



Morialta Vision



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David Purling writes:

"I've been to the mountaintop..."

It was Mt Brown actually, on the Heysen Trail, in the Flinders Ranges. The quote, as you will recognize, comes from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Judith and I were invited to join John and Heather Maddern along with Neville and Marilyn Stewart to walk a part of the Heysen Trail with them. The Heysen Trail (named after artist Sir Hans Heysen) is a 1200 kilometre walking trail that extends from Cape Jervis, on the south coast of the Fleurieu Peninsula, to Parachilna Gorge, in the Flinders Ranges.

The Maddern's and the Stewart's have been walking sections of the trail for some years now and wanted to do a few more sections, getting nearer the completion of the Trail for them.



I had to rely on John and Neville, and their experiences in walking, to help me enjoy the experience too. The three of us had been in Wesley Theological College more than 40 years ago, and we're still friends!

On our second day we did the longest walk, up to Mt Brown. Mt. Brown is 969m above sea level.

The views from the top were certainly worth the difficulties of the climb, and I thought of one of my heroes - Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

"I've been to the mountaintop..." is the title given to his speech in support of the striking sanitation workers at Mason Temple in Memphis, TN on April 3, 1968 — the day before he was assassinated.

He concluded his speech with..."Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. (*God has allowed me to go up to the mountain.* And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord."



This picture shows how windy it was (our trousers filling up with wind like parachutes!) as we climbed on the trail.

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MIGHTY MAGILL
Christmas
MARKET
Saturday 22 November
9.00am to 3.00pm
Morialta Uniting Church, 26 Chapel St., Magill

Home made cakes and Gourmet Goodies
 Christmas Gifts and Decorations
 Gift Boxes with Love
 Books and Plants
 Bric-a-brac
 Photographs with Santa and Lucky Dips
 Sausage Sizzle
 Morning Tea and Lunch

Grace

John Powers led Council's worship in September.

What is grace? I cannot buy it, it is not material, I do nothing to earn it, it has no explanation in logic or science. Like every breath I draw, it is a gift, to which the only valid response is gratitude.

Life is enriched if you are open to experiences of grace – to recognise them, reflect on them and perhaps wonder at their origin. Grace intervenes in human affairs in the most unexpected of ways.

If you carry a rigid formula of expectation of how things should be and how people should behave, you are limiting your experience of life. If you have not locked yourself into a picture of what a holiday must be, you are free to enjoy whatever that holiday may offer. You are open to being pleasantly surprised.

From time to time I like to walk around my front garden. It's not a well cultivated

garden – more a native garden which includes four large gum trees up to 25 metres high. There is always the noise of birds in the air. Sometimes it's New Holland Honeyeaters calling to each other, or Blackbirds fossicking around in the compost. Sometimes the raucous call of the wattle birds as they maintain control of their territory or the loud call of a family of crows as they fly around from tree to tree. As though this is not enough, cockatoos screech to each other as they circle the area.

Then as I look up into the branches I can see a koala there sitting quietly, sometimes asleep, sometimes just gazing at me or the birds as they call out a warning to each other of an intruder in their tree.

Their presence is a source of wonder to me. I did not create them. I do not control them. Their visits are sheer grace.

They remind me of the need to relax and be with nature, to be at peace.

These are simple, accessible things – chance encounters. They are all around us, commonplace. But they are illuminated when regarded with the eye of gratitude. Like waking to a new day, they are all a gift if we choose to see them that way.

We can do this by identifying those things for which we are grateful - contemplating those aspects of our life that are a pure gift.

John Powers
Including extracts from "An Authentic Life" by Caroline Jones and Michael Leunig

**God help us to live slowly;
To move simply;
To look softly;
To allow emptiness;
To let the heart create for us.**

The Gutenberg Bible



When in Mainz, Germany, a few months ago Lesley and I were quite excited when we learnt we would have the opportunity to visit the site, now a museum, when Johanne Gutenberg used a printing press with movable type to produce the first printed Bible.

We weren't disappointed despite having our preconceived ideas shattered. To begin with we found from the displays in the museum that the Bible wasn't the first book he printed with his invention.

Between 1450 and 1454 he produced the first copy and subsequently printed 180 of which 48 are known to exist today. Of those, only 21 are perfect. The last sale of a copy occurred in 1987. It was only the New Testament but it brought 5.4 million US dollars.

I assume he printed and issued the Bible as a complete book in the form we purchase books today. I was surprised to find he only printed and sold the 1282 unnumbered pages of 42 lines of Latin text. His clients bought the pages at a cost equivalent to three years of the average wage at the time. The owners then had to employ rubricators, who provided headings and comments and then illustrators who provided elaborate art work for which Gutenberg had allowed ample space. Finally the pages had to be bound into two volumes. And so another preconceived idea was shattered. All the Bibles were unique to each client's wishes.

I had also thought that this mechanical breakthrough, engineered by Gutenberg, would have enabled the Christians of those times to read the Bible for themselves.

But only the priests and scholars could read Latin. However, the mechanical reproduction opened the door which had already been unlocked by Martin Luther.

Twenty-seven years before the first Gutenberg Bible, Luther had produced a German translation. Before the end of that century, the 15th century, 14 other translations had been made including English and Icelandic!

Five-hundred and fifty years on I reflect on how the Bible stands in history. Globalization has pushed it 'in-our-face'. The World Youth gathering in Sydney and more recently, the Lambeth Conference have filled the world-wide media with references to and about the bible. Bible scholarship, pursued by researchers around the world offer enlightenment through the world-wide web and from the shelves of all of our book shops.

Christians today have 5700 fragments of Greek manuscripts of the Bible dating back to the second century. More than 10,000 writings of the early Christian fathers have been studied from Syrian, Armenian, Coptic and Roman sources to reinforce our Bible knowledge.

So, I find the Bible in-my-face, an inspiring record of human experiences written down in various forms at different times as a guide for my life journey.

If you, too, are searching for the Divine may I suggest you read Val Webb's book, *Like Catching Water in a Net*. Like us, she is an Australian searching for Life's meaning in a globalised world.

Arthur Tideman



**The next book to be read by the Gateways group is "Like Catching Water in a Net".
Would you like to purchase a copy and join in the reading?**

From the Chairperson ...

There are a couple of things I want to bring to you in this edition.

First, a little more of the same. Over the last few months I have had opportunity to feel the care, love and support of the Morialta Church Family. This isn't new, you may say, I talked about this last time. However, I don't think it matters how often it is said. You probably know it already, but that smile, cheerful greeting or the caring pat on the back does make a difference and Morialta, you "do it good"! Thank you.

Second, I want to pay tribute to our Church Council. Most committees will work well when there aren't any difficult matters to confront, but when a challenge arises just watch some groups explode.

Over the years Morialta has been very fortunate. Our sense of community is strong and we have had a well-defined Mission.

However, in recent times there has been some concern about the decreasing resources available to us for Worship. Accordingly, your Church Council was called to consider a response. I was proud of the way the Council deliberated. Through prayer and discussion of the information collected by the Worship Working Group the Council came, over some time, to the unanimous decision to change our Services.

We continue look to the future, to changing needs in worship and how these might be met, but rather than trying to start something new whilst also supporting the existing program, the decision has been made to move to two services on Sunday. Who knows what will come in the future. The one thing I know is that we're not in it alone.

Bruce

Matters from Church Council

Council continues to deal with the wide-ranging matters of Morialta's life and mission. The major focus, in addition to Worship, has continued to be discernment of future Mission and how to best resource ministry with ordained and lay leadership.

Council has worked to clarify areas of high priority, the skills needed to address these, those gifts and skills already with us, in particular in Diane's ministry, and also in our lay teams and leaders. As this is becoming clearer, Council is also examining a number of options for stipended ministry and remunerated leadership.

At the heart of our discussions have been our needs for spiritual nurture and journeying, and continuing pastoral care. Coupled with this has been Morialta's commitment to mission in the community and exploration of what this should or could be in the future, and how it can be managed and sustained. Community Outreach MMT has provided Council with ongoing reports on its consideration of these matters.

This process may seem lengthy, but it is being pursued with care and it is Council's firm hope to bring a proposal to the November Meeting of the Congregation.

Highlights from Ministry Team Reports

Worship & Faith Education

Back on 21st April a well attended meeting raised many ideas for the future of music in Morialta's Worship. There were interesting possibilities for possible inclusion in the new format for worship. As a further step towards this the questionnaire on Worship and Music has been provided and is currently being collated.

Community Outreach MMT

Carole Lyons was welcomed to the team as Elder. All programs - Tai Chi, Playgroup, Coffee Corner, Friendship, the Workshop and Student Accommodation have continued vibrantly. Supported by the grant from the Premier's Community Initiative Fund, Diane successfully negotiated with Magill PS, Stradbroke PS and East Torrens to run Parenting forums led by Tim Dansie. After initial

frustrations beyond our control, these ran very successfully. Tim most generously indicated that he wished to waive his fee, provided it could be directed towards our ministry with children, youth and young families. This has subsequently been negotiated with the outcome that books for parents will be purchased for the Library. The Team has worked diligently on the concept of a Community Centre and the profile for a Coordinator.

Children & Young Families MMT

Kids on Sunday program has been progressing well with two age groups (3-7 year olds) and (10 -13 year olds). Tiffany Winn and Cheryl Buckingham are now sharing the leadership of the younger age group (3-7) year olds - our thanks to them. More members of he

congregation are needed to share the teaching load across these programs and the team would welcome interest.

Amongst its immediate goals, the team is exploring ways of connecting young families in with the whole life of the congregation.

An exciting new venture is the Kids Club for those aged 10 - 14 years, which will begin in this week as Vision goes into print. Much careful planning is underway and a strong band of leaders and helpers is moving into action.

Youth & Young Adults MMT

Sarah Heatley has joined the team as Elder and the team has found value in meeting in parallel with C&YFMMT. There are continuing challenges of meetings, activities, numbers,

etc., but very worthwhile collaborations with Athelstone have been established. Pancake Day back in February raised \$250 for Uniting Care, and more recently the highly successful Quiz Night, enjoyed by an even bigger crowd this year, raised over \$1000. Hard work (and generous sponsors) again saw a splendid array of prizes and an engaging set of questions that tested all present. This Team would love to have more members who are passionate about ministry to youth and young adults.

Pastoral Care MMT

The team's sessions for Pastoral Partners extended over four gatherings with around forty Partners meeting to share their experiences and support their work in pastoral connections.

Running Hot and Cold

Water is not the only thing that needs the correct temperature to be effective! Just ask Rob Webbe what he has learnt about air conditioners over the past few weeks.....

Unfortunately, the split unit that has provided comfort to the Church Office and the Library, our main small meeting room, for around 21 years broke down. Was it the compressor or the loss of gas? After numerous requests for diagnosis and advice we're not too sure. The only thing that is clear is that it needs to be fixed up or replaced.

Morialta does have some reserve to support repair or replacement, but the anticipated cost of around \$6000 will put a bit of a dent in it.

We don't often come to the congregation with a direct invitation to contribute to a project outside our Stewardship program, but we thought this might be a suitable time to make an exception. If you would like to contribute to the air conditioning, please contact Rob Cheel or Rob Webbe.

Bruce.

*Deep peace of the running wave to you;
Deep peace of the flowing air to you;
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
Deep peace of the shining stars to you;
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*

One of Morialta's 2008 Mission Projects

Mrs Chheng Sophoap (Poppy) escaped from Cambodia via a refugee camp in Thailand in 1980 along with two of her children, and came to Adelaide later joining the Enfield Uniting Church. She has been returning to Cambodia for part of each year to support the poor people.

This became possible several years ago through the founding of the "Medicines for Cambodia" project with assistance by the Enfield Church.

"Serving the Poor Foundation" has begun with the Cambodian Government approval and has several ongoing projects. The Mobile Clinic with doctors and assistants with medicine go out to remote villages several times a year. There is a need for training for health workers. Help is needed in this work also with books and teaching resource in Cambodian Languages.

Work is progressing. The Cow Bank is a self-help project, and also a Rice Project, as suitable

premises became available. The Lord's Garden, on land contributed by Poppy, has 100 mango trees, 100 jack fruit trees and over 100 coconut trees planted. A new clinic and church were opened last December. Training in biblical studies has started with accommodation for a live-in pastor

Rev John Barr visited for the Uniting International Mission in 2007, and a group from South Australia visited this year.

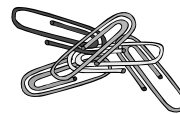
Poppy published a book "Miracle during Pol Pot Regime - Sophoap's Story". She says "Lord I am ready to serve You and do what You want me to do"

This is one of our Mission Projects for 2008 and proceeds of events planned this year will go to support this area of need, particularly the need for books and teaching resources.

Averil Nash.

A View from the Room:

Observations from the Church Office Window



I learn much by being in this little room.

Monday mornings are boisterous. Keep Fit classes enliven the hall each week with voices and music and I have noticed that the people leaving the classes look happier and fitter than the ones that entered it. It may be just my imagination but it is hard to ignore the positive change in the atmosphere and on the faces of those who pass by this window. And the kitchen comes alive around 10.30am when 'the boys' come in from the sheds for a quick break - likewise, they seem pretty pleased to be here.

Tuesdays brings distant playful sounds from the KUCA area and happy little squeals pass through the foyer late morning- sometimes there is also a slice of chocolate cake!

Wednesdays are filled with the clatter, laughter and chatter from the kitchen as volunteers get busy early to prepare for the day's Coffee Corner and Friendship Club. A regular joke segment from Barry starts the day, ready for the rush hours. The time passes quickly with regular visitors coming and going for lunch or a round or two of Mahjong and Wednesdays end with the punctuating sound of the vacuum cleaner as I leave for the day.

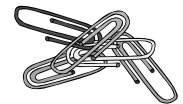


Thursday is quietly shared with Cynthia and the weekly newsletter; Friday morning slips past with a few people drifting in and out for books, discussion and craft groups.

Each week follows the next and the constancy of the smiles seep into this little room, fills it and then flows back out into the foyer and beyond.

What I have seen from my little room with a view is the 'butterfly effect' of the friendship and joy which starts here and is carried out further than the church doors.

Val



**What can the Church Office do for you, your team, group, project or activity?
Val has many skills - in production, printing, problem solving and probably many more ... We invite you to talk with her!**

Ethical Shopping

By Bill and Doreen Matheson
For the Social Justice Ministry Team

Viewers of *Four Corners* on 31st August 2008 heard that the two big grocery chains Woolies and Coles, have 70% of the retail grocery market, 60% of the dairy products market and 50% of fresh food. Such a monopoly is unheard of in the rest of the world. The two biggest grocery chains in Britain together control 48% of the market there, while the biggest retailer in the USA, Wal-Mart, has only 15% of the grocery market. Elsewhere it has been claimed that Woolies and Coles control 79% of the grocery market (The Advertiser 27 March 2008).

In April, Haiti's Prime Minister became one of the first political casualties of the global food crisis when he was forced to stand down in the aftermath of violent food riots. This event is a foretaste of things to come as skyrocketing food prices have triggered unrest in more than thirty countries. (New Scientist, 5 July 2008).

Despite the fact that the planet produces enough food for everyone to grow fat, there is mounting hunger world wide. This is caused by "one of the most powerful and brutally efficient of all forces, the market" (New Scientist) The market, contrary to popular economic theory, is neither free nor fair - it is distorted by powerful players in an increasingly centralized and concentrated system in which a handful of companies control much of the world's food supplies.

For example, Cargill's (no kin of Colin!) is one of the largest agri-businesses in the UK where

most of the grocery items have Cargill's fingerprints on them. Such corporations manage to extract profits from developing countries despite the impoverishment of their economies (New Scientist)

It appears that Woolies and Coles are also heading this way with their Home brands buying food produced overseas to be re-badged in Australia to the detriment of local producers and a highly likely lowering of quality. (Note the recent food scare with milk in China)

There has been a relentless push by Woolies and Coles to force suppliers into harsher trading terms which is starting to have a significant effect on manufacturers' and growers' ability to market their products and reduce their bottom-line profits. For example, Four Corners showed how a pumpkin grower was paid 35-40 cents a kilo for the product retailing at \$2.40 a kilo in the supermarkets.

The situation is exacerbated by petrol discounting by Woolies and Coles, putting even more pressure on smaller businesses. Several years ago the big chains fought strongly for approval to establish in-house pharmacies - thankfully without success, as this would have killed off many small businesses.

An example of the multi-nationals' power concerns that most basic of products, milk. Paul's milk is owned by an Italian Company, Parmalat, Pura and Farmers Union are owned by

a Japanese brewing company, Kirin Holdings. Dairy Farmers, produced by a co-op with 2000 members is the subject of a \$900 million takeover by Japanese owned National Foods. Once this happens we will have only Devondale, owned by Murray-Goulburn Co-op as Australian. Likewise bread - all the major brands are owned by multi-nationals, chiefly Goodman Fielder or George Weston Foods.

Faced with these developments, what can ethical shoppers do?

First, become aware and informed about the situation. Then check where grocery products are sourced. We recommend "The Ethical Guide to Shopping" published by Ethical Investment Services (\$4.50 from Doreen). This guide provides information on the environmental and social record of companies behind the brand names of common supermarkets such as Foodland and IGA. Buy products preferably sourced in SA; (if not SA then the eastern states) to cut down on transport costs.

Finally, write to your MP expressing your concerns. Our local member, Christopher Pyne, now a front bench Shadow Minister, usually takes his constituents concerns seriously. Show him your concerns.



Waikerie Fruit Project

Thank you to all who have supported this Project, the need is still there. Order forms for the current month are in the blue tub on table opposite pigeon holes. New products are 150g dried apricots marinated in ruby port \$5.50 and 150g dried apricots marinated in brandy \$5.50 - would make nice Christmas gifts. There is a PowerPoint downloadable presentation on the SA UCA website <http://www.sa.uca.org.au> Click on 'Serving the Community' then 'Fruit for You' which lists what the Project is all about.

A small proportion of the cost goes to a medical project in West Papua, and recently Lyn Leane, International Mission Office of SA UCA received an email from Shelley Houghton in West Papua who received \$3,000 from the Waikerie Fruit Project. Shelley wrote to Lyn, "I'm sure you can remember that small grass roots group I was working with here outside of the school that you helped with funds from the Waikerie Fruit Project to be trained in clean water systems. They have just completed successfully their first clean water project in a mountain village and are slowly but surely developing in a very sound way. It is the first time I am told, that a Papuan owned grass roots organisation has carried out a clean water project in the area, so people I understand, were really pleased. And what was even more exciting was that it was the first time a water tap was connected to a group of native huts here in recognition that they were permanent dwellings of people. That is no small milestone and flies in the face of so much denial of the worth of the honai (traditional Papuan hut) style of living.....".

The Project must be doing something right - Loddon Mallee Presbytery of the Victorian Synod is currently discussing with Christian growers in Sunraysia regarding the establishment of a similar project to the Waikerie Fruit Project, to assist their drought affected primary producers. Graeme Cavanagh of Waikerie was recently there, by invitation, to discuss the nitty gritty of the concept.

Your orders are continuing to provide vital support, encouragement and help, and at times are the only things keeping 'the wolf from the door' for several really struggling Riverland primary producers. The producers all say 'thank you'.

Jennie Hosking



*Thank you
to the Morialta Church Family*

Di and Ken Mason and Ian and Di Walton would like to thank everyone who attended the "Diamond" 60th Wedding Anniversary - Afternoon Tea Party - of their parents Syd and Olive Walton, held here in the church hall, on Sunday, 7th September.

We appreciated the warm friendship, the delicious food by the "church catering team", the fabulous music by Don Bennier and David Purling and the organisation by Bruce and Mary.



Thank you for celebrating this very special milestone in their life's journey. It was a wonderful occasion to share their enduring love and many "marriage and family memories" with their extended church community.



Congratulations!

**Youth and Young Adults Team
for a successful
Quiz Night
which raised more than \$1000.**



Floriade Tour 2008

Comments from Morialta people who were there!

"We must have chosen the right time as Springtime in Canberra is beautiful - flowers and blossoms everywhere!

Fun, fellowship with good friends, great scenery, interesting buildings in fantastic settings, sun, good food. In fact everything that makes an excellent tour."



" Although there were only a few of us tourists, the tour was absolutely wonderful. Our driver was excellent and he joined in with everyone. Our accommodation was good and the meals were also. The Floriade was excellent - it should be seen to get the full benefit of the flowers. All the sights we saw were good and we saw everything on our itinerary plus a few extra. It was a marvelous tour and if Bev organises one for next year **don't miss it**"



Morialta Magpie

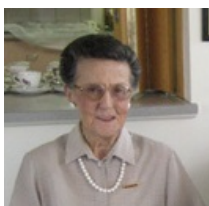


Congratulations!

Katrina Mackenzie who was chosen as one of the 54 girls to go on the Australian Girls Choir 2008 National Tour, 'Rockin Out West' over three weeks during Sept/Oct. The tour commenced 19th September in Victor Harbor for a weekend of training, and went on to Murray Bridge, Perth, Margaret River, Bridgetown, W.A., to Alice Springs and Uluru. Perth Show, chocolate and sweet and camped at Uluru.

On this tour Katrina stayed with five host families, performed in many concerts, and did lots of sight seeing. She visited the Royal factories, rode a camel in the NT

Happy 90th Birthday Enid Baylis!



Teddy Bear Picnic

Thank you to all the children, adults and Teddy Bears who shared in the fun and made this family day a success.

Our Sympathy ...

Mary and Ian Watson following the death of their grandson, Tim.

Alva Harris and her family, following the death of her husband, Norm.

Ninety's Afternoon Tea

Little pinkies extended at the right angle ensures the taste of the brew is just right. That, and good company and good food.

The Pastoral Care Mission Ministry Team invited members of our community, who had attained that elusive Nine Oh to another Afternoon Tea. Fairy cakes, fine china and friends is a good mix and we have it on good authority that all those who attended are looking to next year!



Laida and Millie enjoy the afternoon



Netball Report 2008

Well another year has passed by and each year the club is growing with six teams competing. Of the six teams, four were successful in finishing in the final four.

The A team went on to play in the preliminary final, but unfortunately did not make it through to the grand final. The B and C team did not quite make the final four but both teams had an enjoyable season. Well done to all the players and also the coaches, Tim Dansie for the B team and Kate Dansie for the C team!

The D team coached by Claire Bennett made it through to the preliminary final and gave it their best, just missing out on going into the Grand Final. Well done girls and coach!

The E team played off in the Grand Final just missing out by three goals. Well done to the team and their coach, Karen Palmer.

Finally the F team coached by Judith Johnson also had success in finishing in the top four and competing in the Grand Final but fell short by three goals. What a great season girls!

Thanks go to the coaches, scorers, timers and all the spectators who supported the teams.

Summer competition consisted of the Senior Team which won the Grand Final; congratulations to all the girls and five junior teams. The C team in the junior competition coached by Judith was runner up in the Grand Final. The season was enjoyed by all.

The club entered an U13 team in the Junior Carnival held at the association courts during the school holidays. Great fun was had by all.

Our cake stall held at the association courts on the Saturday

before Mothers' Day was successful in raising \$543.75 for Church Mission Projects - well done to all those who helped on the day! My thanks go the wonderful ladies from the church that came into the courts on the day and helped out. Thanks go also to the players, parents and church people who provided all the goodies to sell on the day, and to the continued support by Precision Nursery for the donation of flowers to sell.

The club would also like to welcome the new players who joined and hope to see you for many seasons to follow. The committee and teams are grateful to all supporters who attended matches throughout the season and Phil Johnson who, as always, ran a sausage sizzle at all home matches. The committee expresses thanks to all the club umpires, especially the gaining of seven new umpires.

We congratulate Sophie Thorpe on being selected in the U15 representative team that will compete in Queensland in late September.

The 2008/2009 summer season commences October 2008. We will have one senior and five, maybe six junior teams, in this competition. Come and give them all your support. We're growing season by season!

Our club was a successful applicant in the Woolworth Fresh Food Kids community Grant and received \$1000 to assist local organizations to maintain programs which encourage children to lead healthy and active lives.

Helen Kreig
Secretary



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What to read?



A biography by
Elizabeth Gilbert
called *Eat Pray
Love*

It's 3 a.m. and Elizabeth Gilbert is sobbing on the bathroom floor. She's in her thirties, she has a husband, a

house, they're trying for a baby – and she doesn't want any of it. Read this book to find out how she slowly finds happiness.

Fiction – *Mutiny on the Bounty* by John Boyne



A fourteen-year-old boy, John Jacob Turnstile, has got into trouble with the police on one too many occasions and is on his way to prison when an offer is put to him – a ship has been fitted over the last few months and is about to set sail with an important mission. The boy who was expected to serve as the captain's personal valet has been injured and a replacement must be found immediately. The deal is struck and Turnstile finds himself on board, meeting the captain, just as the ship sets sail.

The ship is HMS *Bounty*, the captain is William Bligh.

Our Top Ten Requested Books

1. Amazing Grace
2. The Kite Runner
3. A Thousand Splendid Suns
4. The Memory Keepers Daughter
5. Upside Down Inside Out
6. Atonement
7. The Hills of Tuscany
8. Mercy
9. Songs of the Humpback Whale
10. A year in the World

Which do you think
was your number one read for 2008?
Let us know.

Email – jipowers@yahoo.com or
let Lorraine or John know in the library.



News from the 9th National Conference of the Australian Church Library Association

Healing Through Story was the theme of the conference and was to inspire all those who attended. Delightful Spring weather and relaxed eating and living at Nunyara were the setting for a weekend of renewing friendships, creative worship, sharing of our own stories of pain and healing, listening to various speakers who took

us through their own journeys of healing. Book stalls were scanned for the good buys and purchases made.

The speakers I heard were John Pfitzner, who talked about ten fiction books that had made an impact on his life & why..(You might like to think about 10 fiction books that have had an impact on your life.) Christobel Mattingley – an Author talked about the many books she has written and how they have helped to heal the wounds of war.

Dr. Susan Melhuish, Director of the Catholic Resource and Information Service spoke of her own journey in which, when she was in Year 12, she was involved in a car accident and critically injured. Facing the fear of losing the sight of both eyes and with nearly every bone in her body broken, she used the sense of touch to communicate. She later found healing through Art and many of her pictures include hands, as hands (touch) was what was so healing for her.

Anna Watson spoke of how making quilts and other crafts were healing when she faced a broken marriage.

Jean Di Benedetto spoke of how to establish, run and use a Spiritual Book Club as a way of encouraging fun, friendship, and through shared discussion being valued in what you had to say as a person.

Sarah Agnew, trainee minister within the UCA and attending Blackwood UC, spoke about healing through the telling of bible stories.

Finally Rev. Adam Tretheway spoke about Agents of Hope, his experiences in PNG and Baxter detention centre, with refugees and mental health patients in Adelaide.

For further write ups on the conference go to **ACLA's website**
<http://www.acla.asn.au/conference.htm>



If you would like to join this cheerful library team let John or Lorraine hear from you.

2008 Wilks Oration

Sue Park
CEO Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide

will address the topic

Hopes, Fears and Challenges - the future for community services in SA

Date: Saturday October 25th 2008
Commencing at 7.00pm with a light supper, drinks and
music, followed by the Oration at 7.45pm

Venue:
Effective Living Centre
26 King William Road Wayville

Tickets \$25 (\$20 concession)
Phone the ELC on 8271 0329
or e-mail office@effectiveliving.org

Bookings essential.

Transparent Butterflies



The Glasswing or Transparent Butterfly (Greta Oto) has glass-like tissue between the veins of its wings. It is found in the rainforest understorey in Central America - from Mexico to Panama. In Spanish it is called *Mariposas Transparentes* or "espejitos" (little mirrors). While it is quite common, it is not easy to find because its transparent wings provide natural camouflage. Ecologists use the presence of this rare tropical butterfly as an indication of habitat quality. In the caterpillar stage these red and purple striped creatures lay their eggs on, and feed on, toxic nightshade plants (genus *Cestrum*), storing the alkaloids in their tissues, making them distasteful to predators such as birds. They retain their toxicity in adulthood. These same poisonous alkaloids are converted into pheromones by the males, to attract females.

Australia also has its own Glasswing Butterflies (*Acraea Andromacha*), often found in the Brisbane area. Commonly called the *Little Greasy* and *Small Greasy*, their forewings are almost transparent with a few black spots. Their hind wings are creamy yellow with black spot patterns. The caterpillars feed on native passionfruit plants.



*The heavens keep
telling the wonders
of God, and the
skies declare what
he has done. Ps
19:1*



Please check the listing of possible displays and items in the hall foyer

For example, perhaps you have

Art work
Baptismal gowns/items/memories
Candles
Candle sticks
Crosses
Icons
Cultural pieces
Marriage items
Needlework which includes symbols or relates to rituals
Photographs
Vestments

And...your own halo if you can polish it for exhibition!

And, of course,
Time pieces – clocks, sundials
Time records
Time references
Time events....
Time language and statements
And more to do with TIME!

Rituals Symbols and the Spirit



EXHIBITION

Sat 22 – Wed 26 Nov
9.00 am to 3.00 pm

You are invited to think creatively, add to this list, or better still, talk with Mary 'phone 83322041, email: marypete@tadaust.org.au or contact the Morialta Church Office: 'phone 83319344 email: morialta@picknowl.com.au

FREE SEMINAR

Power of Attorney, Wills and other legal documents

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team invites you to attend a seminar at the Morialta Uniting Church hall on

Thursday 30 October

10am to 12 noon

A solicitor will be speaking about the need to have a Power of Attorney, Will and other legal documents organised and up to date. Invite your family, friends and neighbours to hear about these important topics.

Morning Tea will be provided.

RSVP to Church Office by Monday 27 October so that we can organise the catering



From Urban Mission Network's September Bulletin
Extract from the Weekly Bulletin of the Alban Institute

Worship and Congregational Vocation

Worship is one of the first experiences of a congregation that newcomers might have, and it therefore becomes an opportunity for the church to introduce itself to outsiders. When potential members or other visitors encounter a congregation in worship, they get a feel for who the congregation is, how adherents relate to one another, what some of the church programs are, and thus what it stands for. In repeated worship experiences, the contours of the congregation and its vocation become clearer and clearer.

How does congregational worship articulate a church's calling? Vocational interpretation arises out of the public nature of worship. Worship is a corporate, public activity, open not only to members of the congregation but also to newcomers and guests. On Sunday morning leaders stand on the boundary between the church and the world, welcome all who choose to attend, and give explicit religious meaning to the work of the congregation. Whether they intend to or not, leaders inevitably send signals in worship about how a congregation views and ministers to the world. In worship, leaders help those present understand what the gospel says and what its implications are for congregational life and mission, as they interpret the Scriptures for their particular place and time, announce opportunities for volunteer service and participation, and welcome newcomers to this assembly.

The Congregation and Its Vocation

Congregations are like human beings. No two are alike, and no two express their faith in exactly the same way. Like any individual Christian, each congregation can be said to have its own vocation. That is, God calls each congregation to live faithfully in a particular time and place, within the constraints of its capacities and perceptions of itself and the world.

NETWORK'S FOURTH GATHERING – LAST FOR 2008

Thursday 27 November at the Adelaide Korean Church – 6.30 pm
40 Third Avenue, St Morris
(Corner of Gardiner Street and Third Avenue)
Light Tea 6.30 pm Conclusion by 9.30 pm
Decisions to be made about focus for 2009; Report on current review Networks;
The Korean congregation will share their story.

From ***South Australian Council of Churches***
Ecumenism: Reflections & News
October 2008

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

For reflection...

Many of us find it difficult to make choices. This is not because we cannot find anything that suits our preference, but precisely for the opposite reason, namely, we find it difficult to exclude the things which will not be involved in our choice. Scholastic philosophers had the dictum: 'Every choice is also a renunciation.' This is very true since whenever we choose one thing, we necessarily exclude certain other things.

For this reason we find it hard to choose a vocation, an occupation, a set of friends, a life companion or even a new house or car. The difficulty arises because, in choosing, we have to limit ourselves, and our lonely, insatiable insides rebel against this. Thus we often end up dissipating our creative and affective energies: hanging loose, spreading ourselves too thin, unable to make clear choices and commitments, procrastinating indefinitely, being wishy-washy and generally being unable to make decisions which could give our lives more direction and thus help us to love and work more effectively.

Ronald Rolheiser *The Restless Heart: Understanding Loneliness* pp.24-25

Thanks to WA Synod for encouragement to share
TTL material. Ed

The Transit Lounge

...because life is more than a destination



The Transit Lounge Edition 40: Addiction

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Believing, belonging, behaving, becoming

Mardi Lumsden

Being a young adult can be very fun. It can also be tough. There are so many opportunities and choices available. There are so many things to try and enjoy. But stepping out of the comfortable world of the local church Youth Group can be eye opening, challenging and rewarding.

According to the Queensland Uniting Church's Young Adults Ministry co-ordinator, Tom Kerr, being a young adult is about owning your decisions. "The big wide world means wide and diverse faith systems, value systems, morals and work ethics," says Tom.

"If you have gone from a school that might have a certain culture, now you are open to people of all sorts of persuasions and you have got to find your place again.

"Teenagehood is about identity and identity diffusion. When you get to the end of it, you might need to reassess who you are within that new context and group of people.

"If people get the transition right, there is all this empowerment to say... look at me, look at how I am building a great life for myself.

"If you get it wrong the price can be quite high."

But let's face it, getting it wrong and the finding the ability to learn from our mistakes is what maturing is all about. Tom spoke of a young man he knows who, within two years of finishing high school, was an alcoholic.

"He had to get in a program and everything, he was really going down," Tom says.

"Some of the things that I think can help with that transitioning is if you have mentors who you respect and look up to who are maybe a little bit further down the track, but will tell you like it is."

Queensland Uniting Church Youth and Children's Unit director, Michael Jeffery, agrees. "Choosing peers who you are moving forward with can help you stay true to who you are," he says.

"Just one or two can help, and then that frees you up to mix with all sorts of people because you know where your roots are."

Michael says some university courses may challenge people's religious and world views and, while that may be difficult, it can also be very rewarding. "It can really throw you into a head spin if you are not ready or open to the possibility that, just because you believe it, not everybody else does.

"You have to be able to face that eventually, so they are good problems to have, but often people aren't ready for it."

Michael thinks the key to making good decisions during the transition from being a teenager to being an adult is owning your 'adult space'.

"It is about owning your adult space and knowing what your boundaries and limits are and going with a plan before hand, rather than just rolling from one thing to the next.

"It is about saying, 'This is my limit for this evening' (whatever that may be) and knowing the warning signs when you are not being the kind of person you want to be. And asking, 'How do I want to remember this night or experience?'"

"Then, even if you stuff up, think about what you did and how you got there and what you would do differently next time, because we always stuff up. Putting down good habits in that area will continue throughout the rest of your life."

Michael says connection with the church can be about believing, belonging, behaving and becoming. "If the church emphasises behaving (this is what you must do) that is not a good thing for young adults who are learning to deal with their freedoms. If it is more about belonging and believing in God, then the behaving will follow later on and the becoming will follow too."

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Meditation and Prayer

The way is long – let us go together.
The way is difficult – let us help each other.
The way is joyful – let us share it.
The way is ours alone – let us go in love.
The way grows before us – let us begin.

(A Zen Invocation)

Diary Dates

**Thurs 30 October 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
Pastoral Care Seminar – Power of Attorney,
Wills and Other Legal Matters**

**Sat 22 November 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Mighty
Magill Christmas Market**

**Sat 22 – Wed 26 November Exhibition: Rituals
Symbols and the Spirit**

**Sun 23 November - 9.30 am Combined Service
and Meeting of the Congregation**

**Sun 7 Dec 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm Advent Event –
Christmas Trees & Christmas Treats**

Wed 17 Dec 7.00 pm – Blue Christmas

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If your current e-mail address is already with the Church Office, we will use it unless you say "No Thank you!", and communicate this to Val.

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