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From our Minister Reverend Bob Hutchinson

It's coming! It's coming! It seems that everything is turning towards the season of Christmas. As I write it is only 10 weeks till Christmas. Spring fairs are being advertised, the Mighty Magill Market will soon be here, the jacaranda trees are about to burst into blossom, the days are hot, then cold, then hot again. It's coming! It's coming! Here in Australia the days are getting longer, it's getting warmer. We know that summer, Christmas, apricots, peaches, and holidays are 'just around the corner'. Advent is the season of the church in which we reflect about the preparation for the coming birth of Jesus, the lead up to the celebration of Christmas. It is the season in which we reflect upon the notion and belief that God has done a wonderful and profound action of coming to us in the person of Jesus as the very Word of God, among us and with us.

Yet Advent and even Christmas itself is more than just a nice story of the birth of a baby or a time of celebrating, singing, giving presents, eating too much, or spending time being too busy. The fundamental Christian belief is that God acted and 'became flesh, and dwelt among us'. In its essence, the Christmas story is about an action, the action of God coming to us and being with us – Emmanuel, God with us! writes Matthew 1:23.

Rev Chris Budden, in his latest book, *Why indigenous sovereignty should matter to Christians*, says the following about the incarnation of Christ; "what makes the story of Jesus either hopeful or challenging, it seems to me, is the claim that here is the presence of God embodied in such a unique form, that this is genuinely God with us." He goes on to say that this "with 'us'" is located in the ordinary people and not in the structures or powers that exclude or oppress or seek not to welcome Jesus. (p 120)

The structures and powers that do oppress and exclude, like commercialism or policies on immigration and detention or even colonisation, are not the ways of God as lived and expressed in the life of Jesus, of love, joy, peace, and hope (Advent themes)

And so this season, as I begin thinking about Advent and Christmas, I ask the question - where are the actions of God being birthed in our communities, within our families, in our lives, in our politics, in our finances, in our relationships and even in our own church structures? In what ways are the actions of God being made new or coming to life in 'us' as we share the life and love, peace and reconciliation of Jesus together, and with each other, the 'us'?

So as we move closer to Advent and begin preparing for Christmas celebrations, services and events, we might consider looking for Jesus in the ordinary or everyday occurrences, in the faces and voices of those who experience exclusion and rejection and those who are poor and lonely. We might also consider where and how the following ancient mission statement might be lived out and experienced in today's contemporary society, both within our nation and in our personal lives. May God bring to birth in us a new and fresh vision of Godly love, grace and peace.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Luke 4:18-19

Canticle of Zechariah - Luke 1:68-79

Light is hope emerging from the shadows. In hope is possibility.

Blessed be the Lord, The God of Israel; He has come to His people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, Born of the house of His servant David.

Through His holy prophets He promised of old that He would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember His holy Covenant. This was the oath He swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life.

You, my child shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare His way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our Lord the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.



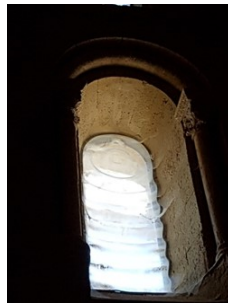
Chairperson writes ...

Greetings, one and all, as I 'drop in' between trips! (I'm properly back on deck from 12 November.) It's great to see the level of activity and engagement about the place, as a recently returned observer – congratulations to everyone! The student accommodation houses next door are very nearly finished, and the resurfacing of the netball courts is well underway. Right on!

Being 'away' provides a very different perspective from which to 'see' Morialta and its context, and I have enjoyed taking advantage of that gift. An over-arching theme for me in this 'seeing' seems to be uncertainty and the likelihood of approaching change, which is common to churches everywhere, I think. Pointers for us include the positive signs mentioned above, and also the cancellation of two Morialta fundraising events planned for this period: a quiz night and an Advent Concert. Our capacity to support fundraising as we have in the past is changing! There is also uncertainty in the wider Uniting Church around reception of the Assembly decision on same-gender marriage – and we await a long-delayed Presbytery/Synod review of our property

to support our decision-making into the future.

I must report that Morialta's issues with building maintenance and upkeep formed a backdrop for my recent viewing of many beautiful old churches in Europe, especially in towns and small cities – we think WE have a crumbling church building! I responded to the ever-present collection boxes for contributions to church upkeep in a whole new way on this trip, I must admit. If I was enjoying the fruits of the local people's work over many years in maintaining this beautiful worship space, whether as a worshipper or a concert attendee or a tourist, then I felt deeply called to contribute to their efforts, and with more than small change.



So – that is one small change (pun not intended!) in practice for me personally – but I think there will need to be many more. Another thing I noticed on these visits was the creative way congregations had

adapted to changing circumstances, using their buildings in new ways. Here are photos of a stunning stained-glass replacement in an ancient French cathedral (they were setting up inside for a concert), and of a setting for worship in the round within a mediaeval church nave. Just some thoughts to add to the mix! Please add your own by talking to any member of Church Council – and be in touch with me if there is anything Morialta-related that you would like to discuss – I look forward to hearing from you!

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ART EXHIBITION - ALLELUIA
connect - colour - care

Works by Morialta's Art Circle and other artists—children, youth and adults. Paintings, rugs, quilts, photography and more!

Some spaces for showing work may still be available. To discuss your interest talk to Mary Thornley. (Phone 8332 2041 or email marypete2226@gmail.com. Works to be submitted by 4th November please.

Enjoy the display in the church on market day and afterwards!

Mighty Magill
Christmas Market
& Art Exhibition
Saturday 24 November 2018
9am - 2pm

- Christmas Gourmet Goodies
- Home-made Cakes
- Books
- Christmas Gifts & Crafts
- Plants
- Bric-a-Brac
- Come-Again Boutique
- Sausage Sizzle
- Gift Boxes & Jars of Love
- Morning Tea and Lunch

Alleluia

Celebrate Christmas

connect
colour
care

Art Circle
... and other artists.

Children and Young Families Mission Ministry Team Report to Church Council

Membership Changes:

Bob Hutchinson and Margaret Cargill have been part of our team meetings since September.

The team has encouraged parents of our youth and children to participate in team meetings and discussions around planning for Kids on Sunday programs and youth activities, to discern workable solutions that meet the needs of youth, children, Church's mission and fit in with the many different complexities of family life and activities.

Key Activities in Reporting Period:

- The revised structure for the Kids on Sunday Program for high school age youth seems to be working and will be continued in this format for the rest of this year:

1st Sunday A planned study/discussion

2nd Sunday Participate in worship

3rd Sunday Youth to be involved in planning /preparation for Worship

4th Sunday Participate in worship

On the alternate Sundays when youth participate in worship, it is expected that they will be involved in rostered activities such as, music, singing, audio, video, prayers, bible readings etc.

We have seen the youth participating in worship with music, readings, collection of offering and after a session with Bob about the meaning of Holy Communion, they have assisted with the distribution of the communion elements.

There are generally 2 primary aged children most Sundays and a roster has been organised so that a program can be run on Sunday mornings for them.

- Safe Church policies require that we have enough adult supervision with security checks, for the Kids on Sunday program. This requirement is being met by having an appropriate observer that floats between the youth and primary aged programs, held in adjoining KUCA rooms. A roster of volunteers from the congregation has been established to meet this requirement.

- A number of social events have been held with families, children and youth, and supported by members of the congregation to supervise/transport the youth to events. Youth activities have included ten-pin bowling, ice skating, film nights. These events help build relationships and a sense of belonging, and open the door for some of their friends to join in.

- The youth from Morialta are not attending SAYCO this year, due to family holidays and other commitments. A youth church camp run by the Corner Uniting Church held the weekend after SAYCO was explored, as an alternative to SAYCO, but due to family holidays there was little interest.

Issues of Concern and Key Plans for the next six months:

- Ongoing discernment for the best way to help children youth and young families to have a sense of belonging within our faith community and to encourage their participation in the life of the congregation.
- Work with the minister to ensure children and youth involvement in worship.
- Need to ensure that all planned activities are communicated to Church Council in

advance for endorsement as church activities, so that insurance cover is assured, and that all UCA Safe Church requirements have been met

- Build, support and organise an inclusive and safe church youth program at Morialta with relevant and appropriate activities.

About our team's work:

Planning for Kids on Sunday and youth programs is a constant challenge given the limited number of teachers, variability in numbers, age differences of the children and therefore requires a great deal of flexibility to provide meaningful and age appropriate faith education, opportunities to participate in worship and to engage in the community at Morialta.

The opportunity to participate in leading worship gives the children/youth a sense of belonging and contributing to the Morialta community and enriches the worship of the whole community. The CYFMMT team appreciates the efforts that are made to help facilitate this.

The CYFMMT has been very appreciative of the support of members of the congregation who volunteer as Kids on Sunday program observers, and spend time with our youth by volunteering as drivers and support for the youth social program/events.

*Craig Mackenzie
September 2018*

Jazz@Morialta

From The Editor

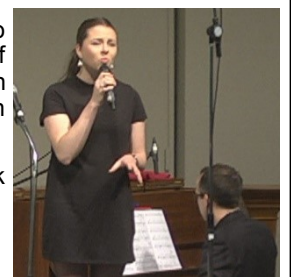
Our second **Jazz@Morialta** event featured the Elder Conservatorium's premier Jazz Choir. The Adelaide Connection Jazz Choir has been one of Australia's most prestigious vocal groups since its inception in the 1980's and their performance at Morialta would certainly have enhanced their reputation.

The afternoon was a wonderful mix of choir and solos and well-known and well-loved melodies and more modern compositions. A number of the pieces were arranged and directed by individual students, showing the depth of talent and musicianship in the group. Jazz is alive and well in South Australia.



Our sincere thanks to Anita Wardell, who directs the choir, and to these very talented students who gave us a wonderful afternoon of music. The concert raised around \$1,000 for Morialta's projects with a similar amount going to the choir for the development of jazz in South Australia.

We hope to continue this collaboration with Anita next year, so look out for more **Jazz@Morialta** in 2019!



Property Operational Ministry Team Report to Church Council

Last Report March 2018 - 6 months ago

Key activities since last report

- Continuing to maintain our buildings and equipment.
- Preparing the team's 2019 budget submission.
- Continuing work on the student housing project, including keeping in touch with Rossdale Homes for progress reports; preparing and submitting a grant application for furniture funds; beginning arrangements for the sale of 10 College Drive; visiting the houses for inspections; preparing for landscaping.
- We conducted a working bee in March with a small group of volunteers to clear unwanted items from the shed and Kooka.
- Working with the Netball Club to refurbish the courts surface and surrounds.
- Gaining permission from Synod Property Services, obtaining quotes and preparing for repairs to the front of the

church. Submitting a registration of interest for "Stronger Communities" funding grant to help with the cost of those repairs.

- Researching the age-related damage to the stained glass windows and the cost of repairs.

Key plans for next 6 months

- Complete the Student Housing Project on schedule and budget.
- Keeping our maintenance costs within budget.
- Arranging a working bee prior to the Mighty Magill Market.
- Liaising with Synod office, writing and submitting a full application for funding under the Stronger Communities grant scheme.
- Managing repairs to the front of the church.
- Meeting with Synod Property Services to determine the extent of and priorities for major property repairs.

- Undertaking maintenance and repairs to the plumbing, pergola and paving at the manse.

Team Membership

Chris Ayles (Leader), Bruce Ind, Anne Ind, Ray Clogg, Merv Boundy, John Thornton, Carole Lyons, Brian Hogben. We are pleased that Rev. Bob Hutchinson has chosen to attend our meetings.

Issues of concern

- The condition of several parts of our property which are in need of repairs or modifications which may be difficult for us to fund.
- Bringing the Student Housing Project to completion on budget.
- Keeping expenditure within our maintenance budget.
- The Fix-it Team continues to struggle with small and aging membership.

*Chris Ayles
September 2018*

Student Housing Project Update

By the time you read this we will probably be only a few days from receiving the keys to the new houses from the builder, Rossdale Homes

We had a call from the builder last week to say that the flooring installer had found some imperfections in the slab that would have shown up in the vinyl floor covering we had intended to have. As a result Rossdale Homes offered us an upgrade to floating floors at no cost to us. We met the site manager at the houses to choose the new flooring. As well as the upgraded floor material, making the choice on site has also given us a better colour-matched outcome.

As I write this, the work to be done this week includes concreting driveways and housing surrounds, installing the flooring, finishing the fencing, and cleaning up the site. At the end of this week or early next week we will meet the site manager for the pre-handover inspection. They will then use the following week to finish everything to our satisfaction. That will then bring us to the much anticipated handover of the keys.

Blinds for all the windows have been ordered and will be installed after handover. Insurance is being arranged through the Synod office. This will take effect from the handover. An important part of the project finances is the sale of 10 College Drive, which is underway with the appointment of Riggall Real Estate as the selling agent.

The dedication of the new houses will happen immediately after 9.30 am worship on Sunday 18th November. The usual after-service fellowship and refreshments will be served in the new houses, providing an opportunity for everyone to inspect them.



As this will probably be my last report on the project I would like to thank Anne and Graham for their strong involvement in the project team. There have been many others who have also contributed with advice, time, expertise, financial donations and moral support. We thank you all. I would also like to acknowledge the builders, Rossdale Homes. They have been excellent to deal with throughout the whole process, from our first meeting to these last two weeks of construction.

*Chris Ayles, For the Project Team
October 2018*

Possible donations for Student Housing Project

In order to keep the initial cost of the new houses to a manageable level, we decided there were some items we would try to procure through a range of other sources, eg, government grants, volunteer labour and donations.

Outstanding items include landscaping, which involves some retaining walls in the first instance and possibly some vehicle parking slabs, plants and irrigation. We also need funds for furniture, electrical appliances and white goods if the grant application is unsuccessful. Other desirable items include clothes lines, letter boxes and security doors for the rear. We will be bringing some existing furniture from the houses we are currently using. For both economic and environmental reasons it would be good if we could install solar panels on the houses.

If you feel both able and inclined and would like to make a donation to help with these purchases, could you please speak to Gaynor Hallows or Chris Ayles. An opportunity for donations will be available at the dedication and viewing of the houses on Sunday 18th November at 10.30am.

A plastic bag falls in Magill - a bird falls out of the sky over China.

By the Editor

You may be wondering how a plastic bag lying in the gutter on a Magill street can be connected to a bird falling out of the sky over China. Well it is really not all that complex.

At a recent meeting of the UCA's Environmental Group our guest was André Ortiz, an environmental scientist who studies shore birds that inhabit the mangroves and tidal flats along the coastline of Gulf St Vincent. Although tidal flats are the most common place to find shore birds, other habitats include beaches, crystallising pans and embankments of salt fields, and fresh and saltwater wetlands.

Fifty-one species of shore birds are found in the area and over 30 are migratory birds that have flown all the way from Japan, Korea, China to enjoy a southern summer in the mangroves and tidal flats around the edge of the Gulf. They come via what is known as the East Asian Flyway. As with all migratory birds, they

will arrive late spring, breed, and then move on in the autumn to northern climes.

As it requires a lot of energy to fly from St Kilda to Japan or Korea, it is important that the birds maximise their food intake while visiting the Gulf. If they do not consume enough food to store sufficient protein and energy to make the long journey, they will never make it back to their northern habitat. This has become even more important as more of the mangroves and tidal flats along the coastline of China are replaced with bricks, mortar and concrete.

So how does plastic come into our story?

If a piece of plastic is discarded on a street in Magill, there is a relatively good chance that it will find its way to the sea. Here the natural tidal movements of the Gulf will carry the plastic north and it will end up on the beaches further up the coast.

As clear plastic tends to turn opaque in salt water, birds can mistake it for food and consume significant amounts of it when feeding. They will even feed it to their chicks thinking it is good wholesome nourishment. Birds, like most mammals, stop eating when their stomach is full, and

a stomach partially filled with plastic does not provide much energy or protein.

So when it comes time for the birds to migrate again, they have insufficient stored energy and protein to make it all the way back to North Asia. They may not literally fall out of the sky over China but they will perish somewhere along the way.

Listening to André has made me realise just how interconnected our lifestyle and actions are with nature, and how important it is to avoid using plastic and being very careful about how we dispose of it. Since learning of this connection I am also amazed at the number of pieces of discarded plastic I see every morning on the streets of Magill North. I never noticed them before!



W: How much longer do we have to wait?

K: We're both by the door. They'll get the message soon!

W: You won't let them take me out too far in the water, will you?

K: What's your problem, you are a water dog. You are supposed to love the water.

W: I do, I won't drink anything else!

PAWS FOR THOUGHT...

Hello again,

I nearly missed this month because we were on a short holiday over in Port Vincent.

I like to get Bruce and Anne away when I can and the middle of October is getting pretty close to the end of the year and everything else that is happening! Anyway, I like Port Vincent because the Caravan Park is quiet and we are close to the beach, so I don't need to worry too much about getting them down to the sand.

The weather was really good. I had a couple of swims and Wallace was able to do a bit of exercise in the water as well which is a bit of a surprise, because Wallace normally stays away from the water.

Of course, trying to get Anne and Bruce away from their books etc is always a bit of a challenge, but eventually they got the message.

I hope you are all doing well and looking forward to the Market that is coming up soon.

Keely

An Atheist's Take on the Virtue of Forgiveness

Adapted from an article by Ben Pobjie published in the Conversation – August 2018

I am not a fan of Christianity. For many years I have been what some might call a 'militant atheist': the type who is far more likely to catalogue the pitfalls of faith than to highlight the benefits. But more and more I am enamoured of one element of Christianity that I consider its most striking, and most laudable, feature: forgiveness.

Forgiveness stands out among religious virtues because it is one of the most difficult to put into practice, particularly in the terms that Christ put it: love your enemies; turn the other cheek; forgive those who have wronged you. It's also one of the most unfashionable virtues going around, at least in the public discourse, as it's rare to see either Christians or non-Christians urging forgiveness.

This is understandable. In a world full of pain and suffering inflicted by human beings upon other human beings, extending forgiveness to anyone who is seen to have harmed others is hardly a high priority for most people. Compassion for those who have been wronged is more important than compassion for those doing the wronging.

And we are indeed exhorted regularly to show compassion—for refugees, for the poor, for the disabled, for victims of violence and oppression. This is no bad thing — the more compassion the better, and if we can make caring for our fellow humans the rule, we will create a better world.

Compassion is easy. There is no great challenge in opening your heart to those who are suffering, or to anyone you see as an 'ally'. What is difficult is showing compassion for people who aren't on our side – forgiving our enemies, or doers of horrendous deeds. Who can forgive a murderer? Who can feel compassion for a brute?

According to one strand of thought — and an eternally popular one — forgiving wrongdoers is a bad idea and will lead to a worse society. If we forgive, we excuse, and we fail to send the message that what that person has done is *wrong*.

Why should we forgive? Because Jesus said so — but I don't believe that, of course. The reason I believe we should forgive is that it makes *us* better. For me, forgiving doesn't mean letting anyone off the hook: criminals can still be punished, people can

still be held accountable for words and deeds that hurt other people. But we can punish and inflict consequences, while still leaving open the possibility of forgiveness.

When we say, "I forgive you, we do not say, I don't care what you have done". We say, "What you have done is wrong, but that does not mean you are lost forever."

I don't believe forgiveness is about making excuses. Rather it is about looking at a person who has done wrong and saying, this wrong is not the totality of their being. It is about recognising that in every human, no matter how low they sink, humanity remains.

It is about believing that redemption is always possible, that a person never loses the capacity to be better than their worst self. When we say, 'I forgive you', we do not say, 'I don't care what you have done'. We say, 'What you have done is wrong, but that does not mean you are lost forever. I am willing to let you try to do better.'

When we forgive, we relinquish a little of the hate and anger that we all sometimes feel, and we improve our own lives through the affirmation that the world is not irredeemable. We see that world through more hopeful eyes.

We also benefit the person we are forgiving: not everyone we forgive will repay us by striving to be a better person, but our forgiveness tells them that at least someone believes they *can* be. To condemn someone is to tell them there is no point trying: to forgive them, is to tell them to not stop trying. All of us have been forgiven for something at some time. We know the good it does us.

But it's still hard. I know it is. I know I fail to live up to my own standards frequently. There are people I struggle to forgive and people I still haven't managed to. All I want is for us, collectively, as a species, to come back to seeing forgiveness as a virtue.

But I just want us to try. I want us to at least see the benefits of forgiveness, and remain open to the idea that a human, no matter how monstrously they act, remains a human. Whether you hear it from Jesus or a militant atheist, I believe that's worth taking to heart.

Ben Pobjie is a writer from Melbourne, whose work has appeared in the Age, Crikey, Meanjin, ABC, SBS and others. He is the author of the books Error Australis and Aussie Aussie Aussie.



A Scientific View of Forgiveness

Psychologists generally define forgiveness as a conscious, deliberate decision to release feelings of resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you, regardless of whether they actually deserve your forgiveness.

To define forgiveness we must also understand what forgiveness is not. Those who study or teach forgiveness make

clear that when you forgive, you do not gloss over or deny the seriousness of an offense against you. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting, nor does it mean condoning or excusing offenses. Though forgiveness can help repair a damaged relationship, it doesn't obligate you to reconcile with the person who harmed you, or release them from legal accountability.

Instead, forgiveness brings the forgiver peace of mind and frees him or her from corrosive anger. While there is some debate over whether true forgiveness requires positive feelings toward the offender, experts agree that it at least involves letting go of deeply held negative feelings. In that way, it empowers you to recognize the pain you suffered without letting that pain define you, enabling you to heal and move on with your life.

While early research focused on forgiveness of others by individuals, new areas of research are starting to examine the benefits of group forgiveness and self-forgiveness.

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Published by the Greater Good Science Center*

Morialta Uniting Netball Club

Adapted from 2018 report by Sandy Barker - Netball Secretary

The 2017/18 Summer Season was disrupted due to major renovations of the Association Courts, which resulted in a reduced competition with some minor (practice) competitions hosted by other clubs.

Twenty teams from Morialta Uniting Netball Club competed in the Summer competition with 5 teams competing in the "grand" finals (Open K, 13 Div 2, 13 Div 7, 13 Div 10, and 11 Div 10). Three teams were premiers and 2 teams were runners up.

Twenty one teams competed in the 2018 winter season with 3 teams (A1, A4 and B6) playing in Open Grade. B6 won the premiership in a very exciting match.

Two teams were fielded in the 17 & under competition (C2 and C6) and both teams made the finals.

The Club had 4 teams in 15 & under and both D1 and D2 made the finals with the D1 team finishing with a premiership and the Eileen Saxby award for the highest goal average for suburban teams.

The 13 and under section was again the largest section of the club with six teams competing. The E2 team had a great start which saw them regraded to E1, which meant a tough season of learning. Three teams (E1, E6 and E9) made the finals with E9 losing in the preliminary final and E1 team being unlucky in the grand final. However, E6 won their premiership.

The Club had 4 teams in 11 & under (F1, F5, F8 and F10) but F1 were regraded to F2 and achieved a couple of good results throughout the season. The F5 and F8 teams had some minor wins and F10 had a great start and were regraded up to F9 and eventually made it through to the grand final, but lost.

Only one team competed in 9 & under (G1) and our youngest players were in H2 (8 & under). They worked hard but lost in the preliminary final.

All teams, coaches, managers, and umpires are to be congratulated on another great season for the club. Also the many supporters who look after the canteen and cook the BBQ on match days, as well as those who help set up and clean up each week. The support is greatly appreciated.

The cake stall raised over \$1,000 to support Church mission projects, and the Sponsorship & Marketing team of Doug, Phil, Paul and Justin, under the leadership of Tim Dansie, maintained existing and obtained new opportunities and links for the club.

Four players represented SAUCNA at the CANA Nationals and three players were selected in the State Under-12 team.

The 2018/2019 Summer Season will commence on October 9th and 20 teams have been nominated across four nights of competition. Although the resurfacing of our Morialta home courts will be a disruption to the Summer Season, it was desperately needed. Sincere thanks Di Hughes for her hard work in achieving grants to cover the costs.

Netball / Tennis Courts Colour Scheme



The colour scheme chosen for the Netball / Tennis Courts upgrade is medium green for the entire netball and tennis court area, with red surrounding the perimeter of the netball court – similar to the image shown here.



Under 15 Division 2 Team



D1 Winter Premiers

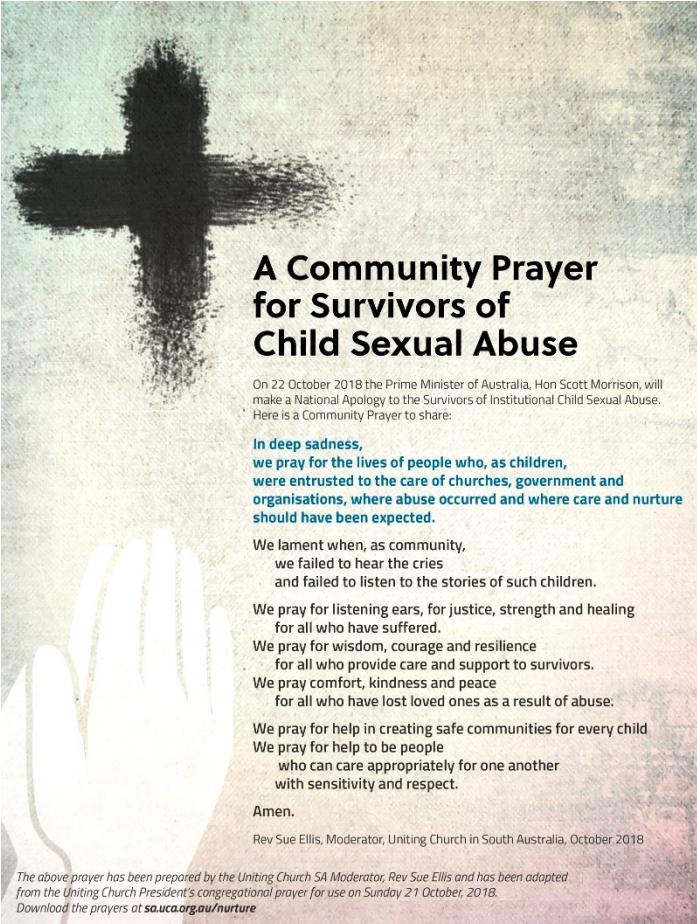


Jude in a sea of smiling faces



Morialta in attack





A Community Prayer for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse

On 22 October 2018 the Prime Minister of Australia, Hon Scott Morrison, will make a National Apology to the Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. Here is a Community Prayer to share:

In deep sadness, we pray for the lives of people who, as children, were entrusted to the care of churches, government and organisations, where abuse occurred and where care and nurture should have been expected.

We lament when, as community, we failed to hear the cries and failed to listen to the stories of such children.

We pray for listening ears, for justice, strength and healing for all who have suffered.

We pray for wisdom, courage and resilience for all who provide care and support to survivors.

We pray comfort, kindness and peace for all who have lost loved ones as a result of abuse.

We pray for help in creating safe communities for every child
We pray for help to be people who can care appropriately for one another with sensitivity and respect.

Amen.

Rev Sue Ellis, Moderator, Uniting Church in South Australia, October 2018

The above prayer has been prepared by the Uniting Church SA Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis and has been adapted from the Uniting Church President's congregational prayer for use on Sunday 21 October, 2018. Download the prayers at sauca.org.au/nurture



For Contemplation...

Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive? Did I love?

These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and in the life to come.

Henri Nouwen

We can never judge the lives of others, because each person knows only their own pain and renunciation. It's one thing to feel that you are on the right path, but it's another to think that yours is the only path.

Paulo Coelho

We are travelers on a cosmic journey, stardust swirling and dancing in the eddies and whirlpools of infinity. Life is eternal. We have stopped for a moment to encounter each other, to meet, to love, to share. This is a precious moment. It is a little parenthesis in eternity.

Paulo Coelho

There is a difference between *human being* and *being human*. Only a few understand it!

Anon

It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.

Mother Teresa

Mindfulness and Reflection

By Jan Thornton

Recently, when I was in Queensland with one of my daughters and her noisy family of four boys, I suddenly realised what 'living in the moment' really means. And it all came about when her 4-year-old burst into my bedroom in the pre-dawn light, exhorting me to get up and help him search for bugs in the garden. Surprisingly, that's not an idea that would ever usually occur to me and I wasn't too eager at the time! However I'd already been disturbed by a wriggling mass of arms, legs and freezing cold feet that propelled me awake, so getting back to sleep didn't appear an option.

When his chatter ceased for breath, I was able to say, "It looks very dark outside. Just what is the time?" He took my face in his hands and said solemnly, and in all sincerity, something I shall never forget, "Granny, it's the **RIGHT** time".

The answer made me laugh and then it made me think. It wasn't 6 am or even 5 am – it was the **RIGHT** time! And I realised that this moment and this crazy invitation would never return. In the not too distant future my lovely, exuberant grandson won't jump into bed like an animated octopus and ask granny to have an adventure, and if I didn't act - right then and there - the moment would pass.

Then, one recent Sunday, our minister talked about not **saying** but **doing**, and unknowingly underpinned my reflection words for today. The minister spoke about practicing what we preach, and not hearing without making sure we respond - with action. He encouraged us to fulfil the law of love by putting love into action and being 'doers' and not just 'listeners'. As I

understood it, he was asking us to not stand on the sidelines and watch - but to stand up with integrity and behave with compassion and love. There is nothing worse than not speaking out when we believe injustice is being done – and I truly believe that the passive onlooker to a wrongdoing is just as bad as the wrong-doers themselves. I know I can't watch suffering and do nothing about it – but it seems that I **can** be the collaborator when it comes to adventures before sun-up!!

Ultimately, my grandson and I did go into the garden with torches and search for some early-morning bugs that were shocked to find themselves being hunted! We made some toast and ate it while we went and looked for even more 'bugs'; and in the quiet peace of a world before dawn, we created a memory.

For a brief time, nothing mattered except one little boy and his fantasy-morning-tour of the garden. Troubles were suspended and the world belonged to no-one but ourselves; living in the moment. Without being aware, I'd tamed my overthinking mind and found, like my grandson with his unfettered thoughts, the only time that matters is now – the **RIGHT** time.

If only we could always look at the world that way, perhaps we'd be happier. We can't change the past and no matter how much we worry we can't prophesy the future. The only time that matters - because it's the only thing that's real, is what this moment brings.

***The RIGHT time – is right now.
We should seize it while we can.***

Social Justice Sunday 9th September

The theme for this year's Social Justice Sunday was "Foreign Aid – a Christian response" with guest preacher John Piovesan followed by a Q&A with John, Adrian Nippres and Colin Cargill.

What is Foreign Aid?

Foreign Aid refers to the support and economic development that the world's wealthy countries, and some emerging economies, give to poorer countries to help overcome the problems they face.

Approximately \$175 billion dollars was given as aid by donor governments in 2015, which equates to 0.24% of global income.

And it appears to be working. In most of the developing world, economic and social indicators have improved considerably in the past three decades. The proportion of the world's population living under the World Bank's lowest global poverty line fell from 42 per cent in 1981 to 11 per cent in 2013. Aid and international development have played a big role in these improvements.

While the majority of Aid is provided by Governments, in countries like Australia a significant contribution is also made by Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) such as World Vision, Oxfam, churches and others. The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) is the peak body for Australia's 130 non-government organisations involved in international development and humanitarian action. Another group is Micah Australia, which is a coalition of 15 churches and Christian organisations that seeks to raise a powerful voice for justice and a world free from poverty.

Do we have a reason to provide aid to poor countries?

One of the most compelling statistics for us to support Foreign Aid is the fact that every day in 2016, 15,000 children died before their fifth birthday, 46 per cent of them – or 7,000 babies – died in the first 28 days of life. Many of those deaths could be prevented with basic health services, adequate nutrition and basic sanitation.

Are Christians called to help the poor?

James 2: 14-17 – What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have

faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

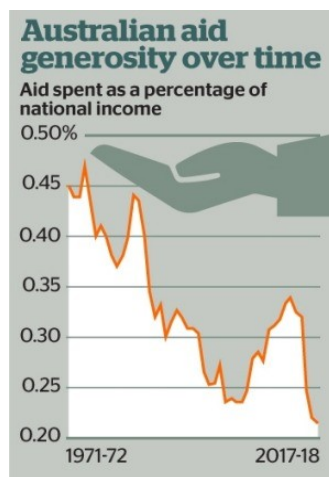
Facts about Australian Aid

According to various polls many Australians think that their Government invests 12% to 16% of our budget on foreign aid when in reality it is less than 1%. So when Governments claim that 80% of people are against increasing aid, on what are they basing their information?

In the words of Sociologist Edward Said – *Our response depends on how we see the world. ... we still tend to see the developing world with a sense of superiority. Therefore we assume we are far more virtuous than we really are.*

What is a good target?

The target agreed to by member nations of the UN for expenditure on foreign aid is 0.7% of a country's Gross National Income (GNI). However only 5 nations surpass this target (Sweden, Norway, Luxembourg, Denmark and Netherlands) and one meets it (UK). Every other country fails to live up to their commitment. Interestingly Australia is ranked 7th in the OECD for GNI, but is ranked 14th in the list of donors. By comparison the UK and New Zealand are ranked 15th and 18th on GNI and 6th and 13th on the donor list.



Australia's foreign aid budget has fallen from 0.45% of GNI in 1971-72 to the current level of 0.22%, which is the lowest it has been in modern times. It fell below

0.25% between 2001-2 and 2004-5 but gradually increased again to 0.34% in 2014-15 before dropping to 0.22% in 2017-18.

The Pacific Island Nations, PNG and Indonesia receive the major portions of Australian Aid, followed by Afghanistan, Philippines, Vietnam and other East Asian countries.

What can the aid budget achieve?

Based on the results of our various aid programs In 2014, Australians helped get more than 1.3 million children into school, trained over 100,000 teachers, built more than 9,000 new classrooms, supplied 2.9 million people with clean water, increased access to basic sanitation for over 1 million people, vaccinated more than 2.3 million children, provided more than 1 million mothers with access to a skilled birth attendant, and equipped more than 400,000 farmers with better technology. That is an amazing result and demonstrates how much more could be done by Australian health workers, scientists and sociologists to improve the livelihood of millions of people, if adequately funded. It is estimated that the increased aid provided by Australia during the years between 2006 and 2014 saved 1.6 million lives as a result of advocacy and intervention.

Does aid damage our farmers?

Why should Australia improve the productivity of farmers in other countries who will then compete with Australian farmers for international markets? This is a question that is often raised in the media. However, what is the reality? Many of the countries receiving aid are years away from being food secure, let alone exporters, and the evidence is that creating an educated middle class and efficient farmers benefits Australian manufacturing and agriculture. Indonesia is a good example – currently Australia provides around \$300 million in aid to the Republic of Indonesia each year (down from \$500 million) yet Indonesia buys over \$2 billion worth of agricultural products from Australian farmers.

And what did Jesus say?

"Which of these three do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He (the lawyer) said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "**Go and do likewise.**"

Social Justice Mission Ministry team

A Challenge

When we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change; at such a moment, there is no point in pretending that nothing has happened or in saying that we are not yet ready. The challenge will not wait. Life does not look back. A week is more than enough time for us to decide whether or not to accept our destiny.

Paulo Coelho

Our Common Dignity

A prayer by Michael Morwood

We give thanks for men and women throughout human history who sought to articulate human connectedness with the Divine and with all of creation.

We give thanks especially for Jesus of Nazareth.

He inspires us to name ourselves as "temples" of the Divine Spirit and challenges us to live and act accordingly.

Jesus challenges us to look into our hearts, to examine the way we are neighbour, to overcome our prejudices, to put an end to divisions, to stretch our generosity, to overcome our fear of the mystery, to see the Divine present in our everyday loving, and to make the "reign" of love visible throughout our world.

We believe the same Spirit of Divinity that came to visibility in Jesus yearns for visible expression in us.

This is our common dignity whatever our race or creed, whatever our place or time.

We long to see our common dignity proclaimed honoured and celebrated by all religions.

We pray that the one Spirit all people share may be given free and generous expression for the betterment of humanity and our world.

Amen. (Adapted from *Praying a New Story* – Orbis Books, Maryknoll, NY.)

Pilgrim Uniting Church wins SA's first Environmental Awards

From UC E-News



Pilgrim Uniting Church became South Australia's first faith community to be recognised for their environmental achievements. They were awarded two prestigious Five Leaf Eco-Awards in a presentation held on Sunday 7 October.

"It's wonderful to be encouraged in the work we are doing for God's Creation and to be connected into a national network of churches working to care for the earth. There's a lot happening, and it's exciting to be part of," said Rev Dr Greg Elsdon.

Pilgrim Uniting Church received the Five Leaf Eco-Awards Basic Certificate and Eco-Worship Awards in recognition of their extensive work for the environment. This included their energy efficient lighting, energy audit and efficiency measures, paper

use reduction, timers on their hot water urns, their environmental group and environmental guest speakers, environment themed worship and participation in the Season of Creation, providing eco resources for their congregation and their community garden.

Director of the Five Leaf Eco-Awards, Jessica Morthorpe, travelled to Adelaide for the presentation. She was welcomed by Jeff Telfer from the congregation's Green Team, who said this was a "landmark moment" for the church.

"It's a pleasure and a privilege to be here to present these awards," Jessica said. "It's particularly exciting that this is the first church in South Australia to receive an award. Hopefully this will encourage lots of other churches in the area to pursue an award and be recognised for their environmental efforts."

She continued: "Many churches have already done enough to earn Five Leaf Eco-Awards, they just don't realize it. If your community is doing something to be proud of, even if you think you have only done a little, please let us know. We can't give you an award if we don't know what you've done!"

The Five Leaf Eco-Awards are an ecumenical environmental change initiative for churches and religious organisations. It exists to assist, inspire and reward churches for environmental action. The Five Leaf Eco-Awards are non-competitive, with churches completing tasks from a list of flexible criteria to earn each certificate. There are currently six awards of varying difficulty available. The Five Leaf Eco-Awards operate nationally and across denominations.



STOP THE TRAFFIK Australia is a coalition of non-Government, community and other organisations working together against trafficking in Australia and around the world.

Human trafficking is a violation of a person's human rights (Article 4, Universal Declaration of Human Rights) and STOP THE TRAFFIK exists to prevent the physical, emotional and sexual abuse and harm done by human trafficking.

The Coalition seeks to prevent trafficking by engaging in:

Transforming the community

We shine a light on the crime of human trafficking. We equip people to understand what trafficking is, how it affects them and what they can do about it. We empower individuals to take action to prevent trafficking in their communities. We raise awareness to ensure that vulnerable people are protected against the abusive and deceptive behaviour of traffickers.

Campaigning

We inform consumers about how trafficking impacts the supply chains of businesses world-wide. We equip and empower consumers to change their buying habits and campaign for change. We advocate for business to take action to prevent the harm and abuse associated with human trafficking.

Gathering and sharing knowledge

We gather and analyse information from individuals and stakeholders on how and where trafficking is taking place. We share this knowledge generously in order to enable effective prevention of human trafficking. We seek to end the abuse and harm of buying and selling people in our lifetime.

Coalition Members include Act for Peace, Anglican Church, Anglican Overseas Aid, Asian Aid, Acrath, Baptist Union, Churches of Christ, Dalit Freedom Network, Victorian Trade Hall Council, Baptist World Aid, Freedom Hub, IJM, Uniting World, Normac, Etiko, Hagar, International Teams, NCJWS, GMP, Just Salvos, Project Respect, Sisters of St Josephs, and Spirited Consulting.

Indigenous Dialogue

Produced by Australians Together and adapted from their website www.australianstogether.org.au

Australians Together have produced a set of helpful tips to promote respectful conversation, dispel myths, and increase awareness and understanding.

How we use language matters. It is important to always remember that we're not just using terms to refer to historical events or abstract groups; we're talking about real people. Listening to a person's preferences when it comes to how they are referred to is an essential part of respecting that person.

However there is no rulebook when it comes to using appropriate terminology regarding Indigenous Australians. This is because Indigenous people across Australia are diverse; there are many different experiences and opinions regarding appropriate terminology and not all terminology maybe acceptable to every group. So it is good to ask local groups about the most appropriate terminology for their region.

Historical context

Terms regarding Indigenous people are layered with a history of Indigenous people and culture being dominated, discriminated against, misunderstood and misrepresented. Throughout our colonial history, some of the names used to refer to Indigenous Australians reflected the common belief that Indigenous people were inferior to white people, or even less than human.

Consequently, many of these terms have negative connotations and should be replaced with words that are more respectful and less hurtful towards Indigenous people. It's important to be sensitive to the meanings and historic context of certain words. This also applies to language used to refer to non-Indigenous Australians.

Terms such as Mob and Blackfella/Whitefella are discouraged although Mob is still used in verbal communications, especially

by Indigenous people referring to themselves. Also Blackfella/Whitefella is still used in conversations between friends where there is comradery.

In reference to the loss of culture and land we should avoid terms such as 'lost' – but use words like 'partially destroyed' instead. When referring to children removed from their families under assimilation policies, the word 'stolen' or 'removed' is preferred to saying 'lost'. Similarly when referring to colonial occupation of Indigenous lands, use the words 'taken' or 'stolen' rather than 'lost'.

It is also important to avoid speaking of culture in the past tense – Indigenous culture is far from being lost and is alive and evolving. Also, culture can be authentic in both traditional and urban settings.

Remote should only be used to refer to geographical locations such as "remote Indigenous communities". Terms such as "remote Indigenous Australians" are to be discouraged.

Australians Together also prefers not to use terms such as racism or racist. Their advice is to avoid the words in our own communication when discussing problems with others, but not to edit out the words 'racism' or 'racist' from third party content we wish to share with others. Terms such as 'racism' and 'racist' may be ok in advanced communications, where our audience has prior experience engaging with us and our content.

We're all Australian

When referring to us all "as Australians", it is important to always acknowledge diversity, both among Indigenous people and the wider Australian community. It is ok to talk about bringing Australians together, but don't imply that togetherness means sameness.

However although we might have different cultures and beliefs, we all share and live together in this land called Australia.

The Aboriginal and Islander Peoples are Sovereign Peoples in Australia.

Adapted from the UCA Assembly Website

The Uniting Church has affirmed that the First Peoples of Australia, the Aboriginal and Islander Peoples, are sovereign peoples in Australia.

On 13 July, the 15th Assembly meeting approved the statement affirming sovereignty by consensus at Box Hill Town Hall in Melbourne.

After consultation with working groups an earlier proposal was amended to give an expanded definition of sovereignty as the "way in which First Peoples understand themselves to be the traditional owners and custodians" of the land.

Referring to the Statement from the Heart at Uluru, the Uniting Church recognises that Sovereignty is understood by the First Peoples as "a spiritual notion, reflecting the ancestral tie between the land and the First Peoples."

Members of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress spoke from the floor of Assembly to affirm the proposal as a way to move forward in the covenant the Uniting Church has with them.

The original proposal, brought to Assembly by immediate past President Stuart McMillan, stated that the Uniting Church had not recognised the First Peoples as sovereign,

"In this, in resolving that First Peoples are sovereign, the 15th Assembly gives moral leadership to our nation," the proposal said.

Former Chairperson of Congress, Rev. Dennis Corowa, told the Assembly that the journey to this point, "has been a work in progress, a journey for us to be able to live comfortably within Australia, feeling neighbourly love in community. We are moving closer towards this. Congress has led the way on this journey."

"We need to be in Federal political life, we have Aboriginal leaders there already, but we need a voice to Parliament directly elected by First People," he said. We already have this in the UCA, with the collective voice of our people in our councils, elected by First Peoples.

Makarrata (a Yolngu Word) refers to the reconciliation of offender and victim, a spiritual notion, which may lead to bloodletting, and we rejoice that this has been done by Christ on the cross.

The current President of Congress, Rev. Garry Dronfield, said, "We speak with a passion. We seek a continuation of the covenant. Sovereignty refers to who we are and how we relate. Let us all commit to make these words into actions."



Fellowship News

In September, 20 Fellowship members caught the train to Glenalta and walked across to the Belair Hotel for a lovely lunch, lots of chatting time, fun and fellowship.

We enjoyed another train trip back to the city before going home by bus. It was a wonderful day out.

Our October meeting was a "travel quiz". Margaret Clogg showed 50 photos of different sites around the world and we had to guess where they were. Much chatter and laughter was heard as the groups at the tables tried to work them out.

In November our AGM. will be held.

All are welcome at our meetings!.



Chapel Street Community Garden
17-21 CHAPEL STREET MAGILL

OPEN DAY

17th November 10am - 2pm

Come and have a look through this beautiful and productive organic garden, have a cuppa, a chat, learn and be inspired by our guest speakers Sandra & Steven

- Sandra Ullrich Adelaide Bee Sanctuary - 10.30am
All about urban bee keeping and getting started
- Steven Hoepfner Local urban farmer - 12.30pm
'Productivity Secrets' how to get the most from your soil

Tea Coffee Cake Wood Fired Pizza
 Plant Sales

chapelsgarden@morialta.org.au

Working Bee

A working bee is planned for Saturday 10th November, 9.00am to 12.00noon, to spruce the place up for the Mighty Magill Market. Tasks will include window cleaning, weeding, and if we have enough able bodied people we will try to get the old organ out of the workshop shed. It would also be greatly appreciated if two or three people would volunteer to organise morning tea. Thanks.

The Property Team



Can YOU Help?

This year the Market and exhibition will be on November 24. Many people have volunteered to assist already, but, if you have been missed somehow, Bruce would love to hear from you!

Between now and the 24th if you re-pot plants, take cuttings, or, clean out your cupboards and wardrobes and are looking for somewhere to bring your unwanted items, please think of the market.

Of course, if you would like to bake for the market, baked goods can be brought to the church just before the market. They always sell well!

If you have any questions please call Bruce 0413 606 200.

Why your nose runs when it's cold - have you ever wondered?

Adapted from an article published by David King, Senior Lecturer at University of Queensland, in the Conversation October 2017.

Between 50 and 90% of people get a runny nose when it's cold. It is called "cold-induced rhinitis", or "skier nose".

It's the job of your nose to make the air you breathe in warm and wet so that when it gets to your lungs it does not irritate the cells. When inhaling air through the nose at subfreezing temperatures, the air in the back of the nose is usually about 26°C, but can be as high as 30°C. And the humidity of air at the back of the nose is usually around 100%, irrespective of how cold the air is we're breathing in.

This shows the nose is very effective at making sure the air we breathe becomes warm and wet before it reaches the lungs.

So how does it do this? Cold, dry air stimulates the nerves inside your nose, which send a message to your brain. Your brain then responds to this impulse by dilating blood vessels in the nose and increasing blood flow. Air passing over these dilated vessels is warmed. Secondly, the nose is triggered to produce more secretions via the mucous glands in order to provide the moisture to humidify the air being inhaled.

The cold, dry air also stimulates cells of your immune system (called "mast cells") in your nose. These cells trigger the

production of more liquid in your nose to make the air even more moist. It's estimated you can lose up to 300-400mL of fluid daily through your nose as it performs this function.

Heat and water loss are closely related: the act of heating the air in the nasal cavities means the lining of the nasal cavity (mucosa) becomes cooler than core body temperature; at the same time, water evaporates (becomes vapour) to make the air moist. Water evaporation, which requires large amounts of heat, takes heat from the nose, thus making it cooler.

In response, the blood flow to the nose increases further, as the task of warming the inhaled air takes precedence over heat loss from the nose – the body's normal response to cold is to shunt blood away from the surface to the deep vessels to minimise heat loss from the skin. So it's a difficult balancing act to achieve the correct amount of heat and moisture lost from the nose.

However if the compensatory mechanism is a little overactive, excess moisture not needed to humidify the cold dry air will drip from the nostrils. Mast cells are usually more sensitive in people with asthma and allergies, and the changes in blood vessels in people who are sensitive to environmental irritants and temperature changes are more active. That explains why nasal congestion and even sneezing can be triggered by the cold air.

The best solution is simply to carry some tissues or a handkerchief.





Morialta Magpie



Brian and Dale celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary.



Bob used his cricket trophies to illustrate his children's talk about being the greatest and the least.



Ray, Christine and Margaret enjoyed an afternoon at the netball finals.



Chris let his (pink) hair down as MC at the Brougham Place UC concert!



Diane Bury talked about her trip to Korea at Pot Luck Tea.



Ray and Margaret shared their New Zealand trip pictures at Pot Luck Tea.

More from Paulo Coelho...

When you find your path, you must not be afraid. You need to have sufficient courage to make mistakes. Disappointment, defeat, and despair are the tools God uses to show us the way.

The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them.

Everything tells me that I am about to make a wrong decision, but making mistakes is just part of life. What does the world want of me? Does it want me to take no risks, to go back to where I came from because I didn't have the courage to say "yes" to life?

Over 80s Afternoon Tea

Our growing group of OBEs (Over B*** Eighties!) were served a delightful afternoon tea by some of our under eighties, with musical entertainment provided by David Purling and Anne Ind. Thanks to all who made the occasion a success!



Dorothy Jean Adams 1927 - 2018

Adapted from Family Eulogy



Dorothy Jean Adams (Dot to most of us) was born at 15 Rowland Rd, Magill on the 19th June 1927 to parents Jack and Doll Lange.

Dot went to Magill Primary School and then to Norwood High School where she chose to do the Commercial Course and learnt shorthand.

Being at high school during the Second World War meant Dot's experiences were a little different from today. They had to wear ID tags around their necks, and they had to practice running as fast as they could to the trenches dug around the oval when the siren sounded. Curtain net was glued to the windows in another precaution to stop glass flying around the room in the event they were shattered.

Dot and sister Beryl were also part of the First Magill Brownie Pack, which met regularly on Saturday mornings. During holidays, together with Beryl and brother Colin, Dot spent a lot of time catching yabbies and collecting tadpoles in Third Creek. Her other favourite holiday past time was visiting her aunt's farm at Warooka on Yorke Peninsula – one of the novelties being no electricity, which meant eating tea and going to bed by candlelight.

Another childhood memory was when Dot and her siblings all developed whooping cough and the Doctor prescribed time by the sea, so during their convalescence they stayed in a boarding house at Glenelg. From then on the beach was a special place for Dot, especially the lovely fresh air of the early morning, which was so pure and bracing. Even years later she and Clem loved spending time at the beach and would often take the paper and some fruit and drive to a local beach and take in that fresh sea air.

Dot also learnt to dance and lessons included ballet, tap and musical comedy. When she was in grade 5 or 6 she performed in a special piece called 'Rendezvous' during the Centenary celebrations in 1936 as part of the Thousand Voice Choir at the Adelaide Town Hall. In fact the costume she wore was still hanging in a wardrobe in a bedroom at 5 Third St, Magill five years ago.

Dot played basketball (now Netball) as a teenager and young adult, and together with Beryl they were formidable goalies for Magill Methodists.

Dot was a valued member of Morialta UC for 85 years, starting as Magill Methodist then Magill UC and finally Morialta UC. She attended Sunday school, Junior Christian Endeavour and Comrades, taught Sunday School and attended Church with Clem and her children until she moved from her home in 2012. Grandchildren Luke and Josh are the 7th generation to be baptised at Morialta.

As teenagers during the war years Dot and Beryl and a young man named Clem organised dances and concerts at the Magill Institute to raise money for the Red Cross. Debutante balls were also popular as fund raisers and when Dot made her debut at age 18, Clem was her partner. She claimed that she wasn't keen initially but fortunately Clem persisted! They became engaged in January 1948 and married in Magill Methodist on 11th February 1950. They spent 55 years together until Clem's death in 2005.

The first 7 years they lived in a brick garage on "Grampy" Adams' one acre block in Magill. Chris was born in 1953 but by the time Dianne arrived in 1957 they were living in their own home next door.

Dot was a keen gardener and grew lots of flowers. Even in her 80's she would spend the day outside picking up sticks and twigs from the big gum tree on the corner. The family bought her a second green bin and she was usually able to fill them both.

Dot was always ready to help others and she was great support to her family – especially grandchildren – and they valued the love and guidance that she gave.

For the last 6 years of her life Dot needed assisted care and although she was reluctant to leave Magill, she finally moved to Estia Health Hope Valley (formerly Gleneagles) in 2012.

In the words of her daughter Dianne - "Dot was a good homemaker and a loving mother.

Death teaches us that life goes on. Remember the good times. Treasure the memories. Love you Mum."

Bill Corey 1917 - 2018



A regular attendee at Coffee Corner, Bill Corey, died recently aged 101 years. Bill was included in the 2014 Queen's Birthday honours list and awarded the Medal (OAM) in the General Division for service to veterans and their families, and to the community. Alison Lockett, on behalf of all at Coffee Corner, presented Bill with

a congratulatory card following the publication of his Queen's Birthday Honour, announcing him as William Thomas Corey OAM, to which he replied "I'm still Bill".

Bill was born at Riverton and grew up in Tarlee before enlisting in the army at the age of 22. Within months he was posted to Tobruk in northern Africa where his 43rd infantry battalion became famous as the "Rats of Tobruk" in halting the advance of the Italian-German forces.

Bill Corey wasn't just a Rat of Tobruk. He had an enviable service record, having been posted to five war zones in five years, battling first the Germans and later the Japanese.

After Tobruk, he was in Syria, then El-Alamein in Egypt, New Guinea and Borneo.

He was very involved with the 2/43rd Infantry Battalion club where he held many positions including President and was called upon to speak at many schools and organisations particularly around Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. Bill represented Australia in recent years at war memorial services in Brunei and Egypt and was on the Ghan train journey to Alice Springs and Darwin in 2011. This was much different from the time 70 years ago when he had an all expenses paid trip on the Queen Mary. At that time there were 11,000 other servicemen on board the troop carrier.

In civilian life he married and had two children, eight grand children and six great grand children. Bill ran a butcher's shop on Glen Osmond Road for 25 years. His wife, Iris, died eleven years ago following 61 years of marriage. Bill's funeral took place on 19th October, which was the 72nd anniversary of their marriage.

We were very pleased to have this gentle and humble man as one of our regulars at Coffee Corner.

WELCOME TO THE MORIALTA UNITING CHURCH COMMUNITY LIBRARY HUB

From Your Librarian

I am grateful to all of you who were involved in making the August Pop-Up Book Sale such a success. Thank you to all those who have assisted in the library this year and all who have borrowed resources. You help to keep the Morialta Uniting Church Community Library alive!

If you are interested in writing book reviews for the library page of Vision, please talk to Lorraine.

It's almost time for the **Mighty Magill Christmas Market**, a major fundraiser for the church, so if you have any more books, DVDs, etc. please consider donating them to the book stall at the market. Please leave them in the library for sorting. (Note that things like sets of encyclopaedias, old yellow small print paperbacks, do not sell well.). Any books that do not sell at the market are passed on to the Oxfam second hand book shop, so one way or another they will contribute to a good cause!

Lorraine Powers, Librarian

BOOK REVIEWS

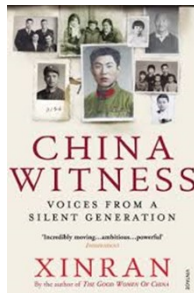
Non-Fiction:

CHINA WITNESS - VOICES FROM A SILENT GENERATION

By Xinran

Translated from Chinese by Esther Tydesley, Nicky Harman and Julia Lovell

Xinran is a female writer, born in China in 1958. She moved to London, UK, in 1997 and among her resulting books (including "What the Chinese don't eat!") is this valuable, detailed and interesting revelation of life for a wide range of the common people of China, published in 2009. For her interviews she travelled widely over China (map provided) and sought to talk especially with older people who were likely to have endured more of China's varied and often dangerous history, e.g. The Long March, from 1934. Yao Popo, or the Medicine Lady, of Xingyi in the south-west of China, was 79 years of age and amazed the author by providing a cure of living insects for a companion's skin complaint. Perhaps some of us should visit China. The main value of this book is that it gives a well-illustrated idea of what life has been really like in China.



Reviewed by Bryan Forbes

Crime Fiction:

CAMINO ISLAND

By John Grisham



This latest John Grisham novel tells the story of 5 thieves joining together to steal the manuscripts, papers and notes and letters from Princeton University "Firestone Library" where they had been deposited for "safe keeping".

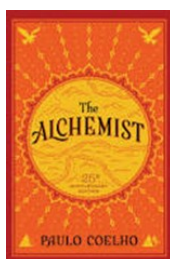
Grisham tells the story of the recovery from a remote book store on Camino Island and the characters involved. A good story that keeps you intrigued till the end.

Reviewed by Margaret Boundy

THE ALCHEMIST

by Paulo Coelho

I first discovered Paulo Coelho in 1996 when I stumbled upon *The Alchemist* in a bookshop in Sydney. It is one of the most beautiful stories I have ever read and a story that can be re-read many times. It is the story of an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from Spain, his homeland, to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. But it is far more than a hunt for lost treasure. Along the way the boy meets a gypsy woman, a king



(at least that is what the man who calls himself), and an alchemist – all of whom guide him towards his destination. Santiago encounters many obstacles on his journey, and what begins as a search for treasures, becomes a discovery of his inner self and the treasures he carries within him. In my opinion, one critic accurately describes the book as being "lush, evocative, and deeply humane". Rather than a journey, *The Alchemist* is really a testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

"A wise and inspiring fable about the pilgrimage that life should be."

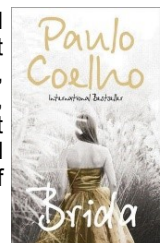
Kenzaburo Oë, 1994 Nobel Laureate in Literature

First published in English by Harper Collins Publishers, 1994 (Available in Morialta UC Library)

BRIDA

Also by Paulo Coelho

Brida is the story of a beautiful young Irish girl and her quest for knowledge. It is a story about a young woman who meets in turn a wise man, who teaches her how to overcome her fears, and a woman who teaches her how to dance. It is also "a tale of love, passion, mystery and spirituality" as she makes her own journey of discovery.



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Paulo Coelho de Souza

Adapted from Wikipedia

Paul Coelho (kwɛljɔ) – born 24 August 1947 – is a Brazilian lyricist and novelist and the recipient of numerous international awards. He is best known for his widely translated novel *The Alchemist*. He attended a Jesuit school and wanted to become a writer. Upon telling his mother, she responded, "My dear, your father is an engineer. He's a logical, reasonable man with a very clear vision of the world. Do you actually know what it means to be a writer?" At 17, Coelho's opposition to following a traditional path led to his parents committing him to a mental institution from which he escaped three times before being released at the age of 20. His catholic parents were strict about religion and faith. Coelho later remarked that "They did not do that to destroy me; they did that to save me."

He did enrol in law school and abandoned his dream of becoming a writer, but he dropped out after a year and lived life travelling as a hippie. He worked as a songwriter, composing lyrics for Elis Regina, Rita Lee, and Brazilian icon Raul Seixas. This led to Coelho being associated with magic and occultism, due to the content of some of his songs. In 1974, Coelho was arrested for "subversive" activities by the ruling military government who viewed his lyrics as left-wing and dangerous. Coelho also worked as an actor, journalist, and theatre director before pursuing his writing career.

We have included a number of Paul Coelho's quotes in this edition of Vision.

The Paradoxes of Being a Servant-Leader

Strong enough to be weak
Successful enough to fail
 Busy enough to make time
Wise enough to say "I don't know"
 Serious enough to laugh
Rich enough to be poor
 Right enough to say "I'm wrong"
Compassionate enough to discipline
 Mature enough to be childlike
Important enough to be last
 Planned enough to be spontaneous
Controlled enough to be flexible
 Free enough to endure captivity
Knowledgeable enough to ask questions
 Loving enough to be angry
Great enough to be anonymous
 Responsible enough to play
Assured enough to be rejected
 Victorious enough to lose
Industrious enough to relax
 Leading enough to serve.

*Brewer, as cited by Hansel, 1987: from a booklet,
 "Servant-Leadership Characteristics in Organisational Life"
 by Don De Graaf, Colin Tulley and Larry Neal
<http://home.earthlink.net/~denmartin/slc.html>*



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Diary Dates

Sunday 4 November 5.50pm	SP@CE Self-guided worship experience
Saturday 10 November 9.00am to 12noon	Church Working Bee Tidy up for the Market!
Thursday 15 November 9.45am	Fellowship AGM
Thursday 15 to Saturday 17 November	Presbytery Synod Meeting
Tuesday 20 November 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 24 November 9.00am to 2.00pm	Mighty Magill Christmas Market
Sunday 2 December 10.45am	Meeting of the Congregation
Wednesday 12 December 12noon	Christmas Lunch (Lunch on Chapel)
Thursday 13 December	Fellowship Christmas
Monday 17 December 7.30pm	Blue Christmas
Monday 24 December 7.30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
Tuesday 25 December 9.00am	Christmas Day Worship
Sunday 30 December and Sundays in January	Combined worship services at 9.30am

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