

2020 VISION – Stewardship program 2019 update.

At the beginning of 2018 we set a pattern of our Vision for the immediate future as a parish community. We also agreed to report regularly on how we are progressing with the vision. There are many spaces and opportunities still for contribution. Where do you see yourself contributing? At the time and across the year people have stepped up to take on certain responsibilities. Now is a time to be re-invited. Where do you see yourself as part of this ongoing vision?

Being an Open and Welcoming Community

- 1 Smile more to each other and ensure we talk to people who we do not know well or usually talk to. Be prepared to listen to one another.
- 2 Maintain our place at the heart of the wider community through welcoming community events.
- 3 Explore and investigate why other churches (especially Anglican Churches) are growing.
- 4 Actively follow-up newcomers.
- 5 Actively welcome each other and newcomers especially, as a 'task' of the whole congregation.

Financial Sustainability, Stewardship and Property

- 1 Explore ways of expanding the way our buildings and grounds are being used.
- 2 Communicate transparently, more and regularly about our finances within the community.
- 3 Restore St Luke's Hall.

Progress so far:

- Keep smiling J
- We continue to support a Christmas Lunch for the homeless, welcome the annual Police Service and we are exploring the use of St Luke's for community fundraising events.
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- Newcomers afternoon teas held in February and August 2018 and February 2019.
- We are exploring how we can do this better, especially through a program on Evangelism which includes looking at how welcoming we are. We will look at how to involve and engage more of the parish community using reflections gained from Unbinding the Gospel.

Progress so far:

- A report on the current state of the buildings has been prepared and Parish Council has authorised urgent works. Further exploration is being undertaken about how we can use our facilities better. Parish Council is attending to matters as they arise and being proactive in reviewing our use of property.
- Reporting through the Stewardship Program and the Annual Meeting.
- A committee is actively involved in working to pursue opportunities for restoration of the hall. Funds have been allocated to support the project, including income from the use of the hall. Repair of the floor has been

4 Shape our budget to be within our means, without a deficit.

5 Grow the number of people in our community.

Mission and Outreach

1 Maintain our support for School Chaplaincy.

2 Continue support for Rinzi and Nepal.

3 Advertise St Luke's as an open and welcoming place during the weekdays. 'Come and eat lunch here and listen to the (recorded) music'.

4 Develop our OWN skills in evangelism (sharing the good news), inviting people to join us and using the opportunities of the activities in our parish in the best way.

5 Expand the parish larder and our connection with those who come in need.

6 Establish an Op Shop

Pastoral Care, Small Groups and Education

1 Establish a Pastoral Care Team to oversee this area of our life, engage in visiting (including baptism follow-up).

prioritised, approvals have been given for the work needed and a grant application is being pursued to ensure the work can be done in the best way. There is still a significant shortfall between the amount needed for the first stage of work and that already raised.

- Our 2018 budget projected a deficit but was embraced as a challenge and invitation by the church community. We ended the year in surplus but the budget for 2019 is a deficit, continuing the challenge. We are currently tracking ahead of budget.
- Growth comes in both numbers and depth. The Parish Council has engaged with a program on Evangelism which will be extended to the whole parish later in the year.

Progress so far:

- Commitment made in our budget for \$1500 in 2019. A visit from two of the chaplains is planned for August.
- Commitment made in our budget for \$8000 in 2019.
- September 2019 marks 25 years of this amazingly successful ministry, which receives considerable support from around the world.
- Our ongoing commitment is under review. See notes which are part of the Mission report with this document.
- Mission Support Group continues to oversee and coordinate our mission engagement.
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- Parish Council has engaged with a program on Evangelism which will be extended to the whole parish later in the year.
- HIGH continuing need! We need more supplies and funds to buy items to fill the spaces. Several advertising opportunities have been pursued through the media. We have changed the location of the larder and we are exploring how we can best respond.
- Exploration of this has resulted in this suggestion being set aside at the present time.

Progress so far:

- This team has been established and meets regularly.
- A pastoral care training course was held in September. More courses are planned for 2019.

2 Continue to care for the aged in our community (including in Nursing Homes).

3 Offer a series of short term study groups.

4 Visit parishioners who are no longer able to attend church.

5 Follow up people who have not attended recently. Keep in touch.

6 Establish a Men's Group

Worship and Spiritual Life

1 Establish a choir or regular singing group at St Luke's.

2 Build more active connections with those who come to us for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

3 Explore a later service on Sunday mornings at St Luke's.

4 Retain the sense of peace and tranquillity and awareness of the presence of God in our worship.

5 Explore connections with the schools and invite choirs (and students) to come regularly.

Youth, Children and Families

1 Continue with baptisms in the services.

2 Establish a Primary + age Kids Club.

• This ministry is being maintained and expanded, supported by our pastoral care team. We have added caring for another new aged care facility in Mt Lofty in 2019.

• Lenten Study and ongoing study groups. This aspect can be expanded further and will be important for our nurture and growth.

• This ministry is ongoing, supported by our pastoral care team.

• Several parishioners have begun this visiting.

• The first gathering was held in late 2018 and a pattern of monthly meetings has been set for 2019.

Progress so far:

• A group has begun and is supporting singing at St Luke's, under the leadership of Peter Schneider.

• Connections with baptism families are being explored, beginning with an even early in 2019. Other connections are still to be explored. Families of those who have funerals in the parish are invited to the services on All Saints Day.

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• This is taken into account in the planning of liturgy.

• Connections with the Fairholme girls and their involvement on Sundays continues.

• Invitation to confirmation was extended to the schools and five candidates were presented from Toowoomba Grammar School.

• Ongoing contact by Paul with Glennie and especially with the Reverend Sharon (now Mitchell).

• Future contact with Glennie Boarders is being explored.

• Regular services at Toowoomba Grammar (currently one service at TGS each term).

Progress so far:

• Pattern is being maintained and services of baptism have been held across all three centres.

• This is on hold at present as we review how best to explore and support youth, children and families

3 **Expand Messy Church to once a month, led by a team.**

4 **Actively engage with the school communities, chaplains, parents and students.**

5 **Establish a group to coordinate children's ministry.**

6 **Involve Children in services**

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- Following review it was decided to set aside this goal at this time.

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- This group began to meet but has been suspended until there is clarity about the ministry to families in the parish.

- Fairholme girls are being involved at St Luke's.

- Children's address at St Luke's when children are present.

***There are still many challenges and opportunities in this ongoing vision.
Please consider carefully and prayerfully where you can be involved.***