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Dear Friend

Saint Luke's Anglican Church has stood at the crossroads of Yea's local community for 150 years. As the oldest continually used church building in Yea, St. Luke's has ministered to people through the ravages of two World Wars, other wars, bushfires and floods. It has seen countless weddings, baptisms and funerals. Many families in the Yea district have had association with St. Luke's for many generations, the church has been an integral part of their family life in sadness and joy.

St. Luke's has been a place of peace, prayer and beauty enjoyed by congregations, visitors and the wider community for generations. It is open every day for all who seek a place of quiet refuge in the heart of Yea. The challenge facing us, is to ensure St. Luke's remains a place of welcome, ministry and outreach in the wider community for generations to come.

We have partnered with the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and have engaged renowned church architects Lovell Chen who have wide experience which church building restoration. Their report reveals that St Luke's is suffering the from significant stress and damage to its plasterwork and stained glass windows, damp incursions, roof issues, and some structural concerns due to aging. The total cost of the restoration is approximately \$560,000.

A copy of the Lovell Chen report is available at St Luke's for viewing at the church and on the website.

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the enormity of this project however St. Luke's is already moving forward. This year, we have been able to restore the two windows at a cost of \$30,000. The Ferguson & Urie window dated 1868 is one of the earliest church stained glass windows in Victoria. The Brooks, Robinson & Co window was installed in the 1950's. The work was done by Honeysuckle Stained Glass in Bendigo.

Now we are looking to the next priority – the roof – which will stabilise the structure of the building and protect it from further water damage. Lovell Chen estimate this work will cost around \$160,000 subject to conditions revealed after the removal of the current tin roof.

St. Luke's parish is appealing for financial assistance to restore and maintain our historic church.

We thank you for taking the time to read our letter. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact John Anderson on 0419-895-328 or Mother Eden on 0437-937-433.

Yours faithfully,

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF YEA

John Anderson  
Appeal Co-ordinator

Mother Eden  
Parish Priest



Anglican Parish of Yea



NATIONAL TRUST

# St Luke's in the Community



St. Luke's offers:-

- Regular church services.
- KidsClub on Wednesday afternoon.
- Monthly Seniors Luncheon.
- Provides a venue for the weekly Community Meal and other community activities.
- Our current priest is the Police Chaplain to ten police stations, including our local stations of Yea, Kinglake, Alexandra and Marysville, and St. Luke's supports this ministry.
- St. Luke's co-ordinates the Christmas Hampers that are distributed to over sixty local families and individuals. In 2017 the Christmas Hampers benefitted 94 adults, 13 teenagers and 34 children.
- Through our Op Shop we further reach out into the community, being a place of connection and conversation and through the annual donation of money and goods to local people, groups and organisations.

## How to make a donation

Assistance can be provided in a number of ways:-

- Making a personal donation
- Organising a fundraising event
- Making a corporate donation
- Sponsoring a specific section of work on the building
- Making a bequest to the Restoration Appeal

The current population of Yea is 1,587 (2016 census)

For people who are not in a position to make a large donation at any one time,  
we are looking for

200 people to pledge \$500 a year for 6 years

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1,000 people to pledge \$100 a year for 6 years

or 2,000 people to pledge \$50 for 6 years.

Some might like to take the romantic option of donating \$150 a year for 6 years  
(this annual donation represents a dollar for each year of the church's life)

All donations are tax deductible through The National Trust (Vic)

Donations through the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) are Tax Deductible.

Payment details are: National Trust of Australia (Victoria) External Appeals Account

BSB: 033 000 Account Number: 937419 Reference: St Luke's Yea

Or notify the National Trust of your donation by email to [accounts@natrust.com.au](mailto:accounts@natrust.com.au) giving your name and address for tax deductibility and noting "St Luke's Yea."

Donations can also be made by cheque mailed to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Tasma Terrace, 6 Parliament Place, East Melbourne, or by phoning 9656 9810.

A receipt will be issued for your tax deductible donation.

