



Morialta Vision



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From the Minister

Dear Friends,

As we enter into the second year of our current Stewardship program, *Winds of the Spirit*, let's revisit some of what we explored about stewardship just over a year ago.

Stewardship is not a peculiarly religious concept. A steward is anyone who manages the property or affairs for another person or a group of people, not for the benefit of the steward, but for the benefit of those who have put their trust in them.

We hand over money to superannuation companies trusting that they will manage those funds well on our behalf. We elect governments to be stewards of our nation's future, our state's future. We expect them to govern, to lead to use the resources under their control for the benefit of all, to build the future of all.

We act as stewards for our children, while they are young, managing our family finances to take into account that, what we as parents own, is in part theirs too, and needs to be used for their benefit, to bring about a good future for them.

When we start talking about stewardship in church we are reminded that we hold what we

hold, not for our benefit alone, but for the benefit of God's future, God's vision. Stewardship asks us to remember that all that we are and have arises from the Ultimate Source of being that we call God:

The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psalm 24:1).

Stewardship reminds us of the responsibility we owe as bearers of God's life, for the time we are given, the skills or talents that are part of who we are, and for the possessions and wealth that we own.

Stewardship is not just asking us to "put aside some money for the church" or "make sure we allow some time for spiritual matters" (although these are both incredibly important things). It is asking us to be conscious of the way we use all our money, the way we use all our time and exercise the skills we have. There is no decision that is not part of how we respond to God's generosity to us and God's call to us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

May the *Winds of the Spirit* move us into God's future where God's goodness is shared generously with all.

Diane

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From the Chairperson

Omelettes are easy to make once the egg shells are cracked and it seems that it's the same for Driveway Drop Offs as well. It is true that we still have some work to do and there is a problem for some of the cars that enter the Church property, but overwhelmingly the work that has been completed has lifted the front of the property.



While members of the congregation have been thanked for their forbearance already it is important to re-iterate those

sentiments. By leaving the workers to their work the job was completed quickly and professionally. Once the lights are installed and the garden is landscaped the true scope of the improvement will be appreciated.



The slope of the pavement at the front of the church is much gentler and safer to traverse and there is now a flat path for people with walkers and gophers as well as members arriving by bus to use.



However, the new works are only part of the challenge for us all. While it is much easier to get to the front door it still important for us to provide the warm and welcoming environment we appreciate when we go into new places ourselves.

Bruce



MIGHTY MAGILL Christmas MARKET

Sat 20 November 9.00 am—3.00 pm



David Purling writes ...

Since I began writing 'David Purling writes', I have usually included a picture or two. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, but sometimes you need just a few words to say something about the picture.



I took these particular pictures following the trail from Waterfall Gully to Mount Lofty. There is a family at our Church who do this particular exercise more than a few times. I had spoken with them and said

how much I would like to do it sometime.

Well the opportunity to do so came up, but not with them. Another friend, who shall remain nameless, but does look after the data projection roster!

I must confess that the sight of these Falls, when I have loved seeing Morialta Falls, was something of a thrill. There is something about that water cascading over the rocks that just 'gets you in'.

Of course these days, with a digital camera, it is easy to just point and shoot, and then you can edit, and adjust the result on the computer at home. It wasn't so easy when you had a Box Brownie! Do you remember when you had to wait until the film was developed at the Chemist's? Even with the 35mm, you still relied on the professionals to get the results of your photography for you. I have a friend who developed his own photos and I took it up by borrowing his enlarger and using the bathroom as a darkroom, pinning a blanket up to the window to block out the light. Ah yes, they were the days!

Doesn't the technology now give us so much more ability to get good results? On the other hand, you can spend a lot of time adjusting the results of your photography, just to get that perfect picture.



They say the camera never lies! We know that many digitally enhanced images appear in magazines and newspapers, and tricks can certainly be played.

These images remind me that although we can produce the technology to capture such scenes, never-the-less, we ought not to take for granted that which we are capturing!

We might do well to express our gratitude, and say with the Psalmist: **"When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?"** (Psalm 8:3-4)

Church Council Worship

As followers of Christ we often talk about the life and teachings of Jesus as the basis for the type of life we aspire to lead ourselves, albeit in a setting 2000 years removed from his. When we consider his teachings, things like the Sermon on the Mount, the parables and his answers to questions spring to mind. When we consider his life it is often major or frequent events like overturning the tables of the greedy temple traders, his compassion for the sick and outcast, withdrawing for respite and prayer and going to the cross that capture our imagination and awe.

I think though, that there is another more subtle level of his actions that we can find instructive, inspiring and applicable in our own lives. If we look at some of the well-known accounts of Jesus responding to challenging questions such as: Should we pay taxes to Caesar? What is permissible "work" on the Sabbath? How should I respond when I am attacked or wronged? Or should we stone this woman caught in adultery? I think we tend to concentrate on the content of his responses. And clearly the content is crucial. I don't wish to diminish its importance in any way. But I think it is also valuable to look at the way he dealt with these issues. The process he took his listeners through to bring them to his ultimate point.

I see him using strategies such as:

Going beyond a simple "yes or no", "black or white", "right or wrong" view of the situation, but rather presenting a third, more creative option. If we can see both sides of an argument perhaps it would be helpful to think a bit further, looking for a different perspective, a more novel approach, a third way.

Looking beyond the rule itself to the reasons (and they are usually good reasons) the rule was made and still exists. I think he is showing us we should try to apply the sense of the law rather than the letter of the law, particularly where natural or social justice may be violated by a strict literal interpretation.

When confronted with an adamant or clichéd point of view, try to get the people you are in conversation or dispute with to think again or differently about what they are saying. Get them to clarify or explain the belief they hold and why they hold it. This can result in increased understanding by both sides and can reduce any apparent difference between the views. It can defuse a volatile situation. It can convert heat into light.

Particularly towards the end of his ministry he had people trying to trap him into saying

the "wrong thing", with trick questions, but he did not get sucked in with trivia or diversions. He cut through the extraneous to the real issue.

The bible does have the reputation of being a great source of comedy, but I see in the way Jesus did some things, a dry, droll sense of humour. Let me paraphrase the story of the woman caught in adultery to illustrate my point.

A group brought a woman, caught in the act of adultery, to Jesus to test him on whether he would agree that she should receive the traditional punishment of stoning. So he bent down and doodled in the dirt. The group became more insistent so he got up and suggested that anyone who had never sinned himself should throw the first stone. He then bent back down and went on doodling. After a while he got up, looked around and said to the woman, Oh, looks like they've all gone, didn't any of them decide to have a go at you?

My apologies to the purists, but I can't help thinking that Jesus may have a wry grin on his face as he saw this outcome and dismissed the woman. Gentle humour is another good way of defusing a tricky situation.

Chris Ayles

From Christine Ostle



In a former life I was a primary school teacher. When I began training for ministry I thought I had left the teacher role behind. Over the years I have discovered that the “educator” within me is still a strong focus. I have much fulfillment in the educative roles that I have as Community Centre Coordinator.

Assisting Job Seekers to gain self-confidence and build skills brings rewards. Talking with parents at Playgroup about the development of their children gives me encouragement and they appreciate our support.

Supervising TAFE Students is also a rewarding role and their placement at Morialta benefits our activities. Last year Sina gave valued assistance in the Playgroup, on Wednesdays and in preparing the Market and Exhibition. This year Jan has written a number of articles about our community outreach which we hope will be published and continue telling our story in the community.

Soon we will have a Seniors’ Internet Program where members of the local community will be invited to come and use our newly acquired, free of charge, computers to learn about internet and email. This will be a great service that we offer to the local community.

Progress is being made toward the establishment of a Community Garden across the road from the Church. I look forward to engaging with members of the local community as we all learn together about the joys of producing food. Having been a non-gardener up until this year and now being married to a man who is a keen gardener I have been on my own learning curve with regard to plants and gardening. Education is best when it is a mutual process of learning.



Jan Angelo



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jan Angelo. I am currently studying Level 4 Community Services at TAFE Gilles Plains Campus.

Originally from the UK, I have only been in Australia for two years. After meeting my husband on holiday in Broome some five years ago, I decided to emigrate to Australia, marry, and start a new life.

My background is varied and extensive including: Coordinating a Mental Health Project, which incorporated the development of a Community Garden, Adult Education Teacher and working as an Events Coordinator.

Part of my course requires me to work in the community to gain experience, and put in to

practice all the skills I have learnt. Christine has very kindly taken me under her wing and is sharing her days with me showing me all the areas in which she is involved.

To date I have completed over 100 hours on my placement, and have attended numerous community events and forums, and worked alongside Christine and the team in helping to develop the Community Centre.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Morialta and its team of staff and volunteers for welcoming me so warmly and allowing me the freedom to express my own ideas and opinions, and for the respect I have received when sharing these.

On reflection, as I work towards the end of my official placement hours, I can see how my skills have developed, my confidence increased, and my passion for community grown! My hope is that at the end of my placement I can continue to volunteer at Morialta as I have become very fond of everyone involved and feel like I have found an extended family!

Broadband for Seniors



An exciting opportunity arose some weeks ago for us to apply for two new computers for seniors to use under from the Government’s *Broadband for Seniors* initiative. The Australian Government committed \$15 million over 3 years for 2000 Internet Kiosks. The project aims to provide seniors with free access to broadband to help gain confidence using computer technology and to build community participation and social inclusion amongst older Australians. It will enable seniors to learn, at no cost and using an online training package with the assistance of a facilitator, how to use a computer, access the internet and communicate with friends and family via email.

After being encouraged to pursue this opportunity by the Community Centre

Mission Ministry Team we are happy to say that we were successful in our application. We are now awaiting the delivery of two new computers to Morialta Community Centre! The chairs and desks that are part of the package are already with us.

Over the coming weeks the computers will become available for use by all people over the age of 50 years in our Seniors Internet Cafe. We are currently in the process of clarifying all the operational details of the program and will share these with you.

If you are interested in volunteering some time to help facilitate this program, please speak to Christine Ostle.

Jan Angelo

United Friends



Have you visited the KUCA room recently? On the southern wall we have the addition of a beautiful wall hanging; this has been produced over a number of weeks by a Uniting Care Wesley community group who are known as ‘United Friends’. Ian and Rosalie from Uniting Care Wesley run a life skills session for people with intellectual disability. They used the ‘uniting theme’ to come up with this colorful piece of work, and donated this for all to share! A very talented group indeed!

ENABLING MINISTRY



Stewardship is one of those words in church life that is most often equated with 'raising funds and balancing the books'. In fact the words steward and stewardship are most often found in the bible in the context of the kingdom of God

breaking into the world. Jesus' vision of the kingdom of God is a central principle of Christian living. Jesus was the faithful steward who aligned his life and ministry with the kingdom of God, a reality to be experienced now and eternally. Ultimately, stewardship is everything we do, with all we have, to accomplish our God-given mission, both individually and congregationally. Christian stewards are those who align their lives and ministries with God's intention for the world.

A key to stewardship is to grow and practice generosity. A faithful disciple gives time, skill, money and influence to bring the good news of God's kingdom to people. The giving path runs parallel to a Christian's spiritual journey. Progress along the giving path reflects progress in a person's spiritual journey and vice versa. They are inseparable tracks.

Generosity happens in many ways, through hands on activities, where people contribute time, skills and relationship building in the life of the church and community. Volunteers are perhaps the most significant part of enabling ministry to

happen by expressing their generosity in practical ways.

When we plan to be generous financially we need to decide how much, how often, and to whom we will give and put it in our personal budget. When we find we have achieved what we set out to give, we can challenge ourselves by asking 'can I be more generous than this?' and then take the next step of making an increase.

When we practice generosity it is important that we are satisfied that our gifts are being spent well or put to good use as we intended whether it be financial or time and skills. Regular reporting on progress is an important part of accountability from all those to whom we give, whether it is the church or outside charities or causes. Look for regular progress reports on projects and finances. Communicating well is good practice and encourages generosity and good will.

Over the last 100 years the word 'stewardship' has been linked to pledging support for a church's budget. Generosity, unlike stewardship has no limits. The words steward and stewardship describe a role, a position, and a responsibility for Christians. Generosity describes a trait, a behaviour, and a characteristic. While older members remain faithful in their giving as stewardship, younger and newer members respond more readily to generosity as a giving guideline. Language changes with generations so that, for example, income and expenses becomes contributions and costs.

Social events can raise awareness of situations and needs at the same time as having fun and raising funds. Often small contributions when added together can amount to a substantial gift for a particular purpose.

Some people are in a position to make substantial personal gifts through bequests or major sponsorship. In addition, funds are sometimes available through community grants for a limited duration and for a specific use.

As you can see there are many ways to enable ministry to happen. Let us always remember to celebrate the generosity of our members, the thousands of volunteer hours, our attractive and functional facilities, our creative ministries, the strong and supportive relationships, and time spent in prayer and faithful participation.

"And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause." 2 Corinthians 9:8

We give thanks for God's grace and abundance.

This article was written by Christine Garner using material from Ten Best Practices for Funding Ministry, Ruben Swint, Australian Leadership, Volume 3, Issue 2, 2010, MediaCom

Generosity happens in many ways.

Volunteers

enabling ministry to happen....in practical ways.

Morialta is richly blessed with the generosity of skilled and compassionate volunteers:

Painting, tiling, media managing, mowing, caring, serving, building computers.



Compassion

“Compassion doesn’t mean feeling sorry for others. It doesn’t mean pity. It means putting yourself in the position of others. Learning about their grievances.”

These are the words of Karen Armstrong, the famous author of 20 books and a scholar of societies whose examination of the commonalities of the world’s religions had brought her back again and again to the notion of compassion. Such is her passion that she has launched on the internet a Charter for Compassion. Google “Karen Armstrong, Compassion, Charter”, and you can join more than 60,000 people from around the world who have affirmed the Charter.

Compassion is the best idea humanity has ever had.

The Charter

The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves. Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect.

It is also necessary in both public and private life to refrain consistently and empathically from inflicting pain. To act or speak violently out of spite, chauvinism, or self-interest, to impoverish, exploit or deny basic rights to anybody, and to incite hatred by denigrating others—even our enemies—is a denial of our common humanity. We acknowledge that we have failed to live compassionately and that some have even increased the sum of human misery in the name of religion.

We therefore call upon all men and women ~ to restore compassion to the centre of morality and religion ~ to return to the ancient principle that any interpretation of scripture that breeds violence, hatred or disdain is illegitimate ~ to ensure that youth are given accurate and respectful information about other traditions, religions and cultures ~ to encourage a positive appreciation of cultural and religious diversity ~ to cultivate an informed empathy with the suffering of all human beings—even those regarded as enemies.

We urgently need to make compassion a clear, luminous and dynamic force in our polarized world. Rooted in a principled determination to transcend selfishness, compassion can break down political, dogmatic, ideological and religious boundaries. Born of our deep interdependence, compassion is essential to human relationships and to a fulfilled humanity. It is the path to enlightenment, and indispensable to the creation of a just economy and a peaceful global community.

Arthur Tideman

We are used to talking about an important carpenter in the Story we share, but it is good to see the work of other carpenters around us.

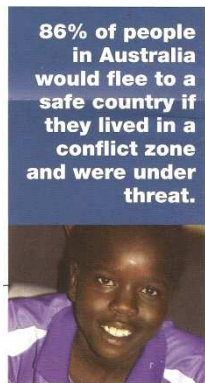
Soon the blinds will be installed on the high windows in the hall and if you have a look at the northern end you can see Peter Thornley’s excellent work in preparation.



Refugees are People like Us

A survey of 1000 Australians commissioned by Red Cross and released for Refugee Week (20-26 June 2010) indicates that most Australians are sympathetic towards the plight of refugees. The summary of the survey showed:

- 86% of people in Australia would flee to a safe country if they lived in a conflict zone and were under threat.
- 94% of these people would use all their money and assets to get to a safe country.
- 31 % know of someone who has come to Australia escaping persecution or conflict in another country.
- 83% agree that people fleeing persecution should be able to seek protection in another country.
- 83% are willing to assist a refugee in their community settle in Australia.
- 67% agree that refugees have made a positive contribution to Australian society.



The survey was conducted by phone from June 4-6 with a sample of 1000 people nationally representative of Australia’s population over the age of 18. Each year, millions of people are forced to flee their home country to seek asylum because of their race, religion, nationality, social background, or their political opinions. Leaving their homes and often their families behind is only the first step in a long and arduous journey. Arriving in a new country can often be isolating, challenging and beset with obstacles.

Judith Purling

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Social Justice Sunday at Morialta



We were honoured to have Amel Manyon, her daughter and some Sudanese friends worshipping with us. Amel shared her life experiences and the living out of her Christian faith. She talked about *Peace making in places like the Sudan* where the threat of violence is

all around and reflected on living a life of peace in a new land. We were touched as we were made more aware of some realities of life which are beyond our experience and which are carried in the memories of folk who live in our community.

With the children Amel talked about *fitting into big shoes* and her daughter taught a song with a great, sparkling smile and infectious rhythm. We were blessed by their presence and grateful to Amel and her group for her sharing with us.



Fun in the Flinders

At Morialta we talk about "community building". We prize our gift of being able to live in community. We recognise this value as we plan our activities for the year and we're already doing it for next year!

One of our most successful community building initiatives over the last four years has been the Tour program made possible by Bev Tredrea – with her professional skills, experience, warm humanity, and unfailing patience. The testimonials for Bev come spontaneously and with accolades!

Previous touring has included Canberra and the Floriade Festival, Eyre Peninsula and the Whales, southern Victoria and South Australia.

This year a larger group, 36 strong, drove off in style and comfort for Fun in the Flinders. Ask any Fun person if they enjoyed it and you'll see great smiles of satisfaction and sounds of pleasure!

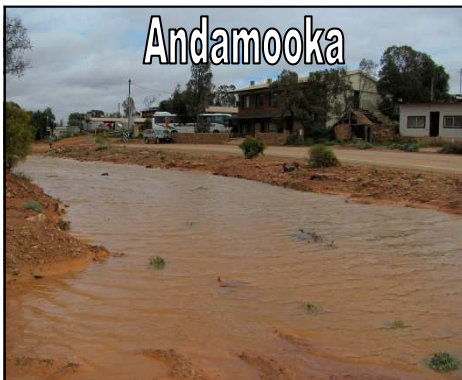
So - for Vision readers we wanted to capture some travellers' responses, particularly to tantalise those who didn't go!

Questions were posed; some responses have been collated and others have been recorded as they came.

As we might expect, the positive experiences of sharing in community - valuing relationships, fellowship, humour, enjoyment - were expressed:

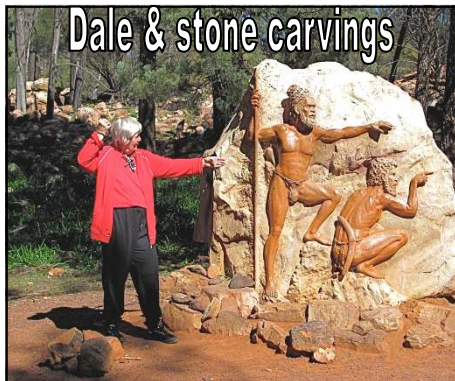
The things we enjoyed most about the tour were the fellowship and the fact that we all knew each other and enjoyed each other's company, the relaxed tour (Thanks to Bev!) and the company of all my travelling companions, being with so many people enjoying themselves, sharing it all with friends, the good humour, fun, friendship and fellowship shared with all our fellow travellers, the jollity, food and adaptability in adversity the companionship and fun the camaraderie of the group on the bus – this will stay with me. Fellow tourists were easy to mix with although our visitors must have wondered who they had joined for this trip!

Comments on the most wonderful & amazing things seen



Andamooka

This was amazing: sitting in the coach outside the Andamooka hotel, waiting for the allotment of our units, and watching the water flowing past as it gave the impression of the coach moving. The main street is actually a water-course. This was after 6.00 pm in the evening and it was dark.



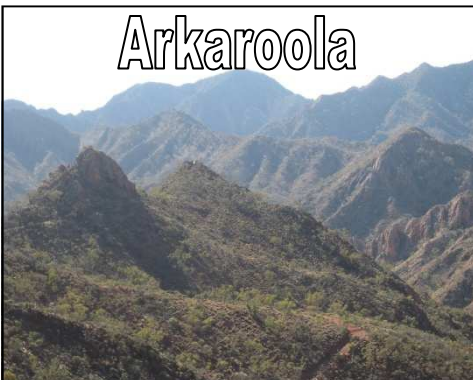
Dale & stone carvings

A very enjoyable week seeing parts of SA that we had not seen before. Disappointed we missed Marree and further north due to the weather. Meals were great and accommodation good

I especially enjoyed rising early each day to view all the beautiful sunrises. Being in places I've never been before, and probably won't be again!



Arlene, Rhonda & Brian



Arkaroola

The most wonderful things I saw were the views on the Ridge Top Tour at Arkaroola - the sheer size and natural beauty of the ranges.

Wonderful: The scenery at Wilpena and the magnificent ranges at Arkaroola.

It was great to see Arkaroola, Andamooka and Roxby Downs for the first time and to see the wonderfully green crops. Arkaroola's Ridgetop tour was most wonderful.



Emu & chicks

MORE COMMENTS

Sillers Lookout

Nothing could top the marvellous views from the top of Siller's lookout – just awesome.

The Ridgetop Tour was the highlight for me - the day was perfect weather, so we were very fortunate, and the ride rough, exciting and exhilarating! The most wonderful thing was, of course, the fantastic vistas for miles and miles - and listening to all the information about the history, geology, flora and fauna of the region - truly a day that will stay in my memory. Another thing that will stay was seeing the countryside after all the rain - so green, contrasting with the rich red soil, and the profusion of emerging wildflowers, particularly Sturt Desert peas.

I really enjoyed seeing places I have never been before - the rugged mountain ranges, the stunning outback colours of rich red earth, the green tinge of recent rain and the abundance of wildflowers. What a wonderful year to see all this in our own backyard. The Ridgetop tour was certainly a highlight!

I was looking forward to the Ridgetop tour and it didn't disappoint. To our surprise we had lamingtons, tea, coffee or hot chocolate at the small landing at the top.

The Flinders and Andamooka...both environments are totally different..

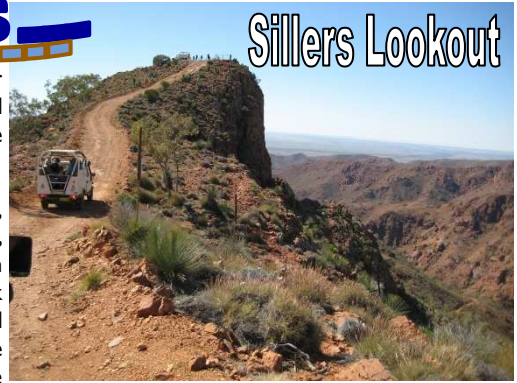
The highlight was the Ridgetop tour and sharing it with friends, and seeing the country side after all the rain.

My 5th visit to Wilpena Pound, from an early introduction in 1958, a family visit with our five children in 1964, climbing St Mary's Peak with son John in 1971 and introducing WA friends to the beauty of the Pound in 2005. The magical view of the Pound as one approaches from Hawker still charms me. I never tire of the experience.

The highlight for me was the Ridgetop Tour. It was ROUGH and went up and down, and then more up and down! The people in the back were on seats that went back and forth sideways, at every climb and descent. As I was suffering from a bad back, I got to sit in the front with the driver! There I sat in splendour on my plump feather cushion with a brace that went across my back and hooked over the knees.

And - as one passenger plaintively remarked at the end, "I have not lost any weight, it's just in a different place."

The tour group included friends from beyond Morialta who love to come for all the reasons we know! One of them commented that this tour in the Flinders



Ranges showed her something of the "soul of South Australia".

Bob the Bus Driver's wife went and wants to go next time – it was such good fun with this group!

There is already rumour of a 2011 tour. Stay tuned if you want to go, and get in early with your booking!

Many, many thanks to Bev and Bus Driver, Bob!



High Tea

The High Tea was attended by 45 eager participants. Lyn Crowther Drama Teacher from Marryatville PS entertained us by becoming a lady and educating us in the finer details of afternoon tea etiquette. There were many literary delights and some music to keep us amused while we sipped hot tea from fine china teacups and ate our fill of delicious ribbon sandwiches and other savoury food followed by a wonderful selection of beautifully decorated cup cakes.

An elegant occasion of dining and entertainment!



At the Pot Luck Tea David and Judith showed slides of their trip to the UK and New York



Pot Luck Tea - The last Pot Luck Tea for 2010 will show the

best shots of the many enthusiastic Fun photographers – an enormous variety. Do come and join in with your plate to share and a donation for Mission Funds!

Mission Projects News

Mission Cans - If your can is filled or even partly filled it can be returned to the church office or to a member of the committee to allow us to finalise donations for the year. New cans are available in the Church Foyer.

Christmas Cards – these support National and World Mission and will be on sale again during November.

Logies Night – we were sorry to postpone this fun-filled event, but keep honing your skills in cooking, gardening, craft or photography because we are planning to hold it in March 2011.

Morialta Mission Committee Margaret Ulljet, Averil Nash, Doreen Matheson, Bev Tredrea, Boronia Bennier and Margaret Dix.



Andrew Mackenzie's 21st Congratulations!



Andrew achieved his 21st milestone on 2 October.



Brian and Dale Corrigan—Celebrations! 51st Wedding Anniversary on 3 October

Evening Fellowship

The Fellowship met for a meal and get together.

Barry and Margaret Peckham celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary that evening.



Christine Garner told her story



Out and about again – at Villi's



Baptism

Fynn Archer Noel Sturgeon
Son of Naomi and Robert
Grandson of Carole Lyons
10 October

Congratulations!



Rachelle Clarke's 21st was celebrated with an R-themed party – outRageous and iRRResistible.

Paws for thought ...

Now that I'm approaching middle age I do spend a little time reflecting on my life. On the whole it is pretty good.

While Bruce isn't perfect he does behave himself most of the time. There aren't too many occasions when I need to remind him to do the right thing.

On the whole I think we make a good team. However, it hasn't happened by accident. I've had to work on him from time to time. Sometimes he doesn't feed me when I think he should and there are other times when he won't take 'No' for an answer and insists on going out in the rain.

I guess it's like that for some of you humans. If you really want somebody to do what you want them to do, I find it is best to try a pathetic look and a lick on the hand. Maybe you might get some success if you try that too!

Your Pup Repawter

Did somebody say it was Dinner Time? Boy, it's hard work just laying around!



NETBALL REPORT

Morialta Uniting Netball Club

Report 2010

The full Report is available for reading on the Morialta Memos board. It's action-packed with details of the high number of teams, summer and winter seasons, competitions nobly fought, and games won and almost won.

It is a testimonial to the Club's ethos in action, to leaders who invest time, energy and much skill in working with the many young members. In addition to the match detail there are some sections, reprinted below, which may be of interest and perhaps, bring surprise, to Morialta readers.

Extracts

A new initiative commenced this year with the introduction of the Morialta Junior Development Squad. Every Thursday night a large number of 4-5 year olds can be seen learning how to throw, catch and shoot for the goal. It is amazing to see so many new players with an interest in the game and we can't wait for them to all start playing... The first team from this group will compete in the upcoming summer season and we wish them luck and enjoyment in the game.

In May we held our traditional Mother's Day Cake Stall at the church courts. Thanks to everyone for their donations on the day.

\$447.50 was raised to support the church mission projects.

We were again successful in winning a Woolworth's Grant in the amount of \$1000 which this year has been targeted towards new equipment, particularly to assist the coaches of the junior development squad.

And, note: for the 2010/2011 Summer Season there are nine teams nominated!

Life Membership awarded

There is also posted on the board a copy of the proposal made for Jude Johnson to be awarded Life Membership of the Club. After outlining Jude's very successful and committed history in the club, beginning, probably with "her attendance at her first presentation night, she was just 16 days old.", the final paragraph reads:

In 1996 Jude won the prestigious Lorry Wilton Club Service award for exceptional service to Morialta Uniting Netball Club..... Our other ten life members are Mr Bill Markwick (dec), Mrs Sally White, Mrs Heather Vincent, Mr Graham Vincent, Mrs Gwenda Dansie (dec), Mr Neil Dansie, Mrs Helen Kreig, Mrs Christine Murdoch, Mr Ray Clogg and Mrs Rusty Palmer (dec).

Jude Johnson became the 11th Life Member.

SAYCO 2010

SAYCO (South Australian Youth Camp Out) is a Uniting Church youth camp for 12-15 year olds and is held annually. This year SAYCO ran from 2nd to 4th October at Mount Barker.

The theme was "Our Revolution" - making a commitment to change our lives and put God at the centre of our living.

Three youth members, Lachlan, Jesse and friend Henry, joined with over 600 other young people at SAYCO this year. The youth enjoyed worshipping with Westbourne Park UC band and hearing from guest speaker Amy Stephens. Night life, games, workshops, small group discussions and the opportunity to get to know lots of people from different churches, and refresh friendships made at last years SAYCO made for a great learning experience and lots of fun.

Thanks to Craig Mackenzie for this report on SAYCO and for his leadership of the Morialta group. A great time for all!

RAPT IN CHRISTMAS

Have you ever felt totally overcome by all that happens before Christmas? *Rapt* in Christmas, so to speak? Well, we can give you an opportunity to be totally *Wrapped and Rapt* in Christmas at the **Advent Celebration for 2010 Sunday 5 December at 7.00 pm.**

We will sit around tables in the hall and you will be invited to literally wrap a lucky person at your table in paper to represent a character in the Nativity Story. Don't worry about the technicalities, all will become clear!

There will also be musical entertainment, carol singing and a very festive supper. And don't forget *Fun!* Invite your family and friends, and come and enjoy this wonderful Advent occasion. We intend to conclude the evening at 8.30pm.

Cynthia Story
Leader Worship & FE MMT

Suitcases and Satchels of Dreams & Dance

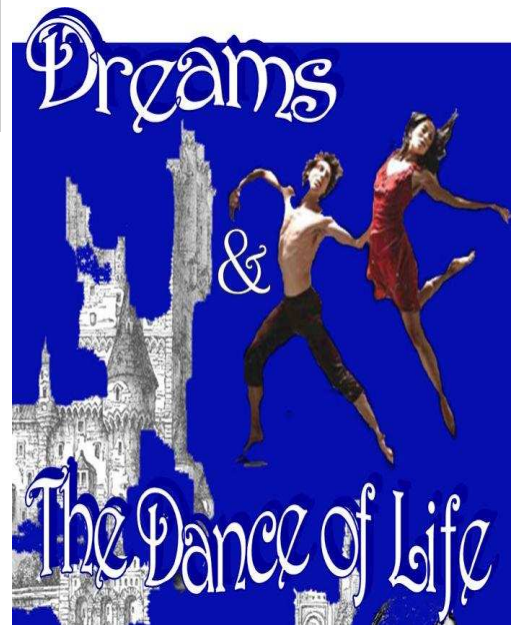
A collection from your journey

Have you started putting together items which tell your story?

Costumes/Outfits for Rites of Passage

Do you have a
Graduation dress
Debutante gown
Ball gown
Wedding dress

Other outfits
for important occasions
from babes to adults?



**Sat & Mon – Fri
20 - 26 November
9.00 am to 3.00 pm**

Life is a dance, from one stage to the next

Joyce Norton**11 August 1928 – 2 August 2010****Based on the Eulogy presented by Diane Lewis**

Joyce was born in Adelaide to parents Leonard and Kathleen Norton. She was their second child. Their firstborn, George, died two months before Joyce was born. He was aged one year and four months. When Joyce was six weeks old she contracted meningitis, and was rushed to hospital. Although being seriously ill and coming close to death, Joyce managed to survive, albeit, with some lasting disabilities which affected her during her life.

At the time, the family lived in Tranmere, Joyce's father, Len, worked at Bennett's Pottery, and later was employed at Penfold's Winery. The family then moved to Chapel Street, Magill, for a short time until Len and Kath bought the house at 12 Rowland Road, Magill. By that time, Joyce's sister, Shirley, was born. Joyce's second brother was born in 1935 but sadly, he died at age four months. Later, Ken, her youngest brother, was born in September, 1941.

Joyce was not able to walk until she was five years old. Because of deafness, she could not hear sounds, and therefore could never speak properly. She never went to school, so therefore never learnt to read or write. But, according to her mother, Joyce was a determined little girl, and learnt much from copying others. She devised ways to communicate with others, but could sometimes become very frustrated if she could not be understood, or she did not get what she wanted. She could shout rather loudly and throw some spectacular tantrums.

Joyce learnt to tell the days of the week by the strict regime of regular activities, for example: Monday was washing day, Tuesday ironing, Wednesday mending, Thursday grocery shopping at Magill, Friday going to the "big shops" in town, Saturday was always the pictures, and, of course, Sunday, was always Church.

This church has been a big part of Joyce's life. Her niece, Diane, remembers that when she was about five, her family came to visit Joyce and her grandparents for Christmas holidays. Diane was led by the hand of Joyce to the Sunday School at Magill. She recalls that Joyce would immediately abandon her and disappear into the "Big Church". The first time this happened Diane panicked, and ran off, to be rescued by a kind person who sat her next to Joyce.

About the time of Ken's birth, Joyce's parents were advised to place Joyce, then aged 13, in Hillcrest Mental Home. It was during the war years, and things were difficult. Conditions in such institutions were very poor, and Joyce did not adjust at all. She escaped from the window on the first floor of the building and it was some time before the police found her as she became lost. It was then suggested she be placed in the Home for Incurables (later the Julia Farr Centre), however, after seeing this place, Joyce's mother was adamant that Joyce was going to remain home with her family, no matter how difficult things were.

Joyce remained at home until her parents both passed away. She had been introduced by some very caring staff to the Resthaven Day Centre before her mother's death, to get her used to the possibility of living in another place. She subsequently moved permanently into Resthaven, aged 65, after her mother died. Despite some initial difficulties with coping with grief and settling into a new environment, Joyce remained there for 17 years. The staff made huge efforts to communicate with Joyce and to create a new home for her. She blossomed in

various ways and found many new strengths. The church continued to remain a strong support for Joyce also, and she enjoyed life in many respects.

Diane stressed how well Joyce was cared for, and expressed heartfelt thanks to the Resthaven staff and church community for contributing so richly to Joyce's last chapter of her life.

From the homily...

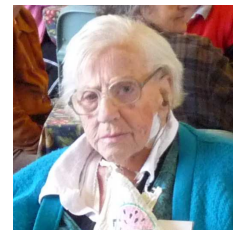
Joyce knew herself to be loved; her mother certainly did not give up on her, her love held Joyce close for as long as they both lived, just as God's love held Joyce, continues to hold Joyce. But this woman struggling with profound disability all her life taught us about persistence and endurance - determined to be part of community and to share in its life.

What could seem like her insistence on getting her own way, was often an insistence that she be included in the same way as everyone else was included. She put demands on us that in effect said 'don't talk about love, show me what it looks like'; don't let me just be someone you help, but someone you accept, someone who is every bit a part of this community as anyone, let me be someone you love, and let me love you in return.

Joyce taught us that listening to someone is about so much more than hearing words. Listening to Joyce meant paying attention to her, full attention, with our ears, our eyes and our hearts. And the type of attention we had to pay to Joyce, to start to understand what she was saying to us, is important when we are listening to anyone.

Joyce also taught us that sometimes the hardest work of love can be not doing anything at all, but just being with someone.

Rev Diane Bury.

**John 10:27-28***A paraphrased reading*

Jesus the good shepherd says:

Those who believe in me, know my voice every time. I know them well and they know to respond to my voice and to put their feet in my footsteps.

I give them life without limit, life they will never lose. No one can ever drag them out of the safety of my hands.


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NETWORK GATHERING

Newland UCA, Saturday 27th November
20 Victoria Street, Victor Harbor

Spirituality & Justice through Advent in art and music

All Welcome

RSVP by Sunday evening 21 November email
Christine@urbannetwork.org.au or phone 8332 8339

- hear the Newland story
- experience music add songs that lift our spirits and art that inspires us
- refreshments will be available in the hall between 10.40 am and 10.50 am
- program commences at 11.00 am in the Church

Note: there are 34 congregations now in the Network, located in regional and city centre, urban neighbourhoods and cross cultural settings across the greater Adelaide metropolitan area.



Spring into the Library



Dreams and the Dance of Life

The Library over the months of October and November will use the theme of *Dreams and the Dance of Life* to encourage and stimulate our imaginations.

Be enchanted by the following:



The Cosmic Dance

An invitation to Experience Our Oneness by Joyce Rupp and beautiful art work by Mary Southard

As Joyce Rupp writes “Wherever and however I join the cosmic dance, it jogs my memory and gives me a kind of “second sight,” a glimpse of the harmony and unity that is much deeper and stronger than the forces of any warring nation or individual. My trust that good shall endure is deepened. My joy of experiencing beauty is strengthened. My resolve to continually reach out beyond my own small walls is renewed. The energy that leaps and twirls in each part of existence commands my attention and draws me into a cosmic embrace. I sense again the limitless love that connects us all. I come home to that part of myself that savours kinship, births compassion, and welcomes tenderness. I re-discover that I am never alone. Always the dance joins me to what “is”.

Andre Rieu – DREAMING

This DVD portrays Andre Rieu playing popular classical pieces on the violin

Chasing Rainbows

This CD features the Australian Girls Choir singing sixteen beautiful songs including *Deep Peace* and *I’m always chasing rainbows*

Coral Sea Dreaming

One of the Library’s new DVD’s Sit back and enjoy over 84 extraordinary minutes, Coral Sea Dreaming - Awaken enters into the very heart of life – and death – on a coral reef.

The Well at the World’s End

When A.J. Mackinnon quits his job in Australia, he knows only that he longs to travel to the Well at the World’s End, a mysterious pool on a remote Scottish island whose water, legend has it, holds the secret to eternal youth. Highly recommended by David and Judith Purling

Successful High Tea

Thank you to all who came to the *High Tea* and shared a cup of tea and a literary delight.

The event raised \$260 which has gone towards buying new DVD’s and Large Print Books.



NEW CD’S

1. Chasing Rainbows

NEW AUDIO BOOK CD’S

1. Michael Connolly – The Last Coyote
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3. P.D. James – The Private Patient



NEW DVD’S

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*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he;
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Sydney Carter



Diary Dates

Thurs-Sat 28-30 Oct	Presbytery-Synod Meeting
Sun 31 Oct 9.30am 12noon	Combined Service Teddy Bears Picnic
Sat 20 Nov 9.00am-3.00pm	Mighty Magill Market & Exhibition
Mon-Fri 22-26 Nov	Exhibition continuing
Sun 28 Nov 9.30am	First Sunday in Advent Combined Service & Meeting of Congregation
Sun 5 Dec 7.00pm	Celebration: Rapt in Christmas
Wed 15 Dec 7.30pm	Blue Christmas

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