

Why we should be a praying Church

Martin Luther: "Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

John Wesley: "I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

Billy Graham: "Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian."

Prayer for the Archdeaconry

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyses and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Prayer Requests

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Aletta, David & Jo & family, Enid, Mitch, Bishop Cam, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint Luke's.

Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Yvonne and Ian Hillard, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
Isaiah 43.18—19

Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:
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Diocese of Brisbane—Parish of Rosewood
Rosewood, Marburg, Lowood, Hidden Vale

2 FEBRUARY 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Today's Services

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)
5:00pm Prayer & Praise

Next Week

Saint Luke's, Rosewood

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)
4:30pm Alpha

All Saints, Marburg

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

Today's Bible Readings

Jeremiah 1.4—10
Psalm 71.1—6
1 Corinthians 13.1—13
Luke 4.21—30

Reflect on today's sentence

Now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.
1 Corinthians 13.14

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

Prayer of the Day

Righteous God,
you confound the world's wisdom by
giving your blessing to the lowly and pure
in heart:
give us such a hunger and thirst for
justice and perseverance in striving for
peace,
that in our words and deeds the world
may see the promise of your kingdom,
which has been revealed in Jesus Christ
our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Rev'd John's Sermon Outline

The Biblical Virtues of Love.
THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY.

Let us consider the ***IMPORTANCE of LOVE***

An exhortation to Embrace God's design of Love!

In Jer 31:3 'I Love you with an everlasting Love,- with loving kindness I have drawn you unto Me'

God's gracious love is directed outward and NOT towards ourselves.

*** THE VIRTUES OF LOVE**

vs 5 The virtues of love include kindness, humility, patience, compassion...and Faith

vs 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth

vs 7: Love always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres

How is this possible? yes it is, the **HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING YOU AND ME!** enabling us to live and radiate the virtues of love. Be the Aroma of Christ.

*love involves unselfish service to others, the evidence that we care.

*Faith is the foundation of God's message 'Heb 11:6 - Without Faith it is impossible to please God'

* Phil 1:21 Hope is our attitude and Focus -"to live is Christ, but to die is gain:

When Faith and hope are in line, we are free to LOVE completely, because the Holy Spirit helps us to understand God's immeasurable Love for us!

Pray and Believe my friends !

Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ

ALPHA Course



ALPHA commences at St. Luke's Hall at 4.30 pm from Sunday 9th February and through Lent as part of our Lenten studies. All Parish Councillors and interested people are encouraged to attend. You should find this a time of growing in faith and fellowship with our church family. Bring a friend! A meal is provided so please inform a warden of your attendance.

Friends on Friday

Help needed!

Friends on Friday operates every Friday from 9 to 12 and is an outreach to Rosewood and surrounding communities. The Op Shop is also opened during this time. Last year we saw up to 25 people attending enjoying a chat and morning tea. Over the first half of this year many of our regular helpers are away for various reasons. If you feel you could help in any way in this parish ministry, please contact

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Reports for AGM

The Parish AGM will be held at 3:00pm Sunday 2 March, at St Luke's. AGM Reports are required by 15 February. Please complete, email or hand your report to one of three wardens, Christina, Col or Anne.



2 Feb—Parish Council meeting
9 Feb—Alpha course commences
15 Feb—Rosewood market
2 Mar—Annual General Meeting
29 Mar—Drakes IGA Grocery collection