

Stay home...

a time to reflect

Greetings friends,

Mother's Day coincided with a small relaxing of our socialising rules. Some extended families had the pleasure of seeing each other in person for the first time in many weeks. One grandmother from St Luke's confessed proudly that she bent the rules just a little and had big hugs with her grandchildren!

We have all had more time to reflect on our lives at this time. The Bible encourages us to meditate: "My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may **meditate** on your promises". Ps 119:148

Over the page is a poem written by Keith Bragg, resident, with his wife Alice, at Redleaf Manor, where we visit [normally!] each month. Keith has past connections with St Luke's. His poem is a thoughtful reflection that you may find helpful, as I did.



Also we are always encouraged by St Paul [Romans 8] as he takes time to meditate on, "consider", our "present sufferings":

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God...

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Prayerful best wishes as you take time to reflect,
Ken Fenton [Rector]

PS Please let us know if you need any help: ph 9744 7360

"Christmas Snaps"

Above:
Don and Fay light
an advent candle

Left:
Yousef, Sousan
and Stephanie
carolling at the
Wednesday
Christmas
morning tea





Monday morning chapel service at Redleaf Manor.

On first Mondays at Redleaf Manor and third Tuesdays at St Mary's Villas, the St Luke's nursing home ministry team leads church services for all, from any church denomination, who wish to attend.

Reflection

I rejoice that I was born
To feel the flow of life -
Its beauty and its thorn,
Its shares of joy and strife.

To laugh, to cry,
To smile, to sigh,
To feel the warmth and cold;
To love, to fear,
Reject, Revere,
At times be true and bold.

The stone by the path will me outlast
And be there many a year,
With never a thought,
By friends unsought,
Neither laugh nor shed a tear.

My life at the most is a very short shift,
Only slowly will stone erode;
But I thank The Lord for this wonderful gift
As I travel the mortals' road.

Keith Bragg
Redleaf Manor
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Andrew, High School teacher, and organist, leads our "Hymn-Singing Afternoon".

We thank the Lord for all teachers, especially for those at St Luke's, including Sue Thomson and Michelle Willmott, and we pray for them and our schools as they slowly resume on site.

Gail and Esther, wife of Pastor Shin, at a Korean wedding.

We look forward to when we can once again host our sister churches at St Luke's: the Korean Church, the Tongan Church and the Chinese International Church.

