

Glynde Lutheran Church

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# Encouragers

**Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.** (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Read [Hebrews 10:11-25](#)

This is a great passage. There is a really positive, encouraging feel to it. It begins with the assurance that God keeps his promise. So we're encouraged to hang on to the hope we have as Christians.

Then the author talks about being concerned for one another. It may be that your concern in relation to others results from worry that you are working harder than they are or that maybe they are getting ahead of you. But proper concern for others means helping them to show love and to do good. It's all about encouragement, not competition.

It's a great concept. Life is competitive enough, and our culture promotes competition at every level in so many ways. As a Christian you can step out of that race. You can be an encourager. You can tell someone they did a good job, give someone a hand to get them ahead, perform an act of random kindness. It's important, because time is short enough without filling it with bitterness, division and anger.

***Lord, help me to encourage others by my words and actions. Amen.***

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by Tom Peitsch, in 'Living Water for each Day' (LCA, Openbook, 2001)  
Visit the [Daily Devotion archives page](#).

# From the editor...

Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom—Marcel Proust

December 26th is not only Boxing Day, it is also when Thank You Note Day is celebrated. What a wonderful idea to spend that time after Christmas thinking back on the year that has been and in particular thinking about who we should thank. I'm sure there are many, many people that deserve our thanks for acts big and small.

In light of Thank You Note Day and being grateful for the year that has been, the theme for this edition of the *@Glynde* is "Thank you". I am very thankful for all of the guest editors that have helped me produce the *@Glynde* this year—Karleigh Crepin, Leah Cronin, Katarina Schulz, Alyssa Leach and Vivien Kupke. Their work was fantastic and it was wonderful to have others share their stories and ideas. I also want to thank my proof-reader Lois Kupke, whose understanding of the English Language and grammar far surpasses my own.

I hope you enjoy reading through this bumper December edition. More pages have had to be added so that all of the fantastic things that have been happening get to be included! We have so many photos in this edition that you might just find one of yourself, you never know!

May you have a Merry Christmas, enjoying celebrations for the birth of our Saviour.

Fleur Kupke

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## From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! Our theme for this month's AT GLYNDE is **"Thank you!"** It's a theme that almost suggests itself as we look back at what God has done here at Glynde this past year, and as we look forward to Christmas and the New Year.

**\*On Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, we had our Annual General Meeting, and many of the reports focused on what God had done here at our church in this last year, and the various ministries of our church.** Some of the things that were mentioned included:

- \*The redevelopment of the church and its surrounds
- \*Our ministries on Sunday in church and at Lighthouse Kids
- \*Our continued Cross Cultural ministries during the week, and the many, many people who we have been able to get to know and love.
- \*The use of the movies *The Shack* and *Mary Magdalene*
- \*Our five week program in May and June entitled "Living Questionable Lives"
- \*Our various Fundraising activities *that*

*were also Fellowship activities*

\*The Blessing of the Pets on the lawn under the gum tree

**Thank God for all the opportunities that we have had this past year to upbuild and encourage one another in our faith, and to reach out to the many, many people around us with the message of God's love, and His ongoing forgiveness through Jesus.**

**\*Advent and Christmas provide many opportunities for us to reflect on what our God has done for us in sending His Son to be born among us as an ordinary baby, and to thank God for this birth that has changed our life, and continues to change lives.**

During Advent, our focus is on the events surrounding the birth of God's Son for us under the theme, "Christmas: the real story". During Advent, the children at Lighthouse Kids will prepare for their involvement at our Christmas Eve service: by practising their activities and their songs under the guidance of Adam Kremer. On Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10.30 a.m., there will be a full



Christmas Eve practice. That Sunday, there will be only one worship service: a combined Readings and Carols service at 9.00 a.m.

Our Christmas celebration, and thanksgiving to God, will involve our Family Christmas Eve service in the stable, *namely our church with the pews removed and the Christmas stages set up*. This worship time will begin at 7 p.m. with families gathered on seats and rugs in the church, *watching the children lead us in celebrating the birth of Jesus for us*. And then on Christmas Day, we will worship with a combined worship service at 9 a.m.

**\*Also, "Happy New Year!"** It seems a little early to say this, but this is the only opportunity that I'll get to say this to you in print. **May God bless you in this coming new year, 2019, as we seek to reach out to the community around us with the wonderful, life transforming, good news of the birth of Jesus and what he means for us.** Thank you to all who attended **Vision 2019** in early November, and for the many objectives for our ministry that have been framed on the basis of our dreams and visions for the Lord's work here. These will be discussed in detail at our **Leadership Retreat** on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and then made available for general discussion and affirmation.

**Well, God has blessed us in many, many ways, and we have much to thank God for.** May God bless you and yours as you celebrate Christmas, and as you head into this coming new year, giving thanks to God for the real reason for the season: the birth of God's Son in a manger for us.

Love Wayne ☺





# From the Chairperson ...

## *Being thankful, giving thanks*

As 2018 draws to a close, what does being thankful mean for you and for us a community of faith seeking to share the love of Jesus so that all may come to know and worship him? For me it means giving thanks for all God has given us - for Pastor Wayne and Pastor Henry, for Barb and Hayley and Angeline who work among us, for our many other ministers who lead, encourage, inspire and walk with us through groups, activities and prayer; for those who refresh and renew our vision; for those who waken our call to love and serve; for those who come and share their lives and hurts and seek to find God's grace and compassion in this place.

We give thanks for those who contributed ideas and time to our Vision Day in October and for those who attended our AGM last Sunday. At the AGM we affirmed those who have served in all positions and roles within our church community in 2018 and elected the following office bearers for 2019:

Chairperson: Helene Schulz  
Vice-chairperson: Jonathan Prenzler  
Secretary/Public Officer: Lyall Kupke  
Assistant Treasurer: Fleur Kupke  
Maintenance/Security Officer: Grant Wilksch  
Consultants: Linden Huxtable, Sharyn Schubert

Thank you to all those who accepted nominations for our Board for Ministry teams and the many other groups and roles that are formed to breathe life and care and fellowship into our worship and activities that shape our faith, our outreach and our community. A Book of Reports has been distributed which outlines highlights, achievements and challenges of our ministry teams - copies are available from the office if you have not had a chance to read these reports.

Business discussed at the AGM included the repair of the pipe organ (scheduled for early 2019), review of the constitution (the final draft was distributed for comment

and will be presented for adoption at a special meeting to be convened early next year), repainting of the hall in January (thanks to donations from the Craft Group) and an update on tax-deductible donations to LCC towards our redevelopment project. Our Treasurer outlined the new budget for 2019 - this is a deficit budget of \$12,000 and while our general finances can support this deficit in the short term, it is not a sustainable position for the longer term. We are all encouraged to review and increase our support for the weekly church budget if we can.

A proposal relating to holding a forum for members of our faith community to express their feelings about the decisions at the recent General Convention of Synod and the ongoing dilemma and hurt within the LCA regarding the ordination of women was supported. The Executive and Board for Ministry will plan and hold this forum in the new year.

So, as we end this year and plan for the next, we are grateful for all who contribute to make this a special place. May we count our blessings every day, or as the Message version of Matthew 5:5-6 proclaims:

*You're blessed when you're content with who you are - no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourself proud owners of everything that can't be bought. You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat*

Shalom, and every blessing for this Advent and Christmas season.

Helene Schulz  
Chairperson



Our YAGM volunteer Haley finding out about Doris' famous cream lilies at the final Women's Fellowship for 2018





# From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

*Where do you start?  
How do you thank everyone you should?*

Mid-week ministries are preparing to celebrate 2018 by sharing the love of the baby Jesus and celebrating with the world his birth.

Celebrating our year comes with many thank yous...

Thank you to everyone who helps at Playgroup, Mainly Music, English classes, Coffee and Chat, Girls' Night Out, courses and our crèche. Thank you to everyone to prays, who cooks, who makes coffee and tea, who serves, who presents, who gives of their time to be with us. Thank you to those who listen, who share, who visit, who collect food... every one of you are special, every one of you have made a special connection with someone by your gift of giving.

Thank you! Thank you for making this mid-week family special. I thank God for what you do.

I thank God for the gift of being a part of this ministry. I thank Him for giving His son as a tiny baby to be our Saviour. I thank God for the new opportunities that happen here.

thank you



## *Where do I start?*

How do I thank everyone who comes to this place to join their children at Playgroup or Mainly Music. Or to our Marriage course, or Parenting course or English class, or Coffee and Chat, or Girls' Night out... or those who have just come to our new Wednesday group?

They are the people who thank us for running all of these groups. They thank us for caring for them, for providing a safe place, for being the parents they do not have. They thank us for teaching them, for listening and providing information. But, I can't help but thank them.

For their openness, for their willingness to share their stories, that sometimes are so overwhelming. How can I thank them for opening their hearts to us? How can I thank them for all the gifts they give by sharing their culture, by opening our minds to new thoughts, to new ways of thinking? How can I thank them for enriching my life, and yours, with their knowledge and their love. How do you explain that we receive so much more than we give?

We can say thank you to everyone by sharing God's love. At this time of Christmas, we can share the story of Jesus' birth. Most people who come here mid-week do not know about the birth of a tiny baby, who came to be our Saviour and King ... but, we can mention Him in our courses and conversations. Just like today at our new Wednesday Group, Grace over Lunch, we shared a devotion. For many it would have been the first time they had heard talk about God... but they all smiled when we finished with "God bless you". God's love shines through language and culture! We can give out children's bibles, when understanding English is hard. And we can share God's love and grace with all who come here.

So, all I can say to you, and especially to those who come here....

Thank you!

Barbara Mattiske—Cross Cultural Coordinator



# Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
<b>30</b> 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>31</b>		
<b>2</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship 5:15 Campbelltown Christmas Pageant	<b>3</b> 11am Hymns We Love	<b>4</b> 9:30 Craft	
<b>9</b> 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 Exec Meeting	
<b>16</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
		SCHOOL	
<b>23</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 7pm Christmas Eve Service	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 9am Combined Worship HC	

# What's on in December?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 10am Girls' Coffee 10am English Class
	<b>5</b> 9:30 Playgroup 7:30 BFM meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	<b>7</b> 9:30 KYB 9:30 Marriage Course 9:30 English Class 10:30 Coffee and Chat	<b>8</b> 10am English Class
	<b>12</b> 9:30 Playgroup 6:30 Girls' Night Out	<b>13</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	<b>14</b> 9:30 KYB 9:30 English Class 9:30 Marriage Course 10:30 Coffee and Chat	<b>15</b> 10am-2pm Markets
	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:30 Prayer Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	HOLIDAYS			
	<b>26 Boxing Day</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
	OFFICE CLOSED			

# The Rusty Gate



O rusty gate what purpose have you now.  
No path before you, no path beyond.  
But held between those sturdy planks of wood:  
Caressed by long gone weeds  
and teased with leaves of gold from trees so tall.  
O rusty gate,  
what purpose did you serve when shining  
bright.  
When children, families, old and young passed  
through, hurrying to serve themselves  
and others.

I was given a book to read which has given me lots of food for thought.

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan monk who has written several books and these titles can be found online. He writes about **"Falling Upward - A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life"**. His insight into the Christian life is based on biblical quotes and wisdom from other writers which have offered me light for future service.

Aging can come with doubts and fears for our future years. How will I cope with no job or purpose to get me up in the morning. Will my health continue to give me enough energy to keep up with the gardening, will I be there for my family? I don't want to be a burden to others. I really looked forward to this time for myself. How long will I be able to look after myself? What will I do if I can no longer drive my car? Will I have to rely on others?

At times I have felt like that old rusty gate. My life has been full of adventures, new experiences, family responsibilities and lots of moving around to accommodate financial gain. I wanted to be independent, but that can be lonely. I've had so much to look back on—so many exciting times.

Why look back when the future can be just as exciting!

Have you ever felt like an old rusty gate?

Remember: **"YOU ARE LOVEABLE, AND YOU ARE LOVED."**

Diane Kleinig



# Our Amazing Markets

At our **Markets** there are a multitude of wonderful things to buy.

At the last October Market I not only bought Polly's Jams but made an amazingly helpful connection.

I checked out Suzanne's beautiful plant stall and we started chatting about my urgency to get a large quantity of mulch, enough for both my back and front garden.

'Oh, my husband has a trailer – he can get it for you', Suzanne said. Her young daughter chimed in, 'I'll help to spread the mulch'.

With super efficiency exactly 2 weeks later, in perfect weather, husband Eddie, brought 3 trailer loads of mulch and the 4 of us happily set to work barely stopping for cuppa and cake.

(Eddie Gref can be contacted on 0418 843 367 [designpaint@optus.com.au](mailto:designpaint@optus.com.au))

Joy Mildren



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# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31 October 2018

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$109,304	\$123,538	(\$14,234)
Building Fund Collection (Not inc. LCC)	\$31,179	\$38,240	(\$7,061)
Fundraising	\$11,069	\$11,332	(\$263)

### Fundraising Outcome for the month

Small Change and Redevelopment Box	\$	53
Film Afternoon	\$	310

Ben Pfitzner,  
Treasurer

Bank Accounts for Direct Giving to Glynde Lutheran Church by EFT

BSB Number	BSB Number	704-942	704-942
Account Number		48692 S1	152736 S1

## Hymns we love

On **Monday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Featuring Advent and Christmas hymns....with selected copies for you to take home.

**10:30** for cuppa, biscuits and chat time

**11am to 12 noon** request and sing your favourites..... organ accompaniment.

*No cost – just come!*

# Can my child go to communion

**Well, the short answer is "Yes, he or she can!"** For a long time now, this has been encouraged in our church. Way back as far as 1981, the Lutheran Church of Australia at its General Synod passed a resolution encouraging children to take the Lord's Supper prior to their Confirmation of their faith. Children as young as 10 years of age were encouraged to partake in the Lord's Supper, after a brief course of instruction by their Pastor.



In recent times, debate has occurred about the age at which a child can be admitted to the Lord's Supper. At recent Pastors' Conferences, and at our recent General Synod in Sydney, discussion has happened even with regard to Infant Communion, *a common practice in the Orthodox church*. **General Synod has voted not to introduce the practice of infant communion in the LCA. It did however endorse the church's existing practice of offering the sacrament to children 'at the earliest appropriate age'.**

The report of the LCA's Commission on Theology and Interchurch Relations (CTICR) as far back as 2013 states that "it does recommend that the age of first communion be significantly lowered". But it did not specify an age at which children could receive the sacrament, **"since the decision as to the earliest appropriate age should be made by the pastor in consultation with the parents"**.

All this means that your child can come to the Lord's Supper *when you as a parent think that your child is ready to receive the Lord's Supper*. Personally as a parent, I have always been of the opinion that since the Lord's Supper is a gift from the Lord Jesus to those participating, I would want my children to commune with their Lord as soon as possible, or as Synod affirmed "at the earliest appropriate age"

In practical terms:

- \*Chat to your child about this, and make a decision based on your discussion.
- \*Talk to the pastor about your situation
- \*Attend a brief "Introduction to the Lord's Supper" run by the pastor
- \*Your child will be then admitted to the Lord's Supper.

God bless,  
Pastor Wayne



# Norwood Christmas





# Pageant Fun!!

Thank you to all our enthusiastic and smiley Volunteers for joining in the Norwood Christmas Pageant to share the true story of Christmas.



# *Dressed 4 Success*

Many ladies enjoyed a fun morning of Devonshire Tea and a catwalk parade as 'Dressed 4 Success' showed off their fashions. The models look like they are having just as much fun as the crowd—maybe even more!







## *Conversation between God and St. Francis*

GOD: What in the world is going on down there on Earth? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

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

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

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

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

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little they cut it—sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags, then pay to throw it away.

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

ST. FRANCIS: Yes...

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

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

GOD: What nonsense! Well at least they kept some of the trees. The trees grow leaves in spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You'd better sit down, Lord. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No! So how do they protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and keep the soil moist?

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

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to hear any more nonsense. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: "Dumb and Dumber" Lord. It's a story about a...

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

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# *Congratulations!*

Congratulations to Janette Lange and Peter Schirmer on their engagement. We wish you God's blessings as you plan your wedding together.

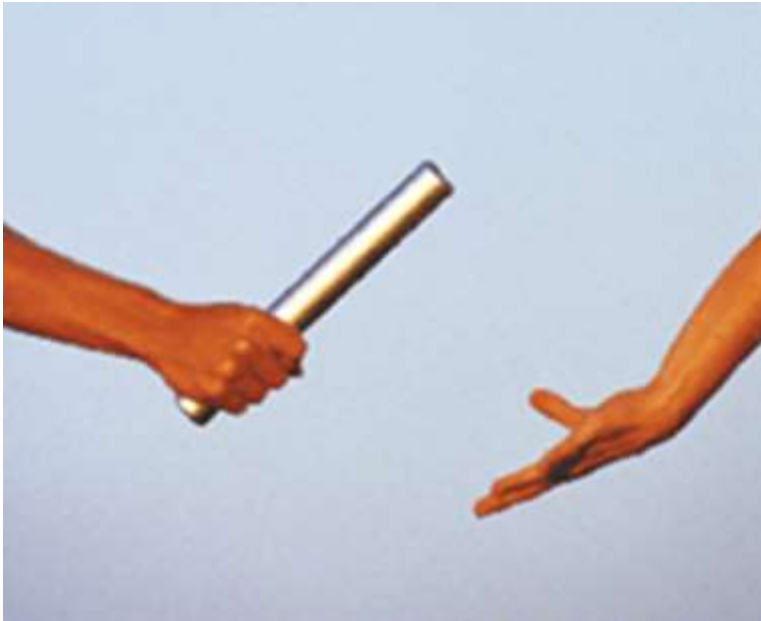


# *Picnic at the Gums!*



Our annual Picnic at the Gums was blessed with beautiful weather. Thank you to the band members, those who helped to lead the service and those who helped to cook the delicious BBQ.

# “Passing the Baton”



That's the theme that will be explored over the weekend of the Lutheran Women's Retreat in mid-January at ALC in North Adelaide. It's an annual get-together of women from all around the state, some of whom have been faithful attenders for decades. I always used to read the ad in our local church paper and think to myself, 'I should book in for that one day'. But I never did - until 5 or 6 years ago. I found it to be a good experience, both socially and spiritually, so I've continued to attend.

This year we have a fairly young chaplain, Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig, who works part-time with *Grow Ministries*, the arm of the national church that is there to help congregations with ministry to children and families. Hence the theme of *Passing the Baton*, encouraging people of faith to pass on the good news to the next generations, and to their neighbours.

As well as our chaplain for the weekend, there will be other guest speakers, including two people local to our Glynde church. (Come and ask me who they are!) Most participants live in – in the tertiary students' accommodation block which is vacant during summer holidays. Some Adelaide people prefer to sleep at home, and commute to attend the sessions each day, or only the Saturday sessions, for example.

Here's what a participant wrote about the 2018 retreat: 'There were plenty of opportunities for singing, praying, laughing, talking and renewing or making friendships; all part of the amazing journey of fellowship as sisters in Christ.'

I'd like to invite any women to join us on the weekend January 18 – 20. The retreat starts Friday afternoon and closes by mid-afternoon on Sunday. I have enrolment forms, or ask Sigrid about retreats, as she is the outgoing president of the organising committee.

Enrolments must be in by January 1, so you have less than a month to think about it. Just do it!

Lois Kupke



# Worship Calendar

## DECEMBER

2.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Advent 1	Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18-25 "Mary and Joseph: examples of faith"	"Christmas: the real story" (1)
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			
	12.00 noon		<b>Community Lunch</b> <i>*Baptismal Anniversaries (Oct-Dec)</i>		
9.	9.00 a.m.		Advent 2	<i>Pastor Henry Martinez</i> Luke 2:1-7 "The birth of God's Son for us"	"Christmas: the real story" (2)
	10.30 a.m.		<b>Church 4 Kids</b>		
16.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Advent 3	Luke 2:8-20 "Welcome sinners!"	"Christmas: the real story" (3)
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			
			<i>*School holidays start</i>		
23.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Advent 4 (Combined)	<b>Readings and Carols</b> Matthew 2:1-12 "Welcome anyone!!"	"Christmas: the real story" (4)
	10.30 a.m.		<b>Christmas Eve practice</b>		
24.	(Monday) 7.00 p.m.			<b>Christmas Eve in the stable</b> "Hark! The herald angels sing" Family worship, <i>with children</i>	
25.	(Tuesday) 9.00 a.m.	H.C.	(Combined Worship)	<b>Christmas Day</b> Luke 2:1-20 "Where is Christ in your Christmas picture?"	
30.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Christmas 1	Matthew 2:13-23 "Will God look after me!?"	"Christmas: the real story" (5)
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			

## JANUARY '19

6.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Epiphany	Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne <i>Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez</i>	
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			
			<i>*No Community Lunch</i>		
13.	9.00 a.m.		Epiphany 1		
	10.30 a.m.		Luke 3:21-22 "Who am I, and what defines me?"		
19.	(Saturday) 10.00 a.m.		<b>Leadership Retreat at Para Vista church</b>		
20.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Epiphany 2	John 2:1-11 "Jesus changes our whole life... <i>for the much better</i> "	
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			
27.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Epiphany 3	Luke 4:14-30 "Being a prophet of God is a risky business..."	
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			
			<i>*School resumes</i>		

Thank you for sharing  
2018 with us @Glynde!

