

# Morialta Vision

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## From the Minister's Desk

Many of you may not know that I a member of the *Uniting Church – Roman Catholic Dialogue Group*. One of the recent joys of being part of this group has been the opportunity to read Pope Francis' recent faith response on the environment.

Invoking his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi, and his reverence for God's creation — "our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains us" — Pope Francis calls the Christian faithful to action on climate change, clean water and sustainable development, while blasting the developed world's "throwaway culture" and the corrosive effects of "denial," "indifference" and "resignation."

I would like to share with you the 13 most radical lines from Pope Francis' "On Care for Our Common Home." I hope that they will both inspire you *and stir you* with their implications!

1. "We require a new and universal solidarity."
2. "The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all."
3. "Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming..."
4. "...sin is manifest in all its destructive power in...the abandonment of the most vulnerable, and attacks on nature."
5. "These problems are closely linked to a throwaway culture which affects the excluded just as it quickly reduces things to rubbish."
6. "Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right."

7. "We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels – especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas – needs to be progressively replaced without delay."

8. "Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms..."

9. "Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded."

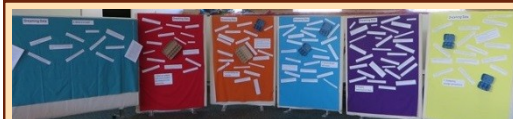
10. "Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, above all on the part of those countries which are more powerful and pollute the most."

11. "Inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations. A true 'ecological debt' exists, particularly between the global north and south..."

12. "The exploitation of the planet has already exceeded acceptable limits and we still have not solved the problem of poverty."

13. "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will."

Steve Thompson



## 'Dreaming' Outcomes go to August Church Council Meeting

The Morialta community has just completed a participatory planning process that we dubbed 'the Dreaming Process'. 28 groups met with the working group charged with engaging people in discussion, to talk about their visions for the future life and mission of the congregation and how to resource them. The ideas were collated and displayed on boards for

browsing over coffee for several weeks, and then we met for a report session, supported by a presentation from Synod's Wendy Perkins, and further deliberations via a 'green sticker' process. Everyone present (and absentees later via email) had five stickers to affix to the ideas they thought most important for a sustainable way forward. The working group report, including the sticker results, will feed into Council's ongoing planning processes – so watch this space!



## Chairperson writes..

The Uniting Church in Australia is a denomination based on a series of inter-related councils.

For many of us the most relevant expression of church is the congregation. Morialta Uniting is fortunate to have a committed and lively family that come together to worship and deepen their faith through participation in the congregation. For many members involvement in, and commitment to, our local congregation is more than enough to satisfy our 'Faith Needs'.

However, for some fortunate individuals opportunity is provided to participate in activities of the wider church.

I would encourage all members of the Morialta congregation to attend Urban Mission Network Gatherings and other events so that they can talk with, and learn from, members of other congregations. The network holds a number of gatherings throughout the year as well as some other events that are specifically aimed at supporting worship and faith education. Notices are included in our newsletter.

As well as the Presbytery-Synod, which meets at least three times during the year, the National Assembly is a council of the wider Uniting Church. The Assembly convenes every three years in different parts of Australia. This year, in July, Assembly was held in Perth.

I count it a privilege to have participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Assembly. Members of the Uniting Church from all parts of Australia, of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and theologies, sat in session over a week and dealt with important matters in a respectful manner. While there may have been some disappointment about the uptake of some proposals there is clear commitment to dialogue during the next three years. This is not the place to share all matters that were before the Assembly, but participants heard from UC agencies across the whole spectrum of activity, as well as visitors from churches from other countries.

Worship is, of course, central to all activity of the Uniting Church and it was no different in Perth. We shared in communion and explored the gospel. Three different perspectives of the Road to Emmaus were shared with the Assembly and then we unpacked the meaning for us, through discussion in table groups.

If you would like to hear more please ask me any questions.

Finally, I recommend, if you're able, that you view this year's Cato Lecture which was presented by Dr Lin Manhong the Associate General Secretary of the China Christian Council and the acting Dean of Nanjing Union Theological Seminary. The presentation gives us much to ponder as we seek to be relevant in the Australian context, aiming to be a community at Mission, sharing the Good News that comes through a knowledge of God and the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Bruce

## "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught"

I sang those words many years ago in Port Augusta, when I played the part of Lieutenant Joseph Cable in an amateur production of *South Pacific*. When the Musical was first performed in 1949, *South Pacific* received scrutiny for its commentary regarding relationships between different races and ethnic groups. In particular, "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught" was subject to widespread criticism, judged by some to be too controversial or downright inappropriate for the musical stage.

What made me think of this particular song, was the Media coverage of the AFL and racism. In *South Pacific* the song "You've got to be carefully taught" is preceded by a line saying racism is "not born in you! It happens after you're born..." I'll quote the song at the end of this piece, but before I do, let me share this. At the end of a walk along the Dry Creek Linear Park I arrived at the Stockade Botanical Park, where I discovered the **Living in Harmony Footprints Project**. There is a plaque and the artwork.

*The Footprints Project* celebrates the different cultures that make up the diverse population of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. Footprints in this artwork symbolise that although we may look different and come from different cultural backgrounds, our Footprints are the same and do not discriminate between race, creed, colour or gender. In *South Pacific* the romance, between U.S. lieutenant Joseph Cable and a young Tonkinese woman, explores his fears of the social consequences should he marry his Asian sweetheart. The issue of racial prejudice is candidly explored throughout the musical, most controversially in the lieutenant's song, "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught".



*You've got to be taught to hate and fear,  
You've got to be taught from year to year,  
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear  
You've got to be carefully taught.*

*You've got to be taught to be afraid  
Of people whose eyes are oddly made,  
And people whose skin is a different shade,  
You've got to be carefully taught.*

*You've got to be taught before it's too late,  
Before you are six or seven or eight,  
To hate all the people your relatives hate,  
You've got to be carefully taught!*

David Purling



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Keith Shaw has been awarded a certificate from the Uniting Church Presbytery and Synod in South Australia, recognising his 60 years of service as an accredited lay preacher. Keith is a regular member of our 8.15 congregation at Morialta.



## YES, WE'RE OPEN!

Have you noticed the new "OPEN" and "WELCOME" banners on display outside the church when we are open?

We are thinking about getting more to display for specific weekly activities such as Playgroup and Coffee Corner.



## WELCOME!

Congratulations to Tiffany and Adam on the birth of their daughter Soraya Jade on 3rd August.

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father** ...who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, and those who, by victim of circumstance, bear the heat of the day

**who are in heaven** ...where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first, but where all will be well and every manner of being will be well

**hallowed be your name** ...may we always acknowledge your holiness, respecting that your ways are not our ways, your standards are not our standards. May the reverence we give your name pull us out of the selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbour

**Your kingdom come** ...help us to create a world where, beyond our own needs and hurts, we will do justice, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you and each other

**Your will be done** ... open our freedom to let you in so that the complete mutuality that characterises your life might flow through our veins and thus the life that we help generate may radiate your equal love for all and your special love for the poor

**on earth as in heaven** ...may the work of our hands, the temples and structures we build in this world, reflect the temple and the structure of your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness, and justice of heaven will show forth within all of our structure on earth

**Give** ...life and love to us and help us to see always everything as gift. Help us to know that nothing comes to us by right and that we must give because we have been given to.

**us** ...the truly plural us. Give not just to our own but to everyone, including those who are very different than the narrow us. Give your gifts to all of us equally

**this day** ...not tomorrow. Do not let us push things off into some indefinite future so that we can continue to live justified lives in the face of injustice because we can make good excuses for our inactivity

**our daily bread** ...so that each person in the world may have enough food, enough clean water, enough clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life. Teach us to give from our sustenance and not just from our surplus

**and forgive us our trespasses** ... forgive us our blindness towards our neighbour, our self-preoccupation, our racism, our sexism, and our incurable propensity to worry only about ourselves and our own. Forgive us our capacity to watch the evening news and do nothing about it

**as we forgive those who trespass against us** ...help us to forgive those who victimise us. Help us to mellow out in spirit, to not grow bitter with age, to forgive the imperfect parents and systems that wounded, cursed, and ignored us

**and do not put us to the test.** . . . do not judge us only by whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimised the poor. Spare us this test for none of us can stand before your gospel scrutiny. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness, and our systems

**but deliver us from evil** ...that is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not see who gets less as we get more.

**Amen**

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## Mad Hatter's Tea Party

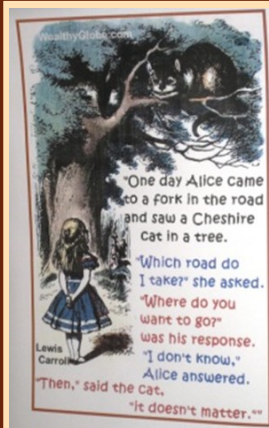
Mad hats galore were to be seen everywhere! Amazing memorabilia and first rate party fare were enjoyed at the Alice in Wonderland and Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Thanks to all of you who helped to make it such a memorable occasion.

The literary delights were varied and interesting and our guest speaker, Caroline Munchenberg, entered into the spirit of things, ably informing us of the wonderful resources and services on offer at Burnside Library.

The event raised \$400, which is now being put to good use in purchasing new resources for the church library.

Lorraine Powers



## REPORT ON FORUM 5TH JULY PREACHING AND POLITICS

Approximately 30 people attended a forum to explore "preaching and politics" at Mordialta. Our guest presenter was the Rev Dr Malcolm McArthur and the discussion was moderated by Bob Penhall.

We commenced with a discussion about the things that may get in our way when we listen to a sermon or a speaker, and that can cause us to switch off. These included language, defensiveness, cross purposes and agenda anxiety (*we only want to get our views heard*), all of which can moderate the way we listen and respond to preaching, as well as to each other.

Once we have met and recognised the things that get in the way for us, we need to be prepared to change. We can also be put off by a person's dress, their hair, or even their accent. However, meeting and getting to know someone can help to change or temper our initial prejudices. Sometimes the preacher may be trying to secure agreement or challenge us, but we only hear what we want to hear. We also often tend to blame others, rather than accept responsibility for our actions. We need to learn how to cope with ambiguity, rather than have everything presented in black and white.

Pushing an issue too hard may also colour attitudes and lead to negative reactions. Maybe we need to be satisfied with the "best available" solution or outcome, rather than aiming for 100% of our goal or vision. Otherwise nothing may be gained.



The second discussion was around "Preaching" and in general the comments relating to preaching at Mordialta were very positive.

The last discussion points were around the gift of the spirit, taking 1 Cor 12: 8-10 as a guide. Groups were asked to identify two specific practices that Mordialta could change to be more inclusive, (in every sense of the word).

Some of the relevant responses were:

- We need wider representation on Mission Ministry Teams with a sunset clause for period of appointment. This will help provide a wider range of views and attitudes.
- We should also allow people to serve where they feel called, rather than recruiting people to a task.
- We need to identify when we are **not** being inclusive in our deliberations.
- We must strive so that nobody should feel compelled to follow a certain line or agree with the majority.
- If we cannot solve problems when we have tensions within the congregation, we should be open to outside help from other parts of the UCA.

Bob did a great job of getting us through in time for lunch and we all benefited greatly from Malcolm's unique and wise leadership.

## Good Times—Good Life

Now I have celebrated my fourth twenty first birthday, I have been thinking I should be in for a good time. Why not? After all, I live in retirement with a loving wife, family and friends.

But wait. For me to search for good times is not very realistic with my energy levels falling and my eyesight inadequate. Sleeping under the stars in the Flinders Ranges. They were good times but now it's far too far down to the sleeping bag. A swim, a walk on the beach with fish and chips to follow. Now there are too many

wrinkles and too much sand. There were good times trekking across the Yorkshire Moors but now the track would be too rough. I must face it. Good times at 84 are less likely.

However, the renowned sociologist and author, Hugh Mackay, reminds me I can still find a good life by remaining connected, with goodness, to the needs of family, friends and others. To be content with sending letters and greeting cards. To chat over the fence and across tribal boundaries. To connect with the trees, the birds, the bush and my garden. I am settling for a good life.



Arthur Tideman

## Using the Bible as good news or as a weapon of control?

### Introduction

Archbishop John (Jack) Spong recently appeared as the guest of Charlie Pickering on ABC TV. No doubt he raised a few eyebrows among the viewing audience, including Charlie himself. One of Jack Spong's many points was that Christians need to be careful how they read and interpret the Bible. Some years ago Ann Wansbrough, who was then NSW Synod Social Justice Officer, wrote an article on a similar theme. Ann's article led with the words "As Christians, we need to think carefully about how we use the Bible in debates about life, ethics and justice". Do we use the Bible as an expression of good news and love or as a weapon of control?

To answer this question I have used material from the Interview with Archbishop Spong, a sermon by Rev Steve Thompson and an article by Rev Dr Ann Wansbrough.

As Ann points out, the church has changed its attitude on many issues over the years.

Her first example is **Poverty**. Once it was ok to sing "*The rich man in his castle, the poor man at his gate, God made them high and lowly, and gave them their estate*" and we used to talk about the "deserving poor", as though it gave respectability to poverty. But the churches also led the way in providing charity and support. While charity is important, we now see the need to do something about the causes of poverty. It is important to understand the structures and policies that privilege some people and leave others struggling. The churches are now leading advocates for change.

**Women** – In the 1980s, women challenged theological language that

reinforced negative attitudes and contributed to domestic violence and misogyny. This made the church confront the Biblical stories of violence against women and the impact this had on women's lives. Many also recognised the important roles that women played in the life and ministry of Jesus. A major shift in our understanding of what the Bible says about women followed and the role of women in most Christian traditions changed. Today the Uniting Church (and others) ordains women because we recognise that God gives gifts of ministry to them as well. The Christian understanding of the Biblical traditions regarding women has changed dramatically.

**Racism and Culture** – One of the great periods of Christian mission occurred during the centuries of European conquest and colonization. In hindsight we can see how missionaries confused their own European culture with Christianity and Christianity became a vehicle of colonisation and cultural destruction. It is part of the history of the Uniting Church and Australia. At times the Bible itself was used to justify claims that one race was superior over another. Most of us no longer see ourselves as "superior" and we recognise that Indigenous Australians and people of non-western cultures need to worship in ways consistent with their own cultural traditions, as we do.

We have had to rethink many of our cultural attitudes on many issues such as poverty, women, violence and racism.

### Learning Anew How to Use the Bible

The church has also changed its mind on slavery, disability, the environment, criminal sanctions and war. The church did not change to adopt the ways of the world, but because it recognised that the church had absorbed the cultural assumptions and violence of society. The church needed to reform. This ongoing need for reform is being

recognised in the SA Synod's "Beyond Violence Campaign" and the churches' stand on the incarceration of asylum seekers.

The Bible reveals the Word of God and offers guidance to the way we live our lives. But it also contains passages that we cannot use unless we want to abuse. This requires us to think carefully about how we use Biblical passages when discussing issues such as peace, sexuality, workplace relations, law & order, and genetic engineering. Paul argues for the principle that our attitude to others should be shaped by God's attitude to them. It is the Christian tradition to learn from those who experience violence in our society, not blame them. Our understanding of the nature of God, the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the 'good news' which is the Gospel, behoves us not to use the Bible in a way that can isolate and marginalise others. In Rev Steve Thompson's words – "And when we recognise that God in Christ loves us equally, includes us equally, suffers for us equally, and offers Godself to us equally, then who are we to start treating one another unequally or tolerate existing inequalities between ourselves?" In Ann's own words "We are a Church on the Way, and our history acknowledges that we must continue to learn the meaning of love, repentance and discipleship in the context of our time and place".

*Edited by Colin Cargill*

**Material was used from the Interview with Archbishop Spong, a sermon by Rev Steve Thompson and an article by Rev Dr Ann Wansbrough (The full article 'Does the Church ever Change its Mind?' can be found at: [www.unitingcarenswact.org.au/advocacy/church](http://www.unitingcarenswact.org.au/advocacy/church))**

## A good news story from Cavan Youth Training Centre



A report from Nigel Uphill PCW at the Youth Education Centre.

The Magill Inter-church Council (MICC) supported Nigel to run a Labyrinth Program for his students at Cavan and this is Nigel's report of the event.



Life can be a surprising journey of unexpected twists and turns, punctuated by moments of joy, pain, discovery, loss and deep reflection. The ancient spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth provides a physical and symbolic experience of that journey.

In July I had the opportunity to create and facilitate a labyrinth activity for the incarcerated students of the Youth Education Centre, as part of their school holiday extension program within the Adelaide Youth Training Centre.

This labyrinth was modelled on one created by an alternative worship community in the UK in the 1990s. (see <http://www.labyrinth.org.uk>)

Students were invited to individually walk the labyrinth pathway, and interact with 11 symbolic activities along the way. The body language of several students visibly changed as their walking slowed down. The activities on the journey in explored internal 'noise', letting go, hurts, directions and distractions.



Each station had simple written instructions with questions for reflection. These instructions had to be carefully crafted to allow for the low literacy of many of the students.

For each station, optional Christian reflections were offered for those interested, which included short Bible readings relevant to the theme of the activity.

In the centre of the labyrinth the Quiet Space or Sacred Space was waiting, with cushions, candles, food and drink offering a place to sit and relax. Some students



refuelled and pressed on, while others lingered in the stillness.

The journey outward invited students to reflect on their relationships, firstly with the natural world – pausing to appreciate a bouquet of natives and orchids and sowing sunflower seeds (which have



since sprouted and will be planted in the gardens by horticulture students)... secondly with the significant people in their lives – carrying a candle for a particular loved one for part of the journey and considering how they could 'pass on the light' that had been shown to them; and thirdly with themselves.

The final station, titled 'Leave your mark' invited students to leave a hand or foot print and to think about what impression the labyrinth experience had on them, and on what mark they were leaving on the world.

While students were waiting their turn, they engaged in art activities exploring the symbolic meaning and design of mazes and labyrinths.



21 out of 23 male and female students aged 14-20 participated in the labyrinth, and described their experiences this way:

*"The activity was fun, eventful and I planted a seed and gave it some juice! Cheers brother Nige"*

*"Yummy" "Good" "Peaceful"*  
*"Enjoyful" "Great" "Relaxful"*

*"Terrifyingly thoughtful" "Everything slowed down for a bit" "Calming"*

*"I thought it was good so I would like to do this again" "Peaceful"*

*"I thought this was good and it was fun" "Fantastic"*

*"It was good – quiet and relaxing. I liked the food and the compass activity"*

*"The activity was fun and relaxing and felt peaceful"*

Thankyou so much for your prayer and financial support which helped this activity succeed! The materials for the labyrinth were purchased with the gift voucher from the SMG Award I received last year and Magill Interchurch Council resources funds. I will now be able to use this labyrinth again in the Centre and have been asked to run it as a wellbeing exercise for school staff on a professional development day later this year.

*Nigel Uphill, Pastoral Care Worker, Youth Education Centre within the Adelaide Youth Training Centre*

One student produced this piece of art and gave it to Nigel as a token of her appreciation.



### Fund raiser for Pastoral Care Workers (PCWs)

**“Songs from Heaven” with Adelaide Male Voice Choir on 15th November at 2.00pm at St Joseph’s Church Tranmere**

The members of Magill Interchurch Council invite you to join them for an afternoon of music and friendship. Tickets are \$20 each and proceeds will support our PCWs, who do such a wonderful job in schools on our behalf.

Those of us privileged enough to serve on the Magill Interchurch Council have come to admire the work of Daniel, Nigel and Kieran in their respective schools. Their spiritual gifts are clear for all to see. The financial support we provide for the PCW’s pays huge dividends through the lives of the young people they mentor.



### MORE ABOUT LABYRINTHS

Labyrinths are interactive installations for spiritual journeys. They are for anyone who wants a break from surfing the surface of culture to contemplate the deeper things of life.

Labyrinths reshape a 12th-century ritual for the 21st century. The maze-like path takes you on a symbolic journey, creates space to unwind and think - in particular about our relationships with ourselves, one another, our planet and God.

Designed for young and old alike, they provide a mixture of rituals and visuals, of contemplative words and contemporary ambient music, of symbols and media to help guide the spiritual traveller.

Labyrinths were a feature of many medieval cathedrals - one of the best remaining examples is found in Chartres Cathedral in northern France. Unlike a maze they have only one path - there are no dead ends. People walk the labyrinth slowly, as an aid to contemplative prayer and reflection, as a spiritual exercise, or as a form of pilgrimage.

A contemporary version may include music, meditations, art, media and symbolic activities at intervals along the path. Participants can walk the Labyrinth with a music player and headphones, in their own relaxing soundworld, at their own pace. Each track contains meditations, instructions and music relating to a part of the labyrinth.

The path has three stages - the 'inward' journey, the centre and the 'outward' journey. The theme of the 'inward' journey is letting go of things which hinder our wholeness and inner approach to God. The centre of the Labyrinth is a space of meditative prayer and peace. The theme of the 'outward' journey is relationship - with ourselves, with others and with the planet - seen in the light of our relationship with God.

### Norwood Morialta High School Students’ Community Engagement Program

*Part of a report by Daniel Del Pilar – PCW at Norwood Morialta High School*



Beginning in Week 5 of Term 2, Norwood Morialta High School took part in a community engagement program where selected students were involved in creating a sensory garden for the residents in the ACH facilities. They helped remove the old shrubs, spread mulch, plant flowers and small trees, install sound barriers, paint fences, and much much more.



It was a great opportunity to meet different people and develop a sense of community among peers. On 21st August, we celebrated the conclusion of the program by watching a slideshow of photos taken during the life of the project, and awarding the students a certificate and applauding them for their hard work and commitment. We also shared a BBQ lunch which the ACH had put together to celebrate the students’ hard work.

### Helping children deal with death, separation and divorce

*Part of a report by Kieran Smith – PCW at Magill Primary School. The Magill Inter-church Council (MICC) supported Kieran to attend a training program for “Seasons for Growth” earlier this year. An extract from his report follows.*



*Seasons for Growth* is a program that grew out of the *Good Grief* program developed within the Catholic Church. The program is so highly regarded that it has been recently introduced into all schools in the Scottish School System.

*Seasons for Growth* is for primary school aged children and runs for 8 weeks. It is designed for children who have suffered a loss, either from death of a loved one, a divorce, or separation from a loved one. It helps children learn how to find support from their peers through an education process, rather than counselling, and lets them know that it is normal to feel the loss and to grieve.

Kieran is running it initially for levels 1 and 2 and the program will carry over into the next term. It will end with a celebration for the children and either their parent(s) or another significant person in their lives. The first group will have 5 members who have suffered a death or a separation in their life and will meet over lunchtime on Thursdays.

## SILENCE AND LOVE

Christ says: "*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you*" (John 15:12).

We need silence in order to welcome these words and put them into practice. When we are agitated and restless, we have so many arguments and reasons not to forgive and not to love too easily. But when we "have calmed and quieted our soul", these reasons turn out to be quite insignificant. Maybe we sometimes avoid silence, preferring whatever noise, words or distraction, because inner peace is a risky thing: it makes us empty and

poor, disintegrates bitterness and leads us to the gift of ourselves.

Silent and poor, our hearts are over-whelmed by the Holy Spirit, filled with an unconditional love.

Silence is a humble yet secure path to loving.

[http://www.taize.fr/en\\_article12.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article12.html)

## The Millennium Goals

Back in 2000, the UN adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). They focused on alleviating poverty for the poorest of the poor in the least developed countries, and were to be achieved by 2015. At the time, world leaders agreed that despite all the conflict and poverty across the globe, ending poverty was simply a question of will. The MDGs established measurable, universally-accepted objectives for eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, preventing deadly but treatable disease, and expanding educational opportunities to all children.

**Although the targets were not met, much was achieved. In fact it was the most successful anti-poverty movement in history.**

- The number of people living in extreme poverty has been halved;
- The proportion of undernourished people in the developing regions has fallen by almost 50%.
- Enrolment in primary schools in the developing world has reached 91 percent and importantly many more girls are now in school compared to 15 years ago.
- Remarkable gains have also been made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.
- The mortality rate in under-five year old children has also been halved, and maternal mortality is down 45% worldwide.
- The proportion of people who lack access to clean water has also been halved.

This has been a truly successful global campaign, supported by the major world religions, civil society, the private sector, national governments and the international community. The National Council of Churches of Australia has been one of the sponsors of the movement and many of the **Act for Peace** campaigns have been designed to help meet the goals and provide hope

and opportunity for many people around the world. In my own experience working in rural communities in Asia, projects which improve a family's economic capital have significant positive spin-offs for education, health and social capital.

However, in the words of the UN Secretary-General, **now is not the time to become complacent; we need to go the last mile on ending hunger and poverty and reversing climate change.**

In September, World Leaders will gather at the United Nations in New York to adopt a new set of goals (SDGs – see box) which they hope will be achieved by 2030. 2015 is also the year when World Leaders will reach a global agreement on climate change at the Paris Climate Conference. While only one of the SDGs specifically mentions "climate change", 7 others will contribute to reducing the effects of climate on the environment.

Now is the time to join thousands of people around the world who are demanding leadership in 2015 on poverty, inequality and climate change. We can add our voice by contacting our local Members of Parliament and Senators to urge Australia to support these initiatives.

Another way we can contribute to making these dreams a reality is by supporting the work of **Uniting World** and the **National Council of Churches**. Why not check out the **NCCA's** website and read about their "**Act for Peace**" initiatives, or check out the **Uniting World** website to see how you can contribute. You can also check Mordialta's website for more information or talk to the members of our own Mission Committee or Social Justice Mission Ministry Team.

The world may seem to be in a mess, but as Christians we believe in a world according to Jesus, a world without poverty where all are truly equal as children of their God. Maybe now is the time to make it happen.

The Sustainable Development Goals will finish the job that the MDGs started, and leave no one behind.

Colin Cargill

**Here are the Proposed Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) to be attained by 2030.**

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
- End hunger, achieve food security and adequate nutrition for all, and promote sustainable agriculture.
- Attain healthy life for all at all ages.
- Provide equitable and inclusive quality education and life-long learning opportunities for all.
- Attain gender equality, empower women and girls everywhere.
- Secure water and sanitation for all for a sustainable world.
- Ensure access to affordable, sustainable, and reliable modern energy services for all.
- Promote strong, inclusive and sustainable economic growth and decent work for all.
- Promote sustainable industrialisation.
- Reduce inequality within and among countries.
- Build inclusive, safe and sustainable cities and human settlements.
- Promote sustainable consumption and production patterns.
- Promote actions at all levels to address climate change.
- Attain conservation and sustainable use of marine resources, oceans and seas.
- Protect and restore terrestrial ecosystems and halt all biodiversity loss.
- Achieve peaceful and inclusive societies, rule of law, effective and capable institutions.
- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.



## Report from Church Council

Over the past two months Church Council has finalised the Standard Operating Procedures, Fees etc. for funerals at Morialta. While this will assist the Ministers greatly, it will also be very useful for members of the congregation who assist at funerals in determining the various roles required at funerals and also providing a basis for fees to be charged. These fees may be waived by those undertaking the tasks however it does provide a framework that can be presented to funeral directors and those seeking to utilise our services for funerals.

Our playgroup is proving a very popular venue for young parents and their infants which has resulted in Jackie Smith being employed for an additional half hour per week. Carole Lyons has agreed to become the Playgroup Facilitator.

The review of the Future Mission of Morialta, probably better known as the Dreaming Group has conducted their sessions with the congregation and presented their report to Council. The report contains a large number of ideas that you have presented to the Group. There are many items that do not need Council's input to process and others that are already in train. It should also be mentioned that some items that were not greatly supported with green stickers may well be regarded as something that we should look into more fully to further the church's goals and mission.

Because of the size and possible ramifications of the report Council will consider the report more fully at a special meeting of Council in October.

Council has been presented with an "audio/visual 8 year plan and succession plan for the leader" for their consideration. Not only does this consider the future planning and operation of the Beyond our Walls program, but also the week by week audio and projection operation within the church. The expertise required to lead and operate the equipment needs to be spread among our members to ensure the continuance of our high quality presentations. If you have experience or an inclination towards these areas we would welcome your participation in our audio/visual team.

You no doubt have noticed our tear drop banners that welcome visitors to our premises. It is proposed that further banners will be used to advertise Playgroup and our Wednesday functions as they can be easily changed to advertise particular programs at a relatively small cost.

*John Powers*

*Secretary, Church Council*

## Colloquium/Symposium "What would Jesus say about Climate Change"

**Date: Saturday, October 17**

**Venue: Playford Uniting Church  
(Munno Park)**

**Sponsored by the Synod's  
Environmental Action Group (EAG)**

**Arrive: 0930 for 1000 start.  
Finish 1600.**

### Provisional Program:

Keynote address by Rev Dr Andrew Dutney followed by 2 sessions (morning and afternoon) of group discussions led by guests and members of the EAG including the Pope's Encyclical (Father Dennis Edwards) and the effects of climate change on the Asia/Pacific, and Indigenous culture (EAG and guests), with optional walk in Wetlands during lunch.



## Paws for thought ...

It doesn't seem like 14 months since Anne and Bruce deserted us and went on a holiday overseas, but now they are going again!

You all know that it is a constant job to build Wallace's confidence. If it's not his fear of seawater, or rain, it's his concern when Bruce leaves home without him.

Now, to a certain extent, I understand. Without somebody to keep check on him Bruce can get into trouble, I know after all those years when I looked after him.

However, I have told Wallace that Anne is going and so are the Secombes so they should get back safely. And besides, it will be a holiday for us too! Well, Wallace at least.

I guess I will still have to give Wallace constant reassurance!

*Keely*



So what?

Did you hear that? They're going again!

But, what about me? I have to look after him!

Just settle down. If they are going on a holiday you can have a rest.

Yeah, but, we'll have to sit through all those photos again!



## Ruth Ready

**Born 13th May 1924**

**Married 6th Dec 1952**

**Graduated to Heaven 12th June 2015**

*(Abstracts from a eulogy given by son Mark Ready)*

It was wonderful to see such a gathering to honor Mum. We thank you all for your love and years of relationships. I will use some quotes from Mum's biography as I share with you.

***"I do hope the service could be one of thanksgiving, for so many things have contributed to life"***

If she was looking in on the gathering Mum would without a doubt say, ***what's all the fuss about!*** She generally did not comprehend the impact and contribution she made to the lives of so many people.

When Mum was young they lived in the country and most people got about by walking or pushbike. Her Reverend Minister Dad, Robert Davidson, went around his parish of country churches by riding his bike from town to town. Later came a horse and cart, then a Buick. There were a lot of kids by this time, but only one son and in her biography Mum notes ***"the family name should have been Daviddaughters rather than Davidson"***.

At high school mum had to slog at her studies but totally loved sport including netball, tennis and athletics. There was always the love for tennis and when we lived at Kuitpo Dad bought a lawnmower and flattened the paddock next door so they could play tennis.

Leaving high school Mum began to discover her love for nursing and a growing understanding of her personal relationship with Jesus. Mum had placements and training at the Women's and Children's, Memorial, as well as in Sydney. Her faith was nurtured through Christian Endeavour and fellowship groups wherever she went.

Mum felt a calling to serve God in nursing in far flung places, China and India were

possibilities but New Guinea became the reality. Gaulim, New Britain was a real back block. Hard to access over rough tracks, there were challenges of learning culture and language.

Dad and his friend would often visit the friend's sister who worked with Mum. When Mum got really sick and had to be in hospital herself, dad came visiting and mum took ages to realise his particular feelings for her. Eventually she twigged and they were married back in Adelaide before returning to PNG at Vunakaonbis near the sea.

When this season came to a close Dad was offered managership at Kuitpo Rehab Center. A big change from highland village life and Mum had to find her feet as a lonely woman. But family and friends grew quickly and her faith, the church community, scouting, and her own growing family provided plenty of action. Mark, Bruce, Bev, and Miriam arrived in that order.

Mum always had a great eye for art, Dad too. She made great "black and whites" with her first camera, a Brownie Box 120, then a Practika 35mm saw them transition from B&W to colour slides. Mum's artistic expression continued to the end of her life. Painting, knitting, drawing, photography, and over recent days contributing to designs used in the church.

Always an encourager, our various forays into art, photography, stage work, music always had support from Mum, and Dad. Mum started us on the piano then ensured we had lessons so we would enjoy music and be useful musicians.

A small budget never stopped Mum and Dad from taking the family away for holidays. We had great road trips and camping holidays. Somehow Mum never "roughed" it. We so often seemed to be sitting up to the table with cloth and linen napkins all set out, AND a butter knife, no matter whether we were under canvas or in a van.

***"so we feel very privileged to see some of Australia. Flinders Rangers calls us still. We had the three kiddies tied to a long rope in walking towards St. Mary's Peak, only because Miriam (5 years old) would run up slopes off route. I felt sorry for the boys."***

Morning devotions never missed a beat at home or away. These were a real drag when we were young and just wanted to be off. However it is one of those practices which allowed Mum and Dad to tap into the love and enabling from God each day. It has been a constant reminder to us of the source of their strength and faith.

***"Family – how could one exist without them? Despite distances, they've been very attentive and loving and a real "strong-hold". All have very different natures and contribute to family life in various ways. I thank Mark and Janet, Bruce and Susanne for blessing us with grandchildren and then great grandchildren, who have given us much joy. May each one be nurtured in love, understanding, encouragement and challenge."***

Mum was ever so grateful for Mim bringing Ray into our family life and extra grandchildren to love. Ray has been a steady encourager to Mum and Dad, also dragging them into the current technological era such as computers, emails and surfing, with superb patience.

***"2015 - For 62 years Vic has been my constant love of my life. How could I have lived without him? I can't say we've never disagreed! Yes, we have but love overrides. In the ups and downs of life we've been together, upholding one another. During sickness of late, he's been my hand and feet and a wonderful carer, although I've not taught him to be a confident cook. Thank you, dearie, so much love. Five hugs a day keep us going. God bless you."***

**And the final quote –**

***"Today I've just read Ps 122. This seems to fit the situation in life. I go to "Jerusalem" leaving loved ones here knowing that they will be upheld and will carry on the "Ready" traditions. I go in faith that I will join others who have gone before and that I will see Jesus face to face. Lots and lots of love and hugs."***



*Ruth Ready was a truly wonderful woman and many of us at Morialta have very fond memories of her and Vic. Ruth was instrumental in helping establish the Friendship Centre in about 1982 and many people have benefited from her foresight. Over the years, the Centre has provided care, friendship and love to many people in the surrounding community. Ed.*

## Missions Sunday



The Mission Projects Team would like to say a big thank you for the \$680 that was given at the special service on Mission Sunday. A cheque for \$1075 was also received from the Netball Club.

Our preacher on Mission Sunday was Reverend Paul Bartlett from Uniting World.



The Mission Projects Team thanks you for your continued support. The projects we are supporting this year are Frontier Services at Broken Hill, Peace Building in Ambon, Indonesia and Education at Nanuka Squatter Settlement in Suva, Fiji.

Mission cans for your loose change are available opposite the pigeonholes at

church, and you can also contribute to Mission funds at our monthly pot luck teas, where we enjoy hearing about members' travels and share tea together.



## Maluku Ambassadors for Peace (MAP)

MAP is one of the Uniting World projects that Morialta has supported through our Mission Committee. The project aims to build a culture of peace and justice in communities in need of conflict resolution.

MAP was born out of the Young Ambassador for Peace (YAP) program and works through a committed group of Moslem and Christian volunteers and committee members. It was one of the projects highlighted by Rev Paul Bartlett, who was our guest preacher on Mission Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> August).



The success of this project was clearly demonstrated in the two photographs from Maluku that Paul showed to us during the service. In the first photograph, taken in 1999, Moslems and Christians were engaged in a street fight, hurling stones and other missiles at each other. In the second photograph, taken more recently, a group of smiling Malukans were gathered on the steps of a local church. What struck me as significant was that between 25 and 30% of the smiling faces were wearing hijabs\* or taqiyahs\*. Paul referred to it as "people gathered in front of the local church", but it was much more than that. It was a photo of Moslems and Christians standing together in harmony on the steps of a church. It demonstrated the remarkable achievement of this amazing Uniting World Project in bringing together Moslems and Christians in peace.

In my experience working in parts of Eastern Indonesia, the coming together of Christians and Moslems is a much more common experience than it was only a few decades ago. In May 2014 the 6th National Conference of the Indonesian Inter-Faith Network (JAIL) was held in Sentani (Papua Province, Indonesia). Sadly, this event passed without notice in the Australian media, even within the Uniting Church. Yet as Mr Yewangoe of the Communion of Indonesian Churches (PGI) stated in the Jakarta Post "Unity has been a feature of the archipelago since long before the nation was established. But along the way, the situation has not been well maintained..... (However) now we see that in villages in remote areas, residents work hand-in-hand, helping each other regardless of their beliefs. Moslems have helped build churches and Christians have helped build mosques." This is welcome news after the stories of conflict we remember from recent history. MAP has made a wonderful contribution to peacemaking and has changed the lives of many Malukans. We are privileged that we could play a small part in its success.

You can read the full story at [www.unitingworld.org.au/wp.../Peacemaking-Ambon2011-WEB.pdf](http://www.unitingworld.org.au/wp.../Peacemaking-Ambon2011-WEB.pdf) or type *Ambon peace initiative* into your search engine.

\* *Headwear worn by female and male Moslems.*

## Many thanks for giving us a vision.

I refer to our Vision magazine, one I have always enjoyed. But the last one I found so riveting I had to read it in one sitting, reminding me as a 'book worm' of a great book you don't want to put down e.g. 'The Light between oceans' in our church library that is hard to put down.

I want to express my appreciation to the Editor, Helena and Brian Corrigan for the photos. and all who contributed to it.

It clearly says to me we belong to an 'alive', informative, guiding and loving church family, so evident in the attendance and loving care extended at

Ian Watson's funeral service and to Mary and family. I believe it is a privilege to belong to the Morialta family, don't you? Thank you to all who prepare Vision and give us a feeling of belonging.

Joan Wagner

## Miriam Hyde Awards Junior and Open Sections

*Congratulations to Casey Sullivan who recently won the Miriam Hyde Junior Scholarship Award, worth \$200. The award is open to students up to the age of 15, which means that 12 year old Casey competed against children 2-3 years her senior. Casey also performed in the Open Scholarship, and here she was competing with Conservatorium students in their twenties.*

### Casey tells us about her performance in the competition:

I found both competitions extremely fun to be a part of this year. I always find performing fun, whether it's acting or music! The other competitors were also very good, and I feel that everyone should have received a prize. I've performed the Beethoven Sonata (Op.14/1) and Debussy (Prelude – Girl with the flaxen hair) many times before. I performed them at one of Berenice Harrison's home recitals (which went very badly, though I learnt a lot from this experience) plus at my Marryatville and School Festival of Music auditions. Each time, my performances got better, but this time I played extremely well; it may have been one of the best times I've ever played them! I do a lot of technical work every day in Czerny Studies, Hanon exercises

and scales and arpeggios, and these helped enormously with executing and controlling the fast passages. Memorising all my pieces helped also with concentration. This took a lot of hard work, and I spent more than an hour many days of the week at the piano. But it was all worth it, though sadly I have now had to farewell those pieces that I love playing so much, and move onto new repertoire. But the new pieces that I'm playing are equally fun and as exciting as the last.

**Casey**



### MAVIS HAYDON

Mavis was born in Hindmarsh on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1922. Her early life was spent moving from one hotel to another with her publican father and mother – from Farrell Flat, to Riverton, Chief Street Brompton, and Port Noarlunga. The last hotel was the Maylands at Norwood. This background obviously gave Mavis itchy feet and she spent over 2 ½ years hitch hiking around Australia with her good friend Margaret Swann, before heading overseas.

She worked as a secretary at the Australian Consulate in Hong Kong from 1956-57 and then worked at the Canadian Embassy in Japan from 1957-58. She loved the Japanese culture and aesthetics but after 2 years the transaction between Canada and Japan was complete and her position finished. She then headed to San Francisco and lived in the USA from 1959 - 2006. These were perhaps the happiest

years for Mavis. She had a great job at the British Consulate where she met and entertained people like Prince Phillip and Prince William of Gloucester. Her biggest thrill was looking after Margot Fontayne and Rudolph Nuriev – immediately after he had just defected from Russia.

During this time she met Tony Haydon and after a 9 month engagement they went to Nevada for the weekend to be married, with the NZ Consul and his wife as their witnesses. They moved to Hawaii, bought their first house, and Mavis started her own business called "Little Digger Enterprises". However in 1973 Tony was transferred back to Los Angeles so they sold their idyllic Hawaiian home and moved to Long Beach. Mavis spent the next 30 years in Long Beach but sadly she split with Tony, whom she continued to love until the day she died.

Undeterred with life's unpredictable twists and turns, Mavis took a job at the Long Beach Memorial Hospital, but she resigned in 1980 and became a secretary to an Attorney in Los Angeles. When LA was awarded the 1984 Olympic Games, Mavis applied as a volunteer but did so well at her interview that she was offered a full time job and was asked to stay on at the end of the Games for another 12 months.

In 1989 she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, which meant juggling her job with her treatment – without interrupting her work life. During this period she began a new career as Travel Agent, which took her all over the world. Then another health check in 1999 revealed she had breast cancer. A lumpectomy followed – and true to form she continued working at

the hospital balancing her radio therapy and chemo in between shifts.

Tony died in May 2005 and she decided to return home to her family. No matter where she went, Tony had always been in her thoughts. Mavis arrived back in South Australia in 2006 and in her inimitable fashion she found herself a perfect townhouse, fitted it out, and got herself a volunteer position at ARPA – where she continued to work right up until a month before she died. She terrified all on the roads by continually forgetting to drive on the left and her car was constantly scratched and dented, but she persevered. She was a great devotee of the theatre and would attend performances at least 2 or 3 times a week. She also loved the movies and went to the gym twice a week – for her it was SEIZE THE DAY!

For those who knew Mavis well, she was one of a kind. She was indomitable, fearless, feisty, and a lot of fun. Even when her oncologist told her there was nothing more that could be done, and it was time to hand in her driving license, she simply looked him straight in the eye and said "What are you going to do? REPORT ME?!" She would not accept her life was running out and fought to the end. She would not entertain the idea of moving to a hospice, saying "I've never even *heard* of this Mrs. Potter!!" But eventually even Mavis had to relent and she spent her last days in Mary Potter Hospice. She died peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of the morning on Monday 27 July 2015.

*From eulogy supplied by family.*



### Ruth Pitt's Italian Vacation

Apparently Ruth's original itinerary had to be changed at the last moment due to a cancellation beyond her control, but the transformed vacation seemed magical to her audience on a cold, wet Adelaide night.

From the unique beginning when Ruth stayed in a Roman hotel owned by Franciscan monks, this was a holiday that produced some beautiful photographs, many of which were taken from postcards collected during her visit to the Vatican City. These included the Sistine Chapel in all its splendour.

From Rome the holiday continued on to Mount Vesuvius and the fascinating remains of Pompeii followed by Sorrento and Capri and Naples. The usual tourist beauty spots were countered by photographs of the solemnly laid out War Cemetery at Monte Cassino.

When Ruth reached Assisi which is infused by stories of St Francis, it was no surprise to hear that once again she found herself staying in a hotel that was formerly a monastery. Monasteries, churches, food and fashion were at every turn on this holiday. The next stop was a stunning hotel in Venice reached by water taxi. The minor disappointment that her bedroom turned out to be functional rather than luxurious, was countered by the impressive dining room which more than made up for any shortcomings. Venice itself was a delight with both its history and architecture.

The next stop on the journey was in Verona – made famous by the tale of Romeo and Juliet – and we were treated to a picture of Juliet's statue, well-polished between neck and waist by many thousands of hands wishing to "touch for luck".

Milan produced a more dignified atmosphere with its sophisticated shops and elegant La Scala Opera House before Ruth continued her journey through Como, Genoa and Pisa. Then on to Florence and Siena, where they hold the unique Palio horse race on sand that is specially brought in to cover the tiled ground.

The final Italian destination for our traveller was a return to Rome, but Ruth still had the excitement to come of her trip to Dublin in Ireland. Perhaps that will be the subject of her next Pot Luck presentation!

*Jan Thornton*

### The Thorntons in the UK

John and Jan Thornton showed photos as they shared their UK trip highlights with us. From London they'd driven to Haslar, where Jan was nursing when she first met John. They revisited the beach of their first date - where it rained again! John was a submariner based at Portsmouth nearby. From Weymouth they took the ferry to Guernsey then the small island of Sark, just off the French coast.

Returning to Portsmouth they visited the Naval Submarine Museum, before heading to Jan's childhood town of Belper, just north of Derby. From here they next explored York before continuing to John's home town of Arbroath on Scotland's East Coast.

Then, heading West through Mull Island to Iona, this long-held visit ambition was incomplete as the Church was closed. However, John said he still felt the spiritual significance of the island. More photos followed, taken of the scenery as they visited Callander and Queensferry in Scotland, then the Cumbrian Lake District, on their way back to London for their flights home.

A delicious shared tea was enjoyed by all and donations were given to the Mission Committee for their current appeals. A most enjoyable "early" evening.

*Ruth Pitt*

## FELLOWSHIP HAPPENINGS!



**Winter Wonderland Lunch**



**Winter decorations provided by Dale**



**A visit to Bedford Industries**



**Helena shared photos and stories of her life experiences**

# Morialta Magpie



Happy 70th Birthday to Bev Hopkins.



Merv and Margaret Boundy celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary.



Birthday Boys Colin Cargill, Lachlan Mackenzie, Rob Webbe, Matthew Mackenzie and Brian Corrigan.



Happy Birthday Doreen Matheson.



Happy Birthday to Craig Mackenzie.



Happy Birthday Margaret Pittman.



Happy Birthday to Lorraine Powers.



Christine Ostle was farewelled at a special morning tea



## Thank You!

We appreciate the generosity and artistic talents of all those who enhance our worship space with their floral arrangements.



# Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library

## From the Librarian

Our annual library book sale took place recently and I am pleased to report that we have raised around \$100 from this to fund new purchases for the library. Many thanks to all who contributed books for sale and bought from the stall.

Our High Tea and Literary Delights in July was themed around Alice in Wonderland and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. A report and pictures can be found on page 6.

The **Creative Writing Group** will meet on the **6 September** when they will share what they have written about the topic "I'll never forget...." You may be interested in reading their musings on this topic in **Creative Musings**. (Look out for it in the Library) All are welcome to come. We meet in the Kooka Rooms at 10.45 am, we bring our lunch and finish no later than 1.00 pm.

Lorraine Powers

## STEPPING THROUGH THE ARCHIVES



### Stepping through the Magill Cemetery

Land for a chapel and burial ground were set aside for a cemetery at Magill when the area was subdivided in 1838 as 'The Village of Makgill' by two Scots who had met on board 'The Buffalo', Robert Cock and William Ferguson. The chapel did not eventuate on this site, but the cemetery did.

In 1878 the land comprising the cemetery was donated to the Magill Methodist Church. The Magill Methodist Church was opened in 1855.



Thus from 1838 until 1974 Magill Cemetery was owned by our church. Members of our early church and later members are buried there. The cemetery is part of the history of our church.

A great idea has come from Jan Thornton to put together a package of Afternoon Tea and a stroll through Magill Cemetery with a gold coin donation as a possible fundraiser for the church.

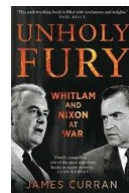
Let us know what you think and if you happen to have relatives or information about people who are buried at Magill Cemetery we would be pleased to receive it and include it as part of the tour.

Lorraine Powers

## COME IN AND SEE OUR NEW RESOURCES!

### NON-FICTION

**UNHOLY FURY**  
Whitlam and Nixon at War  
by James Curran

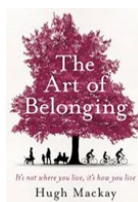


This book is about political relationships between the US and Australia. Mainly referring to the period from the 1950's to 1980's, the fury was engendered in the 1970's when Australia, under Whitlam, showed dissatisfaction with its semi-colonial deference to the US, which had undoubtedly rescued Australia from Japanese invasion in the Second World War. There is a useful conclusion which ends "Australia and the US will once more face the dilemmas of divergence. Then....can the true nature of the alliance be really tested".

Reviewed by Bryan Forbes

### THE ART OF BELONGING

*It's not where you live, it's how you live....*  
by Hugh Mackay



This excellent follow-on to Mackay's popular "The Good Life" explores the mutual needs of individuals and their communities. It surveys the benefits to people when they belong, and uses a fictitious locality 'Southward' to illustrate what can happen in a typical suburb where people live near each other. The style of life in Western societies erodes social cohesion, leading to a lack of care for others and crime, hence friendly communities, are all important. I found many helpful comments on community attitudes to 'mental' illness, the elderly, the poor, and 'post-school drifters' - an impressively wide coverage. This is a worthwhile read!

Reviewed by Bryan Forbes

### FICTION

**ONE FOOT WRONG**  
by Sofie Laguna



(Winner of the Miles Franklin Award for Literature)

Sofie Laguna, from Melbourne, enchants us with this, her first adult novel.

Hester is a young girl of dark beginnings and few words. She is kept at home by her painfully reclusive parents and allowed no contact with the world outside the front door. And yet Hester finds joy in life's ordinary moments – to her everything is an 'Alice in Wonderland' discovery.

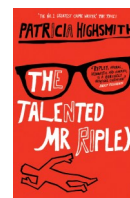
But from the moment Hester is forced to attend school she quickly learns that there are some things she cannot tell her parents. She knows that 'a secret has no sound; it lives in your darkest corner where it sits and waits'.

Until the day the secret can no longer be contained and Hester reclaims her freedom with one final, powerful act.

Review found on the web

### ALSO JUST IN, AS REQUESTED BY YOU!

**The Talented Mr Ripley**



and

**Guerrillas of Grace - Prayers for the Battle**

Further book reviews available at <http://www.morialtauca.org.au/resources/#library>

# DIARY DATES

## Experience Café An initiative of the Uniting Church

The *Experience Café* opened recently in Hutt St as an initiative of the Uniting Church. You can find it at the Pirie Street end, next to the CAA Bookshop.

It is a not-for-profit social enterprise helping young people and new arrivals to gain employment experience as waiters and chefs, so that they can find jobs in the hospitality industry. So far the experiment is working, as the average employment period for staff at *Experience Café* is around 6-8 weeks before they move on to a paid job.

The café is open on Mondays to Fridays from 10am - 3pm and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 2pm.

So the next time you are in the city, experience community, experience great coffee and experience warm hospitality.

*I can guarantee that the coffee is hot and very aromatic, and the patisseries are to die for.* Ed.



Sat 5 September 6.00pm	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Sun 13 September 12.30pm	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
Tues 15 September 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sun 20 September 9.30am	Beyond Our Walls Recording
Sun 27 September 5.00pm	Pot Luck Tea
Sun 18 October	Social Justice Sunday
Tues 20 September 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sun 25 October 5.00pm	Pot Luck Tea
Thurs 29—Sat 31 October	Presbytery Synod Meeting



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### Living Streams ~ Giving Life