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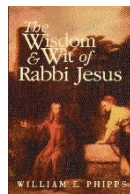
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## Morialta Minister, David Purling writes ...

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As I have written in my later article in this edition of Vision, I have recently read



"The Wisdom and Wit of Rabbi Jesus", by William E. Phipps.

For me, this book highlighted the question of who the Jesus is, whose disciples we are. Let me quote from the book itself: "The Gospels attempt to respond to the foundational enquiry that Jesus posed: "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29)

The operative question behind this study is "rabbi". Jesus had much in common with teachers and shared many of the interests of rabbis, ethicists, philosophers, and satirists.

Professor Phipps places Jesus squarely within the Jewish community of his time. He argues that Jesus was a "prophetic Pharisee," similar in many ways to the Pharisee leaders, different in many other ways

Jesus "defended few novel ideas that had not been accepted by at least some of the Pharisees." The main difference between Jesus and other Pharisees was his rejection of the ideas of female inferiority, nationalistic prejudices, and intolerance of the unlearned.

Professor Phipps illustrates that Rabbi Jesus' wisdom is never dour or dull, such as in his parables. He is a master of hyperbole, and a foe of

religious literalism. Phipps contends that Jesus was a master at using humour and wit to convey his message. Sometimes the Jewish leaders were the brunt of his humour, but as Phipps points out, this tactic of public speaking was not unheard of in Jesus' time. Phipps suggests that many of the harder sayings of Jesus make more sense if interpreted as humorous sayings (such as a camel going through the eye of a needle). Rabbi Jesus raises some interesting issues about who Jesus was, what he taught primarily, and the teaching techniques he used to spread his message. This book is also a good commentary which breathes fresh insight into several of the more difficult passages in the Gospels.

Professor Phipps argues that Jesus' most profound paradox is "about losers who are winners and successful people who have lost themselves." "Humour is the homage that Jesus pays to those who are addicted to piling up perishables"; the "cure for being consumed with personal property is immersing oneself in causes associated with the rule of God." It is in Jesus' parables that we find "the most effective of his varied methods for conveying humour-coated wisdom."



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## Queen's Birthday Honours - Alison Lockett - OAM

### Medal of the Order of Australia

For service to the community through the Morialta Uniting Church.

This formal citation captures only a small part of Alison's contribution to her community, both within the Morialta Uniting Church and far beyond. It does not reflect the generosity of spirit which underlies everything that she does, nor her willingness to become involved boots and all, whether as a leader or as a member of a team. Alison is one of those rare people in whom left brain and right brain exist in perfect harmony. Many of us have appreciated the way in which she can

identify the nub of any problem and find a practical pathway through what are often complex issues. Her approach is invariably marked by respect for her fellow workers, a lively sense of fun and never a hint of bossiness. She is also able to provide a sympathetic ear and a word of encouragement to any who are doing it tough. Her contributions to Morialta have embraced many different areas - worship, music, Coffee Corner, community programs, Church Council and countless other projects and committees. Yet she would be the first to acknowledge that such contributions are not made in isolation but are a reflection of the vibrant

community of which she forms a part. So Morialta, take a bow! Let's affirm Alison in her remarkable achievements while also cherishing all the workers and leaders, past and present, who have made Morialta what it is today.

Congratulations, Alison!

Read more of Alison's contributions on page 4.



## Council Worship - Reflection

### *Through all the changing scenes of life ...*

There's no doubt that we live in amazing times. The exponential growth of knowledge and of technology is quite breathtaking. My son Cameron took me to the footy recently, and with score updates from other grounds being relayed, he saw that Greater Western Sydney was looking good for its first win. Out came his phone, which connects to his home email, which somehow connects to his Foxtel and he was able to remotely set his television to record the last quarter. Compare that to our earliest memories of telecommunications. I remember our first number was Hahndorf 70 and all calls went through the telephonist at the exchange. Even as I type this, I note that the spell check doesn't even know the word 'telephonist!'

In our Church life too, we have lived through significant change. We now welcome women in Ministry and other key leadership roles, even though it's only in the last twenty-five years that it has become acceptable for women to be trusted with the great responsibility of taking up the offering. Our theology has also shifted significantly. We no longer sing such gems as 'Washed in the Blood,' as I did as a child. And this is only in my lifetime. Think back another sixty years and the changes are even more dramatic.

On the other hand, something that gives me great delight is to sing a hymn with particularly fine words and look down to see it was written in sixteen hundred and something, or in the 12<sup>th</sup> century or whenever.

A quick skip through *Together in Song*, and I made a list of appealing words in the section on Communion, noting that wisdom and insight are not constrained by

the writer's place in the timeline of history.

1. 'With heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole' *7<sup>th</sup> Century*
2. 'O how deep your holy wisdom, unimagined all your ways' *late 20<sup>th</sup> Century*
3. 'Strengthen for service Lord the hands that holy things have taken' *4<sup>th</sup> Century*
4. 'You drank the cup of life, its bitterness and bliss.' *mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century*
5. 'Lord Jesus, joy of loving hearts, true fount of life, our lives sustain' *12<sup>th</sup> Century*

At this point of my thinking, I still knew what I wanted to say, but was struggling to get any narrative running. So, because I like to write down quotes that particularly appeal to me, I thought I would have a look through my little book of jottings for inspiration. And wouldn't you know it, in my little notebook of quotes, I found, courtesy of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century theologian, poet and hymn writer Richard Baxter, a caution against filling one's notebook with lists!

He wrote: 'Christians have thought that meditation is nothing but the bare thinking on truths and the rolling of them in the understanding and memory. Meditation should not just fill your notebook with notions and good sayings concerning God; it should fill your heart with longings after him, and delight in him.'

Which brings me neatly to Marcus Borg and his wonderful book 'The Heart of Christianity.' His 'heart' is much more than the 'Boom Biddy Boom' between Peter Sellars and Sophia Loren; indeed it is more than the seat of emotion, or of devotion, or even of love. This heart is a metaphor for that whole person that resides within each of us, our most intimate and true selves.

Our life as Christians then becomes a process whereby we are learning to open our hearts to God, to God's radiance, to God's compassion, to God's unbounded love and perfect Spirit. With open heart, we can learn to seek out thin places, as the Celtic Christians described them, where the boundary between our physical and very real life dissolves into the equally real world of Spirit. Borg argues that everything in worship should be about helping us into such a thin place. In more old-fashioned terminology, we may meet intimately and overwhelmingly with the Divine anywhere – in poetry, in singing hymns, in a garden, in a sermon, in a bus, in conversation, in prayer. Anywhere. We may find a particular location, or the words of a Psalm, or a rhythm of meditation, or a piece of music brings us into an encounter, and we can intentionally seek such a place. At other times, such experience can be unsought, unexpected and unpredictable. But such moments will remain forever elusive, if we haven't learnt first to live with an open heart, a heart primed for such experience.

Surely the great tradition of Christian writers is testament to men and women, who at their best, have found words to express that experience, when heart and Spirit intersect. Visit the Bible, read our hymnbook, explore our Library. Our living in the here and now might be filled with changing technology, changing priorities, changing responsibilities, changing addresses, changing rules for just about everything; but follow your heart to a thin place, a place of connection and intimate experience, and you'll find God's Spirit imbued with constancy, immutability, trust, love and grace.

**Alison Lockett**

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To conclude, let me again quote from the book, which I think many of us will relate to:

"For Jesus, faith is not so much belief in what one does not know as responding in practical ways to what one does know. Recognizing that works are inseparable from faith, his outlook is well summed up by the words of the apostle Paul,

"All that matters is faith working through love." (Gal.5:6)

William Phipps presents a view of Rabbi Jesus as the consummate master teacher with a keen sense of humour, whose central theme was love.

Shalom,

**David**



### **Introducing Zawadi**

I come from Uganda but as I was born in the Congo that is my original country. I came to Australia on 16 March 2007, which means that I have been living in Australia for five years. I came with my parents, my mother, father, three sisters, and two brothers, which is amazing. I love Australia because it has changed my life and my family's life. I'm studying and all my sisters and brothers are studying as well and the life is really good. About my study: The first time, after I arrived in Australia

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## From the Chairperson

In the four years since members of the Morialta Congregation last travelled to Rockleigh to assist Bushland Conservation members plant trees there has been a noticeable change to the landscape! Where once there was bare pasture that had been over-grazed, we saw large native trees growing. Bill Matheson and the members of Bushland Conservation harvested seeds from locally occurring vegetation and propagated them for planting, and some of the specimens are up to five metres tall.



For a number of years a contingent from Morialta journeyed to Rockleigh to celebrate World Environment Day which occurs each June 5<sup>th</sup>. Over the years of our involvement more than 3000 trees were planted. The survival rate is between 60-80%.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> over forty of us descended on the tranquil amphitheatre that is situated on the property owned by Bushland Conservation, where we enjoyed a barbeque, conversation and walks to explore the growth patterns of the trees we had planted

in previous visits.

As Christians we are encouraged to act as good stewards of our environment. While our modern life style and practices associated with it sometimes makes it difficult to do this, it is good to be reminded of the impact that even small actions can have on our environment.

Whether you participated with the forty at Rockleigh or not, there are things we can all do to answer the Biblical imperative of care for Nature. Previous editions of Morialta Vision have dealt with some of these ideas, but, if you would like to know more talk to members of the Social Justice Mission Ministry Team.

**Bruce**



## Morialta Community Centre News

As you look across to the community garden you will see not only the evidence of a great deal of work by Burnside Council but also the enthusiastic work of the members of the garden. There is a great deal of variety in the various garden beds, such as peas, beans, rhubarb, strawberries, artichokes, cabbages, cauliflowers, even some marigolds. You will also notice the fruit trees that have been planted around the perimeter as well as grape vines.

Morialta U C has a garden plot that has been prepared and tendered by members of our Kids on Sunday. Jordan, Jesse and Casey have planted peas (which have sprouted quickly) carrots and strawberries. As the enthusiasm of our team continues

you will no doubt hear more about the harvesting and eating of these delicacies.

On 26<sup>th</sup> May two workshops were held in the Community Garden giving expert advice on composting and worm farming. These were arranged by staff of Burnside Council and most of those attending were not members of the Community Garden which indicates the various ways that the garden meets the needs of the wider community. There is not a day goes by that Christine O does not get an e-mail or phone call from someone interested in the garden. This initiative from our Community Centre is already proving to be a way of not only providing a popular need within the local community



but enables more people to be aware of our presence in the area. And Christine says: Thank you to all the church members who came to support the official opening of the garden by the Mayor Burnside, David Parkin! Some members, including Bill and Doreen Matheson, planted their trees and seedlings. The serving of Muffins and hot drinks in the foyer was a "plus" enjoyed by members and visitors.

**Christine Ostle and John Powers**

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arrived in Australia, I studied Certificate 2 and 3 in speaking and written English at the English Language Centre in Rundle Mall in the city. Then I went to Thebarton Senior College and I studied there for only two weeks, and by chance I got a scholarship at Loreto Senior College which was a school for girls. I studied there for Years 10-12. After finishing Year 12 the Loreto community continued to help my family

and me and they never stopped helping us. Now I'm doing Certificate 4 in Community Service at Gilles Plains TAFE campus which is why I am doing work experience at Morialta Community Centre. When I finish my work experience, I'm hoping to go to the next step at Flinders University. For the work experience I have started at Morialta Community Centre, I would like to thank Christine Ostle who welcomed me, and all the staff of Morialta Uniting Church. You

welcomed me with a warm hand and you showed me the heart of love. On the first time I came to start my work experience, I felt welcomed and I felt like I was home. I'm wishing you to continue with that heart of love and God will bless you all in whatever you do in the name of our mighty God in heaven who died on the cross because of our sins. God be with you all.

**Zawadi**

## Alison's Medal – Other Activities



Alison's activities undertaken over the years are wide and varied.

These have included writing, composing and directing a student musical at Stradbroke Primary School to celebrate South Australia's sesquicentenary year; supporting students with learning difficulties in the Extended Learning Unit at Charles Campbell Secondary School; contributing to the Christian Education Program in local primary schools;

acting as Musical Director and Conductor of the Campbelltown Christian Singers.

Currently, Alison provides hand massage to residents of Labrina Village, an Aged Care facility operated by Southern Cross Care at Prospect. One can sense the care and warm connection which this would provide.



Alison's role in designing, creating and facilitating the making of Morialta's liturgical drapes has enhanced our focus throughout the Seasons of the Year. These, rich in design and colour, capture our attention and are a central element in our Worship.

Her love affair with language, her infectious, sometimes (often?) wicked sense of humour, and her ability to produce music and to embellish other works, have all contributed for many years to special events and productions, and, in changing forms, these have been amongst the hallmarks of Morialta.

And, then - there is her incarnation as Mikky the Clown, especially for Kids' Club and further afield!

We could go on, but it seems to become more and more unreal!

But it's not!

How fortunate we have been to have so much skill, energy, good sense, and seemingly, never-ending entertainment, in a member of the church family!



## Visit to the Aboriginal Congress Service



In April eight people from Morialta went to the Aboriginal Congress Service at Salisbury North after our service concluded at Morialta. Aboriginal people led the worship in prayers and song.

Their prayers were sincere and showed concern for others. This concern was illustrated, too, in their donation of \$2000, from their own offerings, to the new Dinka congregation which we learned about recently.

Three women sang in beautiful harmony in their own language.

Westerners seem to be among the few peoples on earth to worry about time, the need for order and the smooth running of events. The Congress service started half an hour late and lasted for over two hours. Aboriginal people must find it very hard to adjust to our culture! We arrived home at about 4 p.m.



After the service a healthy lunch was served, prepared by two members, formally from the Salisbury UC. We appreciated the chance to meet and talk with the people of the Salisbury Congress congregation.

Now it is time to think about how we can continue to support the Congress in its work.

**Doreen Matheson**

## Freedom of Choice

Seeking freedom of choice is indeed a formidable task in this world which keeps urging us to create ourselves as subjects. To have freedom of choice we need to be bold enough to overcome ourselves.

My recent experience in the local supermarket will illustrate the difficulties. There I sometimes push a trolley and act as guardian of Lesley's handbag while she makes advanced forays down the aisles to capture the essentials, and not so essentials, for life. The other day I waited in front of the breakfast cereal section. I counted more than 30 different packages, more deceptively half full when opened, of different combinations of wheat, barley, oats and rice. What a choice! Bright packets offering more for less, iron man strength, 99% free from fat and some even claimed organic contents.

All of these coercions were not helping my freedom. With all that choice I was frustrated, unable to act and grab a packet. I moved on thinking I should have an egg and bacon roll for breakfast followed by a strawberry milk-shake until I fathomed that was not freedom of choice but indulgence. Since that supermarket experience I have thought much about how one can really exercise freedom of choice as Jesus seems to have done so effectively. I have come to believe that, to have that choice in life, one must have a vision, as He did, the Kingdom of God, backed by a belief and a virtuous inner self. As I have said, seeking freedom of choice is a formidable task, easily abandoned to self indulgence, or self deception, or fundamentalism.

*Should I not settle for toast and vegemite?*

**A Tideman**

## Confirmations

On Sunday, 27 May, the day for celebrating Pentecost, two of our wonderful younger people were Confirmed – Katrina and Lachlan Mackenzie.



This was a thoroughly Morialta and Mackenzie happening – a particular delight because both have been with us, even before their births, and as growing children.

They are both now moving into being young adults, making their ways through studies and finding pathways for now and into the future. Their contributions to Morialta, particularly in music and technology are a great gift

That they have chosen to be Confirmed as Members in the Uniting Church, and in this church family, is a joy.

Together with Diane and David, we were privileged to lay on hands, to pray with them and to acknowledge them as Members in our fellowship.



## Solomon Islands – Women's Leadership and Livelihood Program



One of the projects chosen for us to support this year is for the work in the Solomon Islands in assisting a Women's Leadership and Livelihood Program.

Uniting World has had a long partnership with the United Church of the Solomon Islands. The church has a membership of 56,000 in a population of over 500,000.

The Solomon Islands has a narrow economic base consisting of agriculture and fishing. Women have a tradition of producing craft work in order to supplement the family income but need training to develop and utilise their skills. In the past the church has focused on health issues.

A new project is now on the agenda to train and resource women from local communities by:

- Strengthening leadership roles in local church communities
- Training women in book keeping
- Raising awareness of social and health issues from a

Christian perspective.

- Sharing livelihood and skills to assist women in income generation
- Providing resources or small loans to women for their chosen livelihood endeavour
- Assisting women in marketing their products

This training will begin in six circuits of two regions. If successful it will be offered to four regions. Each circuit has between five and seven villages. It is expected that 5000 women will benefit from the project.

This information has been provided by Uniting World.

Beverley Tredrea

Mission Projects Team

## Visit to Beit Shalom Synagogue - David Purling



On Wednesday 18th April, the Fellowship and the Social Justice Mission Ministry Team combined, along with some other members of the Church, for an **Interfaith Evening at Beit Shalom Synagogue** on Hackney Road.

It was a wonderful meeting with Rabbi Shoshana Kaminsky.

The Beit Shalom Synagogue belongs to a Progressive Jewish Congregation that was set up in the year 1963 and was dedicated to a group of Lay leaders.

Religious services are held, prayers are organized and dinners are held.



The synagogue has beautifully embroidered ark curtains inside.

**The Ark or holy chest** - This is behind the curtain, the cabinet where the Torah scrolls are kept.



**Torah** (TOH-ruh) - In its narrowest sense, Torah is the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, sometimes called the Pentateuch or the Five Books of Moses. In its broadest sense, Torah is the entire body of Jewish teachings.

**Torah Readings** - Each week, a different portion of the Torah and the Prophets are read in synagogue.

**Torah Scroll** - The Torah that is read in synagogue is written on parchment on scrolls.

A Silver pointer is used when reading the Scroll, so that the precious handwritten scrolls are not damaged.



The Synagogue has a variety of services for its members including a Bar and Bat Mitzvah training.

**Bar Mitzvah** (BAHR MITS-vuh) - Lit. son of the commandment. A boy who has achieved the age of 13 and is consequently obligated to observe the commandments. Also, a ceremony marking the fact that a boy has achieved this age.

**Bat Mitzvah** (BAHT MITS-vuh) - Lit. daughter of the commandment. A girl who has achieved the age of 12 and is consequently obligated to observe the commandments. Also, a ceremony marking the fact that a girl has achieved this age.

**Beit Shalom** offers the full range of religious services, including Brit Milah, baby naming ceremonies, weddings and funerals.

**Sabbath** - Sunset Friday to Sunset Saturday. This is a day of rest and spiritual enrichment.

**Shabbat services** are held on Friday nights and Saturday mornings.

**All the chaggim** - Jewish holidays (Yom Tov or chag in Hebrew) are days that are holy to the Jewish people. Two of the most popular chaggim are Pesach and Purim.

**Pesach** (PEH-sahkh, PAY-sahkh) is a holiday commemorating the Exodus from Egypt, known in English as Passover. This holiday also marks the beginning of the harvest season. In Temple times the paschal lamb was sacrificed on this holiday.

**Purim** (PAWR-im) is a holiday celebrating the rescue of the Jews from extermination at the hands of the chief minister to the King of Persia.

**Beliefs:** Judaism has no dogma, no formal set of beliefs that one must hold to be a Jew. In the book quoted below: "When two rabbis argue, there will be three opinions." In Judaism, actions are far more important than beliefs, although there is certainly a place for belief within Judaism

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Rabbi Shoshana told us of two bumper stickers which 'showed' the difference between Fundamental Christians and Jews in their approach to Scripture.

I later found the following, from a book titled *The Wisdom and Wit of Rabbi Jesus*, which gave some context to the bumper stickers.

"Arthur Green, a rabbinical college president, told me of a way for distinguishing Judaism from some other forms of religiosity.

First, he noted a bumper sticker popular with Christian fundamentalists: "God said it, I believe it, that settles it."

Rabbi Green commented that his tradition could accept this slogan if "now. let's discuss it" replaced the last clause.

Scriptural texts are revered in Judaism but students are encouraged to explore multiple meanings through dialogue with a mentor."

**Shabbat shalom,**

**Peaceful Sabbath**



## ***The 13th Triennial Assembly***

**15 to 21 July 2012**

**Grand Chancellor Hotel - Adelaide**

**Theme: Life Overflowing**

**Opening Service and installation of Rev Andrew Dutney  
Sunday 15 July 2012 at 7.30pm  
Entertainment Centre**

The Triennial Assembly is the peak decision-making authority of the Uniting Church. Assembly Members gather over six days to discuss and deliberate on the directions of the Church.

Entry requires free tickets obtained through the Church Office  
Bus will transport Morialta people from the church and return.



## **Urban Mission Network Gathering**

Morialta was delighted to host the Urban Mission Network on Thursday 24 May. Delicious appetisers and drinks were enjoyed, along with much conversation, prior to a short worship service, after which a delicious meal was served in the hall and the Gathering listened to reports from various speakers, including a Morialta presentation.



Rev. Amel Manyon is the first South Sudanese female Minister to be ordained in Australia. She has formed the Northern Suburbs Dinka Speaking Faith Community to enable South Sudanese people to worship and to be part of our diverse and exciting community.

Amel's vision is to create a community of "Welcome and Worship".

Amel was introduced by Rev Dave Williamson, the Presbytery's Multicultural Ministries Officer. It was our pleasure to have Amel's family joining in worship and sharing in the meal.

## ***Thanks to Morialta!***

To Church Council and Congregation

What a wonderful evening it was when the congregations of the Urban Mission Network gathered at Morialta on Thursday, 24th May.

Will you kindly pass to Morialta's Church Council and Congregation the Urban Mission Network's thanks for their very warm welcome and their wonderful hospitality.

The success of such events requires a great deal of planning and preparation, both at the event and in the days and weeks leading up to it. Our particular thanks go to all those who were involved in so many aspects of the evening, including Rev Diane Bury and Rev David Purling for planning and leading our time of worship; Alison and Pam and the Singing Group for the uplifting music and singing; those who described Morialta's ministries; and the teams who set the tables, prepared and served all the food, and cleared up afterwards.

The focus of the Gathering was multicultural ministries and we heard Rev Amel Manyon describe her response to God's call to ordained ministry and the establishment of the Northern Suburbs Dinka Speaking Faith Community. Morialta's generosity in gifting the meal has resulted in \$1,000.00 being contributed to support Amel's ministry - \$778.10 given by those attending the Gathering supplemented by \$221.90 from the Network – a wonderful result.

Thank you, Morialta, for your commitment to the life of the Urban Mission Network and for your gifts to the gathered congregations – worship that centred us in our Network context, stories of your mission and ministry that informed and inspired, and generosity in gifting your time, talents and resources.

With best wishes to you all.

Kind regards

**Christine Secombe**

## Family Day Picnic

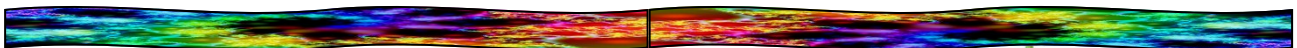
**More than a walk in the park!**

This family event at Tusmore Park on Sunday 29 April was a very successful, relaxing and enjoyable afternoon. It began with everyone lunching in a large circle, comfortably clad for the changing sun and occasional clouds, and enjoying the food and conversation.

It was a great example of cross-generation activities where over thirty people, ranging in age from 4 to 94 years enjoyed the company and fun activities, including races and play for the children and others young at heart.

Viewers, bystanders and loungers were comfortable in their less demanding roles, and the race prizes were extended even to them.

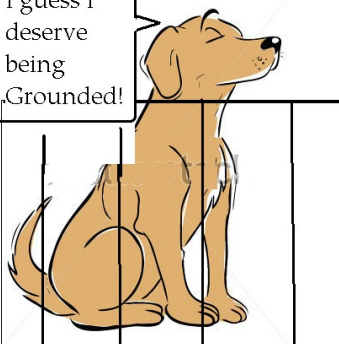
Craig managed the crowd and activities and expressed his appreciation to Bev Tredrea and Diane Bury for organising the event.



## paws for thought ...

I'm not really sure what made me do it! I know I'm supposed to stay behind the gate unless Bruce needs me to help him. But recently there have been some interesting things happening out the front.

I guess I deserve being grounded!



First, we have some new next door neighbours. A couple of terrier types and their humans.

They make a fair amount of noise most of the time and I like to find out what's going on. Second, at the last Brunch there was some food left in the carport.

Anyway, Anne and Bruce were getting ready to go away for a few days and I was at a loose end. The gate and the roller door were open and the dogs were barking.

What's a dog supposed to do?

I was just going to go out the front to check on the neighbours and see if I could find any matured morsals.

It was dark. I heard something a little further away. Just a few more steps.

Anyway, after a while I had gone around the corner and I wasn't really sure where I was.

Then I started to hear Bruce calling my name. I called out to him, but he didn't come. Fortunately, the humans at the place where I was recognized me and brought me home. I met Bruce down the road.

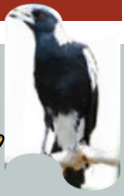
I was pretty pleased to see Anne and Bruce. I think they were happy to see me, too. They looked pretty worried. I was glad that this was the case. I didn't get into as much trouble!

However, I'm grounded. The gate is always closed now and I'm not allowed to go out by myself again.

Keely



# Morialta Magpie



Ruth spoke to Evening Fellowship about the Cochlear Implant. Her detailed presentation went from the very first instruments to assist with hearing impairment right up to the most modern.

The Cochlear has opened up a new world for people today.



Margaret and Ray began our Pot Luck Teas with a Mediterranean cruise. Wonderful pictures and great travel guide!



Dale's cousin, Denise, from Wellington NZ enjoyed meeting people and seeing Kay Grooms' commemorative seat.

# Birthday Congratulations



Happy Birthday! Melva



Special Congratulations to Gwen Hannaford who has celebrated her 100th Birthday!



Happy 17th Birthday, Jack!



Win is 90 years young! Congratulations!



Happy Birthday Beverlie!

Merv and family celebrated his 80th Birthday. Congratulations, Merv!



## Elizabeth Keipert

### 1925 – 2012



#### ELIZABETH'S STORY

Elizabeth was born to Albert William and Bessie Josephine Lillecrapp at St Peters on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 1925, a baby sister to four older brothers. Elizabeth started school at Eden Valley, rode her Shetland pony, Breeze, a mile to and from school, and left the pony in a stable at the grocery shop.

When she was eight she boarded with a family friend in Adelaide so that she could attend Girton Girls School. The confines of city life and a different type of schooling were difficult for a little girl who grew up in the country and she was very lonely. However, relief came two years later when her parents moved from Eden Valley to Seacliff, and Elizabeth moved to live with them in their house on the seafront. She then attended Woodlands Church of England Girls School.

Elizabeth had an accident at school and injured her lower back which meant she suffered a lot of pain but managed to complete her Intermediate Certificate and then left school. She continued to study music and had dressmaking classes. The highlight was when she was asked to make a dress for the then Governor's daughter. This was a nerve-wracking task but it gave her a great sense of satisfaction.

The family attended the Brighton Baptist church around which their social life revolved. Elizabeth and her friends attended Friday night dances in St Jude's Anglican church hall at Brighton and she sang in the church choir and played tennis and basketball.

After leaving school Elizabeth worked in the Commercial Bank as a ledger keeper. While she was working in the St Peters branch she met the shy young pharmacist Paul Keipert who asked her out. She and Paul married on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1945 and they moved into the house behind the pharmacy at St Peters which Paul managed. This was only a few months after the end of the Second World War and rationing was still in place. They had very little money and Elizabeth cooked cakes and knitted baby jackets which she sold at the Women's Work Depot in North Adelaide to supplement the family income. Their first son, Bruce, was born while they lived there and shortly they moved to Beulah Park where Paul now had his own business. The next purchase was a Continental car with a "dickie seat" in the back and it was very useful for transporting fellow sports people. John was born while they lived at Beulah Park.

They had been attending Baptist and Methodist churches and decided to align themselves with one or the other. Paul's father was a Methodist minister so they decided to join the Methodist church and finally settled on Spicer Memorial and later the church on East Parade.

Paul was a trained singer and Elizabeth frequently accompanied him on the piano.

They bought their own home and moved into the house which was next to Girton Girls School. Their baby daughter, Anne, was born and their family was complete.

At this time Elizabeth started working in the pharmacy a few hours each week and she loved meeting different people. Girton Girls School wanted to buy their house so eventually they sold it and moved to their next home on The Parade at Christmas time in 1961.

When she was working in the pharmacy Elizabeth became aware of the loneliness and isolation of many widows in the area and told Paul that one day she would do something about them.

The next few years proved to be very challenging. Elizabeth's parents were in failing health and it was decided to move them closer to Elizabeth and Paul which meant she took on more responsibility. In 1963 her oldest brother Ken died of leukemia and her father died in 1964, and then her mother in 1965. Paul's mother was widowed in 1954 and she came to live nearby in Kent Town so that entailed an extra caring role. During this time the love and support of the church community was very important to Elizabeth.

After the children left home Elizabeth and Paul moved to Rosslyn Park and loved living there because it was quiet and the neighbours were very friendly. In 1976 they went to California for a well-earned holiday and decided they liked travelling. Paul closed the shop in 1980 and they enjoyed some time together without direct family commitments. By 1982 all of their grandchildren had been born and they enjoyed immensely helping out with their care.

Now Elizabeth found she had time to do something about her widows. "Care and Share" began in 1980 after Elizabeth announced in church that she would have open house for morning tea one day a month. Twelve ladies came the first day and the numbers grew to thirty. Although it was not meant to be a church group, most of the ladies were from the East Parade church.

The ladies began knitting square for rugs which were given to nursing homes like Resthaven, Wright House and Glenside. Children's clothes were also knitted and jams, pickles, plants and garden produce were sold within the group. More money for yarn and more rugs! At the end of 1991 over five hundred rugs had been made. 21 years later over 1500 rugs (over 1.8km end to end) have been made and they are still coming. As well as knitting and chatting Elizabeth organized many outings and bus trips for the group. Her contribution was acknowledged when she was awarded a certificate by Uniting Care Wesley for "25 years of voluntary service" and also in 2000 a Seniors Award for service to the community.

Elizabeth and Paul were able to enjoy several more holidays interstate and overseas. On a very special trip their son John and his wife Beverley and family took them to South Goulbourn Island where Paul's father had been a missionary many years before, and to Darwin where Paul was born.

They decided to move to a place with a smaller garden and moved to Rostrevor in 1997.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003, after fifty-seven years, her beloved Paul died after a thirteen year battle with cancer. She had a close relationship with her three children and her grandchildren and considered herself very fortunate to have many of them nearby and so caring of her, especially after Paul died.

Throughout her life Elizabeth's passion and support in difficult times was her family and the church community, and the opportunity to care for and help others in their difficult moments. At age eighty-five she was still doing voluntary work and had a lovely spontaneous and infectious laugh which made people happy.

In 2011 Elizabeth was diagnosed with breast cancer which unfortunately had already spread to her bones. She maintained her independence until the end of last year.

Her last few months were spent in Anne and Bruce and John and Beverley's homes, and finally in the care of the Mary Potter Hospice where she passed away peacefully on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012, with family members around her.

We give thanks for this wonderful lady whose caring nature and interest in others touched the lives of her family and many people in the church and wider community.

Judith Purling

*Abridged for the eulogy by Anne and then for Vision*



Members of the family gave a loving tribute with personal reflections on Elizabeth's "generous mouth, attentive ears, deep eyes, distinctive nose and knucky hands".

It was said that

Mum was an insightful, gracious lady who underestimated herself, had deep concern for others, gave a well considered opinion, had a deep love for her family, friends and her God and had an uplifting influence on us all. We will all miss her terribly

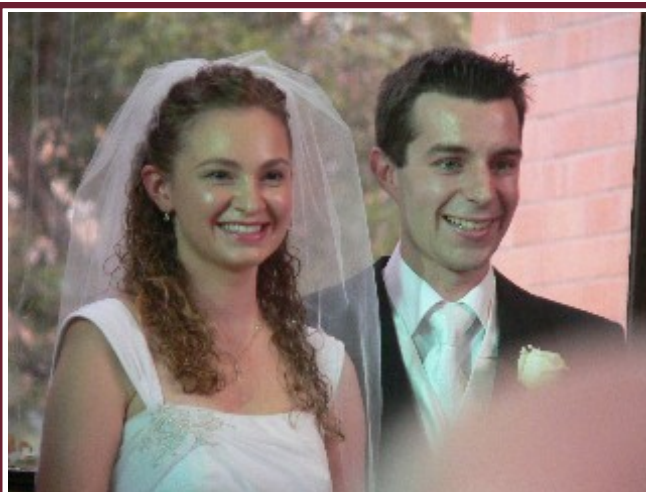
In the reflections and in Diane's homily there was reference to Elizabeth insisting, "I don't want to be a bother or pest."

Diane recalled the story of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak, a woman in great need who didn't want to be a pest.

Jesus says, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed."

Jesus reminds the woman, that in God's eyes no one is a bother.

Elizabeth tried to live out that attitude, In God's eyes, no-one is a bother, and she offered the friendship and care and healing from loneliness, to all sorts of people: her friends, her grandchildren (learned to text) to her customers and cleaners and so many others she came in contact with. Elizabeth was at the centre of a number of networks that made sure people were remembered and cared for and in touch with each other.



## *Congratulations*

**Rachelle Clarke and James Foley  
married on 16 June.**

In his Father-of-the-Bride speech, Neville said:  
"... but more important than Rachelle and James' talents,  
both are thoughtful, caring and considerate young adults  
and both are much loved ..."

**Everyone agreed!**

**God who calls us to a new way of living**

**Of loving**

**Of sharing**

**Different and special**

**Name us as your children**

**Enable us to**

**Welcome others and**

**Send us out to live in your name**

## “Around the Cooking Pot”

On Sunday 10 June Morialta was the venue for what proved to be a successful event, a stepping into “public ministry”, and with amazing public response.

One of the speakers, Reverend Dr Donna Schaper, the current Thinker in Residence at Pilgrim UC, is presenting the program, *Master Class in Public Ministry*, at Pilgrim Church. The other presenter was Costa Georgiadis of ABC’s *Gardening Australia*. Rev Jana Norman of Pilgrim was anchor person.

This report is drawn from a Pilgrim organiser’s reflections on the day.

Morialta was the perfect place: community garden, off street parking, large hall, comfy stackable chairs, heaps of wineglasses, mugs, cutlery etc, great sound including piped into foyer, kiddies corner in foyer...

The participants - we estimate that three quarters were non-church goers; range of ages, but a large number of 30s to 50s; Greg (wheelchair gardener) from Whyalla came with unusual herbs, and banana vine cuttings; several families with children.... For the 170 participants, love of gardening and a desire to live sustainably was probably the common factor.

Donna proved a great storyteller, people responded warmly to her, and all her books on sustainable gardening were sold! Costa was enthusiastic, warm, open - his zest for life is so contagious! They worked well together, plied with Jana’s adept and sparkling questioning.

A huge amount of work happened in the kitchen – delicious soup and bread were served, hot, on time, and in the right way – a challenge given the presence of so many people!

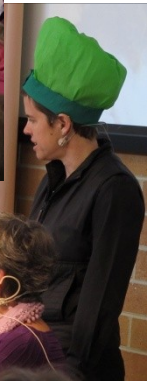
Treats of wine and cake at the end were perfect. Tscharke’s winery should have follow-up buyers! Diedre’s quince cake was enjoyed and recipes will surely be requested.

Morialta folk were generous and helped in many ways, setting up, helping and guiding in packing up and clean-up, directing traffic, getting signatures of visitors to the garden, finding a safe place to tie up visitor’s dog, etc. John’s skill in sound and video greatly enhanced the show, including recorded music as people arrived and claimed their seats, and using video, so that everyone could see the projection of the presenters on the big wall screen behind them.

Everyone seemed to leave with a smile on their face, and many thanks were received. One person commented that she didn’t think she had ever been to an event which was more friendly and welcoming.

I think we helped to build community, and inspire people to do some gardening and live sustainably. Our presenters embodied and communicated these values well: Donna and Costa, and Jana.

Thanks, Denise!



## Transit of Venus



**Highlight of a couple of weeks ago?** Surely - the impromptu appearance of Adam Begg with his intricate, well constructed apparatus for safely and clearly observing the transit of Venus in real time.

Volunteers, Friendship group participants, the Workshop men, and sundry other ‘transiters’ were delighted with the view and with Adam’s gentle brilliance in answering questions.

## History Week



On Sunday 6 May, following morning tea, we were well entertained with memories and stories by three of our excellent presenters: Jill Thompson, John Maschmedt and Arthur Tideman.

Each had a very different story to tell and they unwrapped it with individual style, taking their cues and questions from our very able interviewer, John Powers.

We could have gone on for longer – such is history told with great local style and personal connections! Thank you, all!



## Congratulations Andrew!

The Best EIE Final Year Project Award 2012 as voted by Academic and Professional Staff at UniSA was awarded to the team 2011-SP5-i consisting of Andrew Mackenzie, Toby Roberts and Ryan Wendland.

Their project was on “Implementation of fuzzy logic to direct vector controlled induction motor drive system”.

If you are interested go to the YouTube demonstration <http://youtu.be/9mAypIkJ8-o>

For more information including full hardware specs, implementation and results, please see our project's website at: <http://dtcfuzzy.webuda.com/>

## Have you sat on the seat yet?



What a delight to have this, to have it in place, setting off the front of the church and the garden, and to be able to sit and enjoy the view out over the community garden. On a sunny day it is blissful!

Perhaps it came as a surprise although we've been working towards this for some time, selection and ordering being the main challenges. What we now have meets our hopes of it being functional and well-designed.

What you may have forgotten is that we had decided to use the bequest from the Estate of our dear Glad Mason for this purpose, especially given that she loved the garden and tended it at the front of the church with much care.

A contribution to the cost of the seat has also come from the sale of items on the foyer work stall, just on the other side of the window. Proceeds from this are generously being given to capital projects. Thanks to Carole and Company.

If you haven't already inspected the seat, tried it out for comfort, and enjoyed sharing it and some conversation with a friend, take the opportunity on a sunny day and you will be rested and restored.

## Quiz Night

As always, Morialta's Quiz Night got off to a great start with genial host John, Quiz Master, Kim, and assistant-adjudicator-mathematician, Diane.

Kim seems to compile the extensive categories and questions every year with new and special effects and twists, and the projection throughout keeps everyone informed and focussed.



There is little, if anything, that anyone could argue about, and if they even try, there is a clear edict delivered with quiet ease, and the participants are satisfied. We think he's marketable and we would happily become his agency to manage this strand of his considerable expertise!

The Olympics provided the main topic, but there were plenty of other categories and questions to give everyone a chance.

Thanks go to the sponsors and contributors, and to the team which set it all up.





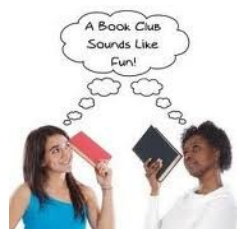
# Colour the Cold Months with a Good Book

The Library Committee have written book reviews for you to read and choose a book or two for the colder months coming up.

By the time this vision goes to print, I hope that we will have successfully changed over to using a barcode scanner in our library. This will give a quicker service for you, the borrowers.

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### Interested in joining a Book Club?



On the first Monday in the months during July, August and September

Evenings 8.00pm to 9.15pm at Adam's

or

Afternoons 3.00pm to 4.15pm at Jenny B's.

Please REGISTER interest by talking to Lorraine, Jenny B or Adam as soon as possible.

Books will need to be bought or borrowed during the month of June so that we can start in July.

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MORIALTA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## Colour Competition

Let's have a bit of fun! Write a piece about colour with approximately 100 words, in a genre of your choice.

Winning entries published in Vision magazine.

Other entries displayed on the library notice board during the music hall production of "Just Kaleidoscopic".

Entries should be placed in the box marked "COLOUR COMPETITION" in the library by Sunday 29 July.

Prizes of \$25 book store gift voucher for best adult and child entries.

## Book Reviews

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE HANDBOOK FOR DISASTER RELIEF and**

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS**



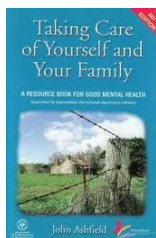
These two books are handy to look at if you want an instant answer.

For example in the Response Handbook for Parents you may want to know

"How to motivate your child"

On looking up Chapter 12 you will find a story illustration, care and counselling tips, home life tips and what to say and what not to say.

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**TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY**

By John Ashfield

A Resource Book for Good Mental Health

Supported by beyondblue: the national depression initiative

Covering topics such as Depression, Anxiety, Conflict, Stress, Grief, and Insomnia. This book is an easy-to-understand book containing sound information and self-help guidelines.

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**WE ARE ONE VILLAGE**

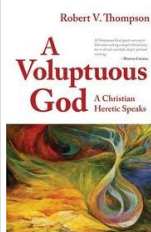
By Nikki Lovell

This is the true story of eighteen year old Nikki who became a part of the Namwendwa community in Uganda.

For someone so young, Nikki has a wealth of passion and experience to share with us all.

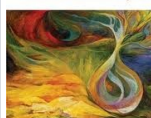
We are One Village is in turn captivating and inspirational.

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**A VOLUPTUOUS GOD – A Christian Heretic Speaks**

By Robert V. Thompson



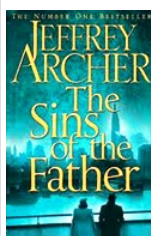
This book has a curious title and an odd Sub title. Each chapter is a story which is complete. In fact the whole book is a

collection of stories. There is the one about believing with Jesus rather than in Jesus. Another chapter is a description of what Heaven should be and there is a chapter on the definition of sin etc.

I found this book from a likeable writer – very Christian.

Jenny Barabas

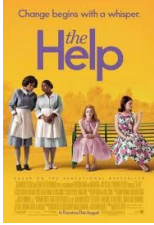
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**THE SINS OF THE FATHER**

By Jeffrey Archer

A tale about how Harry from the Bristol backstreets rises from obscurity to high society.



**THE HELP**

By Kathryn Stockett

Set in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962. Where black maids raise white children, but aren't trusted not to steal the silver.

Each character finds the courage to cross boundaries, and each comes to depend and rely on the other. Each is in a search of a truth and together they have an extraordinary story to tell.



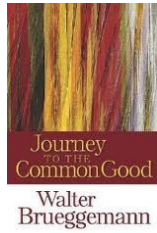
**THE SECRET SCRIPTURE**

By Sebastian Barry

This is an exquisitely written book about centenarian Roseanne who is writing about her life against a background of Irish history in the

early half of the 20th century. Hers is a life of considerable tragedy but she exhibits love and compassion. Her memories are a mix of both reliable and shifting. She is living in a mental institution and her psychiatrist is also writing of his life. The local priest has immense control over the village and Roseanne's life. Sadly we see that the Catholic Church is of prime importance to him. He has no compassion for Roseanne. For the reader it is like a jigsaw where the passing of time and the elusive memories make the old jagged jigsaw pieces difficult to fit together. Ultimately uplifting.

Helen Drew



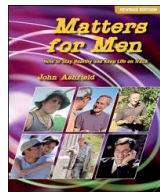
**JOURNEY TO THE COMMON GOOD**

By Walter Brueggemann

“Renowned scholar Walter Brueggemann mines Old Testament biblical narratives for

interpretations applicable to contemporary capitalistic states and presents a counter-narrative: trusting in God's abundance and obeying God's economic commandments frees people to be good neighbors. He offers thought-provoking comparisons between the temple of Jerusalem's destruction in 587BCE and the terrorist attacks of 9/11, suggesting a 'double-read' in which biblical and contemporary narratives of loss, grief, and hope can inform each other.

**MATTERS FOR MEN**



By John Ashfield

A collection of helpful and authoritative short articles by a coordinator of men's health issues in country South Australia, previously a university lecturer and psychotherapist. The items are easy to read, should be of practical interest to women, and are arranged under broad headings such as physical health, mental health, relationships and fatherhood. Some typical titles: Saving your skin could save your life; Single and dateless is no joke; Reviving the practice of male mentoring.

Bryan Forbes



**PAPER BUTTERFLY**

By Diane Wei Liang

The author of this novel, DIANE WEI LIANE was born in Beijing in

1967 and now lives in London. She spent parts of her childhood with her parents in a labour camp in a remote part of China. While attending Peking University in the 1980's, she took part in the Student Democracy Movement, and in 1989 was in Tiananmen Square the night before the student massacre. This background gives the story an authenticity of setting and political events.

Mei Wang (31) lives and works as a private detective in modern day Beijing. Her investigation into the disappearance of beautiful pop star Kaili leads her back into the trouble political past of Lin, a political activist who was arrested in Tiananmen Square, from a forced work camp, 8 years later. His search eventually converges with that of the detective, where all the loose threads of the plot come together!

In my opinion, the main asset of this book is the convincing description of China and Beijing, with it's mixtures of modern and traditional influences and culture.

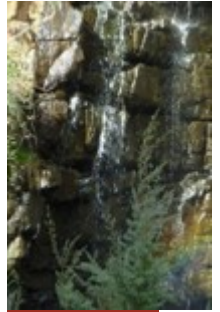
Jill Kerr

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*Coffee Corner 20 years  
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## DIARY DATES

Sun 24 June	Pot Luck Tea	5.00 pm
Sun 8 July	Community Sunday Service Coffee Corner/Friendship Volunteers Luncheon	9.30 am 12.00 noon
Sun 15 to Sat 21 July	Assembly	
Sun 15 July	Opening Service and Installation Rev Dr Andrew Dutney	7.30 pm
Fri 20 July	Dinner – Assembly Guests	TBC
Sun 29 July	Pot Luck Tea	5.00 pm
Fri 3 & Sat 4 July	Music Hall <i>Just Kaleidoscopic</i>	6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
Sun 12 Aug	Combined Service & Meeting of Congregation	9.30 am
Sun 9 Sept	Library Celebration <i>What the Dickens? &amp; High Tea</i>	5.00 pm

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