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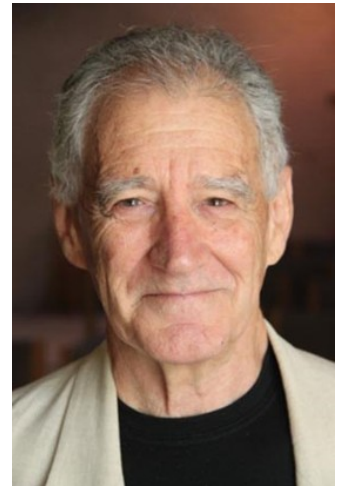
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Our love and thoughts go with Rev Steve Thompson

As you will be aware, Rev Steve Thompson has been having severe health problems for some months, and has been working only half time in order to manage his life. Steve's doctors have now advised him to take leave for six months in order to rest and recover his health. While we are saddened to lose Steve's leadership and his special talents for ministry, we all join in prayer for Steve and Lachie, as we hold them in love and express our concerns for their welfare. We will look forward to Steve's unique smile returning to brighten our days later this year.

During Steve's absence we welcome Rev Dr Jonathan Barker to Morialta Uniting Church. Jonathan has been appointed as minister (0.6 FTE), commencing 1st May 2016, for six months.

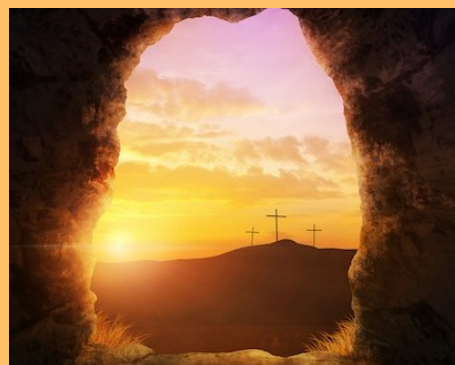


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Jonathan shares his life with his wife Janeen and together they enjoy camping, the cinema and grand-parenting. Jonathan's considerable experience in a number of Ministerial contexts will benefit Morialta Uniting Church in Steve Thompson's absence. Jonathan's C.V. is extensive and is summarized, for those who are interested, below. Jonathan's commitment to Social Justice and Pastoral Care is clearly congruent with Morialta Uniting's ethos and we look forward to his support in these and other areas.

Jonathan trained at Parkin College (Adelaide) and was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel in the Congregational Church in 1964. Having been a Minister of the Word, Jonathan became a Deacon with the establishment of the renewed Diaconate by the Uniting Church in 1994. He has served in South Australia (Gilberton/Department of Christian Education; Whyalla; Parkside/Glenunga; Marion/Warradale, Pilgrim), in Western Australia (Applecross; Mowanjum Aboriginal Community, Derby), in New South Wales (Pitt Street, Sydney; Bondi Beach Chapel By the Sea, Goulburn), and the Australian Capital Territory (South Woden). Other work includes involvement in Community Development with the International Training Institute (Bombay, India); Associate Director of Lay Education (Parkin Wesley College) and Theology Lecturer at Nungalinga College (Darwin).

We warmly welcome Jonathan and Janeen to the Morialta Community.



Reflection

That which is Christ like within us
shall be crucified.

It shall suffer and be broken.

And that which is Christ like within us
shall rise up.

It shall love and create.

Michael Leunig

"Revisioning" Vision

Some of our readers have suggested it is time to revamp our front page. So we are inviting people with artistic flare, or even people without artistic flare, to share their thoughts with us. Maybe a lead article with photographs, maybe just photographs with captions, maybe a liturgy combined with pictures and drawings, the possibilities are limitless.

Why not talk with Helena or Colin over a coffee (or tea)?



From our Chairperson...

It's pretty confronting to visit Peace Park, in Hiroshima. And then, during our recent visit to Japan, I was walking through the streets of that city with some other people when we came upon a simple monument that identified the spot, where 600 metres above, the Atomic Bomb was detonated. The devastation that resulted, both in human and material terms is well documented. However, the message I took from the interactions I shared was an abiding hope for Peace.

As a counter point, but still in support of the message of Hope from Hiroshima, we have just commemorated the sacrifice made by Australian Military Personnel with our observance of ANZAC Day.

100 years on, young people are still going to Dawn Services and witnessing 'The March'. As a participant at the local Dawn Service I was heartened by the way many people, from diverse backgrounds, came together to mark the occasion.

For me, as a Christian, I warm to the manner of observance. In one sense there are no winners in war. The people in Japan, who were going about their business on that August morning didn't know the part they would play in World History any more than Diggers, who return after engagement in theatres overseas can comprehend the impact that their service will have on them and their families.

But, as a Christian, I believe that God is on the side of life and as followers of Jesus we can only try to travel that path as well.

Bruce Ind

Refugee Week 19th to 25th June

But who is a refugee?

With all the media coverage about the merits and motivations of refugees from different parts of the globe, it is often difficult to understand just who is a refugee. The following is an article summarised from Uniting Justice published in 2015.

The Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees defines who is a refugee and what rights they should be afforded. This agreement was signed in 1951 after the horrors of the Second World War as a mechanism for the protection of refugees. Australia acceded to the treaty in 1954. A Protocol was added in 1967 which made the principles of the Convention apply to everyone suffering persecution regardless of where they are in the world. Australia signed the Protocol in 1973, and has since incorporated many of its responsibilities into the Migration Act.

The Convention and the Protocol were developed as an attempt to ensure that people seeking asylum are not returned to countries where their life or freedom would be threatened. This principle is one of the key features of the international system of refugee protection.

The Convention outlines the rights of refugees, **including freedom of religion, and the right to work, education and accessibility to travel documents.** The Convention states that **no penalties should be imposed on refugees for the way that they enter a country,** provided that they present themselves without delay to authorities and have a good reason for their arrival. They also have the right to have their case heard in a court of law without unnecessary delays.

As well as the Refugee Convention, Australia has responsibilities under a number of international treaties.

These include:

The Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading treatment of Punishment (CAT)

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)

The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

These treaties contain many important obligations for Australia. The CAT states that no-one should be sent to a country when there are reasonable grounds that they may be in danger of being tortured. The ICCPR provides broad coverage for human rights, stating that everyone has a right to life and the right to have their life protected by law.

However, not all of these rights have been incorporated into Australian law and

hence our domestic laws no longer honour commitments made under international law. It is also a fact that amendments made in December 2014 to Australia's Migration Act removed all references to the Refugee Convention and legalised some policies which are inconsistent with our international obligations.

Two great myths frequently published in the media are:

Australia accepts its fair share of refugees – Australia ranks 22nd when compared with other countries that accept refugees. Significantly less wealthy developing countries host about 80% of the world's refugees. In 2015 Australia offered protection to 13,750 refugees during a year when almost 3 million (2,821,115) asylum seekers were recognised as refugees globally.

Asylum seekers who arrive by boat are illegal – Wrong, it is absolutely legal for people arriving by boat to seek asylum in Australia. The right to seek asylum is guaranteed under international law and Australian law. It is also against the law to punish asylum seekers for the mode (plane or boat) by which they entered the country.

**Refugees are people
and not illegals.**

God-conscious

Recently I had the good fortune to watch a DVD in which David Suchet sets out on a personal journey across the Mediterranean to uncover St Paul's missions as he began the transformation of the Jesus Movement into our great faith.

St Paul walked from Jerusalem to Corinth, a distance of 1000miles. For him he walked on a flat earth with no fear of falling off. History tells us that it was many decades before it was proved that belief was wrong. Although St Paul carried that belief his Biblical letters prove it didn't weaken his faith.

The New Zealand theologian, Sir Lloyd Geering, in his book, 'Reimaging God', currently being studied at 'Gateways,' argues that faith is a deep personal feeling of being God-conscious. Faith, supported by the teachings of Jesus, embraces feelings of God-consciousness.

Beliefs are external, reflected in our culture and available to be changed by science and knowledge. Put faith in a belief and an idol is created.

Come, walk with St Paul.

Arthur Tideman

A Celtic Dream

One of the most popular events at this year's Adelaide Fringe Festival was a performance of Celtic songs by harpist Emma Horwood. Emma is one of Adelaide's leading sopranos, as well as a brilliant harpist. For the Celtic Dreams concert she teamed up with popular percussionist (and husband) Steve Peterka. The "Dream" ended with the haunting Irish Celtic hymn "Ag Croist an Siol".

"Ag Críost an Síol" or "Christ's is the seed", was first written as a poem in 1916 by Father Michael Sheehan (Micheál Ó Síocháin) of Waterford. Father Michael was a co-founder of Coláiste na Rinne, the Irish College in An Rinn, and later became assistant Archbishop of Sydney. The words were set to music by Seán Ó Riada as the offertory hymn in his 1968 setting of the mass, Ceol an Aifrinn (literally, "Music of the Mass" or the "Ó Riada Mass"). The hymn is frequently used to close Irish traditional music festivals, but the words make a fitting benediction to any gathering.

Gaelic

Ag Críost an síol,
Ag Críost an fómhar:
In iothlann Dé
Go dtugtar sinn.
Ag Críost an mhuir,
Ag Críost an t-iasc:
I líontaibh Dé
Go gcastar sinn.

Ó fhás go haois
Is ó aois go bás,
Do dhá lámh', a Chríost,
Anall tharainn.
O bhás go críoc nach
Críoc ac athfhás,
I bParthas na ngrás
go rabhaimid

English

The seed is Christ's,
The harvest is Christ's:
Into God's barn
May we be gathered.
The sea is Christ's,
The fish is Christ's:
In God's nets
May we be caught.

From birth to adulthood
And from adulthood to death,
May your two hands, O Christ,
Be drawn over us
From birth to the end
Not an end but rebirth
In the paradise of grace
may we be.

Good Friday Music

We have received many requests for the words of the song so beautifully sung by Casey Sullivan at the Good Friday Service. The words are by Sharonne Price (2014), who is the Executive Officer of the Synod's Pastoral Relations Team. The words are printed with her permission.



Lift him gently and carefully lower the cross.
Gather sorrow and mourning, grieve hope that is lost.
See his pierced side, his bruises, his hands that are torn.
Bring your remnant heart, set joy apart and sing your last song.

Here's forgiveness, strength, beauty in his holy face.
Is it myst-ry, betrayal or costliest grace?
Was this sacrifice, or folly, or love just gone wrong?
Bring your remnant heart, set joy apart and sing your last song.

There'll be flowers and spices and tears for his grave,
but then what's left for all of us he promised to save?
Still from one who loves completely we could not ask more.
Bring your remnant hear, set joy apart, just weep and adore.

Celebrating Baptism

On Sunday 6th March we were delighted to welcome Eamon Webel and his family to Morialta. Eamon was baptised at the morning service. He is the son of Melanie (nee Penhall) and Myk Webel, and grandson of Helen and Bob Penhall.



On Sunday 3rd April Soraya Jade Yearsley was baptised by her grandfather, Reverend Jim Winn. Soraya is well known to us at Morialta as the daughter of Adam and Tiffany.

An Afternoon With Kym Purling

And what an afternoon it was. The music ranged from a brilliantly gentle interpretation of "Jesus loves me", which proved how beautiful a simple tune can be when played by a true artist, to the crest of mountains with Errol Garner in full flight. For Oscar Peterson fans, Kym's playing transported us back to the Festival Theatre some decades ago when the great man visited Adelaide. Later came a stirring rendition of "The battle Hymn of the Republic" and tracks from 42nd Street and other musicals.



However, the *pièce de résistance* was the finale, "Smile", the enchanting music composed by Charlie Chaplin as the instrumental theme for the 1936 Chaplin movie "Modern Times". (And some people say there is no Heaven).

Surely no one left without a smile on their face and a warm feeling in their heart. Thanks Kym for a wonderful afternoon of music and thanks David and Judith for bringing him to us.

Colin Cargill

The concert raised almost \$3000 and Church Council has decided to donate \$1000 of this to Uniting Communities in Adelaide and \$1000 to Hands for Hope, a non-profit organisation that helps disadvantaged children in remote areas of Vietnam.

About Kym Purling

Kym was born in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) during the Vietnam War and was found abandoned when only a few days old. He ended up in the care of World Vision, from where he was adopted into the Purling family. It took several months of struggling through 'red tape' and lobbying governments and aid agencies before Kym was finally able to join David and Judith at the age of seven months.

Kym's musical life began at age 3, and by age 5 he was playing the piano by ear and mimicking the songs his eldest sister was practicing. He began formal classical piano training at age 6 and continued classical studies until the end of high school. However he also experimented with various styles of music, as well as playing trumpet and various percussion instruments. This mix, along with his church music background, gave Kym a solid base for his love of jazz music.

He began working semi-professionally as a pianist during his teens playing for several national Australian dance companies. Subsequently he earned a Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies at the University of Adelaide and following graduation he performed extensively as a jazz pianist with his own trio in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne. The trio also served as a rhythm section for many leading Australian vocalists and instrumentalists and Kym also performed at local and national music, arts and jazz festivals. Some of the famous names he

appeared with in his early career included The Mills Brothers, Kay Starr, Buddy Greco, The Pied Pipers, Clint Holmes, Natalie Cole and Engelbert Humperdinck. He has also shared the stage with artists such as Julio Iglesias, Arturo Sandoval, There Might Be Giants, Sandra Bernhard, Harry Connick, Jr., James Morrison and the Ray Brown Trio as well as working with Wayne Newton and film legend Mickey Rooney.

In 1996 he won the Most Outstanding Keyboard Player of the Year Award at the South Australian Music Industry Awards and was made an Ambassador for the Performing Arts, between Australia and his homeland Vietnam. During his ambassadorship he performed and taught music with Vietnamese children, students, adults and professional musicians, as well as making solo recordings for educational purposes. This was the first of several visits to the land of his birth and during his stay he performed at 'sold out' concerts in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. He also spent a large amount of his time writing arrangements, teaching and performing with The Saigon Jazz Band, and his hotel room became an unplanned teaching studio for young and enthusiastic Vietnamese musicians interested in jazz.

Kym toured London, Amsterdam and Den Haag in 1998, and gave daily performances at The North Sea Jazz Festival, the world's largest indoor jazz festival. Later he moved to the United States and completed a Masters Degree in Jazz Studies at the University of Nevada (UNLV). While studying he taught

at the university and performed extensively in various venues around the city. Having made a strong base for himself, he used his contacts in Australia to personally organise an international tour to Australia for the 20-piece UNLV Big Band. In 1999 he toured Scotland with a U.S. jazz quintet and performed at the Edinburgh Festival.

Kym has visited Australia on a number of occasions to present reunion performances with his former Australian trio, as well as to perform with various artists such as David Helfgott. He has also been the musical-director and conductor for a number of traveling Broadway shows, including Footloose. Whilst on the road with Footloose, he composed the score for a new musical that premiered in Chicago later that year. He then toured the US and Canada as the pianist for the musical "Miss Saigon" from 2002 to 2004. He joined the show not only to discover more of America and Canada, but because of the many parallels between the story of Miss Saigon and his own life. His next gig was musical director and conductor for the Japanese and North American tours of the acclaimed Broadway musical 42nd Street. Kym is a seasoned traveler having toured the world as musical director, conductor and pianist for vocal legend, Engelbert Humperdinck and as a musical director, bandleader and pianist for two major cruise lines. Currently Kym brings his vast experience on land and sea performing as a guest entertainer on various cruise lines around the world.

Why I still love the church

*Precis of an article posted on issbiss.wordpress.com by Sarah Turner
April 10, 2016*

I have a real love/hate relationship with the church. I grew up as a vicar's kid and now work for a Christian charity, so I have spent a lot of time in and amongst church. I have seen both the good and bad. I have seen Christians hurt one another with critical words and judgmental attitudes, I have been hurt myself and I have hurt others. The church makes me both excited and angry in equal measure but the reason I love the church, the reason I am drawn back, even though I sometimes want to run away, is because I have seen what it can be at its best.

I love the church because it was the church who looked after two frightened and confused little girls when their mum became unwell and was admitted into a psychiatric hospital. It was people from the church who picked us up from school, fed us, and looked after us. It was people from the church that listened to my dad, their vicar, as he watched the woman he loved being hospitalised. Years later, when my wonderfully brave mum died suddenly, leaving us utterly devastated, it was the same church (although a different church community), who prayed with us, wept with us and loved us through deep searing pain. This is the church I love, this is the church at its best, a church that supports one another through life, helping one another through the pain, as well as celebrating the joys of life together.

Not everyone has had such experiences of church, for many the church can feel hollow. A promising community delivering a joyful veneer, which scratches the surface but doesn't go much deeper. It is a feeling of deep loneliness in a room full of people, people you worship with every Sunday and yet no one really knows you. That can be painful and make you feel defective somehow. It may not be true, but it can certainly feel that way.

Over the last couple of years in my job, I have spent considerable time exploring with churches and community groups what it means to be welcoming. More recently our conversations have moved from exploring how to be more welcoming to thinking about belonging. A church, or any community of people, can be welcoming and people can have a

good experience, but moving from welcomed visitor to a sense of belonging in a community is something much deeper. In these conversations about belonging we have talked about the importance of people being able to participate if they wish and being encouraged to use their gifts and skills. We spend a lot of time talking about the quality and depth of the relationships. Articulating a desire for reciprocal relationships that allow each of us to give and receive as we are able. As one person puts it, *"the private pain carried deep inside is allowed to surface and is shared in an atmosphere of mutual acceptance and respect"*. This is the church I love, this is the church I have experienced and believe in. It is a bit like the kingdom of God, it is both now and not yet, it is a work in progress. But this is a church that many people long for, and given the epidemic of loneliness in this country, this is a church that so many people need.

I once described a church that I belonged to as *"an ordinary bunch of big hearted people muddling through life together"*, and for me that is the church at its best. It's not the quality of the sung worship, the numbers of people who attend, or a great church leader, that make it for me. Whether the church meets in a beautiful building, a school hall or someone's home, it doesn't really matter. It's the genuineness of the people and their ability and willingness to be open, honest and vulnerable with one another; sharing the love of God and their journey of faith together. When the church actively pursues this, it is a community that people want to belong to, a community to muddle through life with.

Editor's note

Why I still love the church is some-thing that many of us have pondered at some stage of our journey together. Maybe it was after a Mighty Magill Market, maybe it was after a long and sometimes fractious meeting of the congregation, or maybe it was on a glorious day when the Crows were playing a home game and church was going to make us late.

If this is something you have pondered, why not write a short article for Vision telling us why YOU still love the church. It can be serious, sad, happy or even humorous. Some years ago when New Times invited readers to write about why they liked being members of the Uniting Church, one scribe wrote *"I have an insatiable appetite for tuna mornay"*. It may not be the food that keeps you connected, but obviously something does.

How to be an ethical traveller

Everyone knows that tourism is good for both traveller and the countries travelled. Traveling gives us a chance to broaden our minds, explore new experiences and learn about the culture and traditions of the world around us. Tourism is also the principal source of economic income for many nations. However, unless tourists travel responsibly, the environmental and cultural destruction will outweigh the economic benefits. Tourists often forget when they climb a sacred site to take a picture, or tramp through a forest, that they are in someone else's homes and backyards. While tourism is a vital source of income for many locals, it can be a daily nuisance for others.

Here are a few tips on how to be a sensitive traveller who contributes to world harmony.

Be aware of where your money is going, and patronize **locally owned** inns, restaurants, and shops.

Never give gifts to children, only to their parents or teachers.

Remember the economic realities of the local currency. If you could afford the airfare, a few extra rupees is not going to ruin you. So don't get upset when it costs you more than a local for a ferry ride, a museum entrance, or an egg. Maybe you are earning 100 times a local's salary!

Learn to respect local traditions and taboos. Each culture has its own mores, and they're often taken very seriously. For example never pat a Thai child on the head, wear leather boots into a Hindu Temple, or bear shoulders in a Tongan village.

Never get angry but try cultivating your sense of humour. Yelling at the young man behind the desk in a hotel when he forgot to call your taxi can be counterproductive. It neither earns the respect of locals nor defuses a bad situation.

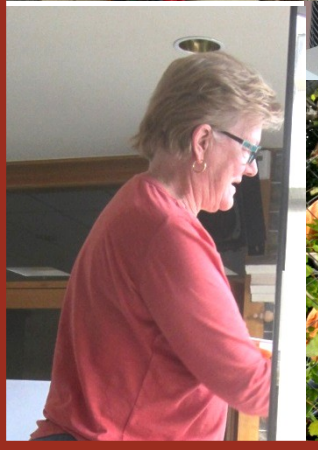
Bargain fairly and with respect for the seller. The final transaction should leave both buyer and seller satisfied and pleased. Hagglng is part of many cultures; but it's not a bargain if either person feels exploited or ripped off.

Leave your media-based preconceptions about the world at home. People everywhere will continually amaze you with their generosity, hospitality and wisdom. Be open to their friendship and reap the rewards.

SOURCE: www.ethicaltraveler.com/guidelines.php



THANK YOU!
... to young, old and every-
one in between who turned
out for the recent working
bee and helped to make the
church premises cleaner,
tidier and safer for all users.



Unity & FRIENDS

Earlier this month the Social Justice Morialta Ministry Team (SJMMT) hosted a gathering of the Unity & Friends network at Morialta. We, along with Trinity, Pilgrim and Semaphore, are Uniting Churches actively involved in creating congregations that are safe and welcoming.

Unity & Friends is made up of people from across the South Australian Synod of the Uniting Church, who are committed to the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, and their families and friends, within the whole life of the church and the Australian community.

The members believe strongly that Jesus calls us to 'love our neighbours as ourselves' and one way to live this out is by standing with people who feel excluded, and drawing them into the community of God's people. The members are committed to work for a church which welcomes, affirms and includes glibtiq people in all its life, ministries and mission

The gathering was a time for sharing personal stories, and providing love and support to those in need. When we begin to talk about people and not "issues" the world changes! The evening concluded with a chance to socialise together over supper provided by the SJMMT.

Unity & Friends seeks to provide a safe place where glibtiq people, their partners, families and friends can enjoy support for themselves, and enjoy being with people who care for their welfare. At their gatherings they explore the diversity within theology and the Biblical witness, as well taking insights from the natural and social sciences, and drawing on our own and others experiences.

Unity & Friends continue to call the church to fulfil its mission as an open, hospitable, affirming and inclusive community of witnesses to and for the unconditional, irrevocable and superabundant love of God.

"We are a pilgrim people on the way... and we have the gift of the Spirit in order that we do not lose the way." (Para 3, Basis of Union)

Prime Minister's visit to SA



Christine Garner, Jenny Swanbury, Christine Secombe and Bruce Ind

represented Morialta Uniting Church along with more than 40 community groups invited by Federal Member for Sturt Christopher Pyne, at morning tea with Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull.

In the photo background at right is Marie Elson, who came with the Inner Wheel group. It was delightful to see Paige Buckingham as part of the choir singing items culminating in the National Anthem. After making speeches, Christopher Pyne

and Malcolm Turnbull mingled with guests and Jenny spoke briefly with the Prime Minister regarding the need to do something good for asylum seekers.

Christine Secombe continues to deliver teddy bears each week to Christopher Pyne's office in an appeal to have children released from detention.



R Why Recognition?

Indigenous Australians first came to this country over 400 centuries ago, whereas Europeans have been here for less than 230 years. Yet it is only now that we are addressing racial discrimination in our Constitution. The original Constitution in 1901 only mentioned Aboriginal people in a negative and discriminatory way, and Torres Strait Islanders were not acknowledged at all. Before 1967 the first Australians were not even counted.

Many people across all cultures in modern Australia feel that it is time to fix this – to bring the country together. Recognition is seen as the next step in reconciling our past. It can help to protect against the loss of unique Indigenous cultures for future generations. Fortunately both the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader are committed to having a referendum on this issue next year.

Cynics can be found in both indigenous and non-indigenous communities, and this is understandable. To date, none of the numerous reports and their related recommendations has received a direct response from any Australian government.

However, many Indigenous Australians strongly support recognition of the First Peoples in the constitution. The next step in the journey towards a referendum is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia to come together to discuss the model for constitutional change. For many the *RECOGN/SE* movement is at a crucial stage in the decades-long campaign for recognition and removal of racial discrimination from our Constitution. The feeling is that if we miss this chance it may never come again.

Recently there have also been renewed calls for a treaty. Indigenous leaders such as Prof. Mick Dodson, Pat Turner, Noel Pearson, Prof. Larissa Behrendt, Dr Lowitja O'Donoghue and Mick Gooda support both constitutional recognition and a treaty. They argue that Recognition is not a substitute for a treaty; they are separate issues. While amending the Constitution is important for the nation, it doesn't eliminate the need to pursue other social, cultural, economic or political rights.

For many Indigenous leaders, Constitutional recognition via a referendum is a separate process. It is not possible to deal with racial discrimination in the Constitution via a clause in a treaty. Sections of the Constitution that allow for racial discrimination can only be changed through a referendum.

Removing discrimination against Indigenous Australians in the Constitution will help all Australians connect with the 40,000 years of history that is the Australian story. Every Australian can rightly be proud that our country is home to the longest unbroken thread of human culture on the planet.

This change brings not only symbolic benefits, but also practical benefits. More than 117 of the nation's leading health bodies agree that it can help to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing, and significantly reduce disadvantage in many Australian communities.

It will also unite Australians, giving us greater shared pride and deeper connection with our country's impressive Indigenous heritage and cultures.

Based on speeches and articles by Indigenous Leaders and the Recognise Website .



Church Picnic

On a balmy Monday at the beginning of March, while many were watching the Adelaide Cup race unfold, Morialta folks enjoyed the serenity and fellowship of their traditional picnic at Morialta Conservation Park!



Paws for Thought.....

Hello there. Boy, time goes pretty quickly. It doesn't seem too long ago that I was sharing how Wallace behaved while Bruce and Anne were away for a few weeks.

Well, they went off again just recently. By the way, don't ask them about Cherry Blossom. If you do it could take some time to get away!

Anyway, back to the point of this story. Now, whenever the suitcases come out, Wallace starts to get worried.

Instead of taking advantage of the rest he will get if Bruce leaves him home, he starts obsessing about Bruce's safety. Now I know that he can be a bit careless. I can tell you a few stories about how I saved him, but Anne is never too far away and she is pretty sensible for a human.

Well, needless to say they returned and Wallace denies his behaviour, but, I'm sure it would have been a different story if Anne and Bruce had been away any longer!

Keely



Wallace: Where did this case come from? I told you they were planning to leave us again.

Keely: *Don't panic, this is only a small one. They can't be going far.*

Wallace: Well, I don't like it. I like to keep an eye on him.

Keely: *All right, let's just listen to what they are saying.*

Wallace: Do you think we should hide it?

Keely: *And where exactly do you plan to put it? Just listen.*

Even more about Labyrinths

In the last edition of Vision, we published an article on labyrinths and described the magnificent example that is found in the Cathedral of Our Lady in Chartres, 80km south west of Paris. We stated that *"It is one of the largest labyrinths ever located in a cathedral; measuring 129 cm in diameter and 261.5 m in length"*. For those observant readers who detected the error, the correct dimensions are **12.89m in diameter** and **261.5m in length**.

Congratulations to Peter Thornley for being the first to report the "misquote". Ed



Rugs for Save the Children



The 'Square Knitters' have made and delivered 9 more rugs to Save the Children, plus 5 quilts from Kath Cheel.

The gifts were received by a delightful young lady, who said they were beautiful and would be greatly appreciated in their "Op shops".

There is still a good supply of wool so now the cooler weather is here, we can get our needles clicking again.

Thanks to all our 'Square Knitters'.

Margaret Dix

Caring for Creation Australia's energy supply into the future

June Environmental Sunday Forums

To celebrate **World Environment Day**, the SJMMT have organised a series of Sunday Forums to be held on 5th, 12th and 19th June. The forums will focus on exploring how we provide for our future energy supplies, with the least damage to the environment. Energy supply is closely connected with climate change and the wellbeing of future generations, so it is an important topic for those who care about the creation. The forums will commence in the Church at 11.00am immediately after morning tea and conclude around 12.15pm.

The themes that will be discussed are:

5th June "Nuclear Energy and Storing the Waste"

– **Mr Bob Major**

12th June "100% Renewables by 2050: Can we do it?"

– **Rev Brian Phillips**

19th June "Hydrocarbons – their place in the current and projected energy-supply mix"

– **Professor Steve Begg.**

OUR SPEAKERS

Bob Major

Brian graduated with BSc (honours) in Geology from University of Adelaide and was Geologist with the South Australian Department of Mines and Energy from 1965 until 1995. During his career, Bob was the Uranium Projects Officer (1979-1995), Secretary of the S.A. Uranium Enrichment Committee (1979-1983), Technical Advisor to the S.A. Legislative Council's Select Committee on Uranium Resources (1979-1981) and Secretary of the S.A. Uranium Advisory Committee (1984-1994). He has extensive knowledge of the Nuclear Industry.

Reverend Brian Phillips

Brian holds a BSc and Dip Ed from University of Adelaide and after teaching science and mathematics, he studied theology. He was ordained a Methodist minister in 1971 and served in churches in Adelaide and the UK, as well as completing a term as the Ecumenical Chaplain at the Australian National University, Canberra. In the late 1980s his scientific background prompted him to take an interest in the physical impact of increasing emissions on the Earth's climate. In 2012 Brian was awarded an MSc in 'Climate Change and Sustainable Development' by De Montfort University, Leicester, UK. He has also completed on-line climate change courses from the Universities of Illinois, British Columbia, California (San Diego) and Melbourne. This interest has led to his involvement with the Environmental Action Group of the SA Uniting Church.

Professor Steve Begg

Steve is Professor of Petroleum Engineering & Management at Adelaide University. His research and teaching focuses on decision-making under uncertainty, asset and portfolio economic evaluations, and psychological & judgmental factors that impact these, particularly eliciting expert opinion and uncertainty assessment. Steve will provide information that will be of interest to many of us, but which we may not be aware of. In his own words "things are not black and white so figuring out the 'right thing to do' (from the perspective of a person concerned about other people & our world) is a complex issue because of the trade-offs between the pros and the cons."

Peace Lamps for the Holy Land - Taybeh Peace Lamp Initiative

God of peace, hear our prayer. Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105).

Lord, as we light this lamp, let your Spirit enter into the hearts of those in the Holy Land and be a lamp unto their feet and a light to their path. Amen

Taybeh is a village located in the West Bank, north-east of Jerusalem and is one of the few Christian villages remaining in Palestine. Due to immigration the population has fallen from 3,400 in 1986, to around 1,500 today. Despite the villagers' strong attachment to their land, the difficulties resulting from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the lack of prospects for the future, have caused many to seek a new life elsewhere.

In 2004 a local priest, Fr Raed Abusahlia, initiated several income generating projects for the people, in an attempt to stop the flood of emigration. One of these projects was the Taybeh Peace Lamp initiative, which was developed in the hope of uniting over 100,000 churches around the world. The project uses a traditional dove-shaped ceramic Palestinian peace lamp, and combines it with a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land. The lamps are made in Taybeh by about 20 young men and women and come in two sizes. The work brings renewed dignity to the young people and enables them to secure their future and contribute to the livelihood of their families.

As well as raising money and focusing the attention of Christians around the world on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the initiative hopes to raise awareness of the living conditions of the Christian communities in the Holy Land.

The goal is to place a Peace Lamp in every church in the world, and to unite as many Christians and people of faith in a common prayer for peace in the Holy Land. You will find a Taybeh Peace Lamp in the Eastern Transept of our church and you are invited to touch or light the Lamp as you offer a prayer for peace.

Prayer for peace In Palestine

God of peace,

We pray for peace in Palestine, the land where the Prince of Peace walked long ago;

Let there be an end to the cycle of violence and vengeance that has prevailed there for so long;

Let there be an end to the frequent killing and maiming of people, victims of hate and prejudice;

Let there be an end to all political agendas that justify and prolong the conflict.

God of peace, hear our prayer.

Bring justice for all the people of Palestine regardless of race, culture or religion;

Sustain the courage and determination of all those who work for peace and keep them strong in the face of threats and persecution;

Establish such mutual respect and harmony between Christians and Muslims that they will live and work together for the sake of all.

God of peace, hear our prayer.

Keep our own hearts and minds free from fear and prejudice;

Help us to be instruments of your peace where we are.

Provided by the Uniting Church in Australia National Working Group on Worship

Interfaith dialogue - The Halal Food Industry

Halal is an Arabic word meaning lawful or permitted. It is the direct opposite to haram, which means unlawful or prohibited. They are universal terms and apply to all facets of life, not just food. However they are most commonly applied to foods, including food ingredients and food contact materials, as well as cosmetics, personal care products and pharmaceuticals.

Islam is a single religion but, as in many faiths, Muslim people are not a single homogenous group, so the practice of halal varies accordingly. While it is easy to classify many things as halal or haram, there are some objects and activities that are less clear. These objects and activities are referred to as mashbooh – doubtful or questionable.

Certified halal foods must be free from any component that Muslims are prohibited from consuming according to Islamic law (e.g. pork and alcohol). They must also be processed, manufactured and stored using equipment and machinery that have been cleansed according to Islamic law.

Meat from animals such as cows, calves (veal), sheep, lambs, goats, turkeys, chickens, ducks, game birds, bison, and venison are considered halal. Pork is haram for Moslems, as it is for Jews, and this is thought to relate to the high prevalence of cysticercosis, or human tapeworm cysts, found in pork in Biblical times. Fish and seafood (with the exception of crocodiles, alligators and frogs) are generally halal, but preparation should not include alcohol or anything considered haram. Foods containing ingredients such as gelatin, enzymes, emulsifiers, and flavours are questionable, because the origin of these ingredients is not always known.

However, as Islam puts a priority on life over death, the rules are not absolute. In cases of life and death emergencies, prohibited things may become halal until the special need passes.

Opposition in Australia to the Halal Food Industry

One of the most difficult issues related to halal food is the way animals are slaughtered. According to strict Sharia law, animals must be conscious while being slaughtered. For a few decades now the National Australian Standard for meat production

requires that all animals must be effectively stunned (unconscious) prior to slaughter, and the vast majority of halal slaughter in Australia (including at export abattoirs) now complies with this standard. The only difference is that a reversible stunning method is used, rather than the irreversible method used in conventional slaughter. According to the RSPCA, the aim at Australian abattoirs is to ensure that reversible stunning is done in such a way that depth of unconsciousness is sufficient to allow for the animal to bleed out and die before there is a chance of regaining consciousness. However various groups such as Animals Australia do not agree with this policy. Allowing the carcass to bleed out is essential for increasing shelf life of the meat; historically, insisting animals bleed after killing prevented consumption of animals that died from disease.

The other issue is Halal Certification. Many people object to paying a so-called “levy” on halal food in the supermarket, when they would be happy to eat the haram product. However, the Australian Food Grocery Council (AFGC) regards the extra cost in the same way as that for organic certifications or the National Heart Foundation ‘tick’ logo. Not everyone hankers for organic food. According to the AFGC, Australia’s food manufacturing industry is highly competitive and exposed to competition from imports; hence manufacturers only obtain halal certification if it is economically worth it. Certification simply provides third party assurance that the claim is valid. AFGC also points out that organisations who offer halal certification services are subject to the same prohibitions on funding illegal entities and activities as any other organisation or individual under Australian law.

One of the main reasons for halal certification is the lucrative export markets where halal certification is important. One of the most profitable for Australia is the meat export trade, most of which comes out of Halal Certified Abattoirs. In 2014-2015, Australia’s chilled and processed meat exports were worth \$11.34 billion (compared incidentally to less than \$1.4 billion for live exports). (Source: Agricultural Commodity Estimates September 2015, ABARES)

As the *Point Magazine* Website asks – What do Vegemite, Byron Bay ANZAC Cookies and a lot of Aussie beef have in common? Answer: They are all halal.

Submitted by the Social Justice Team as part of our Interfaith Dialogue

Keeping cool in the supermarket

Have you ever been in the supermarket on a warm summer’s day and felt like the need of a sweater to keep your blood circulating? We often hear friends complain about being too cold in summer and too hot in winter in malls and supermarkets, or even hotels, theatres and restaurants.

Of course this is not only uncomfortable; it would also seem to be an expensive waste of money and energy.

So the next time you experience cold stress (or heat stress) in a supermarket, mall, hotel or restaurant, why not write a letter to the management inviting them to review their policy for maintaining a comfortable temperature and reduce the use and cost of electricity.

SJMM Team

Fellowship News

2016 is shaping up to be an interesting year for the Fellowship Group. Our speaker in March told of major difficulties experienced by young girls and women in underdeveloped countries such as Africa, Indonesia and Dili.



Our Bonus Night was a step back in time with a an old style Ballroom Dancing night that concluded with a wonderful country style supper.

In April we changed to Thursday morning meetings for the winter. We heard Marion McCall talk about learning to fly an aircraft in her 50’s, so that she could fly her husband, the Bishop of Willochra, around his vast Parish.

In June we shall celebrate 60 years of Fellowship at the Magill property. The birthday celebration will be in the form of a “High” Morning Tea. If you were a member of a Fellowship group, or know of some-one who was a member, could you please pass on the name to one of the current Fellowship members so an invitation can be issued? This includes Finchley Park, Magill, Newton and Rostrevor Fellowships.

Margaret Clogg (President)

For prayer & reflection...

Sorrow and joy,
striking suddenly on our startled senses,
seem, at the first approach, all but impossible
of just distinction one from the other,
even as frost and heat at the first keen contact
burn us alike.

Joy and sorrow,
hurled from the height of heaven in meteor fashion,
flash in an arc of shining menace o'er us.
Those they touch are left
stricken amid the fragments
of their colourless, usual lives.

Imperturbable, mighty,
ruinous and compelling,
sorrow and joy
- summoned or all unsought for –
- processionally enter.
Those they encounter
they transfigure, investing them
with strange gravity
and a spirit of worship.

Joy is rich in fears;
sorrow has its sweetness.
Indistinguishable from each other
they approach us from eternity,
equally potent in their power and terror.

From every quarter
mortals come hurrying,
part envious, part awe-struck, swarming, and peering
into the portent,
where the mystery sent from above us
is transmuting into the inevitable
order of earthly human drama.

What, then, is joy? What, then, is sorrow?
Time alone can decide between them,
when the immediate poignant happening
lengthens out to continuous wearisome suffering,
when the laboured creeping moments of daylight
slowly uncover the fullness of our disaster,
sorrow's unmistakable features.

Then do most of our kind
sated, if only by the monotony
of unrelieved unhappiness,
turn away from the drama, disillusioned,
uncompassionate.

O you mothers and loved ones – then, ah, then
comes your hour, the hour for true devotion.
Then your hour comes, you friends and brothers!
Loyal hearts can change the face of sorrow,
softly encircle it with love's most gentle
unearthly radiance.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

David's Musings



They kept the old façade of the East End Market with its quote from the Psalms. Thankfully today's world is concerned about looking after the earth. And I've been thinking, isn't "Nature" incredible? Well you only have to watch some of Sir David Attenborough's documentaries to sense that, when you are "up personal and close". On the other hand we can also experience that same sense of awe and wonder in Nature in our 'own back yard' as it were.



Let me share the sense of this wonder I had a year ago. We drove through areas where the bushfires had done their damage, but there was the natural regrowth on the burnt trees. I had a feeling of how incredible it is that this just happens. When I took this photo I realized how much the tree looked like a cross. When we came across this tree, it was Autumn following Easter. This new growth we "happened upon" was a wonderful reminder of Nature's cycle. Autumn marks the transition from summer into winter.

Then proceeding into Aldgate it was just a "Wow" moment as we parked right near this beautiful autumn tree.



And so to John Keats....

Ode to Autumn.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

David Purling



Morialta Magpie



Matthew Mackenzie graduated with Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Mechatronic) and started work at ASC (Australian Submarine Corporation).



Peter Norman celebrated his 80th birthday.



Bruce Grindlay celebrated his 70th birthday.



Katrina Mackenzie received her Honours Degree of Bachelor of Music (Classical Performance) awarded with First Class Honours.

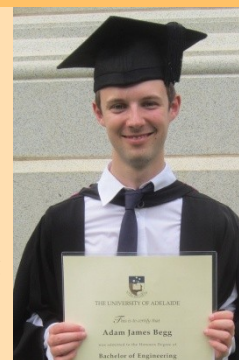


Brian Hogben retired as President of the Morialta Probus Club and was presented with a Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding leadership.

Bruce and Anne Ind indulged in plenty of local culture on their recent visit to Japan with a group from the Adelaide Harmony Choir.



Adam Begg graduated with Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical and Aerospace) with First Class Honours and started work at Boeing in Melbourne.



*Happy Birthdays to:
Arthur Tideman, Judith Purling,
Ruth Carter, Helen Stephens,
Aileen Brogan, Kathryn Powell,
Casey Sullivan, Christine Garner, Kath Cheel*



90 Years Young!



Congratulations to Jill Thompson, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday with cake and a tiara at Lunch on Chapel. Continuing her youthful zest for life, Jill enjoyed a birthday motor-bike ride, courtesy of Craig Ottman.

Jill Writes:

Thanks from a 90 year old—yes another one! I have recently had a most wonderful birthday, made joyous and happy by my lovely friends, amongst whom are the beautiful people of Morialta. So many of you have given me greetings and Lunch on Chapel was special on my actual birthday as a great fuss was made of me. Elegant photos were taken of me wearing a coronet and holding the cake with the 9 and 0 candles. A few days later Craig took me for a motorbike ride!

All I can say is thank you and I love you all. Isn't God just so clever and fun loving?

Your are all invited to our BIG 0 event on Sunday May 29th at Langton Park. Drop in between 2.00 and 4.30pm for a cuppa and cake. No gifts or cards please!



Greetings from Joy Mason

Joy sends her love and greetings to Morialta friends. She now enjoys living in Gordonvale Queensland, a small town 25km south of Cairns. Joy moved there from Mataranka NT 3½ years ago. Now fully retired, Seniors Yoga and helping a family with 2 small children are some of the activities that keep her busy. Partner Mike started fishing for mud crabs, but they were not plentiful and bigger reptiles in the Inlet were a worry. He then turned his focus to prawn fishing purchasing a small wooden boat that fished out of Innisfail. Last year a bigger steel vessel joined "the fleet" and is now Cairns based. Kieter, the 1st trawler, has been sold and Shebimie (the steel vessel) has just started her 2nd season. Mike doesn't sail but stays home and manages the operations, maintenance and sales.

Gorgeous Gordonvale was the scene for a very special visitor on Sunday 6th March 2016.

In October Joy was notified that she had won 3rd prize in the national Toyota Good For Footy Raffle - a 2 hour coaching clinic run by Sydney Swans (now retired) legend and champion Adam Goodes. Joy donated the prize to the local Pyramid Power AFL club who were also the ticket sellers. Adam's visit helped to launch the start of the new season. Adam addressed the 300 strong crowd and stressed the importance of a good education and setting yourself goals. He then led a coaching clinic, followed by a "meet and greet" and autograph signing. He enjoyed being back at grass roots football, especially at a Club that was only established in 2005.

Joy was a VIP guest for the day end enjoyed the hospitality of the club, including meeting Adam and receiving a thank you gift from the Club.



Rachelle's Busy Week

Friday 11 March

Xavier Mortimer Foley
born 7.34pm (3.9Kg,
Length 52cm)
To Mum Rachelle and Dad James

Sunday 13 March

Mum and son return home

Wednesday 16 March

Rachelle graduates with Bachelor of Theology Moore College, Sydney

Friday 18th March

Grandparents Neville and Miranda Clarke reluctantly depart to return to Adelaide.



Congratulations to Rachelle and James on the birth of their first child, Xavier, and to the proud grandparents, Miranda and Neville Clarke!



MARGARET JENKINS

1924—2016

Margaret was born in Adelaide on 6th October in 1924, the eldest of three siblings. Her family lived in the newly developed Broadview area with unsealed roads and open paddocks – the equivalent of today's outer suburbs. Her family were foundation members of the Broadview Methodist Church, and Margaret's early social life was nurtured in this community.

The Depression forced a move to the family's "holiday cottage" in Bridgewater in the Adelaide Hills, and for Margaret it was a great time of new experiences - exploring the bush, climbing trees, riding the railway turntable, candles, lamps, and bath tubs by the fire. Later she realised how tough it must have been for the adults with no electricity, plumbing, or toilet near the house. However it gave her a very healthy respect for bushfires and she could always smell wood smoke before anyone else.

The family returned to Broadview in the mid-30's and reconnected with the wider family at Walkerville and more distant Croydon. It seems Margaret did a lot of bicycling, rather than rely on public transport (if it even existed then).

War broke out when Margaret was 15 and again her social life was centred on the local church and its activities. Although it was a growing community, Margaret remembered it as small enough that everyone still knew each other. There was also interaction with Wesley College students, and long friendships were established. Rationing was in place, so creative thinking and practical skills were used to overcome obstacles – such as buying unrationed blankets, dyeing them, and remaking them into overcoats.

Soon after the war was over Margaret got the travel bug. She moved to Brisbane for a while before going to Tasmania, where she discovered the joy of bushwalking and open skies. It was during these local trips and bushwalking that Margaret came across a "POME" by the name of William (known as Bill).

Failing to recover from the travel bug, Margaret's next adventure was to England with her best friend Molly. It was cheaper than travelling to Sydney! Molly and Margaret toured England and Europe between casual jobs, often with shipboard friends from the voyage over. Hitch hiking provided a few interesting experiences.

Their time in England happened to coincide with the Coronation of the Queen and Margaret also took time to meet some of Bill's large extended family. She obviously liked what she saw and married Bill soon after she came home. They built their house in Magill, and began their long association with Magill Methodist Church (later Morialta Uniting).

Bill's work frequently took him away from home but Margaret was anything but a "stay at home" domestic engineer. She worked part-time with the Youth Hostels Association and National Fitness Council of SA, became involved with yoga and cared for Kaye and Steve. Over the years Margaret became more involved with yoga, eventually teaching for many years, as well as a stint as the Association's President. Later she and her family became the "Australian family" for visiting overseas students, who were invited into the Jenkins home, treated as family members, and encouraged to view Margaret and Bill as de facto parents.

Margaret never really lost the travel bug and loved to travel within Australia to parts unseen or not visited for a while, with a couple of small overseas trips thrown in.

Margaret was very proud of her grandchildren (Ashleigh, Alexandra, and Annalese), and truly thought all three were very special in their own ways. She was always a great source of comfort and strength, being supportive and non-judgemental.

Margaret's journey with Morialta was a long and faithful one. In 2010 Margaret was involved with Resthaven's story-writing project and the following is a quote from an unpublished paragraph:

"My connection with the Morialta Uniting Church is a vital part of my life now. It is a caring, loving, sharing community which has been a great source of friendship and support to me. It has been a privilege to be part of some of the activities – community programs and Coffee Corner in particular."

Margaret was a very spiritual person, living the common philosophies and values of the many faiths she had studied over the years. She also had a sense of humour that bubbled away under the surface, and which was perhaps most obvious when with her grandchildren.

One of Margaret's final specific instructions was that her funeral was to be very much a celebration of Life. But even so there was a sadness and emptiness from the departure of someone important and influential. It is now her turn to rest peacefully.

Extracted from the eulogy given by Margaret's son, Steve.

Tributes to Margaret Jenkins

From the OBEs

One Sunday afternoon in about 2006, Margaret invited Elizabeth Keipert to come for a bowl of soup after Church – and thus the OBEs group (over b..... 80) was born. When Des died I was invited to share a monthly meal with Margaret, Elizabeth and Daphne Pegler and Margaret Martin - I was only 75, but had my 'L' plates on.

These days we meet at Lutheran Homes, Glynde. Margaret is remembered very fondly by this group.

Marie Elson

From Coffee Corner

When Coffee Corner was 'born' in 1992, Margaret was one of the first to volunteer, a role she continued until her health forced her retirement. She soon co-opted her husband Bill to wash dishes each week. Margaret also cooked, as well as serving and preparing meals, cooking delicious frittata for the clients to enjoy. She would do the banking while Bill finished washing pots and pans. Later she became treasurer for Community Programs, for over 10 years.

Soon after Coffee Corner began, Margaret started a weekly exercise group for those who found exercising difficult. The group met prior to lunch and this venture continued for at least 2 years.

Margaret was a VERY LOYAL worshipper at Morialta and her smiling face will be missed by many friends. It has been my privilege to be her carer for quite a few years.

Marie Elson

From the Tai Chi Group

The Tai Chi group at Morialta started in June 2003 and naturally Margaret was asked to lead the group. She had previously led Tai Chi and Yoga groups here and everyone knew she had trained in like activities most of her life, so she was the obvious choice.

She led our classes for about 4 years, until she had her first hip replacement and Bill's health problems became too difficult. She later continued as a valuable sounding board and was only too happy to give helpful hints when asked. She came along regularly until about 18 months ago, when mobility became an issue, but always took an interest in our little group.

We really valued having Margaret in our group, as a good friend and mentor, and we sincerely mourn her passing.

And finally, a funny story. Margaret often told me that after her hip replacement she used a walker. Bill - being the helpful gentleman that he was - wanted to help when they were going out, so he picked up her walker and carried it to the car. He forgot that Margaret needed it to reach the car safely!!!

Jenny Hancock

Welcome to the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library

From the Librarian

Your Librarian is wondering how you have been feeling through the Lenten Journey. Is there something that you wish to follow through on as we move to becoming better disciples of Jesus? Please let me know and I will do my best to find what you seek.

We are now getting into the middle part of the 2016 and that is exciting because it means our famous High Tea Fundraiser for the library is drawing close. See below for more details of this and our annual writing competition!

Library Birthday High Tea

The Library's 22nd birthday will be celebrated on **Sunday 17th July** from 5.00 to 7.30pm. Celebrate 150 years since the birth of Beatrix Potter with a **'PETER RABBIT BIRTHDAY PARTY'**.

Tickets on sale from Sunday 5 June.
Cost \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Children

Bring along 'bunny ears' or memorabilia on the theme "Beatrix Potter and Peter Rabbit" and bring any favourite poem or piece of prose to share in our "Literary Delights" segment. This part of the evening is about sharing a piece of writing which has captivated you and delighted you over the years.

Our Guest Speaker will be Valerie Volk, who will talk to us about her journey in writing, including books of her travels, with her pictures and poems, a book expressing her journey through the death of her husband, and one called Bystanders which helps us to use our imagination about what would have happened in various bible stories.

Enjoy High Tea including soup, savoury slices, birthday cake and tea or coffee.

Writing Competition

Write about **Belonging** in up to 300 words, in a genre of your choice.

Closing date – entries should be placed in the box marked "Belonging" Writing Competition in the Library by Sunday 29 June.

Winning Entries will be published in the August edition of Vision and other entries will be displayed on the Library notice board during August.

Prizes – A \$25 Book Voucher for the best adult entry and a \$25 Book Voucher for the best children's entry.

WHAT'S NEW

Exploring Faith and Spirituality

Provocative Grace

The Challenge in Jesus' Words

By Robert Corin Morris

Whether you're a devout Christian, an inquiring seeker or a rank skeptic, this book is for you if you wish to explore the teaching of Jesus.... Provocative Grace focuses on the words of Jesus, not as rules to live by but as challenges to precipitate growth into greater maturity.

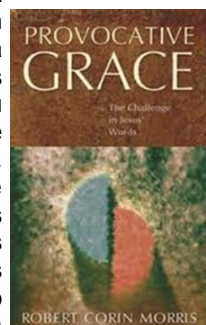
Morris asks us to enlarge our existing concepts and to stretch our beliefs about Jesus beyond the borders of formal Christianity and what we learned in Sunday school. "The Jesus of the Gospels, in all his modes of encountering people — as prophet, healer, wisdom teacher, mystic, social critic, and nonviolent revolutionary — is a disturber of our immaturities, one who challenges us to find and use our strengths," writes Morris. "Jesus was neither a rule maker or idealist but a provocateur. Rather than impossible ideals imposed upon us, his sayings are prodding's to grow step-by-step, by trial-and-error learning, into the best possibilities of our nature." Listen to Jesus' words not with an attitude of uncritical acceptance or blind faith but rather with an openness to hear the message in a fresh way. Provocative Grace dares us to wrestle with Jesus' sayings and to experience a vivid revelation of God's love and grace. Each chapter helpfully arranges the book so that it may be an aid to personal reflection, journaling, or discussion.

Fiction

MY BRILLIANT FRIEND

By Elena Ferrante

This book is the first in a four part series called the Neapolitan series. Ferrante is a pseudonym, and she has kept her identity secret since the publication of her first novel. It tells the story of two girls — Elena and Lila, who grew up together in the 1950's in a poor neighbourhood of



Naples. Their relationship is intense and complex, and this first part is told over the years of their shared childhood experiences, up until the age of 16. The life they face in their neighbourhood is one of poverty and violence, full of the expectations of the social mores in the lives of girls and women, boys and men. The story is told in Elena's voice — she is academically gifted, but her identity is shaped and warped by her idea of her unusual friend, Lila. If you enjoy this read, you will want to go on to read the following books, which cover a span of 60 years.

Reviewed by Jill Kerr

Fiction

All the Light we Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

Did you read 'The Light Between the Oceans'? Did you love it like I did?

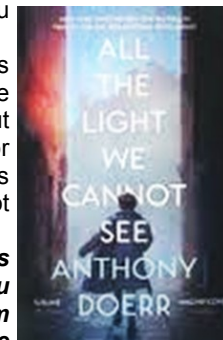
This book is beautiful in the same sense. It talks about the beauty of light or rather what happens when you cannot see the light.

'Open your eyes and see what you can with them before they close forever.'

For Marie-Laure, blind since the age of six, the world is full of mazes. One maze was a miniature plan of a Paris neighbourhood, which her father made for her, in order to teach her how to find her way home. Another was the microscopic layers within the invaluable diamond that her father guarded in the Museum of Natural History.

Enter the world of Marie-Laure's mazes and be enchanted by a bittersweet and moving novel that lingers in the mind.

Reviewed by Lorraine Powers



For further book reviews
go to <http://www.morialtauca.org.au/resources/library>

A South African Blessing

*Walk tall, walk well,
walk safe, walk free
And may harm never come to thee.
Walk wise, walk good,
walk proud, walk true
And may the sun smile on you.*

*Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle!
Hamba Gahle!
Go well, my friend,
and walk in the light of faith!*

*Walk prayer, walk hope,
walk faith, walk light
And may peace always guide you
right.*

*Walk joy, walk brave,
walk love, walk strong
And may life always give you song.*

*Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle!
Hamba Gahle!
Go well, my friend,
and walk in the light of faith!*

*Walk in God, Walk in God,
walk with God, walk for God
And may you dance
in the hearts of all you meet.*

Diary Dates

Sunday 1 May 11.15am	Sunday Forum with Lorraine Parkinson
Tuesday 3 May 3.00pm 5.00pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting Property Team Meeting
Friday 6 May 10.30am	Coffee and Chat in the Foyer
Sunday 8 May	Mothers' Day
Friday 13 May 7.30pm	Gateways
Sunday 15 May 9.30am	Pentecost Beyond our Walls
Tuesday 17 May 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 19 May 9.45am	Fellowship Speaker from the Stroke Foundation
Tuesday 24 May 7.30pm	Worship and Faith Education Team Meeting
Thursday 26 May 7.30pm	Communications & Admin Team Meeting
Sunday 29 May 5.00pm	Pot Luck Tea From the Outback to the Alps
Thursday 2 June 12.45pm	Community Centre Team Meeting
Sundays 5, 12, 19 June 11.00am	Social Justice Environmental Forums
Tuesday 7 June 3.00pm 5.00pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting Property Team Meeting
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Thursday 16th June	Fellowship 60th Birthday Afternoon Tea
Tues 21 June 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday 24 June 7.30pm	Gateways
Sunday 26 June 5.00pm	Pot Luck Tea

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