
Glynde Lutheran Church

@ Glynde

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But I will sing about your strength;
every morning I will sing aloud of your constant
love. You have been a refuge for me, a shelter in
my time of trouble. Psalm 59:16

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Devotional thought

Thoughts on the Verse

Like so many of the psalms that mean so much to God's children this is one that outlines the many problems, mountainous difficulties, troublous times and numerous enemies that were surrounding David on every side. David opened up his heart to the Lord... and his urgent prayer for help and deliverance poured forth unabated. Opposition from outside and fears from within were the keynote of this psalm, just as the external anxieties and internal struggles we face today, can similarly blight our own lives.

But after a catalogue of calamities and a long list of laments the glories of God started to stream into view as the psalmist suddenly chose to cast all his care upon the Lord, and lay all of his burdens down at His master's feet. David chose to call to mind the faithfulness of God and reflected on the strength of his powerful Lord, whose loving-kindness lasts for a thousand generations and whose great goodness and mercy will follow all who trust in Him...to our life's end.

Praising the Lord for all His past mercies and grace is indeed a wonderful way to remove all the enemies of doubt and fear that trouble our mind and linger in our hearts. And like so many of the psalms of David, that mean so much to us all, this is a reminder to glorify God with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, lifting up our voices to the Lord in prayer and praise and making music in our heart to Him.

Let us with joyful abandon sing of God's power and unite together as we lift up holy hands to our faithful God in grateful praise. Let us sing aloud of His mercy in the morning and reflect on His loving-kindness all day long. Let us rejoice and be glad for God is our Defence and our Defender. He is our Refuge in the day of our trouble. From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, His name is to be praised.

My Prayer

Help me not to focus on life's external problems nor the internal doubts that enter my mind and cause me to fear, but help me to bring to mind Your precious promises of comfort and supply and to cast all my burdens on You. AMEN

From the editor...

Our chosen theme this edition is 'Strength in Love'.

The strength Jesus showed to die on the cross for our sins was from the amazing love he had for us all, His children.

The strength an exhausted parent will find when their child is in need, because of the extreme love they have for them.

The strength a mother will find in a kind word or hug from a loved one when all seems lost.

There are many other examples of how we find the strength to do the impossible when we are loved or shown love.

In God all things are possible because of his great love for us.

Blessings on your coming month as you share God's amazing love with others.

Leah Cronin

(Guest Editor)

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From Pastor David...



LOVE ONE ANOTHER CONSTANTLY FROM THE HEART

At present each Sunday at worship we are reflecting on 1 Peter in which Peter writes to encourage small churches suffering persecution from the non-Christian world around them. In each chapter St Peter refers to their suffering and calls them to live holy lives in the midst of it. In each chapter he reminds them they are chosen by a loving and merciful God to be God's beloved people. In each chapter he calls them to love one another. In a hostile world Christians have been called by a loving God, to love one another sincerely from the heart, and to live Godly, loving, and holy lives as a witness to the non-Christian world.

If that applied to the Christians of Peter's time, then it applies just as much to us. We are increasingly becoming a minority in a non Christian Western world. God loves us as much now as then, and we need to support one another in love more than ever. And in a world where the church has often let the world down by unholy living, we need to live Godly and loving lives like never before, to let the world know how good God is.

There is a story about a competition between the sun and the wind to see who was the stronger of the two. A man wearing an overcoat was walking along a road and the wind blew and blew to try and blow off the overcoat. But the more the wind blew the more the man buttoned up the coat and held it to himself.

Then the sun began to shine, and before long the man unbuttoned his coat, and not long later removed it entirely.

Love is like the sun, warming us from within, and transforming our lives. God's love is especially like that. God is love, and the more God's love enters our ears through God's Word, and enters our hearts as it is poured into us by the Holy Spirit, the more our lives are set free to rejoice and to love one another. We need this constant flow of God's love refreshing and renewing and redirecting our lives in church and in community.

The other day I read this beautiful picture of the love of God reminding me that love is not something I have to dream up, but that love comes from God who is the spring of love and life. "All we do is sit under the cascading fountain of the



Father's unfailing love, flowing to us from the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit. We sit there, getting drenched in love, until love flows out from us to a needy world."

As we sit under the fountain of God's love we become loving people, towards God, towards one another in the church, and towards the world that is hungry for true love. God's love keep drenching you, and flowing through you to bless the church and the world. God's love keep warming you, and defrosting you to love one another, and shining through you to bring warmth to a cold world.

Pastor David Christian



From the Chairperson ...

Love can do anything...

A Song of Love

*I will sing a song of love to the One
who first loved me, and I'll sing it as a
child of God,
who is named and known and free.
For the love of God is good,
it is broad and deep and long;
and above all else that matters,
God is worthy of my song....
And I'll sing with every soul,
every language, every race,
which proclaims this world is good
for God has blessed this place.
(John L Bell)*



There is strength in love, more strength in God's love. There is strength in meeting together, singing together, gathering together in community. Our faith gives us the blessing of God in all these things. These are things to cherish and treasure as we share with friends and guests the joys and sadnesses of our lives.

News from the past month:

- Pastor Wayne is having some well-earned rest and recreation leave - he will be back at the end of August. We pray for refreshment and relaxation as he travels and spends more time with Jenine.
- Thank you to Pastor David Christian who is leading us in worship during his absence and is providing us with a fresh look at 1 Peter. We pray God will bless him as he comes to know us and to minister to us in worship over the coming weeks.
- We celebrated our last week with Jessica Craver, YAGM volunteer, and had many sad farewells as she left to return to the US.

- We remembered Dianne Byrne's life and special place in our hearts at her funeral on 25 July. Our sympathy and prayers are with Nathaniel and Gretchen as they mourn the loss of their mother, and with her wide circle of family and friends. We will miss her deeply for her gifts in hospitality and making things beautiful.
- We think of the tragedy of more killings and suffering in South Sudan and our hearts ache with Stephen, Nyalam, Simon, Rebecca and the Nuer families in our church community - please support them as you are able.
- Many of our members are travelling - we miss them and pray for their safe return and look forward to the stories of their adventures.
- Check out the new signage at the front and rear entrances- doesn't it look grand!
- New carpet tiles in the church - thank you to the generous donor who has made this possible. It links the church with the redeveloped foyer and adds to our vision of making our worship space and our entry to the church inviting and welcoming to all who come in. What a wonderful facility we now have for proclaiming the gospel message to all.
- The ideas and thinking about how we use our 'new' areas is continuing as we think about the best location for our tract ministry, children's areas, noticeboards etc.
- New fundraising ventures happening! Footy matches and other opportunities to have fun together watching movies on the big screen upstairs are a new way to be entertained and to keep our redevelopment fundraising happening.

As we look to the rest of this year, we hope to focus on building more opportunities for strengthening our spiritual lives. Faith groups, Lighthouse Kids, tract mission, fellowship lunches all provide ways of connecting and building our love of God and understanding a little more of his great love for us.

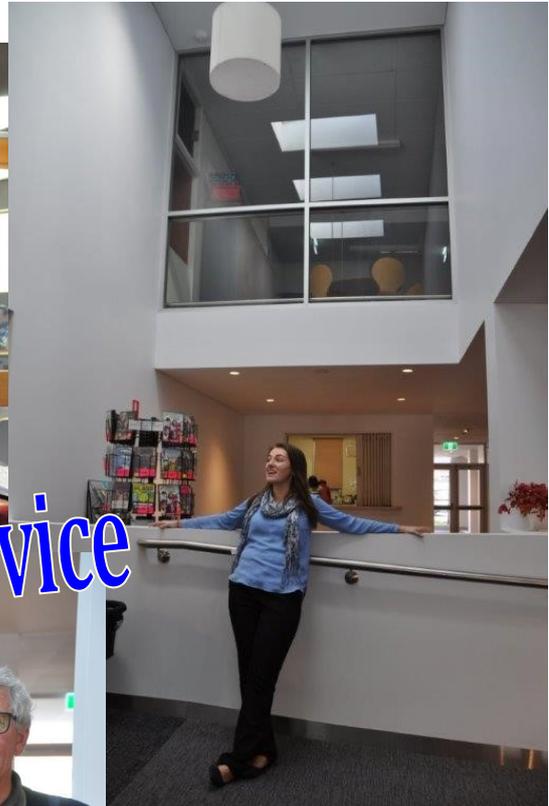
We will also focus on how we continue to build our outreach ministries, and especially our cross-cultural ministries and outreach to families. The Wednesday to Friday activities are supported by Barbara Mattiske in her role as Cross Cultural Coordinator, but we need to plan now for how this work can be supported in the coming years. We are hoping to develop a 3-5 year plan for the future to build on the amazing blessings that have showered on us all through connecting with the many cultures in our local area through Playgroup, Mainly Music, Coffee and Chat, parents' groups etc. When you add Craft, Saturday Markets, English classes, Blokes' Brekky to this mix, then the reputation for Glynde being a safe and welcoming place for people to meet each other and to experience part of Christian community is affirmed.

Blessings to you all as you love and serve God, the One who first loved us.

Helene Schulz
Chairperson

Celebrations @Glynde!

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.



Jessica's last service



Girls night out

It's

Church

4 Kids

I'm so glad that
God made...



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
30 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship		1 9.30am Craft
6 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC— Lighthouse Kids 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	7 7pm KYB	8 9:30 Craft 7.30pm Exec. Committee Meeting
13 9am Worship 10.30 Worship— Lighthouse Kids 12.30 Korean Worship	14 7pm KYB	15 9.30 Craft
20 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC— Lighthouse Kids 12:30 Korean Worship	21 7pm KYB	22 9.30 Craft
27 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC— Lighthouse Kids 12noon Pastoral Assistants Meeting 12.30 Korean Worship	28 7pm KYB	29 9.30am Craft

What's on in August?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9.30am Playgroup 7.30pm Board for Ministry	3 7.30am Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	4 9.30 KYB 9.45 Parenting Course 10.30 Coffee & Chat	5 10am Girls' Coffee morning 10am English Class
9 9.30 Playgroup 9.30 Women's Fellowship	10 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	11 9.30 KYB 10am Coffee and Chat	12 10am English Class
16 9:30 Playgroup	17 7:30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	18 9.30 KYB 10am Coffee & Chat	19 8am Blokes' Brekky 10am English
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GODS
 LOVE
 has NO
 LIMITS

Doodle Art Alley ©



Coffee and Chat

Friday morning.
 What do you do?

Many mums have joined us over the past 10 weeks for our Parenting Course, followed by Coffee and Chat.

We have averaged 8 people coming to this course and watching the *Alpha* DVD and joining in conversation about parenting. These mornings people have opened their hearts and shared their innermost thoughts and aims for their children and for their parenting.

This openness has spilled over into our Coffee and Chat time, when others join us as well.

There is lots of laughter, lots of chatting and children playing.

But, the best thing of all is there are friendships and connections being made between people from our mid week groups and people from our church. And, with these friendships comes sharing and caring for each other. (this week some children even met the dogs Belonging to Rosemary from KYB!)





Coffee and Chat (cont.)

When you have no Mum and Dad to help you, or when you spend most days on your own, or speaking in English is hard for you - being able to come and talk with others is so important

We are also blessed that many of the KYB ladies join us when they have finished their study - to make the group around the tables even bigger! Last term we were averaging over 20 people here on a Friday!

From week to week we do not know how many will come, or what the conversation will be or where it will lead, but I do know that God uses this time and us to learn, and listen and share.

Many people help us at Coffee, so I thank you all. Thank you to Lois and Sigrid for helping with our crèche, for Jessica, Neil, Hassan and Alyssa for making coffees... For Diane and Elizabeth for faithfully being here each week. And I thank you all for your prayers for Fridays!

Barbara Mattiske



From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...



Cross Cultural update.....

This is Glynde...

Last Sunday after church I was talking with Stephen Wiw. He shared with me how Nyalam's uncle had been killed in Longechuk County, South Sudan.

I had seen her Facebook page the day before, left black... the sorrow they felt as a family was deep.

So far from their birth place, so alone...

He was killed in Longechuk, a area which we at Glynde have supported. We bought school uniforms, helped to build the school. Bought bikes and other items for village life. And swiftly, one village was destroyed and many killed. It is hard to love at a time like this.

But, when talking with Stephen and asking how we can help, one thing was noticeable. Through this heartbreaking time, they still want to praise and honour God. There is no hatred – there is only love!

And in that love is strength... strength to continue to help and support, strength to pray and strength to receive God's love.

We will discuss over the coming weeks what we can do to help our brothers and sisters in Sudan and Ethiopia, and we shall share that with you later.

This is Glynde.

These are our people! How blessed are we that we have a Sudanese community, a Korean community, and our mid-week groups where there are many people from so many cultures attending.

This week, there were 11 children at Playgroup and 33 children at Mainly Music and most of these families are from different cultural backgrounds. Just consider the strength it must have taken to make Australia your homeland, on

your own, most times without the language, you can only sit back in admiration at the courage it has taken. And for some, I am sure they too, have stories to tell of sadness, but also of triumph and joy.

This is Glynde.

You know, we have just about completed our first Parenting Course. One of the sessions was based upon the 5 love languages... affirming words, touch, time, presents and actions... This for many mums was new way of thinking... so, to see these mums working out what love language they are and what love language their partners and children are was quite something. To watch and listen as these mums shared how they were going to show love to their children, just made you fill with even more love.

And with this love, comes strength... strength to try other things you have learnt.

This is Glynde.

So, just as the Sudanese have become our brothers and sisters, so too are those who come to Playgroup, Mainly Music, Parenting, Coffee and English classes.

The challenge is there... to open our hearts and ask God to use us to be brothers and sisters to those who come here - and to open our homes and share our thoughts, our faith, and God's love.

Our God who loves us so much, gives us the strength!

This is Glynde.

Barbara Mattiske

Cross Cultural Coordinator



Reformation 500 - What's it all about?

Part 1

This year is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation in 1517 by Martin Luther. What does that mean for us today?

Do you read the Bible in your own language? You can thank Martin Luther for that.

Do you sing hymns and spiritual songs in church? You can thank Luther for that.

Do you worship God in church in your own language? Thank Martin Luther for that.

Do you take both bread and wine in Holy Communion? Thank Luther for that.

Did you attend school as a child? Believe it or not, you can thank Martin Luther for that too.

Let's examine these claims more closely.

Before 1517 the Bible could only be read in the original Hebrew and Greek, or in the ancient language of Latin. Only a few educated men could read it. The church opposed any attempts to translate it into the language of the common people. However, Luther translated it into the local language of German and he encouraged the German people to read it for themselves.

And because this coincided with the development of printing in Europe, Luther's German Bible was quickly distributed throughout German lands and beyond. Biblical scholars in other countries followed his lead and translated it into their own languages. In England the King James Bible became the English standard for the next 300 years.

Before 1517 singing in the church was done in Latin. Once again only the educated few could participate. Luther wanted all to praise God in their own language. So he wrote hymns in German and often set them to familiar folk tunes. We still sing some today. *A Mighty Fortress is our God* is the most well known throughout the world. Others wrote hymns in German and in the languages of their own countries. The composers Johann Sebastian Bach and Georg Frederick Handel are most loved for their religious music. Have you heard Handel's *Messiah*? Or Bach's *St Matthew Passion*?

Before 1517 the liturgy in church services was all in Latin. Once again only a few people understood it. Luther said that the liturgy needed to be in the language of the people so that all worshippers could participate. Nevertheless the Roman Catholic Church continued to use Latin up to the mid-20th century. Only in the last 50 years have they changed too.

Before 1517 worshippers only received the bread at Holy Communion. Luther argued that both the bread and the wine should be given to everyone, just as Christ

had done. The Roman Catholic Church eventually changed this practice also in the last 50 years.

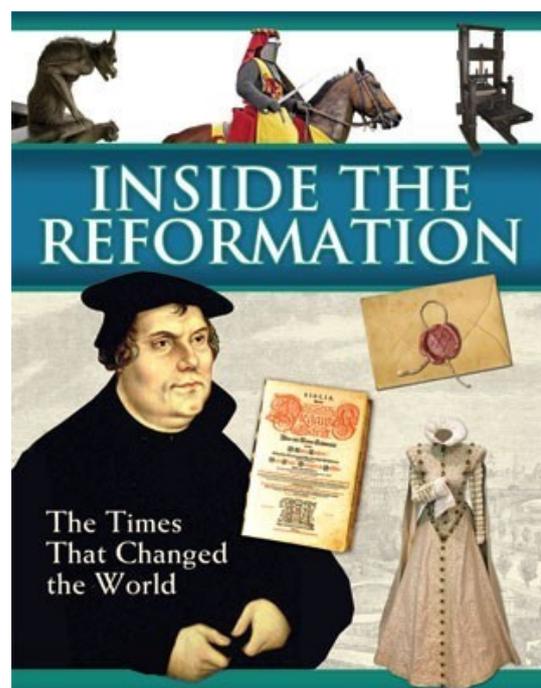
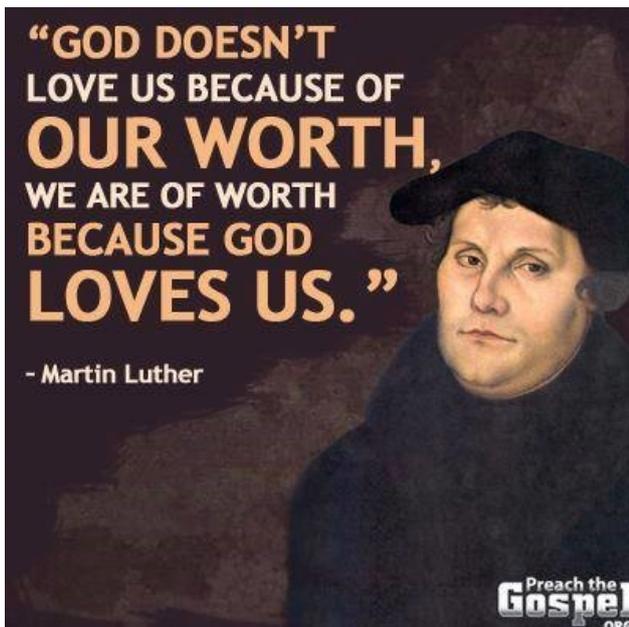
Before 1517 most children were not educated. Schooling was only for the rich few. Luther argued that governments should provide schools for children, that education should be compulsory and that girls as well as boys should go to school. These were radical and progressive ideas. They have taken a long time to be adopted in most countries (and not by some even today).

The Protestant Reformation, started by Martin Luther, loosened the control of the Catholic Church on society. An explosion of new ideas spread across Europe as people questioned existing practices. Modern science and technology is a notable result of this movement.

Luther set in motion a movement that would literally transform Western civilisation and take it from the medieval world into the modern era.

Next month: Luther's great discovery

Lyall Kupke



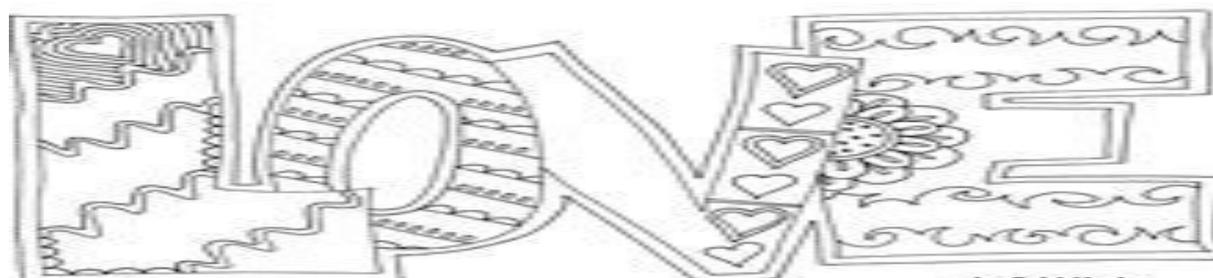
When God looks at me, because of Jesus' finished work, He says I'm...

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Worship Calendar

30.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 8	<i>Recreation Leave for Pastor Wayne (3)</i> Guest Preacher: <i>David Christian</i> Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
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AUGUST

6.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 9	<i>Recreation Leave for Pastor Wayne (4)</i> Guest Preacher: <i>David Christian</i> Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
13.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Pentecost 10	<i>Recreation Leave for Pastor Wayne (5)</i> Guest Preacher: <i>David Christian</i> Matthew 13:44-52
20.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 11	<i>Recreation Leave for Pastor Wayne (6)</i> Guest Preacher: <i>David Christian</i> Matthew 14:13-21
27.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 12	Matthew 14:22-33 "Let me walk upon the waters..." (cf. Song "Oceans")

SEPTEMBER

3.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 13	Matthew 15:21-28 "Who do you identify with here?" <i>*Thanks for dads (parents)</i>
10.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Pentecost 14	Matthew 16:13-20 "Who do you say Jesus is?" <i>Plus Testimonies</i> <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (July-Sept)</i>
17.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C.	Pentecost 15	Matthew 16:21-26 "Put on love everyday" (cf. AT 390) Church 4 Kids
24.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 16	Matthew 17:1-13 (<i>Transfiguration</i>) "Who are you listening to?"

OCTOBER

1.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 17	Matthew 18:21-35 "God, how do you want me to live my life?" <i>School holidays start</i>
8.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Pentecost 18	Matthew 20:1-16 "You're invited!!"



Glynde Lutheran
PLAYGROUP

**Wednesdays
9.30am**



**LIGHTHOUSE
KIDS** Sunday mornings
at the 10.30 am Worship Service



mainly music

Thursdays 9.45am
for music, dance, play,
fruits, refreshments, fellowship ...

