

From the Minister



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Dear Friends,

Recently Peter Thornley recommended an on-line video to me. It was one on a website called TED. TED is a non-profit organisation "devoted to ideas Worth Spreading", which started in 1984 as a conference bringing together people from the worlds of **T**echnology, **E**ntertainment and **D**esign. In the years since it has brought talks from people in many areas beyond these. The particular article Peter brought my attention to was one by philosopher Alain de Botton called Atheism 2.0. (For those who want to look it up on their computer the link is http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/en/alain_de_botton_atheism_2_0.htm),

In contrast to some of the attacks on religion by some other prominent atheists, de Botton does not see religion as evil or even ridiculous, although he does think the dogmas and supernatural beliefs of religion are wrong. Rather de Botton focuses on

some of the things that religion gets right and which have been valuable to human flourishing.

Obviously (I hope!) I do not accept de Botton's premise that all my Christian beliefs are wrong. But I am interested in human flourishing which is at the heart of Christianity, an idea passed onto us from the great prophets of Israel, and expressed in Jesus' own understanding that he brings us abundant life. Amongst other topics, de Botton talks about differences in approach to education. Religions, he says, are cultures of repetition: "They circle the great truths again and again. We associate repetition with boredom."

He acknowledges calendars as a way of making sure that, year by year, we keep being faced with certain very important ideas. As Christians we know that each year Christmas and Easter are chances for us to hear again, truths about the power of vulnerable love, and we keep retelling stories from the gospels and other writings

so we are asked again and again to explore dimensions of life such as healing and forgiveness and how we live with our neighbours. This contrasts with a secular world view that says, "If an idea is important, I'll bump into it. I'll just come across it."

What struck me as I was listening to his ideas is that it challenges some of our assumptions that, in order to be relevant to our surrounding culture, we need to get rid of some of our ways of acting and being community that mark us as different. Perhaps instead we need to learn to recognise that some of those things that make us different are exactly what we have to offer a culture that continues to ask questions about human flourishing and how we achieve it, for ourselves, for our children, for our nation.

Grace and peace

Diane

Welcome - to the Consulting Team!

Rev Malcolm Rawlings,

Minister of the Word, Fulham UC

Rev Angie Griffen,

Deacon, Vermont UC & Chaplain, Murray Mudge Aged Care.

Ms Catherine Russell,

Elder on Church Council, Church of the Trinity, Clarence Park

Rev Tony Eldridge,

Minister of the Word, Westbourne Park UC

Consultants look forward to Morialta's participation. They are available for conversation at a range of times as shown at right.

Tues	21 February	7.00 pm & 8.00 pm
Thurs	23 February	6.30 pm & 7.30 pm
Fri	24 February	11.00 am
Sun	26 February	8.15 am & 10.30 am These times will give opportunity to talk with one of the consultants rather than to engage in a complete coverage of the questions for discussion
Wed	29 February	1.30 pm & 2.30 pm

David Purling writes ...

Recently we did a stint of “grand-dog sitting” Polly. We got used to her being around, and the requirements of feeding her and taking her for her walks. She knows us, of course, and was right at home with us, even sneaking in to sleep next to our bed!

We’ve had our fair share of pets over the years – a budgie, dachshund, cat, old English sheep-dog – to name a few. The children had guinea-pigs, gold-fish, and even a goat to look after for the Agriculture and Science Department at Westminster School!

Many of you have or have had “All creatures great and small”.

The hymn, *All Things Bright and Beautiful*, is an Anglican hymn, also popular with other Christian denominations. As you know, “All creatures great and small”, is the second line of the hymn.

The text has been claimed to have been written at two locations, both Govilon, Monmouthshire which sits in the beautiful valley of the river Usk, and Minehead in 1848, by Mrs. Cecil F. Alexander (from Dublin, Ireland) in the village of Dunster.

It may have been inspired by a verse from S. T. Coleridge’s *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* –

*He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.*



The hymn was first published in Alexander’s *Hymns for Little Children*. It forms a series of poems expanding on articles of the Apostles’ Creed. And, of course, you know that the second line was used as the title to James Herriot’s book *All Creatures Great and Small*, which subsequently became the title of the film and television series.



The Hymn is Number 135 in *Together in Song*, and has been given a new lease of life with words appropriate to the Australian landscape, with images such as wildflowers, creatures of the sea, billabongs and gum trees.

The United Church of Canada has the original words, but has included a fourth verse, which seems particularly appropriate to Canadian geography:

*The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf’s haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall.*



Cecil Francis Alexander wrote her *All things Bright and Beautiful* whilst staying at the Govilon manor house and inspired by her surroundings. The refrain,

*The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,*

referring to the Sugar Loaf and Bloreng Mountains and the River Usk.

The purple headed mountain refers to Grabbist Hill at Dunster, and the river, to the River Avill.



You may be interested to know that in more modern times, due to its endorsement of the class system, verse three of the original is mostly omitted.

*The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate,
God made them high and lowly,
And ordered their estate.
All things bright ...*

We often have opportunities to perform acts of compassion and kindness to God’s creatures, both human and animal. Here is Jesus talking about the importance of acting generously and mercifully towards those who are weak and in need - Matthew 25:34-46

*“... I remember when I was starving, and you gave me a good meal; I remember when I was thirsty, and you bought me a drink; once I was a social outcast, and you invited me home; then I had nothing decent to wear, and you kitted me out; when I was unwell, you looked after me and when I was in prison, you visited me.’
These good people will say,
‘Leader, when did we ever give you a good meal or stand you a drink? When did we have you in our house or give you clothes? We don’t remember you being ill or visiting you in prison.’
Then the Leader will say, ‘Believe me, when you did these things for people most think not worth the trouble, you did them for me. They are my family.’” (“Good as New”)*

From the Chairperson ...

Typically January has been a little quieter for members of the Morialta Congregation. Not so this year! While I hope you have all taken opportunity to find some time for recreation anyone attending the Chapel Street precinct early in 2012 will have noticed a hive of activity. Later in this edition Chris Ayles writes about the type of works completed. Suffice to say the improvements made during 'downtime' will make Morialta's Mission even more effective.

Another event that is hoped to impact positively on our Mission is the Congregational Consultation. Many

members will remember participating in our Task group Reviews a few years ago. These internal reviews helped us to focus our efforts. Indeed, one of the important outcomes was the realization that Mission is everything we do in the name of Jesus. Rather than undertake the same approach this time Church Council sought involvement from external Consultants provided by Presbytery Synod through its Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC). At the time this edition of Vision goes to print planning will have taken place and some of the group meetings may have been held.

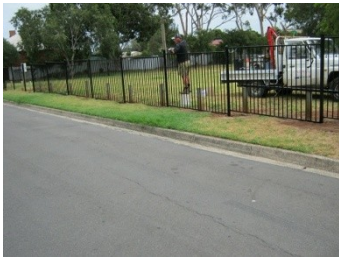
All members are warmly encouraged to

engage with one of the groups, or to arrange to meet individually with one of the Consultants in order that you might share your dreams and concerns if you have any, for Morialta's future.

God gives us a future, as the song we sing begins. That future starts now with us all working together in response to our understanding of the Divine we worship. I hope that 2012 remains a year of promise for you as you continue your involvement in this wonderful community.

Bruce.

Community Centre News



Hosting a Road Show

On February 23rd and 24th our church will host an ACE Road Show. What is an ACE Road show? - you might ask.

ACE is an acronym for Adult Community Education. ACE is often called the fourth sector of education; 1. School; 2. TAFE; 3. University; 4. ACE.

ACE does not involve any formal education of adults many of whom were overlooked by former education opportunities. ACE aims to increase knowledge and skills, thus setting individuals on a pathway of learning.

Each year the ACE staff travel around the state explaining to Community Centre Managers and other adults about changes in policy and opportunities for funding of programs. One of these Road Shows will occur here at Morialta in late February. We will be hosting 50 guests on those two days.

Tables

Last year we applied for a Grant for Seniors and successfully received funding for four new light-weight tables with plastic tops and fold-away metal legs. You may have seen these being used. The grant also included a trolley for tables but this has not yet arrived.

Grace and peace

Christine

How does the garden grow?

At long last there is hard evidence of the Community Garden project!

A fence has been going up piece by piece since 25th January. It will surely be finished by the time this edition of Vision goes to print.



The garden management committee and interested volunteers will soon be engaged in building plant boxes. In May a native garden and community fruit trees will be planted.

The Community Garden now has a constitution and a management committee with an executive. Morialta has been a significant contributor to this exciting new venture.

Commissioning of Volunteers

29 January 2012

From the Liturgy

Let us recognise and give thanks for those who continue to help us experience and learn of God's way of love in worship, in teaching, in caring, in service, in visioning.

We commission all of those who are involved in sharing God's way of love through

Worship – leaders, musicians, singers, communion, sound, projection, offering roster and flowers, Kids on Sunday, youth, leading small groups, play group, library.

Pastoral partners and carers, welcome

Coffee corner, friendship, paper team, netball, helpers with maintenance and administration

Members of council, team leaders, members of teams

Thank you, God, for these people who are willing to share your story.

Thank you for those who help us to serve others.

Thank you for those who help us to see your vision.

We commission all of those who are involved in sharing God's way of love through imagining your dreams

Thank you, God, for this new year, for new opportunities to worship, to learn, to serve, and to dream how to follow you into the future.

Amen.

Regrets

On my iPad I recently came across a talk by Kathryn Schultz in which she spoke about regrets. We don't often talk about regrets despite them being a reality of life, reflecting, deep down, a need for control or wanting to do everything ourselves.

Kathryn Schultz tells how she had wanted a tattoo from the age of 17. At 29 she finally found the courage only to be overcome next day by 'painful, profound regret'.

Most of us have a vast body of regrets. The most common, according to Schultz, relate to education. I regret I did not master mathematics very well or learnt to speak a second language fluently or studied music. Interestingly, spirituality is least regretted, preceded by regrets in careers, romance, parenting, financing and health. I wonder

why spirituality is at the bottom of the list? Do we have no spiritual regrets?

To reach our human potential we need to deal with our regrets. Otherwise we are lost in denial and bewilderment. Schultz has good advice, She says that everybody has regrets, and your regrets are not so ugly to those who know you well. "Take solace in the fact that if you love people and life, inevitably you will have regrets".

So, laugh at yourself, admit that you messed up this or that. Agree that you can do better and then the passage of time will heal.

Arthur Tideman

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Kaurna People and their use of Fire

Australia wide Aboriginal people lit bushfires universally and systematically. Regular burning changed the ecology of vast tracts of land. Forests were changed to grasslands and open forests which made it easier to hunt kangaroos, wallabies and other marsupials.

There are several other reasons they practised so called "firestick farming". These include triggering new plant growth to provide food for both humans and animals, making it easier to see potential dangers and making it easier to walk through scrub, and for signalling {smoke signals?} and last, but not least, for fun!

They returned to the burnt areas soon after rain to hunt the animals attracted there by new plant growth. Whatever the outcome might have been the immediate result of burning was an increased amount of edible plants for both humans and animals – forest was replaced by grassland and mosaic patterns resulted, reducing the potential for catastrophic fires.

Invasion by Europeans has resulted in unintended consequences.

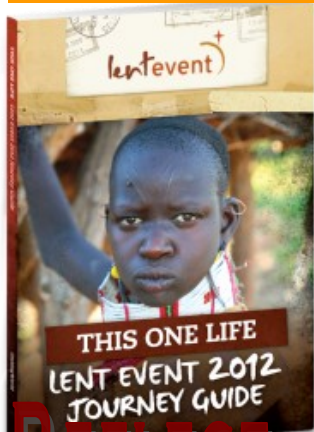
There is less burning and a consequent build-up of litter with increased potential for catastrophic fires like Ash Wednesday in 1983. This has led to the practice of strategic burn offs across Australia. It seems that the principles of firestick farming are still relevant.

Bill Matheson.

Source:

Rhys Jones (19,60) *Firestick Farming, Australian Natural History I*
6(7) pp 224-228

Lent Event .. *THIS ONE LIFE*



Lent Event challenges communities and individuals to re-evaluate what they value in this world and to wisely use the resources entrusted to humankind for the benefit of all. Lent Event invites us to shape our lives more fully with God's love and compassion for people who are very poor. The resource *Lent Event 2012 Journey Guide* is in the library.

Think about joining a group.
Talk with Diane or Cynthia.

Groups begin on Thursday 23 February.

Reflect

through daily prayer time and small group discussions (or with a partner) on the way of Jesus who came to bring good news to the poor of the world;

Act

by donating money to vital relief and development projects by connecting with partner communities who are very poor;

Connect

with the experience of communities and people in extreme poverty.

REFLECT ... ACT ... CONNECT

Facelifts, Freshen-ups, Fasten-ups ... and other Feats

Australia usually takes a holiday and rest over January, but not the Property Operational Ministry Team and its helpers.



The opportunity was there to freshen up the Chapel Street Student House during the changeover of residents so a group moved in and patched cracks, sealed wet areas, replaced tiles, repaired furniture, secured carpet, washed, ironed, cleaned and painted over a few days.



The result is a fresher, brighter home for our new and continuing guests. We wish them well for their studies in the year ahead.



Not just one job at a time for this group though. Late last year we eventually received approval for the construction of the replacement shed so work has begun on that too.

The preparation and setting out required precise measurement and workmanship so we are grateful for the help of skilled volunteers in achieving the required accuracy.



The structure is now visible as it continues to emerge from the ground.

Another property improvement that occurred in January, as most of you will have noticed, was the installation of the new hall ceiling and lighting, thereby providing a considerable improvement to the appearance, acoustics and thermal properties of the room.



An important part of this job that you can't see is the layer of thick pink bats between the ceiling and roof which should keep the temperature more stable and reduce the need for heaters in winter and air conditioners in summer - better resource management. On the subject of air conditioners, some of you would have noticed that one was not working properly before Christmas. The problem was a faulty water pump which has now also been replaced. Of course, the removal then reinstalling of audio-visual equipment and wiring was a major job in its own right.



Continuing on the theme of air conditioning. We were generously offered a functioning second hand unit by a friend of the congregation who had one they no longer needed. This has been installed in the KUCA room to make this area more comfortable for its many users. Having had a meeting there on a recent hot evening I am pleased to inform you that it works very effectively.

The KUCA pergola is suffering from rotted timbers and has been on our "projects list" for replacement for a few months now (pending other jobs). A storm some weeks back resulted in some damage which has been temporarily repaired so that it is useable by the Playgroup until its replacement. We have the grateful recipients of a good quantity of construction timber which will go a long way in the rebuilding of this structure. Our thanks to the church members who donated this timber.

By the time you read this, the peppercorn tree will have been trimmed, so an explanation is in order. While the remaining, larger vertical trunk is in good order the other western trunk that used to come out at an angle of forty-five degrees was rotting to a significant extent. We sought advice from an arborist and were told that it was advisable to remove this section. Given recent publicity about the death, injury and fines resulting from falling tree limbs here in metropolitan Adelaide, we felt reluctantly compelled to act. The major part of the tree remains to provide some respite in the expanse of bitumen.

While this series of jobs has kept the Property Team members busy over the holiday period this quantity of work could not have been accomplished without the help of many other volunteers. The Property Team, and I am sure, the rest of the congregation, extends our sincere thanks to all those who donated time, expertise and perspiration to these tasks.

Chris Ayles

For the Property Operational Ministry Team.

A Letter from France

Sheila Bransden and her husband Barry live in Pontorson, a relatively small French village near the famous Mont Saint Michel. Sheila was born in London. After her marriage to Barry, while bringing up their family she helped operate their vegetable growing enterprise not far from Heathrow. When the family became capable of running the property themselves Sheila and Barry immigrated to France to facilitate the marketing of their produce.

Sheila has thrown herself into French village life.

Anglicans in a Catholic

Community ... Sheila Bransden

writes from Pontorson, France

Our great friend Arthur Tideman sends us your church magazine regularly. It is enjoyable, but also makes us very jealous of your wide-ranging community and activities. Arthur and Lesley brought us to one of your Sunday worships, we were made welcome, and impressed. Our church 'contacts' have been many and varied. In the UK, in a parish near Windsor, I was confirmed, we were married, our children baptised, one married, our golden wedding celebrated and my mother buried. We have cleaned the church, done the garden, my husband was a sidesman and I was church treasurer till we moved to France. For the last ten years I have written six times a year for that church magazine. At the same time I have written ten times a year for our catholic church magazine here, so, at times, we suffer religious schizophrenia. A few years ago we attended New Year's Day service in the Sydney (Anglican) Cathedral. At coffee afterwards people were almost aggressive in their opinions of our 'hob-nobbing' with the 'Papists'. In such a polyglot city as Sydney we were most surprised. On the other side of Australia, the Perth Catholics were unwelcoming to Protestants. So how do we cope? Why do we cope? Currently in our world the activities of many denominations is hardly 'Christian'. There

are aspects of the Catholic religion with which we cannot agree – continued celibacy of priests and forbidding of birth-control among them. But we go back to 'basics', before these man-made 'rules', often, to the teachings of St Paul, who, already in the year 55 was trying to resolve schisms which were already apparent in the nascent Christian religion.

Living here, we either attend Catholic Mass or we are deprived of worship. When we first attended (twenty years ago) we always asked permission' to receive communion. Our first priest was fierce. 'it is not written on your forehead, "I am Protestant", you are Christian, you take Communion.' In many churches, the priest makes an announcement, 'please come to the altar, if you cannot take Communion (not confirmed, for example) cross your arms on your chest, and you will receive a blessing.'

So why are we jealous of your church? Because ours is collapsing (spiritually), and it has existed since 1157. Until last year we had a priest living in the presbytery, and always available. It was not easy, because economic problems and the lack of priests had forced sixteen parishes to combine into one, that of the canton town. Now we have a 'career' priest, who came late to the priesthood. He is living on the famous Mount Saint Michel, and would be looked after by the religious community, it is also a 'fun' place to live, and he refused to move. The presbytery is empty, and this priest, although seemingly very willing, is unfindable, and does not delegate.

She is now recognized for her care and interest in all those who come her way. She holds tertiary qualifications in history and has used that skill to document past life in surrounding villages.

For many years they have undertaken fund raising events enabling them to take generous gifts of books, computers, musical instruments and clothes to an Indian orphanage where they have established scholarships and where they spend Christmas.

If he takes a funeral at the far end of the combined parish, it is twenty kilometres each way, and if the Mont is crowded (15,000 people at a time in the season) it can take him some time to get away. He is also always on the road to committee meetings for the diocese, 75 kilometres away. We were involved in the parish magazine, the pastoral committee, plus history and patrimony of the very historical parish.

We put on an exhibition which lasted six days and attracted hundreds of visitors. We are not invited to do anything for the parish now so we are all losing out. The usual 'nucleus' of energetic volunteers (found in every local organisation) is being depleted, through age or lack of encouragement, and they are not being replaced.

We have an excellent organist, who organises summer concerts based on the splendid organ, he will move soon, and his stand-by has just been diagnosed with cancer.

There are no younger replacements and the stipend is derisory. The real irony, other than a personal grumble, is that the Catholic Church is suffering much criticism (a lot deserved) but unless the few priests who remain are strong, dynamic and dedicated, the church might close. For many elderly people (predominantly widows) the church has been their life, comfort and support, and the place they met their friends.

Sheila Bransden
Pontorson, France
December 2011.

From an earlier Reflection – Diane

At the heart of baptism is water.

Water that is good, good for many things, it sustains our life from our conception, through all our stages of growth.

And water reminds us that we belong to God that our lives and what we do matter to God, that we have given our lives over to proclaiming the good news of God's justice and peace, acceptance and compassion, given our lives to proclaiming the good news in word and deed. Baptism begins as a declaration of who we are in God, beloved



The church family celebrated with Jessica on her Baptism. Jessica is daughter of Fiona & grand-daughter of Lorraine & John Powers.

Evening Fellowship - President's Report 2011

Once again we have enjoyed a variety of activities and interesting speakers. Our first meeting for the year saw us at Lochend House for an informative tour of this Heritage home, first settled by Charles Campbell, after whom Campbelltown was named. Campbelltown Council and the Historical Society have done a marvellous job of restoration which hopefully will continue. In March Ruth Pitt told of her experiences in PNG and in April we enjoyed our version of the rehearsal for the forthcoming Royal Wedding. Much fun

was had by all! We enjoyed two Bonus Nights – one at Vili's Café and the other to see Kingsley Stephens' trains. One meeting we put together knitted rugs which were later taken to Goodwill for distribution to needy people. Our speakers were from Australian Hearing and the Samaritan's Purse organisations and Dr Lesley Rawlings gave us some insight into her work with DNA. All very interesting! It is pleasing that our membership remains strong. On several occasions we have

welcomed visitors and Brian Corrigan and Ray Clogg are regulars to our monthly meetings. I expect that our program for 2012 will be just as interesting and ask all members to support our meetings as they have in the past. I wish all members and their families the Greetings of the Christmas Season and hope that 2012 is a good year for you all.

Arlene Lomman
President

News from the Mission Projects Team

Once again this year we wish to focus on the provision of clean water to needy communities. Only 32% of the population in Milne Bay area of PNG have access to clean water; that is, more than 2/3s of the people are subjected to poor health because of water borne diseases. This then effects the livelihood of so many. Women and children have to walk long distances to collect water. Since 2000 a Water and Sanitation Program has been helping remote villagers by

assessing their needs and providing and installing appropriate water collection systems. Also they are educating people about hygiene sanitation and health issues through workshops. Assisting this work is one of the special projects Morialta will support this year. It is also part of the Uniting World Lent Event program. Beverley Tredrea
Morialta Mission Projects

First fund raising event for 2012

**Cabaret by the
"WANTED MEN"
Saturday 31st March
7.30 pm**

BYO Nibbles & Drinks
Tickets \$20 - \$15 concession

Mataranka NT Awards Citizen of the Year Joy Mason



Sadly, Joy will be moving onto greener pastures in North Queensland later this year. Our town will definitely miss her."

Citation

"Joy was nominated for this award for the following: her tireless work for the Better Half Club over the years; her efforts in ensuring the 2010 and 2011 Never Never Festivals ran smoothly; her involvement with the establishment of the community Chapel; her years of dedication to the local school and beyond in education circles where she was fondly respected as "Miss Joy".

Event of the Year -

The 2011 Never Never Festival

"This award recipient was coordinated by the Mataranka Better Half Club committee and brings visitors to our town each year as well as a lot of publicity. A lot of hard work goes into it by the locals and each year it gets bigger and better.



Australia Day Celebrations

On Australia Day, in the delightful setting of Hazelwood Park in its early morning freshness, Helena, Steve, Adam and Ian Begg became Australian Citizens. We continue to sing more than the national anthem when we consider our good fortune in having such close relationships with this newly, and ceremoniously recognized group of Australian citizens.



University studies are about to begin! ...

Katrina

Congratulations to Katrina Mackenzie who has been accepted to study for the Bachelor of Music (Classical Voice) at Elder Conservatorium, University of Adelaide. We delight with Katrina and her family that her hopes for study and her pleasure in singing are being recognised.



Adam

Congratulations, too, to Adam Begg who will study for the degree of Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical and Aerospace) at University of Adelaide. Adam, as we know, has revelled in challenges relating to this area and who knows what his expanding future may bring! We look forward with him.



We also welcome three new Students to our house at Chapel Street, who are beginning tertiary studies at University of South Australia.

Two will study in Degree courses in Education and the third is looking forward to Information Technology.

We wish them a happy beginning in their studies and a comfortable entry into the Student House.

Our best wishes to both, and to all who have returned to school this year!

Purrs for thought ...



Hello Keely,

My name is Coco and I am a cat. I heard that you've not been well and I want to send you my love and feline citations because it is sad that you aren't able to do your work in the enjoyable way you used to. Actually I don't do any work so I'm not sure what that is, but I do enjoy entertaining people and can perform all sorts of contortions. I get pleasure out of making friends with new people, specially those who think they don't like cats (ask Carole) and I get on their laps and they are too polite to shoo me off. I suppose, Keely, you're a bit big to jump up on laps, but you can smile and show your affection in other ways that I can't. The other day a lady came to our place, her name is Ruth Dunning, and she really does like cats. She kept picking me up, and eventually I got up on her lap and she loved it. I know we will be friends forever.

Keely, I would like to be your friend, too, but we might never meet, so perhaps I can keep writing to you through the Vision, and you will know how much I care about you. I'd love to be Paws' Pal.

Coco

Paws for thought ...



apparently.

i HAVE BEEN UNWELL...

I hope you haven't forgotten me!

I haven't been around much. Bruce won't take me out. Apparently, I have been unwell. For a while I was quite worried. Every time Bruce and Anne looked at me they seemed to frown. I was behaving as well as I could. However, then I overheard them talking and I started to get worried.

I had a couple of MRIs. I can't remember much about them because I was given something that made me sleep.

Anyway, after a couple of months of doing very little it appears that doing very little has helped me get better. I don't have something called a tumour and I will get better if I 'do the right thing' - that's what Bruce and Anne are telling me all the time.

Every time they came home Bruce and Anne told me that people asked about me. I have been given lots of your pats as well. Thank you for your concern. It is really good to know that my fiends were worried about me too!

I hope that I will be able to see you all soon!

Keely



Morionita Maggie



Margaret & Fred Martin celebrated their 63rd wedding Anniversary in January.



Tiffany & Adam presented a very happy picture on their First Wedding Anniversary,



The Advent Choir were in full voice at the event, *Sharing Traditions*, on 4 December.

Emily & Nick brought more musical entertainment for the Advent Season Entertainment.



Margaret Boundy treated us to her walnut, date and carrot cake to celebrate her 80th birthday. John turned 88 and Geoff is 40. We rejoice that Margaret is now able to celebrate!



Ruth Pitt's 70th birthday was celebrated with friends in her garden



Carole celebrated her birthday in style with a bevy of beauties.





THE LIBRARY FURTHERS ITS MINISTRY BY INVOLVING MORE HELPERS

A New Year!
New Beginnings!
New Resolutions!
and

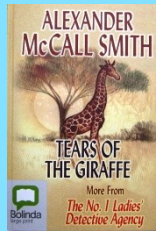
A NEW WAY OF MANAGING THE LIBRARY

February will see the introduction of a LIBRARY ROSTER
Library Team Members will be rostered to help on
Wednesdays 11.00 am – 2.30 pm
and/or Sundays 8.30 am – 10.20 am and 10.30 am – 11.00 am

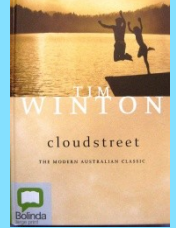
BECOME A LIBRARY TEAM MEMBER

If you are interested in becoming a Library Team Member please talk to Lorraine.

NEW! Large Print Books

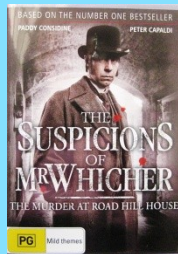


Our collection is expanding... Several new large print books have been added to Morialta's collection including:
TEARS OF THE GIRAFFE by Alexander McCall Smith

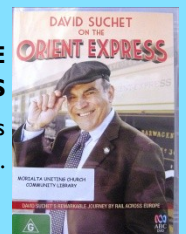


CLOUDSTREET by Tim Winton

also these new DVDs



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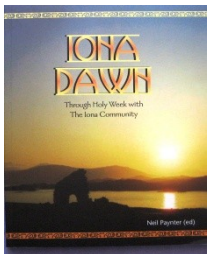
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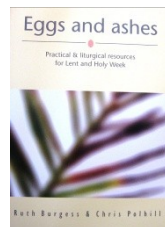


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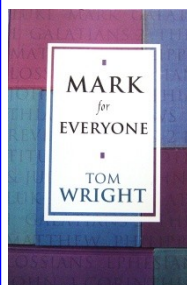
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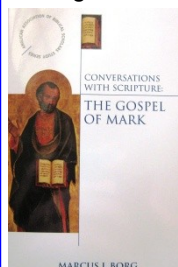
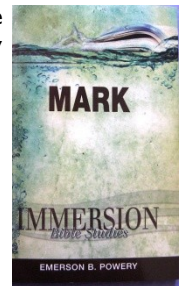
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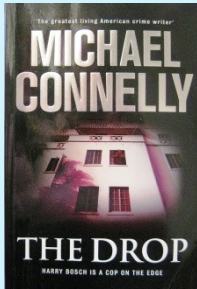
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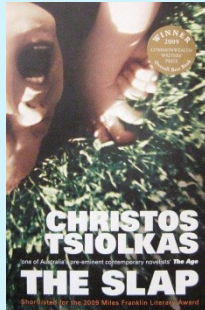
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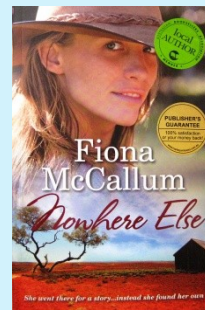
Harry Bosch has been given three years before he must retire from the LAPD, & he wants cased more fiercely than ever. In one morning he gets two...



THE SLAP

by Christos Tsiolkas

At a suburban barbeque a man slaps a child who is Not his won. This event has a shocking ricochet effect on a group of people, friends & relatives, who are all directly or indirectly influenced by the slap.



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by Local Author Fiona McCallum

Nicola Harvey, a journalist is sent to report on the drought at *Nowhere Else* and finds that there are mysterious things happening in the small town. She investigates & fdiscovers much more than she expected.



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Email of Thanks

sent to Colin Cargill in December 2011 by Andrew Clarke of the Uniting Church SA's Mission Resourcing Network

This is to say thank you to the people of the Morialta Congregation for the support given to Rugiatu Barrie, in raising the total of \$4900 to bring her fiance and one daughter to Australia from Guinea, West Africa. Neither Rugie nor the Woodville Gardens Uniting Church had the resources to achieve this without considerable assistance.

Yanke, her fiance, arrived on Saturday 12th November, and they were required to be married within a week. The wedding happened on Tuesday 15th November. I was travelling to a conference in Melbourne two days later.

It was a small wedding. Rev Kaye Colliver and I were the only non-West Africans present. Rugie had asked me to act as her father for this four years ago. Most of her Adelaide based relatives also came. It was a very happy and moving event.

This would not have happened without the support your congregation generously gave.

Thank you.

Shalom!!

Andrew Clarke

Food for Thought

from Diane's Reflection on 12 February

We don't always feel compassion, when faced with a request for help, or at least, we don't only feel compassion. Sometimes we feel, well, irritated or overwhelmed or tired or fed up or distracted, or just plain angry at another demand

Faithful discipleship is not about getting the feelings right It's about getting the living and the acting right.

Living out our discipleship is not so much about the feelings we are moved by as it about how we move, how we move to act and respond.

We are privileged to stand with the ministry of Andrew Clarke and others.



Morialta's Pancake Breakfast
Sunday 26 February 8.15 am
\$5 single \$15 family
Join us in the hall for delicious pancakes!
All you can eat!

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DIARY DATES

Tues 21 Feb	Church Council	7.30 pm
Thurs 23 Feb	Urban Mission Network Gathering Modbury UC <i>Sharing Resources: Church and Community</i>	6.30 pm
Sun 26 Feb	Pancake Breakfast	8.15 am
Thurs 23 Feb	Lent Event Groups begin this week.	
Fri & Sat 2 & 3 March	Presbytery-Synod Meeting and Resourcing Seminars	6.30 pm (Fri) 9.15 am (Sat)
Sun 18 March	Combined Service and Annual General Meeting of Congregation	9.30 am
Tues 20 March	Church Council	7,30 pm
Sat, Sun 24,25 March	Kids Camp Out	
Sat 31 March	<i>WANTED MEN</i> Cabaret Mission Projects Event	7.30 pm
Sun 1 April	Palm Sunday	
Thurs 5 April	Tenebrae Service preceded by Lenten Meal	7.30 pm
Fri – Sun 6 – 8 April	Good Friday & Easter Sunday	
Wed 18 April	Visit to Beit Shalom Progressive Synagogue Fellowship and Social Justice Team	tbc
Wed 25 April	Anzac Day	

May God, who is love, hold you.
May God, who is liberation, free you.
May God, who is healing, lead you into wholeness.

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