

Piper Prayer Page

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By this shall all men know...

Luke's Youth on a Wednesday afternoon after school started as a means for youth from our church to receive teaching that is geared towards them. It has been heartening to see this group develop a loving culture & consistent attendance.

Several teenagers who attend other churches in town come to Luke's youth on a weekly basis as well as some unchurched youth. And when shy or hesitant young people turn up they are warmly welcomed, included in activities, treated kindly and go home smiling. This is a safe place for them and for others to have Scripture, socialisation and smoko (a.k.a. snacks).

For example, Joanne invited a boy who doesn't go to school and was initially really shy. But he has quickly felt very comfortable and readily contributes in Bible study, despite saying at the start that he's not a Christian.

Please pray for the youth to stand firm in God's Word, become mature and assured of God's love for them (Col 4:13).

Give thanks for the interest that has been shown by some parents on Facebook...that they would bring their high schoolers and they would find the community they're seeking.

Calling all Anglicans

Some long-standing members of our church have been eager to reach out to the Anglicans in our district: 10 per cent of the population, according to the

census. To this end we have just celebrated St Luke's Day, the patronal festival of our church (something new for us family!).

We had a special service with some history, an interview with a long-time faithful saint, photo highlights of the last year, lunch together, and a birthday cake (cut by our youngest member, with help from mum)! It was great to meet several Anglicans who I hadn't met so far this year.



Our youngest church member 'cuts' the cake

Banner Image: St Luke's Emerald

Circle Image: The Pipers

Middle Image: Luke's Youth

Bottom Image: St Luke's Day lunch

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But really, the most thrilling part was the lead-up to St Luke's Day. We were excited to see core members really grasp the vision of reconnecting with people in our community who feel a bond with St Luke's or with the Anglican (or CofE) church in general. They took charge in looking through lists of old contacts, praying for them by name, and personally inviting them along. Give thanks for the connections (and re-connections) made and the partnership in making this happen. Pray that many of these would join God's people at St Luke's throughout the year.

Emerald evenings

After prayer and preparation, we started an evening service on 26 October. We don't have a huge launch team, but we believe it will connect with a wider range of people than our morning meeting can. Our first service saw two new families join us.

Please pray that we start well, and that we keep a culture of being welcoming and accessible to unchurched people.

Immeasurably more...

God has provided abundantly as Luke has changed school to State High in term 4 (with Daniel to follow in 2026). Luke is in the honours program, which is a class specifically for students who are

keen learners. Skilled teachers are also attracted to teaching these classes (one for each year group, years 7, 8 & 9). Luke does all his subjects with this same set of students.

It's phenomenal that one of these boys lives on our street and Luke gets to walk to and from school with him every day. Not only that, we've known him and

his family for six months because his mum's other half was one of Daniel's soccer coaches. They are a lovely, friendly family, so we are super grateful. The mum also took the photo of us which appears below.

Pray for Luke to be a shining light for Jesus at school (and for Daniel and Matthew too). And for God to move in hearts.



Celebrating Luke's 13th birthday

Love from,

David, Joanne, Daniel, Luke & Matthew

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