



**GLYNDE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**@GLYNDE**

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Fleu Kupke

# Can you find Jesus?

A prayer to stay focused on finding Jesus this Advent and Christmas.

*Father, Praise You for Christmas! Thank You for Jesus, born to earth to live among us and pay the ultimate price for our sin. Along the way, He lived a life that we can look to as an example of how to navigate human life on earth. Belief in Him reaches beyond this life, and unto heaven. This Christmas, we ask your forgiveness for getting caught up in the hustle of commercialism, and ask that You re-focus our hearts to Christ. Help us to experience His presence and revel in His closeness.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen.*



## From the editor...

The theme for this edition of @Glynde is 'Can you find Jesus?'

What does it make you think about?

It makes me think if I *find time* for Jesus.

Life moves fast and this is never more applicable than in December when, although the month revolves around the birth of Jesus, we're often distracted by the things that surround Christmas like buying gifts and decorating the Christmas tree.

We have a relationship with Jesus and we need to give it as much attention as the other relationships we have in our lives.

My goal for this advent is to keep things in perspective and make time to reflect on the true essence of Christmas each and every day!

I hope you enjoy this edition of @Glynde and a big 'thank you' to all who contributed!

Katarina Schulz



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## From the Pastor...



Hi! Our theme for this month's AT GLYNDE is **"Can you find Jesus?"** It's the theme that was on the banner of our Christmas procession at the Norwood Pageant last Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. **It was a banner heading that encouraged the onlookers to find the baby Jesus on the many symbols of Christmas that our people marching held up on sticks.** About 25 of us marched in the Norwood Pageant. If you would like to join us again when we march in the Campbelltown Pageant on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, you would be very welcome 😊

\*The heading on the fliers that we handed out as we marched in the Pageant was: **"Come and find Jesus this Christmas"**, and the fliers gave details about our coming

Christmas "Church 4 Kids", and our Christmas Eve celebration. Actually, **there are many opportunities this Advent and this Christmas to come and find Jesus here at Glynde** 😊 Have a glance at the Worship Calendar at the back of this AT GLYNDE.

**On Sundays during Advent, we will be focusing on the gifts that are ours because of Christmas: LOVE, PEACE, JOY, and HOPE.** We will do this using various Christmas stories that highlight what Christmas is all about, and how these gifts are ours because of the birth of God's Son, Jesus, for us. Each Sunday during Advent, we will light a candle on the Advent wreath to help us focus on each of these gifts. Come along each Sunday, and reflect on how our life is changed *or can be changed* by the Christmas event.

**\*On the second Sunday of Advent on December 8<sup>th</sup> at our 10.30 a.m. service, we will have our Christmas "Church 4 Kids".** This year, our focus is on **"The A,B,C's of Christmas"**, as the clowns will help the children *and the adults* understand the message of Christmas, and what Christmas is all about: the birth of God's Son, Jesus, as our Rescuer.

Come along and bring any children from your family and your friends to this worship time. Afterwards, we will have refreshments in the hall, including a birthday cake for Jesus.

\*On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</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 will again 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 us in this coming new year, 2020, 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.

Please put a ring around **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2020**, in your diaries and on your calendars because that afternoon is our **Vision 2020** from 1-3 p.m.

This is our opportunity to get together after our Community Lunch to dream together about the directions that God wants us to go in this coming new year.

Please plan to come to this and add your input to our planning 😊

**\*Well, God has blessed us in many, many ways in this year 2019. 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 😊

## Looking for Jesus at Christmas...

Do you expect loud and impressive events to convince you and others of God's saving power? Henri J.M. Nouwen writes "...our temptation is to be distracted by them.... When I have no eyes for the small signs of God's presence - the smile of a baby, the carefree play of children, the words of encouragement and gestures of love offered by friends - I will always remain tempted to despair. ... The small child of Bethlehem, the unknown man of Nazareth, the rejected preacher, the naked man on the cross, *he* asks for my attention. The work of our salvation takes place in the midst of a world that continues to shout, scream and overwhelm us with its claims and promises. "

My prayer is that we will all look for small signs that God is present in our daily lives, and give thanks for his presence. If he is absent, may we have the courage to find out why.

As we move into the season of Advent,, we have just held our Half Yearly meeting. I recommend that you read the Book of Reports to discover and celebrate the many ministries that build our community of faith. At this meeting we affirmed with heartfelt thanks the passion and service of our Pastors, Wayne Boehm and Henry Martinez, Barbara Mattiske (Cross Cultural Outreach Coordinator), Angeline Joimol (Executive Assistant), Rebecca Thiem (Cleaner) and Hayley Penk (YAGM Volunteer). We also acknowledged the service of people who have served in other roles, but are not continuing in those positions in 2020 including: Diane Kleinig (Care Ministry), Ivan Hoffmann (Constitutions Committee), Jonathan Prenzler (Constitutions Committee, Pastoral Assistant), Grant Mattiske(Constitutions Committee, SANCTAS), Barbara Mattiske (SANCTAS), Stephen Gatluit: (Sudanese Ministry), Val Matters (Sanctuary Coordinator), Helene Schulz (Chairperson).

Elections were held with the following people elected to the Executive leadership for 2020:

Chairperson: Jonathan Prenzler

Vice-Chairperson: Sharyn Schubert

Treasurer: Ben Pfitzner

Property: Grant Wilksch

Extra Members: Linden Huxtable, Tim Eckert.

Other news from the Half Yearly Meeting included news that the restoration/repair of the pipe organ has been completed, and this organ will be played in worship on 2nd February next year. We are now blessed to have two organs available for use in worship.

In addition, the following proposal was adopted: that a replacement of the audio-visual system be investigated through a working group formed by the congregation with a proposal to be presented to the Annual General Meeting in 2020. The working group will consist of Jonathan Prenzler, Grant Mattiske and David Wachner.

Highlights of the last month:

- Baptism of Doris Wenting Yu on Saturday, 9 November with a group of her friends and some folk from our church
- Worship at the Gums
- Norwood Christmas Pageant - we walked in a group of 30-40 people from our church, the Korean church and the Chinese congregation from St Stephen's in the city
- Wine and Cheese Night.

As you know, I am leaving the role of chairperson at the end of this year. Thank you to you all for your generous support and prayers during my years in this role. Thank you for being a courageous and compassionate community and for shining with the love of Jesus. May God continue to bless us all as we continue to reveal and celebrate God's love among us, so that all may know Jesus.

Blessings to you as you prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour in this time of Advent,

Helene Schulz, Chairperson



## From the Cross-Cultural Coordinator...

It's December... most of us are already in Christmas mode... For us at mid-week we are preparing for Christmas. This is a fun time of year but many people who come here do not know much about Christmas, or for some, anything! So, for me, it makes me look anew every year! And how exciting is that! At Glynde this Christmas, we are looking at the symbols of Christmas, and we have been continuing that with theme through our mid-week groups.

At Playgroup we will be celebrating and making some of the symbols of Christmas with the children... and as we finish, we will be encouraging our families with gifts to continue learning about the symbols of Christmas. To our great group of leaders, what a wonderful gift you share with the children and the grown-ups through our craft activities and in our words to each other.

At Grace over Lunch we share our cooking and time reading and sharing together, and as Christmas is getting closer, we are sharing some of our Christmas recipes... including honey biscuits. There was lots of decorating going on last Wednesday. Grace over Lunch has grown, not just in cooking over the year, but in love and sharing and I am so pleased that I have managed to write every recipe down and will be sharing that in our first ever 2019 recipe book! This is a symbol of culture and of love and of caring for each other and shows our journey in 2019. I am delighted that we will be able to share this with everyone at Glynde. We have also spent time making origami stars, a symbol of Christmas to be shared on Christmas Eve.

Mainly music continues to shower people with love and care. I must thank the people who cook and present each week and who spoil everyone who enters. We have been learning jingle bells over the last couple of weeks, not just in English, but also in Japanese, Mandarin, Farsi and Korean, culminating in singing and dancing to Jingle Bells in whatever language we choose and can



share that the bells will ring out everywhere to let everyone know where to find the baby Jesus!

Friday, well, we have taken half a year to complete the Alpha course at our own pace. Thanks to Diane Kleinig and Henry for joining me each week, and especially thank you to the group of people who have come each week with open minds and hearts, to listen, learn and to share. We have grown close as a group and have shared much about ourselves and how we are growing in learning about Jesus... and we are just finishing, ready to tell the world about the birth of baby Jesus and what faith means to us. So much so, that we will continue in January to learn and read the bible together. Thank you for encouraging me each week as we have done this together!

Our English classes continue to learn, laugh and encourage. Thanks to Colleen for leading us in the strange language of English... we will miss you on Saturdays next year, but are glad we will still have you with us on Fridays.

And to the wonderful grandmas who look after our crèche, the children have spent most of the year with you on Fridays and it shows how much they love you! For us teaching classes, it makes it so much easier to learn without our parents having to care for their children as well.

And to everyone at Coffee and Chat, thank you to those who make our coffees, to the Pie Time bakery for supplying our cake and bread! To see the friendships and growth on Fridays is a special gift to behold, and can you see Jesus here? Oh yes, you can! His love shines brightly in smiles, his word is spread through the actions of people helping and through sharing...

And together all of our groups were invited to walk in the pageants. Can you find Jesus there? Twelve families from mid week joined us to walk together as we shared the story of Jesus' birth. Oh yes, we can find Jesus in talking, and waving and smiling and the people asking where can you find Jesus?



May the birth of Jesus bring you closer to Him as he whispers His love to you!

Barbara Mattiske, Cross Cultural Coordinator.

# Get Involved at Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>1</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC Lighthouse Kids 12noon Community lunch 12:30pm Korean Service	<b>2</b> 9-11:15am KinderBallet 11am "Hymns they love"	<b>3</b> 9.30am Craft    7pm Quilters
<b>8</b> 9am Worship 10:30am Church4Kids 'You will name him Jesus' 12:30pm Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer service	<b>9</b> 9-11:15am KinderBallet	<b>10</b>     7pm Quilters 7:30pm Exec Meeting
<b>15</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC Lkids Christmas Eve Practice 12:30pm Korean Worship 1pm Pastoral Asst. mtg	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Combine Worship HC 10:30am NO SERVICE <b>Christmas Eve Practice</b> 12:30pm Korean Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>    7pm Christmas Eve in the Stable
<b>29</b> 9am Worship HC 10:30am Worship HC 12:30pm Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer service	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

# What's on in December?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 9:30am Playgroup 11:30am Grace over Lunch 5pm Weight Watchers mtg 7:30pm BfM mtg	<b>5</b> 7:30am Prayer Group mtg 9:45am Mainly Music 12noon Cards 4-5:45pm Dance lessons	<b>6</b> 9:30 English and Friday Learning 10:30 Coffee and Chat 6pm Junior Youth pool party 7:30pm ACL Grad.	<b>7</b> 10am English
<b>11</b> 9:30am Playgroup 9:30 Women's Fellowship 11:30am Grace over Lunch 5pm Weight Watchers mtg	<b>12</b> 7:30am Prayer Group mtg 9:45am Mainly Music 4-5:45pm Dance lessons 6:30pm Girls Night out	<b>13</b> 9:30 English and Friday Learning 10:30 Coffee and Chat	<b>14</b> 10am Market
<b>18</b>  5pm Weight Watchers mtg	<b>19</b> 7:30am Prayer Group mtg  12noon Cards	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>25</b> 9am Combined Worship HC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b>

## ***“Glancing behind ... looking ahead”***

It's often when we take a few moments to review the past, glance behind us, that we see God's marvellous Hand in our lives...very timely, as the last Sunday of the Church Year has just been celebrated and the Advent Season is upon us.

It is exactly 7 years ago when the Zion Glynde Congregation agreed to purchase a new 'virtual pipe organ' – the Allen 2 manual digital organ - at a cost of \$35000.

One of the consultants for the “Organ Working Group” said : *you are not buying an organ-- you are buying a 'Centre of Music Ministry and Education'.*

This thought inspired the subsequent **Vision for Music Ministry and Education** here at Zion Glynde.

Many people became so excited with this **Vision** that over the last 7 years

- ✓ “Organists Meet and Swap” events were held in support of church organists across SA
- ✓ a [Concerts@Glynde](#) series was enjoyed by many in the community
- ✓ a successful organists training program was established resulting in Christy John continuing to confidently play the organ monthly, currently one student and another expected to start in the New Year.
- ✓ “Hymns We Love” began a year ago and is flourishing.
- ✓ As the current organist I have been able to play a variety of worshipful music using a wide range of colourful organ stops ... such as trumpet, oboe, vox humana, etc etc.

How was the new organ paid for?

'Glynde Markets' began with great energy immediately the decision to purchase the new organ was made - along with other fundraising events, donations etc, the organ was paid for 2 years later

These colourful Markets continue today reaching people in the community while supporting other church projects.

*Let's give thanks to God for the past ... as we eagerly look forward to His guidance through 2020.*

Joy Mildren, Organist

# *Grace over Lunch Recipe Book*

This year we started a new group on Wednesdays. The idea I had was for a bit of cooking, a bit of reading together and discussing it, and a bit of learning about God. How would it be accepted? You know, most people who come are from other cultures, could we manage to share together our home cooking, would people stay as we talk about God?

Now, here we are at the end of 2019 and wow, what a year it has been. Language may be difficult, but somehow we managed to share our cooking and to even write recipes! We have shared flower arranging, enjoyed a special Japanese tea ceremony and learned how to make origami stars for our Christmas Eve service... and yes, that was a little challenging!

Every week we have shared Gods love by sharing His word. And now, many people share their thoughts as we eat together the food we have made. We have discovered we have an amazing gift to share with everyone at Glynde. We have made a recipe book of our year together, and, why not share that with everyone at Glynde.

Our last recipe to go in the book will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>, and then we can print!

So, if you would like a copy of our recipe book... it has around 40 recipes from all around the world with pictures to make it easier to follow... and all we ask is \$3 toward photocopying.

Please come and see me soon, so we can print a copy for you!

Barbara Mattiske



*Grace*  
over Lunch  
*Recipe book*



For only \$3 you can discover all of the amazing recipes we have cooked together on Wednesdays in 2019!  
From Sri Lanka, to Japan, Korea, Afghanistan, Malaysia, China, Singapore, Germany, and even Australia!



## Lutheran Community Care Foster Care Services 2019

Lutheran Community Care has now been part of the life at Glynde Lutheran Church. Ten years ago we had just moved in to what was referred to as 'the old pastors office'. Over the past ten years we have grown from a team of one, we have now grown to a team of 34 across 3 sites.

Glynde remains our home site, where we run our administrative services and program support, foster carer recruitment and retention, program management, foster care assessment and training, the specialist team and a newly established central team for support. Our other sites are in Gawler and Warradale. Gawler is the home of our Northern team, where we recently moved into the office space at Immanuel Lutheran Church. In Warradale we are based in Marion Community House.

The families and children connected to our service have also grown over the years. Ten years ago we had 2 families, today, we have 200 providing care to over 240 children. Whilst our service has grown steadily over the last 10 years, it has been in the last 12 months that we experienced the most growth. This has been due to a number of factors, more people continuing to enquire into fostering and with the increasing numbers of children needing foster care. It is important to us, that if children are in need of Foster Care, then they will experience it to be safe, nurturing and loving, for as long as they need foster care for.

Growing along side Glynde Lutheran Church is a wonderful experience. The church and it's building is a hive of activity during the week with much going on around the place. Either training, workshops with foster carers, to seeing the ministry of the church through mainly music, coffee and chat mornings and English language classes to name a few. On Wednesday mornings we even have a small group of staff join the church staff with Pastor Wayne in their weekly devotions.

Yours in Christ, Andrea Konigsmann

# WORSHIP CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

1.	9.00 a.m.	HC	Advent 1	John 1:1-18 'The Word became a human being'	<i>Christmas storied for the Hear: Love (1)</i>
	10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	HC	Community Lunch *Baptisms: David Stock (9 a.m.), Ryan Johnson (10.30 a.m.) *Baptismal Anniversaries (Oct-Dec)		
8.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Advent 2 <b>Church 4 Kids</b>	Luke 1:26-38 'You will name him JESUS' The ABC's of Christmas	<i>Christmas storied for the Hear: Peace (2)</i>
15.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	HC HC	Advent 3 <i>School Holidays Begin!</i>	Luke 2:8-20 'I am here with good news..., which will bring great joy'	<i>Christmas storied for the Hear: Joy (3)</i>
			<b>Readings and Carols</b>		
22.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	HC	Advent 4 (Combined) <b>Christmas Eve Practice</b>	Galatians 4:4-7 'If a son, then an heir'	<i>Christmas storied for the Hear: Hope (4)</i>
24.	(Tuesday) 7.00 p.m.			<b>Christmas Eve in the stable</b> 'Come and find JESUS' Family worship with children	
25.	(Wednesday) 9.00 a.m.	HC	Combined Worship	<b>Christmas Day</b> Luke 2:1-20 'The Nativity scene'	
29.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	HC HC	Christmas 1	Luke 2:21-40 'What did you get for Christmas?'	
5.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	HC HC	Christmas 2 Leader	<i>Annual Leve for Pastor Wayne Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez</i> Matthew 2:1-12 *No Community Lunch	
12.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Epiphany 1	<i>Annual Leve for Pastor Wayne Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez</i> Matthew 3:13-17	
19.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	HC HC	Epiphany 2	<i>Annual Leve for Pastor Wayne Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez</i> John 1:29-42	

# EXCITING THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING!

