

Songs of Celebration:

With overflowing gratitude
The Psalmist said
“We will write songs
to celebrate Your mighty acts!”
Lord, on the keyboard
of my grateful heart
I too have composed many songs
to celebrate Your unequalled
greatness
Your faithfulness
Your splendour and majesty.
Lord, the most triumphant song of all
exalts Your measureless love.
With joy and adoration
I sing it again and again.
As long as I live, O God
I shall continue to sing
my songs of exuberant praise!

*Ruth Harms Calkin
Precious Thoughts from the Heart*

Light of the World

Star-light
lamp-light
Christ-light
the Light of the world
shining up through hay
reflected in the girl-mother's eyes
weary, wondering
in her peace after pain
tired mind
straining to understand—
The hands that formed worlds—
petal-small, soft?
The heart that loved the world—
tiny-beating, swaddled?
The Word made flesh—
bud-mouthed, seeking?
Holy mysteries.
She sleeps—
the quiet light shines
on man, and ox, and ass
and out—to light the world.

*Meg Hartfield
A Celebration of Life (Collected Poems)*

St. Luke's Church, Orchards



St. Luke's seeks to build God's Kingdom by helping believers to develop a *covenant relationship* with God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—that will enrich our daily lives and equip us for service to others

24/25 December 2017

Welcome to our Christmas Worship

God with us

*Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure
virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and
grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

May the Lord richly bless you and all those
whom you love and pray for this Christmas
Day and always.

David

The Word of God

Holy Communion

23h00: Celebrant : Janette Ross
Preacher: David Edwards
07h30: Celebrant : Jerry Bailey
Preacher: David Edwards

1st reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7
Psalm	Psalm 98
2nd reading	Hebrews 1: 1- 4
Gospel	John 1: 1-14

09h30—Holy Communion

Celebrant : Jerry Bailey
Preacher: David Edwards

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Rector: Revd David Edwards
Senior Assistant Priest: Revd Allan Williams
Assistant Priest: Revd Janette Ross
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Office will be closed until Tuesday 2 January 2018.

If you have an emergency over this period, please call the office 011-728-7015 and there will be contact numbers on the answering machine.

Young People's Church

We are open every Sunday during Government School Terms at 09h30. We will be reopen 21 January 2018.

We'd love to have you join us!

Little Candles (3 - 6 years) meet on the left of the Robin Crawford Centre

Lighthouse (Grades 1 – 6) meet in the Lighthouse Hall

Crossings (Grades 7 – 8) meet in the Parish Centre

One Life: (Grade 9 upwards!) meet in the Hall.

Teens: (Grade 7 upwards!) meet on Friday evenings in the Hall, for Teaching, Games, 'Chill evenings' and loads more. Join us on Friday 19 January for our first meeting.

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Dates to Diarise

- 2 Jan** *Office reopens*
13 Jan *Parish Consultation*
18 Jan *Parish Exec
& Council Meeting*
2 Feb *Citchin Cook-up*
3 Feb *Quiet Morning*
4 Feb *Vestry (08h30 service)*
7 Feb *Evening of Refreshing*
13 Feb *Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Eve)*
14 Feb *Ash Wednesday*
25 Mar *Palm Sunday*
30 Mar *Good Friday*
1 Apr *Easter Sunday*
9 Apr *Marriage Course starts*
9 May *Evening of Refreshing*
10 May *Ascension Day*
20 May *Pentecost*
20 Aug *Boundaries Course starts*



Have you ever considered how easily you are manipulated by others? Do you tell yourself that because you are a Christian, you have to love everyone unconditionally, and be at their beck and call? Do you find yourself doing things half-heartedly because you committed yourself too soon?

You CAN be a different person, in a healthy and Christ-like way

What's happening

PRESS-ON Ironing Service Mondays & Wednesdays

Drop off your ironing between
07h00 & 10h00

R20.00 per kilogram

CLOSED between Christmas and New Year!

OPEN on Wednesday 3 January

Regular Services:

SUNDAYS:

- 07h30 Holy Communion
09h30 Holy Communion
16h45 Power Hour (restarting 12 Feb)
18h00 Worship & Holy Communion

THURSDAYS:

- 09h30 Holy Communion

Parish Consultation Saturday 13 January

All members of St Luke's are invited to a parish consultation in the Lighthouse Hall between 09h00 and 12h00 on Saturday 14 January.

Some important decisions regarding the life of the Parish will be discussed.

This consultation is very important in the life of St Luke's. Please make every effort to attend, and as importantly, please pray for it.

We hope to see you here!

Anglicare

at St Luke's

St Luke's has trained counsellors available to meet with you if you need to talk to someone about anything that might be troubling you. There is no charge for this service and complete confidentiality is guaranteed.

Call 011-728-8888

For the Community

Tough Love

(Parents Support Group)

(parents, siblings, spouses, friends)

Every Tuesday @ 18h45
in the Parish Centre

Alcoholics Anonymous

Every Tuesday @ 19h30
in the Lighthouse Hall

Overeaters Anonymous

recovery from compulsive eating

Every Tuesday @ 19h30
in the Crawford Centre

Narcotics Anonymous

Every Monday @ 19h30
in the Lighthouse Hall

Every Saturday @ 17h30
in the Lighthouse Hall

All Welcome

themarriagecourse

The Marriage Course is open to all couples (married or unmarried). It covers many of the most challenging areas of marriage – money, communication, forgiveness, in-laws and sex. This Course is an excellent tool for couples, providing practical advice to help improve and strengthen their relationship. Dates have not been finalised yet, but if you would like a romantic dinner with your partner or spouse why not think about attending this seven week course.

Further information will be published soon—so keep your eye on the bulletin.