon 9am-2pm  
Wed 9am-1pm  
Thu 9am-1pm

LAY READERS: Paul Wormell, Andrew Lane [organist]

PARISH COUNCIL Mary Myerscough [warden], Brian Higginson [warden], Andrew Lane [warden], Desalee Sheridan, Margaret Lawther, Lyndel Dunn, Leonie Murray, Stephanie Forsyth

SYNOD REPS Gail Fenton, Margaret Lawther, The Rector

TREASURER David Forsyth

ARCHIVIST Elaine Peterson



**St Luke's columbarium** stands in the grounds of a beautiful church, with easy access via public transport, good parking, and inexpensive. Afterwards, St Luke's remains a pleasant place for loved ones to visit. Please phone to enquire.