

Glynde Lutheran Church

@ Glynde

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SAVIOR  
OF THE WORLD

This very day in David's town your  
Saviour was born—Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

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# **God puts his smile in you**

**‘At that time the Kingdom of heaven will be like this. Once there was a man who was about to go on a journey; he called his servants and put them in charge of his property. He gave to each one according to his ability: to one he gave five thousand gold coins, to another he gave two thousand, and to another he gave one thousand. Then he left on his journey.’ (Matthew 25:14-15)**

Flowers are a loving gift to us from God. I love them – and I love them even more because they make me think of my Creator. A garden in full bloom lifts the spirit. But there wouldn't be a garden if it were not for each individual flower in its place, smiling at you and giving praise to its maker.

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like that. God has given you and all of us a 'golden coin' that will shine and bring joy to him and others. Perhaps you don't recognise the gift that God has given you. Or perhaps you do, but you are embarrassed or afraid to use it because of what others may say.

Jesus wants you to know just how special you are. He made you the way you are and gave you the gifts you have. He has made you so that you may bring beauty, kindness, love, joy and peace to everyone you meet. That's his baptismal gift to you. That's how his gift shines through you.

That's the way it is in his kingdom.

***Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving me the gifts that I have. Help me to use them to your glory. Amen.***

# From the editor...

My two year old son loves it when I draw pictures for him (despite my lack of artistic talents!). He very often asks me to draw clocks for him. Last week, after drawing what felt like the 100th clock, I decided to go rogue and draw a new picture. It started with a baby in a manger and then suddenly had animals all around. Next was the shepherd with his big stick, the star in the sky and the king with his present for the baby.

As I drew I told him the story of how a special baby was born in an animal stable and of the people that came to visit him. As I was telling him the very, very simplified Christmas story I kept thinking about how hard it was to communicate to him the enormity of that story. How it was so much more than a story.

Each month for many years the @Glynde has been written for you to tell the stories of the Glynde Lutheran Church. As with all stories, there is so much that can never be explained with words, or even with pictures. I hope that as you read the stories of this edition that you see the enormity of our story on the community around us.

A big thank you to all of our guest editors for this year: Katarina Schulz, Leah Cronin, Alyssa Leach and Vivien Kupke. I really enjoyed having their creativity, thoughts and new perspective on our monthly publication and I'm sure all of you did too!

Fleur Kupke



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# ***From Pastor Wayne...***



Hi! Our theme for this month's @Glynde is "More than just stories". It follows on from our planned Christmas Eve theme: "More than just a story".

The message of Christmas is more than just the stories of what happened when baby Jesus was born. It is all about what God has done for us, and how He has completely changed our whole life.

That's not to say that Christmas is not a great story, or series of stories. It very much is! It is the story of how God's angel announced to a young teenage girl, by the name of Mary, that she was going to become pregnant with a little baby boy, who she was to name "Jesus". It is the story of how Mary and the man who married her, Joseph, travelled to Bethlehem for a census, and how she gave birth to her son there, and laid Him in an animal's feed-box. It is the story of how some shepherds out in the fields had a visit, too, from an angel who told them about the birth of Jesus, and how they scurried down

to visit him and found him "lying in the manger". And it is the story of how some distant astronomers, on the basis of a star they had seen in the night sky, travelled great distances just to see this baby. It's a great story, but it is much more than just that!

It is the account of what God has done for us to rescue us!! Mary was told by the angel:

*"You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called **the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end!**" (Luke 1:30-33).*

And the shepherds were told by God's angel:

*"I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. **This very day in David's town, your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord!**"*



The birth of the baby Jesus was the birth of God's Son for us an ordinary human being. He brought the light of God into the darkness of this world (*Matt. 4:10; John 8:12*), and then he walked the road to the cross to be our "Saviour", by suffering and dying on a cross for our sins (*Matt. 27:46; 1 Cor. 15:3*), and he made it possible for our whole life to be utterly changed!!

So, sure, Christmas is a great story, but it is much more than that! It is a time when we remember just how much our wonderful God loves each of us, and what God has done to rescue us 😊

May God bless you as you prepare for Christmas, and as you celebrate Christmas! Here at Glynde we will do this in a variety of ways. Have a glance at the **WORSHIP CALENDAR** at the rear of this [@Glynde](#), and see how we are doing this. At the start of Advent, we will have our Christmas *Church 4 Kids* service, where the

theme will be "Christmas Countdown", and the boys and girls will receive copies of *The Very First Christmas* from The Beginner's Bible. On the Sundays in Advent, we will follow the theme: "He came down that we may have...*love, peace, joy, and hope*" (*AT #609*), and on Christmas Eve we will once again celebrate Christmas Eve in the Stable, *the church without pews and with stages set up*, with the theme, "More than just a story". At this service, the boys and girls will receive the book, *The REALLY GOOD NEWS of CHRISTMAS*. And on Christmas Day, we will rejoice over the actual birth of God's Son for us!

May you and yours have a blessed Christmas, a Christmas that revolves around the birth of the baby in the manger.

Pastor Wayne 😊



## *From the Chairperson ...*

*More than just a  
story they say...*

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2: 18.19)

Do you remember when you first heard the Christmas story? Did it make you wonder, or ponder... or both? The mystery of God coming to us as a baby, the bustle of Bethlehem, the quiet of a night interrupted by a display of angels.... the promise of prophets, the faith of a Galilean couple ... it is a story that comes to us fresh each time, offering hope and salvation and revealing anew the mercy and tenderness of God. Surely this is the greatest story of all.... so, when you hear the Christmas story this year, will you wonder, or ponder .... or both?

### **AGM Decisions and Announcements - watch out for a new kitchen, a new pastor and more Cross Cultural Ministry!**

The congregation met on Sunday 26th November for its Annual General Meeting and elected our leadership teams for 2018. We offered affirmations to people who will no longer be serving in specific ministry roles, and accepted nominations of people to serve in new capacities. We are blessed by you all.

As our AGM unfolded, major projects and opportunities were proposed and supported. Our decisions reflect the strong pastoral vision that Pastor Wayne provides for our church community and the amazing shower of blessings that God has provided as we seek to love and serve Him.

- 1) Upgrade of kitchen: That Glynde Lutheran Church accept the generous offer from donor(s) to renovate the church kitchen subject to this offer covering all costs associated with this project, with the likely cost of the project to be up to \$100,000. The project to be managed by the Property Committee, with consultation of church members in relation to the final design, subject to final approval of the Executive. ( Passed unanimously).

2) Offer of a Guest Pastor: That Glynde Lutheran Church enter into an agreement with Pastor Henry Martinez (in Australia in a role Coordinating the Young Adult in Global Mission program with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) and to provide part-time pastoral care and leadership for our church community, subject to his colloquy with the Lutheran Church of Australia. The exact nature of Pastor Henry's duties with us will be finalised before he starts, but this will enable expansion of some of our ministries and also provide a relief pastor for times when Pastor Wayne is on leave. (Passed unanimously).

3) Our application to the National LCA Committee for Cross Cultural Ministry was successful - a grant of \$15,000 per year for five years has been approved for us to continue to establish and grow our Cross Cultural Ministries at Glynde. This is fabulous news for our mid-week and weekend ministries. It will enable us to continue to employ Barbara Matiske as our Cross Cultural Coordinator and extend her hours. It is also a great affirmation of all the volunteer time, prayer and effort that supports these ministries.

The AGM also showed the need for us all to review our offering for the general

budget of the church to ensure that our weekly ministries are supported and can continue to thrive. Ben, our Treasurer, will be providing more regular updates so that we can track our progress in this regard.

As we closed the meeting , we acknowledged the sadness and grief that has been part of this year with the passing of three dear members: Dianne Franklin, Dianne Byrne and the sudden death last week of Rosalie Turner. We are thankful for the difference that they made to our lives and praise God for the gift of eternal life that they are now sharing with Jesus.

If Christmas is more than just a story, think about how many new stories of God's love are in store for us as we worship and share Jesus' love with others.

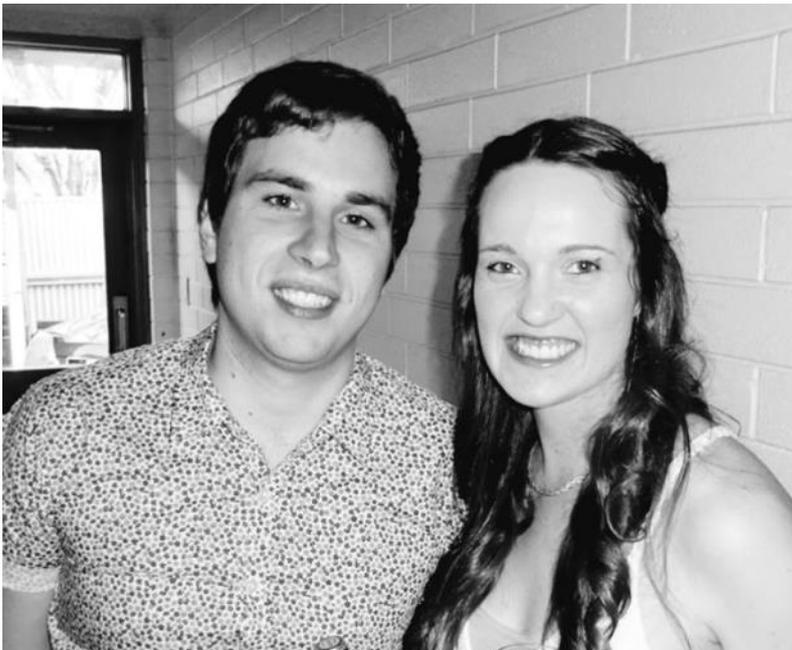
As we enter Advent and our preparations for Christmas, let us celebrate the blessings that God has given us in 2017 and look to serving Him with grateful hearts in 2018.

Shalom,  
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.



## Engagement Congratulations!

Congratulations to Thomas and Alysha on the celebration of their engagement.

We pray God's blessings as you plan your wedding day!

## 80 years young!

Happy Birthday to Neil who turned 80 earlier this month.

He celebrated his milestone with friends and family.





# Thank you Colleen!

When the talented Colleen Bradtke takes on a project, she does so wholeheartedly and with good humour. She's someone who is rarely stuck for words, so it's our congregation's great fortune that she agreed to take on the role of editing a regular publication more than 13 years ago. That's how *@Glynde* magazine in its present form got started. As Colleen now steps back from the role of editor, we want to honour her wonderful contribution in this area.

Colleen is an 'ideas person', who manages to make something into an encouraging and entertaining read, as well as being informative. Of course, Colleen enlisted many other writers for the magazine articles over the years, but still put her own stamp on the magazine, ensuring that it would be appealing and engaging for the reader. Having had a career in the past that included managing many staff members, Colleen is a skilful organiser and a fine communicator.

So many people continue to benefit as a result of Colleen using her many talents, as she is involved with other ministries in our church family and in the nearby retirement village. Within our church family we especially appreciate her dedication to the English Conversation class which she has been teaching for many years, as well as her wonderful catering and cooking talents. Her committee work and skills at writing applications for grants have also been most useful. Did you know that she's pretty smart at writing amusing scripts and lyrics too?

We'd like to say a big 'Thank You' to Colleen for the countless hours spent on producing *@Glynde* over the years, and for setting such a fine standard for a congregational magazine. Well done!

# Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>31</b> 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship		
<b>3</b> 9am Worship HC 10.30 Church 4 Kids 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship 3pm High Tea Garden Party	<b>4</b> 5pm Waratahs	<b>5</b> 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
<b>10</b> 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship	<b>11</b> 5pm Waratahs	<b>12</b> 7.30 Exec Meeting
<b>17</b> 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	<b>School</b>	
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 9am Worship HC 7pm Christmas Eve Service	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 9am Combined Worship HC	<b>26</b>
	<b>School</b>	

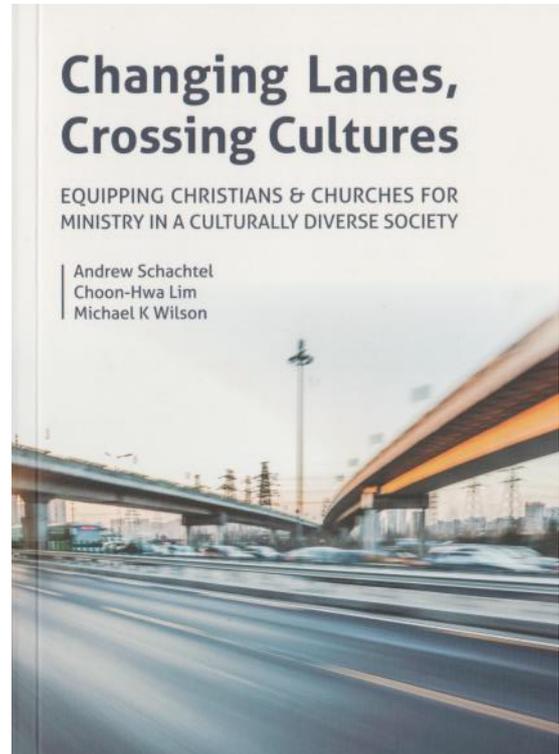
# What's on in December?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class  10.30 Coffee and Chat	<b>2</b> 10am Girls' Coffee morning  10am English Class
<b>6</b> 9.30 Playgroup  7.30 BFM meeting	<b>7</b> 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	<b>8</b> 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class  10.30 Coffee and Chat	<b>9</b> 9.45 Mainly Music Christmas session  10am English Class
<b>13</b> 9:30 Playgroup	<b>14</b> 7.30 Prayer Group  9.45 Mainly Music	<b>15</b> 9.30 Parenting 9.30 English Class  10.30 Coffee and Chat	<b>16</b> 10-2pm Markets
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7.30 Prayer Group  12noon Cards	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Holidays</b>			
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Holidays</b>			

# ***Five more years of Cross Cultural Ministry!***

It is with great joy that we are able to announce that Glynde has received a major grant from the LCA Cross Cultural Mission Fund. So what did our grant to the LCA Cultural Mission Fund look like?

Our successful grant application involved our Cross Cultural Ministry Team meeting with each other to think forward about what our church community could look like as we explored the population profile of our local area. We prayed. We met with the church leaders who are responsible for mission and ministry at District and National church to find out whether our ideas could be supported by the wider church. We also read the inspiring book *Changing Lanes, Crossing Cultures: Equipping Christians & churches for ministry in a culturally diverse Society* by Andrew Schachtel, Choon-Hwa Lim and Michael Wilson. This Australian book was published last year and is full of tips to help churches undertake the crucial, challenging and rewarding process of interacting across cultures. We purchased multiple copies of this book - so see me if you want to read it. Barbara Mattiske supplied a detailed and excellent analysis of her work in the past two years. And then Karlea Kremer and Helene Schulz set to work to write the application.



I have taken some snippets from our grant application to help share the vision and goals of this growing ministry within our community. Our proposal sought \$75,000 over 5 years to consolidate and expand the current cross cultural ministry at Glynde Lutheran Church through employing a Cross Cultural Outreach Coordinator for 20 hours per week (currently 15 hours per week).

We described how our church is intentionally reaching out to the diverse, multicultural community in the inner north-east of Adelaide and how we are continually seeking to adapt and change our approaches in ministry to meet the growing numbers of migrants and young families in our area.

- *For the past 3 years we have employed a cross-cultural worker partly funded by the Mission Stimulus Grant for 15 hours a week. During this time, the cross-cultural worker has initiated, overseen or been involved in our mid-week ministry programs including Playgroup, Mainly Music, Coffee and Chat, Parenting Course and English Classes.*

- *Barbara Mattiske has been working in this role for almost 2 years and has been a pivotal part of building links and relationships with families in the local community and engaging them in our mid-week ministry life at Glynde.*
- *Our vision is to build a long term cross cultural ministry and outreach in the Glynde Lutheran Church community. Our church vision is to "Reveal and celebrate God's love, so that all may come to know Jesus and worship Him."*
- *Our key principles for building a cross-cultural ministry and community of faith are to*
  - \* *affirm our unity and diversity in Jesus*
  - \* *mutual learning and sharing*
  - \* *provide hospitality and be inclusive and*
  - \* *live out the gospel of grace and reconciliation in our community.*
- *Over the past year around 136 families have come to Playgroup, Mainly Music, Coffee and Chat and English classes. 132 of these families have been new to our church. Only 40 of these families are Australian, with people from at least 13 other cultures making up the rest.*



- *New initiatives that this grant will enable include regular parenting courses, cultural awareness training, social events for women from migrant backgrounds, visiting new mothers, courses such as "Who are you?" and "Who are we? Know Jesus at Glynde!"*

This grant, and the commitment of our whole church community places us in a unique position to share the gospel through what we do and what we say. To tell the story that is not just a story to all those who come here so that they too may come to know and love Jesus. Our prayer is that the stories of new families coming to our church mid-week or on the weekend will become part of our story of faith in this place.

Helene Schulz, Barbara Mattiske, Karlea Kremer



## *From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...*



### **ORE THAN A STORY...**

Once upon a time... Isn't that how most stories start?

The story of our mid-week groups this year didn't start that way, but it is a story that has become more involved and interesting as it has gone along. I believe it is a story that has been influenced and blessed by God. As well as a story that has gathered more people as it has gone along.

Yes, a lot of the women who come to us through the week come for the friendship, and that in itself is a wonderful story. But it is more than a story. Many times we see God's hand shaping situations, and encouraging us to do more. That happened with our latest Friday project when we began Parenting and English classes at the same time, with a crèche, and with Coffee and Chat afterward, and how we saw it all just happen! Thank you to all the people who God spoke to and took up the challenge to make this happen. That was more than just a story!

And now, from that, today, at our Friday group we all joined together after our classes and went into the church to witness the baptism of a child, who with her mum comes to Parenting Class and our mid-week groups. How special is that?

To have people from all parts of the world, all different faiths, all witnessing together as this child was made a child of God!

I don't know how much some of them may have understood.

I don't know if the children in the church knew what was happening. But I do know, they all listened, and the children watched. And, I do know that God was there.

I do know that God welcomed the child and her mum into His arms.

And I know that God can change the lives of every person who was there.

I may not see it in the next week, or even in the next year, and I myself, may never see it. But, others may see it, and I know that God can and does work in people's hearts to receive Him.

And, who knows who that may be. What a wonderful story!

It's a story that never ends – we just don't know sometimes, what we do, what we say, what we witness, how it may affect those around us. But what beautiful stories there may be to tell! I pray that our mid-week groups can continue to see and hear and grow and that these moments may join with the best story ever – the story of the baby, Jesus

born for us all! As we wind up for the year, on our last Friday together, we plan to share our Christmas stories from our homelands. For some, the story will be of no Christmas, but, I ask you to pray for all these families as they share, and hear the wondrous story of the tiny baby who grew up and embraced those on the fringes and gave His life for us, so that we can, like today, create our own special moments. They are more than a story!

Barbara Mattiske  
Cross Cultural Coordinator



In this monthly column we hear from young people in our church about the ministries and mission they are part of – and how we in the LCA can better engage with youth in our communities.

#youngSAVEDfree

# FREE to LEAD in WORSHIP



The pipe organ is not the instrument of choice for many young people. But three years ago, when Yovela Tamba was just 14, she chose to learn it as her way of contributing to her congregation's worship life. Her mentor and teacher, Heather Mithen, who is now in her 80s, also took up the organ in her teens.

by YOVELA TAMBA

When I was 14 my parents told me that I should get more involved in church activities.

My family are all involved – my sisters each play piano in bands at church, my dad operates the PowerPoint and my mum helps with coffee.

I thought I'd like to learn the organ, so I approached Heather Mithen, who has been an organist for many years at St Johns in Perth, where we've been going to church since we moved here in 2010. We are originally from Jakarta in Indonesia, but we lived in Adelaide from 2007 until we moved to Western Australia.

When I told Heather I was interested in playing the pipe organ at church, she took me in straight away. She was so supportive and encouraging and she said, 'Okay, I'll teach you'.

As my original teacher, Heather taught me how to do the stops, how to get around the organ and other information.

Then from the middle of last year a women's group at the congregation sponsored me to have formal lessons, which was really good, too.

I'm not doing organ lessons at the moment as I'm finishing Year 12 but I hope to start again when I can. After school I definitely want to go to uni; hopefully I'll get

into some sort of science area. I don't know what I want to do when I finish studying, but probably a job where I can be with people and help people.

When I was 14, I started by just playing a couple of hymns in church on the organ. I think it was when I was 15 and a bit that Heather said I could play the whole service. Now I play every fortnight, so Heather and I swap around.

I learnt piano from the age of 6. There's a lot of different techniques with the organ but I felt that piano knowledge did help me a lot. When I play the organ at church I need to be really quick learning, so it helps to have that background.

People at church are very supportive and encouraging – they're very kind. If I play one week and I go downstairs afterwards, they always say 'oh you played really well', and things like that.

But I don't do it for the challenge of it, I do it because I feel like it's my way of contributing to the congregation to bring people together for fellowship. I feel like it's my way of worshipping God, if that makes sense.

*Yovela Tamba is a member at St Johns Lutheran Church, in Perth Western Australia.*



## How can the LCA engage more effectively with young people?

Just ask them to participate in church activities. At my church, sometimes they get the youth or the little kids to do the readings or prayers. We also have a youth service when the youth are asked to lead the service completely, so I think that's a good way to bring them in with the things they're interested in like music. Young people who are asked to participate will feel like they want to participate more in the church, they'll be encouraged.

# *Young 'beginning' Organists are everywhere!*

Read the story opposite of Perth young 'beginning' organist, Yovela Tamba. Does it sound like the story of Christy John, our young 'beginning' organ scholar here at Zion Glynde!

Like Yovela, Christy will be missing from the organ seat while completing Year 12 exams and going on a well-deserved holiday with her family.

We look forward to Christy's return to playing for the first Sunday of the month worship services in 2018.

Perhaps you know of young (or older) pianists who would like to get a feel for the wonders of the organ. Then please encourage them to give me a call 0458 650135 / 8367 9969 or contact me via email [joymildren@hotmail.com](mailto:joymildren@hotmail.com)

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## *Urgent help needed...*

Help is needed to take on the operation of the sound desk during services.

The purpose of the Public Address system (PA) is to enhance the worship service, or whatever service is being conducted at the time.

The PA system is one of the least required pieces of equipment used during a church service, yet also one of the most important.

It is not difficult to understand and willing helpers will be given training on the mixing of microphones.

Please give it a try, at any time, to understand how it all works before taking it on.

There is no age limit for this important task, but a shared roster of trained people is ideal.

Contact Lawrie Sjoberg (8369 3338), or David Wachner (8337 7415) to give it a try and see what it involved.

We are waiting to hear from you!



# *Picnic at the Gums!*

This year's annual Picnic at the Gums was a resounding success with beautiful weather, fantastic worship and of course a stellar BBQ lunch. The jellybean appetizer from Pastor Wayne was of course a hit with all of the children!

Thanks to a roster of volunteers, we have been able to continue our tradition of a Community Lunch on the first Sunday of each month. Through the sharing of food we also share our stories, which of course are more than just stories. They are our lives, our hopes, our hardships. The community which this creates is so much stronger, just for the sharing of a simple meal.

Let's hope our monthly tradition can continue in to 2018!



# Worship Calendar

## DECEMBER

3.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C.	Advent 1 <b>Church 4 Kids</b> <i>Community Lunch</i>	Luke 7:36-50 "He came down that we may have <b>love</b> "	"He came down that..." (1)
10.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Advent 2 <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (Oct-Dec)</i>	Luke 2:8-14 "He came down that we may have <b>peace</b> "	"He came down that..." (2)
17.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Advent 3 <i>School holidays start</i>	Luke 2:10 "He came down that we may have <b>joy</b> "	"He came down that..." (3)
24.	(Sunday) 9.00 a.m.   7.00 p.m.	H.C.	Advent 4 <i>(Lessons and Carols)</i>	Luke 2:11 "He came down that we may have <b>hope</b> "	"He came down that..." (4)
25.	(Monday) 9.00 a.m.	H.C.	<i>(Combined Worship)</i>	<b>Christmas Eve in the stable</b> Family worship, <i>with children</i>	
31.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Christmas 1	Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne <i>Guest Preacher: David Christian</i> Luke 2:25-40	

## JANUARY '18

7.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 1	Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne <i>Guest Preacher: David Christian</i> Mark 1:4-11	
			<i>*No Community Lunch</i>		
14.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Epiphany 2	Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne <i>Guest Preacher: David Christian</i> John 1:43-51	
21.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 3	Hebrews 3:7-13 "Encourage one another every day..."	<i>Stories of encouragement: Philip Yancey (1)</i>
27.	(Saturday) 10.00 a.m.		<b>Leadership Retreat</b>		
28.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 4	Hebrews 10:19-25 "Let us encourage one another..."	<i>Stories of encouragement: Tony Campolo (2)</i>
			<i>*School resumes</i>		

# 2017 @Glynde in Pictures



**Feb—Tour Down Under**



**Mar—ALC staff installation**



**Apr—PNG Missionary Reunion**



**May—Building works continue**



**June—Redevelopment opening**



**July—Confirmations**



**Aug—Jessica's final service**



**Sep—Donated quilts to charity**



**Oct—Welcome Karleigh!**



**Nov—Reformation 500**