Anglican Church
St Luke's Ekibin

All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November 2026



Worship at St Luke's this weekend

Sunday 7 am: Holy Communion

(Hymns: TIS 455, vv 1-4,8, TIS 448, TIS 152,4v, TIS 414,vv1-4,7)

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

(Hymns: TIS 821,vv1,2,5, MP 37, TIS 491, TIS 150, JP 195)

***** https://go.stlukesekibin.org.au/zoom or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the office for the password.***

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.10

Rev'd Timothy writes...



The hymn that always seems to be sung on All Saints Day is "For all the saints," although we rarely sing all eight verses that are printed in TIS. Written by the 19th century Anglican bishop William How, it originally had 11 verses! It is a great celebration of St Paul's theology that all those who follow Christ are saints.

The hymn begins with a proclamation of thanksgiving for the saints ("the cloud of witnesses") who confessed Christ and found in him protection and inspiration. This is followed by a prayer for Christ's servants on earth to be "faithful, true, and bold". At the crux of the text is the confession of a "blest communion" of saints in heaven and on earth. Though the holy warfare may be "fierce and long", "all the saints" are encouraged by the vision of a victorious church that worships the triune God on that "more glorious day."

The tune to which we sing this is called "Sine Nomine", which literally means 'without name'. This was a deliberate choice by the composer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, reminding us that we don't need to be a great 'named saint' or even remembered by anyone other than God, to be included in the roll of the people of God.



We welcome for Baptism at 9am today….

Henry James Schmith

along with his parents, Elspeth and Reece
godparents, Michael and Stephanie,
and family and friends.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God.

All Soul's Day (2nd November) is traditionally a day when we remember those who have died in the previous year (and longer ago), giving thanks for the gifts that they shared with us.

We will keep this in the parish today **at 6pm** with a special service of Evening Prayer at which we will have an opportunity to light candles in thanksgiving. If you are unable to come, but would like someone remembered, please add their name to the list at the back of church, or contact the Parish Office by email or phone.



Readings for All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9–17 offers a vision of a great multitude beyond counting, from every nation, gathered in worship before God. This is not uniformity but a redeemed diversity: tears wiped away and suffering remembered, but no longer defining the people. On All Saints Day, this vision helps us hold grief and hope together.

Psalm 34:1–10, 22 is a song of praise from someone who has known fear and found deliverance. God is near to those who seek, those who hunger, those who cry out. The psalm gives voice to trust that has been tested and sustained.

1 John 3:1–3 invites us to pause in wonder at the love God has given us. We are already God's children, even if we do not yet fully see what we will become. This hope shapes us now, drawing us toward the likeness of Christ.

Matthew 5:1–12 In the Beatitudes, Jesus names the blessed ones: the poor in spirit, the grieving, the merciful, the peacemakers and those who hunger for justice. These are not images of perfect people, but people living faithfully in the tension of the world. On All Saints Day, we remember those who have shown us this way of love.

First reading

A reading from Revelation

9 After this I looked, and there was a great
multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples
and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, robed in
white, with palm branches in their hands.
10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is
seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

11 And all the angels stood around the
throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on
their faces before the throne and
worshipped God, 12 singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

13 Then one of the elders addressed me,
saying, 'Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?' 14 I
said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that
knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are
they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and
made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the
throne of God,
and worship him day and night within
his temple,
and the one who is seated on the
throne will shelter them.
16 They will hunger no more, and thirst no
more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
17 for the Lamb at the centre of the
throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of
the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes.'

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 34:1-10,22

1 I will bless the Lord continually:
his praise shall be always in my mouth.

2 Let my soul boast of the Lord:
the humble shall hear it and rejoice.

3 O praise the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.

4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered:
and he freed me from all my fears.

5 Look towards him and be bright with joy:
your faces shall not be ashamed.

6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me:
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him:
and delivers them in their need.

8 O taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they that hide in him!

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones:
for those who fear him never lack.

10 Lions may suffer want and go hungry:
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.

22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants:
and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. *1 John 3:1-3*

Gospel reading

A reading from the gospel of Matthew

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. *Matthew 5:1-12*

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Word for the Day

The Beatitudes are not a list of virtues to achieve. They are a naming of people: Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who mourn, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers.

Perhaps Jesus is pointing not to an ideal but to real people: people who have known grief, people who have chosen mercy, people who have worked for peace, people who have hungered for justice. These are the people we remember on All Saints Day. Not perfect people, but people who have lived in the direction of love.

Revelation gives us a vision of such people gathered in a multitude beyond counting, held by God, free from suffering and tears. 1 John reminds us that we are already God's children, even as we wait to see what we will become.

And maybe the quiet truth of this day is that we are not only remembering the saints; we are being drawn into their company. Slowly, imperfectly, but together.

Ideas for Reflection

- Who has shown you what love looks like?
- Where have you seen the Beatitudes lived out in real life?
- What kind of saint might you be becoming?
- How might our community make love visible for those who come after us?

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We have reinstated our **Instagram** account.

Please follow us @stlukesekibin

Care Force Inala – Christmas Hamper Collection.



This year Careforce Inala are preparing Christmas hampers to give to people in need. We at St Luke's are collecting non-perishable food items – especially Christmas themed food – tinned hams etc, toys.

They are also starting to accept good quality second hand clothing, shoes, and linen. Cash donations are always very welcome.



The Moy's will be delivering all goods to Inala on Monday 9th November and so the last day for dropping off items will be **Sunday 8th November.**

Pray with our BCA link missionaries:



Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:39**

Give thanks for those looking to honour God in their lives. Pray for families bringing their children for baptism, for new Christians and for newly married couples. Pray for a new sermon series in Romans over the coming months.

St Luke's Theatre Society present…



Book at www.stlukestheatre.asn.au

Advent Study – CARAVAN



A series of incarnational stories based on the birth of Christ but set in an Australian landscape, re framing and throwing new light on stories we think we know backwards.

Tuesdays 10am or Thursdays 7pm starting 24/26 November. Study book from ABM costs $12. Contact Rev'd Timothy or June.

For our Prayers

Prayer for the day

We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The World

Pray for those parts of the world that have recently, or will soon hold elections, that they will be held fairly and that all will accept the democratic outcomes.

The Anglican Communion

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
The ongoing work of peace-making in Sudan & South Sudan
The Anglican Church of Australia: The Primate – †Mark Short; The General Secretary – Juliet Wenden; The General Synod and the Standing Committee
The Parish of Millmerran:
Anglicare Southern Qld (ASQ): Sue Cooke & staff
Anglican Schools Office, Church House: A/g Executive Director – Geoff Newton, Executive Director & staff

Our missionary partners

Danie Middeldorp, SU chaplain at Wellers Hill State School.

Local Schools and colleges

Wellers Hill Primary, Junction Park Primary, Moorooka Primary

Our parish

Pray for Mel Ware and her team at Little Angels Tarragindi.

Those who are sick, frail or emotionally stressed

Ryan, Sharon L, David F, Peter G, Lauren, Rita, Don, Margaret, Peter F., Maxine and Robyn McElnea, Glen and Rose, Mon McNeill, Scott L, Tim Vassella, Leonie Collins.

From the Parish Book of Remembrance

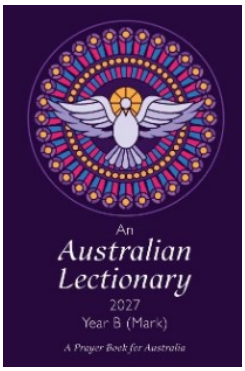
2 November: Joyce Marion Catlow ; *3 November:* Robert Keith Hamilton;
4 November: George Henry Shaw, Jean Sterling Rhodes; *5 November:* Eliza May McLean.

Children's Church

This Sunday and every Sunday during school terms.

2027 Lectionary

Still available. Contains details of readings for Sunday and mid-week services. Cost is $17. Contact Rev'd Timothy.



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 Toohey Road, Salisbury) and use the parish code: **C10686424**

Also part of St Luke's

Little Angels Tarragindi

Anglican Childcare *opening soon:*

littleangels.qld.edu.au

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

Services This Week:

Thursday-Friday
6pm: Evening Prayer on Zoom

Sunday 8st November:
24th Sunday after Pentecost (Remembrance Sunday)
7am: Holy Communion at St Luke's
9am: Family Communion and Children's Church (with Zoom stream)

Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18, Matthew 25:1-13

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