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Devotional thought

Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me;

rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

Dear God of Inclusion, God of Love, God of Justice and God of all,

We pray that you listen to the cries of our hearts, Oh Lord. We cry out for justice in our communities and acceptance in our homes and churches.

We pray that you change the judgmental hearts of your people. Grant those who are hurting the strength to carry on. Allow your love to mend and heal the precious hearts that have been broken, torn and abused.

Allow your sweet peace to rest among the lives in turmoil caused by a lack of acceptance and understanding. Transform your churches, Dear God, and let them not be buildings of condemnation but sanctuaries of love and of acceptance of your children.

Bless the hearts of those who are yearning to belong in your Kingdom. Teach us all to love without discrimination and without judgment. Let our lights shine brightly in the dark places.

Teach us to live and exist in unity as you have created us.

Guide us to speak up for the voiceless and to stand up for those who are facing injustices. As we push towards inclusion and justice we pray that your love breaks down every barrier that pushes back against us. We pray these things with pure hearts of love and gratitude for the blessings, inclusion and justice that is to come.

Amen.

*Written by Rhys Xavier Caraway as part of the Reconciling Ministries Network's *A Season of Becoming* Lenten Devotional 2016 *

From the editor...

Let me take a second to just thank Fleur for giving me the opportunity to guest-edit an edition of the @Glynde! Though I had no previous experience with Microsoft Publisher, and the only other time I put together a magazine was for a school project at least a decade ago, it was pretty fun to do!

For this edition's theme I chose "Loving ALL God's Children (Inclusivity)." Something that I find very important in regards to my faith in God is Jesus' radical love and acceptance of all people. Jesus did not associate himself with solely the religious leaders or the most righteous. Oftentimes, Jesus chose to spend time with and minister to people who were considered the "lows" of society: tax-collectors, prostitutes, Samaritans, the sick and disabled, etc. This was partly why the religious leaders despised him. Jesus showed his love for everyone, and his biggest display of this was his death on the cross for us.

In today's world, it seems as though a lot of people have forgotten when Jesus says to love everyone, he means EVERYONE. I wrote a blog post at the end of October in the wake of the pipe bombs mailed to key Democrats and the Jewish temple shooting in Pittsburgh, but I think it also applies to the aftermath of the recent mosque shooting in Christchurch, the general conference that took place within the UMC back home, the global political climate, and countless other situations. Here is an excerpt from that post:

In Mark 12, Jesus is asked by a teacher of the law which of the commandments is the most important one. Jesus responds that the most important commandments are to love the Lord our God and to love our neighbors as ourselves; that no commandments are greater than these. It seems to me that many people who call themselves Christians have forgotten about Jesus calling us to love our neighbors as ourselves, free from any stipulations. The Bible doesn't say "Love your neighbor, except your critics. Love your neighbor, except Democrats. Love your neighbor, except people of other races. Love your neighbor, except Jews (hint, Jesus was in fact a Jew). Love your neighbor, except Muslims. Love your neighbor, except immigrants and refugees. Love your neighbor, except the LGBTQ+ community." The list could go on and on. Jesus put a period on the end of that commandment, not any conditions. So then why is there still so much hate and violence towards other people? It troubles me, and I know it troubles a lot of other people out there, as well.

Thanks for reading! :)

- Haley Penk

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From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! We are well and truly into the season of Lent now, and Good Friday and Easter are just around the corner! Wow! Hasn't the year raced along 😊

Easter is a time when we celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection **for us all**.

God sent His Son to be born as an ordinary baby for us, to live among us, to show us God's love **for all** and to tell us how much God loves **everyone**, and then to walk the road to the cross where he suffered and died for the sins of **everyone**. That's how much God loves and values each one of us.

As John famously put it in his Gospel:

"For God so loved the world, everyone!!, that He gave His One and Only Son, so that whoever believes in him, whoever trusts in him as Saviour, may not be lost, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

And John echoes this in his first letter:

"I am writing this to you, my children, so that you will not sin; but if anyone does sins, we have someone who pleads with the Father on our behalf – Jesus Christ, the righteous one. And Christ himself is the means by which are sins are forgiven, and not our sins only, but also the sins of everyone, lit. of the whole world" (1 John 2:1-2).

This Easter, you and I have an opportunity to worship the God who loves and values everyone so much that He came in the person of the Son to rescue "the whole world". We will celebrate the Sunday before Easter not as Palm Sunday but as **Passion Sunday**, as we look at the cross ahead

under the theme “Focused on the Cross” at the earlier service, and as we have CHURCH 4 KIDS at the later service with the theme: “The Best Thing About Easter is...”.

On **Maundy Thursday**, we will focus on Jesus washing the feet of his disciples as a servant, and think about “Our Vocation as God’s Children”: that God calls us to be “people of the towel”, as Pastor Aub Podlich once put it.

On **Good Friday**, we will put ourselves in the place of Simon of Cyrene, and ask with him, “Why did God allow this good man to die!?”. On **Easter Sunday**, we will focus on Job’s question, “If a man dies, can he come back to life?” The resurrection of Jesus is God’s gigantic shout of “Yes!!” to all that Jesus did for us on the cross, and it reminds us that death isn’t the end J

So come along and join us this Easter, as we journey with Jesus from the Mount of Olives to Golgotha and the empty tomb....

And in the light of Easter as it shines on us, let’s go on loving as God loves. Easter reminds us of who God wants us, *His forgiven children*, to love: “everyone” around us. Let’s go on doing that, following our Lord Jesus, and letting God’s Spirit inspire and lead and empower us: in our personal lives, and in our activities for Him here at this church.

And just a final comment or two about “our activities for Him here at this church”.... In this past week, let me mention just two things. On Tuesday nights, we have been running *Alpha*, and many of our mid-week people have been coming J At *Alpha* sessions, we divide into two groups to discuss the material, and last week there were some 25 people in two groups for discussion. Wow! And then last Thursday, we had a record at our *Mainly Music* session: some 44 children. Praise God!

God is giving us many, many opportunities to love “everyone” around us, and to share the Good News of His love, and His forgiveness through Jesus. Pray that God can use you and me to love all the people around us, and to lead them to “life in all its fullness” (John 10:10).

*May God bless you and me 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 ...

Love can do anything...

Helene Schulz
Chairperson

Loving All God's Children

God's love knows no bounds. His love extends to us all - no matter our past, no matter our background, culture, gender, status or personality. The challenge is for us to do the same.

Last Saturday, I went to the State Theatre production of "Animal Farm". This play, a dramatic version of the novel by George Orwell, lays bare the deeply-rooted limitations of human nature and the danger of toxic political movements that seduce communities into believing the lies of tyrants and betraying noble beliefs through fear and cowardice. The play showed how hard it can be for gentle and well-meaning creatures to stand up to difficult situations, and to oppose assaults on what they knew to be the strong foundations of a free and dignified society.

It drew home to me the courage of those who take up the challenge of loving all God's children in our society and in our world. The courage of those who have continued to work for justice for people across the globe and in Australia - for those who continue to work for the rights of refugees, those who seek to address the circumstances that have led to so many of our Indigenous sisters and brothers being in prison, those who care for homeless people and for those who help address the pain of broken relationships.

It made me think of a specialist medical friend's email detailing her experiences as she starts three months of work in Timor-Leste where she is helping a medical centre by training newly graduated doctors.

It brought me to the love shown in our church community, most recently through the gentle friendships and laughter that graced our back lawn last Sunday at the High Tea event.

News & Dates - Our ministries at Glynde have the vision of sharing Jesus' love with everyone, with all God's children.

For our congregation, this means ensuring that we have appropriate processes in place - with changes in Australian laws and specifically the requirements of the ACNC, we need to adopt a new constitution. We will hold a short, **special meeting between services on Sunday 7th April at 10:15 am** (between services). Please come so that we can ensure our church is able to meet its legal and reporting obligations.

It also means building our capacity to serve in different ways. We have had a number of people sharing our work in the wider church and others attending workshops and forums to equip themselves for ministries among us.

- Pastor Wayne and Barbara Mattiske attended a Cross Cultural Ministry Conference in Victoria sharing our experience and learning from others
- Diane Kleinig and Gladys Steicke attended the *Blessed are the Peacemakers* training in early March
- Liz Eckert and I attended the Coordinators Network forum on Safe Place (SP3) two weeks ago.

Our thanks and gratitude also goes to those who serve, support, pray and give deeply to our church in worship, music, church and outreach activities.

Love and care - please pray for those travelling - especially for Jonathan and Trish Prenzler as they enjoy long service leave. Remember too, those recovering from illness and surgery - may God be your close companion and healer in these days.

Blessings to you all,

Shalom, Helene Schulz





From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator

It has been a busy month.

It started with the Cross Cultural Conference in Melbourne. I was allocated to a table with 2 Chinese pastors, the Bishop from New Zealand, a young person from Hong Kong, another from Mexico, an author, and also with our Nuer community. By the time lunch came around on the first day we were all firm friends, sharing stories and experiences, hearing how God's love is shared around Australia no matter what your culture or skin colour is, and at this conference, united in one faith. Times like this are what make my heart burst! What an honour and blessing to be a part of such inclusiveness and love... and look out in *The Lutheran* for more from this conference.

You know, that inclusiveness happens every week here at Glynde. A few weeks ago we started our new *Alpha* course. I know when Wayne and I spoke together, we thought we would maybe have 2 or 3 people coming, but, as always, God surprises us and we have been blessed with 20 people coming, including helpers... and a special thank you to Karlea and Adam (and Eli, Piper and Penny) for cooking every week for all of us! Your gift to us of food and love and family has been wonderful and sets the tone for the evening... thanks also to Dianne Scott, Grant and Sigrid for looking after the children so mums and dads can participate in the course without worry. A huge thank you for everyone who is coming along, for your openness and questions. In fact, it flows into the rest of the week. One Friday after Coffee and Chat one mum, who has asked lots of questions since *Alpha* asked, "Why are you all so nice?" Why? Well, we had a chat about how we try to be like Jesus, and be open and caring to all people, just as Jesus was. It's hard

to understand when culture and language get in the way. Or when our Playgroup turns into another *Alpha* chat, with lots of questions, and lots of investigating the Bible. It makes my heart burst!

Those of us that have been a part of church community know and understand the language and the rituals. Those who are new to us from other cultures do not have that understanding. It reminds me of a time when I was sick and the doctor told me as much information as he thought I could handle. Once I had comprehended that, he told me a little more and a little more, until I was immersed in that language, and so it is for us here during the week. We must share about Jesus with love and honour and inclusiveness, in our words and actions. Over time, we can share more and more. Jesus didn't notice skin colour or culture. He saw people's hearts... just like we must. No question is too silly to ask.

It has been an honour to witness the past few weeks. To see God's love at work. To sit in the morning with a Korean mum, an Afghani mum and a Sri Lankan mum as we learnt about the Beginners Bible, and where they could share their thoughts and questions without fear of it being judged or silly – it made my heart burst!

Many people from many cultures with many questions who can come to this place at Glynde and know that they are welcome and loved - it is special.

This is a place where you are welcome...

It makes my heart burst!

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



On March 9th, Tracey Miller and David Zuchelt got married here at Glynde! The wedding ceremony was done by Pastor Henry Martinez. Congratulations Tracey and David!

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
31	1 11am "Hymns We Love" 7pm KYB	2 9:30am Craft 5:45pm New Alpha 7pm Quilters
7 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC Lighthouse Kids 12 noon Community Lunch 12:30pm Korean service	8 7pm KYB	9 9:30am Craft 5:45pm New Alpha 7pm Quilters 7:30pm Exec. Comm. mtg
14 Palm Sunday 9am Worship 10:30am Church4Kids Special Morning Tea 12:30pm Korean service 2pm Sudanese Nuer service	15 T1 SCHOOL BREAK	16 T1 SCHOOL BREAK 7pm Quilters
21 Easter Sunday 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC 12:30pm Korean service	22 Easter Monday	23 T1 SCHOOL BREAK 7pm Quilters
28 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC 12:30pm Korean service 2pm Sudanese Nuer service	29 T2 STARTS 12 noon Magnolia's Lunch @ Hackney Hotel 7pm KYB	30 9:30am Craft 7pm Quilters 7:30pm Finance Team mtg

What's on in April?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 9:30am Playgroup 11:30am Grace Over Lunch 5pm Weight Watchers Mtg 7pm Lenten Bible Study 8pm BfM mtg	4 7:30am Prayer grp mtg 9:45am Mainly Music	5 9:30am Parenting class 9:30am English 9:30am KYB 10:30am Coffee & Chat	6 10am Girls' Coffee 10am English
	10 9:30am Playgroup 9:30am Women's Fel- lowship 11:30am Grace Over Lunch 5pm Weight Watchers mtg	11 7:30am Prayer grp mtg 9:45am Mainly Music 12 noon Cards	12 9:30am Parenting class 9:30am English 9:30am KYB 10:30am Coffee & Chat	13 T1 SCHOOL BREAK
	17 T1 SCHOOL BREAK 5pm Weight Watchers mtg	18 Maundy Thursday 7:30am Prayer grp mtg 7pm Worship HC	19 Good Friday 9am Worship Service	20
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A Very Special Celebration!

A dapper, unbelievably exuberant, “tech-savvy” Lawrie Sjoberg celebrated his birthday on March 4th ... No-one would ever guess that he is now 93 years old!

We couldn't miss the opportunity to celebrate Lawrie's birthday. His birthday coincided with “Hymns We Love,” held at our church on the first Monday of each month. Lawrie happily celebrated and shared his birthday cake with 25 others that day.

Eunice Spencer of Hampstead Lutheran and our own Sigrid Burford are pictured supervising the cutting of the cake But no need as Lawrie has the steadiest hands in town!

Congratulations Lawrie, and may God continue to keep you in good health!



“Hymns We Love”

At Zion Glynde Lutheran Church, 15-17 Glynburn Rd., Glynde

On April 1st then May 6th

Then there will be a ‘winter break’...until we start again on...

September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th ...

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All welcome

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Songs

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Stories

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The BEST thing about Easter??



“Loving ALL God’s Children”

Sunday was hot and we enjoyed a lazy afternoon. We were full from lunch and I was lounging on the couch with my brother in-law and his young son watching the Formula One race happening in Melbourne.

While Jason is quite the racing fan, I think it was the first Formula One race I’d ever seen. I wasn’t even very interested in the race, it was just easier than taking part in the meaningful adult discussion happening in the dining room.

Being the bright and chatty nearly 4-year-old that he is, Hugo was full of questions. “What are they doing? Why did they crash? Who’s that? Do they have enough fuel? Are they okay? Where’s he going? Do they have enough fuel? (Yes, this one was repeated multiple times. The little man was quite concerned the race cars didn’t have enough fuel).

I began to laugh out loud. Jase was clearly interested in the tech and specs of the race and was struggling to hear the commentary. Hugo, an energetic ball of cuteness, just had a string of questions, so many questions.

At one point Jason tried to handball... “Hey mate, I think Aunty Tess wants to speak with you.” With his intrigue glued to all the action happening on screen, it wasn’t a successful handball. But eventually building trucks became more interesting than watching the race, and off he trotted to assemble a cement mixer.

Although I laugh, I’m humored in good spirit. My brother and sister-in-law are doing marvelous work raising their three children. I am constantly in awe of the family; how they communicate and how they are teaching and loving the beautiful children God gave them.

As I reconcile this seemingly insignificant family moment and reflect on the ballpark of 250 questions a child may ask in a day, I am humbled. Add a few adverse childhood experiences, account for a trauma-related physiology, add trauma-related health issues, trauma-related behavioural issues, trauma-related developmental delay, trauma-related disability and trauma-related grief and loss, plus a network of biological and community connections, and a cultural identity to foster.... add all *that* to the existing challenge of raising children, and you have some of the complex and multi-layered ingredients bestowed on you in therapeutic parenting, but given without a step-by-step recipe to follow.

One afternoon with my healthy, resilient and thriving nephews is more than enough to renew my respect for anyone raising children, and in particular, anyone fostering children. Children require so much from us, and as we celebrate our 10 Years of Foster Care Services, there’s no sight of us slowing down. From small beginnings we have grown significantly and we continue to expand. Alongside our 10 Year Anniversary in December, we celebrated a new milestone: two new contracts, to support Specific Child Only foster families and to provide Specialist support to families caring for children with increased complexities or disabilities. Families who have been supported by LCC for years no longer have to transition to a different Specialist agency. It is very exciting for us to be in this position and to offer intensive support to these families who don’t want to leave our LCC community.

We recently welcomed two new Case Workers to our team, and just prior to Christmas appointed an Operations Manager to strengthen our leadership team during this season of rapid growth. Michelle helps us maintain the high quality support we provide to families and children; to ensure we continue to meet the expectations that carers have of their support agency as we provide our services to an ever increasing number of families and children. You're excused if you're no longer able to recognise all our team members as we move in and out of the building. We are now a team of 31 and currently recruiting for an additional position to lead our Specialist program.

As LCC returned to providing foster care services for the second time back in 2008, our leadership saw the immense demand in our community, and agreed that we would need to grow quickly and sustainably, to eventually expand to Specialist services. This is a significant year for LCC, as we realise that very vision.

Now, we're in a season of integrating two new programs, which each come with new systems and new processes, while encouraging each other when we allow ourselves a moment to take a deep breath and celebrate just how far we've come and the exceptional service we are known for.

Thank you for continuing to think of our team, and to pray for our leadership and all the families we support. Thank you for accommodating our growth and allowing us to expand and return to your music room. Thank you for inviting us to speak with your groups that meet during the week, and your open invitation to contribute regular updates to *@Glynde*.

LCC FCS would not be who it is today without the support of our partnering congregations. It is a joy to say hello when you're downstairs. It is a joy to hear about the success and fun being shared in your parenting classes and your English classes. It is a joy to see (and hear!) such a thriving music program on a Thursday and to eat your leftover donuts and buns on Friday afternoon.

There are many congregation members we wouldn't see in the building throughout our work week – but thank you for everything you do to contribute to this community and for keeping Lutheran Community Care in your prayers.

This is a busy building we share, as we come together, eat together, work together and continue to learn together, and it is such a wonderful community to be a part of. Thank you for your ongoing fellowship as we each walk our paths, each doing everything we can to show patience to, nurture and love all of God's children (young and old!)

Tessa Joppich

Foster Care Services
Lutheran Community Care





I admit that I know next to nothing about the Bedouin people of the desert regions, the Kazakhs of Central Asia, or the Swahili people of Zanzibar. But by the end of May I think I'll be a lot better informed not only about these, but about many other people in the world who follow Islam. My learning will come via the booklet *30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World*. In 1993 some Christians in the Middle East began the *30 Days* movement, which encourages Christian people everywhere to pray for Muslims during their special month of Ramadan. In 2019 Ramadan falls between the dates 6 May to 4 June.

Although the most recent census shows that Muslims are less than 3% of the Australian population, some people fear the 'islamisation' of our country. As Christians, we can have an entirely different, eternal perspective on these migrants, who mostly come from countries with tight restrictions on belief in Jesus. Here in our country we still have religious freedom, and instead of complaining about their presence, we could look for opportunities to reach out in genuine love and concern to them. We don't need to go overseas to find a 'mission field'.

Many Muslims think (wrongly) that Western culture and Christianity are one and the same thing. No wonder that some of them reject Christianity, when they see some elements of Western culture that offend them: lack of respect for elders, over-use of alcohol, immoral themes of many films and songs, immodest clothing, sex outside of marriage, lack of religious practice by most citizens.

Many Muslims have never met a Christian who is actually living the Christian life day by day. Wouldn't it be great if they were to get to know some sincere, loving Christians, inspired by God's Spirit, who follow Jesus' way as well as they can? That meeting would have an impact, as the Muslim people would come to realise that true Christianity is far different from the stereotype of Western self-indulgence! Some of this contact is already happening in a small way during our mid-week events at church.

Let's pray against fear among Christians, which only hinders relationships with Muslim people. Pray for the tiny Christian churches in places where they are the persecuted minority, that they may be good witnesses to their neighbours. Pray for the Christian TV channel that broadcasts via satellite to the Arab world. Its 24-hour children's program SAT-7 Kids has a large potential viewer audience, as about half of Arab families have satellite TV. Pray that people of different cultures may learn to respect each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your prayers for these people whom God loves. During Ramadan they concentrate especially on matters of faith, and sometimes God reveals Himself to them in a vision, introducing them to their saviour, Jesus, whom their religion recognises as only one of the prophets.

I have the booklets available for \$6, if you would like to take part in this mission, and if you would like your praying to be well-informed.

Relevant websites: www.30days.com.au www.answering-islam.org www.sat7.org
www.pray30days.org - Lois Kupke

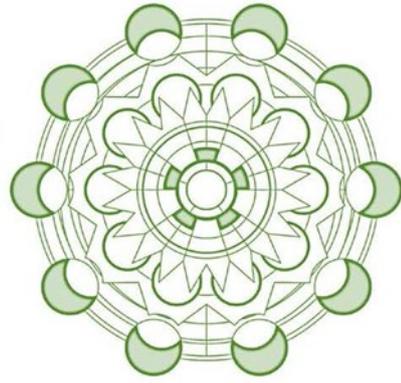
Treasurer's Report for the Year to 28th February 2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$21,566	\$24,045	(\$2,479)
Building Fund Collection	\$2,214	\$7,648	(\$5,434)
Fundraising	\$0	\$2,186	(\$2,186)

Ben Pfitzner,
Treasurer

Bank Accounts for Direct Giving to Glynde Lutheran Church by EFT		
	Regular Giving	Building Fund
BSB Number	704-942	704-942
Account Number	48692 S1	152736 S1

Grace over lunch



This year we started a new group on Wednesdays at 11.30am: *Grace over Lunch*... It is a little bit of learning about God, a little bit of reading the paper, and a little bit of doing something...

How we are blessed! We have made food from Sri Lanka, Korea and Australia. We have made cards and learnt about Lutheran Community Care. We have even taken part in a Japanese tea ceremony.

What a gift to be given! We learnt that the tea ceremony is to unite people. From the highest Samurai to the lowest person, you are equal and united during this ceremony. You must leave your rank behind you, e.g., your sword!!

We took part in the casual Summer tea ceremony (for foreigners). We learnt how to whisk the tea, how to hold and turn the bowl, and how to eat the sweets before you drink.

And while we learnt these important steps in the ceremony, we also learnt to honour one another and share together as we tried to make tea, and smile. It didn't matter where you were from, what language you spoke, or what food you would normally eat. We were united and equal.

You know, I am amazed how willingly people offer to share from their cultures, even though language is often a problem. I am amazed how they give – wanting no payment or anything in return. I am amazed at how much we are learning, and I am amazed that everyone listens and tries to understand as we share about Jesus... that people smile and ask questions... and that through these relationships people are beginning to know more about God.

This is truly grace over lunch...

Barbara Mattiske

Here are Jenny and Yumi wearing a Malaysian sari and a Japanese kimono after the tea ceremony



Worship Calendar

APRIL

			Lent 5	Mark 10:17-31 "You can go to hell for doing nothing: SLOTH"	<i>Seven Deadly Sins (7)</i>
7.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.			
			<i>Community Lunch</i> <i>Plus Cong meeting at 10.15 a.m. re Constitution approval</i>		
			Passion Sunday	Luke 19:28-40 "Focused on the cross"	
14.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Church 4 Kids		
			<i>School holidays begin</i>		
			Maundy Thursday	John 13:1-17, 34 "Our vocation as God's children"	
18.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.			
			Good Friday	Mark 15:21 "Why did God allow this good man to die!"	
19.	9.00 a.m.				
			Easter Sunday	Job 14:14 "If a man dies, can he come back to life again?"	
21.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.			<i>Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne</i> <i>Guest Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez</i>
			Easter 2	John 20:19-31	
28.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.			<i>*School resumes</i>

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			Easter 3	Revelation 1:4-8 "You are not alone!"	<i>What the resurrection of Jesus means for us (1)</i>
5.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon 12.30 p.m.	H.C. H.C.			
			<i>Community Lunch: BBQ at Riverside Grove</i> <i>Walkathon</i>		
			Easter 4	John 10:10 "How to have a great life!"	<i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>
12.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Baby Thanks <i>*"Thanks for Mums" (Mothers' Day)</i>		
			Easter 5	Revelation 1:17-18 "Living in the light of death"	<i>What the resurrection of Jesus means for us (2)</i>
19.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	H.C. H.C.	<i>Half Yearly Meeting</i>		
			Easter 6	Romans 1:20 "The evidence for God"	<i>Series with Home groups:</i> <i>"God's not dead..." (1)</i> *Movie, God's Not Dead (1)
26.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.30 p.m.	H.C. H.C.	<i>Welcoming BBQ</i>		

Take a Look at What's Been Happening!



Photos from Grace Over Lunches: Flower Arranging, Japchae (Korean noodle dish), Sri Lankan Dhal Curry, and Japanese Tea Ceremony



Photos from the High Tea