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From our Minister...

As I write for August Vision I am mindful of the day that recognises Refugees and Migrants — Sunday August 25th. I reflect on our nation, Australia, and the make-up of the population of this so called “Lucky Country”. It was once said this country was ‘built off the sheep’s back’, referring to the wool and farming industry. Today, I wonder if it is now built on the contributions of migrants and refugees. That is, celebrating and acknowledging all that people bring to this nation, remembering that most of us are 2nd peoples of this land, with a history of migration of some degree.

I recently read an article that discussed the value of how encountering difference can transform ourselves and our communities.¹ The writer reflects by saying, “I think that just meeting someone once is not enough to understand them. Hearing someone speak or argue a point is also often not enough to change an opinion. Rather, an ongoing encounter with a number of people is the key to understanding ourselves and to negotiating differences. Engaging with others, especially those who are different to us, often requires a renegotiation of our own presuppositions, our ways of being, and our ways of giving and receiving hospitality.” How often is it true that our perceptions, actions and understanding have changed through engaging with people different from us. The writer goes on to say that “to encounter others who do not share the same customs or culture as us can be a challenge for anyone...but it can equally be an enriching opportunity.” What are the many contributions, customs and positive influences we can acknowledge and celebrate today on Migrant and Refugee Sunday?

I am also reminded of the mandate to ‘welcome the stranger’ as a response to the Gospel. Jesus says that anytime we

welcome a stranger we welcome Jesus himself (Matthew 25) and we are to ‘love one another’ (John 13:34-35).

The Uniting Church has a commitment to justice, and makes this call to Civic leaders regarding Refugees:

The Uniting Church in Australia responds to the grace proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who himself was a refugee.

We are called to work with all our hearts and minds to love God, who is revealed in Jesus Christ.

We are called to express love and generosity of spirit to the world for whom Christ died, including the most marginalized people.

We seek to love the neighbour who is different and welcome the stranger in our midst.

We implore civic leaders to reflect the deep values of Australians, shaped by different nations and cultures, who seek to live in a world characterized by peace and goodwill.

We therefore ask those leaders to embrace a spirit of compassion and concern for human dignity in their considerations with regards to Refugee and Asylum-seeker policy development.²

So we join with Sisters and Brothers, from East and West, South and North in celebrating what each can bring to the table of fellowship for the common good.

Rev Bob

¹ <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet/960-migrant-and-refugee-kit-2019-online/file>

² Source: *Amelia Koh-Butler*, Adopted by the South Australian Presbytery and Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia, October 2016



Chairperson Writes ...

Warm greetings to all in the Morialta community, and welcome to this mid-winter issue of *Vision!* As usual, quite a bit has been going on. We have, with warm thanks, farewelled Helena Begg after 10 years as our Administrative Coordinator and welcomed Annette Latham to the role. Our program of reviews continues on track. Council is pleased to report that the Library will continue as an integral part of our mission, forming an ongoing part of the Community Centre MMT family of programs. The full review report will be available for you to read soon. The Pastoral Care Review is into its final stages, and the review team is analysing the questionnaire responses you have provided to us. Many thanks to everyone for their help with this very important task!

At our Congregation Meeting held on 4 August we had a further chance to continue discussion about Morialta's future mission priorities. Although we are still waiting for professional reports on aspects of the church building, we considered how we might begin to move our thinking towards implementing 'Scenario 2': A Magill Village Community Centre Hub, actively welcoming folk across cultures and age groups, and offering a range of programs including worship. The promised small group has now been convened to take the discussion further, and we met for the first time on August 13th. Members are Bob, Christine Secombe, Rhonda Amber, Craig Mackenzie, Gaynor Hallows, Bruce Ind, Annette Latham and me.

There was a real buzz of excitement as we shared key ideas and brainstormed

possible actions that might form part of the way forward. See the separate article in this issue entitled 'Towards Scenario 2 Thinking' for more details. We agreed that 'trying out' some of the ideas in practice was a valuable exercise – and you will see an example of this in the arrangement of the foyer at present. Be assured that things that have been moved have not been removed – and it is all to help us move towards a more open, welcoming, hospitable 'feel'.

And remember, if you'd like to talk about anything I've written, or have any questions or comments on anything Morialta-related, please be in touch by phone, email or in person. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Social Justice Mission Ministry Team Report June 2019

SJMMT continues to raise concerns about the treatment of refugees. Morialta observed Refugee Sunday on 16th June. We continue to support Justice for Refugees SA and welcome Rev Sandy Boyce as the new chairperson.

SJMMT sent letters to all the candidates in Mayo and Sturt Divisions inviting them to provide information on policies relating to a range of issues. However, no candidates responded.

Together with Worship & Faith Ed Team we have selected a number of "special days" from the list provided by UCA, which Morialta will focus on during 2019.

As well as refugees, other major issues of concern are the Government's lack of response to the Uluru Statement and apparent continuing lack of commitment to deal with Climate Change, press freedom, and cuts to the foreign aid budget.

We are investigating sponsoring public forums on issues of concern, with an invited speaker or speakers. We also

plan to make better use of the electronic notice board to promote events and provide information via videos.

We will focus on 4 worship services over the next 6 months – these include NAIDOC week (7th July), Refugee and Migrant Sunday (25th August), Breaking the Silence (SJ Sunday 22nd September) and International Day of People with Disability (Differently Abled People) (3rd December).

Colin Cargill
Team Leader

A Reflection - Inspired by the Native Peoples of the World

We open with a daily prayer of the Lakota American Indian

Let us give thanks for this beautiful day.
Let us give thanks for this life. Let us give thanks for the water without which life would not be possible. Let us give thanks for Grandmother Earth who protects and nourishes us.

To tribal people, every day is beautiful because it is a gift from the Creator. When we live in relationship with nature, we inherently know that the change of seasons and all kinds of

weather are necessary for our continuation and that of the planet.

Only in western culture, which is based upon judgment, perfectionism, and the illusion of control, have we come to believe that we should be able to control nature and that some days are better than others. We forget that we did not create this life we are living. It is a gift from the Creator, and we have the possibility – the possibility – of living it.

The earth sustains us. I recently heard the CEO of a major corporation, while praising science and technology; say to a group of American Indians, "Nature will not feed you." His ignorance was so

blatant that no one felt any wish to correct him.

However much we pillage and pollute her, Grandmother Earth still feeds us. We cannot afford to poison our earth.

Starting our day by giving thanks for the obvious that has become obscure to us may save us and the planet.

*Adapted from an article by
Anne Wilson Schaefer PhD*



Finance Operational Ministry Team Report July 2019

Key activities include breaking in the new Treasurer; settling down CBU relationships; financing north wall refurbishment, solar panels and student house project; and resolving Fellowship fund potential audit concerns.

Issues of concern include expenditure flowing on from engineering survey of church; cost of renovating stained glass

windows; ongoing expenditure on the manse; effect of demographics on income from offerings; financial impact of replacing volunteer effort with contractors as current volunteers age; physical ability of congregation to support other fundraising activities such as Lunch on Chapel

Key plans for the next 6 months include introducing new procedures for management of on-line banking; budget preparation; preparing case for installing solar panels on student houses; reviewing financial procedures

to include requirement for three quotes for expenditure likely to exceed \$500 (irrespective of whether they are budgeted); inviting Steve Begg to lead on longer term financial risk analysis; and assisting Annette Latham in her settling in period, by avoiding unnecessary change to the way we do business.

*John Thornton
Treasurer & Team Leader*

Community Centre Mission Ministry Team Report July 2019

Lunch on Chapel continues to provide a strong witness of welcome to the community.

A review of our library has been taking place with 36 responses to a survey. CCMMT looks forward to receiving the recommendations from the review.

Playgroup numbers continue to be small but it is hoped that this will change with the re-association of Morialta Playgroup with Playgroups SA

As our programs rely on significant volunteer involvement, we are pleased to know that moves have been made to develop association with Volunteering SA.

CCMMT is keen to explore the developments that will arise through

the internal consultation agreed to at a recent congregation meeting.

CCMMT is in a 'holding pattern' and if new initiatives present themselves and are easily achieved without expenditure of significant resources, we will explore their implementation

*Bruce Ind
Team Leader*



On Leaving the Office....

It's been just over ten years since I took on the office role. When I started, I had been out of paid employment for about 19 years, partly due to living in the US, where my visa did not allow me to work, and also due to raising our two boys.

We came to Adelaide at the end of 2002 and soon settled into the congregation here. I gradually got to know people, particularly through being a volunteer in the kitchen on Wednesdays. It's been wonderful to see how people at Morialta support each other in times of need and times of celebration.

The office job became available at a time when I was beginning to feel the

need to find more to occupy my time, as the boys were getting older and more independent. As a physics graduate with no administrative experience I did not rate my chances highly, but I'd like to acknowledge the leap of faith taken by Bruce and Mary in employing me.

It was a steep learning curve in the early days, getting to know people and the organization, as well as learning quite a few new computer skills. Now I sometimes feel like Morialta's equivalent of Google, because I have acquired such a store of information about the church premises, people and activities!

I have worked alongside six different ministers, as well as several other retired ministers and they're all different, but it's been a good and varied experience. The office is at the centre of Morialta physically and I have found myself in the privileged position of being connected to almost all the groups and individuals in the place, as well as the outside hirers who use the facilities. I will miss the daily

interactions with so many people.

I'm not going anywhere – just stepping out of the office and looking for new outlets for my time and skills. I'll still be around in various voluntary roles.

I wish Annette well as she takes on the role – parts of the job are predictable each week, but many other unpredictable things land on the desk or come through the door, which keeps life interesting! Let me just say that although I was happy to deal with things on Sundays, please try to leave Annette free from office matters until Monday, unless she says otherwise.

Steve retired from regular employment two weeks before me and we look forward to exploring what retirement means for both of us at this time, when our boys are also moving on to new experiences in their lives.

Thanks to you all for your support and kindness while I've been in the office!

Helena

President's Invitation

Dear friends, I invite members of the Uniting Church in Australia and all who share in our hope for the healing of the Earth, to take part in the Global Climate Action on September 20, 2019. This Earth is created by our good and generous Creator. We are connected to the Earth and are called to live with care and respect toward the whole Creation. In the Scriptures and in our

present context we hear Christ's call to participate in Christ's renewal of the creation. Climate refugees, widening deserts, polluted oceans, endangered animals and vanishing forests are signs of the suffering of our planet, and a cry for us to take compassionate action as disciples of Christ. We are passionately committed to contributing our voice and action toward a world in which all people, creatures and the Earth can

flourish. We call on our Australian Government to enact climate change policy that recognises our contribution to the crisis facing our planet, and acts to effectively address the crisis and contribute to the healing of God's Earth.

Grace and peace.

Deidre Palmer, President
Uniting Church in Australia Assembly



Refugee Stories: In Their Own Words by Laurie Nowell

'Refugee Stories: In their own words' is the first-hand accounts of dozens of refugees who have fled conflict or persecution and begun new lives in Australia.

The incredible and sometimes heart-wrenching stories are told by the individuals themselves.

The book includes the story of a Syrian Christian man 'George' who survived a year as a captive of the brutal militant Islamist group ISIS and who was constantly threatened with death while being ignorant of the fate of his wife and daughter.

There is the story of Cambodian refugee Hap Dan who, as a small boy sitting on his father's shoulders, made a journey to freedom and safety through Pol Pot's infamous 'killing fields'.

And there is also the tale of South Vietnamese naval officer Hao Quach, who steered a rickety boat through stormy seas filled with pirates on an epic journey to safety and salvation.

If you are feeling depressed, or think that love and compassion are in short supply – read this book. It is full of amazing heroism and self-sacrifice in the face of trauma, torture and cruelty. But it also contains wonderful anecdotes of what individuals and communities within Australia (Nhill for one) have done. After reading this book, no one could say compassion and love are in short supply. EO of refugee

settlement agency AMES Australia Cath Scarth said the book was a reminder of the contributions refugees make to Australia. "Refugees bring with them resilience, optimism and a deep work ethic. Australia is fortunate to have people with these qualities."

'Refugee Stories' is about the experiences and the hopes and aspirations of refugees who have made Australia home.

Funds raised by the sale of the book will go to support refugees and asylum seekers in need.

Refugee Stories: In Their Own Words, Laurie Nowell, Wilkinson Publishing – available in the Morialta Library or from Booktopia (\$23.75)

See Page 8 of this edition of Vision for extracts from this book.

Peace and Good Wishes to All—For the Earth

Based on a letter from Philippa Rowland (President, Multifaith Assoc of SA) and Anne Hewitt (Exec Officer, SA Council of Churches)

Following the Christchurch and Sri Lankan tragedies members of the Multifaith Association of SA and the SA Council of Churches came together to share prayers for peace and recognise their commitment to strive for interfaith harmony in South Australian communities.

As a result of dialogue, prayer and reflection, an Interfaith Rapid Response Network is being established in SA. It is based on three key outcomes that were clearly identified, and welcomed, as the basis of an Interfaith Rapid Response Network. These are listed below, including the resultant agreed actions:

- Create an open network of faith contacts that will collectively enable a rapid response to religiously-motivated violence or natural disaster. This will include identifying a 'point person' for each participating faith and the provision of names, emails and mobile numbers to share through this network
- Develop a shared calendar of events where friendship and understanding within and between faith groups can be nurtured and celebrated. Both the Multifaith Association SA and the SA Council of Churches will gather and distribute event information (with active support from all participating members) pending development of a better mechanism.
- Disaster and Recovery Chaplaincy and Multifaith Community Training: The Multifaith community will

identify and encourage people from within their faith tradition to join the Disaster & Recovery Ministries SA network that supports and assists people who have been affected by disasters and major emergencies in Adelaide and regional SA. Wendy Perkins (coordinator of Disaster & Recovery Ministries SA) has already met with Philippa Rowland (Multifaith Association SA) and created an invitation for people from all faiths. The next two training sessions are planned for 22-23 August in Warradale and 22-23 October in Stirling.

It is hoped that this will be the beginning of a time of flourishing friendship and collaboration, as people of faith together, living in peace, sharing the gifts of loving kindness, compassion, assistance and care to all South Australians.

God's Thoughts on Lawns:

A conversation between God, St Francis and St Catherine.

GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistles and stuff I started ages ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought, and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blooms attracts butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

St Francis: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers "weeds" and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds, and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St Francis: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilising grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St Francis: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it – sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bail it like hay?

St Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St Francis: No, sir. Just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilise grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St Francis: Yes, sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St Francis: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

St Francis: You'd better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter, to keep the soil moist and loose?

St Francis: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

St Francis: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

St Catherine: The movie is called 'Dumb and dumber', Lord. It's a story about...

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St Francis.

Anonymous

Contributed by Peter Thornley

Fellowship News

At our July meeting Brian and Dale Corrigan gave us an interesting insight into life onboard the Pacific Princess around the Pacific Islands.



In August, Margaret Cargill spoke and showed photos of the amazing modernist architecture of Antoni Gaudi in Barcelona.

Both meetings were followed by a light lunch and much fun and fellowship.

On Thursday 19 September 9.45am we will have a speaker from SA Ambulance to speak to us and give a CPR demonstration. As numbers are required, please contact the office or Margaret Clogg on 0419 891 312 or 8337 5728 if you are interested in coming. All welcome.

Margaret Clogg



Fair Trade

Oxfam have been brewing up a new coffee partnership with Bean Alliance Group – Oxfam's long-term coffee roasting partner. This collaboration means you can continue to purchase your favourite Oxfam fair trade coffee and drinking chocolate from Australian supermarkets and online. This will ensure there is no disruption to the income of farmers supplying Oxfam's fair coffee and drinking chocolate. Bean Alliance Group are also giving a percentage of sales from each product to Oxfam Australia. Together, we can continue to change the world by empowering communities to tackle poverty and you can continue to change the world, one cup of coffee at a time!

Concerts at Morialta

The Second Wind Ensemble

The Adelaide based Second Wind Ensemble performed for us on Sunday 21st July and those who attended thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of music. The program ranged from light jazz through to light classical and included many well-known themes from musicals and films. The audience thoroughly enjoyed themselves and a number of the musicians enthused about the venue – both the acoustics and the atmosphere.

Through the generosity of SWE, Morialta made a profit of \$1,060 after donating \$200 to the SWE music student scholarship program.

We look forward to another performance in 2020.

Adelaide Connection in Concert @ Morialta!

The students will return to Morialta on Sunday 29th September for an "Afternoon of Music", from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, at Morialta.

Wine / tea / coffee / and water will be available during intermission.

The Adelaide Connection is the Elder Conservatorium's premier Jazz Choir and they have built a repertoire of harmonically vocal music, both a cappella and accompanied.

Tickets cost \$20 and are available

at Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/BEPDQ>

from the office

or cash sale at the door.

This is a fundraising event for Morialta projects and will also support the choir.

To make life easier for the Morialta Community Building and Fundraising Committee (CB&FRC), we encourage you to buy tickets well before the date.
Thankyou!

Newton (now Morialta UC) Netball Club

A short history

Post war records of the Newton Netball Club begin in 1950 when Newton, with only one team, took out the premiership.

Numbers peaked in 1974 and 1979 with 12 teams and in 1987 there were 7 teams in winter competition. During this era the club won 71 pennants.

Many players gained places in zone teams and age group state teams, but 2 players were selected in the top state team. They were Dorothy Lomman (now Hawtin) and Jan Barton (now Milbank) in 1973.

The uniform was green with 2 tartan bands and a white blouse, but in 1974 a new uniform was introduced for the A team - a green pleated wrap around skirt with a vertical tartan stripe and a white shirt.

In the early years, Rex Brereton served as Vice-President for 20 years with Ann Trenberth serving the longest stretch as Secretary. Jack Barton also umpired in these years. By the late 1980s the club had recognised and awarded 3 life memberships. They were Bill Markwick, Sally White (nee Slape) and Graham Vincent.

Bill had worked with the club since it began in about 1930. He umpired for a total of 22 years, 8 of which were prior to the war and the rest from 1950 until he retired in 1964.

Sally White was a member of the 1950 premiership team. She played for a number of years before devoting herself to coaching junior teams. She moved to Perth in 1969.

Graham Vincent has worked untiringly for the club. He was Vice-President from 1970-1979 and with the introduction of the new constitution, Chairman for 1980-1984. During this whole period, he, together with his wife Heather, who was Secretary for 17 years, was responsible for the Club's organisation. Graham is an A grade umpire and was an interstate umpire from 1972-1974.

In 1974, the Club received a letter from the United Churches Netball Association applauding it on making history by having 3 graded umpires in one club. They were Graham and Heather Vincent and Jan Barton.

By 1984 the club had 9 graded umpires, the others being Max Thornton, Belinda Dansie, Sandra Vincent, Judith Vincent, Kathryn Dansie and Brenda Hosking.

As the 70th celebration of the club was this year, we can only assume from the above records that the club started in 1949 and records started the following year in 1950. However, it seems that netball (or basketball) was being played at Newton well before this date.

Down the years the name has changed several times – from Newton Methodist Basketball Club 1949 to Newton Methodist Netball Club 1970. (Australia and N.Z. changed name to Netball in 1970) then Newton U.C.A. Netball Club 1977 and finally Morialta U.C.A. Netball Club 1999.



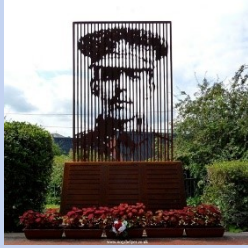
2019 Netball Winter Grand Final Results

Morialta UC Netball Club currently has 21 teams of which 11 made the finals and 5 teams [B5 (open), B2 (open), U15 Div 4, U15 Div 5, and U9 Div 3] made the grand finals.

The B5 (open) Team, coached by Jude Johnson, went all the way and won their grand final.

Photo: B5 (open) Winter Premiers





Sacrifice and Remembrance

My birthplace is a small country town situated between the banks of the River Derwent and the Chevin Hills which signal the start of the Pennine Chain, often referred to as the 'backbone' of England. My forebears have consisted of miners, labourers, mill workers, weavers, farmers and nailers – and though many might have yearned for recognition they would have been only too aware how futile that would be for people born into the working classes. Their lives consisted of toil and precious small moments of joy, and they would never have imagined that their existence would have counted for much to those who came afterwards. We have a few colourful scoundrels in our family tree but I like to think that most of my family were brought up with similar standards to mine; to treat all men alike; to stand up for those who are weaker and to be unafraid to speak out in defence of what you believe to be true.

Jim Green was one of those people. He volunteered to join the ranks of young men who fought in the Great War, and died in the Battle of the Somme. Fourteen young men from Belper died on that same day – 1st July 1916. It was the greatest loss of life in a single day that my little hometown has ever recorded in all its history. Every man was mourned by a grieving family before life sadly moved on and then the families also died and those young men, including Jim, were just statistics to be counted in history. Few people ever gave thought to the men, their lives and the faces behind those numbers – until now.

Belper folk held many events last year to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War, and the last event was called *THE FOURTEEN*, a musical that ended with the actors carrying onstage, metal pikes which they stored in a rack.

Each pike had been fashioned differently so that as each long pole was stored, it gradually made up a face – the face of sorrow and sacrifice – the face of my ancestor Jim Green. The image was powerful, unique and carried with it all the emotion stirred by memories of a real man, one of many real young men who died believing they were going to create a better world. The artist who created this stunning end piece, was later commissioned to create a permanent version and tee-shirts were sold during the past year with Jim's face portrayed on the front. Suddenly, the lad from Belper was the face of everything heroic, and futile about war. Many bought the tee-shirts and were proud to acknowledge Jim as one of their own – a handsome young miner with little education, who believed that his effort was honourable and something that just had to be done.

Today in the Belper Memorial Gardens, the commissioned sculpture called *SACRIFICE* stands showing Jim Green's young face as he was photographed proudly wearing his army cap.

Thousands of people contributed to the money and time needed to make that memorial and when I was recently in Belper I attended another fundraising concert which culminated in the singing of *ONLY REMEMBERED*, the song created for the film *WARHORSE*. The words were written on the 30th June 1916 by Walter Pepper, another Belper man, just the day before he died.

Jim Green would never have believed that over 100 years after his death, the people in his home town would be gazing at his face as it looks over the Memorial Gardens in the centre of town. Like Jim, we are all anonymous dots in eternity, but we can all be remembered. Nothing that we ever do is in isolation. Others are always going to judge us for the way we conduct ourselves but the good and bad of our lives can impact through the years, long after we've departed this world. Jim is remembered for his courage, his honour, his dignity and his belief that one life could make a difference.

How will we be remembered?

Jan Thornton

The Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker,
Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that
shall be,
Father and Mother of us all.
Loving God, in whom is
heaven, the hallowing of your
name echoes through the
universe!
The way of your justice be
followed by the peoples of
the earth!
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace
and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.
With the bread we need for
today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from
one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and
test, spare us.
From the grip of all that is
evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of
the power that is love,
now and forever.
Amen.

The Sound of History Humming

From Liturgy for Celebrating Life

The sound of history humming,
the origins of time,
as galaxies are clustered,
as light and matter rhyme:
philosophers imagine
while science gathers facts,
we reach for understanding,
yet what we know contracts.
As yet the mystery blinds us,
confined by birth and death,
but human exploration
will not discard the quest;
as yet we live in tension:
the only earth we know
is where all skill and science
must help our love to grow.



Extracts from "Refugee Stories: In Their Own Words" by Laurie Nowell

The Business of Settling into a New Community

Eritrean refugee Nadia Hassan, mother of three and a refugee from Eritrea, has built a thriving import and retail business in the heart of multicultural Footscray, in Melbourne's west. 'I came to Australia from Eritrea as a refugee in 1988. I came because there was a war there. I could not stay in my country,' Nadia said.

Eritrea has been wracked by a succession of civil wars since the 1960s and Nadia and her family, along with thousands of others, were forced to leave behind their homes and their way of life.

She spent some time in a refugee camp and when she arrived in Australia, she needed to learn English. After a few months Nadia started work in factories and hotels, but she always wanted to save money to start a business. First, she started importing some lines of foods that she knew could sell to the Eritrean community. It took a long time before the business became successful but she never gave up. Now the business imports food products from across the globe as well as health and beauty lines. Her Paisley Street shop stocks special flours and dried fruits and spices.

Two of her three children are studying at university and one is completing high school.

Running a business has made Nadia feel settled and part of the community. 'This is my home. I feel lucky to be here in Australia and to have the opportunity to do something that I wanted to do. Australia has opportunities for anyone if you are prepared to work hard and if you have an idea.'

Asylum Seeker Wins National Poetry Prize

Twelve-year-old Maryam Sathat Sobhani had only encountered the English language just two years before winning a national poetry prize. The daughter of asylum seekers from Iran,

Maryam wrote a poem titled "Me" which won the Upper Primary category in the 2014 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. Maryam's poem alludes to the uncertainties of life and a sense of self for people who are displaced from their traditional homes.

Maryam and her family hail from Shiraz, which is known as a city of poets and literature. They fled Iran in 2012. Her father ran a pizza restaurant and ice cream shop. The Iranian authorities closed it because of its associations with the West and its function as a gathering place for young people.

The family left Iran and came by boat to Australia from Indonesia. They spent time on Manus Island, on Christmas Island and in detention in Darwin before being released in Melbourne.

"Life in Iran became very hard for us with the government. But here things are much better and Maryam can go to a good school" Maryam's father said.

Maryam's winning poem:

Me

I wonder who I am?

Or where I am meant to be? Or where I could be?

Or how to leave?

Or how to be a true person? I wonder!

I wonder how I can fit in this world? Or how to be right?

But no one can answer my questions.

A Musician's Battle to be Heard

Iranian saxophonist Hadi Mohammadi was in an invidious position. Either give up his dream of a career in music or risk ending up in jail – or worse.

The crackdown on secular music by the Iranian authorities, and the fact that he had been arrested and locked up several times, – left Hadi no choice but to gather his family and flee. (*Imagine if Kym Purling had been forbidden to play the piano!* Ed)

Hadi and his wife and child flew to Indonesia and found a people smuggler to take them to Australia by boat. The journey was a 13-day ordeal, with rough weather and sickness. "It was very bad and I was afraid for my family but I

didn't have any choice if I wanted to have a safe life and live my dream to play music," Hadi said.

Since arriving in Australia, Hadi has been playing with a number of bands. As an asylum seeker on a bridging visa, he does not have work rights, but plays as a volunteer. He is involved with groups playing classical music, swing, big band and blues - music he could never hope to perform publicly in Iran.

"In Australia there is freedom to play whatever music you like. I am playing with three very good groups and I feel very good about this", Hadi said. "Here people appreciate many kinds of music and I hope I can work as a musician one day."

Refugees and Migrants in Australia – Some facts

Adapted from Refugee Stories: In Their Own Words by Laurie Nowell

Australia can legitimately claim to be the most successful multicultural society in the world. Since World War Two around 8 million migrants have come to Australia, including almost one million refugees. Though technically not refugees, many of the migrants were fleeing poverty and political repression. Around 26% of Australians were born overseas compared with 23% for New Zealand, 22% Canada, 14% USA and 13% The UK.

Migrant business owners employ more than 1.4 million people and migration is set to contribute \$1.6 trillion to Australia's economy by 2050 (Migration Council of Australia).

Australia also appears to maintain high levels of social cohesion and support for multiculturalism. A Scanlon Foundation report states that 91% of people living in Australia professed a sense of belonging; 89% express pride in our way of life; 83% believe multiculturalism had been a good thing; and 66% said Australians should do more to learn about the culture and customs of different ethnic and cultural groups in the country. Meanwhile, 74 per cent agreed that in their local areas people from different nationalities or ethnic groups get on well together.

Sara's story

Adapted from the Australian Department of Social Services website



Sara was 13 when the war in Iraq began. Instead of spending her days at school or with friends, she and her family were forced into hiding for fear of persecution. Sara and her family were all born and raised in Iraq, but are of Palestinian heritage. This means they were stateless — with many restrictions placed on them including being unable to ever own a house or car. And that was before the war.

Once the war began in 2003, Sunni Muslims (particularly of Palestinian heritage), were in danger. Sara and her family fled to Syria and a year and a half later, their prayers were answered.

“When we arrived, I was overwhelmed. I couldn’t speak any English, the culture was so different but at the same time I felt so welcome and supported.”, Sara said.

Humanitarian Settlement Services (HSS) provided basic furniture, kitchenware and toiletries. “I don’t have the words to explain how grateful we are for that support. It made me feel like this really was our new home. The careful consideration and attention to detail was amazing. It sounds silly now, but I remember noticing and appreciating that we all had our own toothbrush, own pillow, own towel all laid out for us.”

Sara was even given a second-hand computer to help her complete her studies. “Having access to that computer got me through year 12 and my first years at TAFE.”

She also found the trauma counselling immensely helpful during her first year in Australia. “My counsellor helped me so much especially in the early days.”

In her first two years in Australia, Sara had learnt to speak English, completed year 12, had two jobs and was studying at TAFE.

One of Sara’s greatest joys was when she saved enough money and bought her own car.

Sara is now studying a Bachelor of Social Work. Like most refugees, Sara

wants to give back by helping people on a similar journey.

Everyone that comes to Australia has a story to tell. Sara’s story is just one from the hundreds and thousands of refugees and humanitarian entrants that have come to Australia.

“I couldn’t understand English but I understood smiles.”

Based on a reflection by Danijel Malbasa From UNHCR

Raised in a refugee camp, missing an education and having lost a parent, it was five years until Danijel could begin to rebuild his life. Two decades on, Danijel reflects on life as a child forced to flee, and his journey to Australia.

I recently found a grainy photo stuck between the yellowing pages of my mother’s old photo album. It was taken on 23 April 1999 and my family and I were about to board a UNHCR chartered bus to take us to Budapest for a flight to South Korea, and then on to Adelaide, our new home. I was 12 and it was my first plane ride.

We couldn’t speak English. We knew no one in Australia. The entire contents of our lives were stuffed into one duffle bag between the four of us: a mother and three sons

We should have been rejoicing. We’d just won the refugee lottery, a chance at resettlement. But everyone looks solemn after so much loss: a home, possessions, a childhood, a father, a husband and a country.

Our sister could not come with us – immigration laws can separate families with a stroke of a pen. We left her in a war zone – heavily pregnant. I pressed my face against the back window of the bus and watched as she disappeared. All my mother ever wanted was to keep her family together, but it would take another six years for us all to be reunited. It was a long journey for my mother to get us onto that bus. We fled from Croatia under the cover of darkness. We walked for days and nights in search of safety before finding shelter at a refugee camp.

My mother got a job milking 300 cows every morning at a nearby dairy. It was

my job to herd the cows and carry heavy buckets twice my body weight in the freezing cold. I was unpaid. I was out of school. I was eight years old.

Five years later, at the airport in Budapest we were met by a woman who worked for the United Nations. She spoke to us in English with lots of winks and bright smiles. *I couldn’t understand English, but I understood smiles.*

UNHCR and Australia offered me resettlement but most importantly a new life.

Danijel Malbasa is a Melbourne based industrial lawyer. He volunteers his legal skills helping asylum seeker applicants and writes to humanise the refugee experience.

What do the UNHCR's Official Statistics for 2018 tell us about Australia's Refugee Program?

In December 2018 there were 25.9 million refugees with another 3.5 million seeking asylum. The largest numbers of refugees were from Syria (6.65 million), Afghanistan (2.68 million), South Sudan (2.29 million), Myanmar (1.15 million) and Somalia (950,000). The number of people seeking asylum globally grew by 412,400, with much of this increase resulting from the crisis in Venezuela.

The five countries hosting the largest number of refugees were Turkey (3.68 million), Pakistan (1.40 million), Uganda (1.17 million), Sudan (1.08 million) and Germany (1.07 million). By comparison, Australia’s official refugee population was 56,933 – 45th overall, 50th on a per capita basis and 88th relative to national Gross Domestic Product (GDP). While the world figures exclude refugees who have been resettled, Australia includes those who have been given permanent protection onshore and refugees on temporary protection visas.

Between January 2009 and December 2018, Australia recognised or resettled 180,790 refugees or 0.89% of the 20.3 million refugees recognised globally. Australia’s total contribution for the decade is ranked 25th overall, 29th per capita and 54th relative to national GDP.

Towards 'Scenario 2' Thinking at Morialta?

We're on the way somewhere at Morialta – not sure exactly where yet! And, in fact, it was ever thus! The Basis of Union calls the Church “a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal”; Jesus didn't establish any permanent base but encouraged his disciples to keep moving on, meeting people where they were. At our Congregation Meeting on 4 August, I spoke about some of the markers of our journey so far, some of the things we are waiting for to inform the next firm steps, and also some of the things we can do now to move our thinking forward about what Scenario 2 might look like. A brief reminder: Scenario 2 is described in our Mission Priorities Resource Document like this:

A Magill Village community centre hub, actively welcoming folk across cultures and age-groups and offering a range of programs and activities including worship.

One of the things we could do now is to convene a small group to take our thinking forward, and I invited anyone interested to put their hands up to join it. We met for the first time on Tuesday evening 13th August: Bob H., Christine S., Bruce I., Gaynor, Rhonda, Craig M., Annette and me. This article shares some of our discussion and some of the ideas that arose – for ongoing discussion amongst everyone. Please talk to any one of us about this!

Key Ideas from the Discussion

- We all felt that the members of the congregation are broadly with us. Orange cards at meetings, conversations after church, over coffee and at Council – all these

indicate broad agreement that a move to a 'Scenario 2' future is what we need to do.

- We agreed that 'trying out' various ideas in practice is a good move – so everyone can see and experience them, and have opportunities to comment and make further suggestions. (A bit like the SA Environment Minister enlisting the Surf Lifesaving Clubs, Norwood Parade traders and the Central Market to 'try out' giving up single-use plastic items before he introduces legislation to do it across the state [Advertiser, 17/8/2019, pg13].) Examples already on view are some changes in the foyer, and different ways of arranging furniture in the worship space.
- We agreed that we need to be articulate and not hide the spiritual path we offer, and be clear about our open, 'progressive' stance.
- Transformation happens bit by bit – needs intentional sharing, beginning with love; love – pay it forward – which can be scary, requiring giving without thought of 'reward' (in the form of more worshippers). Can we become a “studio of love”? (This is a phrase from the Brian McLaren book being read at Gateways at present.)
- We need to maintain good governance through the changes but also be 'fleet of foot' in response to needs – with a missional response. It's God's church, not ours.
- Challenges: What is relevant/relational to the community around us? What is it that keeps us coming? Do we need an audit of what 'gives life'?

Potential Actions / 'Wish-list' items

- Use volunteers to enable our buildings to be open 8 hours daily
- Flat space at front of the bluestone church to be heated/cooled; side doors to have self-closers and a glass panel; available for small groups, gatherings
- Foyer as both gathering place and thoroughfare
- Morialta Community Café in foyer, with a coffee machine (self-serve or volunteer staffed); (preliminary business plan available!)
- Tell the acting community about the availability of rehearsal space – and local schools
- A community dog day
- A share-your-culture afternoon
- Lease some of Kooka for development as a kitchen
- Website development, with videos and a spirituality focus
- Develop the library as more of a community resource – use Kooka for meetings instead (newly refurbished Western room is ideal!)
- Intentional conversations to grow faith, spirituality, service – led by lay or ordained folk
- Mid-week worship options
- Big plants in the foyer

So – big and small ideas, broad-ranging or quite specific – and just the beginning! We will meet again on the evening of 29 August. Do talk to any or all of us about what you are thinking – what would you like to see in a Scenario 2 future? And how would you like to be part of it?

Margaret Cargill

Metamorphosis....

God of new creation, on the journey from caterpillar to butterfly, keep us faithful in that soupy stage when structures fall apart.

When we have lost sight of who we were and cannot yet grasp who we are to become give us the courage to keep going. Strengthen our confidence that the new thing you desire to do in us and through us will be full of your glory.

Amen.

(Rev Rachel Parkinson, Methodist Church, UK)

Give Thanks....

When you rise in the morning,
give thanks for the light,
for your life, for your strength.
Give thanks for your food
and for the joy of living.
If you see no reason to give thanks,
the fault lies in yourself.

Native American Proverb



**Daphne Prime
1931—2019**

Daphne was born on 15th June 1931, and grew up on a farm near Sedan. She was the eldest of 5 children - 3 girls and 2 boys.

Daphne did her share of the farm chores - collecting eggs, milking the cows, separating the milk and helping her Mum in the garden. She rode the 6km to school and back every day on her little red bike.

She enjoyed school, especially hearing and reading about all the wonderful countries and people and places to be seen around the world, never dreaming that one day she would be seeing the pyramids, Stonehenge, Hadrian's Wall, The Great Wall of China and many other spectacles.

Daphne achieved a score of 663/700 in the old Qualifying Certificate which entitled her to a scholarship to Immanuel College. Although she enjoyed Immanuel, and wanted to sit the leaving, duty called - she was needed to help back on the farm.

However, she eventually decided that farm life was not for her, and enrolled at the Adelaide Teacher's College for a year. Her first teaching appointment was at Maitland with a year 3 class of 45, a daunting task and a very busy learning time.

Keen to spread her wings, Darwin was her next teaching stop. In 1956 it was more like a frontier town of about 10,000. She enjoyed the climate both wet and dry seasons, played tennis,

netball, hockey, softball, even a few games of girls' football, and was involved in a very friendly and active social life.

It was in Darwin that Daphne met Darrel Symonds, an officer with the Commonwealth Bank. Their courtship continued for 3 years until Darrel was transferred to Mt Gambier and Daphne to Ferryden Park school. But she only stayed a short time before transferring to Mt Gambier to be with Darrel.

They were married in Sedan in October 1959 and of course Daphne had to resign from teaching as their first daughter, the adorable Leanne, was born in 1962.

Janette was born in February 1963 and then the bank moved them to Adelaide. After some daunting experiences in flats, they finally bought their house on Leabrook Drive in 1964 where Daphne remained for 50 years. Kathryn, daughter number 3 was born in December 1965.

After 8 years as a housemum, Daphne took up a job as a kindy school teacher at Holden Hill and bought a little old Simca (that's a car). When Kathryn began school in 1970, Daphne returned to teaching at the recently opened Stradbroke Primary, just 5 mins walk up the creek.

Daphne and Darrel loved travelling and enjoyed some wonderful overseas holidays, including trips to Asia, the Philippines, Egypt, England, Russia and Greece.

They loved socialising and amongst their very large circle of friends was a group called the SPODE group which formed in the mid 1960's.

Sadly Darrel died from cancer in 1989 and Daphne found comfort and support from family, their many friends and the church.

Several years later Daphne started "dating" David Prime. David had

commenced work with Darrel in the Commonwealth at the same time and Daphne and David had met previously at bank dinners. They were married in May 1992 bringing David's 3 boys, their partners and a little granddaughter into the family.

Daphne retired in 1993 and Daphne and David continued to travel. However as they aged, they concentrated more on travelling within Australia.

The first grandchild arrived in 2005 followed by a second in 2007. Daphne reveled in the role of grandmother.

She continued to enjoy working in the garden but yearned for Darwin in the cold winter weather. Other interests included Probus, church activities, taking photos, reading, walking and doing crosswords.

Daphne was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2011 and things slowly changed. David was her devoted carer and due in no small part to David's determination they remained at Leabrook Drive. Although in his mid-80s and not in good health, David was a marvel, caring for Daphne and managing the house. But Daphne still enjoyed going out to cafes and having her VERY HOT cappuccinos.

After David died in November 2013, Daphne moved into Clayton Church Homes at Magill. Here she mastered carpet bowls, played bingo, did art and craft and became a plane spotter. She made friends with the staff and the residents and her face lit up when she saw visitors, even though she would not remember them 10 minutes later.

Daphne's health continued to decline but she always had a beautiful big smile for everyone.

She died peacefully on Saturday 6th July 2019 and is now resting peacefully in God's Garden.

Change...

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

— **Barack Obama**

"Not everything that is faced can be changed - but nothing can be changed until it is faced."

— **James Baldwin**

Responding to Critics of a Voice to Parliament

Adapted from an article by Kate Galloway published in Eureka Street - July 2019.

In a speech to mark NAIDOC Week, Minister for Indigenous Australians Ken Wyatt announced his support for a process to co-design a Voice — or Voices — to Parliament. His words were cautious, and emphasised the imperative to bring everyone along in developing a consensus to recognising Indigenous Australians in the constitution.

As with any political process, a range of views was aired in the days following. There appears to be some misapprehension about the facts surrounding the modest reform proposals arising from the Uluru Statement, and the nature of work yet to be undertaken.

For some, there is not enough detail around the composition and role of the Voice and it is true that the detail has not yet been resolved. This is why Wyatt outlined a process of co-design, involving his 'ministerial and parliamentary colleagues, relevant departments and Indigenous communities, organisations and leaders'.

The Uluru Statement itself did not prescribe how the Voice would look or work, and Wyatt recognises that there remains work to be done. It is

especially important that this work keeps the faith of communities who participated in the regional dialogues.

In emphasising the importance of Indigenous communities' engagement in the co-design process, Wyatt highlighted the goal of enhancing 'local and regional decision making through expanding empowered communities and other regional governance models' as a means of realising better outcomes for Indigenous Australians — a goal surely we all share.

Some have suggested that Indigenous Australians are already heard in Parliament through Indigenous members. Others have suggested that the solution is to give more Senate representation to regional Australia. These kinds of proposals do not answer the question of how we can enhance government's capacity to grasp opportunities for Indigenous communities, and to make a real difference. Indigenous Australians have not identified these as part of the solution required. They have, however, asked for a Voice to Parliament.

Some have indicated that a Voice to Parliament will not fix social issues and what is needed is to focus on Indigenous health outcomes and education. However, governments have been attempting to 'fix' these issues for decades, without success.

Although 70 per cent of Australians support constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians, there are of

course dissenting views. However, it would not be a chamber of Parliament in any sense. One proposed method to introduce the change would be to insert a new section right at the end of the Constitution — s129 — well away from Chapter I that concerns the Parliament.

The Voice would have no power to introduce legislation, or to veto it. It does not affect our Parliamentary system. Like other agencies and institutions, it simply provides a considered opinion. Imagine having such a resource available to legislators and policy makers as they implement laws and policy affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

This is not a divisive action. Rather it is inclusive.

The range of stances on the Voice and on constitutional reform suggests that all are in furious agreement. No one wants to mess with our parliamentary system. Everyone wants to see practical solutions for problems experienced within Indigenous communities. No one wants to discriminate against fellow citizens on the basis of race. Everyone wants to maximise the benefits from government spending. If we all agree on these matters, what remains is to contribute constructively to the co-design of an institution that can make this happen.

Kate Galloway is a legal academic with an interest in social justice.

Jean Vanier's Model for Inclusiveness

Adapted from an article published by Fr Justin Glyn SJ in Eureka Street May 2019

Jean Vanier (1928-2019), sailor, academic, companion and man of boundless hospitality, died on 7 May, leaving behind him a model for how a world free of discrimination might look and many grieving communities.

After Jean resigned his commission in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1950, he studied philosophy in France, published works on Aristotle and briefly explored the possibility of becoming a priest. He found his true calling in 1963 when he encountered two young Frenchmen

with intellectual disabilities, Raphaël Simi and Philippe Seux. Their need for companionship and empathy touched his heart. Vanier realised that the first response of society, when confronted with people with disability, was to shut them away in fear. He responded instead with hospitality.

He invited the two men to move in with him, thus beginning the first L'Arche (The Ark) community in Trosly-Breuil in Picardie. In return, the men opened Vanier's heart to a greater understanding of what people, cast onto the margins of society, could offer by way of love, and a broader understanding of humanity as limited, powerless, vulnerable and in need of

mutual support.

Today, there are 154 L'Arche communities in 38 countries on five continents. While the philosophy of the movement is grounded in Vanier's Catholic faith, it is open to all and eschews discrimination on any grounds. Although the exact structures differ from place to place, 'core' members (with an intellectual disability) live with others ('assistants') in homes which offer mutual support and friendship.

One of the great gifts of Vanier and L'Arche has been to subvert the understanding of 'disability'.

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Margaret Martin 1926 - 2019

Born in Balaklava as Margaret Chancellor, she was the second of twelve children. The family lived on a soldier settlement block at Taplin and Margaret spent the first 10 years of her life there. Later Margaret moved to Brinkley where she worked on a sheep station helping with the general running of the operation, including harnessing horses and riding out to check on the condition of the sheep.

While convalescing with her cousins after an illness, Margaret attended a dance at Brinkley and caught the eye of a young farmer named Fred. As the number of girls in the district was much less than boys – Fred wasn't about to let this beauty get away. At the time Fred was about to choose a new career in the classroom, but not only did he choose a new career, he became engaged to Margaret on Christmas Day 1944. However, as there was little money – with Fred commencing studies at Adelaide Teachers College – the wedding was to be some time off.

When Fred's sister was married and left the farm, Margaret moved to the Martin farm at Brinkley to assist running the property, while Fred

completed his four years at Teachers College. They were finally married in a ceremony at Murray Bridge Methodist Church on 8th January 1949.

Their first home was at Kadina, where Fred was appointed to the High School. Here they remained for 9 years, during which time their first 3 children were born in the Wallaroo Hospital. They must have enjoyed this time as in later years there was thought of settling at Kadina upon retirement, and this was only dismissed after lengthy consideration.

From Kadina, they started a journey that took them to Gawler for 3 years, where their fourth child was born, then Enfield for two years and then to Moonta where Fred was appointed headmaster. However, four years later they were on the move again, this time to Balaklava, but the goods and chattels were hardly unpacked before Fred was asked to move to Waikerie High School. As Fred was leaving on a geography teachers tour of India and South East Asia, Margaret was left to move to Waikerie with a car, caravan, four children, a cat, and two men in a truck, in 116 degrees F (46°C) heat. But for Margaret it was all in a day's work and everything was in place by the time Fred needed to be collected from the airport.

After 4 years at Waikerie it was time to move again. This time to be headmaster at Salisbury High School. However, this allowed Margaret, Fred and the children to move back to the home in Magill, which had been purchased a number of years earlier.

Margaret was not only a mother and homemaker; she was also a competent sportsperson. She played basketball (netball) and tennis at Kadina and Gawler and was in the premiership basketball team at Kadina. After they moved to Adelaide Margaret began playing bowls at Payneham Bowling Club, where her skill soon became apparent, and she was appointed Skipper in 1 Red. She was soon regarded as the top 1 Red skipper. Together Margaret and Fred won the mixed pairs championship and played in many tournaments with great success.

Margaret and Fred were actively involved in church life wherever they lived. Fred was a Lay Preacher in the Methodist and later the Uniting Church at Kadina, Balaklava, Gawler, Moonta and Magill. Married for 62 years, Margaret was always a great support for Fred and the family – wherever they were or whatever was happening. From 1971 until she was forced to move into full time care, Margaret was a valued and loyal member of the community that was Magill Methodist, then Magill Uniting and finally Morialta Uniting Church.

During retirement, Margaret was able to look back on her life with great satisfaction. Being a family orientated person, her love of family and home ensured that she laid down a truly strong foundation for her family. Her four children, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild have been given a wonderful example of love and dedication.

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Vanier's key insight was that: 'When we start helping the weak and the poor to rise everyone will begin to change. Those who have power and riches will start to become humbler, and those who are rising up will leave behind their need to be victims, their need to be angry or depressed ... This is the spirituality of life, that helps people to rise up and take their place. It is not a spirituality of death. Jesus wants those who have been crushed to rise up and those who have power to discover that there is another road, a road of sharing and compassion.'

It is very easy for people without a disability to see those who live with disability as 'the other'.

Vanier's 'Five Principles of Humanity' include the sacredness of all people, the constant evolution of people, the corollary realisation that maturity comes in working with others, the need for people to make choices for the benefit of themselves and others, and the universal search for meaning.

It follows that the myth of the self-made person with flawless body and mind is just that – a myth.

Limitation and disability are not something to fear or lock away, they are an essential part of the human condition. Jean Vanier has demonstrated in a life lived for others, it is in that limitation which we shall see the face of God.

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Morialta Magpie



Happy 80th birthday to Rob!



Helena handed over the office duties to Annette.



Anne, Bruce, Matthew, David and Judith shared stories of their Harmony Choir tour of China at Pot Luck Tea.



Steve retired and is now an Emeritus Professor at Adelaide University.



Jan retired after 47 years as a teacher!



Beyond Our Walls Services

Since BOW services began in October 2013, the team has produced 65 full services.

The number of full worship services viewed by others on YouTube is 3,049 and approximately 1,170 DVDs have been distributed.

Over 3,907 views of readings and sermons have also occurred on YouTube.

Quite an achievement!



Film Reviews

Contributed by Tiffany Wynn

Ali's Wedding

Ali is a teenager from an Australian Muslim family. We are told that every family needs a doctor, and Ali's parents would love him to become a medical doctor. They also look to arrange a marriage for him. Ali, however, struggles to do enough work to do well in his medical admissions test, and loves a girl his parents do not want him to marry. This movie provides a lovely, gentle insight into Islamic culture in

Australia, and manages to be highly amusing as well. It also explores some universal coming-of-age issues in a refreshing way. Highly recommended.

A United Kingdom

A United Kingdom tells the story of Seretse Khama, future King of Botswana, and Ruth Williams, an Englishwoman who worked as a clerk at Lloyd's of London. Seretse and Ruth met, fell in love, and eventually married, despite widespread opposition - from both their families, as well as various high up politicians who

were horrified by a white woman marrying such a high-profile black man. Ruth and Seretse found themselves pawns in an international political game, in the context where South Africa, having just brought in the apartheid policy, was having none of neighbouring Botswana being led by a king and queen in a mixed-race marriage. An extraordinary story which is well worth seeing.

Both movies available in the last few months on SBS on demand.

WELCOME TO MORIALTA UNITING CHURCH COMMUNITY LIBRARY HUB

A Letter from the Library Team

A number of people have been concerned about the future direction of our library so I hope that this small communication will allay any fears that they may have.

The library, as you will have seen if you looked inside recently, is still functioning as it always has, as a small hub bringing people into contact with the world of literature. In the process of doing so it has enhanced the great feeling of community which our church does so well and is a delight to enjoy as a place of quiet reflection. We have some wonderful books on our shelves ranging from children's classics to those of a spiritual nature, but in between you will be able to locate just about every genre that can be accessed at any municipal library. We are fortunate to have such an asset to

enjoy and the unofficial library committee team has worked hard to ensure this gem remains part of our Morialta identity.

This committee has decided to hold an informal meeting at 11am on 1st September to discuss the 'way ahead' and would welcome the attendance of any interested party who is enthusiastic about being part of the continuing future of our library.

We believe that the MUC library contributes in a positive and enriching manner to all who take advantage of the delights on the shelves. If you haven't looked in recently, then perhaps now is the time to see just what a great place we have here. I doubt that you will be disappointed or come away empty-handed.

*Miranda Clarke, Jill Kerr
and Jan Thornton.*

Thanks from the Library Team

Thanks

... to Margaret Boundy for gifting her books to the library,

... to the Gateways group and Lenten Reflections groups for their copies of books

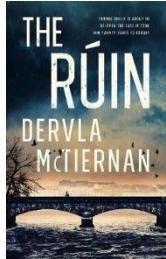
... and to Rhonda Amber for the brand new DVD 'Fiddler on the Roof'.

All these gifts keep our active, welcoming library, growing in new resources, and a blessing to the church and our extended community.

Donations of books and movies are always welcome!

*Joan Wagner
on behalf of the Library Team*

Book Reviews



THE RÚIN by Dervla McTiernan

"The title of my book can be read in English, or it can be given its Irish meaning. In Irish, rúin means something hidden, a mystery or a secret, but the word also has a long history as a term of endearment."

So says Dervla McTiernan at the beginning of her first novel. Previously a lawyer in Ireland, she is now settled in Western Australia.

This story falls into the category of Crime Fiction. Garda Cormac Reilly is thrown into a cold case that has haunted his entire career over two decades. He first meets 15 year old Maude and her 5 year old brother after their mother dies in disturbing circumstances in 1993.

As he becomes involved 20 years later, he has to discover what links the past with the current death of Jack. As Cormac navigates his way through police politics, he uncovers shocking

secrets and has to question who he can trust among his work colleagues.

The Rúin draws us deep into the dark heart of Ireland and is an intriguing tale well told.

Reviewed by Jill Kerr

FINDING GOBI by Dion Leonard

While running a marathon of 155 miles in the Gobi Desert, Don Leonard finds a little dog has attached itself to him. The dog kept running with him and stuck with him until the finish, so his nickname became Gobi. Eventually Dion went through trials to get home to Scotland, where he settled with the dog for life. A charming story of endurance which can bring a tear to the eyes of dog lovers. A Sunday Times best seller and true story.

Reviewed by Margaret Boundy

The Grocer's Boy by Robert Murray

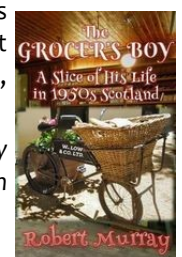
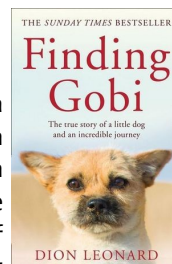
Robert begins this story in 1953. In his small Scottish town there was much left to be desired by today's standards, but Robert and his companions are

content with what they have. He imbues his tale with warmth and leaves the reader gently yearning for a way of life long passed.

The young Robert began his career almost by default but his writing shows that because of his well-grounded sense of decency and work ethos, he would have risen high in whatever work he became involved in. If you were young in the 1950's you can fondly read this remembering how rapidly post-war Scotland changed culturally at that time, but whatever your age this is sure to gently remind you that a good family can ground anyone for success in life. What you do with opportunities is up to you, but knowing a loving family is always there for you is the greatest safety haven you can call on if life goes awry.

Robert's memory and eye for detail are remarkable and will awaken long-forgotten recollections for many. A perfect book to read on a cold, rainy day.

*Reviewed by
Jan Thornton*



A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths
and superficial relationships
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression
and exploitation of people,
So that you may work for justice,
freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears
To shed for those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness
To believe that you can make a difference
in the world,
So that you can do what others
claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the poor.



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Tuesday 27 August 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday 29 August 9.45am	Fellowship Bonus Meeting Games and Puzzles
Thursday 19 September 9.45am	Fellowship SA Ambulance CPR
Sunday 22 September 9.30am	Social Justice Sunday
Tuesday 24 September 7.30pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 29 September 2.00pm	Adelaide Connection Jazz Choir Concert



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