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From the Minister

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Dear Friends,

How do you see yourself? How do you understand who you are? Many of us have had the experience of being known as someone's son or daughter or, especially those of us who have followed an older sibling to school, as someone's brother or sister. Some of us identify ourselves by our occupation, or a hobby that's important to us and there are times that we might identify ourselves with a cause or even a football team. Age is sometimes a way we identify ourselves particularly the very young (I'm four and three quarters!) and there seems to be a more advanced age where broadcasting your age seems acceptable once again. Other times we might identify ourselves by how we see ourselves, by the values we try to live by as kind or patient or optimistic or a good listener or a practical person.

This last month my identity has undergone a few changes. Now, I am someone's Grandma (I thought I should mention this



just in case of the unlikely event that there was still someone who hadn't heard!), and Kim and I have become empty-nesters as Nicola has moved out of our house. And, as Pepsi has gone too, we can no longer think of ourselves as (almost) dog owners.

Life events such as changes in relationships due to our children growing up, our parents becoming more dependent on us or a partner or close friend dying can cause us to re-assess our sense of who we are. Facing our limitations and our failures can also move us to re-define ourselves, as we can no longer carry out the activities we were once so proud of, or we find ourselves

acting against what we thought we were deeply held values. Sometimes changes brought on by illness and bereavement can seem to pile onto us so we almost lose all sense of who we are.

Being part of a community is important at such times. When we lose ourselves, when we forget what is most important about who we are, those who love and care for us can remember for us, can remind us in the way they value and treat us, of our deepest identity as God's beloved, those who can and do bring the goodness of God into reality. Those around us also offer the opportunity of service, for it is often in serving others that we find ourselves again.

In all the changes and challenges you face, may you know yourself as God's beloved.

Diane

MIGHTY MAGILL
Christmas
2012
MARKET
Saturday 17 November
9.00 am to 3.00 pm

An Economy of Life

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"What the poor need is not charity but capital, not caseworkers but co-workers.

And what the rich need is a wise, honorable and just way of divesting themselves of their overabundance."

Clarence Jordan

David Purling writes ...

In the Opening Scene of 'Les Miserable' we are confronted with the teeming, squalid streets of Paris. Here are beggars, urchins, prostitutes, and students. The Beggars sing:

*Look down and see the beggars at your feet,
Look down and show some mercy if you can,
Look down and see the sweepings of the street,
Look down, look down,
Upon your fellow man!*

I thought of those words, 'look down, look down' when I last went up to Morialta Falls. I usually look up, but this time I looked down, and saw this interesting pattern on the rocks.



It was good to look down.

How many years had it taken for the water to create such interesting shapes and patterns?

One of my favourite Psalms is Psalm 8. As a young lad I remembered it by heart (and in the King James Version of 1611).

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels...

It is beautiful poetic language, but I now prefer the NRSV's...

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God...'

It is good to look up, where the galaxies amaze and humble us. Yet looking down enables us to see that which also amazes and humbles us.



This tree, growing in a playground, had this (and other) small shoots down near the base of the tree.

'When I look at your heavens...'
yes, but also, 'look down'.

David.

Council's Worship Reflection

Morialta has just concluded a stewardship campaign and by all reports it was well received and apparently it has been deemed to be a successful one. In 1990, Rev Ian Tanner produced a study guide to "Twelve Keys to an Effective Church" by Kennon L Callahan. It is interesting to note that Dr Callahan lists Solid Financial Resources as the twelfth key in order of priority, it not being first or second. It is a lesson to learn. Many congregations, on discovering their reducing financial resources, usually wonder how they can increase the giving through a request-for-money campaign.

Logically, there are only two ways to increase the giving of a congregation. The first is to ask those who are already giving to give more - which is the usual approach. The other way is to have more people who want to give.

Consider Matthew chapter 6 verses 31 to 33: this passage is another portion of the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. Tanner points out that the emphasis here is on the absolute priority of seeking the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and the application applies equally to Christian

congregations as it does to individuals. In verse 31 "do not worry" - consider that worry is a consequence of doubt and as such essentially a distrust of God. In verse 32 "for the pagans run after all these things" - ie money while Christians believe in the love of God, and therefore the personal care of God for them. In verse 33 "seek first his Kingdom" - suggests to give first priority to the rule of God in our own lives, in the life of our church, and in the life of the world. And then "and his righteousness" - tells us that while we may live imperfectly, God's righteousness will hold us steady. The message of the gospel is not that we can be righteous by ourselves, but that we are loved, and the more we allow ourselves to be loved by God, the more the possibility we have of being regarded as righteous by God. That righteousness is God's, not ours. And further on, "and all these things will be given to you" - is a clear example of Jesus' teaching that money follows mission. When we get the mission right as a congregation through love and obedience, we should not have to be so concerned about money.

Tanner asks the question, "Does the church have any responsibility to fulfill this promise of Jesus that they shall have all these things?"

R K Penhall

From the Chairperson

"Signs, signs everywhere there are signs...", are the opening words of a well known song. And there are. Whether it's a bright new shiny one that announces our existence, a banner on a school fence that promotes the Market, the discolourations on the new ceiling that indicate water has found its way through the roof, or the traces of Jacaranda that herald Advent there are signs everywhere.

As Christians we are accustomed to dealing in sign and symbol. The Cross, The Tomb

and the Manger are concrete pointers to our faith. But there are other more subtle, signs that remind us of our Mission

The Consultation, that took place earlier this year, provides some signposts for the congregation and Church Council to consider. While the result of the Consultation was resoundingly positive there were some recommendations for the Congregation and Council to consider. Over the next period we will need to look at the signs and respond in the direction

we are led. You will also remember participating in the National Church Life Survey some months ago. The analysis of the survey has been carried out and Morialta has the results available. During the November Congregation Meeting it is expected that some time will be taken to unpack the signs this material provides for us.

Bruce



Community Centre News



The ways in which we interface with the wider community are many and varied.

There are the obvious programs, the ones where so many of us are involved as volunteers and participants. The wonderful group of nearly fifty volunteers that serve an average of thirty-five diners every Wednesday at Coffee Corner is a clear example. Then there's the smaller band that finds energy to welcome and encourage and ply with cups of tea those folk who play table games at Friendship. Many of our men, older and not so old, value the camaraderie to be found in the Workshop, with a handful of certified experts (don't mis-read that for 'certifiable) on tap to help nut out the trickier challenges. The Broadband for Seniors Kiosk whirrs along on Wednesday afternoon as well, but is certainly available at other times for any who would like to learn to explore the great World Wide web, or simply learn how to communicate by email with family.

Perhaps not quite so obvious, is the wonderful Morialta Playgroup that meets on Tuesday mornings, with Jackie Smith as Coordinator. This is a veritable hub of activity, with participants making up one

happy and hugely diverse multi-cultural community.

Also in this category is the Monday Tai Chi group. With a membership of twenty, and growing, this group has defied its own expectations, thanks not just to the feel good effect of this gentle exercise form, but also to the bonds of friendship that are knitted up over coffee afterwards.

Most of us know that we have two student houses, which, for the most part, support nine students as they transition from rural life to tertiary study in the city. One is next to the Church in Chapel Street, and the other in College Drive, Rostrevor. The support comes largely from a small group, whose understanding of the issues around such a transition places them uniquely to undertake the necessary oversight.

Most, though not all, of the above programs, continues merrily along fuelled by their own inertia. So where does Christine fit in as our Coordinator?

Christine has very effectively been able to address areas that have historically been both challenging and time consuming. Our profile as a vibrant Community Centre

and as a facility that offers great options for community groups has been lifted enormously. We are well known, in the best sense of the word! With regular input to local government sponsored network meetings, with active membership in Community Centres SA, with regular communication with both Gilles Plains and Flinders TAFE Colleges, with a physical presence at the recent Burnside Senior's Expo and the HEAL program launch at Campbelltown Leisure Centre, with the establishment of the Community Garden in Chapel Street and the Committee, and the groups and individuals that have all participated in that, with the list is too long for this column!

Christine's year has been busy beyond the half time employment that she has with us, and we all hope that her two weeks of holidaying in late October will have refreshed her for the next round of meetings, emails, and making things happen.

Alison Lockett
Leader Community Centre MMT



Alison Lockett – OAM *Congratulations continue!*

On 5 September Alison was invested with the Medal of the Order of Australia by His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia. Miriam, Cameron and David were guests – a special family event. Alison's Medal recognized her service to the community through Morialta Uniting Church, and we are all delighted.



Social Justice Forum

An Economy of Life

Sunday 14th October we celebrated Social Justice Sunday. Our theme for worship was "Peace in the Market Place" using resources developed by the National Council of Churches.

Worship was followed with a Sunday Forum at which we explored the statement adopted by the 12th Assembly of the UCA in 2009: *An Economy of Life – Re-imagining human progress for a flourishing world.*

Our guest at the Forum was Rev Sarah Williamson, Solidarity and Justice Consultant for the SA Synod. Sarah presented key parts of the statement and led us through some of the more challenging sections.

The concept that *salvation = wholeness* may seem a strange first, but if we think of wholeness "as a vision of flourishing, abundant life, of peace and reconciliation, justice and transformation, love and inclusion for all creation", then we can see the connection with salvation. Behind the gospel stories is a theology which expressed God's reign coming to override *all* unjust structures, which exploit and oppress people and creation.

Accepting the limits of economic growth in a globalised world is a major stumbling block for many. But does the global economic system operate in a way that wealth will eventually trickle down to those who are currently poor? The system seems to perpetrate exploitation, instability, injustice and violence on people and the planet. It will continue to do so because of the values and assumptions inherent to it: "materialism, individualism, greed for money and power, competition and unlimited growth"

Growth as it is measured is actually not human progress. We must reconsider growth to ensure the planet's survival. We must reconsider growth also as we recognise and accommodate the cyclical nature of economies. We must re-imagine and redefine our success, our progress, as societies and nations, according to how well we support what is necessary for the *flourishing of all people*. Central to our faith, we have a vision of life that calls us to a different way of being in the world. *An Economy of Life* provides us with a series of statements to help us renew our commitment to live a different story:

We commit to engage as active participants in the reconciliation of the world with God.

We commit to work with all people out of the values and hopes that we share across religious traditions, race, culture, and nationality, for a better world.

We commit to a world where all people have access to what is necessary for their flourishing, both for them and the planet.

We acknowledge that individualism, competition and greed deny human flourishing, and commit to finding wealth in relationship with each other and the world around us.

We commit to God's sacred gift, the riches of life, which we will approach with humility, reverence, respect, and valued as precious.

We commit to the vision of God's household, where all people are safe, secure, cared for and valued.

We commit to a system of cooperation, justice and equity which is characterised by love and marked by generosity.

A final challenge from the National Council of Churches document "Peace in the market place":

I understand that living the simplicity testimony means to choose to walk in the light – to make this a constant priority – a simple (though hard) priority:

Is this going to improve my connection with my inner self?

Is this going to enhance my connection with God?

Is this going to improve my connection with God?

Is this going to help me be connected to the earth?

Colin Cargill for SJMMT

based on Sarah Williamson's presentation.

Copies of *An Economy of Life* are available in the Church Library.



Book Bank

For Everything there is a Season

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes recognized that times change and needs change.

For us at Morialta the time has come to close the Book Bank. It was an imaginative and visionary initiative but people are now using other media to access reading material. After operating for more than

seven years the requests to borrow from the Book Bank do not justify keeping the books.

The committee is now in the process of distributing the 300 books and DVDs which have been acquired over that time. It has been decided that one copy of each title will be kept in the library, all DVDs will be retained, and eight sets, each of ten copies suitable for group studies, will be retained by Morialta. We hope you will have an opportunity to participate in a group and

use one of these titles.

The remaining books will be offered to theological students or any interested person at a nominal cost. If you are interested inquire at the Church office.

Morialta Book Bank Working Group
Lesley Tideman, Lorraine Powers and Jennie Hosking.

A Special Meeting of the Congregation – 28 October 2012

Consultation Report

We will welcome Rev Gerry Hodges, Pastoral Care Officer, Presbytery and Synod of SA, who will present the report to the Congregation. He has been helpful and generous throughout the process of reporting on the Consultation and we are delighted that he will now join with the Congregation in discussing it.

There will be a number of recommendations to be related. The first, which the Consulting team has made to the Pastoral Relations Committee, summaries the team's view of Morialta:

That the Pastoral Relations Committee:

Affirms that the Morialta Uniting Church is a dynamic, welcoming and inclusive congregation with many excellent programs and ministries; that their worship life is vibrant and spiritually nurturing; that pastoral care is sensitively carried out and highly valued and that there is strong engagement by members in pursuing greater understanding in the faith journey; that the church buildings are used effectively and by a diversity of people; that they are keen advocates for social justice which creates opportunity for many people to be involved including the work of the Community Centre.

This has been received by the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Meeting of the Congregation – 25 November 2012

National Church Life Survey Report - NCLS

There will be some unpacking of relevant key sections in this very detailed report. As a foretaste we thought the following may raise anticipation.

From the **Summary of Morialta's Survey Results:**

Who took Part: 91 adult attenders aged 15 years and over and 4 children aged 8 to 14 years.

Strongest Core Quality: 'Clear and Owned Vision'.

Most Common Leadership Strength: Morialta respondents identified their most common leadership strength as 'Listening deeply'.

What is Most Valued: Morialta attenders ranked first 'Wider community care or social justice emphasis'.

What Needs Attention: Give more attention to 'Building a strong sense of community within the congregation'.

(Taking into account other recording of values and strengths, this response seems to indicate, *keep on with this which is done well*, rather than that this needs attention to remedy a lack or a gap.)

Attendance Inflow: In the past five years new arrivals include 3% newcomers without a church background and 4% who have changed churches.

Average Age: average age of church attenders is 69 years 9 months.

From the **Snapshot of Morialta Uniting Church**

Top 4 Strengths of your Church

Clear and Owned Vision
Imaginative and Flexible Innovation
Inspiring and Empowering Leadership
Practical and Diverse Service

Top 4 Aspects Attenders Most Value in this Church

Community care or social justice
Practical care for one another
Sharing in Holy Communion
Preaching or Bible teaching



HOPE TAKES COURAGE

What difference do you think hope makes to your life?

Hope has always been a plank of Christian worship, but not optimism.

I began thinking about these two features of life when I read recently that hope is to strive and that takes courage. And hope, unlike pleasure, is not a feeling. For Christians, it is a belief in God - a prayer.

A belief that we can make the world a better place.

An optimist thinks that the world is changing for the better, while hope is the belief that together we can make the world a better place.

As the author, Jonathan Sacks, writes, 'The Bible is a great literary deposit but not an optimistic book'.

Arthur Tideman

Evening Fellowship - Service & Fun

Packing for Samaritan's Purse

At our September meeting, Fellowship members packed gift boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Organisation – "Operation Christmas Child". Thanks to everyone who donated goods for this project, we were able to deliver 24 boxes and there were quite a few items left over. What a great effort!

We also had enough money donated to cover the \$9.00 per box which covers the transportation to their destinations in Vietnam, Cambodia or PNG, etc. Thank you to everyone who was part of this fantastic activity.

Arlene Lomman



Fun and Games!

Fellowship met for a Fun and Games night – a week early to include members who would join the Kangaroo Island Tour the following week.

The promptings for the Fun and Games were ingenious! There were numbered plastic bags containing various objects. Each person drew a number and then had to take that bag and tell a little story about the object contained therein.

What great "finds" and creative story tellings:

Margaret Boundy told how useful and important the torch would be in a power blackout.

Dale showed a bear which sang a little hymn and played it to the group.

Margaret Clogg drew a hat and plastic gloves and told how a hair covering and sanitised gloves were used by nurses when treating patients.

Everyone had a few turns and enjoyed this impromptu night.

Brian Corrigan



Mission Sunday at Morialta 9 September

The Rev Nita West, guest preacher, brought information about Papua New Guinea's Gaulim Teacher Training College, describing their emphasis on equal encouragement to boys and girls, and the growing understanding but continuing need to develop the role of women in their society. Nita's pictures, maps and artifacts prompted our own understanding and appreciation of the needs, including very practical matters of deteriorating water tanks and buildings.

The Morialta Congregation valued the opportunity and information, and contributed monetary gifts totaling \$770. Mission Projects target for this project in 2012 is \$1,000. Other contributions to the range of projects come through Pot Luck Teas, Muffin Morning Teas and the Mothers Day Cake Stall, managed by the Netball Club, which, in 2012, raised the wonderful amount of \$790.

If you would like to know more about Mission Projects commitments, programs and projects go to the Morialta website. There are also interesting and informative links with sites relating to the projects.



Be Free To Choose How You Define Yourself

Some time ago I saw a small column in the *Sunday Australian*, written by Frank Furedi which made me think about how words can be used to diminish our true selves.

Frank recalled how he went to see his mother in hospital as soon as he had learnt that she had suffered a stroke.

He introduced himself, 'I am Frank Furedi. I am Mrs Furedi's son'.

The nurse looked up and said,

'You mean you are her carer'.

'No, her son'.

'But you are her carer'.

'No, her son'.

Frank was determined to define himself by 'family love', above the current, inclusive term, 'carer'.

Arthur Tideman



We need a better plan to save our river

River Murray Community Forum at Morialta

On Tuesday 9 October Morialta was the venue for a Save the River

Murray Community Forum with presenters Grace Portolesi MP, Member for Hartley, and the Premier, Jay Weatherill. Around 70 people attended with Morialta folk numbering about 30.

Information was well presented by the speakers and in the video clips, ably supported by Graham Vincent, our resident "Tech" for this event.

Questions were asked and answered and it was clearly a worthwhile and informative forum. Literature was available and in response to participants' questions:

What can we do to support the Fight for the Murray campaign...

the following actions were stressed and were part of the hand-out material:

Join the Fight for the Murray campaign at www.fightforthemurray.com.au and encourage your family and friends to join via the 'share the fight' icon on the top right hand corner of the campaign website homepage

Send a message from the Premier of South Australia, Jay Weatherill, to your networks including work colleagues and business associates (contact Ingrid Guzman from the Campaign Team for an authorised message from the Premier for distribution on (08) 8226 1485 or email Ingrid.guzman2@sa.gov.au)



The Premier and Grace Portolesi joined in conversation over refreshments before leaving for yet another meeting, but without visiting the Community Garden, talking with Christine Ostle and having pictures taken.



Special Connections – unexpected



Church family networks sometimes provide interest pieces which we could easily miss. This is one to enjoy:

The Seymour College magazine, *Tartan Talk*, amongst its brilliant colour pictures and newsy items, has published such a piece on our own Kathryn Barker. She is pictured with Sandy.

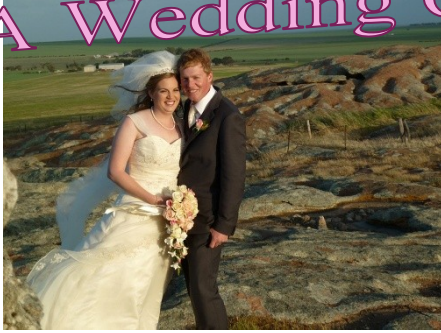
After joining the College last year in Year 9 Kathryn discovered that her great, great aunt Mary Vincent had been a Foundation Old Collegian in the year of '26. This was a very special matter for Kathryn and for Sandy. Prior to this Kathryn had been an Annesley College girl, following in her mother's footsteps, but with this very special connection she had embellished another thread in the fabric of her life and education.

The item in *Tartan Talk* reflected on the place of great, great aunt Mary in the school, a prefect and hockey player, her work and home life, and her later hospitality and inclusion of overseas students, mostly Asian, in her home. She had attended the 75th anniversary celebration in 1997, quietly wishing that her very new great, great niece might also become a Seymour College girl, but understanding Sandy's pathway at Annesley. As it happened, Mary died in 2011 and did not see Kathryn enter Seymour as she had done 89 years earlier.

Another snippet to be noted with warm affection is an entry on the very new and shining Honour Boards. Boronia Bennier was the Sports Captain in 1947 at the then Presbyterian Girls College, now Seymour College. May we offer our rather retrospective congratulations, Boronia!



A Wedding Celebration!



More than a day in the country!

Many will remember Patrea Blackwell who lived in the Chapel Street Student House for the four years of her study at Magill Campus.

Patrea married Shaun Carey in the small Catholic Church at Chandada, Eyre Peninsula, on 22 October. Ten Morialta folk attended and enjoyed the marriage occasion, the country generosity and the conviviality of the celebrations in the Institute opposite the church. Sarah was the first of the three bridesmaids and performed her duties with smiling assurance. The bride's gown sparkled in

the sunshine, the veil blew to beautiful advantage in the breeze, and the attendants were elegant in deep rosey pink..

Sarah made the speech to the bride and groom, celebrating their meeting and pathway to marriage, and giving some delightfully well-chosen advice. The wonderful wedding cake, baked by the mother-of-the-bride and decorated by Sarah, was much admired.

Patrea now goes into her married life with Shaun expressing her happiness, embracing their farming life-style, enjoying

what is clearly a loving community, and with great memories of their celebrations.

For the Morialta contingent there were many good, and different, moments, including being refreshed between the ceremony and the reception at the Poochera pub, enjoying the entirely farm produced and wonderfully cooked meat and, for some, relaxing at the Tourist Park over a morning cuppa, and contemplating the water and the birds..

paws for thought...

I know I have shared the news that Macey, the cat, has come to live with me. As cats go she is pretty unfriendly! I just have to look at her and she hisses. I find it easier to keep out of her way most of the time.

However, she has taken to using my beds. I don't suppose I mind; I have several, but, they are my beds and she still growls if I come anywhere near.

She may be jealous. I take Anne and Bruce out with me sometimes and she has to stay behind, but, that is no excuse is it! The only time she is anything like congenial is when she is trying to persuade Anne or Bruce to give her food early! Then she sometimes forgets to be angry.

Anyway, I don't suppose things will change too much. Macey is pretty old and I guess Old Cats are just like Old Dogs. You can't teach them new tricks!

Keely

CHEEKY

Hello Coco and Keely,

My name is Cheeky.

I learned about you two after reading the "Purrs for thought" in Vision.

I am a very much loved cat. Jeanne just adores me and I take advantage of that, which attitude I am sure I can attribute to you, too.

One very windy night Jeanne heard a terrific noise of a car braking and drive away. She ran out and saw a cat dead on the road. She immediately thought it was Cheeky and after looking at it closely was convinced that it was Cheeky.

Crying her heart out she picked the cat up in the dark, went home, got a spade and very emotionally buried me.

There were cups and cups of tea and, of course, no sleep.

At daylight Jeanne went out to tidy up and make a nice memorial for me.

"Eureka!" Coming to the back door,

there was Cheeky to greet her. I heard screams, loving words, "Cheeky, you are alive! I must have buried some other cat!"

I must have slept in my cosy spot, oblivious to the drama.

Someone's cat had a special burial. After inquiring around, no one had lost a cat – it must have been a stray.

I am glad I am still alive because I have plenty of love from Jeanne.

Regards,

Cheeky.

Editor's Note

Thanks to Jeanne, a reader of Vision, for the reassuring story about Cheeky.

We thought others would enjoy it.

However, due to the space limitations, any future correspondence between our furry friends may have to be conducted on 'Facebook'

Morialta Magpie



Happy Birthdays!

Margaret Clogg, Margaret Jenkins, and Mary Watson.



Over 80s.

The over 80s Afternoon Tea was enjoyed by a large group with much reminiscing.

Mary Tugwell was honoured in cutting the cake.



Congratulations

Chris!

You'll be even wiser at 70!



Tom and Ceita Johnson, from Aylesbury, Bucks, UK., friends of David and Judith Purling, were welcomed at worship.



From the Librarian

Dear Readers,

What have I been reading over the last three months that has **shone** out to me and given me a “**buzz**”.

Well lots of things, as I have had the joy of reading and judging all those lovely “colour competition” entries. By the way I plan to put those entries into a little book and put it in the library so you dear readers can read them at your leisure.

I have really enjoyed being part of the First Monday Night in the Month Book Club and reading

“*The Reader*” and “*Revolutionary Road*”. These two books took me out of my comfort zone.

I also very much enjoyed reading “*Cracks*

in my soul” by Bruce Saul which inspired me so much that I want to write my own memoirs.

No, it wasn't any of these. It was, this poem I found in Olive Pope's little book called “*Moments of Joy*” which happened to be on my bedside table, and seeing we have been having such a colourful year I wanted to share it with you. I hope you enjoy it.

Olive at 94 has, in her little book, been remembering some poems that she has enjoyed over the years. She writes, “Here is my last one – in full – the writer lies buried in the church-yard of St. Georges Church at St. Bernards Road, Magill.

'Bread and Wine'

'A cup of opal through which there glows
The cream of the pearl,
The heart of rose,
And the blue of sea
Where Australia lies,
And the Amber flash of her sunset skies
And the emerald of the dragon fly
Shall stain my cup,
With their brilliant dye.
And into this cup I will pour the wine
Of youth and health, and the gifts
Divine of music and song,
And the sweet content which must
Ever belong to a life well spent.
And what *bread* would I break with my wine
think you?
The bread of a love that is pure and true'

Colour Competition

The winner of the Children's entries for the colour competition was **LUCY JOHNSON**.

Congratulations Lucy and thank you for such a colourful entry.

Colour-ville!!

It was a colourful afternoon in Colour-ville when 10 year old Violet Green came running out of Rainbow primary. She was running with her friend's Indigo and Rose Maroon (they were twin sisters) to the Blue Fields to play after school.

But on that colourful day, Roy G. Biv the mayor of Colour-ville was having a very grey day indeed (a terrible day in Colour-ville). Mayor Biv had lost his coloured pencils which is very bad for a mayor especially of Colour-ville.

When Violet, Indigo and Rose heard this news they immediately agreed that they would help the mayor find his pencils. In the meantime Ruby Gold, the daughter of Rainbow primary's principal, found the pencils on her father's desk. Ruby's dad had forgotten about borrowing them without asking.

Ruby was a good friend of Violet, Indigo and Rose, so they all agreed to return the pencils to Mayor Biv together. Mayor Biv was so excited to see his pencils again that he blessed them with a thousand Rainbows which they shared.

And from then on nobody ever lost their coloured pencils in Colour-ville ever again!!!!

THE COLOURFUL END!!

By LUCY JOHNSON!!



Successful High Tea

Thank you to all who came along to the High Tea to sip tea, eat delicious cakes and enjoy a literary or musical delight. We made \$580 which is already being used to purchase new resources.



WORSHIP SERVICES

during October have been looking at the theme of **LET THE LIGHT SHINE** and **FINDING TRUE VALUES FOR LIVING**

Stephanie Dowrick's book "*Forgiveness and Other Acts of Love*" is a good book to read when wanting to look "with depth and freshness at courage, fidelity, restraint, generosity, tolerance and forgiveness – the great humane qualities

that can sustain and support all of us, even in the most difficult or uncertain periods of our lives."

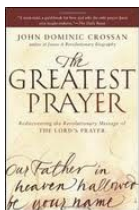
Other books can be found on display to help you explore this theme.



ADVENT As I write, Advent is just around the corner. Do come in and have a look in the Library during Advent. There will be a number of books, suitable for advent, out on display, for your spiritual enjoyment.

MAGILL MIGHTY MARKET You are encouraged to donate books for the Magill Mighty Market. These books will raise money for Morialta not for the Library. You are welcome to leave them in bags or boxes in the library marked for Magill Mighty Market.

BOOK REVIEWS



THE GREATEST PRAYER

By John Dominic Crossan

The Lord's Prayer – The Our Father – the Abba Prayer. Whatever name we choose to call it by, it is not only central to the Christian faith, but also to understanding Jesus' message and calling. John Dominic Crossan, professor and historical Jesus scholar, carefully illuminates this prayer, looking at both its structure and content.



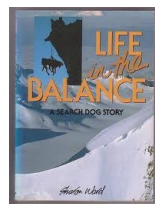
PERFECT HOSTAGE

A LIFE OF AUNG SAN SUU KYI

By Justin Wintle

This is a very full biography which provides a wealth of detail on Burmese history as well as Suu Kyi's life up to 2007. Helpful features include a list of personae, glossary, map and excellent photographs. Suu Kyi's father Aung San, led the early struggle for democracy in Burma, but was assassinated in 1947. Although married to an English academic, Suu Kyi took up the political fight about 1989 against Burma's brutal military council, facing long periods of house arrest, but being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.

Bryan Forbes



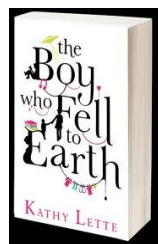
LIFE IN THE BALANCE

A SEARCH DOG STORY

By Sharon Ward

The author has written an honest story, exciting in a doggy way – you must fall in love with her dog Puku – about the beginning 20 odd years ago of the New Zealand Search Dog Unit. It was a struggler as dogs were not allowed in National Parks and funding was hard to come by. Eventually it gained acceptance by Police and Government Departments and then was sponsored by Red Cross.

Jenny Barabas



THE BOY WHO FELL TO EARTH

By Kathy Lette

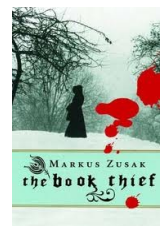
Meet Merlin. He's Lucy's bright, beautiful son – who just happens to be autistic. Since Merlin's father left them in the lurch shortly after his son's diagnosis, Lucy has made Merlin the centre of her world. Struggling with the joys and tribulations of raising her eccentrically adorable yet challenging child (if only Merlin came with operating instructions), Lucy does not have room for any other man in her life.

Funny yet heartbreaking, witty and wise, this unputdownable, bittersweet novel – about keeping your family together when your world is falling apart - is an amazing read.

Margaret Boundy

THE BOOK THIEF

By Markus Zusak



This is an award winning book by an Australian author. The setting for the story is the year 1939 in Nazi Germany, and is narrated by Death – a benign and sympathetic entity with an ironic sense of humour, who will soon be very busy! On the way to Munich, Leisel Meminger's 6 year old brother dies, and is buried by the train tracks. At the graveside, Leisel picks up her first book – "The Gravediggers Handbook". It will be one of 14 books that give solace to her, an abandoned child struggling to survive in war torn Germany. It is Death who tells of Leisel's ordeal and of her resilience, of the moments she almost comes within his reach, and of the terrible events of the war for German civilians. Zusak has written an unusual, haunting and compelling story. He gives it's last words to Death, who confesses : "I am haunted by humans." Those whom we encounter in "The Book Thief", too, have that power over the reader.

Jill Kerr

NEW AUDIOS

MAO'S LAST DANCER by Li Cunxin

THE BRAIN THAT CHANGES ITSELF by Norman Doidge

NEW CD

Schubert Schwanengesang (Swansong) by Bryn Terfel (baritone) with Malcolm Martineau (piano): The Early Recordings

NEW BOOKS

BEL CANTO by Ann Patchett

BRING UP THE BODIES by Hilary Mantel

MIGHTY MAGILL Christmas 2012 MARKET

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26 Chapel Street Magill

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Sun 28 Oct	Special Meeting of Congregation Consultation Report & NCLS	Following 9.30 am Worship
Sun 28 Oct	Pot Luck Tea	5.00 pm
Thurs 15 Nov	Urban Mission Network Gathering Bridgwater UC	6.00 pm for 6.30pm
Sat 17 Nov	Mighty Magill Market	9.00am – 3.00 pm
Tues 20 Nov	Church Council	7.30 pm
Sun 25 Nov	Combined Service & Meeting of Congregation	9.30 am
Sun 2 Dec	First Sunday in Advent	9.30 am
Sun 2 Dec	Family Advent Celebration <i>Games in the Park</i> <i>Sausages & Carols in Car Park</i> Ecumenical Event	4.30 – 6.30 pm
Tues 18 Dec	Blue Christmas	7.30 pm
Mon 24 Dec	Christmas Eve - Worship <i>Listen to the Silent Night</i>	7.30 pm
Tues 25 Dec	Christmas Day <i>Singing the Song of the Stars</i>	9.00 am

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- Schumann - Carnival last of Vienna, op.26

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