

From the Rectory Desk...

I write this in the week leading up to Pentecost. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church empowering them for mission. We often interpret this as a spiritual power, but our use of the word 'spirit' in English in a way limits us. In Latin the word is 'spiritus', in Greek, 'pneuma' and in Hebrew 'ruah'. In these languages the word incorporates the meanings of wind, breeze, air, soul, and mind; in other words both physical and sacred. Thus we should look at the work of the Spirit in the church in this wider sense; the work of the spirit brings changes in the lives of people today as well as hope for eternity. Hence the church works for justice, reconciliation, healthcare and education as well as preaching the gospel.



I have also heard Pentecost called the 'feast of translation'. The account in Acts 2 tells of people from all nations coming together and hearing Peter's message in words that they could understand. Again, this continues to be the work of the church, in word and action sharing the gifts of the Spirit. Here is a sonnet, written by Malcolm Guite, the chaplain of Girton College, Cambridge which picks up these themes. Fire, air and water are images of the spirit, whilst earth represents us, sharing the gospel across borders of every kind.

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Our Mission Statement:

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to be a faithful, worshipping, caring community, committed to serving God by sharing His love and peace with others, in the name of His Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ

Sacraments And Rights Of Passage

March – May 2023

Baptisms

Whitney Kumba-Felaua'i Thomas

16/04/2023

Funerals

Iris Joan Ham

11/05/2023

Deaths

Nil



Memorial Service

Nil

Interment Of Ashes

John Derek Dickey

08/04/2023

Marriage

Nil

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*Today we feel the wind beneath our wings,
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays,
Today the church draws breath at last and sings,
As every flame becomes a tongue of praise.
This is the feast of Fire, Air, and Water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into Earth.
The Earth herself awakens to her maker,
Translated out of death and into birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release.
Today the gospel crosses every border,
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace.
Today the lost are found in his translation,
Whose mother-tongue is Love, in every nation.*

Rev'd Timothy Nicholson
Rector

100 Years

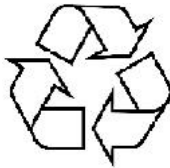
Rev'd Timothy recently delivered flowers from the parish to Rita Johnson on her 100th birthday. Rita & her daughter, Sue enjoyed the flowers!



Rita Johnson with her daughter Sue



Sustainability and Environmental Governance



At our SEG discussion group on Sunday 20th April we discussed the commitment of the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland to sustainability and environmental issues. In March ASCQ released its Sustainability Roadmap with goals to be achieved by 2030. <http://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/sustainability>

The fifth mark of mission of the Anglican Church calls us to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. See Marks of Mission (anglicancommunion.org)

Angligrreen is part of the ACSQ and supports ACSQ to fulfill the Fifth Mark of Mission. You can find out more about Angligrreen and choose to register as a friend and receive their e-mails. <http://www.anglicanchurchsq.org.au/angligrreen>

The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, ARCC, is a multifaith organisation with members from around Australia committed to action on climate change. You can find out more about this group at the following link. <http://www.arrcc.org.au/about>

The Five Leaf Eco Awards is an Australian Ecumenical Environmental programme designed for churches and religious organisations which inspires and rewards faith communities for taking environmental action and becoming more sustainable in response to God's call to care for our creation. <https://fiveleafecoawards.org/>

Thank you to parishioners who are enthusiastically supporting our containers for change initiative. So far, we have raised ~ \$174. Our thanks to Rev'd Timothy who regularly takes a car boot full of containers to our local depot at Nathan. For those dropping off their own containers who are willing to donate the proceeds to St. Luke's SEG fund, a reminder that **St Luke's code is: C10686424 See Page 23 for the barcode which you can take to scan at collection points.**

Alison Lampe

Our Lenten Journey

Lent is a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for the commemoration of the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is also perhaps a time when our faith is most tested. For while this is the foundational belief of all Christians, it is perhaps the most challenging. I, for one, sometimes struggle with the story of Jesus. I have found that giving up these struggles in prayer and in constant study of the scriptures is the most edifying response. As I have often said, “kicking the tires” of one’s faith is no bad thing. It will result in either walking away or becoming stronger. It’s hard to be neutral.

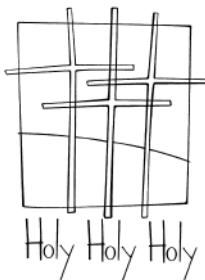
This Lent our walk through the narrative of Jesus’ ministry, death and resurrection was ably guided in our Thursday evening bible study by Bishop David Wilbourne in his York Course “You can be serious, meeting Jesus afresh in John’s gospel”. I was particularly struck by a quote from session 2:

“to read, truly read a text, is not a cosy fireside chat between well-brought-up people, in which one shares information, recalls memories, has a good time. Reading a text is a confrontation, a row, hand-to-hand fighting, which one can only leave marked and changed (ROLAND MEYNET).”

It is not possible to cover in any meaningful way the content of this course, but a couple of more quotes from it seem to resonate for me:

“Prayer is more like haggling at an outdoor bazaar than the polite monologues of the Church” (WALTER WINK)

“The truth is that our finest moments are likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy or unfulfilled” (M. SCOTT PECK)



And then came Holy Week, which culminated in the lighting of the Paschal candle at 6.30am on Easter morning and the resplendent celebration of Jesus' resurrection. (resplendent took on a new meaning with Timothy's new cope ablaze in red and gold – and it very nearly did become ablaze as it lingered momentarily over the fire as Timothy prepared to light the Paschal candle, but I digress.)

Perhaps the highlight of the week was at the family service on Good Friday afternoon when the children built a tomb in the chancel from empty cardboard boxes and the congregation was invited to put their private prayers on little pieces of paper at the foot of the cross also in the chancel. These two very visual and impactful acts will live long in my memory and will also hopefully in the memories of especially the children who participated.



Good Friday morning service - children assisted in building a tomb

Trevor Lunn



The tomb is prepared



Celebration of Palm Sunday - the children enjoyed waving their palm branches as we gathered outside the church!

What a Joyous Day!

“Jesus is alive! I have seen the Lord!” Mary Magdalene’s startling, and direct, encounter with Jesus, sent her hurrying to tell the other disciples the good news of the resurrection of Christ.

We can experience the same excitement today – Easter Day 2023. We often hear the words “Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us: so let us celebrate the feast” (A Prayer Book for Australia, p.423). Thinking of Christ’s suffering and death seemed to me incongruous with the idea of a celebration. I haven’t understood it, until today. Today, I got it. Celebrating the feast could relate to the resurrection of Christ. He is risen – Happy Easter.

The morning began at 6.30 am outside St Luke’s church with the lighting of the brazier – the New Fire, from which the Paschal candle was lit for the procession into the church. The Reverend Timothy was resplendent in a red and gold cope, befitting such a joyous occasion. During the service we renewed our baptismal vows, after which the Reverend Timothy sprinkled Holy Water on the congregation. There were smiles all round.

The sermon explored how encounters with Jesus were often unexpected, and this also applied to us today. The reflection music “Alleluia”, after the sermon, was so rhythmic and jaunty I felt almost like dancing in the aisle! It was also a pleasure to see the church filled with white flowers – you don’t realise how much you have missed them, until their return.

The Resurrection Breakfast was a very convivial and enjoyable meal. What a lovely spread: fresh fruit, fruit juice, croissants with ham, turkey, avocado, tomato and cheese – even cranberry sauce! More people kept coming and more tables had to be set. I was worried that they would run out of food – but that didn’t happen. Thanks to those catering and serving and for the preparation and participants in the Easter Day service – it was a joyous day indeed.

Holy Week has been a special time, with the Celtic morning prayer and podcast of “Women of Holy Week” by Paula Gooder. It was all very meaningful. The moving communion service and stripping of the church on Maundy Thursday, to the devotions on Good Friday afternoon were all beautiful.

I would particularly like to thank the Reverend Timothy, and June Nicholson for all their input to make this such a worthwhile Easter celebration.

Desley Soden



Learning about ANZAC Day

At our ANZAC Day commemorations at the 9 am service, Father Denis told the children the story of Simpson and his donkey at Gallipoli, with members of the congregation playing some of the wounded soldiers there. Then a donkey came into the church and helped the wounded soldiers up to Fr Denis to be cared for in the medical tent. The children had a lot of fun leading the wounded on the donkey but also learned of the brave actions of Simpson and his donkey in 1915 at Gallipoli.

Thank you, Fr Denis, for your contributions to our commemorations of this important day!



Rev'd Denis preached on ANZAC Day at both services

Honor Lawler





Choir Report – March 2023 To May 2023

Choir continued into March with its Saturday afternoon practices and participation in the 7am and 9am services.

With Lent covering all of March, we presented one of our favourite items, the 'Lenten Carol' by Marc A. Robinson at the 9am service on the 12th and at the 7am service on the 26th.



Our choir performed at the Ecumenical Service on Palm Sunday

Easter week was upon us in early April, with the 2nd being Palm Sunday. Choir presented, 'Lord, Make Me an Instrument' by Robert Bicknell and Roland Fudge at the 9am service, then, in the evening at 6pm, participated in an ecumenical service at Annerley Baptist Church. At this service we contributed a compilation of three well-known songs: 'For Thou O Lord' by Pete Sanchez Jr, 'You are the King of Glory' by Mavis Ford and 'Majesty' by Jack Hayford, which seemed well received by the multi-denominational congregation.

The following Friday, 7th April, was Good Friday. As well as a morning service, Rev'd Timothy presented a reflective service, focussed on the Cross, in the afternoon. At this service the choir contributed with two songs: 'Jesus Remember Me' by Jacques Berthier, sung quietly in 4-part harmony and 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' by Mikel Kennedy, in a gentle, 'bluesy' tempo.

On Easter Sunday, at the 9am service the choir contributed with two of the songs we presented at the Palm Sunday ecumenical service: 'You are the King of Glory' and 'Majesty', both rousing numbers to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.



St Luke's team who assisted with the Easter service at Regis Salisbury!



Our comedy team - Anna's & Jazzy's jokes had an appreciative audience!

The following Tuesday 11th April, saw a small group of choristers gather at Rev'd Timothy's fortnightly service at Regis Residential Care at Salisbury to participate in an Easter-themed service. Ably accompanied by Trevor Lunn on guitar, the choir again presented, 'You are the King of

Glory' combined with "Majesty' and, in addition, 'See, What a Morning', by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. This latter song – a Resurrection hymn - is very familiar to the choir and we were pleased to have the opportunity to sing it for the residents.

Our next 7am participation was on 23rd April. Being two days before Anzac Day, Rev'ds Timothy and Denis incorporated a 'military service' theme and the choir contributed with 'O Valiant Hearts', a poem set to music by Rev'd C. Harris. Written post-World War 1 for the British people to acknowledge the sacrifice of their war dead, the lyrics are also particularly relevant to Australia's reverent commemorations on Anzac Day.

To complete the Easter season the choir presented, 'The Lord's My Shepherd' at the 9am service on 14th May. The lyrics had been adapted from Psalm 23 and set to music by Stuart Townend. This is the first time that choir has sung this version of Psalm 23 and we will certainly keep it in our repertoire.

This brought us to the last Sunday in May (28th) which, this year, happened to be Pentecost Sunday. Choir participated in the 7am service with 'Send Us Your Spirit' by David Haas. This was a light and happy song, befitting the occasion.

Choir is looking forward to its musical offerings in the weeks ahead. Our number of singers is still strong but, of course, new faces (and voices) are always welcome.



Greg Rodger

Some of our choir members were joined by musicians for a "Quintet" at the 5th Sunday Family Service

Children's Ministry – the Way

The readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter included the words 'I am the way, the truth and the life'. These words can be challenging for us, said Reverend Timothy in his sermon that day. So Prue and Diane explained to the children that Jesus gave us the way to follow Him, in his commandments to love God and love your neighbour as yourself. They brought a beautifully painted maze on a large piece of cardboard and some matchbox cars so that they could find the way to Jesus by following the path through the maze, and if they went up a blind alley with glitter which encouraged them to not follow Jesus' way, they needed to go back and get to Jesus with their cars by following the straight path, the "Way".

The children enjoyed their lesson immensely, as you can see by the photo!

Honor Lawler



Children's Church at St Luke's



Here is a deep and meaningful question for you. Who told you about God? Or if that one is too difficult, what is your earliest memory of 'going to church'? For each one of us, the answers to these questions may be similar. Perhaps you grew up in a family of regular church goers, perhaps you attended Sunday School or maybe a school religious education class.

The point that I am heading towards, is that in some ways, it may not be how you first arrived that probably formed your beliefs, but how you were received. Yes I know what you are thinking, 'he has lost it this time and is just rambling'. Not exactly.

Data from the National Church Life Survey suggests that and I quote, "Newcomers to church 'belong' before they 'believe'". It goes on to suggest that "Many people come to church and belong to the congregation, seeing it as their spiritual home, before they develop their own beliefs and behaviour around the person of Jesus."

<https://www.ncls.org.au/articles/australians-views-of-god-and-jesus/>

Those two statements taken directly from the website above got my little grey cells working. How would those statements sound if we substituted the word 'newcomers' for the word 'kids'?

Let us try it:-



Children's Ministry on Pentecost: Rev'd Denis prepared "flames", children made RAF paper planes and windmills

"Kids 'belong' to a church before they 'believe', many kids come to church and belong to the congregation, seeing it as their spiritual home, before they develop their own beliefs and behaviour around the person of Jesus."

Do you see where I am heading with this now? As a parish, we

are welcoming of kids, but in some ways the grown up church can be a scary place. So children's ministry can act as the bridge. Kids can learn the love of God through games, craft and fun while starting to find the place that they belong and their spiritual home.



Children loved waving their "flames" during Rev'd Timothy's Children's Pentecost Message

If you would like to become involved in this, we can offer support and advice – we will not throw you in the deep end. Please chat to Sharon or me at church or email us – families@stlukese kibin.org.au

Well that is all from me this time around, as I need to go and pack for camp. Hope to see you all there.

David Farricciardi

St. Luke's Connect

St. Luke's Connect continues to meet for morning tea and friendship on the last Wednesday of the month in the lower hall, following a 9.30 church service.

We continue to be privileged to have presentations from some of our illustrious parishioners.

In March David Carstens gave us an impressive talk on his time spent in Antarctica. He had prepared maps and photographs to explain and engage us with the area and circumstances of the Australian Antarctic territory in which he was based, and he gave many anecdotes of his courageous and exciting time surveying and exploring this region.

In April our remarkable June McNicol spoke on the history of Yeronga Meals on Wheels and told of us her many years of dedication to, and service with, this organisation.

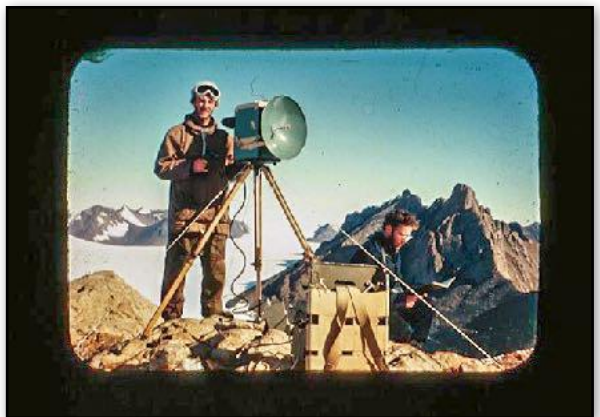
In May we held a morning tea for the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea fundraising initiative which raised \$350.

All welcome to our June meeting on 28th June 2023.

Alison Lampe

Working in Antarctica

David Carstens' interest in the Antarctic started in about 1954 when his Master Surveyor, to whom he was articled, was selected to do a tour of duty at Mawson Station with ANARE, (Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions).



Six years later the opportunity to also work in the Antarctic presented to the now qualified

surveyor. This was accepted with some trepidation but no lack of enthusiasm.

The presentation was based on David's two working voyages to Antarctica, the first for three months in 1961 and then wintering at Mawson for 1962 which involved fifteen months away from Australia.



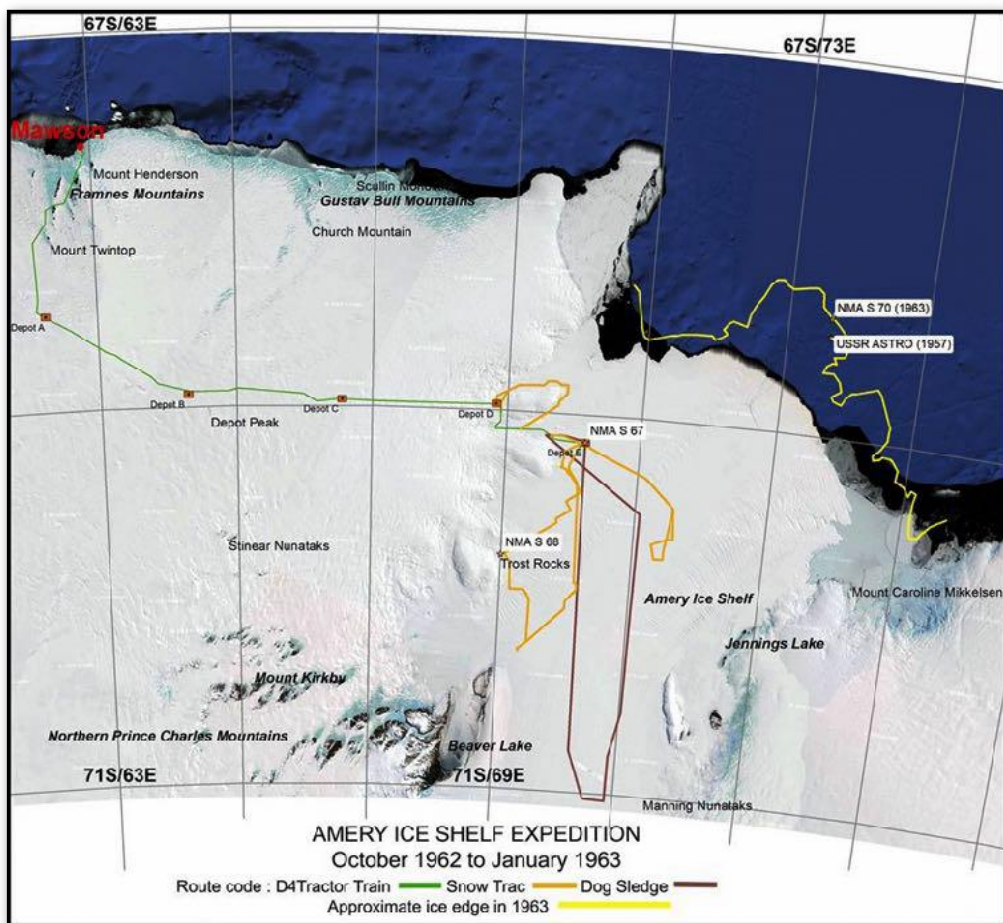
The interest those sixty years ago has continued with ongoing involvement with Antarctic affairs, history, people, exploration, science and in particular modern development and operations.

The ANARE Club, an organisation for expeditioners to get together and communicate, was established in 1951 and continues as a significant interest group in Antarctic affairs.

David Carstens has maintained an active interest in the Antarctic through this club since becoming a member in 1961. He is one of a small group of Honorary Life Members as a result of ongoing contribution.

More Detailed Outline of the work involved:-

Served as 'surveyor', based on Thala Dan, in 1961 January to March, then in January 1962, set out again as 'Surveyor Mawson 1962' to winter at Mawson Station, Antarctica. During that year carried out mapping surveys and was leader of the first expedition to the Amery Ice Shelf, a three month journey, pioneering the over-surface route. This was achieved by a 600 mile tractor traverse, supplemented with exploration



by dog sledging and by snowtrac. The mapping activity out of Mawson was a challenging and fruitful occupation and involved dog sledging traverse to Church Mountain, 100 Miles (160 Kilometres) east, never previously visited, and significant detailed surveys in a radius of 50 miles of the station.

Return to Australia was in March 1963. Detailed reporting of this work is recorded on the internet, especially on an XNATMAP Website.

This work resulted in the award of the Polar Medal.

The presentation was illustrated using original 1961-63 photography supplemented by several more recent photos.

David Carstens

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Yeronga Meals On Wheels

Have you ever wondered how Meals on Wheels (MOW) started? It is a very interesting story which goes back to WW2. During the blitz in 1941, the East End of London was badly bombed; many people lost their houses and others lost electricity and water so they could not cook meals. At this point, the WVS (Women's Voluntary Service) who helped people in need stepped in and decided to provide them with nutritious meals. They made big casseroles and jugs of soup then put them in a pram and wheeled them around the streets serving people who could produce a plate and a dish.

After the war, one of these ladies emigrated to Australia and settled in Ipswich where she thought she could do the same for people who could no longer cook due to age or infirmity. She got the local church which had a kitchen and several parishioners to help and started to prepare meals. Lots of elderly widowers had no idea about cooking apart from making toast and a cup of tea.

Gradually, news spread throughout Southeast Queensland and meals were provided by many churches including Holland Park.

I first knew about the new meals on wheels service when the Rev'd Colin Smith advertised in the South Side News and called a public meeting in the Church of Christ, Annerley on 20 April 1971. He had already consulted Holland Park MOW on the mechanism of a service and had an idea of what was involved.

At this point I would like to explain that I was interested because I had already had some experience. In those days the Anglican Church issued a monthly (quarterly?) magazine called 'Anglican Focus' which contained items of interest from Queensland parishes. I remember a pile of them in St. Luke's porch for anyone to read. It was there that I found a request for volunteers to support the Anglican Coffee Brigade which distributed food to homeless men in Brisbane.

I followed the address to a building in Spring Hill and met the redoubtable Louisa Toogood who ran it. She was a devout Christian and attended a service at St. John's Cathedral every day. She considered it was her Christian duty to support her fellow men and realised homeless men living in the parks needed more support than most. She started off in 1969 serving biscuits and coffee from her Morris Minor early in the morning from what she called the Anglican Coffee Brigade, but after advertising, she got so many volunteers from so many churches to help her that she changed it to the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade.

In those days there wasn't much help for homeless men, as they couldn't get a pension because they didn't have a home address. I don't know what they did

during the day, but at night it was a common sight to see them sleeping in the doorways in Queen Street or rolled in a sleeping bag on the foot path. I don't think the police ever moved them on.

They certainly appreciated Louisa's efforts and in 1972 the CMS provided her with a van which made serving food much easier.

Once a week as a helper I had to pick up day-old bread from the Tip Top bakery opposite the gaol in South Brisbane, take it to the centre and give it to the ladies who made it into sandwiches, pick up the food prepared the day before and an urn of hot sweet coffee, put them in the van and set off with an assistant to the five delegated stops where a crowd of men awaited us.

After a time the Tip Top Bakery moved to North Brisbane and Louisa expected me to drive there and back through the city in the rush hour before 7am, so I left. I told her it would be much better for Northside volunteers to pick up the bread. She died in 1998 and I often wonder if the Ecumenical Coffee Brigade still exists.

Well back to Mr Smith and the Annerley church.

There was a large attendance of interested people, mostly church representatives because Mr. Smith's idea was that the service would be run by teams of ladies from the local churches.

A committee of eight was elected including me, with a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

There was no Queensland MOW in those days, so we were on our own with only limited domestic skills and we had to work everything out for ourselves. We got assistance from Holland Park MOW and local businesses provided start-up money. Doctors and hospitals provided lists of possible clients, but where were we going to hold it? Rev'd Colin Smith kindly offered the use of the Church of Christ kitchen which had to be slightly modified for our use, so we decided that August 30 1971 would be the first delivery day. We advertised for volunteers and got a good response.

Isla Kerr, Home Economics lecturer, gave us much advice on menus, quantities and where to get the right equipment. Everything went smoothly and one lady on the Committee was responsible for each day of the week.

On the first day we served chicken, three vegetables, pudding and soup. The meals were in triple containers, as used in pressure cookers, in a large steel hot water – jacketed container and the soup was in large plastic insulated containers.

The clients had to have everything ready on the table as the meal was scooped onto their plate and the soup ladled into a dish, and then the empties had to be washed on return. It was a lot of work.

I well remember that first day when we gathered round to farewell the first intrepid driver and aide as they set off into the future. The meal cost 40c for which we got a Queensland Health Department subsidy of 10c. We averaged 30 meals a day to start with but that number slowly increased. The meal today costs \$10, but many clients get a subsidy.

The system of one lady a day didn't really work well, so after a month, Esther Topping obligingly offered to do the whole week and became Kitchen Supervisor, a paid job, a position she retained until 2001 when she retired, and Kristi Gibson replaced her.

Another vivid memory concerns the 1974 floods when we were still operating from Annerley. That day waking up to find that a large part of Brisbane was under water, I went up to the kitchen to see if they needed any help. We waited for Esther, who lived at Yeerongpilly, but she didn't turn up. Her phone was dead, so the few ladies who were there rolled up their sleeves, found a suitable menu and started cooking. The process was slightly complicated by the church being used as an evacuation centre and was full of fugitives with their pets, children, and possessions.

Esther had indeed been badly flooded, but it was a relief when she eventually turned up and resumed control.

One of the advantages of personally delivered meals was that the volunteers could have a little chat with the client and see if they needed assistance. Our motto is 'More than a meal'.

And so we went on, but realised that we couldn't stay in the church forever. Eventually the Moorooka Lions' Club adopted us as a useful activity to support. They negotiated with the BCC to buy a piece of land in Yeronga Park in School Road 'for health purposes' and after much fund raising, built the present kitchen for us and we moved in in 1975.

Esther was thrilled as it was just what she wanted with an office of her own, a large freezer, cold room, big stove, and dishwasher.

In 1973 there had been discussion about forming an association of MOWs in Queensland which led to the formation of QMOW. A similar system exists in other states.

So we went on successfully at first with 168 clients in 1990. This number slowly dwindled as several commercial firms found there was money in providing prepared meals. Eventually we had so few clients that it was no longer profitable to cook, so we stopped. Initially we bought chilled, prepared meals from NutriFresh and now frozen meals from Holland Park MOW and Gourmet Meals, based on the Gold Coast, instead.

Everything changes and a few years ago 11 of the 14 MOWs in South Brisbane were combined in a 'hub' which performs much of the administration work that each service's individual president, secretary and treasurer had been doing. So now we do not have a committee, but we do have a representative, Barbara McIntosh on the central committee who tells us what is going on, and Kristi is still our long time kitchen supervisor. We now only deliver meals three times a week these days, everyone has a freezer and a microwave oven and it gives Kristi more time to cope with administration.

We should have celebrated our 50th Anniversary in 2021, but due to the Covid epidemic, we had to postpone it until this year. We held it at the Bridge Club in Yeronga Park, near Ipswich Road, and invited previous volunteers and members of other kitchens. We had a great time meeting people we hadn't seen for years.

I googled MOW to see what was there and found that it exists in the UK, some states in the USA as well as Australia and New Zealand. We have been told that a delegation is coming from Japan in a couple of months to investigate the movement with a view to starting it there.

The future looks good as people will always want 'more than a meal.'

June McNicol

Containers for Change for St Luke's

If you would like to donate the 10c refunds to the parish from eligible containers when you return them to a collection point, use the code below



<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/>

The Art Show

The Lilly-Lee Gallery & St Luke's Community Art Show was held on the weekend of 27th and 28th of May, with a wonderful display of art from many artists, delicious morning and afternoon teas, baked and served by parishioners, as well as a sausage sizzle on the Saturday. This community event opened the doors of St Luke's to all.



Delicious morning and afternoon teas

An awards ceremony on Saturday evening had great support from many local businesses for prizes. Delicious canapes and wine were served to a well-attended celebration of the local contributing artists.

Many thanks to all those artists of the Lilly-Lee Gallery who participated and to all those members of St Luke's who supported the event through cooking, preparing and serving the food, running the raffle, decorating the tables, taking the payments and setting up the fencing for display of the artwork.



Honor Lawler

Acts 1:8 Committee

Back in the early 1980s a friend of mine was sent to South Asia to teach the locals how to plant trees. He was working for the Australian Government in the forestry department and one day, he and his wife packed themselves up and spent the next year living and working in a very different country.

I remember hearing stories of this far away land, where the local cooks, who had never seen a 'white fella', experimented with dishes to see what they would eat – snake, bugs, and a whole range of other creepy crawly things found their way onto plates. Each one would be gauged against the facial reactions of my friend, to determine if this was an acceptable dish or not.

I marvelled at these stories as a kid, and even to this day, when I talk to him about it I still find myself asking 'who in their right mind would sign up for that'?

Let us say for example that you are a doctor, and for this example let us say that your wife is a school principal. Both are nice jobs, which in Australia you could earn a good income, to support a comfortable life and a relaxing lifestyle. Why would you give this all away to move to a country in South Asia and continue your professions in conditions far less favourable than those you have left behind? And do this of your own free will?

During May, when we focus on the CMS Lasting Hope appeal, we can consider this exact question when we reflect on our very own Bruce and Libby. Why would two people do this? Well may I suggest to try and understand, we first need to consider what the 'this' is that they are doing, and put simply the 'this' that they are doing is God's work. Bruce and Libby are two people who answered the call from God to do his works in a far off land. And so this month please include them in your prayers. Some possible prayer points to consider:

- Bruce travelling for palliative care training in late May.
- An online 8 session servant leadership certificate course in June to have sufficient participants and for preparation for it.

- The arrival of several new families including a new teacher (due to start in August). Pray for their settling in.
- The ongoing visa process has begun for Libby and we pray it will go smoothly to get a back to back visa and avoid additional trips.
- There is much to accomplish before the end of the academic year. Please pray for stamina and wisdom.

In other news around the parish, have you got your jar of honey? Go on. Check the pantry, I will wait... If you have not, or are running low, I did spy a couple of jars left in the box last Sunday. We have decided that the funds raised from the sale of the honey will be given to support the Vanuatu Integrated water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project or WASH for those of us who love a good acronym.

“Today we have access to clean running water, which is very exciting for the whole community”, says Fr Simion Taiva about ACOM’s WASH project which was completed in his village of St John’s last year. We are very happy that mums and children are no longer walking to the creeks to fetch water. Life is becoming better than it was before.”

If you would like to read more about the project you can have a look at the website - <https://www.abmission.org/projects/vanuatu/integrated-wash-project/>

They also have two videos accessible through YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/DiHq69YXmaE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKMxQttV5WQ>

In local news, another delivery of grocery items and cash were recently delivered to the Inala pantry. Our parish’s ongoing support of this is very encouraging and again we must thank you all for your generous gifts. Coming into winter these gifts will no doubt be valued even more.

Our next focus will be the Mission to Seafarers. Thank you for supporting our activities in the parish.

David Frarricciardi

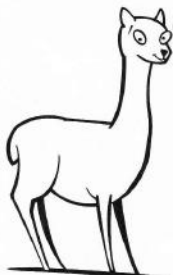




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Animal Facts

On the sixth day God created the animals of the earth of every kind (Gen 1:24-26).

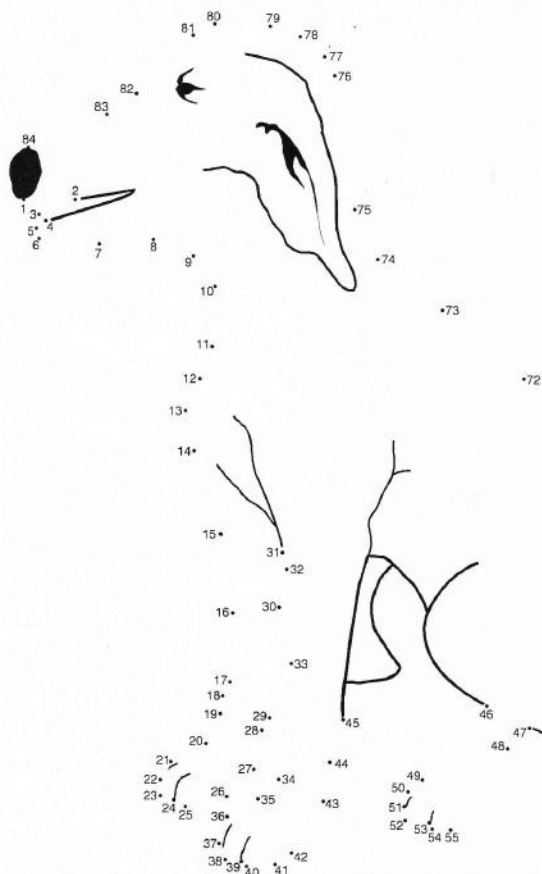


Draw a line to match the fact to the animal.

1. I'm green and live in and out of water.
2. I catch lots of insects with a trap I make.
3. I can fly up, down, sideways, forward, backward and hover.
4. I'm the largest creature on earth.
5. I can hang by my tail and I play dead.
6. I live near the North Pole and my babies are born in a snow drift.
7. I can stand on my front legs and spray a terrible scent.
8. I have a bill, four webbed feet, and live mostly under water.
9. I can fly, but I have skin, not feathers.

- a. bat
- b. skunk
- c. platypus
- d. spider
- e. frog
- f. blue whale
- g. polar bear
- h. opossum
- i. humming bird

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Connect the Dots

Make a picture of a common kind of pet.
Give it a name and write it here.
