



“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

John 10:10 (KJV)

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God's Generosity

You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim. I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live. (Psalm 23: 5,6)

I have vivid memories of long-ago Sunday School picnics. They were more like congregational picnics really. Everyone came. People had fun joining in or watching the games for both young and old.

And then came afternoon tea. Even now I can just about hear those trestle tables groaning beneath their luscious load of cream lilies, cream puffs, lamingtons, sausage rolls and iced sponges. What bliss to plough my way through as much as I could possibly eat.

Our heavenly Father has set out tables for us that are groaning beneath all sorts of spiritual goodies: love, forgiveness, acceptance, peace, joy - and that's just for starters. As his children we can come and help ourselves to his feast of blessing as often as we like - and for the whole of our lives.

How blessed we are to belong to such a generous God.

***Thank you, heavenly Father, for all the wonderful things I'm constantly receiving from your generous hand. Through Jesus Christ, I pray.
Amen.***

by Grace Simpson, in
'New Strength for each
Day' (LCA, Openbook,
1998)



From the editor...

The adjoining devotion was written almost 20 years ago, by my very dear friend, now deceased.

Grace loved life! As she battled breast cancer and underwent a new, somewhat controversial treatment, she would often say, 'I'm a winner! If God gives me more time, I win! If God calls me home, I win!'

I've been thinking about Grace a lot recently as we remembered God's amazing gift in sacrificing his Son. But Jesus' lives!! Because he lives so we too can live!! But live, not in a puddling, just getting along sort of way. Let's live it to the full. As the football coach says to his team (it *must* be the Crows!) 'leave nothing in the tank', 'give it all'.

Grace died leaving nothing in the tank. She wasn't perfect, but she was loved, forgiven, accepted, had peace and joy, so she could only respond to God's generosity.

At our church we are so blessed; building works almost completed, many new friends in our mid-week church activities, many friends who are just with us!

In this edition of @Glynde we are reminded many times of God's generosity. May we respond by living life abundantly.

Colleen



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From Pastor Wayne...



Hi!

I am writing this just prior to Easter, and just prior to going on a week's annual leave. My head is full of Easter things, things to do with the death and the resurrection of Jesus. And Colleen has asked me to write something with the theme, "He lives, so we live: living lives to the full". She wants me to speak about the resurrection of Jesus and what it means for our life. So let me share with you some of my Easter Sunday thoughts along this line. 😊

What does God's 'yes' to Jesus mean for me and for you? What does God's raising of Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Sunday mean for us? Well, it means three important things for our life, that:

1) We can trust what Jesus says God's raising of Jesus from the dead is God's "yes" to all that Jesus said and did. When Jesus

says that he came as a servant "to give his life to redeem many people" (*Mark 10:45*), we can believe him! We can believe and know for certain that Jesus is *our Saviour*, because God has put his seal of approval on Jesus by raising him from the dead.

2) Jesus is alive

God's raising of Jesus from the dead, God's "yes" to Jesus, means for me and you that Jesus is alive!! He is not dead in a grave somewhere, but he is alive and looking after us. He is with the Father, in God's realm, ruling over all for our benefit.

No matter what happens to us, we are never alone: we are never without a friend in high places, and our living Lord promises us, *as he did to his first disciples*: "I will be with you always, to the end of the age" (*Matt. 28:20*).

3) Death isn't the end

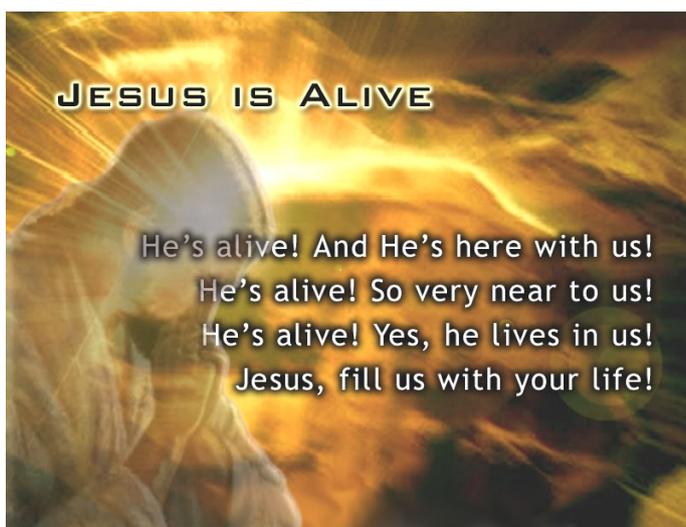
Just as God raised Jesus from the dead, one day we will be raised from the dead. God's raising of Jesus from the dead points us ahead to our own resurrection. As Paul puts it in one of his letters:

The truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will



also be raised (1 Cor. 15:20).

Jesus will come again, as he said, at the Last Day, and he will awaken us from our sleep of death, just as he was awakened. And he will give us a new body, just like his resurrection body. Then we will live with him in God's new Kingdom (Matt. 24:29-44; 1 Thess.



4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:51-57).

As Norm Habel puts it in a song that we used to sing at St. Stephen's lunch-hour service way back in my early years:

**And God said, Yes, Yes, Yes!
We'll leap the swirling sky!
We'll leap the hungry grave!
We'll never stop to die!
Said yes, yes, yes, friend, yes!**



Because Jesus lives, we know that we too can live: "life in all its fullness" now (John 10:10), knowing the love and the forgiveness of God through Jesus, and life with God, our Father; with our Lord Jesus; and with all God's forgiven children in God's wonderful Kingdom to come.

May God bless us as together we build one another up and encourage one another in our faith; and as together we reach out into our community with the Good News of God's love, and His forgiveness through Jesus. May God bless us as we "reveal and celebrate God's love, so that **all** may know Jesus and worship *God through him*".

Pastor Wayne ☺

From the Chairperson ...



He is risen



Easter is always a season of passion, reflection and ultimate joy. This year the art installation in our sanctuary, with the open tomb and the bright pink lotus flower framed by our altar and the cross above, provides us with a great way of remembering and celebrating Jesus' resurrection and message of hope for all of us. Thank God for his gifts and for the creative people in our community who find new ways of bringing this message to us in worship and acts of service.

We thank God for Pastor Wayne, for our staff Barb Mattiske, Angeline Joimol and for the service that Jessica Craver from YAGM is providing in many of our ministries. A special thanks to Malcolm Willcocks for leading us in worship at short notice while Pastor Wayne was on leave and his planned replacement was unable to come. We praise God for all who minister to others through the many activities and connections that make up our community here.

A recent article I read about connections in churches referred to the relationships that are formed as being a 'community of the face' in which we know and care for each other deeply and intimately (Zirschky, 2016). My prayer is that this

deep care will be part of our community at Glynde and be reflected in our relationships and care for each other in tough times and in good times, especially as so many of our friends and members have critical health and family issues. May it also show in how we connect with our wider communities in worship, through mid-week activities and all other areas of our living and being.

Some of the news that comes out of our Board for Ministry and Executive teams includes:

Redevelopment Project: Work is almost completed, with partial handover in the last month meaning that we can use the new entrances to the foyer, building and the new toilets. The worship space and the hall are now linked and accessible! However, there are still restrictions on use of the upstairs space due to fire safety regulations (which will be lifted once the new, internal stairs are completed). It is a great joy to see the progress. Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has adapted to all the changes and complexities that we have experienced during this period.

The working bee on May 13th is planned to make the premises ready for the Dedication and Opening on Sunday, 28th May. This will involve finishing some of the new areas for occupation (tasks that are not in the scope of the redevelopment works e.g. removal of fence in the carpark, re-marking of carpark spaces, finishing the floors in storage rooms, painting of some doors and surfaces, front garden/landscaping; spring-cleaning of carpets etc). We need as many people as possible to get all the jobs done! So if you can hold a paintbrush, wield a broom or shovel, or bring some flair and polish to the working bee, that would be appreciated by all. We can also gain a lot of satisfaction out of working together for the good of our community. Families and children are welcome to come and be part of the day.



We need to be thinking about our budget and finances as we head to the half yearly meeting (Sunday 21st May) and also information/proposals to help our next steps as we share and grow our ministries. In particular, please look at the information in the Sunday Paper about how to support our budget and to give to the building fund so that we can meet our financial commitments.

We have many fundraising activities - from entertainment books to markets to sponsoring a paving brick! One of the quiet, productive

fundraising activities is car parking for football matches in North Adelaide - please see Linden Huxtable if you would like to help out. At the moment we are also looking for someone or a couple of people to coordinate the June market when Helene Brown is away - can you help? If so, please speak to me or Pastor Wayne.

News from the Foster Care Services, Lutheran Community Care

Welcome to Andrea Konigsmann, the new Manager of Foster Care Services - Andrea has returned to LCC after working for another agency in Mount Gambier and she is amazed by all the changes in our facilities and the ongoing support for LCC. The Foster Care Services team now provides support for over 90 foster care families across metropolitan Adelaide.

LCC Family and Fun Day (Sat 20 May): LCC have asked the congregation to cook the BBQ lunch - they will provide the food and the church can keep the proceeds for the building fund.

Blessings to you all,
Helene Schulz
Chairperson

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Support the Church Redevelopment at Zion Lutheran Church, Glynde by Tax-Deductible Donations

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We Believe... Live Life Abundantly...



Maundy Thursday:

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ given for you.

Take and drink, this is the blood of Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

Good Friday:

..and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried,...



EASTER...

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!



Paul Schubert, creator of our visual images, gives testimony of being able to live life abundantly and explains the inspiration behind his work.

Paul asks, *'Why does the scene on the next page, taken at the Botanic Gardens, mean so much to me?'*

He answers his own question, saying 'To me it is a reminder of the how wonderful God is!' Paul sees the graceful swan (circled) as the Holy Spirit visualised, carrying Jesus, represented as a child with a ***full life ahead***, up into the heavens. He sees this as his own life being renewed, being carried up into our joyful heavenly home, drawn ever closer to God through the Holy Spirit, as Jesus lives in him as a child of God.

'What joy this gives me', says Paul, 'and to think my life could have ended up so differently, if it wasn't for our gentle, powerful, loving God of grace.'

Paul continues, 'You see, at the tender age of eight, I encountered evil, as students picked on me for being a Pastor's kid and believing in things that could neither be seen, or be proven. I had faith, but this bullying affected me deeply. I didn't tell my parents about it and suffered in silence. It caused me to become shy and introverted and this event affected my whole life, up to about the age of 50.'



Paul took his inner hurts out on his brother, Mark, once throwing a stone at him in frustration, and broke his adult front tooth. For this misdemeanour, his father subjected him to a severe whipping using a length of garden hose, while facing the tank stand. Remarkably Paul didn't respond with hate and learnt how to block out pain. However the teasing incident made him very distrustful of non-Christians and those he didn't know well. But as Paul said, his father didn't understand or know about the root cause of the problem.

*OK, so how does one overcome such fear and anxiety, depression and sadness and be able to live life abundantly? Paul says, 'It is by the grace of God! He has moved mountains for me, spiritual mountains, so that now I come before you as **a joyful participant** in God's plan for us all.'* Paul says, 'I have been given new life in Christ and that is why the adjacent scene gives me such joy.'

The beautiful blooming lotus flower Paul used in his display is a truly fascinating plant. It lives for 1,000 years and a seed from a pod buried in the peat for 1,300 years, was recently germinated. The bud rises out of the murky mud, pure in beauty and form, like Jesus rising up from the dead, up from this sinful world, pure and unblemished, up to the heavens. The opening of the bud has been likened to the opening of the soul. The central pod looks like the spout of a watering can, and from each pin-hole, comes a nectar filled spout, which dries off after pollination to become a fertilised "eye", the centre of which is a seed. These multiple eyes remind Paul of the all-seeing eyes of the heavenly hosts, as they watch our activities. Paul writes, 'The other interesting thing I've found out about this "Sacred Lotus", is the apparent soul restoring nature of it, which is akin to how God works in us through the Holy Spirit.'



Paul concludes by saying, '*Jesus suffered and died for us, that we may have life, yes, and have it abundantly. As Christians, we are encouraged to take on the suffering of others and then pass that onto God, to help God through us, deal with it. We are encouraged to act as go-betweens, between other people's suffering and God's restoration. This empathy with others, allows their fears and anxieties to overtake us, as we relate to them, but then through faith in God and the power of the Holy spirit, God deals with those fears and anxieties, to give us and those we care for, the fruits of the spirit, which include Love, Joy and Peace.*'

Editor's Note: Thank you Paul, for sharing your story with us and thank you for using your God given talent to inspire us this Easter.

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
30 April 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	1 7pm KYB	2 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
7 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC with Lighthouse 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	8 7pm KYB	9 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7.30 pm Exc meeting
14 9am Worship 10.30 Worship HC with Lighthouse 12.30 Korean Worship 1.00 pm Half Yearly Meeting	15 7pm KYB	16 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
21 9am Worship 10.30 Worship HC with Lighthouse 12.30 Korean Worship	22 7pm KYB	23 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
28 10.00 am COMBINED WORSHIP 12.30 Korean Worship	29 7pm KYB	30 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters

What's on in May?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9.30 Playgroup 7.30pm BFM meeting	4 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	5 9.30 KYB 10.30 Coffee and Chat	6 10am Girls' Coffee morning 10am English Class
10 9.30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup	11 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12 noon Cards	12 9.30 KYB 10.30 Coffee and Chat	13 8 am WORKING BEE 10am English Class
17 9:30 Playgroup	18 7:30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	19 9.30 KYB 9.45 Parenting Course 10.30 Coffee and Chat	20 8 am Bloke's Brekky 10am English Class
24 9:30 Playgroup	25 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12 noon Cards	26 9.30 KYB 9.45 Parenting Course 10.00 Magnolias— Koala Hospital 10.30 Coffee and Chat	27 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets
31 9:30 Playgroup	1 June 7:30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	2 June 9.30 KYB 9.45 Parenting Course 10.30 Coffee and Chat	3 June 10am English Class

Something to Celebrate @Glynde! With Cross Cultural Coordinator...



Barbara Mattiske installed as Cross Cultural Coordinator (CCC) at Glynde. Barb has been acting in the position of CCC while Tamara was on sick leave. When Tamara resigned, Barb was called to take on this position permanently. It was with joy and thankfulness that Barb was officially installed in this position on April 2nd 2017. Thanks be to God!

Girls Night Out: From Barb (before she went on holiday)

Last night a group of 25 women met at Brunelli for our first Girls Night Out for 2017. The idea is for women from Glynde to meet and get to know women from our mid week church of Playgroup, Mainly Music, Coffee and English classes. How wonderful to see so much laughter and chatting, so much sharing and so much care and love. Thank you to everyone from Glynde who came! To see the friendships blossom and grow between everyone is such a blessing from God...



Barb and Grant on Holiday: Soon Barb will be back from holiday, refreshed and 'ready to go'. Look out for the **Parenting Course** (see ad on Page 17) and **Coffee and Chat** on Friday mornings, AND **English class** starts on Saturday 6th May at 10.00 am

Something to Celebrate @Glynde! ***'Birth Days' and Birthdays***

As always, we love sharing in the many celebrations around the Glynde community. Here are a few snapshots of some of the recent events and celebrations. This will be a regular segment, so if you have something to celebrate, please send us a photo so we can celebrate with you in the @Glynde.



Welcome David Gordon, born April 18th, son of Fleur and Tim, brother to James. God bless your little family!
Happy birthday to great grandma, Doris, celebrating with great grand daughter, Johanna. Doris at 96, is our oldest member. Thank you God for Doris!

Baptised on Sunday 2nd April, Oliver John, son of Alyssa and Brad. Lots of friends and extended family attended this sacred event. Welcome, Oliver, our little brother in Christ.
His 'big' cousin Piper, celebrated her first birthday with a much enjoyed party.



Something to Celebrate @Glynde! Talented people sharing talents

We have all been given different talents, gifts and abilities. God works in different ways through each of us, and we all serve him faithfully as we use our gifts to glorify him. In recent times we have had occasion over and over again, to witness people sharing their God given talents. Throughout the pages of this publication, this is also demonstrated - people using talents in the building project, fund raising, making coffee, the list goes on and on; people who live life abundantly. We are told that we should invest the gifts that God has blessed us with wisely. We should use our gifts and abilities to honour God and to bless, encourage and strengthen others **in love** (without love, all our gifts are nothing!). We should not neglect our gifts, but instead develop them, "stir them up", "fan them into flames"... so that they get even better, to the benefit of all and to the glory of God.



Thank you Rachel and Karlea for enhancing our Good Friday reflections with your beautiful, evocative music.

Thank you Fay for adding joy to our Easter Sunday celebrations.



Thank you to Jessica and Adam, clowns extraordinaire, who bring the message of Jesus, in easily understandable ways.

Thank you to Angeline, here sharing the message at Church 4 Kids, and for her multi-tasking skills as she undertakes her many duties in the office.



And thank you Pastor Wayne -
For your consistent love and care.

God brought healing to your 'wonky' heart and we give thanks!

Something to Celebrate @Glynde! Building Works - Completion Approaching



Goodbye temporary toilets! Hello new shiny facilities!

It was almost nostalgic to say goodbye to the temporary toilets, to stop entering the hall through the door under the stairs, to abandon the trek through the car park in all weathers. But that nostalgia quickly evaporated as we started using the clean, light, new facilities.



**Welcome to the
New Glynde**



Working Bee

Saturday May 13th, 8am – 12 noon

There will be a wide range of outside and inside tasks:
repainting the car park, gardening,
cleaning carpets, painting, etc.

A photograph of gardening tools and gloves, including a pair of green gloves, a pair of yellow-handled shears, and a small potted plant, set against a wooden background.

Organists Meet & Swap

for all organists and worship musicians

“looking back ...moving forward...reaching out”

Saturday, June 24th 2017, from 10am to 3:30pm.

at ST MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 82 Cliff St., Mannum.

- 10 am** Morning tea / REGISTRATION / meet and greet
check the 'music give away' tables
- 10:30** WELCOME - THEME OUTLINE - OPENING HYMN
Joy Mildren - Steve Kaesler - Philip Wilksch (organist)
- 10:45** KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:
“singing the Reformation today and tomorrow”
Dr Stephen Pietsch - hymn writer, theologian
- 11:50** MUSIC LIBRARY - Organ Music Society Adelaide
John Poynter - Librarian
- 12:10** lunch - OMS library access - 'music give aways'
- 1 pm** *“Stop Talk”* - tips for organists combined with a selection of hymns/songs on the Pogson pipe organ
Andrew Ampt, Steve Kaesler (organists)
- 1:40** CUSTOMIZING and ADAPTING MUSIC to suit a range of worship musicians
Demonstrating use of software e.g. MuseScore, Finale, Sibelius
Rev Dr Harry Pickett, Philip Wilksch, Narelle Bormann
- 2:45** CLOSING HYMN - Pastor Robert Thiele (organist)
- 3 pm** AFTERNOON TEA

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The date is set!

Our Parenting course is starting on
Friday May 19th at 9.45am.

You are most welcome to join us...

Simply, contact the Office on 8365 3033 to add your name.

The course will run for 8 – 10 weeks and we will join the Coffee and Chat group after each session for morning tea.



Join us at our **new time** beginning
Term 2, Friday May 5th May

As we enjoy morning tea

Meet new friends

Learn new things!

Friday mornings
10.30am – 12noon

See you at

Glynde Lutheran Church
15 – 17 Glynburn Rd, Glynde
Call Barbara on 8365 3033

GLYNDE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIGNATURE PAVERS FUNDRAISER

To celebrate the completion of our redevelopment and to help raise funds for it, we invite you to be a part of this amazing opportunity to have a lasting record of your support in a paved area adjacent to the church & car park.



OFFER 1: \$40

INDIVIDUAL PAVERS

Your donation of \$40 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your valued support. The pavers will be permanently installed in the new paved area adjacent to the church and carpark, proudly showing your donation.



OFFER 2: \$75

DOUBLE PAVERS

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Worship Calendar

MAY

7. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Easter 4 John 1:1, 14-18
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "I believe in... Jesus' Christ *The Apostles' Creed (2)*
 12.00 noon *Community Lunch*
 His only Son, our Lord"
14. 9.00 a.m. Easter 5 Galatians 4:4-5
 10.30 a.m. *Plus Testimonies* "...conceived by the Holy Spirit" *The Apostles' Creed (3)*
 **"Thanks for Mums" (Mothers' Day)*
 born of the virgin Mary"
21. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Easter 6 1 Corinthians 15:3 *The Apostles' Creed (4)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. *Baby Thanks* "...suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 1.00 p.m. Half Yearly Meeting was crucified, dead, and buried..."
28. Easter 7 **Ascension** *The Apostles' Creed (5)*
 Matthew 28:16-20
 10.00 a.m. *(Combined)* "He ascended into heaven,
 and sits at the right hand of the Father"
 11.30 a.m. *Bring and Share Community Lunch*
 ***Formal Opening of Glynde Redevelopment**

JUNE

4. 9.00 a.m. H.C. **Pentecost** 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 *The Apostles' Creed (6)*
 10.00 a.m. H.C. "...from thence he will come
 12.00 noon *Community Lunch*
 to judge the living and the dead"
11. 9.00 a.m. **Trinity Sunday** 2 Corinthians 13:13 *The Apostles' Creed (7)*
 10.30 a.m. *Plus Testimonies* "I believe in the Holy Spirit..."
Baptismal Anniversaries (April-June)
18. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 2 1 Peter 2:9-10 *The Apostles' Creed (8)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "...the Holy Christian church,
 the communion of saints"
25. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 3 Ephesians 4:32 *The Apostles' Creed (9)*
 10.30 a.m. **Church for Kids** "...the forgiveness of sins"

JULY

2. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 4 Galatians 3:26-29
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "One in union with Christ Jesus"
 12.00 noon **Combined Multi-cultural service**
followed by Bring and Share lunch
9. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 5 Philippians 3:17-4:1 *The Apostles' Creed (10)*
 10.30 a.m. "...the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting"
Plus Testimonies
School Holidays begin



Blake and Alan led the kids in prayer at Church 4 Kids.

Adam has 2 young apprentice clowns.

And... Oliver attended his first Church 4 Kids, but it was just too exhausting!



Oops! Sunday and Rebecca were fooled on April Fool's Day - not Chocolate Cake, just a block of wood.

Colours of Faith choir brightened Easter Sunday even more with their joyful singing.



Dorothy Matthews shared her traditional Easter tree.

These are common in Germany.

The eggs are 'blown' to remove the inside of the egg and then decorated with beautiful designs.