



**September
Bulletin**



Thank you for visiting St. Luke's at Cockatoo. We are happy that you have joined us for our services in our lovely mudbrick worship centre.

Feel free to join us after our Sunday service for morning tea and a chat. On the next page you will find all details for our Church if you wish to make further contact. You can also complete the information sheet on the back page and either leave in the red post box or place in the offering bowl.

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St. Luke's Cockatoo

BSB: 633 000 Acct Number: 125 471 292

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"Sandy Says"

Greetings!

On this first day of Spring we remember and celebrate fathers and father figures. Some of us have [or have had] wonderful fathers. Some of us might have had challenging relationships with our father and some may be grieving those who fathered them. Fathers have a very important job. They are VIPs. Personally I always thought that becoming a parent helped me grow up [somewhat..]! Let's remember all fathers, and those who grieve their relationships with their fathers in our prayers this month. And take the time to encourage the fathers you know or come across.

It's taken me a while..and I'm still learning.. to get to know God; our Heavenly Father. While us humans tend to make mistakes left, right and centre, God never mucks up - he is always the perfect parent, who loves us unconditionally! This is pretty hard to wrap our heads around. Everywhere else in life, it seems, we have to prove our worth, earn our grades. But with God, it's not like that! He knows us inside and out, and loves us always and without qualification. He doesn't love the really nice people more than the angry rebels. In fact, Jesus said he came for those who needed his love, power and healing - not for those who didn't think they needed it. Boy, do I need His love and strength and grace to forgive me!

#nowords #soverythankful #Jesusisthebest #beyondblessed

Whenever I only see my own lack in strength and resources I can some days feel like giving up before I've started, but when we look at God and see how powerful and loving and purposeful He is, then we realise the truth of what Paul said: *If God is for you who can stand against you?! Jesus said 'don't you worry about a thing..but find out what God's purpose for your life is, and as you place what God wants as the highest priority you will experience Him providing for and resourcing your every need. [my paraphrase of Matthew 6:25-34].*

Sandy Says Cont:

This springtime as we see the fresh green of the smallest buds bursting out of winter branches, let's ask the LORD to make St Luke's bud and flourish. Let's ask the LORD to show us what he wants each of us to look for, pray for and act in doing, that we might thrive. Let's look for and long for ourselves and others to know the healing love of Christ and the strengthening and guiding power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. As we make this our task, as Jesus encouraged us to do, we will see God pour out every provision upon us. Do you agree with this? then in the power and love of Jesus, *Amen*.

Love Sandy



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Built soon after the Ash Wednesday bushfires, we meet in a rustic mud brick building located next to Cockatoo Creek. St Luke's is a gospel based church that has strong links with the community and a heart for outreach and care.

During the week members of St Luke's serve our community lovingly at Food Store and many other informal ways of helping each other out. There are also playgroups and programs for primary aged children as detailed in the calendar . We have our Multi generational worship on Sunday mornings @10am. There's also a Friday night program for Youth [Year 6-12] during term time, and Youth focussed evening worship on Sunday evenings.

We're a diverse bunch of people committed to living according to Jesus' ways and words; to serve and transform our community for the good of the world. We seek to look after each other as we face life's challenges and encourage one another to grow through our experiences with the care of others, and the faithfulness and provision of God. We are a church that is continually reminded again and again that we're here in this place going about Jesus' business.

Looking forward to journeying with you!

A graphic with a white background and a blue border, set against a background of dark, abstract brushstrokes. On the left is the St. Luke's COCKATOO & GEMBROOK logo. On the right, the text "Mission Statement" is written in a blue, italicized serif font. Below it, the mission statement is written in a blue, sans-serif font.

Mission Statement

St Luke's exist to become passionate followers of Jesus who together are committed to loving each other and helping seekers of God experience the pleasure of life in Christ .

Calling for Your Stories

If you have a story about how you or someone you know has been encouraged by God in your life (this week or at a previous time) and are happy to share, we would love to hear from you so we can include it in the Bulletin for all to see. You can be anonymous or not if you are more comfortable with that. Please speak with Sandy if you think this is you!

Lunch @ the Vicarage

Join us for lunch, a chat, some games (or not) and great fellowship

Sunday 8th September after Church

RSVP TO SANDY/GRA



When: 14th September 0900-1230

Organiser: Dave McLaverty

**Bring a shovel, bring a rake or whatever
you have that will clean up the place :)**

Give Dave a call if you can make it and he can tell you what tasks
are being planned

The Melbourne Anglican

The TMA has gone digital and can be read online by following this QR code. There will be some printed at different times of the year and, when available, will be available in the foyer. Printed copies available 2nd June, 1st September and 1st December. All are available online.



September 2024

Wk	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
36	1 10:00 Family Service St. Luke	2 10:00 The Food Store	3 09:30 JitterBugs	4 09:30 JitterBugs	5	6 16:00 10 Pin Bowling	7 08:00 Morning prayer meeting
37	8 Vision Sunday 10:00 Family Service St. Luke	9 10:00 The Food Store	10 09:30 JitterBugs	11 09:30 JitterBugs 19:30 Parish Council meeting	12	13	14 09:00 Working Bee
38	15 10:00 Family Service St. Luke	16 10:00 The Food Store	17 09:30 JitterBugs	18 09:30 JitterBugs	19	20	21 School Holidays
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Fire Policy 2024

A comprehensive Fire Policy has been created and adopted by Parish Council and will take effect immediately. It governs the use of the Church buildings on declared days. Details of the Policy can be found using the QR code below or via the link on the home page of the web site—www.stlukesatcockatoo.com.au



If you would like prayer or would like to be part of our prayer chain email, please see/call Sue (0408 362 754) or email her at suzannebarbieri@yahoo.com.au. You can also use the prayer link on our web page at www.stlukesatcockatoo.com.au/prayer

Prayer Points for September

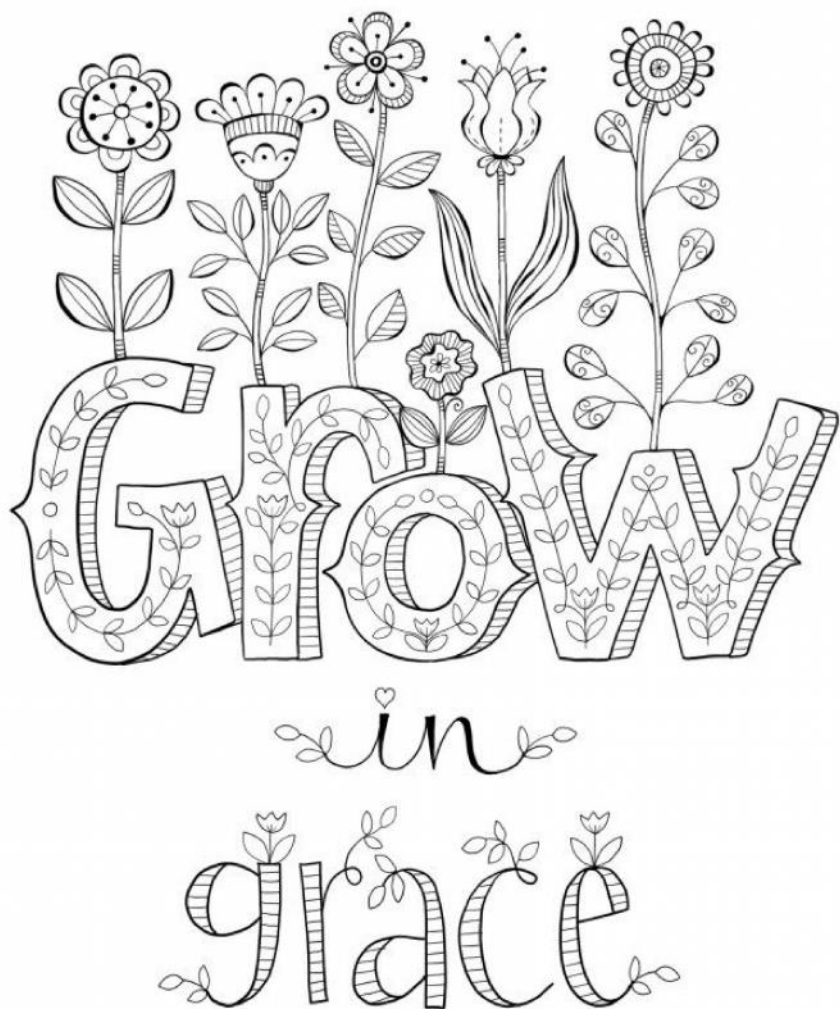
Heavenly Father...

Thanks !

- * For being an amazing and loving Father to everyone
- * For the provision of money for the Food-store Coordinator role!
- * That the youth are enjoying Friday night programs and discussions
- * For the small groups that we have
- * For the ministry of the Food store and all the wonderful volunteers who serve
- * For the Youth leaders
- * For the HCSI programs, staff and volunteers of all ages
- * For the blessing of families through the parent program
- * For the opportunities that these programs create for connection, belonging, and God conversations
- * For safety and protection of our members during the storms

Please provide

- * For the right person for the Food store Coordinator role
- * For the right person for the Youth Minister role
- * For young families to join St Luke's to serve
- * For all the planning for Alpha on Sunday nights in Term 4
- * For the members you are calling to stand for Parish Council and Incumbency Committee
- * For continued blessing in our Youth, HSCI, Foodstore and Parent Programs
- * For people to help with Thursday night meals in Term 4
- * For planning for Special services and events
- * For the finances and resources to serve your purposes in this community
- * For healing and strength and practical care for those doing it tough
- * For encouragement, faith, hope and joy to overflow at St Luke's



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NOTES



Child Safe Links

Here you will find links to our Child Safe Policies

ANGLICAN DIOCESES OF MELBOURNE CHILD SAFETY POLICY FOR CHILDREN



CHILD SAFETY AND WELLBEING POLICY

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS



KEY SAFE MINISTRY DOCUMENTS

Reporting Obligations & Person of Concern process

Kooyoora recently conducted a training session regarding the above topic and we would like to make available to you, resources and information from the Melbourne Anglican Diocese . The QR code here will take you to their Key Safe Ministry Documents, which are frequently updated. All are encouraged to make yourselves familiar with its contents.





ELVANTO

Elvanto is the church database. You will find rosters, contact details, the church calendar, etc. Please check Elvanto regularly to stay updated. If you are new, please sign up at <https://stlukesatcockatoo.elvanto.com.au> or see Dave Graham for more information.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

This is a great time to check your paperwork. All members of the church are required to have a current WWCC. To apply or update your WWCC go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>



REMINDER!

To all user groups to make sure that all of the lights & heaters are off and doors are locked when you leave the building.



PLAYGROUND REMINDER

Parents be aware that the bikes go back in the store room and the sand pit lid needs to be closed when you leave the playground. Thank you.



CHURCH BOOKINGS

For all bookings of church facilities, events (even if held off site), equipment & HCSI equipment, please email admin@stlukesatcockatoo.com.au or Naomi Dewar for HCSI equipment (naomi.dewar@echo.org.au)



Got something for the next monthly Bulletin?

Please email David by the **25th** of the month with any notices/articles for the next edition.



Church Library

Located in the meeting room off the worship area. Feel free to borrow any books, etc. Any donations of Christian books please leave in front office.

Connect with us— place this page in the collection plate or the red post box in the foyer

Welcome Slip!



Please join us after the service for a chat and a cuppa.....

You can find more about us at WWW.stlukesatcockatoo.com.au

OR

Email: admin@stlukesatcockatoo.com.au

Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

- ◇ I am visiting today and wanted to say “Hi”
- ◇ I am visiting today and plan to come again
- ◇ I would like some more information about the Church
- ◇ I have somethings I would like to talk about
- ◇ I have a prayer request

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