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*for the wonders
that astound us,
for the truths
that still confound us,
most of all,
that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

From the Minister ...

Dear Friends,

What makes a hymn or a song a favourite? I have been prompted to think about this when I noticed the request in the Newsletter for us to lodge a list of our 10 favourite hymns or songs. I think there are many factors. Sometimes it is the music, sometimes the words, sometimes the memories the hymn invokes and sometimes a combination of any of the above.

I have sung *Guide me O thou great Jehovah* (or *Redeemer*, depending on whether you were using the Methodist or the Church of England hymnbook) since I sat with my parents and my younger sister, listening to "Hymns We Love" on 5AU. (My Dad had a Methodist hymn book, Mum and I copies of Hymns, Ancient and Modern, and my sister, who could not yet read, used a Collins Gem dictionary, which

looked very similar to the smaller C of E hymnbook.) It is the combination of the stirring tune, the family memories and the association with the land where I was born, and the words which speak to me of moving into God's promises with trust, which all combine to make this hymn a favourite. But it wouldn't do for all occasions.

There are words and phrases in some hymns that I find so beautiful and which somehow bring me into a deep awareness of God:

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt
to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!*

(John Greenleaf Whittier)

*... for the wonders
that astound us
for the truths
that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us.
thanks be to God.
(Frederick Pratt Green)*

And whereas it's in large part the music that draws me to *Lord of the dance*, the words "I am the dance and I still go on" always give me a thrill, speaking to me so clearly of resurrection.

There are other hymns which I appreciate for the opportunity they give to express commitment to serving God and the world, both personally and as community: *Here I am Lord; Brother, Sister let me serve you; Sent by the Lord am I* and hymns which have been sources of deep comfort for me and others: *Comfort, comfort all my people* and *Be still my soul*.

Whatever the reason your favourites are your favourites, may singing hymns bring you deeper into relationship with God, and sustain you in your discipleship.

Grace and peace

Diane

Queen's Birthday Honours

The Morialta community joins with David Lockett's family and colleagues to congratulate him on the honour conferred in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2010.

The citation reads:
"For service to music as a concert pianist, educator and researcher, and as an advocate and supporter of Australian music and composers."

Of course, the Morialta community is well aware of David's commitment to and love of music, but may not be aware of the breadth of experience he brings to his craft. Emeritus Professor of Music with the Music Faculty of the University of Adelaide, David's involvement with piano over more than 50 years has brought recognition from many sources both local and international. For those with access to the internet the link below may prove most instructive; <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/directory/david.lockett>

Suffice to say, the list of individual achievements

and honours, attributed to David, do not come without hard work and a love for his calling.

The whole church community stands in pride with a worthy recipient of such a well deserved honour as Dr. David Lockett AM.



In conclusion, in acknowledging this accolade we would also like to recognize other recipients in this years Queen's Birthday Honours. Max Amber, brother to Rhonda, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to Local Government and the community of Campbelltown. Further, those who have been involved with activities in the wider Uniting Church over a number of years will not be surprised that Jan Trengove, a Past Moderator, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the Uniting Church and her community. Our hearty congratulations go to Max Amber and Jan Trengove!

David Purling writes ...

It is now a few months since I wrote, the reason being, we've been away! As most of you know we had eight weeks away, visiting our friends in the UK for seven of those weeks, and then one week in New York to visit our son Kym.



In the picture Judith and I are standing not far from our hotel, with the Empire State building in the background. This picture reminds us that New York is big, busy, exciting and expensive!

However, as well as meeting with Kym, together we were able to go to two shows on Broadway: "Billy Elliot", and "The Jersey Boys", both of which were 'fantastic', but very different.

"Jersey Boys" is a documentary-style musical based on the lives of one of the most successful 1960s rock 'n roll groups, the Four Seasons. Great toe-tapping stuff!

On the other hand, "Billy Elliot", is set in the context of the 1984 Miners' Strike in Northern England. Against this background of an increasingly bitter miners' strike that his elder brother and father are involved in, young Billy Elliot finds he prefers joining in the girls' ballet class at the local hall to the boxing he's there for. Billy Elliot is an eleven year old boy who faces many trials and triumphs as he strives to conquer his family's set ways, inner conflict, and standing on his toes!

Contrast, if you will, New York, with Portmeirion Village, in Wales. We were fortunate to have friends who took us there. We discovered a delightful Italian style village.

A wonderful moment for me was when, on a woodlands walk, we came across some friendly robins, willing to be photographed! I had tried many times in Aylesbury, but they always flew off at the critical moment,

they were so elusive. A friend even called me and told me to get around to their place 'smartish'. We were actually going there for tea.

He was digging in the garden and a robin had come to catch a worm! But when we got there, I missed out again. So imagine my delight to get this little one up really close.

We had to walk gently, and quietly...but then to be rewarded with a close up...Is there a lesson there?



Matthew 6: 26.
As part of the so-called 'Sermon on the Mount' we have words attributed to Jesus -
"Look at the birds of the air..."

Boronia Bennier and her family would like to thank the Morialta church family, and in particular Diane and David, for their love, care and consideration before, during and after the recent loss of Donald, their husband, father, grandfather and brother. This support has meant a great deal to the whole family.

Church Council - Reflection

Cherishing Your Environment

These days we are all much more aware of our environment. Some members of our Church have been giving it particular thought in relation to social justice. We also know that we are dependent upon our environment. Our physical existence is dependent upon warmth, food and oxygen, for example. So when we lack any one of these we die. Cordell and Giebler in their little book "take 10 to grow" propose a growth-producing belief about the environment: "my growth is best promoted by recognising my connectedness with my environment".

Their logic is as follows.

We are psychologically connected to both our social and physical environments. If we are accepted, admired, supported in our social environment, we feel confident and secure. If we live in a supportive physical environment, we feel healthy and energetic. However, if we are attacked and rejected in our social environment or live in an ugly physical environment, we must spend much of our energy just coping with or defending ourselves against potential dangers. Think about your environments for a moment. Are they supportive or are they enfeebling? Do your environments help or hinder?

There is another important way that we are connected to our environment. We cause things to happen in it. Our actions can affect our social environment by causing people to treat us in either supportive or non-supportive ways. How we manage our physical

environment can be either supportive or non-supportive of our growth. If we choose to live with disorder and chaos, we may find ourselves thinking and acting in disordered ways. Living with ugliness may cause us to feel ugly. We are part of our physical environment and that means that we can develop a love or hate relationship with it. So for consideration: What do my clothes say about me? How do my living quarters reflect my feelings about myself? (Are they usually clean or messy? Colourful or drab? Inviting or intimidating to others?) What do I say or do that makes others support or reject me?

But there is yet another, more elusive relationship that we have with our environment. We find meaning and fulfilment in our life according to what we expect from our environment. If we expect that only a "perfect" environment will fulfil our life, then we are bound to be disappointed. Some people may think of fulfilment as living in a little red-brick house with a white picket fence and a car in the garage. Others might see fulfilment in a splendid penthouse apartment. But fulfilment and contentment come only when we have a sense of confidence in dealing with reality, and when we establish a loving and creative relationship with our environment. We then create fulfilment with ourselves. A positive environment merely supports it and adds to it. Intentional personal growth involves developing our human potential and creating the best physical surroundings that we can. Fully functioning individuals love themselves and their surroundings. They demonstrate it by making the most of themselves and their environment.

Robert Penhall

From the Chairperson

All things come to those who wait.
(Luke 12:35-48.)

As you will all know we have been waiting for progress on the access to the front of the church buildings.

The congregation agreed to the money being expended some time ago and we have been in conversation with Paul Gillett over many, many months.

The first quote came back at a cost that was too high, and then the Global Financial Crisis happened.

Throughout the whole time the need for the slope to be moderated and easier access to the front of the church to be achieved has continued to exercise people's thoughts.

Earlier this year we modified the scope of the works and went to Tender again. Once again Paul went above and beyond to help Morialta.

The Tenders are now in and it is really terrific to be able to report that the project will be going ahead. If you would like to have a look at the plans and papers they are available through the Church Office.

With any luck the project will be completed with a minimum disruption, but there will be more information about that when we have made arrangements for a commencement date.

Hospitality is an important attribute of our congregation and improving access to the property for everyone will certainly improve the way we show it!

Thank you for all your patience and support!

Bruce



From Christine Ostle

It is a pleasant experience to turn on my computer and open the email at the moment.

My daily experience is to receive enthusiastic responses from those who have received our Community Garden flyer in their letterboxes. Most of those who have responded to the flyer are not simply keen, but are overjoyed about the prospect of a garden in this area.

Having our proposal accepted by the Burnside Council and then establishing the garden will be a lengthy process but the initial enthusiasm suggests that there is a strong community desire for such a garden.

I wish to thank all those who walked the streets with the flyers.

Other work of the Community Centre continues. We have received some Job Seeker volunteers who have been working along side our own volunteers. The UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide small group is functioning well and the Carer Support group are happily settled in our venue. The Alzheimer's Society are soon to hold an information session and a small group support session on our premises. Playgroup is running smoothly while we discern more long term leadership solutions.

I attended a conference with the Community and Neighborhood Houses Association. It was a very worthwhile time. I met many Community Centre Coordinators and heard people speak about many aspects of community work.

I continue to enjoy the work of Community Centre Coordinator and greatly appreciate the support I receive from the people of the congregation.

Morialta - a desirable place to be

An update on uses of our property now and possibly in the future...

We are very fortunate to have good premises and, thanks to everyone, they are well kept. They are becoming known to others by word of mouth, and unexpected serendipitous contacts.

In addition to the Square Dance Clubs, ACH-Social Links, and Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide, and Keep Fit, we have bookings for Alzheimer's Association, a string of auditions for a musical theatre group, a bush dance for young music students, their families and friends, scheduled for later in the year, and other one-off and continuous period events.

Of course, expanding our church activities with hiring of our premises and supporting groups which use them, has two benefits: firstly, it brings income which can be directed into supporting Morialta's mission. Secondly, it brings us into contact with wider groups of people who gain some sense of our church community – some small and some greater.

It also brings with it challenges which are prompting us to think and engage in problem solving, for example, in storage of furniture and equipment, in lighting and in other user-friendly matters.



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The need for signage on our building is an important matter. This has been highlighted, both by our increased activity in programs and development of the Community Centre, and in the possible development of a Community Garden. We need to be clearly recognised as Morialta Community Centre, and to have programs identified to catch the eye of passers by. We need to be seen to be in action, and engaged in mission. To this end, a bold poster with our Community Centre logo is now looking out from the foyer windows.

In addition, Church Council will pursue possibilities for clearer external signage with a keen intention to develop this as part of our upgraded street-scape. What better time to think about it, than in conjunction with the upgrade of the Forecourt!

Mary.

Life is a dance from one stage to the next



Going Solar

Australia is blessed with the highest average solar radiation of any continent. Sufficient sunlight falls on Australia to supply our total energy needs, and it can be provided at peak times in hot weather, when our air conditioners are turned on.

A mix of wind turbines and solar photovoltaic panels could provide 80% of New York's power and one third of the state of Ohio's needs (Scientific American, April 2010). At the end of 2008 Germany led the world in using solar panels, followed by Spain, Japan and the USA – between them having about 80% of the world's installed capacity.

The benefits of a solar system include "free" energy once the system has been purchased, no greenhouse gases are generated and the operation is silent. The surplus can be fed back into the grid, for which there is a "feed in" tariff for the surplus, which electricity retailers must purchase. The systems should last for 20 - 30 years.

Morialta's average daily consumption is 142kW hours. A 6kW system would provide 24 kW hours per day and reduce our demand by about 17%. Electricity prices will rise by 20 - 40% in the next 2 - 3 years (The Australian, 29 April), so the time is right to go solar.

Bill Matheson
For the Social Justice Ministry Team

Hymns and Songs We love

It's Not Too Late

Arthur Tideman, Jenny Hancock, and Margaret Johnston say THANK YOU for the responses which came into the white box – and because this was raising interest, they decided to give an extension of time for lodging your 10 most loved.

Response papers have been available in the hall foyer, or can be picked up at the Church Office.

Please take this opportunity to make a contribution to this interesting Morialta survey. It's not too late! If you could put your completed paper in the box by 11 July we will have an even richer collection to contemplate.

Property Project

We are in the process of reorganising the way we do maintenance and repairs of our various properties. In recent years this work has been done by a small group of capable and dedicated people, none of whom is Peter Pan. As age increases, stamina, strength, balance and other physical attributes necessary for much of this work decrease.

We are looking to spread the work over a greater number of people so that each person is only called on to do a little. It would be good if every able-bodied person in the church was prepared to put their name down to take on a particular type of task that suited their abilities, perhaps three or four times a year, perhaps only once.

- We have divided these types of tasks into six categories.
- Minor electrical: eg. changing light bulbs, checking circuit breakers.
- Minor plumbing: eg. Fixing dripping taps. checking gutters.
- General building: eg. Freeing sticking doors and windows, Air/con service.
- Gardening: eg. Pruning, planting and removal, irrigation repairs.
- Painting/cleaning: eg annual tidying and spruce up.
- Odd jobs: eg. Termite inspection, trailer service.

A sheet with these categories is now on the notice board in the foyer. Please add your name to those already there. Your help is needed and it will be valued.

Thanks
Chris Ayles

History Week



At Morialta we enjoyed a heart-warming session beginning with reminiscence and story-telling by Rev Rob Davis. Interviewed by John Powers, Rob had a rich fund of

memories and personal experiences to share – of his childhood in the area, his ministry in this church and the growing and changing community. The very responsive group which attended were delighted and well rewarded with this opportunity to look back and reflect on the context of our present. Thank you to Rob and to Vivienne who accompanied and supported him.

Thanks also to John for his insight and interviewing style. (Some thought it akin to Parky!)



Paper Team In action again!

Tuesday 2 June saw the most recent loading and delivery of paper to Lonsdale. Team work, technology, tremendous truck, off-loading one tonne every six minutes and raising \$750 in funds!



Opposition leaves Christian values behind

Insights updates: May 27, 2010

The use of asylum seekers for political point-scoring has now reached a new low, according to leaders of the Uniting Church who are horrified by the most recent remarks and policy announcement by the Opposition.



The President of the Uniting Church, the Rev. Alistair Macrae said, "While the shock jocks who enjoy whipping up a frenzy at the expense of vulnerable people may find [Shadow Immigration spokesman] Mr Morrison's language appealing, it is inappropriate to be developing public policy that takes 'aim' at people."

Mr Macrae said, "The image of a stable, peaceful and democratic government armed with 'bows and arrows' aimed at defenceless people seeking freedom and protection is callous, violent and extremely irresponsible. It is a shocking demonstration of how deep the Opposition is prepared to sink in order to harness a few votes.

"Mr Abbott and Mr Morrison, who both proudly proclaim their Christian faith, have lost sight of the core of that faith – 'love your neighbour' and 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you'. They have failed to demonstrate any commitment to one of the Judeo-Christian tradition's most enduring directives – 'welcome the stranger'.

"Mr Abbott and Mr Morrison have abandoned not only Christian values but basic human decency in a return to policies which punish already vulnerable people. The Rudd Government put an end to Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) and Bridging Visas without family reunion because it was the right thing to do. These old policies of the previous Howard Government caused harm and the Opposition knows it."

Mr Macrae said, "Asylum seekers whose claims for refugee protection have been granted have a right to be with their families, away from the persecution they were fleeing.

"Refugees who have suffered torture and persecution, and those who have had family members disappear or been

murdered or imprisoned may not be well enough to work or to work for the dole.

"We are talking about people who often need to be treated for such conditions as post-traumatic stress and severe trauma. Callous and punitive policies such as this are not the mark of a fair, decent and progressive country.

"There is nothing to fear from reaching out a helping hand to those in need. In fact, when Australia has acted with decency in the past, we have been repaid many times over. We have helped many people fleeing from persecution and conflict in the past – East Timorese, Kosovars, Vietnamese, Jews – and our society is now richer for their presence and their legacy.

"We can only hope and pray that our politicians rediscover some basic human decency, and quickly, before more lives are unnecessarily destroyed."

From Insights Archives, a site created and maintained by Uniting Creative Feedback: insights@nsw.uca.org.au. Insights, the official publication of the Synod of New South Wales and the ACT, and part of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Multi-cultural Ministries in the Uniting Church in South Australia



Andrew Clarke was recently appointed to Multi-cultural Ministries in the Urban Mission Network of the Uniting Church SA. On Monday 14 June, the Advertiser, in Articles of Faith, published an item, *Reflect on attitude to refugees*.

It reported: 'ANTI-REFUGEE attitudes appear to be growing in the community, the Uniting Church says.

Multicultural ministries project officer Andrew Clarke said: "There seems to be a groundswell of anti-refugee sentiment I find really disappointing. We now have a situation where the Government says if you are Sri Lankan they won't assess you for three months; if you're from Afghanistan, the wait is six months.

"Why are we punishing innocent people simply trying to find a better life for themselves?"

Mr Clarke said it was well documented about 90 percent of all asylum seekers proved genuine refugees. "I know people who have been detained in Australia for six or seven years – this leads directly to ongoing mental health issues. Australia has a

population of 22 million. Why are we so scared of accepting a few thousand people?"

It went on to say, 'Mr Clarke said in his role he was able to provide one-on-one support for refugees and migrants.

Philip Pawa was one refugee Mr Clarke helped. Mr Pawa fled his home country of Liberia more than five years ago, becoming a refugee in Guinea. "Through the help of Uniting Church I came out here three months ago, after a three-year process," Mr Pawa said. "I'm very happy to be here but I worry about my wife (still in Guinea). I want her here as soon as possible."

May those who are broken find wholeness here,
and those who are lost find a home.

May we hear words that call us to share ourselves with
others
in ways which bring life and hope.

May compassion touch us
and bring us a vision of how our world can be
if we all love and respect one another.

Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment,
That you love one another,
just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another."
So go out in love,
and find ways to love all whom you meet.
And in so doing,
may others know
that you are his disciples.



If only I could have bribed the judge



And...the Gold Logie goes to the cast and crew of "All at Sea" for their wonderful performance of high quality fine dining and entertainment. You all deserve three hearty cheers!

Marie E.

And the judgement...



So there we have it - Maggots 'n' Beer!!!



I don't do relax



Thank you for all the hard work to make Friday night such a success. We were over-awed at the visual and sound effects all around us and we so enjoyed the hilarious entertainment and delicious food. It would have been hours of work that went on behind the scenes. Thank you for our excellent seats - we were a bit spoilt!

Ruth Dunning



I was fortunate enough to attend a performance of the Morialta Music Hall's "All at Sea" last night, and what a grand occasion it was! From the gangplank to the curls of white foam on the waves, there was an overwhelming nautical ambience that swept us all away to the world of wide, roaming seas and salt spray.

Stunning visuals on the screen and outstanding sound effects added to what was excellently prepared, carefully written and beautifully and lovingly performed. As well as the feast on the stage, a delectable meal was served through the evening with skill and finesse.

Every detail had been attended to with the utmost scrupulousness, resulting in an evening that was not only enjoyable, but warm and, oh so friendly.

What a wealth of diverse talent! Thank you, my friends, I am proud of you.

Cynthia Story

That's not a man - that's a woman. This can only mean trouble on the ship. What will be the punishment for this man, I mean woman? Walk the plank



For I am a Pirate King! And it is, it is a glorious thing To be a Pirate King!



I'm Thelma anyways.
Ah, Telma. Please to meet.
That's Thelma, actually.
Thuh. Thuh! Thelma.



Strike me pink, Silvia, that's a girl's name. Ya can't go round calling yourself Silvia. I think we betta call ya ... Bruce!
Tha'll help with your assimilation.

... the production was a great success

Congratulations!

... to Emily Johnson who has been selected in the 13 and Under SAUCNA State Representative team for the National Carnival in Townsville in October.

And also to ...

Tanya Matheson, third daughter of Bill and Doreen Matheson, has been awarded the 2010 Victoria University medal for excellence in vocational education in the Faculty of Workforce Development. The medals are awarded to students who have achieved excellence for results attained and/or overall performance and/or leadership over the duration of the course. Tanya recently completed a Diploma in Fine Arts and is currently studying for a Masters in Curating.



Norwood Morialta High School Musical 2010 Disney's Beauty and the Beast

As the school is celebrating its centenary this year, there were seven shows. Katrina Mackenzie starred as a "Silly Girl" and, believe it or not, a Napkin. Lachlan Mackenzie participated as the head sound person. The costumes were of a very high standard and the Musical was a great success.



Katrina, as a napkin, with friends.

High School Cabaret

Katrina Mackenzie was one of eight students from Norwood Morialta HS involved in two one-hour shows of *High School Cabaret* on 20th June 2010 which is part of the Adelaide Cabaret Festival. The students have worked with David Campbell, the Festival's Artistic Director, to put the show together and the group appeared on Channel 7's Today Tonight program a week ago.

With time, women gain weight because we accumulate so much information and wisdom in our heads that when there is no more room, it distributes out to the rest of our bodies. So we aren't heavy, we are enormously cultured, educated and happy.



A friend is someone who thinks you're a good egg even though you're slightly cracked.

Birthday Celebrations this week

Friendship Centre is 28 years old and Coffee Corner turns 18.
Happy days and years!
And we hear that **Craig Mackenzie** now has a half-century on the board!
Happy Birthday, Craig!
And **Jill Freear**, too...
Win Bull is in double figures at 88 years.

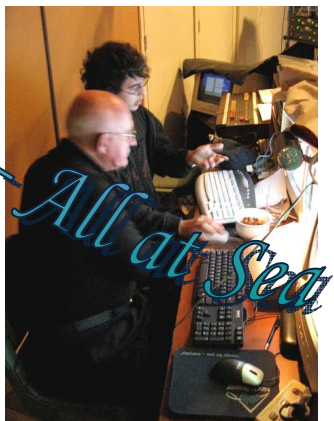
Happy Birthdays All



Over 80s Afternoon Tea
Everyone brought a precious memento to talk about and to share with others. Enjoyed by all!



Behind the scenes



All at Sea

Thank you to all who performed, participated and produced the show and the dinner, and to the fantastic audiences over the two nights.

From the Eulogy 22 April 2010



Gladys Joyce Esther Williams, or Glad as she preferred to be called, was born on 27th June 1921 to William Frederick Williams and Esther Victoria Williams. Glad was the youngest of four children.

When she was born her brother Horace was already aged seventeen. Brother George was fifteen years older and her sister, Rita, was thirteen years older than Glad. William and Esther fostered Iris as a baby and she became Glad's little sister about twelve years later.

Glad was born in Essendon and her father share-farmed on a dairy at Westmere and Dandenong. When her father and brother George set off to clear a block in the Victorian Mallee at Meringur, about fifty miles west of Mildura, Glad's mum and sister, Rita, stayed at Essendon and ran a boarding house and home made cake shop to provide funds. Glad helped when she wasn't at Essendon school.

Eventually all the girls moved to the mallee and Glad attended Kurnwill School. At about eight years old her father bought her a grey pony called Tommy. Glad rode Tommy to school and had lots of adventures riding (and falling off), and as she would say later, Tommy was well educated in wisdom and shrewdness long before Glad owned him.

Glad would help by carting water tanks on a sled behind the horses, separate the milk and cream to make butter, collect eggs from the hundreds of fowls and help take the vegetables her mother grew, washed and bunched, with all the other produce to the train bound for Mildura markets.

Glad's Auntie May had taught her a few notes on the organ at Essendon and Glad continued to learn at Meringur. Her music teacher, Winnie Pearce, would come to the house or Glad would ride and push her bike through the sand hills for five miles to have the lessons. Glad achieved her music degrees and went on to teach piano at the local hall every Saturday.

Little did Glad know that when her sister Rita married a Clarrie Mason in 1937, that she would marry Clarrie's brother, Stan Mason, ten years later in 1947. Stan brought to the marriage a young family of Kevin, Lorraine, Phyllis and Coral, all of whom Glad regarded as her own, although they were not much younger than she.

In 1950 Stan and Glad moved to Gymbowen, thirty miles this side of Horsham, with baby Joy. Ken was born a few years later.

Glad helped Stan who drove a school bus. Glad would take the car and collect a few school children from more remote farms and meet Stan with the bus on the way to and from school. Twice a week she would take the car and deliver papers, mail and bread to outlying farms. It was on those trips she taught both Joy and Ken to drive. Joy remembers speeding along in first gear at the tender age of twelve!

Glad was active in the Goroke Church, seven miles away, but by then they had a car. She was a Sunday School teacher and superintendent and involved in all church and Country Women's activities. She participated in the floral art club and had a lovely garden of flowers and vegetables.

Glad would often drive Ken to guitar lessons in Horsham thirty miles away and pick up Joy from boarding college at Hamilton at the end of terms. She cared for Stan who was often ill from the effects of malaria which he had contracted in World War II. When Stan retired in 1968 they came to Adelaide and bought a house at Magill. Glad had suffered badly with asthma, so the drier climate of Adelaide was appealing. They became regulars at this church and again Glad taught and was Superintendent of the Sunday School and involved in the flower roster, prayer groups, and as an Elder in the church. Glad was a keen gardener and she believed that to work in the garden was to walk with God.

Stan and Glad had five happy years at Bennett Crescent together, seeing Joy begin her teaching career and Ken in a position in John Martins.

Sadly in 1973 Glad was widowed. Since then she has achieved so much on her own, and shown great personal strength. Glad supported many missions: Leprosy, Bible Society, CFO, Blind Christian Mission, and especially Australian Pacific Christian Mission. She traveled to Papua, New Guinea and Fiji to see missionaries she supported there.

With step daughter, Lorraine, as a companion, or with other friends, she traveled a great deal in Australia and overseas and was tireless in her work with children through Kids Clubs, Good News Clubs, and Bible Study groups, in this and neighbouring churches. Glad was involved with the community as a legacy member and held office at the Norwood Kensington Club. She was a president of the Marryatville Senior Citizens Club and a member of the Norwood Croquet Club. Glad had twenty-eight young Christian students boarding with her over those years to enable them to come from the country and live and study in a Christian environment.

Glad loved her children and her grand children and was looking forward to her own great grandchild. She was proud of all her family and how they lived their lives. She provided a loving home and total unconditional love while they were growing up. She was wonderful at encouraging others in their Christian faith journey and will be remembered fondly by many in this way.

Glad was a keen writer of both prose and poetry and wrote her life story in 1986. She would say that her writing was inspired by God. Glad's wish was that we all come to know Jesus as our Saviour. She was a no fuss lady and was well prepared to meet her Maker.

Glad remained at home as long as she could. This was where she was content. She suffered with arthritis and eventually moved from her home to Resthaven late last year.

**Glad died on the 12th April 2010.
She was 88 years old.**



From the homily by Reverend Diane Bury:

Glad was very clear that being a Christian wasn't something that she just drifted into. It was a choice she made, to trust in God's love given so freely and seen so clearly in the life of Jesus. Glad was a doer but that wasn't to win God's approval or love; she knew she already had that; Glad was a doer because that was how her faith was expressed as she said in one of the prayers she left: "Yes Jesus, I love you and continually ask that your love in me may flow out to those around me, so that they may see that Jesus lives in me."

One of Glad's poems



Oh, to be a servant in this world below,
A servant to each one no matter where I go
At home or in some distant place
Just wherever the Lord gives me a space

I don't wish to be a person really grand
Just someone other folks will understand
I don't want recognition for everything I do
If it's helping, praying or even cleaning out the loo

God taught me when I was very young
From the lessons Jesus gave among
Those who sought to be the first in everything
"It's not me to give" He said for "God is King"

So now as days go by I look around and see
Those who do God's bidding and long to be
A servant kind, obedient, and seek his face
We'll be the ones in heaven, saved by grace.

From Ken, Joy and their families...

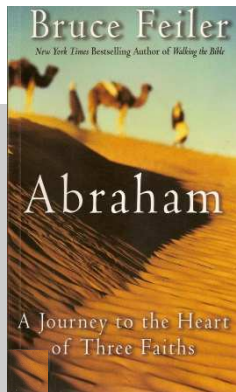
Thank you very much for the support the Morialta church family extended to them at Gladys' passing. Thank you for the cards, prayers and kind thoughts. Glad had attended this church for more than 44 years and if you could count the number of Sundays and Wednesdays she attended it may be more than 5,000 visits!

Glad was keen to see the church garden grow, as well as everyone's belief in God grow. She was touched by the farewell the Church family gave her as she moved to Resthaven. Thank you for that.

The family appreciated the flowers, morning tea, robust singing of Glad's choice of hymns and care from the congregation, at Glad's funeral. We know from your comments we will ALL miss Glad. We are blessed to know that she is in the arms of her Saviour.

**MODESTY -
More Than Fig Leaves**

Gateways members are currently reading together the powerful and universal story of Abraham constructed in the book by Bruce Feiler as a prayerful argument for peace between faiths.



Feiler poses the question to a leading Jewish scholar, Hanan Eschel, "What is the message for peace after September 11?"

The answer was surprising. "It's a question of modesty", he said. "Why do religious people, Jews, Christians and Muslims act as they have done? Because they lack modesty".

Modesty is much more than fig leaves which, anyway, are inadequate for most of us. Modesty requires a well conducted orderly, non-domineering life with a humble estimate of one's merits. As defined by the Oxford Dictionary...'

Modest religious people acknowledge they don't have all the answers. If the people of the Middle East observed modesty, pathways to peace would evolve. Likewise, in our own communities, more modesty would solve many differences.

The wonderful story of Abraham, developed and manipulated over 3000 years is basically about modesty, an underrated word in today's vocabulary. Abraham ventured in faith along the Fertile Crescent without knowing everything about God. Feiler suggests we try to embrace modesty and be an Abraham sharing the foundation of the three religions.

Arthur Tideman

paws for thought ...

I don't know whether people really understand how difficult it is to be a Guide Dog.

I'm supposed to behave myself all the time.

I'm pretty good generally, but recently I have made a few mistakes. When Anne and Bruce were seeing visitors out I noticed there was some food on the coffee table. Usually Anne puts the food up if she doesn't want me to eat it. Because it was there I thought it was for me, and so I ate it.

I love food!

I'm not a mind reader. When they came back in and noticed the empty plate things were a little strained for a while. I don't know why. All they had to do was tell me the White TimTams were not for me!

I wouldn't have eaten them...

Luckily it didn't take too long for the mood to change; I'm a pretty good crawler.



COME.



To High Tea and Literary Delights



Put this date in your diary

Sunday September 12
Morialta UC Community Hall
4pm – 6pm
Bring along a literary delight to share.
Something you have really enjoyed reading,
or something about the delights of tea
drinking/tea party and partake of ribbon
sandwiches, scones jam & cream and cup
cakes delivered on the finest of china.

SEE.



Come, and take some uniting justice
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THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS SET FREE PREACHING WITHOUT ANTI-JUDAISM

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Mal Austin

Why does it seem we feel closer to God when we are immersed in a natural or idyllic or wild setting? Beautifully illustrated meditation.

THE BIBLE: a biography

Karen Armstrong

An eye-opening study of the world's most influential book examines the bible's complex and varied history, the social and political environment in which oral history turned into written scripture.

GOOD AS NEW: A Radical Retelling of the Scriptures (Used by David Purling in our services)

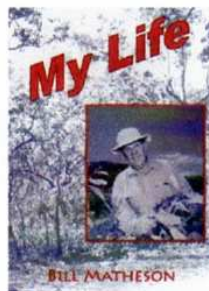
John Henson

This new translation conveys the early Christian scriptures in the idiom of today.

ENJOY.

MY LIFE

Bill Matheson



What a joy!
Such an interesting full happy life Bill has had and he is willing to share it with us.
Thanks Bill.

READ.

WHILE AWAY WINTRY DAYS TUCKED UP WITH A BOOK

WHY BEETHOVEN THREW THE STEW

Steven Isserlis

This book is a unique introduction for children to the world of classical composers and their music.

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Mary Ann Schaffer and Annie Burrows

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Frances Mayes

In this direct sequel to *Under the Tuscan Sun* and *Bella Tuscany*, Frances Mays lyrically chronicles her decades-long love affair with the people, culture and lifestyle of Tuscany.

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Jodi Picoult

When a teenage boy with Asperger's syndrome is arrested for murder, his family face the daunting task of proving his innocence. Jodi's seventeenth novel looks at what it means to be different in our society.

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Stieg Larsson

Ex-security analyst Lisbeth Salander is wanted for murder. Her history of unpredictable and vengeful behaviour makes her an official danger to society – but no-one can find her. The only way Salander can be reached is by computer. But she can break into almost any network she chooses...

PATHS OF GLORY

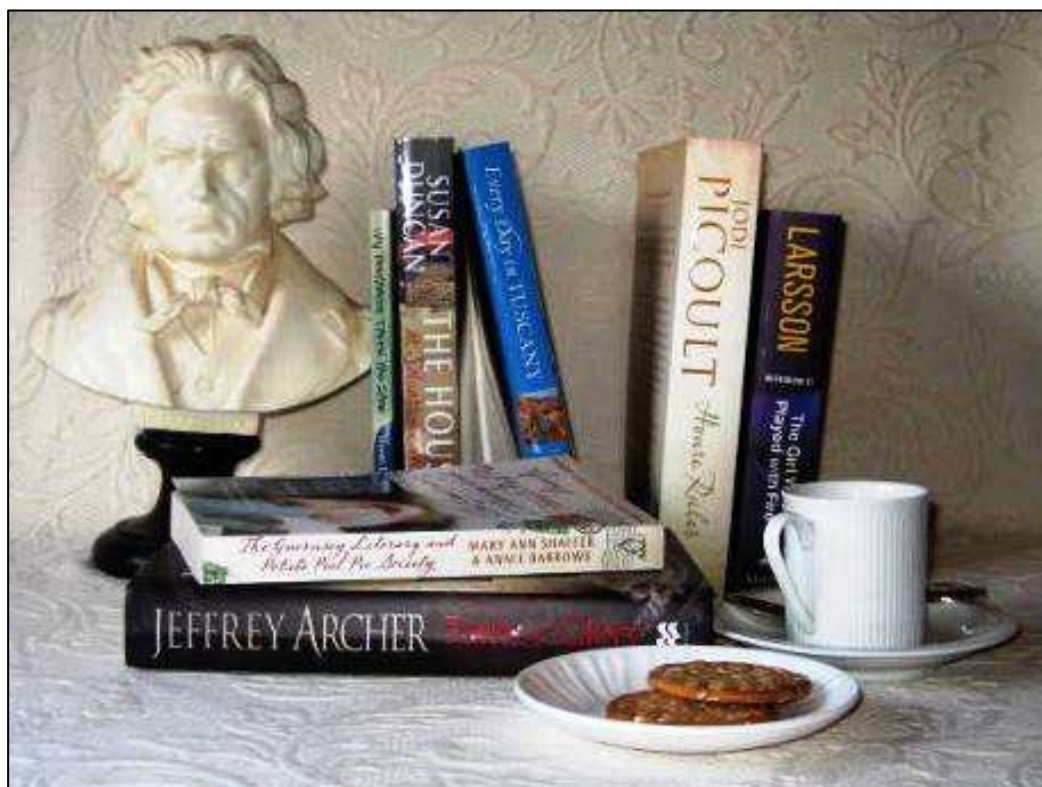
Jeffery Archer

Some people have dreams so outrageous that if they were to achieve them, their place in history would be guaranteed. George Mallory was a man of glorious, dangerous dreams and his story will keep Booklovers guessing to the very last page.

THE HOUSE AT SALVATION CREEK

Susan Duncan

Continuing the story of Susan Duncan's *Salvation Creek*, *The House* picks up after Bob and Susan marry and, two years later moves from her *Tin Shed* into his pale yellow house on the high, rough hill, *Tarrangaua*, built for the iconic Australian poet Dorothea Mackellar.



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May the God who dances in creation,
who embraces us with human love,
who shakes our lives like thunder,
bless us and drive us out with power
to fill the world with justice
and with peace.

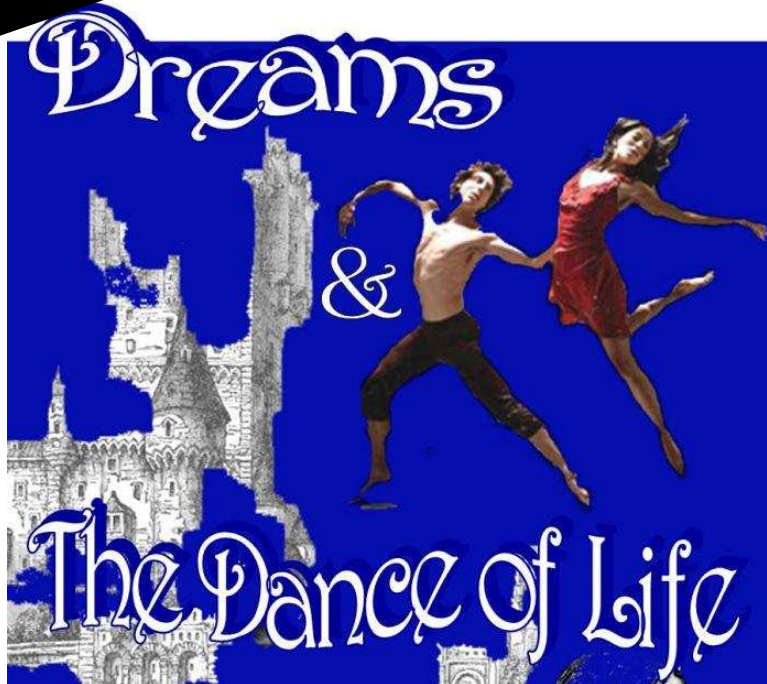
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OR

In hard copy via the Vision pigeon-hole –
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If, in late July, you wish to discuss ideas for
August Vision please contact Helena or
Bruce, as Mary will be on leave.

Diary Dates

Sat 25 July 5.00 pm	Pot Luck Tea
Wed 30 August 7.45 pm	Evening Fellowship
Sat 7 August 7.30 pm	Morialta Quiz Night Arranged by Y & YA Team
Sun 8 August 2.00 pm	Heaven Knows – A Capella Mission Projects Concert
Sun 15 August 9.30 am	Combined Service & Meeting of Congregation
Sun 22 August 11.30 am	Magill Inter-Church Council Christian Pastoral Support Workers Gathering and Lunch
Sun 29 August 5.00 pm	Pot Luck Tea

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