

Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 111, TIS 659, TIS 456, MP 188)

Sunday 9am: Family Service (also streamed via ZOOM*)

(Hymns: TIS 693, MP 411, MP 384, MP 501)

* <https://zoom.us/j/7210725462> or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462).

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.'

Rev'd Timothy writes...

The fourth Sunday of Easter is often known as Good Shepherd Sunday, as the psalm is the familiar Psalm 23. The gospel passage from John 10 reflects on Jesus as the good shepherd (although Jesus only says this explicitly in verse 11 after the end of our reading). The metaphor of God as shepherd had a long history through out the Hebrew Scriptures (Psalm 23 is a case in point). There was an iconic understanding that God would shepherd the people, through the shepherd king, David, or through the promised Messiah, who would “gather the lambs with his arm,” and “gently lead those that are with young” (Isa. 40:11). Jesus is making the claim that he is fulfilling this hope. There is a picture of protection (in the sheepfold at night) and of care (led out to pasture during the day). There is a picture of identification. The shepherd knows the sheep, and the sheep know the shepherd.

But in our passage, Jesus also says that he is the gate (v.7). Paradoxically, Jesus is seen to be both the destination and the path. Acknowledging Jesus for who he is is the route to being an inheritor of the promises of God. Remember the psalm that we read on both Palm Sunday and Easter Day:

*Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it. (Psalm 118:19-20)*



**Tea for
Tomorrow**

Anglicare
Housing & Homelessness

After both services this Sunday we will hold a special morning tea to raise money to support Anglicare Southern Queensland's Youth Homelessness Accommodation project.

Please bring something to share!

Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42–47 paints a rich and affirming picture of the early church community, living out, in an inclusive way, the generosity and abundant life brought by Jesus.

Psalm 23 invites us to trust in a God whose care is like that of a shepherd. The shepherd image was basic to Middle Eastern society in biblical times and familiar as a picture used by the prophets of God's relationship with the Hebrew people.

1 Peter 2:19–25 points us to Jesus. It offers a reason and suggests a response to his suffering, and extends the shepherd image to Jesus as the protector of his people.

John 10:1–10

The gospel writer continues the well-known shepherd theme to explain how Jesus opens the way to life in contrast to those who destroy. His hearers fail to grasp his message, so Jesus reiterates his offer of abundant life.

First reading

A reading from the book of Acts

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.

² He will make me lie down in green

pastures:

and lead me beside still waters.

³ He will refresh my soul:

and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me:

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life:

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you

may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',⁸ and

'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:1-10

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of John

¹ 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' - Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:1-10

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Word for the Day

The song 'A World of Our Own,' written by Tom Springfield and made famous by The Seekers, describes the creation of a private, peaceful world with someone you love—a place where the two can retreat from troubles, pressures, and the negativity of the outside world.

In a one-on-one romantic relationship, it is important for a couple to spend time alone getting to know each other. However, all people need, in varying degrees, to be part of a wider community to thrive and even to survive. Some groups with particular shared ideals form communities, but they can often implode or become abusive and cultish.

It is hard to know how accurate this picture of the early church described in Acts was, or for how long. It is possible to see the life of this fledgling community as a response to the expectation that Jesus would return at any time. Maybe it was a bit like a honeymoon!

In the long term, this lifestyle was unsustainable. Those with wealth would not have owned unlimited land or possessions worth selling, and many early Christians would not have been property owners or lived much above the poverty line. Beyond these issues are the questions: how much time did they have to meet together for worship, prayer, and meals? When did they work? Where did they meet? Who prepared the food? How did these first followers of Jesus build a community that was growing with new people every day?

While the generosity and openness of the early church may have made them attractive, we know from the following chapters in Acts and from historical details that they faced opposition from Jewish leaders and the Roman occupation. Did the success of Jesus' message depend on popularity and growth or on faithfulness and courage to follow his way?

Two contemporary parallels to the early church community come to mind.

The first parallel can be seen in aid agencies that reliably and promptly respond to needs and disasters. Who bears the cost of these? Qualified professionals, especially medical staff, logistics experts and field workers who devote time and energy in dangerous and desperate situations; members of the public who donate time and money; some governments who allocate earmarked funding to relief efforts. Even in first-world countries, we are experiencing disasters that require support from both outside and within our communities.

The second parallel can be seen in Planet Earth, which generously and seemingly endlessly provides for our needs. We are increasingly aware of the cost and know that our growing demands cannot be met by nature's resources, which do indeed have limits.

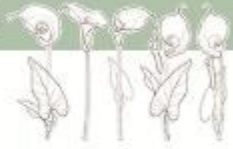
Ideas for Reflection

- Which communities are we part of that give generously to others?
- From which community groups do we receive?
- What could we share more generously?
- How can we be part of a community or neighbourhood that becomes like family to those who are lonely, or struggling, or on the margins?
- What do we want to praise God for today?

Lilly-Lee Gallery - Art School & Anglican Church
St Luke's Ekibin

ART EXHIBITION

St Luke's Community Hall, 193 Ekibin Road East, Tarragindi



MAY 16th-17th 2026

Opening hours : Saturday 16th 10am - 9pm, Sunday 17th 9am - 3pm
OPENING NIGHT : Saturday 16th 5 - 9pm AWARD CEREMONY 6 - 7pm

For more info visit: www.lilly-lee.com.au

OVER 80 ARTISTS ART FOR SALE

Sponsorship of prizes for the **Lilley-Lee – St Luke's Art Show**

Would parishioners like to personally donate some of the prizes of perhaps \$25-\$50 gift cards, to be presented during the Art Exhibition?

If so, please speak to Rev'd Timothy, Alison Lampe or Lynn Mitchell.

Annual Dinner 2026



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Due to unforeseen circumstances, Greg Sheridan is no longer able to be the Guest Speaker at the MHPL annual dinner. In his place, Stephen Driscoll will speak on **“Made in our image: God, Artificial Intelligence, and you.”**

Stephen won the Australian Christian Book of the Year award in 2025 with his book on this topic. In his talk, Stephen will explore how Christians can think wisely and



faithfully about the rapidly developing world of artificial intelligence, and what it means for our humanity, our ethics, and our discipleship.

Tickets are \$50 if we can get together a table of eight. Please speak to Rev'd Timothy or June if you are interested in being part of a St Luke's table.

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep: send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen..**

The World

Pray for wisdom for all those involved in negotiations for peaceful and just settlements of the complex and ongoing conflict situations in the world today, and for those seeking to bring relief to those caught up in the effects of these events both near and far.

The Anglican Communion

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

The Diocese of Wangaratta: †Clarence Bester; Clergy and People

The Parish of Carindale: Lynda Crossley, Allan Paulsen, John Magee, Ron Paschke
AnglicareSQ Out of Home Care, Central Region – Sunshine Coast Foster & Kinship Care

Our missionary partners

David and Zoë Browne, Bush Church Aid in Gladstone

Local Schools and colleges

Marshall Road Primary, Salisbury Primary, Yeronga Primary schools

Our parish

Continue to pray for the last stages of work needed to enable Little Angels Tarragindi to open.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, Rev'd Shane, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

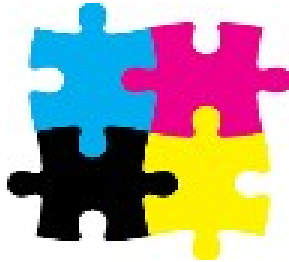
26 April: Annie Margaret Scott; 28 April: William Graham Macpherson Crawford;
29 April: Lawrence Alfred Delaporte; 30 April: Lillian Ida Goodwin, Gladys Ellen Mills; 1 May: William Edward Mills

St Luke's Connect

The next St Luke's Connect is this week on **Wednesday 28^h April**.

Service at 9.30am, followed by morning tea.

Please wear your best Easter Bonnet and enjoy a talk by Lynn Crawford on Easter traditions.



Children's Church

Children's Church resumes **THIS SUNDAY** for term 2.

All welcome!



Containers for Change

Donate your '10c refund' bottles and cans to St Luke's. Either bring them to church or take them direct to TOMRA (9/655 Toohy Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: **C10686424**

Services This Week:

Tuesday-Friday

6pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday 28th April

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 3rd May

(5th Sunday of Easter)

7am Holy Communion

9am Family Communion
(St Luke's/Zoom)

Readings: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5,17-18.
1 Peter 2:11-25, John 14:1-14

Also part of St Luke's:

**Little Angels
Tarragindi**


Anglican Childcare
opening soon:

littleangels.qld.edu.au




St Luke's Theatre Society:
stluketheatre.asn.au

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