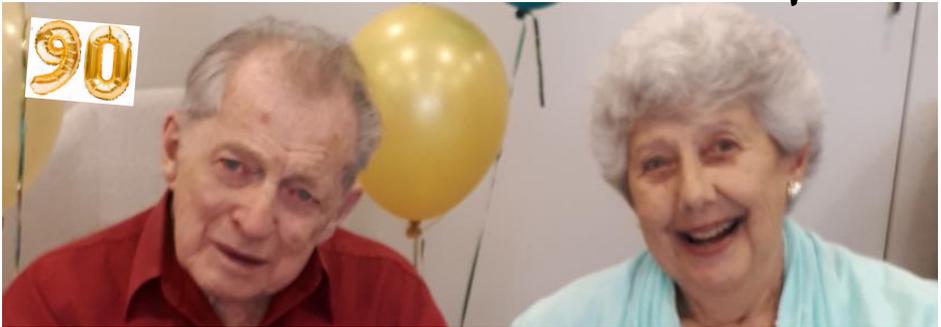




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EASTER 2021

**St Luke's Anglican Church
Concord-Burwood**

19 Burton St Concord

9am Sundays - Holy Communion
10am Wednesdays - Friendship Service

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Parish Profile - Lyndel Dunn

I first met Ken two years ago when he conducted the funeral service of my dearly loved 98 year old Aunt Betty, with great compassion and sensitivity.



Betty and her sister Gwen had been fortunate to win the State lottery back in the 1940's when both girls were in their mid 20's. It set them up for an adventurous life of travel and gave them the ability to pursue careers in the ballet , opera and various charities. Although beautiful, happy and talented, my Aunts never married or had children- a reality which sometimes saddened them.

As a child , I saw Bett and Gwen as glamorous role models. As an adult, I was humbled by their strength and grace as ultimately they both endured physical and financial hardship. Bett and Gwen were not big church goers but their faith and service to God, their friends and family spoke volumes about their Christian faith.

A year or so before Bett passed away, I was looking for her tablets when I came across a small booklet in her bedroom. It was a handbook of 40 bible verses compiled by Norman Vincent Peale, the American evangelist. Bett and Gwen had attended one of Dr Peale's services in the 1960's and met the man himself. It seems that Dr Peale had impressed them both so greatly that they had kept the booklet and order of service in the drawer for almost 60 years.



My darling Aunt's mind had long since succumbed to the ravages of dementia and her fragile body lay in hospital, but as I turned each well worn page that day, it seemed she was sending me a message to seek comfort and direction in the Lord. The booklet , called “ Thought conditioners” propped me up over the many dark days which were to be ahead.

After Bett's funeral, Ken invited me to attend St Luke's.



Two years later, I consider myself truly blessed to be surrounded by this intelligent, kind and warm group of friends every Sunday morning.

Travel, dance, music, reading, politics, science, animals and adventure are my pet discussion topics. Tango and salsa dancing fill much of my spare time and are my excuse for avoiding the gym. My cats converse with me endlessly (frequently in words of multiple syllables). I've been studying Spanish for a year now- hopefully , I'll get to practice it in Argentina later this year!



Please come and chat to me soon. I'd love to hear your story of how you came to join the delightful family at St Luke's.

50
Years

Back to St Luke's - 9am Sunday July 11

Celebrate **50 years** since St Luke's Hall was opened by Sonia McMahon, wife of the then Prime Minister



Cover Photos

Happy 100th Patricia!

Longstanding member of St Luke's, Patricia Schofield, celebrated her 100th birthday and received her letter from the queen. Patricia lives in St Mary's Villas and daughter Helen thanked St Luke's friends for their card and cake. "We were lucky mum's birthday fell in the few days between lockdowns...we had a lovely brunch".

Happy 90th Don!

On Sunday 28th February Don Thompson celebrated his ninetieth birthday! Don and his wife Fay and their two daughters gathered with those near and dear for a memorable occasion. We're looking forward to *your* 100th now Don!!

Some news of the Wormell Family

Our lay reader, Paul Wormell, has retired as a Professor at Western Sydney University after 31 years of service, and 43 years of teaching chemistry. However, he is still active as an academic, as the University has honoured him with the title of Emeritus Professor, recognising his "significant contribution to governance at Western Sydney University and to the higher education sector."

Our Churchwarden Mary Myerscough remains very busy as Professor of Mathematical Biology at the University of Sydney.

Daughter Dr Caroline Wormell has just taken up a postdoctoral position at the National Centre for Scientific Research in Paris, and daughter Alison Wormell continues to study for her Masters degree at the Royal College of Music in London, despite COVID-19.

Mig the tabby cat is exhausted by all of the comings and goings in this busy household.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

Juliana Patricia Neves

27th December 2020

WEDDINGS

FUNERALS

Patricia White

1st February 2021

Joanna Elizabeth
Fenton

Memorial Service
6th February 2021

Rector Writes

There is good news at St Luke's this Easter: once again four churches are meeting at our site.

In March last year the virus came and all churches using St Luke's ceased meeting. But now, 12 months later, we have Anglican, Korean, Tongan and Chinese International churches, all meeting each Sunday once again.

This return coincides with our readings through John's Gospel through Lent, the weeks leading up to Easter. We have been reading half a chapter a day so as to read all of John by Easter Day.

As our churches return I am reminded of Jesus great promise in John 12:32: *"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."* He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

At Easter we remember that Jesus was lifted up on a cross and became the servant king of people from all nations. It is a great encouragement to have a mix of nations in a fellowship of churches meeting each Sunday at St Luke's.

Have a happy, and blessed, Easter.

Ken Fenton



Ken and Gail meet in January with Glenda and Larry, at Beaumont Hills, to discuss the ministry year ahead.

Vestry Meeting / AGM

The AGM was held after church on Sunday 7th March 2021. After morning tea, the Rector opened the meeting in prayer. Attendance was a bit low but this meant that social distancing was easily achieved. Reports from the Rector, Playgroup, Wednesday Services, the Wardens and the Treasurer were presented, received and accepted.

The Rector spoke about outreach initiatives. Currently the parish is running the Playgroup and trialing other gatherings and services. He asked the congregation to think about future outreach as the metro station is built opposite. An outreach worker could be housed and paid, if we develop our property.

This raised the point of the uncertainty of property development in as the local area changes. The Diocese is working to assist parishes like St Luke's that have ministry development options.

The Wardens Report included an update on the Hillis Memorial Fund and on the hall hire that was disrupted by Covid 19. Brian

EASTER SERVICES 2021

9am Palm Sunday 28th March
7pm Maundy Thursday 1st April
9am Good Friday 2nd April
9am Easter Sunday 4th April

EASTER FOR KIDS & GROWN-UPS

10:30am Palm Sunday 28th March
10:30am Easter Sunday 4th April



acknowledged Sharon's efforts in dealing with the various tenancy agreements, with some tenants returning and others not.

Maintenance included the painting of the church, electrical work, and repairing columbarium plaques. Tiling in the church has been delayed. Likewise, work on the organ is yet to be completed.

In preparation for the Metro construction the parish will have to check for any damage to the buildings that may result.

The Treasurer expressed his appreciation that many in the congregation continued to give their offertories via direct credit after the NSW lockdown and church closure. It is essential that a regular offertory be maintained for St Luke's ongoing ministry.

Congratulations to all who have been elected to the positions of Wardens, Parish Councilors and Nominators – names are listed on the back page.

Vivienne Lee

Easter for kids & grown-ups

for all children & all adults



"A children's Palm Sunday"

10.30am - 11.30 **28th March**

"A children's Easter Day"

10.30am - 11.30 **4th April**

Easter songs & stories in church
then out to play (m.tea for adults)
bring food/drink for your child
bring the family,
bring a friend



St Luke's Playgroup

craft sing read play



10am - 11.30am
each Tuesday during term

fun for all aged 0-5
easy off-street parking
bring your child's morning tea
bring a gold coin donation
bring a friend

at St Luke's Church, 19 Burton St, Concord



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WHO'S WHO AT ST LUKE'S



Rev Ken Fenton
Rector



Mrs Glenda Bolitho
Pastoral Minister



Rev David Warner
Asoc Minister

SECRETARY

Sharon Bogg

OFFICE HOURS

Mon 9am-2pm Wed 9-1 Thu 9-1

LAY READERS:

Paul Wormell, Andrew Lane [organist]

PARISH COUNCIL

Wardens

Mary Myerscough, Brian Higginson, Andrew Lane

Councillors

Desalee Sheridan, Margaret Lawther, Lyndel Dunn,
Leonie Murray, Stephanie Forsyth

NOMINATORS

Graham Parsons, Margaret Lawther, Paul
Wormell, Andrew Lane, David Forsyth

SYNOD REPS

Gail Fenton, Margaret Lawther, The Rector

TREASURER

David Forsyth

ARCHIVIST

Elaine Peterson



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