



Morialta Vision

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From the Minister

Dear Friends,

One of the many 'light bulb' jokes goes like this:

Q: How many (name of group of people) does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Change! Why change?

It is a joke that connects with the idea that most people don't like change. It probably is true of some people but there are others who are much keener on change. Indeed some people seem to thrive on it. But really it doesn't matter what our attitude to change is; change is part of life and it is all around us.

Change is at the heart of our faith too. The prophets speaks of the divine yearning for a changed world that more closely reflects the divine vision for justice, compassion and peace. Recently in Advent we heard again the Magnificat which promises change so radical that it is as if the world is turned upside down: the mighty brought low, the humble lifted up.

At the beginning of Luke's gospel Jesus connects his ministry with transformational change that brings freedom and sight and good news. And as we follow faithfully in the way of Jesus we allow our lives to be transformed as they are shaped by our love of

God and our neighbours. As we start Lent, we hear again stories of people facing journeys of change and discovering God's faithfulness.

And yet change can be difficult, threatening, resisted.

A couple of years ago I took part in a course 'Foundations of Transitional Ministry'. Amongst other topics we looked at some of the dynamics and stages of change. One phrase that stuck in my mind was this: "People don't resist change; they resist loss."

Even the most eagerly anticipated, planned and longed for change can bring with it a sense of loss that colours how we feel about that change. That is especially true early on as we find ourselves needing to let go of what is and prepare to make the journey to what will be. We remind ourselves of new possibilities and look forward to them, yet we can feel sad about what is no longer.

As Christians we believe that whatever the future holds we do not move into it alone. There is no change that can take us away from the Divine presence. Wherever we are headed God is already there.

Grace and peace.

Diane

Rest and wait in the Wilderness

Listen and see in your heart

Trisha Watts. Seasons of the Spirit



This is not our land;
we simply journey through it.
This is a place for pilgrimage,
a sacred space
full of echoes
from past generations
who have travelled before us.



Team Jesus

Team Jesus 3

Date: March 23-24, 2013

Venue: Barossa Valley Tourist Park

David Purling writes ...



Some time ago we were up in the Riverland and we came across this fellow keeping a watchful eye on the road into the Reserve. Of course we had parked in the car park, and were not frightened or threatened by the fierceness of his close scrutiny of us.

It made me think of the freedoms we have in Australia (as I pen this on the Eve of "Australia Day"), and that restrictions are generally there for a good purpose.

Much like bringing up children, or responsibility for caring for grandchild(ren) from time to time. There are limits to the kinds of freedom they can, and indeed, ought to have. I'm sure you can think of plenty of examples how the safety of the child in our custodianship demands our attention to boundaries.

We were taking our English visitors down south and stopped at the Goolwa Barrages. This cheeky little fellow had ignored the sign and had gone beyond the boundaries set by the River authority!



You can see that he (or she) has just crossed the line! (It's a Willy Wagtail in case it's not very clear)

I also ask myself, when is it right (as Jesus did in the Gospel) to cross the line for the sake of the other?

Worth thinking about?

Editor's Note

In this edition of *Morialta Vision* we're saying "Goodbye" to Val DiGirolamo and "Welcome!" to Helena Begg!

Val has been our Graphics/Layout person since we began the current presentation of *Vision*. We have delighted in her creativity in presenting our "well-dressed" *Visions*.

Helena takes up the role in graphics/layout with proven skills and we are glad that she has accepted the invitation. Her work on *Vision* will not be subsumed in the role of Office Coordinator, but will be in addition.

Mary will continue as Editor, with John Powers as Acting Editor for the April Edition. Please address items and questions to him for that edition.

Reconciling God,

*we pray for refugees and asylum seekers.
Forced to leave their own land, they come to our country,
bearing the painful scars
of rejection discrimination and abuse.
They come here hoping for healing
and the opportunity to make a fresh start.
Forgive us when we do not make them welcome.
Forgive us when we erect barriers of suspicion
and mistrust.
Forgive us when we allow them to be further abused,
assaulted and exploited.
Help us to build bridges between us,
to seek to understand, to offer friendship
and sympathy
so that the healing process may begin. Amen.*

Elizabeth Burroughs, Methodist representative,
National Committee for Women's World Day of Prayer

To See Others Through Their Eyes

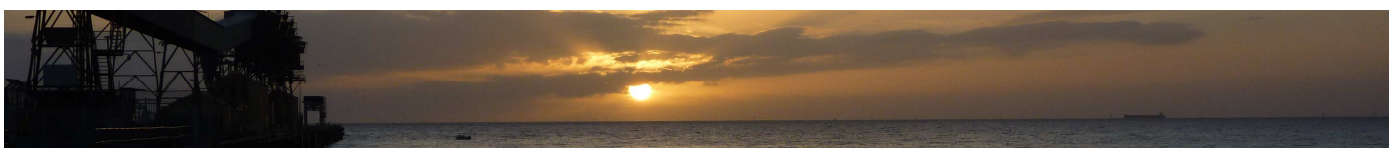
The magnificent ability we have to see, for ourselves, through another's eyes, to imagine ourselves in another's shoes, leads to the fulfilment of the Golden Rule, *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you*'.

At Christmas, despite the pushy, self confidence of many I encountered and read about, I heard two stories related in our church service which proved how powerful that gift can be in the young and old.

Do you recall Jan Sillett's story of the little deprived, seven year old girl who was introduced, as she said, 'To the biggest collection of toys she had ever seen'? When she was invited to select a toy from the charity collection she searched until she found one she knew her brother, who could not be there, would like. That story nibbled away at my old age Christmas frustrations.

And then, as we waited for the service to begin Rob Cheel told the story of frustrations at the check-out when a malfunctioning computer refused to accept payment. One card had suffered three rejections and was out. The second had two rejections when the next man in the queue, seeing Kath and Rob through their eyes, leaned forward with disarming connectedness, swiped his card and paid for the Christmas groceries. He dismissed their request for his identity. Suggested, if they wished, to give the money to charity and so fulfilled the Golden Rule.

Arthur Tideman



From the Chairperson

I have just gone through the process of re-training with a new Guide Dog. Over the seven and half years that I worked with Keely we learned how to get the best out of each other and the improvement in the way we worked meant that we moved away from the principles that were used to train Keely in the first place and that we started out with when we were matched.

To get the best out of Wallace we needed to go back to first principles again. Stopping and going through formal turns and so on. Learning each destination and becoming confident with each other.

As I reflected on the process that I went through as Wallace and I qualified as a team I saw a parallel for Morialta.

We have been really fortunate to have enjoyed a period of stability as Diane and David shared with us in ministry.

Anyone who has been involved in the life of a congregation for any time will know that Ministers stay for a time and then according to the vows of their ordination are called to express their ministry somewhere else.

If the placement has been good it is likely that through the trust and grace shown and experienced activity develops and Mission exercised in ways that may have been different to that which was envisaged.

We have learnt from Diane and David just as they have learnt from us. We have developed a short hand that has improved efficiency sometimes.

However, now that we know that Diane is leaving us to take up a call to

work in the Pastoral Relations Team we need to go back to first principles again to ensure that the match between congregation and minister is the best possible one. Morialta has a Mission that we are called to and we need to be sure that it is clearly understood by the ministers with whom the Joint Nominating Committee talks.

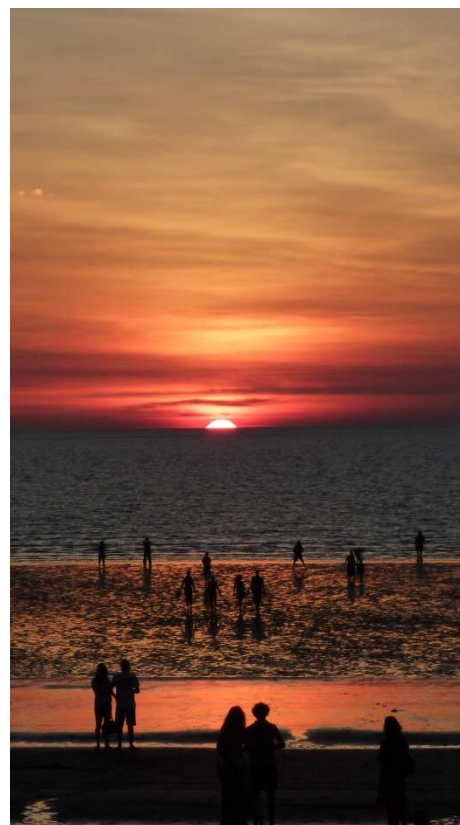
Morialta is in a good position. We have a clear and owned Vision and leaders who are committed to the life and witness of the congregation. We don't need to hurry to find a replacement.

The Church Council has already started the processes that are needed to request conversations in order to fill our placement. It is really good that Diane will be with us until the end of May. Between then and now Church Council will appoint a Supply Minister (s), prepare the documentation for submission to Pastoral Relations, and the congregation will appoint a Joint Nominating Committee.

Just as we have been supportive of Diane during her Ministry with us, we will follow her activity as she takes up her next placement having learned through the experience gained at Morialta. Our Mission continues and the resources we have in the many capable people in the congregation will ensure that we will move into the future with our new Ministry Team full of confidence.

Finally, I would be very pleased to talk with anyone about any questions or concerns for the process that we are about to embark on.

Bruce



Changing times and David Purling

According to Uniting Church Regulations, on the completion of a Placement, and before the commencement of another, the role of Minister in Association is declared vacant.

With Diane's departure this means the position filled by Rev David Purling, is concluded.

Morialta has been fortunate to have been able to call upon the considerable skills David brings to Ministry. We recognize that he has been considering his future for some time and has decided to complete his involvement as Minister in Association, before he and Judith leave for their overseas trip.

In his letter to the Church Council, informing of his decision, David has generously offered to provide support in preaching when it might be required.

We all wish David and Judith safe travels and look forward to their return, recognizing that the changed arrangements will not affect their involvement at Morialta where they are both an important part of the Church Family!

Bruce



More than Black and White

Church Organist? Keyboard Player? Pianist? Whichever term one uses, and often multiple hats apply, that person who provides the absolute backbone of the music throughout a service, deserves a big shiny medal! Or a free pass into Heaven! As a bystander, I see the busyness that such responsibilities impose. Hardly has the pre-service music finished than the choir introit is on, then it's quickly on to the first of four to six hymns or songs. The song around the children's talk often presents its own challenges, before the offertory music needs to be ready. Occasionally intercessory prayers will have a sung response interspersed

with the liturgy. Communion comes every second week, so there's appropriate music to be selected for that, or perhaps some more choir accompaniment, or both. After the final hymn there's often a sung blessing immediately preceding what is formally referred to as the postlude. Phew!\

Between juggling various hymnals and songbooks, albums of voluntaries, loose sheets of music, thinking about organ registrations when used, and the vital Order of Service, there's barely time to give attention to the prayers or even the sermon. Certainly there's not opportunity from behind the keyboard to sight the full face of the Minister or other worship

participants. And then, alongside the significant organisational prowess that is required, there's the small matter of having the skill to play the notes on the page in a way that both reflects the mood and content of the text, as well as giving a strong lead to the congregational singing.

All this requires considerable thought and practice ahead of Sunday morning, and intense concentration and alertness on the day. Yes, we are blessed at Morialta in the depth and quality in our musicians who undertake this demanding role each week. So let's not forget to let them know from time to time how much they are appreciated.

ART AND WORSHIP WORKSHOP Wednesday 3rd April 7 - 9pm in the church sanctuary

Do you have an interest in making our worship experiences more diverse and enriching?

The Worship and Faith Education Team are running a workshop covering all art disciplines, and would like your input to make our worship experiences more meaningful.

The areas we will be looking at are: Music, Drama, Floral Art, Poetry and Readings, Visual Art, Audio Art, Dance and any other expressions of art you may like to explore.

We will have a brainstorming session and then take these ideas to a place of practical application. We do not have to limit our worship times to Sunday Mornings only, but other times as well eg. Holy Week or Messy Church.

Please come and be prepared to think outside the box!

Dawn Colegrove



Community Centre News



Christine Ostle, Community Centre Coordinator, writes

I resumed work on January 7th when there was little happening around the church other than the significant alterations in the hall. This afforded a wonderful opportunity to spring clean my computer files and the Playgroup cupboards. I was ably assisted by Grace Feliksiak, a new volunteer, who is hoping to later become a TAFE Student here. Jackie, our Playgroup Coordinator, came in one day for the annual washing of the playgroup toys.

We are grateful for the new pergola over the sandpit that the Property Team has built. We look forward to seeing how children have grown when they return this year. We anticipate new children, as usually happens.

While little was happening with the church's weekly programs many things were happening in the Chapel Street Community Garden. The hot weather took its toll but was not as devastating as might be. People have commented that they expected the entire garden to look dry and shriveled but they were

surprised to see that it is still quite green and producing lovely tomatoes, watermelon, corn, cucumbers and zucchinis.

The weather revealed the need for taps on the northern border, which are now in place. The garden committee met on the 7th of January, and on the 19th a very successful working bee was held. A significant number of eager helpers came along with several new people. Plots that had been vacated were all filled and there is now a waiting list.

As we move into 2013 we look forward to the garden continuing to flourish, the building of Playgroup, and developments in our Community Centre's priority goals.

Introducing Grace, our newest volunteer!



Hello everyone!

My name is Grace. I came to Australia over 20 years ago from Poland with my family. For most of these 20 years in Australia I have been taking care of my family. Last year I completed Certificate IV in Community Services Work. During my course I gained many skills and I enjoyed the studies very much. This year I decided to enrol in the Diploma of Community Services Work. The Morialta Community Centre will be my vocational work placement and at the moment I am working as a volunteer. My first day at work as a volunteer was on Christmas lunch. It was a very busy day, but I enjoyed it and met many nice people. Christine, my coordinator, is very helpful. I would like to thank everyone for a warm welcome to the Morialta Community.

Relaying the Plaque in the Garden



In the year 2000, "the Jubilee year of Christianity", Morialta Uniting Church, with Burnside Council, planted a tree in the park opposite the church to celebrate that year. A plaque was laid adjacent to the tree on the long weekend in June. It was the first of many trees to be planted on long weekends in June by people at Morialta as part of our commitment to caring for the environment.

The design of the Community Garden in the park preserved the Jubilee tree (one plot is a little shorter than the others) but during the work needed to establish the Garden the plaque marking the tree was removed.

Plans were made to re-lay the plaque as we worshipped in the park on 13 January 2013. Early fears that it might prove too hot proved groundless but a couple of hours before we were to gather, the rain started. In many ways it was a welcome rain but plans for worshipping outside had to be abandoned.

Thanks, though, to a creative inspiration by John Secombe, we enjoyed the outside as we stayed dry inside. The picture from a video camera on the front porch was projected onto the screen at the front of the sanctuary letting us see the rain and passers-by in the street (and those arriving a little late for worship!) Others brought rugs and picnic chairs in to strengthen the outdoorsy feeling.

We marked the re-laying of the plaque as the rain continued to fall.

A refreshing celebration!



Liturgy for Worship

13 January 2013

We relay this plaque, as those who follow Jesus the Christ, wanting to participate with God in the ongoing work of creation to bring healing and life abundant to the world.

We do not know what this might mean in the future but we commit ourselves to discerning God's purposes and to letting them grow amongst us.

Ministry Teams at Morialta

Earlier in February Diane led us in Worship to recognize our many volunteers, our ministry teams, those in leadership and, in fact, all who contribute to our life at Morialta. This service of recognition is always a testimony to the enormous participation of members in the mission of this church.

Our Ministry Teams are an important part of the way we actually do mission and they involve a significant number of people. It is important that from time to time we reflect on our team memberships and underline the opportunities that are always there for members to contribute of their talents, gifts and graces. This may mean changing from one team to another and, of super importance, extending a warm invitation to others to join a team.

We rejoice that we have such committed membership in our mission infrastructure, and we want it to continue. So – please give it some thought. There may be someone you would like to suggest for membership of a team, or to invite them to consider it.

With this in mind, here are the Ministry Teams and the names of Team Leaders and Elders. You would be very welcome to talk with them, or with Bruce or Diane, or any member of Council if you would like to know more. If you have suggestions for invitations to be made, please us know

Mission Ministry Teams

Children & Young Families MMT

Leader Craig Mackenzie
Elder Bev Tredrea

Community Centre MMT

Leader Alison Lockett
Elder Carole Lyons

Pastoral Care MMT

Leader TBA
Elder Pauline Norman

Social Justice MMT

Leader Colin Cargill
Elder Christine Secombe

Worship & Faith Education MMT

Leader Jill Pope
Elder Bev Tredrea

Youth and Young Adults MMT

Leader Diane Bury
Elder TBA

Operational Ministry Teams

Communication & Administration OMT

Leader Mary Thornley
Elder Helena Begg

Finance OMT

Leader John Powers
Elder TBA

Property OMT

Leader Chris Ayles
Elder Bruce Ind

Elections

The Election of Office Bearers at Morialta is currently in the Nominations stage and the closing date is Thursday 28 February.

These roles include
Chairperson of the Congregation
Secretary of the Congregation
Elder on Church Council

Information was provided in the Newsletter on 10 February and is also displayed on the Morialta Memos Board. Nomination forms are available in the red folder in the pamphlet rack beside the office.

Everyone is encouraged to consider people who may have the appropriate gifts and graces and be nominated for these roles.

When nominations close the Profiles of Nominees will be displayed in the foyer and Election will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday 17 March.

Property Jobs in January

**FLOORED
NOT FLAWED**

The idea of post-Christmas laying about in the so-called *lazy, hazy days of summer*, doing little, and continuing the indulgence in early January was not the chosen lot of some – and to our great advantage!

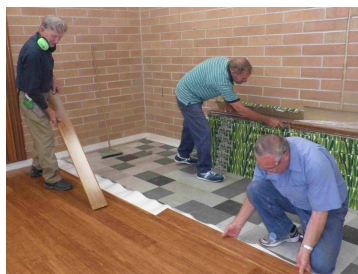
Two days after Christmas the work on the folding doors and ceiling was done by trades-people who have served us well in the past with the KUCA ceiling, and assisted by a small number of our own folk in adjusting the doors. The finishing-off with painting was done by Morialta Property members with additional help, and all went according to plan. It was finished around New Year!

The cupboards (remember them at the northern end of the hall?) were removed by Property members. What a transformation!



With the scissor-lift available as a special enticement and a very functional vehicle, the roof trusses were painted, along with the bars which hold our data projector and floodlights. This timing of this task ensured that any straying paint was well dry before the transformation of the floor began. Thanks go to three Johns – Powers, Secombe and Thornton - and Rob Webbe. Thanks to Bruce and Anne for equipment transportation. Another face-lifting result!

The area was cleared of skirtings, piano and other furniture in readiness for the new floor to be laid. Then in mid-January the high, or low, activity commenced.



Our Square Dance friends and benefactors took less than two days to lay the floor! They brought skilled leadership by a member who is an accredited builder, with particular expertise in carpentry. Mick led and galvanized the efforts of others in the team, all of them very willing and committed to achieving the outcome. There were big smiles on their faces, even when their knees were telling another story!

Our own folk were active both in actual installation (John Powers has added timber floor installation to his already impressive CV) and others took on roles as observers, rather than presuming to be pseudo supervisors.



The resulting floor is judged by all to be quite magnificent. Comments have referred to the significant upgrade it has given to the hall, bringing it into the present era aesthetically, and creating the impression of additional space.

We are indeed grateful to the Square Dance Clubs, Wild Frontier and Kanella Squares, for this generous and well-executed gift. Jeff Seidel, Mick Drabsch and Square Dancing members, you have done us proud!

Further pictures and information may be found by visiting the square dance website:

<http://wildfrontiersquaredanceclubinc.com/blog/>

There will be opportunity for the Morialta church family to join with the Clubs in a Social Night on Friday 15 March at 7.30 pm, and to show appreciation by contributing to supper on that night. Dancing is not mandatory. Those who can will be encouraged, and others may enjoy the dancing from the sidelines.

Porch Roof - How observant are you?

Have you noticed that the roof on the front porch of the church now looks very tidy? It's not flaking with discoloured paint, as it has been for a long time. Instead, it is very dark charcoal in colour and with no sign of a flake!



This was achieved early one Saturday morning by John and John (again, Thornton and Powers). Our thanks!

Pergola over the sandpit



Most of the work on the pergola for Playgroup was done in December, with the detail being finished in January. Rob Webbe was helped by his grandson and members of the Property Team. This new structure, a great improvement, will give much needed protection for children playing in the sandpit.

Kym Purling



Back in December, the Morialta congregation was treated to a Kym Purling jazz rendition of "Jesus Loves Me" during Worship. Later over Morning Tea Kym settled at the piano in the hall and brought unexpected delights and surprises for listeners.

Kym was at home in Adelaide with David and Judith over Christmas and performed at The Promethean with his friends of the Kym Purling Trio and other artists, all in all, astounding the audience. A dozen or so Morialta folk joined the large crowd packed into the tiny theatre, sitting, standing, nursing each other, getting pictures when they could, and in the concluding stages, asking for more...and more.... and still more.

The Kym Purling Trio began when they were all students at Adelaide Uni more than 20 years ago. In interview Kym recalled the times of frequent gigs throughout the year in and around Adelaide and many at Tapas in Hindley Street.

As The Advertiser reported, Kym set up the trio to "get away from the coursework" at Uni and they quickly entered the music scene in Adelaide. The trio gave opportunity for Kym to play what he wanted and they enjoyed great popularity.

Kym's story is too long for Vision, but makes exciting reading by simply following him up on the internet.

You may remember some of it and share a sense of joy and amazement.

Kym was found on the street in Saigon when he was about four days old, and was taken to a local Orphanage. He was very sick, so he was taken to the World Vision "New Life Babies' Home" where he stayed until he was eight months old, and he came to Australia with three other babies to be with their adoptive families.

Kym's musical life reportedly began around three years of age, with singing in "reasonably perfect pitch". By age six he began formal classical training and continued expanding with other styles and instruments. The story of his degree studies, his establishment as a jazz pianist and his work with leading vocalists, and then a string of famous international artists, is absolutely stunning.

The positions and roles which have followed are on the wide international stage and the reports tell of exciting recognitions of his talents and the flood of new places and productions for their expression. Kym has reportedly traveled to fourteen countries around the world and toured 49 of the 50 North American states.

An extract from Kym Purling's website tells of Kym's return to Vietnam and his contribution and investment there of his skills.

"In 1996, following his second nomination, he was presented the award for the Most Outstanding Keyboard Player of the Year at the South Australian Music Industry Awards. He declined an offer to teach at the University of Adelaide after being awarded a performing arts residency in Vietnam by Asialink, a Melbourne-based university and governmental ambassadorship program. During the residency in Vietnam, (the first time he had

returned to his homeland since being adopted), he performed and taught music with Vietnamese children, students, adults and professional musicians, while also making solo recordings for educational purposes. He performed sold out concerts in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi and spent a large amount of his time writing arrangements, teaching and performing with The Saigon Jazz Band.

While in Ho Chi Minh City, Kym's hotel room often became an unplanned teaching studio due to the young and enthusiastic Vietnamese who were interested in jazz and had discovered where Kym was residing. Many times they appeared unannounced at his hotel room door, introducing themselves and requesting instruction in jazz improvisation. Kym served as a performing arts ambassador between Australia and Vietnam, forming vital administrative, musical and personal connections between the two countries."

That we should be so lucky - to have enjoyed a small touch of what has developed in this talented son of Judith and David, and through their generosity and loving care!

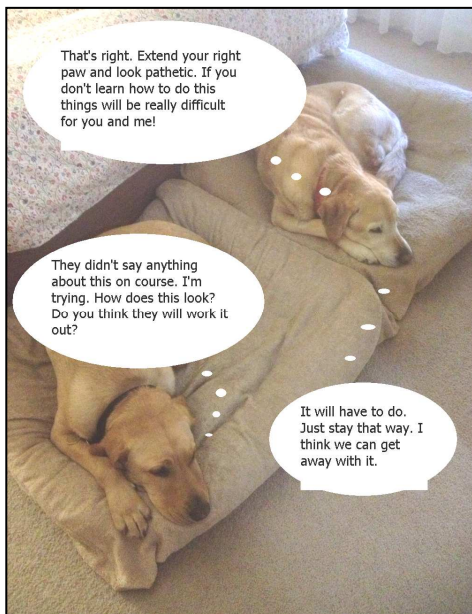
For those of us in The Promethean Theatre on 5th January it was a very special, and extraordinary experience!



Recycle your used batteries and printer cartridges

As well as papers and used clothing, we can now recycle used batteries and printer cartridges at the Church. Place your used batteries and printer cartridges in the bin under the tree next to the paper and clothing bins. The used batteries will be recycled through the Battery World Program and who will accept a wide range of batteries including Lead Acid (Pb); Nickel Cadmium (NiCad), sealed and vented; Lithium batteries; Lithium Ion – Lithium Ion Polymer batteries; Alkaline Batteries; Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH); Single-use Batteries and Rechargeable Batteries.

Colin Cargill, Leader Social Justice Team



Paws for thought ...

Things have been pretty good for some time. It took me a while, but I eventually trained Bruce and Anne. It has been pretty good. They are easily pleased after all. I just have to do the right thing most of the time and look a little pathetic some of the time.

However, it could all come unstuck. Wallace, Bruce's new Guide Dog, has come to live with us. He seems pretty flexible and so far hasn't done anything silly.

I have been giving him some instruction. Even though they learn an awful lot on course it is some of the important stuff that is glossed over.

For example, if you want to get the most out of the relationship you need to train your humans. It is easy really. You just have to be a little repetitive and they soon pick it up.

I had to get on to Wallace pretty quickly because he was trying too hard.

Anne and Bruce are easily pleased after all. They really seem to be impressed that we have started to do the same thing at the same time!

Morialta Uniting Church Social Tennis



It has been some time since any information about the tennis group has been passed on to our congregation and so it is, that after most of us have had two weeks of being glued to our televisions watching the Australian Open, we have developed new techniques and crafty strokes that we tend to try and put into practice Saturday afternoons on the church courts between 2.00 and 5.00 pm.

On the last Saturday in January for instance we had a very good roll-up. So much so that we not only had our two courts full, we had to use the courts across the road in Jackson Street.

Age is no barrier. Most of us are in our sixties and seventies and enjoy the exercise and "carry on" right through the year – summer and winter. When the courts are used by netball, we hire courts over in Kensington Gardens. It is imperative that the bones and muscles are kept active!

The highlight of any Saturday, of course, is afternoon tea! On a roster basis members share their culinary skills (or their partner's) in providing tasty snacks with tea and coffee. It has been said that some only come for the food.

The club has managed to finance the resurfacing of the courts/ car park area on a couple of occasions in the past on a modest weekly ball fee and enjoys a special Christmas dinner somewhere close handy.

Members come from various other churches – Magill Church of Christ, Athelstone, Campbelltown, Hope Valley and Dernancourt Uniting Churches. If the advertised temperature exceeds 35 degrees, tennis is off.

We enjoy each other's company and despite that our legs are not as sharp as they used to be. Maybe racquets with longer handles could hold the key to keeping going as long as we can.

Robert Cheel

ELECTRICITY USE

For a number of reasons **our power bill has risen by 65%** over the past three years. As an act of stewardship towards our environment we have opted to use "green energy", which is slightly more expensive and the base cost of power has risen sharply. Our plea is to be vigilant about our use of electricity. Use the lights you need, but if it is not necessary don't switch everything on. Use the equipment for as long as you need then **switch it off**. When you leave an area ensure nothing is left on.



Thanking you all in anticipation.

Chris Ayles on behalf of everyone!

Wedding in 2012 Sydney and study in 2013!

Rachelle (daughter of Neville and Miranda Clarke) and James Foley are settling into their new flat in the Croydon Park community of Moore College at Newtown, next to Sydney University. James is studying in the four year degree course for Bachelor of Divinity, and Rachelle, a one year Diploma of Bible Studies and Mission. Following orientation the lecture program has begun.



Morialta Magpie



Happy Retirement Keely!



John Maschmedt received a quilt made by Judith Purling



Playgroup enjoyed a visit from Santa



Happy 70th Birthday Arlene



Fiona and Jessica serenaded the Friendship Christmas Lunch



Averil joined the 80s club!



70th Birthday Congratulations Lesley



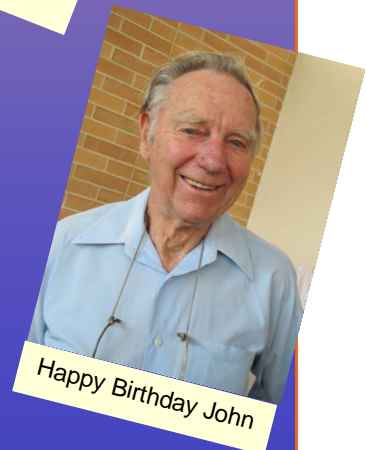
Ruth and Dale collected for Christmas Bowl with Merv and Colin



Thanks to Rhonda and her team for the delicious pancakes!



Friendship Club was served a delicious Christmas Lunch by Coffee Corner volunteers



Happy Birthday John



Remembrance Service & Celebration Elizabeth (Betty) McFarlane

Presented by Bill McFarlane, her son

Elizabeth (Betty) Grant was born on 20 October 1925, not long after the end of World War 1. The Great Financial and Social Depression was just a few years away and would rule her early years. Her Dad died too early and left her Mum to take in boarders in the Brechin High Street rooms above a local shop. It seems that she had a great time as a child and I'm sure that influenced her view on how families and children should be raised.

Mum was glad to get a job in the local fabric mill working the looms and she told of her ability to communicate with her mates even though the noise was deafening. She worked tirelessly to support the Second World War effort. It is, however, clear that Mum had great dress sense and she was a stylish young woman, a trait that you would know about from your experience of her.

This stunning young lady was a great catch for a Scottish lad from the glens of Scotland who had returned from the Second World War and was working locally. It was fate when their eyes met across the dance floor at *The Beach* hall in the seaside town of Aberdeen. The chemistry must have been right as soon after that Dad was making a marriage proposal, arrangements for a marriage ceremony, and plans developed to travel to a far off land, Australia - all within six months of that fateful meeting in the Aberdeen dance hall.

They set out on the 23rd March 1952 and arrived on 15th April that same year. The trip by boat must have been quite an experience for Mum who had not been

further than the city of Edinburgh by land! They landed at Port Adelaide and after a short stay in a very basic migrant hostel, they were provided with a Nissan Hut in Northfield which was very quickly made into a home.

There they met others who had also made the commitment to Australia and they soon found that the Scottish ways were all around them. It was a chance walk in a burgeoning Housing Trust development area Dad met Ron McIntosh and Bob Allen, two carpenters like Dad, who had travelled to Australia from Scotland to find their fortune. Dad's carpentry skills were soon in great demand.

Being ever industrious, Dad began building the Moorland Road house in Hectorville in 1956. Mum and Dad moved in soon after the kitchen and bathroom were finished and the home grew around them on weekends. During the week Dad worked his long hours building up the area of Northfield and beyond as Adelaide grew rapidly.

Not long after I came along, and soon after that, Helen. We were told we were the icing on the "kike" as Dad would say, icing on the cake.

Although some of Mum and Dad's Scottish friends knew of each other from Scotland their common background was the basis for life-long friendships and the family gatherings that continue. On many a Friday and Saturday night I can remember playing outside with the other children while the parents played cards, talked endlessly and joked. Mum could give as good as she got and had a wicked sense of humour. Her sense of fun never left her even as the years took away her memory. She was the greatest of cooks and her Scottish recipes and company much sought after by neighbours.

Mum was a seasoned traveller although I am told that she needed to make a new dress for each new expedition. This did not go down well with Dad as he was left to do the travel preparations while Mum sewed. But in fact, for Dad, that was not always a trackle (Scottish word of fuss and bother) since Dad had built a caravan with all the mod cons and storage for everything that would be needed, whether in a caravan park or on the side of the road. Mum joined in the adventures that took us all over Australia.

Mum was generous with her time and gave many years of service to the Royal Society for the Blind being awarded a certificate of appreciation.

Each Christmas Mum eagerly awaited the Queen's Christmas address to the Commonwealth and woe-betide if the kids were noisy during the Queen's speech!

Mum was very artistic and spent many hours knitting, sewing many of our clothes, repairing what I had torn, and creating dresses for Helen. She was also a gemologist and enjoyed the tumbling of stones collected from all over Australia that she then made into jewellery. As a talented artist, she painted china, watercolours, and oils and loved to paint the English countryside and flowers.

Surprisingly good at golf, she loved her weekly sessions with the girls, Jenny Barabas, Helen Sampson and Joan Smith. Mum was particularly chuffed when she got a hole-in-one and Dad mounted the trophy the girls gave her. The golf girls spent many an hour at the 19th hole (or was that the 10th hole as she played par 3 on a 9 hole course most of the time!). They talked for hours, solving the world's problems and chatting about life.

Mum was a great supporter of her grandchildren, Brylee, Lindsey, Amber, Brianna and Kelsey, and attended many a concert, sporting finals and plays and was a loving Great Grand Mother to McFarlane and Porsha.

She was a devoted church attendee and loved her involvement with this parish. She helped with many occasions and was part of the cleanup and preparation for services. She treasured her faith and those that shared her love of God.

The latter years of Mum's life were shrouded in the fog of Alzheimer's disease but her good humour and kindness showed through - how fundamental her spirit was to her being! She was surrounded by love from the staff at the home and most importantly the great love and support of Helen and her family who were nearby.

Mum was and always will be in our hearts and minds. God bless her.

Reflections

A poem written by a dear friend
caring for a husband with dementia.

*How precious our memories
Of things we have done,
Of faces and places,
And songs we have sung;
All things that have made us
Who we've become.*

*How vital our memories
To learn a new skill,
And for things long since learned
Doing them still.*

*How sad to lose memories
And not know the faces
Of family and friends
And their relevant places.*

*How demeaning losing memory
For everyday things
Like making tea or toast
Such dependence it brings.*

*How frustrating when words
Once familiar won't come,
When sentences begun
Just won't go on.*

*How annoying when words
Are not understood
Isolation increases
Socially not good.*

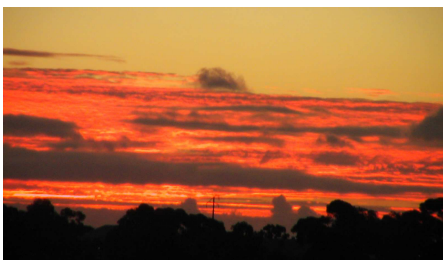
*How terrifying treading
Paths once well known
Not recognised now
As the way to get home.*

*How surprising is memory
Some days locked away
At times reappearing
To briefly replay.*

*How bewildering living with memory
loss.....*

*But birds still sing,
And so do we
Flowers unfurl
Their beauty to free
The sun still shines,
and life goes on.*

Submitted by Colin Cargill, with
permission.

**Remembering Ronald Isaac Grant**

26/3/1917 – 30/11/2012

From the Eulogy at the funeral service at Morialta

Ronald Isaac Grant was born at Prospect on 26th March 1917, the fifth son in a family of six boys born to Jack and Alice Grant. Their home was on Irish Harp Road and the centre of family activities was the Islington Methodist Church reached by walking across the paddocks. There the weekly activities reflected the pattern in most Methodist churches in those days. Morning and evening services, Sunday School, Christian Endeavour, kindergarten, and the Band of Hope. A busy program enhanced by strawberry fetes and Sunday School picnics.



Schooling was at Adelaide Technical High School where Ron gained commercial qualifications and after a period of unemployment began work as a salesman in the Manchester and Soft Furnishings department in the Bargain Basement of the Myer Emporium. Then in 1936 he followed earlier generations of his family and became the third of four generations of Grants to work in the railways. On 27th March 1937 he married Constance Simmons and soon found himself outnumbered with the birth of four daughters, Margaret, Judy, Pam and Rosemary

Life in the railways began with 5am starts in the ticket office at Adelaide and later at Bowden and continued with his transfer in 1942 to train control in Peterborough. There, together with Connie, he became involved in a wide range of community activities. Connie was secretary of the Primary School Mothers Club and Ron served on the Parents and Friends committee of the High School. He became secretary of the table tennis club and joined the YMCA Y's Mens Club.

Ron formed and acted as secretary of the Peterborough Progress Committee and he was elected as a member of the Peterborough Town Corporation. His community involvement also extended to establishing a branch of the National Safety Council of SA, as vice president of the local branch of the Australian Labour Party and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Church. It was also at Peterborough in 1949 that Free Masonry attracted his attention and this along with the YMCA and the Railways Institute became his main interests in the years that followed.

On returning to Adelaide in 1952 Ron linked up with the boards of the Adelaide YMCA and the Kilburn branch where he worked on the public appeal which raised the funds for the establishment of a modern recreation centre. In 1965 he arranged and directed the Vice-regal opening of that building. Seeing the demolition of the original YMCA building on the corner of Gawler Place and Grenfell Street, Ron personally searched out and retrieved the foundation stone from where it had been dumped and arranged for it to be placed in the new building in Flinders Street. In 1978 the Adelaide YMCA celebrated its centenary and Ron became chairman of the committee and was master of ceremonies for yet another vice-regal function. Later he was made a life member of the YMCA.

After thirty years in the operations section of the railways Ron was appointed General Secretary of the SA Railways Institute. There his duties as Welfare Officer frequently required out of hours work and in July 1979 the National Railways Commissioner paid tribute to the work of Ron Grant in matters relating to the welfare of employees and their relatives. On retirement he was made a Life Member of the Railways Institute.

In Adelaide Ron continued to devote time to community activities. As a Freemason he maintained lodge membership and attended lodge meetings. In 1999 he was awarded his 'jewel' for 50 years membership. He was a member of the State Executive of the Good Neighbour Council and in 1966 he was appointed a Justice of the Peace and later served for 10 years as a volunteer JP at the Burnside Council Chambers.

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In retirement Ron was able to pursue his love of the railways in a different way and he and Connie journeyed across China and Russia on the Trans Siberian Railway and then travelled on to Europe and the British Isles. Following Connie's death Ron made further trips to friends in Canada and went to Alaska. He also travelled right around Japan by railway.

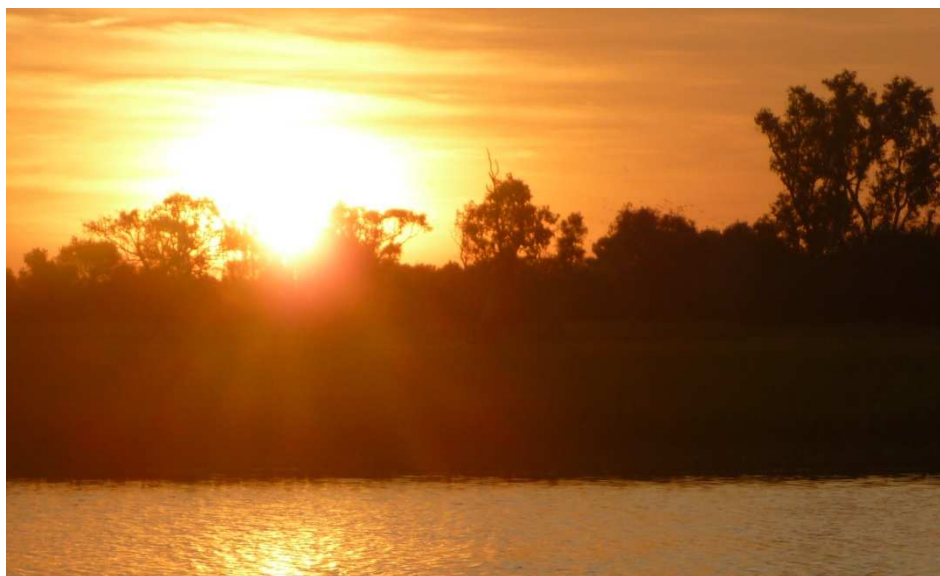
For many years after they returned from Peterborough Connie and Ron had their home in Methuen Street Prospect and were active members of the St John's Church at Prospect (then known as Prospect North Methodist Church). In retirement they moved to a unit in Kensington Park and joined the Magill Uniting Church where they worshipped regularly and attended fellowship activities. Ron sang in the choir, was a member of the property committee and joined other men in the shed

group doing odd jobs and collecting newspapers as a fundraiser. After Connie's death and his move into residential care at Resthaven, Leabrook, he continued to attend worship on Sunday mornings and the Wednesday Friendship Club. He was assisted to attend by his friends at Morialta and their continuing pastoral care was most appreciated by the family.

Ron passed away peacefully as he fell asleep while enjoying the music program at Resthaven. on Friday, 30 November, 2012. His family express their appreciation of the care and attention that he and Connie received as members of the Morialta UC. Ron's last days were spent as a resident first at Resthaven, Leabrook and then at Resthaven, Bellevue Heights. Both places which became home for him, he described as "the best hotel that I have stayed in."

O God,
 support us by your grace
 through all the hours of life's day;
 until the shadows lengthen,
 the busy world is hushed,
 the fever of life is over,
 and the evening comes.
 Then, Lord, in your mercy,
 grant us a safe lodging,
 a holy rest,
 and peace at the last.

*(John Henry Cardinal Newman –
 as in Uniting in Worship 2)*



Ellen Krause 28/07/1933 -7/1/2013



The service of celebration for the life of Ellen Krause was held at Berry Funeral Home on 14th January. Ellen passed away just twenty-four days after the diagnosis of a virulent form of leukaemia; Her death came quickly and brought shock and great sadness to her family and friends.

Ellen's husband was Jeff, an active member of the Fix-it Team and the Paper Team at Morialta.

Jeff died in May 2007 and Ellen found it difficult to return to Morialta after that time. However, she continued to help in the November Christmas Market, working on the Cake Stall and sharing her warmth and sparkle with co-workers and market customers.

Ellen had a strong and rich friendship with a small group of Morialta folk and they enjoyed dining together regularly.

They will now miss the great company and the good humour she shared in the group.

As a well-known resident of Langdon Park, Ellen walked her beloved dog Peppie around its roadways, enjoying meeting and greeting others. She is much missed for her friendship and support.

Ellen loved her family - Margaret, Bryan and Janine, grandchildren, Jeffrey and Kayla – her dog, Peppie, and she was a keen supporter of the Crows.

In celebrating her life, her story was told with loving care and endearing humour by her daughter, Margaret. Hers was a story, like others, but intensely personal and different as it told of her working with the challenge and events of life, being born in a very basic structure at Williamstown and later bringing the riches of family life to her children. It was intricately embroidered in its detail and its incidents, and it was given breath in its telling.

Evening Fellowship 2012 President's Report.

As usual our program this year has been varied and interesting with our numbers remaining steady (20 – 25).

We started the year off with a Treasure Hunt around Thorndon Park on a balmy February evening, finding various items of interest around the park.

Speakers came from RAA with information about driving as we get older and from Uniting Communities about No Interest Loans for buying white goods when they need replacing. Ruth Dunning talked to us about her life as a deaf person and the different stages of medical progress she has gone through to be able to hear now with a Cochlear Implant.

With members of the Social Justice Team we visited the Beit Shalom Progressive Synagogue. The Rabbi welcomed us and gave us interesting insight into the Jewish traditions,

Margaret Dix and Jenny Barabas had another "Knit and Natter" evening which later produced many more knitted rugs for distribution by Goodwill to the needy throughout winter.

After being introduced to Samaritan's Purse Organisation last year we decided to make Operation Christmas Child a project for this year. I am pleased to say we delivered 24 boxes to their office with some extra things we had left over and enough money to cover the transport to overseas destinations. A great effort!!

We had 2 bonus nights – one a Movie night when we saw "The Sapphires" and enjoyed coffee afterwards. On the other bonus night we had a guided tour of the Payneham Cemetery where many well know Adelaideans are buried, as well as several Methodist ministers whose names were familiar. We then went to the Payneham Tavern for a meal.

In October we had planned for another speaker but we had to change those plans and instead we had a great fun night with much laughter.

Our AGM and Christmas meetings are still to come for 2012 but all in all it has been another year of fun and fellowship as well as new information to think about.

Arlene Lomman
November 2012

Fellowship Christmas Dinner 2012





Evening Fellowship in 2013 - *A few changes!*

During the non-daylight saving months, April to September, meetings will be held on the third Thursday mornings at 9.45am. A cuppa will greet members, business will be conducted, speakers will be enjoyed, and fellowship with another cuppa will continue. On some occasions there will be special lunches and others will be BYO as shown in the program.

During daylight savings months meetings will be as usual at 7.45 pm on the third Wednesday evenings – ie. In February, March, October, November and December.

These changes will fall into place and be confirmed throughout the year.

Everyone is welcome to join our Fellowship meetings!


URBAN MISSION NETWORK


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HAPPENINGS!

Thursday 28th February

6.00 for 6.30pm

Gathering at Brougham Place UC

Meet Moderator, Rev Rob Williams and
Coordinators of Effective Living Centre and
the Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts.

Saturday 27th April

Workshop for Church Councils
at Pilgrim UC

Sessions on leadership models and styles,
UCA Regulations and Manual for Meetings.

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we can share
in the feast of God's
abundance,
delight in God's generosity,
and learn how to share it.

Library Pages

Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library

From the Librarian

There I was, on holidays at our son David's place at Ferny Creek in the Dandenong Ranges. I had just gone down to Belgrave to check out the second hand book shop for a copy of Anna Karenina for the next 1st Monday Night of the Month Book Club meeting, when I heard this voice, from seemingly nowhere, calling out "Lorraine, Lorraine!". It was Tiffany with Adam, Jesse and Jordan on the way to Puffing Billy. What a chance meeting! How good it was to see them!

Talking about chance meetings..... it was by chance that Marguerite van Geldermalsen, a young backpacker from New Zealand met and fell in love with Mohammed a Bedouin man. Marguerite shares with us many insights into Bedouin life and also life in Petra, Jordan, through her book "**Married to a Bedouin**".

Ruth Pitt met Marguerite when she went to Petra, and shares a lovely photo of that visit with us.



Marguerite van Geldermalsen and Ruth, Petra, Jordan. At her stall she sells her book plus art & jewellery, made by local women.

SECOND MONDAY IN THE MONTH BOOK CLUB @ 8 PM

Note the change from first Monday to second Monday of the month.

Is this Club something you would like to try this year? If so, talk to Adam Y.

BECOME A LIBRARY HELPER

If you are interested in becoming a Library Helper this year or for part of the year please talk to Lorraine.



IT'S TIME TO EXPLORE LUKE

The Lectionary Bible Readings for this year use the Gospel of Luke as a focus. The following books will help to guide you in your quest to know the gospel of Luke better.

LUKE FOR EVERYONE by Tom Wright

LUKE IMMERSION BIBLE STUDIES by Emerson B. Powery

CONVERSATION WITH SCRIPTURE (*The Gospel of Luke*) by Marcus Borg

BRINGING THE WORD TO LIFE TOGETHER by Andrew Collis & Dorothy McRae-McMahon

TWELVE MONTHS OF SUNDAYS by N T Wright
Reflections on Bible Readings Year C

LENT TO EASTER

The following books are available for your reflection.

LED BY THE SPIRIT by Robert Bos—Lenten Studies in Luke's Gospel: Year C

THE WAY OF THE DESERT by Andrew Watson—Daily Bible Readings through Lent to Easter

In this book Andrew Watson takes us on a Lenten journey from Ash Wednesday to Easter Day from the parting of the Red Sea to Israel's entry into the promised land.

IONA DAWN—Through Holy Week with The Iona Community by Neil Paynter

Members of the Iona Community help us to connect the denials, betrayals, suffering and eventual new dawn of this life-changing week with what is happening in our own world today.

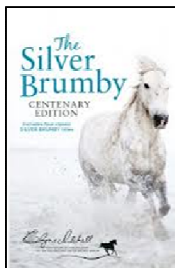
EGGS AND ASHES by Ruth Burgess & Chris Polhill

Practical & liturgical resources for Lent & Holy Week. Suitable for group worship or personal/family reflection with a focus on caring for the environment.

BOOK REVIEWS

Fiction

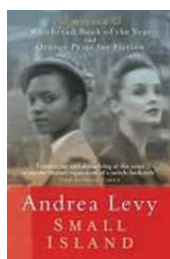
THE SILVER BRUMBY by Elyne Mitchell (Centenary Edition)



This special edition contains *The Silver Brumby*, and three other favourites: *Silver Brumby's Daughter*, *Silver Brumbies of the South* and *Silver Brumby Kingdom*. These much-loved classics tell the story of Thowra, the magnificent silver stallion, king of the brumbies. Whether you are enjoying the Silver Brumby series for the first time or rediscovering it after many years, this is a book to be treasured.

Lorraine Powers

SMALL ISLAND by Andrea Levy



"Small Island" is a prize winning novel by British Author Andrea Levy. It was adapted for television by the BBC in 2009.

It is based on four main characters – Hortense, Queenie, Gilbert and Bernard, and the story is told from each one's point of view. Its main plot is set in 1948, and focuses on the fortunes of Jamaican immigrants who, escaping economic

hardship in their own "small island," move to England, the Mother Country, for which the men have fought during WW2. Their reception is not quite the warm embrace that they expected; some chapters skip to earlier memories of their growing up years in Jamaica.

This book is well researched and historically faithful, and the characters are realistically drawn. A good read!

Jill Kerr

Crime Fiction

A WANTED MAN by Lee Child



Jack Reacher, Child's hero, is in Nebraska with his nose broken and still trying to hitch a ride east to Virginia. Reacher is the ex-MP drifter with the seldom-talked-about past, who has an almost psychotic obsession with being his own man, of no fixed address and who carries nothing but, almost literally, the shirt on his back. This chivalrous superman journeys the US at

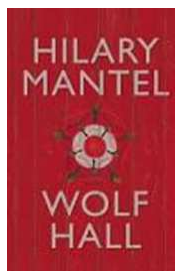
whim, dispensing his own brand of justice, transcending the tawdry and corrupt routines of the legal system.

A good thriller which draws you in and makes you feel you're reading faster than the action is occurring on the page!

Lorraine Powers

Historical Fiction

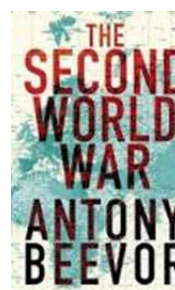
WOLF HALL AND BRING UP THE BODIES by Hilary Mantel



This Literary Award Winner is the second volume of Hilary Mantel's astounding account of the life of Thomas Cromwell and was the first sequel to win the **Man Booker Prize for Fiction**. Wolf Hall was the First Volume.

Lorraine Powers

THE SECOND WORLD WAR by Antony Beevor



Antony Beevor make this weighty history hard to put down, with its broad sweep of events coupled with personal details of the people involved. He describes it as "the greatest man-made disaster in history", causing the death of some sixty to seventy million people and the dislocation of the lives of further millions.

The background to the main conflict is provided for Europe and Asia: the Japanese were remorselessly attacking China in 1937 and Hitler (afraid of Bolshevism) was experimentally bombing Spain in 1936, before starting the European war by invading Poland in 1939. Some light relief is provided by the mistakes made by the great leaders, even Churchill, Stalin and Hitler: disaster often followed when they intervened in military operations. Some prominent generals were vain, gloriously competing with their colleagues. The sad fact is that all sides behaved inhumanely.

Bryan Forbes

Body Mind and Spirit



NEW LIFE IN MOURNING: Hope When the Relationship Ends by Vicky Legge

And they lived happily ever after. That's the dream ending we all expect from a committed relationship, but dreams can become nightmares, and relationships end. But as Vicky Legge

explains with authority and compassion, the end of a relationship doesn't have to be "the end" It can be a challenging, confronting and painful time that brings mourning, but there is hope for a new life.

New Life in the Mourning offers practical guidance to navigate the end of a relationship caused by separation, divorce or relationship breakdown.

Lorraine Powers

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*The One who created love
makes love real continually.
For as the sun rises
and a new day dawns
we are forgiven
and given a fresh start over and over
again.*



DIARY DATES 2013

Thurs 28 February	Urban Mission Network Gathering at Brougham Place	6.00 for 6.30pm
Fri 15 March	Social Night & Thank You Square Dance Clubs at MUC	7.30pm
Sun 17 March	Combined Service & Meeting of Congregation	9.30am and following
Sat—Sun 23-24 March	Kids Camp Out <i>Team Jesus</i>	
Thurs 28 March	Tenebrae Service	7.30pm
Fri 29 March	Good Friday Worship	9.30am
Sun 31 March	Easter Worship	9.30am
Sat 27 April	Urban Mission Network Workshop at Pilgrim Church	
Sat 11 May	Mothers Day Cake Stall	

AGM Agenda 17 March

Including

- Annual Reports
- Placement Matters
- Community Building & Fundraising Calendar 2013

Meeting follows 9.30am worship



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