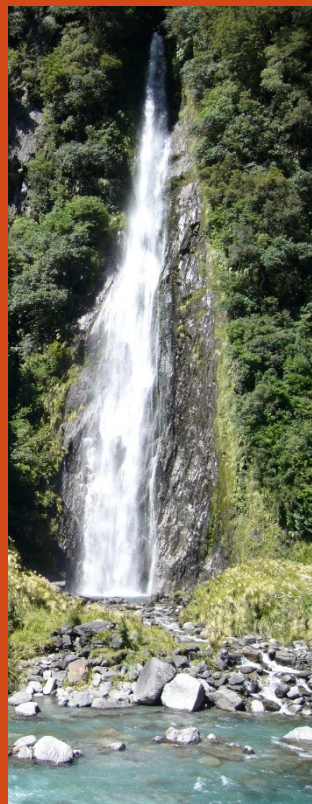


# Morialta Vision

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## From the Minister...

Change is never easy, is it? Learning new names, people and context. Finding your way around a new area, when all the familiar landmarks have gone. Discovering who does what, when and how...

All this can leave one feeling exhausted.

At the same time, change can be a wonderful creative process. We begin to see things in a new light. You discover abilities and stamina that you did not realise you have, or that may have lain dormant for a while. Just like the effect of changing seasons on the world around us, change can also bring us into a new season of our lives.

So what makes the difference between change leaving us exhausted or energized? I believe it is relationships. When we are surrounded by supportive and life-giving people; when we are nurtured and encouraged – change can be a good experience.

Certainly this has been my experience in these first weeks at Morialta. You have nurtured and encouraged me from afar, especially in the incredible hard work and persistence of the Joint Nominating Committee. You have embraced me from before I began, with the amazing

refurbishment of the manse and the wonderful celebration of my induction. Day by day, I have been encouraged and supported by so many talented and creative people, who are more than willing to share their giftedness with others. I have witnessed your incredible care and love, shown in the beautiful way you support someone through bereavement and grief. Added to this, the enthusiasm with which you reach out into the community around you, leaves me feeling very much at home.

I look forward to what the future will bring as we continue to journey together. I hope that we can catch the winds of change and sail with God; bringing hope, justice and compassion into our community and beyond. The sails are unfurled, we all have a part to play – welcome aboard!

Rev Steve Thompson



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But if we think and act as if we were the UCA of the 1970s we will just sabotage ourselves.

How can we be the best church we can be in 2014?

That will involve..... trying to discern the structures and practices that will nurture people in faith and mission in 2014.

**Up, Up and Away!**

Be on cloud nine at the 20th Birthday Of our Community Library

**Sunday 13 July from 5.00 - 7.00pm**  
Cost \$10 per adult, \$5 per child

Have you done your planting for the Market?

Pots available at church!

**Fashion Parade by "Your Fashion" with Miss Peggy**

Thursday 11 September 1-3pm

Tickets \$20  
Proceeds to Mission Projects

**CABARET**

FEATURING  
PAYNEHAM CITY CONCERT BAND  
SATURDAY 30 AUGUST AT 7.30PM

SWING MUSIC  
DANCING

TICKETS \$20  
CONCESSION \$15

## Chairperson writes

### Hello – from the other side (of the world!)

As Anne and I enjoy our time together which has taken us to many places we have previously only dreamed of, we think of our friends and family at home.

The initial purpose of the trip, an opportunity for the Adelaide Harmony Choir to perform in Carnegie Hall, was a wonderful success and a fantastic experience for Anne and David.

The opportunity to share the experience with home is easier than ever before, but there are limitations.

It has been good to share worship with you through Youtube and to have a quiet thought for June and her family at the time when the Morialta community were sharing in Cyril's funeral.

People are always going to leave for one reason or another. That is the reason that Morialta must continue to provide a place of safe harbour for all, and in particular those who need care as well as those of us who have been away for a time.

Be sure that while we are separated by distance we feel close through our contact.



Bruce

## Community Centre News

Christine Ostle writes...

As part of the Life Plus Program the Community Centre recently hosted Digital Hearing Solutions when they offered free hearing check-ups. The check-ups were held on a Coffee Corner day as a service to those who come on Wednesdays. About 15 people from within and beyond our community took the opportunity to receive a no obligation assessment of their hearing. The comments about the process were positive. People were either reassured that they had healthy hearing

or affirmed about a loss they suspected had occurred. If you would like to have hearing checks conducted at The Community Centre again please let Christine Ostle know.

A new project currently being investigated is Conversational English for those for whom English is a Second Language. The Community Centre has been registered with TAFE in Rundle Mall and is therefore entitled to borrow books on word play, idioms, survival language and

all kinds of other topics. A poster inviting people to indicate an interest has been displayed in UniSA and Magill Primary School. If you know someone who would like to improve their spoken English please let Christine Ostle know.

**Morialta  
Community  
Centre**



### David's musings

#### "Moon Rider"

I entitled my last offering to "Vision", "Head in the clouds?" I think that now we must go beyond the clouds. And for this, I refer you to the article by Rev Prof Andrew Dutney. (New Times, May 2014) In the article, entitled "Striving for the lowest common denominator", he refers to "how we should treat people who make their way to our country in search of asylum." So in thinking about the Government's attitude towards, and treatment of, asylum seekers, I recall that I quoted a song (which I will quote now in full) and we showed a short video during one of the Services I conducted at Morialta. For me this is a very powerful song and portrays powerful images. Let me share it.

Eugene Cernan was an astronaut from the U.S. and the "last man on the moon". On Apollo 17, he was the eleventh person to walk on the Moon, and the last man on the Moon, and while he was out there -

"a quarter million miles away 'looking into space', he saw something so beautiful, so precious and important, that he had to write it down later: "I saw the world without any borders, without any fighting, without any fear"...and isn't it the way we perceive things that makes them what they will be?" His recollections were the basis of the song "Moon Rider", written by Paul and Ralph Colwell and Herbert Allen.

### Moon Rider

*"The painter tries to paint it,  
The poet tries to say it,  
The philosopher tries to convey the meaning to your mind.  
But here I am,  
a quarter million miles away,  
One human being...  
One human being seeing it for the first time.  
I can see the white of snow-capped mountain,  
the blues and turquoise of the oceans blend...  
Australia and Asia coming around the corner.  
And I can't tell where one country starts  
and the other one ends.  
The sun is setting on the Pacific,  
they're just getting up in Rome.  
I don't see the lights of my city.  
All I can see is home.  
I saw the world without any borders,  
without any fighting  
without any fear  
So, Captain, give the order,  
We're going to cross the next frontier.  
I know this view won't last forever,  
Soon I'll be back to reality.  
But isn't it the way we perceive things...  
that makes them what they will be?  
I saw the world without any borders,  
without any fighting  
without any fear  
So, Captain, give the order,  
We're going to cross the next frontier."*

## More than Skin Deep

### Reflection from Church Council

"Oh my goodness! What have we here?"

I was engaged in the subtle art of trying to surreptitiously identify our imminent travelling companions as we slowly gathered in the hotel foyer for our welcome meeting. We were embarking on an extensive twenty eight day tour of China, so I was naturally keen to glean an early assessment of my co-travellers.

Gliding into the foyer came a statuesque woman whom I guessed to be about my age. Aside from her height, the more striking feature that arrested my attention was her coiffure. Her short spiky bleached blonde hair was embellished by a half fringe that fell down well below her jawline, with the added bonus of revelling in bright pink and purple stripes. Not my milieu, surely!

How wrong I was. Christine proved to be a wonderfully witty, fun loving, caring, thoughtful and selfless member of our group. In her world the glass is always half full. There is always something positive or encouraging to be said. Her ready smile is wide, warm and engaging. Subsequently I discovered, in her home setting in Lancashire, she exercises her Christian faith at the hard edges of society.

On the second day of the tour, we visited a section of the Great Wall. Not being a gifted mountain climber I soon fell behind the main group, taking regular breaks in the minor fortifications lining the steep steps. As a Caucasian in a predominantly Chinese environment, I found myself the object of intense curiosity. When an elderly Chinese lady learned that I was from 'Audalia' as they call our country, she literally stepped right in front of me, within fifteen centimetres of my face. Slowly and methodically, her eyes travelled across and around the entire landscape of my face. Every crack and crevice was scrutinised, so it took some time! Having finally satisfied herself of the utmost ridiculousness of my features, she took a step back before breaking into riotous, rib-rattling laughter. I joined in. Her companions joined in. We hugged each other, laughing uproariously, and felt like instant lifelong friends.

On both occasions the old adage 'Don't judge a book by its cover' was powerfully brought home. I, typically, had jumped to an outrageously inaccurate conclusion about Christine. My Chinese friend was rather more astute. Though convinced my face was the most ill conceived project in human sculpture that she had ever seen, she embraced me as a friend and

co-struggler up those endless steps on the Great Wall, despite my appearance.

After all, no matter what our outer covering might look like, whether influenced by the vagaries of our genes, or by sickness, or chemical abuse, or the plastic surgeon for that matter, underneath we are equal. We are all people caught up in the mystery, complexity and vulnerability of life. We all need to be loved, as we all have the capacity to love another. Such easy words; such hard words.

How many stories can we read in the Gospels that pivot on this very point. Think of the woman at the well, the Chief Tax Collector Zaccheus, the leper at the gate. Think of the crippled woman in the Synagogue, or the story of the prostitute anointing his feet as he dined with a Pharisee. All lacked the outward features of acceptability in polite society, yet Jesus connected by word and by touch, to the shocked amazement of onlookers. His actions went way beyond grudging acceptance, or self-righteous tolerance. This was not an inclusiveness that says we'll take you into our circle, provided you play by our rules. This was love that went beyond self-protecting boundaries. This Jesus is our example to follow.

*Alison Lockett*

## Happiness

Members of 'Gateways' have recently been studying Hugh Mackay's book, *The Good Life or, What Makes Life Worth Living*. He is a prolific writer about social psychology and ethics. This book offers a great deal to think about, particularly for Christians seeking the 'good' life.

He devotes a whole chapter to happiness, in which he is quick to point out is not necessarily the symptom of a good life. For me he blew away a traditional belief that if I tried to be good I would be happy. Happiness is always a surprise because it is not our natural state. It is not our default state of mind. A position we can readily understand these days knowing our computers have defaults which go back to the font we prefer or the best page layout. Happiness is not like that. We can't make happiness happen or equate success with happiness. And when happiness comes you can't hold on to it. If you try you will just be frustrated.

'Happiness' Mackay says, 'Comes with a life of fullness from helping others and from wisdom and wellbeing.'

*Arthur Tideman.*

*"When you walk among the mighty trees,  
with their gently waving leaves;*

*Think of me.*

*When you climb the steep hills and  
so much beauty spreads before you;*

*Think of me.*

*In the garden—where flowers bloom and  
everything responds to a tender touch;*

*I am there.*

*As you stand on a cliff, and look out  
at the beautiful sea;*

*Think of me.*

*I am all around you*

*In the loveliness of this earth.*

*Remember me."*

*Rosemary Nancarrow*

## Induction Rev Steve Thompson

**A joyous occasion of celebration, affirmation and commitment to the future!**

Morialta's journey through the time of waiting, discerning and responding has been shared by all members of the church family in some way and warmly supported by the Supply Ministry of Rev Bruce Grindlay. As a congregation we have assuredly been strengthened by every step in this experience.

The celebration on 18th May, led by Rev Diane Bury as the Presbytery Leader, was enriched by the presence of leaders of the Presbytery and Synod, the Moderator Dr Deidre Palmer, and Sharonne Price, Executive Officer Pastoral Relations, members of the Yilki Congregation, and many of Steve's colleagues and friends from along the way. All, plus Urban Mission Network members and Morialta folk, filled the church.

Rev Ian Hunter, Preacher for this occasion, brought insights and tributes to Steve. He expressed with confidence the hopes we hold for the journey into the future.

The filming of the celebration has made it available more widely to viewers and given opportunity for those present to revisit and savour this occasion of worship, induction and celebration. To date the full service available for viewing on Youtube has had 75 viewings, and the shorter "highlights", 94 viewings!

There were expressions of good wishes by email and from people who attended, people who have shared in the journey by Steve, by Morialta, and in events in the Uniting Church over the past twelve or so years.



Church Council received a letter from Rev John Maddern, Secretary for Unity & Friends. It carried a message to be shared with the Congregation.

*I write ..... to express our congratulations and admiration on the appointment of the Rev Steve Thompson as Minister to your Congregation. We also include Steve himself in our congratulations and admiration. We are confident that this will prove to be a good match for Steve has proven himself over an extended period to be a very compassionate and capable pastor.*

*We also feel this appointment is a wonderful and significant step forward towards the achievement of justice within the church. As your congregation would be very well aware, it has been a long and painful journey for some wonderful people who have felt the call of God upon their lives only to have the church deny the validity of that call.*

*Please accept our congratulations and admiration in the step you have taken.*

(Edited)



The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;  
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.  
Numbers 6:24-26

**Bruce and Gaynor Grindlay  
Supply Ministry, Worship and Thanks**



Rev Bruce Grindlay served Morialta generously in a Supply Ministry which grew to eleven months. It seemed to pass quickly whilst including the deeply significant periods and celebrations in our liturgical calendar: Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. As a church community we were both nurtured and challenged in a mix of familiar rituals and different motifs and expressions. The worship experiences will continue in our memories: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day.



Always ready for a challenge (or was it an acting job?) Bruce made part of his debut in *The Last Hurrah*, and Gaynor, as prompt, kept the performers on track. What greater display of grass roots, dramatic commitment could we ever hope for at such an early stage in ministry!



Bruce concluded his leadership of Worship on 27 April in a service which recognised Elders who had been newly elected and re-elected to Council and leadership roles.

Appreciation was voiced in the service and both Bruce and Gaynor were given expressions of our thanks and affection over morning tea. They have been looking forward to their "Shorts holiday" and we are glad they will rejoin us in worship and continue to share in the life of Morialta.



Morialta has been enriched and enlivened as we have experienced the changes over the last year. We have welcomed the connections with folk who have come for continuing association with those who have supported them and ministered to them.

**Reflection – Church Council**

**Prayer of the Ladybird**



Dear God,  
I belong to Our Lady, Your Mother.  
That isn't hard to believe,  
it's written in my name.  
Oh! May my midget  
thanksgiving,  
the small circles of my flight  
across the meadow  
gladden Her heart.  
How I love each blade of Your grass!  
I love to land there,  
resting the happy whirr of my wings –  
dotted with small black eyes.  
Thank You for having made me  
so that no one is afraid of me:  
a little toy,  
a penny toy,  
a mite of comfort and laughter.  
Amen.

The *Prayer of the Ladybird* from poems by Carmen Bernos De Gasztold published in *The Beasts Choir*.

**But, did you know?**

They may be smaller than the size of your fingertip, but when it comes to ladybirds, size is no barrier to might according to new scientific research. Experts have discovered that the insects can reach the same speed as a racehorse and fly at altitudes close to the height of Ben Nevis. For the first time, a detailed study has shown the creatures travelling at heights in excess of a kilometre and reaching speeds of 60kph. British researchers also found that they were able to remain in the air for up to two hours. Scientists had thought anything over 2m was a long-distance flight for a ladybird but new data shows they can travel up to 120km in a single flight.

To paraphrase Jacques-Yves Cousteau...

*The happiness of the ladybird is to exist. For man it is to know and to wonder at it.*

**Bob Penhall**

# Pentecost

*Where the Spirit is there's freedom,  
Where the Spirit is, there is life!*

Jonas Jonson

**The Colours of Worship**

For the high occasion of the Induction and for Pentecost on 8 June we were once again awed by the sumptuous red paraments.

This set is the least seen throughout the year and we have reveled in the richness of colour and symbolism: the images of Pentecost, with the dove, flame and fire, and kingly overtones.



On the Communion Table: a stylized crown includes a central cross flanked by two "T" crosses, all topped by flame.



On the Pulpit: the Spirit dove descends, overlaid with three flames suggesting the Trinity.

On the Lectern: Five seeds sit under gum blossoms, all of which are encased in flame. Just as much Australian flora requires fire to crack open seeds for regeneration, so too can we come to our full flowering by the fire of the Spirit.



Reverend Professor Andrew Dutney  
President of the Uniting Church  
in Australia

## The President's Blog



### A church like us for times like this: reflections on the national census of UCA congregations and ministers

May 22, 2014

It would be hard not to be excited about the future of the church if you attended NCYC in Parramatta in January, as I did. It was a life-giving, life-changing, inter-cultural festival of music, Bible study, prayer, dancing, painting, eating, laughing, talking, listening, caring and deepening commitment to discipleship. The quality of those hundreds of young Christians was very impressive. They came from every part of Australia, every cultural and linguistic community, every type of congregation and style of Christian faith within the UCA. They are passionate, smart, deeply committed disciples of Jesus who love God, each other and their neighbours of every kind. I want to be part of their church!

I had these younger sisters and brothers in mind as I received the final reports from my national census of UCA Congregations and Ministers recently. What kind of church are we today? What kind of church is nurturing and mentoring those young Christians? What kind of church will they get to lead in the next couple of decades?

For one thing, the UCA is a big church. It is present – publicly present – across the whole of Australia. It has more than 2000 congregations of Christ's people. That's more than twice the number of McDonalds outlets! Every week around 100,000 people gather in UCA congregations to worship and encourage one another in discipleship. And to give you another comparison, that's about the same as the number of people at the MCG for an AFL Grand Final or the first day of an Ashes Boxing Day Test – every week!

Most UCA congregations are smaller than 50. But nearly one in ten is larger than 100 with a handful being larger

than 200 strong. It's almost a cliché, but the best word to describe the congregations that God calls together in the UCA is "diverse" – so much so, that I know that I wasn't able to adequately include enough of the UAICC congregations or all of the migrant ethnic congregations. Even so, it was clear from the census results that UCA congregations meet, organise themselves, and are led in very diverse ways.

Our rural footprint is quite remarkable. Although most of our members are in the cities, most of our congregations are in rural situations. Many of these are lay-led congregations that have found innovative ways to be present and effective in their communities – in contrast to the withdrawal of so many organizations, businesses and services during the long rural decline. There are lessons to be learned here for the whole UCA.

We have a large order of well-trained, experienced ministers to draw on. The Synods provided me with the contact details of nearly 2500 UCA ministers. Finding ways to release the leadership of these members should be a priority – including encouraging their mentoring of our young adult leaders, lay and ordained. Renewal in ministry will enrich us all.

Although it wasn't part of the census as such, I have seen in my role as President that the UCA has very strong partnerships and ecumenical relationships throughout Asia, the Pacific and, more recently, Africa. That is, we are in close fellowship with the thriving, growing parts of the church of God to which we can look for encouragement and insights as we take up God's invitation to cooperate with the work of the Holy Spirit in Australia today.

The census of Congregations and Ministers has shown us that the UCA is a significant presence in Australian society, with tremendous potential to be just what God calls us to be: "a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself" (Basis of Union, paragraph 3).

To make the most of our opportunities to participate in God's mission now, in 2014, we need to recognise that we are not the same as the UCA of the 1970s. We are a very different church. But if we think and act as if we were the UCA

of the 1970s we will just sabotage ourselves. There is understandable grief about that for many people – especially for my generation and the ones before mine, who came to faith in that very different church. We miss it. Deeply sometimes.

The most obvious difference is that it was bigger. In those days the vast majority of our congregations were more than 100 strong and only a few were smaller than 50 people. In those days almost all congregations had their own Minister, perhaps two, or at least shared one with another congregation. In those days the Minister was pretty much in charge, did most of the hands on ministry, and was an important community leader. In those days the church was at the centre of the community – in towns, neighbourhoods, and the society as a whole. Along with the RSL, the church had some public clout. Together with Rotary and Lions, the church was expected and trusted to get things done for the community. Like Scouts and Guides, church was somewhere people sent their kids to be prepared for adult citizenship.

But that Australia and that church is long gone. We have the data to confirm it. Sometimes we miss it. That's understandable. But God has already made us into a new church and is calling us to be Christ's body and witnesses in this new Australia.

What those young Christians who inspired me at NCYC need from the UCA is a clear eyed acknowledgement of the kind of church we are in 2014. Then they need a commitment from their elders to bring their wisdom to bear on how we can be the best church we can be in 2014.

That will involve, e.g. congregations not thinking about how to adapt structures or practices of the 1970s for today but trying to discern the structures and practices that will nurture people in faith and mission in 2014. As one colleague put it to me recently: "We're not a volunteer organization. We're a community of disciples." It will involve, e.g. the Assembly recognising that the Regulations that were drafted in the 1970s were for the church of the 1970s. They make assumptions about the life of congregations that are simply false in 2014. How might the Assembly go about resourcing the congregations of this new century with Regulations that reflect their actual shape and circumstances?





None of this is easy, especially for people who are grieving for the church of the past. But the church of today and its promise for the future is so exciting that I'm sure we can do it – strengthened and guided by the Holy Spirit. Because, of course, it's not about us or about the UCA "brand". It's about what God in Christ has already done and is doing: bringing reconciliation and

renewal to the whole creation. The church doesn't have a mission of its own. The missional God has a church. The UCA is one small, very recent part of that church of God. It is our joy and privilege to participate in God's mission in our own particular time and place – nothing more or less than that – as a foretaste, sign and instrument of "the end in view for the whole creation".

(Basis of Union, paragraph 3)

*Andrew Dutney is the current President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. He took up the position on 15 July 2012 on the first day of the Uniting Church's 13th triennial assembly meeting in Adelaide*

## Beyond our Walls

Distribution of *Beyond our Walls* is expanding! Our recordings are getting better and better and we would like to distribute more!

We are excited that some of our contacts have been made by members of the congregation, in this state and overseas. We would be delighted to have increasing notoriety!

Do you know of

- friends or contacts who may be interested?
- small country church groups where ministers and leadership are scarce?
- folk in nursing/residential care who would like to share in worship?
- "shut-in" folk at home who are sad that they miss out?
- folk traveling overseas who may use the internet link?
- friends living overseas who may enjoy our worship?
- people who view other recordings but may warm to our worship style?

We could supply a DVD or give them access for viewing on Youtube.

Two weeks ago about 20 people who contribute to the recordings, met for lively and fruitful discussion. The group included our camera operators and technologists, worship leaders, Steve Thompson, musicians and flower arrangers, and others.

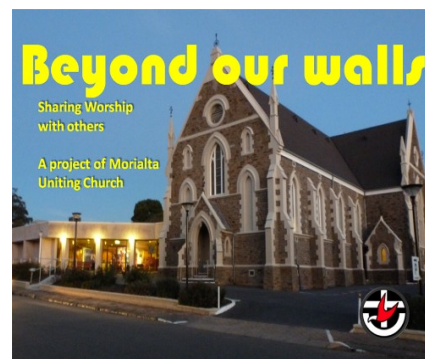
It proved to be not just a discussion about the nuts and bolts of filming for "a good show"! It was more to do with what makes for meaningful Worship, what might enhance worship in different ways for different people, what we often take for granted, and what might heighten the sense of wonder, awareness and response in our understanding of God.

It was not just about how we might achieve this for our viewers, but what it meant for us.

We ponder the question of possible intrusion in our Worship by this monthly filming process. Then we look at the recordings and see our folk engaging with the preacher, presenting and responding in the music, and singing the hymns and songs with enthusiasm.

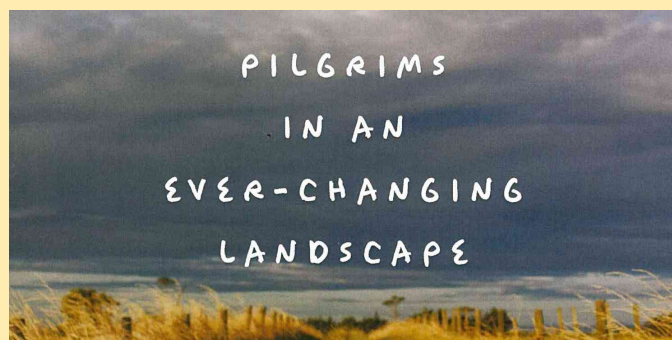
We would be interested in conversations about what works for you.

We also look forward to expanding *Beyond our Walls* and to developing new and different connections.



**Changing Landscapes** - Discussion around this earlier introductory paper was followed by the *Charter for a Pilgrim People* (Draft), presented to the meeting of the Synod and Presbytery in November 2013.

Now a seven-part series of studies has been written to give people across the Uniting Church in SA an opportunity to reflect on the issues raised.



**Clause 4 in the Charter says:**

***We acknowledge our history and embrace our traditions, both ancient and modern. We know that finding a way forward will require new insights and responses. We commit to exploring our culture, our traditions and ourselves as we seek to understand our present moment and make decisions for our future.***

**In Study 4** quotes to prompt reflection include:

"Traditions are group efforts to keep the unexpected from happening"  
Barbara Tober

Toula, don't let your past dictate who you are, but let it be part of who you will become.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

**What do You think?**

## The Christian Pastoral Support Workers Program in Schools (CPSW Program)

The CPSW program has been operating in its present form since 2007, when the Federal Government introduced funding under the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP). Prior to that, the Combined Christian Community in SA had funded 150 chaplaincy positions in schools around the state. However, by the end of 2008, over 300 Chaplaincy (CPSW) positions were being supported by the new program.

The CPSW Program (now the National Schools Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program) is managed in SA by the Schools Ministry Group (SMG) whose vision is "to help a young generation discover purpose, value and hope". Their stated mission is "to challenge the way the students and their school communities respond to God, themselves, and others, in the light of what has been revealed in Jesus".

The first Chaplains were appointed to schools in SA in 1987 in Elizabeth and Port Lincoln under guidelines agreed upon by the former Department for Education & Children's Services (DECS) and the South Australian Heads of Christian Churches Committee.

SMG was formed in 1991 to bring together the work of the United Christian Forum and the Heads of Christian Churches Chaplaincy Planning Group. These groups had been responsible for the appointment, training and review of Chaplains in schools since 1986. In 2006 SMG and DECS developed new guidelines for

religious activities in Government Schools.

CPS Workers are experienced and well qualified to work alongside other welfare and support staff within the school. They bring genuine compassion, understanding and practical ongoing support to students, staff and families.

Currently 64% of schools (335 schools) in SA have at least one CPSW attached to the school and there are 226 Primary Schools, 59 High Schools, 46 Area Schools and 4 Special Schools involved in the program. Nine CPSWs are supported by a local community group, 90 funded by a combination of the NSCSWP and a local group, and 236 funded solely by NSCSWP.

While the majority of a CPSW's work is in providing direct support to students and running programs within the school, they also do hospital visits and provide support to teachers and parents and families associated with the school.

The Magill Inter-Church Council (MICC) has supported the work of the SMG for almost two decades with member Churches providing financial support to the program. Even though the salaries are now covered by SMG through the NSCSWP, MICC still provides financial support for materials, training and special programs that the CPSWs wish to bring to the school. MICC also funds extra hours for the CPSWs so that they can spend more time in the school.

The MICC has been very fortunate with

the quality and dedication of the CPSWs that have worked in local schools. They are an extremely competent and talented group of young people.

The current CPSWs attached to schools through MICC are, Kieran Smith at Magill Primary School, Tania Murphy at Norwood Morialta High Schools and Nigel Uphill at Adelaide Youth Education Centre Cavan. If you would like to know more about the work of a CPSW, invite one of them along to your group. They love to share their stories and we guarantee you will not be disappointed.

Carole Lyons & Colin Cargill  
Magill Inter-Church Council

**NOTE:** In relation to the recent High Court ruling, which overturned the funding model for school chaplains, there has been strong support from the Prime Minister and other members of the Government for the program to continue.

As emphasised by Peter James (National spokesperson for the Chaplaincy Program), the ruling was about the funding model only, and the Court actually affirmed the benefits of chaplaincy. Peter went on to say "It is hoped that this decision will enable the Government to put in place an appropriate funding model that meets the court's requirements, securing chaplaincy for the future. Hopefully this can be arranged as soon as possible."

## Rockleigh Rejuvenated

It may have been 9 degrees at Rockleigh! Nevertheless, the brightly coloured balloons and streamers created an assuring welcome for the carloads heading for the picnic site. Those participating had warm hearts, warm conversations and warm appreciation of the capability of the environment to respond to the ravages of fire. It is still a task in progress for nature, but it is doing well. There was sadness, of course, about the extensive plantings of the past which had suffered such set back.



To add to the warmth the main luncheon menu of hot sausages, onions, bread and sauce was a great success – cooked with style by John Secombe and Colin Cargill on well seasoned metal plates over stones and coals – and topped off with toasted marshmallows for those with more exotic tastes. Salads, cakes, fruit and other goodies were shared and no-one could claim hunger pangs.

Bill Matheson and colleagues from the Bushland Conservation Company shared current information and long standing relationships were nurtured.

John Powers brought his van with the Rockleigh portable toilet attached - always a very close and welcome asset and a far cry from the wafting tent which some have not forgotten back in the mists of Rockleigh time!

It was a good day and we all expressed our thanks to the members of the Social Justice MMT who had made it happen.





## Congratulations, Bill Corey!



A regular attendee at Coffee Corner, Bill Corey, was included in the recent Queen's Birthday honours list and awarded the Medal (OAM) in the General Division for service to veterans and their families, and to the community. Bill was born at Riverton and grew up in Tarlee before enlisting in the army at the age of 22. Within months he was posted to Tobruk in northern Africa where his 43<sup>rd</sup> infantry battalion became famous as the "Rats of Tobruk" in halting the advance of the Italian-German forces.

Bill Corey wasn't just a Rat of Tobruk. He has an enviable service record, having been posted to five war zones in five years, battling first the Germans and later the Japanese. After Tobruk, he was in Syria, then El-Alamein in Egypt, New Guinea and Borneo. In civilian life he married and has two children. Bill ran a butcher's shop on Glen Osmond Road for 25 years. He has been very involved with the 2/43<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion club where he has held many positions including President and has been called upon to speak at many schools and organisations particularly around Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. He is a friend of Rostrevor College and spoke to their students before their recent trip to Kokoda, about his wartime experiences in the area.

He has twice represented Australia in recent years at war memorial services in Brunei and Egypt and was on the Ghan train journey to Alice Springs and Darwin in 2011. These were much different from the time 70 years ago when he had an all expenses paid trip on the Queen Mary. At that time there were 11,000 other servicemen on board the troop carrier.

Alison Lockett, on behalf of all at Coffee Corner, presented Bill with a congratulatory card following the publication of his Queen's Birthday Honour, announcing him as William Thomas Corey OAM, to which he replied "I'm still Bill".

We are very pleased to have this gentle man as one of our regulars at Coffee Corner and look forward to many more years of his charming company.

*John Powers*

## Women's World Day of Prayer



Morialta people have agreed to host next year's World Day of Prayer Service. The date is 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 10.00 am and the service has been prepared by the women of The Bahamas. At this stage we are asking whether anyone knows someone who has visited or lived in The Bahamas who would be a suitable speaker. Alternatively, if you are inclined, how about taking a trip to The Bahamas and come back with some photos and an up to date story to share with us?

Most of you will know that World Day of Prayer is a world-wide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

- More than 170 countries participate
- in an annual day of celebration
- which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions
- sharing together in God's Word and worship

Through World Day of Prayer, we are encouraged to:

- Be enriched by the faith of Christians of other cultures
- Take up the burdens of other people and pray for them
- Become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation

Please contact Margaret Pittman (8332 0044) if you have suggestions for a possible speaker.

*Margaret Pittman*

## Flower Ministry

**How blessed we are in the ministry which comes to us through flowers!**

As Elder, this is Rhonda Amber's focus in ministry. She is generous with her gifts, creating beautiful arrangements for special occasions and worship, and she leads the flower group.



The group includes many gifted people and we are frequently delighted and surprised by the special arrangements of Helen Penhall and Jan Sillett. Both work from the heart with stories to tell.



Others sharing their talents in this ministry are Margaret Boundy, Joan Wagner, Pam Ayles, Arlene Lomman, Sharon Mackenzie, Margaret Dix, Margaret Peckham and Ruth Pitt. This is a special element in Morialta's worship and to all we say, Thank you!

# Paws for thought ...

Well, they have taken holidays without me before, but not for this long. In the past I have had to do a little re-training when they get home. I hope I don't have go back to scratch with them! Anne isn't too bad, but Bruce is another story.

On top of worrying about them this time I have had to cope with Wallace too. He is a real sook! He just mopes around the house all day sniffing Bruce's chair and looking at his harness.

At least he hasn't gone off his food too!

Another thing. It's been a few weeks now and they haven't really sent us any post cards either. I hope that means they are bringing something nice home for us!

On top of all of this I have had to make sure that Macey behaves herself. Believe me that is more difficult than you think. She can get really scratchy sometimes, particularly if she has to wait too long to be fed.

Anyway, it shouldn't be too long before they get home. You could really help me though. If either of them start to scratch themselves in public just ignore it. I will try to make sure their training is put back on track as quickly as possible.

Keely



## Presbytery and Synod Meeting Report

If you ever doubt the Uniting Church's commitment to addressing issues in our society, just look at this listing of some of the matters addressed in the Presbytery & Synod Meeting on 21 June:

- Rural and Regional Ministry
- Murray Darling Basin Consultation
- Climate Change
- UnitingCommunities – Lifeline & Goodwill
- Intergenerational ministry
- Beyond Violence campaign
- Marriage – Discussion paper



Meeting notes have been displayed on the Morialta Memos board in the foyer.

## UnitingCommunities – Lifeline & Goodwill

Simon Schrapel, CEO of UnitingCommunities, spoke on the history of both Lifeline and Goodwill. Lifeline has been operating for more than 50 years and Goodwill in excess of 60 years. Proceeds from Goodwill support the operation of Lifeline. Last year there were 30,000 calls taken in Adelaide alone by the call centre. Simon asked people to show their support by: shopping at Goodwill, volunteering at op shops and donating pre-loved goods. Donation bags are available through UnitingCommunities and a campaign to donate goods is currently happening in Uniting Church schools. *Every bag contributed enables Lifeline to respond to four phone calls!*



## Fellowship Happenings



### Fellowship is doing well!

Fellowship folk know how to enjoy themselves, particularly in the matter of dining!

Vili's is a tried and true, and much enjoyed eating place, providing great opportunities for friendship, fellowship and good stories!



On home ground, in the winter season time slot of Thursday morning and lunch, Fellowship members were well entertained and informed in their session with Eric Webb, director of the Spring Gully Foods company.

Fellowship folk could well share or adopt Spring Gully's slogan: "It's all about the Company we keep....."

An invited speaker was unable to attend in June, so everyone enjoyed a "cosy" gathering watching and laughing at a Pam Ayres DVD. Lunch was shared - pumpkin scones, soup and rolls, followed by scones, jam and cream

Fellowship July meeting will take us on a visit to a local radio station. Watch out for details in the news sheet on Sundays!



# Morialta Magpie



Congratulations to Rob and Margaret Webbe, and Judith and David Purling, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries.



Happy Birthday JennyHancock!



Jude and Emily Johnson and Graham Vincent featured in the local paper, recognising three generations of the family umpiring at Morialta Netball Club!



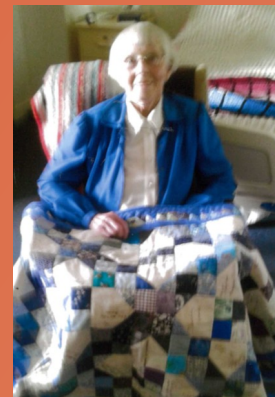
Congratulations to John and Lorraine Powers on their 40th wedding anniversary.



Daphne Prime enjoys the quilt presented to her from friends at Morialta. She is now at Clayton Church Homes, Magill.



Happy Birthdays to SteveThompson and Merv Boundy.

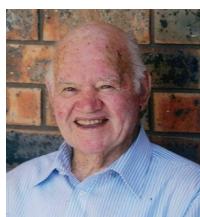


Mary Barrie thanks her friends at Morialta for the signed quilt. She is now at Room 113, Taylor Residential, 24 Avenue Rd Glynde, and would welcome visitors from Morialta.

**Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; hate less, love more; and all good things are yours.**  
Swedish Proverb

## Cyril Thompson

1926 - 2014



**One thing you cannot do is buy history.**

I am honoured to share with you. Dad made this world a better place by being in it for 87 years. He was the most down to earth person you could know – a straightforward man who expected little in return from those around him.

My earliest memories of Dad are that he was a hardworking, kind and gentle man. He worked for the Amscol ice cream company as a salesman and truck driver. In the summer it was 7 day weeks and 16 hour days.

Dad worked hard to give Shane, David and me a much better life and the safe, loving secure childhood he never had. He was the role model for us to look up to. He steered us in the right direction to be the best people we could be. We are so thankful to him for that. We were so lucky to be raised by a strong loving father and, thankfully, I know this continues on through Shane and David being fathers to their families.

He passed on his sense of humour, wisdom and work ethic to my brothers and me, and taught us that we can learn from our mistakes and grow from our failures.

As a child I sometimes went to work with Dad, feeling so special sitting up with Dad in the ice cream truck and watching him go about his work. I felt so proud. I got to see how loved he was by his customers. And there were things he could do and get away with that no one else could. On many occasions he would walk into a shop or bakery and say to his customers: "How are you going today, grumpy? I'd better have a taste of one of these awful pies you make!" And he would go and help himself to one of their pies...and believe it or not, they loved him for it. Being a sales person myself, I could not imagine anyone else getting away with it! But Dad had that special way of connecting with people. I don't think he realized what a special and rare quality that was.

What he loved most was to spend time with his family. Birthdays and Christmas were always special as it was usually Dad wanting to open presents first. He got so much enjoyment and he was like a big

kid. He loved being near his children and grandchildren.

Our family enjoyed many years of friendship and fun times growing up with the Steeles, our wonderful neighbours, and the Guyots and the Brogans. On holidays, golf days, tennis days and even just playing in our street. These friendships have spanned up to 50 years, and Dad always enjoyed being with you all. One thing you cannot do is buy history.

Mum introduced Dad to helping out in the church and he enjoyed doing "Coffee Corner" and would talk about all the people there who helped out. This was special for him.

As an adult I understood a lot more just how special Dad was and who and why he was the man he was. He was never one to fuss and he never complained about anything...except if it had anything to do with tomatoes! He loved his food, but could sniff a tomato out at twenty paces! Everyone who knew him knew to beware of tomatoes.

When things seemed to be tough going Dad's motto was "Well things could be a lot worse". He thought there was always a way around something and things would always get better.

Dad loved to read and a favourite author was Agatha Christie. But one day Dad gave me a copy of "A Fortunate Life" to read. At the time I didn't quite understand this Australian classic – a tale of a man's unbelievable hardship. I couldn't help but wonder if Dad could connect with that book because of his own challenges and hardship in his childhood years.

For a time Dad was the president of the Beef and Burgundy Club in McLaren Vale. He loved it, socializing with his friends, and of course, he loved his red wine. He loved sharing this with my brothers and his friends and just being with them.

Dad had a funny expression: *Shishkabibble*. I'm not sure where it came from, but it always made me laugh. He had a great smile and beautiful eyes – something I am told Shane, David and I have inherited. On occasions Dad was told that he had good looking children and all had his beautiful eyes. He would puff his chest out proudly and tell everyone that we got our good looks from him! Poor mum never had a say in it!

Dad's beautiful eyes reflected an amazingly kind and generous soul that we will carry in our hearts forever.

*Jo, daughter of Cyril and June*

*Cyril Thompson, my grandfather, was "Poppy" to all the grandchildren, Dylan, Emma and me.*

*Poppy was a great man, father, husband and also grandfather. I remember going up to Poppy's and Grandma's as a little boy. He would tell me stories about how he worked in the coal mines in New South Wales and what sort of technology or lack of technology they had in those times. He would also tell me some stories about when he was in the army, and also about when he first laid eyes upon a beautiful lady named June, my Grandma.*

*One of my favourite stories was about when Poppy was an ice cream truck driver for Amscol, and how he would meet up with the guys driving the pie and pastry trucks and trade ice creams for cold pies. I found it quite funny as I would picture him eating a cold pie and ice cream while driving a big truck and trailer.*

*The most infamous story I heard whilst growing up was about that "damn washing machine", and how he used to make my father and uncle go out, rain, hail or shine, to help him fix it. It sounded like a weekly occurrence in the Thompson household.*

*What I enjoyed mostly about going to Grandma and Poppy's house were the board games. We would play them as soon as I got there - Snakes and Ladders, Guess Who, cards (including poker) and the infamous Monopoly. Sometimes, as I remember it, I think he could have been letting me win.*

*He was always very useful with his woodwork. He would buy bits of timber and I would just create things out of wood. I remember making a ship with Poppy's help (he did most of the marking out). This reminds me of a gift when I was younger. Poppy and Ted made a helicopter out of wood for me that would spin around. It was one of the best childhood gifts I received. Ted was one of Poppy's best mates. He has also passed away.*

*Poppy was a very humble man. He never burdened anyone with his problems, especially when he was older and wasn't in the best of health. He would also just sit back and observe. He never wanted to be the centre of attention, but he was, to many of us.*

*If I could become half the grandfather he was to me, for my grandchildren, then I would be a happy man.*

*Josh, grandson of Cyril and June*

# Palm Crosses

**Do you know about Palm Crosses or Holding Crosses?** *Probably!*

**Do you know about the Pacific Region of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women?** *Maybe not!*

Recently the men of our Wednesday Workshop group were invited to make palm crosses for a special event. They produced forty and these have been added to a total of about 250 crafted across the State.

This was prompted by an invitation from Rev Lindsay Faulkner, Synod President of the Uniting Church Adult Fellowships, and a retired minister and member of Payneham UC, following a conversation with Rev David Purling.

In July a meeting will be held in Brisbane of the Pacific Region of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. Each Synod in Australia is providing gifts to be included in a bag for each delegate, and South Australia's gift is a palm cross. Each cross will be placed in a muslin bag and accompanied by a paper which includes the origin of the palm cross, thoughts for its use, and lines for prayer.

Morialta's ministers have used palm crosses in pastoral care and this was an opportunity to share in another very thoughtful gifting of the crosses.

## Comfort / Holding Crosses

A comfort cross, or a holding cross, as it is sometimes called, is an asymmetric cross that is made to fit comfortably into the palm of one's hand and is used during prayer.

It is thought that the holding cross is based on an ancient design found in ancient European chapels.

Although the origin of the holding/comfort cross tradition is not known, it dates back to the early Christians.

Holding crosses are made out of many different types of wood, none seems more appropriate than a cross made out of the olive wood prunings of trees that grow in the very region that Jesus was born - in the area around Bethlehem. Olive trees have scattered the landscape there since biblical times, where they grow both in terraced groves and on the hilltops.

The oil from the fruit of the Olive Tree has been used for religious rites since biblical times.

Since the olive tree is a protected species in Israel and cannot be cut down, all olive wood artefacts are made only from the tree's prunings. Olive wood does not require much care since olive oil is naturally protecting them from corrosion and changes of colour. In time the holding cross will develop its own patina from frequent handling. No two crosses will ever look the same due to the variations in the grain on the wood.

## Holding the Cross

**Savio Rodrigues SJ**

This prayer is done by just holding in your palm a Holding Cross. Its beam is deliberately made uneven so as to fit comfortably between your fingers.

The cross is not ornamental or decorated to remind you of the harsh wood of the cross.

It is enough to simply hold the cross silently. This in itself is prayer. Maybe you have no words anyway, and it is through your sense of touch that you are expressing your love for Christ, and your need for Him.

Holding the cross can also be a way of praying for others, especially those who are suffering.

It is also useful to hold the cross when making or praying a prayer of confession!

When you are ill, simply holding the cross may be the best way to pray. It does not matter that you do not have the energy for other kinds of prayer.

You could give a wooden cross to someone who is ill or dying, as a way of sharing the love of Christ with them.

Sometimes you may find that set words are useful. These can be enriched and deepened by holding the cross and reciting them. For example:

- As I hang on to this cross, Lord, hang on to me.
- As I hold on to this cross, Lord, Fill me with your strength and peace.
- As I hold this cross, Lord, I remember the cost of your Great love for us.
- As I hold this cross, Lord, I rejoice in the knowledge that evil and sin do not have the last word, and that your love is indestructible.

### *The gift bag message:*

***The Cross in this bag has been made from recycled wood sourced in South Australia and shaped by people in men's sheds, fellowship groups, in church congregations or by individual workers across the State.***

***The Cross comes to you with the prayer that you may find yourself in the everlasting palm of the hand of God and in a bond of fellowship across the world.***



## Rosemary Nancarrow

1942 - 2014



Rosemary was a bright and beautiful woman who married Roy at the tender age of nineteen when he was going to be posted to the RAAF base in Butterworth, Malaya. She wouldn't let him go without her! So, after they quickly arranged to marry, they moved to Penang and within twelve months she was a new mother to Fiona. She rapidly learnt to cook, organise a household, and cope with a new baby.

Having a baby at the age of twenty was interesting. Fiona had decided to come three weeks early and so Rosemary couldn't catch the ferry to the base hospital as planned, at 39 weeks. Instead, she had to go to the local Asian hospital because the Western Hospital on the island didn't have any emergency "baby equipment". She was wheeled into a big labour ward with a curtained off cubicle and when she asked whether the pain would go on for much longer, was told to "just shut your mouth and push". Meanwhile Roy was driving around early in the morning trying to contact the RAAF medical services on the island and was caught by the police for not having his lights on. Luckily they let him off – they must have thought that he had a good excuse!

Hygiene at the hospital was somewhat lacking and Rosemary remembered washer women sorting dirty nappies right beside the bed. She returned home within three days, which, back then, was unheard of for a first baby.

Rosemary was born in November 1942 in the Riverland town of Barmera. Her mother, Kathleen, was 40, and father, Bill, was 57. She always thought she must have been an accident! - her sister, Meg, was 11 years older and brothers, David and Brian, were 15 and 18 years older respectively. Thus she grew up almost as an only child and developed a very close relationship with her mother. This lasted until her mother's death, aged 95 years. Rosemary was brought up on a fruit block in Cobdogla and had many memories of life in the country, which she has documented at length. These include the gradual introduction of things like electric fridges, washing machines and stoves. Picking and drying apricots seemed to feature prominently in her memory and

the farm animals were obviously much loved by her, but not necessarily by her father. Maybe this was the origin of her collecting cats for the rest of her life.

Rosemary and Roy returned to Australia in 1964; they lived in Laverton and then Ipswich before moving back to Adelaide when Roy left the RAAF in 1969. They had three more children. Julie was born at Altona hospital in 1966, where Roy upset the old dragon of a matron; when she asked him how old Rosemary was, he replied that he didn't know because it kept changing every year! Graham and Jennifer were both born in Adelaide – Graham in 1970 and Jenni in 1971.

The children have very happy memories of numerous trips back to the Riverland with their Mum and Granny. Most of these memories are of long drives through the scrub on rough dirt roads in the old Holden, and lighting bonfires; and also lots of yabbing, fishing, digging up fossils, and revisiting old family haunts. As all the children got older, there was camping. They remember their first night camping in Mum and Dad's new "McMansion" of a tent. When a storm rolled through, everyone was soaked while attaching more ropes and pegs, and holding up the tent walls. All the kids wondered why their Mum thought this camping thing was such a good idea!

Rosemary was always the main instigator of holidays. Her horizons broadened and she eventually dragged Roy, and on occasions, various kids, on trips that included Singapore, Bali to Jakarta overland, on a Thailand hill-tribe trek, to Hideaway island in Vanuatu, when it was still considered a very remote location, then ocean kayaking off the Queensland coast, to Vietnam just after it opened to the west, and climbing Mount Kinabalu in Borneo. She loved adventure holidays and the great outdoors.

When circumstances meant she could no longer travel so far, she loved walking locally, particularly in Morialta Park. She loved the hills, trees, birdlife, and koalas. When her illness began to cause physical limitations, her daughters made sure she had more wonderful experiences in places like Sydney, Melbourne, Cairns, and Broome. In particular, Broome was a highlight - she was able to sail, ride in a helicopter and visit a pearl farm. But, she was so cross when her daughters drew the line at her riding a camel!

Rosemary decided to go back to university in 1977 after sixteen years of being a mother and housewife, coinciding with Jenni starting school. It helped Fiona with her final years of schooling and university, as her mother was studying too. She achieved her Bachelor of

Science in Microbiology and Immunology in 1981. She started a Masters degree in genetics and tutored first and second year genetics students at the same time. She withdrew from the Masters when she decided that "bench-top science" was not for her and she wanted a real job. She started nursing training in 1984, and had nearly completed her Registered Nursing qualification, when she left in 1988 to look after her mother. She did, however, sit and pass her Enrolled Nursing exam.

Rosemary finally found her true vocation at the age of 48 when she got a job with the School of Nursing, teaching Bioscience and Pathophysiology. Most of the time she was only one step ahead of her students, but luckily she found the topics interesting and not difficult. She eventually worked at UniSA and University of Adelaide teaching medical, dental, health science, and science students. She worked on a casual basis which meant she could earn enough money for all those holidays.

At the age of 49, Rosemary became a grandmother for the first time when Nick was born in 1992. The joy and pleasure she found in being a grandmother was further expanded when Maddie was born in 1995, followed by Sean in 2005 and Ryan in 2009. She was very proud of all her grandchildren and always followed their development and endeavours with great interest.

Rosemary enjoyed all aspects of her life, including her work and time spent with children and grandchildren, until she got, in her own words, "this horrid disease". She was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and was also known as a good teacher. Her students loved her.

Rosemary faced her devastating degenerative illness with amazing courage and determination, and never gave up. She kept pushing herself to the limits of her condition to the very end. She was always, and always will be, dearly loved by her family and friends. She made such an impact on everyone with whom she came into contact. She was devoted to her children and grandchildren and tried so hard to stay with them.

She passed away as she had wished, surrounded by her precious family - we will all miss her so very much.

*Fiona, Julie, Graham and Jennifer*

*When she was able, Rosemary attended worship at Morialta, recalling her earlier membership and relationships in the Rostrevor congregation.*

## Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library

### Upcoming Library Events

**Morialta Book Group** meets on the first Monday evening of each month. Look in the Sunday news sheet for details of the book we will discuss, or contact Adam Yearsley. All are welcome to attend.

**Creative Writers' Group** meets on the first Sunday of the month at 10.45am in the library. The emphasis is on providing an encouraging atmosphere in which to share our writing experiences. New members are always welcome.



### Up, Up and Away!

Be on Cloud Nine at Morialta on Sunday July 13, as we celebrate the library's 20th birthday. Enjoy uplifting literary adventures with guest speaker Marianne Musgrove, local author and poet. Share your favourite poetry, prose or memorabilia. Indulge in high tea, including soup, savoury slice and birthday cake.

Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children available on Sundays or from the church office.

## Books and DVDs to see you through the colder months!



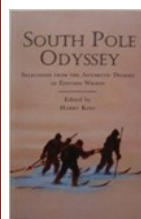
### HOLY SEE, UNHOLY ME by Tim Fischer

Tim Fischer, former leader of the National Party, was picked to be the first Australian resident ambassador to the Holy See. He found himself to be an observer and active in the dramas of a most powerful nation city state.

With his newly acquired dinner party diplomacy, Tim navigated the world of religious and political leaders - and scandals besetting the Church - and lived to tell the tales. In entertaining style he reflects on his 1,000 days in Rome and on matters of global and religious significance. Fascinating!

*Reviewed by Margaret Pittman*

### SOUTH POLE ODYSSEY by Edward Wilson



Edited by Harry King and based on Dr Edward Adrian Wilson's diaries. A member of Scott's 1912 journey to the South Pole, his notes are a fascinating account by a wise, pleasant and loyal man.

A medical doctor and an artist, he was a valuable member of Scott's team. A man of fortitude with an abiding faith "in the life to come".

*Reviewed by Jenny Barabas*

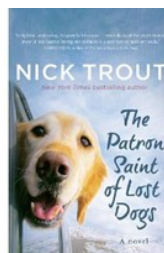
### THE PATRON SAINT OF LOST DOGS by Nick Trout

Delightful. I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

Reminiscent of James Herriot, and giving perceptive insight into the world of animals, especially dogs and their owners.

It tells the tale of Dr Cyrus Mills returning home after inheriting his father's failing veterinary practice. He intends to sell the practice but changes his mind as animals and people find a place in his heart, causing him to want to stay.

*Reviewed by Lorraine Powers*



### PHILOMENA by Martin Sixsmith

Many of you will already have seen the excellent film of this book, starring Judi Dench.

As a teenager in Ireland in 1952, Philomena Lee fell pregnant and was sent to the convent of Sean Ross Abbey, near the town of Roscrea...a "fallen woman". For 3 years after her son was born she worked there and cared for him; then the Church took him away and sold him, like many others, for adoption in America. For 50 years Philomena searched for her son, and he also searched for his birth mother, but to no avail.

The book focuses on Michael and his life growing up in his American family, with three brothers and his adopted sister Mary. Michael had a successful political career and, in 1988, became Chief Council in the Republican Party. He was also part of the gay scene, and all that entailed in the 1970s and 80s, and eventually succumbed to AIDS and died in 1995.

This is a compelling and moving account of two people caught up in the system of the time, with all the secrecy and hypocrisy that accompanied it - we can only be thankful that the truth is now revealed!

*Reviewed by Jill Kerr*

### DVD REVIEW

#### THE WAY HOME: (91 minutes)



#### Based on the inspirational true story

Well told, suspenseful story of a desperate search for a missing toddler.

How Christian communities from local churches opened their hearts, joining forces to support the traumatized family.

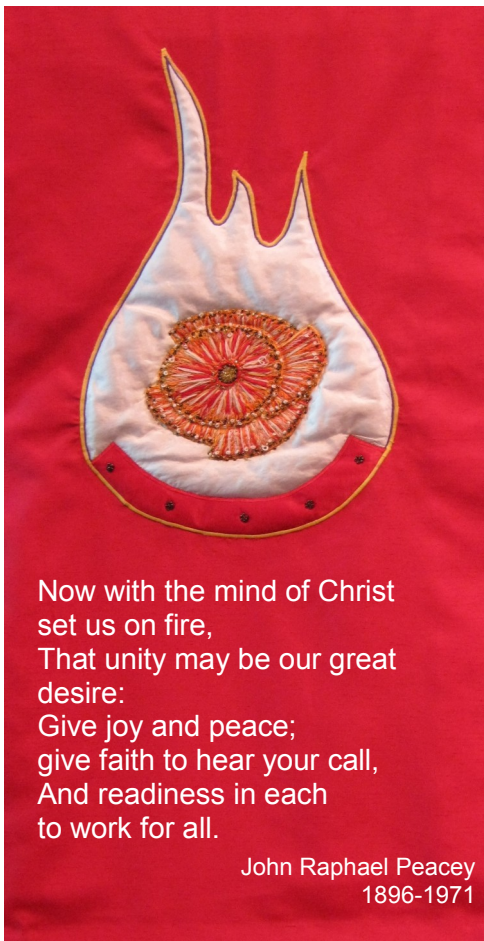
*Reviewed by Jenny Barabas*

For further book reviews go to

<http://www.morialtauca.org.au/resources/library/whats-new/>

# Diary Dates

Sun 13 July 5.00 pm	Library Event <i>Up, Up and Away</i> and High Tea
Tues 15 July 7.30 pm	Church Council
Thurs 17 July	Fellowship - Radio Station Visit
Sun 20 July 9.30 am	Beyond our Walls – Recording Worship
Sun 27 July 5.00 pm	Pot Luck Tea
Thurs 31 July	Fellowship - Campbelltown Food Trail
Sun 3 August	Pastoral Partners Seminar and Lunch
Sun 3 August 5.00 pm	Messy Church
Sun 17 August 9.30 am	Beyond our Walls Recording Combined Service and Meeting of the Congregation
Tues 19 August 7.30pm	Church Council
Thurs 21 August 9.45am	Fellowship - Love & Lipstick Speaker
Sun 24 August 5.00 pm	Pot Luck Tea
Thurs 28 August 6.00/6.30 pm	Urban Mission Network Gathering Hosted by Morialta
Sat 30 August 7.30 pm	Payneham Concert Band Cabaret



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