



The St Luke's Theatre Society

"Spotlight" Newsletter

From The President

Our third major play, Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced', was a great success, with an average audience, per night, of eighty-six. Many block bookings accounted for the increase of patronage for the play.

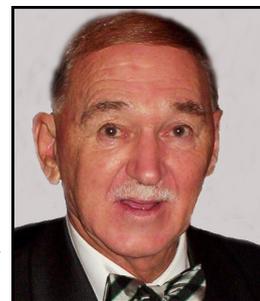
Cameron Gaffney, director of 'Out of the Question', the last major play for 2010, has his cast and his rehearsals have commenced. This play will commence on Saturday, 20 November, with the matinee, as on the evening of Friday 19, the new Rector for St Luke's will be commissioned. Instead of the usual eight performances, there will be seven.

The Greenroom production, 'Small Hotel', by Rex Frost, and directed by David Cole, was presented on 24, 25 September with three performances. Three new

members, Bernie and Grace Keefe, and Glen La Roche, some actors who had only performed a couple of times, and a few regular actors made up the cast. It was a well-chosen play and enjoyed by those who attended.

There will be a theatre working –bee at the hall on Saturday, 23 October at 9.30 am. I would like as many young members as possible to attend as the furniture room under the hall needs much attention. Lifting and carrying will be required. **PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE.** It will be followed by a sausage sizzle with drinks. Please let me know if are available and stopping for lunch.

Barry Kratzke (President)



Notifications

Expressions of interest are sought from St Luke's Theatre performers for a role in an upcoming (dramatic) play in August/September 2011. The play is Agatha Christie's "Murder At The Vicarage" directed by Peter Parkinson.

If you are interested, phone Peter on 3255 0221 or email Peter at peter@stluketheatre.asn.au

Miss Marple. Female in her 50's. 40 pages

Vicar Male about 50's. 61 pages

Dennis Male teenager 23 pages

Ronald Hawes. Male 30 to 40. 16 pages

Griselda. Female 40's 37 pages

Mary Jenkins. Female 30's 22 pages

Lettice Protheroe. Female. 20's. 11 pages

Mrs Price-Ridley. Female 50 - 60 13 pages

Anne Protheroe. Female 30 - 40 16 pages

Lawrence Redding. Male 30's. 35 pages

Doctor Haydock. Male elderly. 22 pages

Inspector Slack. Male middle aged. 25 pages

Constable Jennings Male 30's 2 pages



Thank you to Dad's Army for the construction of the, "A Murder is Announced" Set

We are looking for people who would be interested in working in our control room for our major plays. Positions in **LIGHTING AND AUDIO CONTROL** are available. For audio, you would need to be reasonably computer literate and we will teach you all you need to know. We would also like to hear from anyone interested in working behind the scenes as a **STAGE MANAGER**. If you know someone who would suit, either yourself, a family member, friend or colleague, please contact Peter Parkinson on 3255 0221.

The Beginning of St Luke's – Jan Moody OAM

Somewhere around 1957 a social group called "The Pierrott's: entertained at the St Luke's hall, which in those days served primarily as the local Church of England, Ekibin. Among other activities (readings of dickens works Etc) they ran Square Dances and in time began to look around for wider fields. A dramatic society was formed with lowly expectations so as many felt that it wouldn't last. The Foundation Meeting attracted only a dozen, among them Jan Moody and Roy Dowling. Max Sparnon was voted President since he was an experienced director and acted and keen to get started. There was actually precious little to get started with... a stage that consisted of trestle tables held together with bits of string and wire, moth eaten read curtains and a credit balance of little more than a pound. There was however lots of enthusiasm, energy, and optimism.

A cautious start was made with three one act plays. The one night stand allowed for no second chances. Church pews proved the only seating and admission price was a daring 3 shillings, we took more at the refreshment counter than through the door. Finance for the scripts became the main concern but we were on our way to becoming "St Luke's Church of England Dramatic Society".

2010 PROGRAMME

“Out of the Question” by Ira Wallach—Directed by Cameron Gaffney

November 20—27

Physicist Andrew Pilgrim applies for a highly paid job in America but finds he has to meet with stringent lifestyle criteria quite foreign to his household. He struggles to present an acceptable family image to the Personnel Manager from the U.S. but of course the facade comes unstuck along the way. Great entertainment in this unusual comedy to end the year.

Bookings: Shirley/David Lang 3844 7257

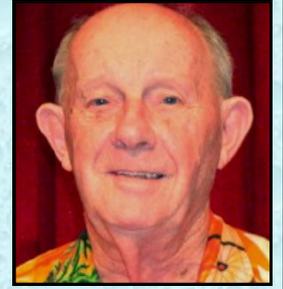
(Please be respectful and phone only between 9am and 8pm Mon to Sat)

Block bookings of 20+: \$9 per person

For this production there will be a charity raffle with all proceeds going to The Christian Blind Mission and The Leprosy Mission

Watch this space for information about what 2011 has to bring from St Luke's and the wonderful volunteers that take part in bringing marvellous entertainment to Brisbane.

Alan's Joke Corner



What do you call a sleeping cow? A bulldozer.

Did you know that five out of three people have trouble with fractions?

What do you get when you squeeze an olive?
Oliver Twist!

Did you hear about the cat who swallowed a ball of yarn?
She had mittens!

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for his birthday?
"Thanks, I'll never part with it!"

What do you call a parrot wearing a raincoat?
Polly Unsaturated.

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