

Glynde Lutheran Church

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Devotional thought

As Jesus walked along the shore of Lake Galilee, he saw two brothers who were fishermen, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew, catching fish in the lake with a net. Jesus said to them, 'Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people.' At once they left their nets and went with him. (verses 18-20) Read Matthew 4: 18-25

Taking up a new career is a very complicated process these days. You don't just search the paper for a new job, you have to go on-line and check the Net too (not Peter's fishing net, the Internet). Another new trend is where, as well as having your 'core competencies' assessed, the HR (Human Resources) Department might put you through a psychological test too. Supposedly it matches you to the job and the people you'll work with, but some cynics suspect it's simply so your new boss knows how to control you.

Jesus worked a bit differently. His method for Peter and Andrew was simply to say, 'Come on. Let's go!' And they did, dropping everything, straight away, to join Jesus.

Jesus issues the same invitation to you. He doesn't first check you out, inside and out, and then assess you to make sure you've got all the skills and qualities to qualify to join his family. Jesus takes you just as you are, 'Come on. Let's go.' Then it's all over to you. Are you prepared to drop everything and go with him? Are you?

Jesus, I guess if I had to 'qualify' to be part of your family, I wouldn't measure up. Thank you for inviting me as I am. Yes, I'm ready to go with you. Amen.

From the editor...

Welcome back to the @Glynde magazine for 2018! I hope you were able to rest, relax and remember the amazing gift of baby Jesus over the Christmas season. This year we will again have some guest editors joining me. We will also try to have an article each month highlighting issues or celebrations outside of our community. See page 12 & 13 for the story this month on the origins of Shrove Tuesday.

Many people make New Year's resolutions at the beginning of the year. Gyms around the country have an influx of members, all with good intentions, who are no longer using their memberships in February...Jesus does not want us to make specific resolutions for the year, instead he wants to take us as we are and just says "Come on. Let's go!". Hence the theme for this month's edition.

As always, there are many ways that Jesus can use you here at Glynde if you listen to his call to "Come on. Let's go". I hope you enjoy reading through the articles that may inspire you to seek out a new way to serve for this coming year.

Fleur Kupke

Thanks for not laughing at my absurdly unattainable New Year's resolutions.



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From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! Our theme for this month's @Glynde is "Come on, let's go!"
"Let's go...and do what!?"

Well, our Mission Statement gives us a summary of what we want to do here at Glynde:

"To reveal and celebrate God's love..."

How do we do that? By revealing the heart of God as we focus on Jesus, God's Son, and by responding in celebration as we praise God in worship, and with our songs and our prayers.

"...so that all may know God through Jesus, and worship Him"

That's what God wants us to do: to reach out to those around us with the Good News of God's love, and His forgiveness through Jesus. To empower us and to enable us to do this, we need also to build one another up in our faith. Hence the two goals that we focus on:

Inreach goal:

To encourage, upbuild, and equip one another, so that we may grow

in our faith and become more the outreaching, serving people that God wants us to be.

Outreach goal:

To reach out as a congregation and as individuals to the many hurting and lost people around us with the good news of God's love and forgiveness.

OK, but "Let's go..." *and do what in particular!?* Well, this year there is much planned that excites me, as we seek to work together to serve the Lord.

As I write this, I'm looking forward to our Glynde Church Retreat this coming Saturday. Pastor Henry Martinez and his wife Kim Crawford, who is also a pastor in America, will be presenting input to equip, empower and excite us for the year ahead. I pray that this will be an energising time for each of us who attend.

Coming up, also, is Lent with Ash Wednesday worship focusing on

the riddle of suffering, followed by Bible Study on the following three Wednesdays, morning and night, based on the movie *The Shack*. This movie provides us with an excellent resource to enable us to think about suffering, and God's love and His care, and forgiveness, and many, many other issues.

We will watch the movie in three parts, and discuss the various issues that each part raises.

I'm looking forward, too, to contacting more and more people from the community around us as we run Playgroup on Wednesdays, Mainly Music on Thursdays, Coffee and Chat with Parenting courses and English class on Fridays, and English classes and Markets on Saturdays. Our vision for this ministry is that these people may meet Jesus through us, and through the various follow up activities and courses that we run: such as movies like *The Shack*, and *Mary Magdalene*, and courses like *Getting to know God, Alpha*, and more.

Our vision is that people from our mid-week church activities may in time want their children to discover what we have through Jesus, and bring their children to worship and to Lighthouse Kids, our ministry to children. Please pray that this may happen, and also pray about how God might want you to be involved

in this ministry, and our ministries during the week.

Another thing that excites me as I think ahead is the first of many programs that we intend to run over periods of five or six weeks. The first of these is the program *Living Questionable Lives*, which will be run in May and June. *Living Questionable Lives* is a 5-week program which flows from Michael Frost's book, *Surprise the World* and involves us forming habits spelt out by the word BELLS. We will be encouraged to join together in small groups during these 5 weeks, and afterwards to form DNA groups of 3-4 people to support one another in "living questionable lives", lives which provoke questions from the people around us. As we live questionable lives, may God bless us and enable us to answer those who ask us "to explain the hope that you have in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

So, "Come on, let's go!" And may God bless you and me in this new year 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 ...

God has not been on holidays!

What things inspire you as we start a new year? At this time of the year it feels like we sit poised for action, with many of our ministry activities only just starting. January is often a time of less activity in our church community - Pastor Wayne and Angeline took well-earned breaks this year; school holidays meant some folk went away and our church meetings and activities were generally only scheduled for a February start.

But God has not been on holidays! And in this time He has blessed us through the faithful spiritual care and worship led by Pastor David Christian (who filled in for Pastor Wayne), the blessing of Karleigh Crepin who back-filled for Angeline, and the ongoing ministry provided by Barb Mattiske.

Behind the scenes, preparation took place for Pastor Henry Martinez to take up some preaching and pastoral ministries within our congregation this year. You will have

the opportunity to meet Henry over the coming weeks and to learn more about him. In addition, by the time this goes to print, Henry Martinez and Kim Crawford will have led our church retreat on 3rd February and given us fresh inspiration and energy for our mission and vision using the theme "*Reveal and Celebrate Jesus*".

David Stock, Val Matters and others on the Property Committee have worked hard to plan and prepare for upgrading the church kitchen. An open meeting to talk through the plans on a Sunday afternoon in January was attended by interested people and gave us the opportunity to imagine the new layout and to provide feedback. The timeline for the work is quite tight, with the plan being to have the space available for use by the middle of March. Heartfelt thanks to all who are working out creative ways of making temporary arrangements while the kitchen is out of action.

In January, the State Government has approached us to provide a facility for pre-polling as well as a polling booth for election day. This opportunity has only come about because of the collaborative way in which our church community has supported and worked with State and Commonwealth electoral officials during past elections. The hire of our facilities in this way serves as a great fundraiser for our church. There has been much discussion as to how this could be accommodated in view of the kitchen upgrade that will be happening at the same time. The solution has been to offer the overflow area for the pre-polling booth. This means there will be minimal impact on the upgrading of the kitchen which will be in progress. The hall will still be available for use by other groups during the day and in the evening.

Just think of the thousands of people who will enter our church facilities over the election period and have a chance to see what happens here on Sundays and during week. If we can have our church open for prayer and we can provide a witness to the love of God during this time, then I am sure many

more blessings will flow. The accessibility and flexibility of our building comes to the fore on these occasions and also provides us with the chance to welcome our whole community and to showcase our mission and outreach activities.

God has been preparing us for this year of mission in our community. How has He prepared you? What will you do to respond to the call of Jesus to "Come follow me?"

We come together as God's people, broken and growing, hurting and healing, old and new friends, from many cultures, many backgrounds, rich and poor. In 2018, let us share our tears and our laughter, our faith and our doubts and "reveal and celebrate" our God, who has not been on holidays, but has generously poured out His love for us all.

Shalom

Helene Schulz
Chairperson

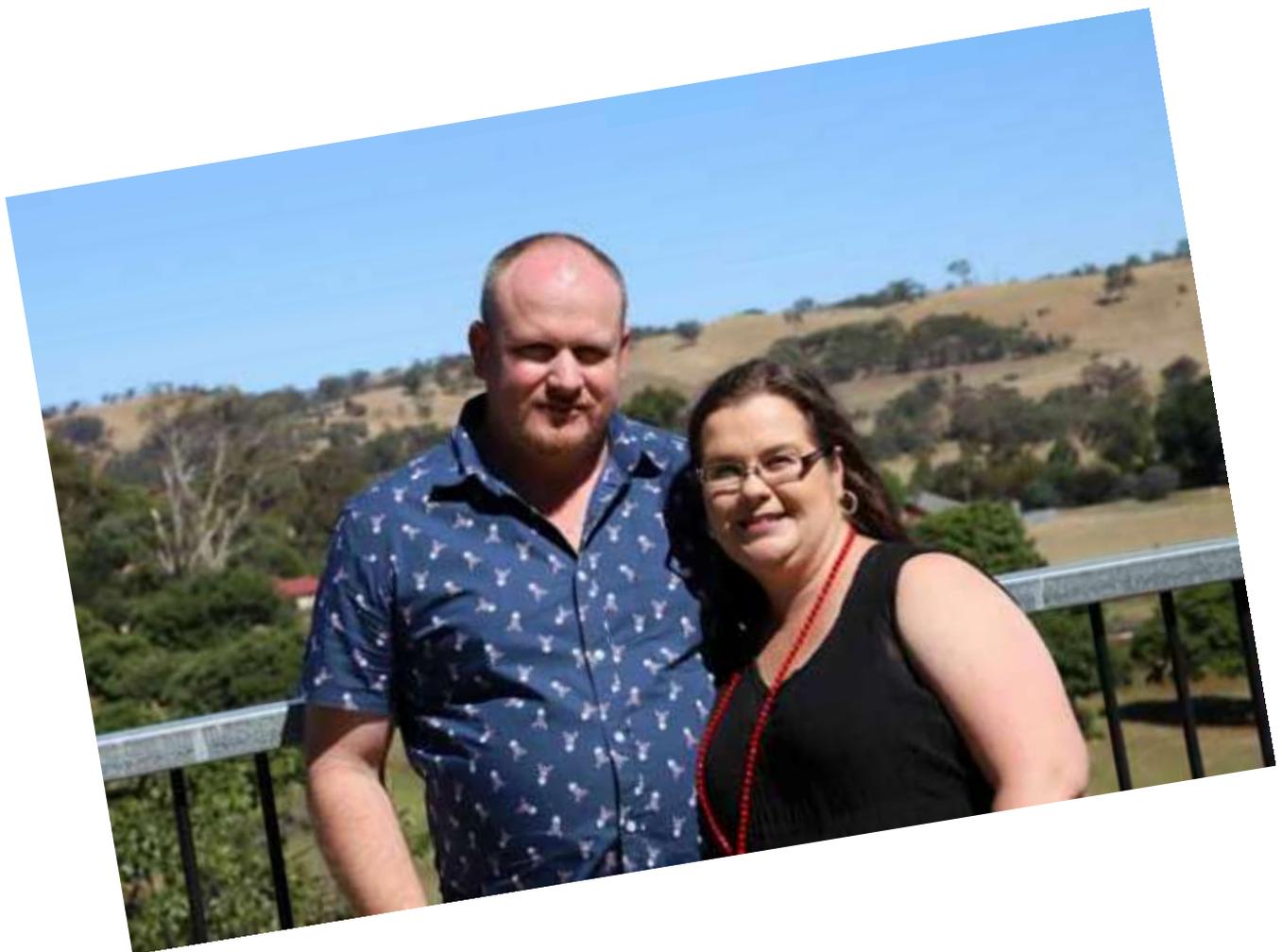


Retreat

Strengthened Through His Spirit!

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.



Congratulations to Gretchen Byrne and Robert Watkins who became engaged on Christmas Day.

What a wonderful day, a truly unforgettable present!

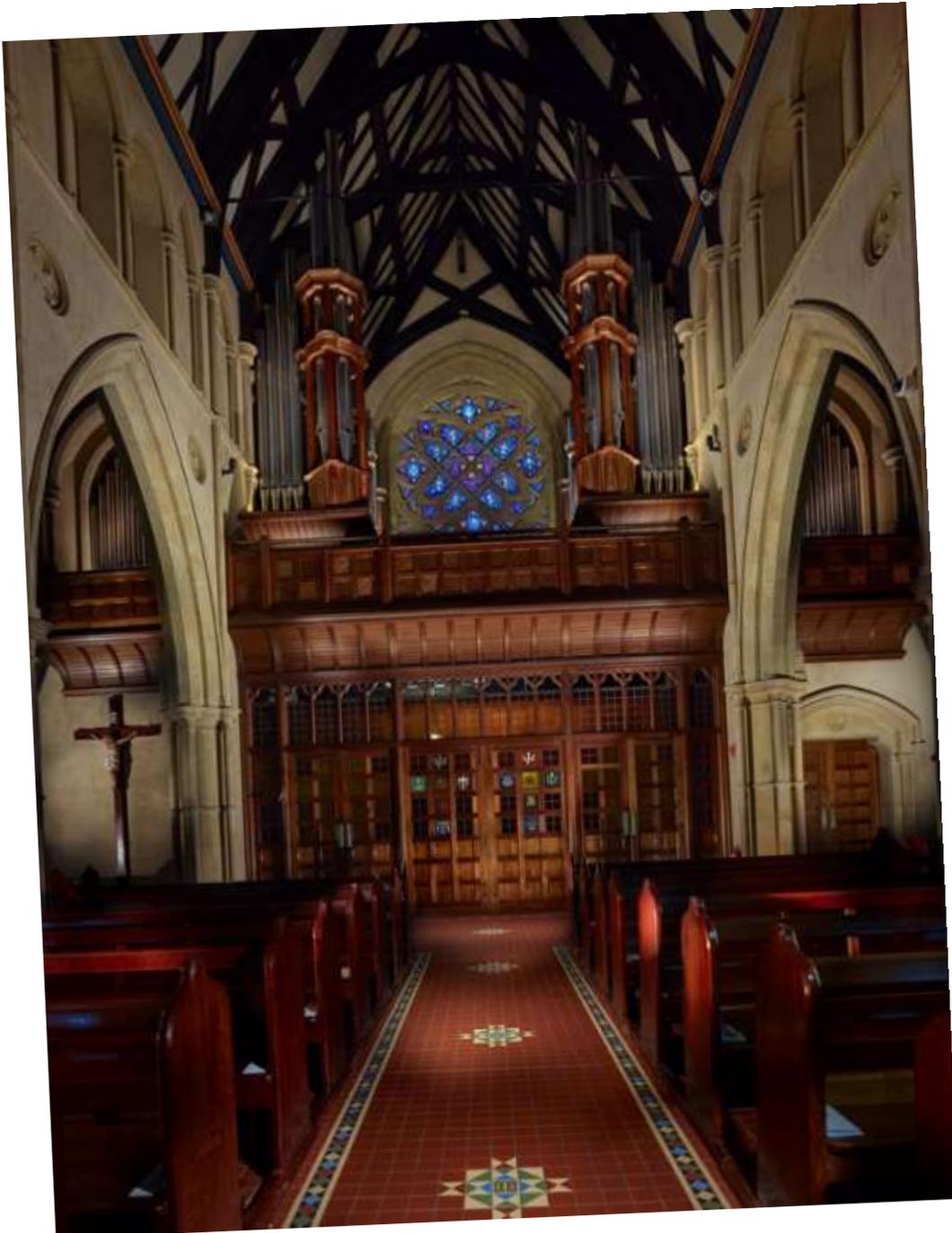
A treat for organ music enthusiasts!

Half hour lunchtime organ recitals will be held on Wednesdays Feb 28th, March 7th and 14th, 1pm at Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wakefield Street, Adelaide.

The Perth organist, Jacinta Jakovcevic, will be performing on the Cathedral's unique 1927 Casavant Freres pipe organ.

These recitals are for everyone to enjoy, free of charge.

If you are inspired by the music you hear and you wish to investigate our wonderful 'virtual pipe organ' here at Zion Glynde Lutheran, do not hesitate to contact Joy Mildren, 0458 650 135 / 8367 9969 or joymildren@hotmail.com and arrange a time for yourself to try organ playing.



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	5 7pm KYB	6 9:30 Craft 7:30 Quilters
11 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship	12 7pm KYB	13 9.30 Craft 7:30 Quilters 7:30 Exec Meeting
18 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	19 7pm KYB	20 9:30 Craft 7:30 Quilters
25 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship	26 7pm KYB	27 9:30 Craft 7:30 Quilters

What's on in February?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	2 10:30 Coffee and Chat	3 10am—3pm Glynde Church Retreat
7 9.30 Playgroup 8pm BFM meeting	8 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	9 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	10 10am English Class	
14 9.30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	15 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	16 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	17 10am English Class	
21 9:30 Playgroup	22 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	23 9:30 KYB 9:30 Education Discussion 10:30 Coffee and Chat	24 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets	
28 9:30 Playgroup				



Shrove Tuesday—not just pancakes

Shrove Tuesday occurs on the day before Ash Wednesday—the commencement of Lent. Traditionally, it was a day of repentance, but has now become the final day of celebration and feasting before the period of fasting in the Lent season. The name Shrove comes from the old English word 'shriven' which means to go to confession and say sorry for the wrong things you've done. Lent always starts on a Wednesday, so people went to confessions on the day before. This became known as Shriven Tuesday and then Shrove Tuesday.

This day is also commonly known as 'Pancake Day' or 'Fat Tuesday'. The old custom was to use up all of the fattening ingredients in the house before Lent started so that people were ready to fast. The fattening ingredients that most people had in their houses in those days were eggs and milk. A very simple use of these ingredients was to combine them with some flour and make pancakes!

Before the Reformation, the celebration of Shrovetide lasted a week or more before the start of Lent. Along with its emphasis on feasting, another theme of Shrove Tuesday involves Christians repenting of their sins in preparation for focussing on God for the Lenten Season. Some people choose to indulge in the food that they are going to sacrifice for the following forty days. Originally a day of cleansing and repentance, Shrove Tuesday has now ironically evolved into a day of indulgence and frivolity. The extended celebrating and indulging are one of the reasons the Church decided to have only one day of Shrovetide instead of a whole week.

In many countries Shrove Tuesday is a real day of celebration. With pancake races (running with a skillet and pancake) in England, Carnival celebrations in Europe and balls and pageants in Rio De Janeiro. Here in Australia, many people make and share pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. Selling pancakes to raise money for charity is a popular activity. Some churches, businesses and charities hold Pancake Day events by making fresh pancakes and selling them. A common Pancake Day charity is raising money for UnitingCare.

Unfortunately 1 in 7 Australians are living in poverty with 1 in 6 children affected. That's 2.9 million Australians too many. UnitingCare is one of the largest providers of community services in Australia. They assist children, young people, families, Indigenous Australians, people with disabilities, the poor and disadvantaged, people from culturally diverse backgrounds and older Australians. This year Shrove Tuesday is on February 13th. If you notice a Pancake Day event near you, maybe consider buying a pancake. Your money will go towards other Australians who really need it and the yummy pancake is an added bonus!





From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

Come on - Let's Go!

Come on, let's go – Where? When? How?

Isn't it nice when someone asks you to join them at a special activity or to join their team...

It makes you feel special, loved and wanted!

We have all been asked to join in the vision and mission of our church. It is wonderful that we can come together each year and discuss who we are, and where God is leading us.

What does God want you to do?

Maybe, it is to join us mid-week at Playgroup, Mainly Music, our courses on Fridays, Coffee and Chat or English – or, maybe it isn't.

I can ask and pray that you listen to God and find out if it is!

You know, our mums and dads who come each week also want to be asked, they want to be loved and cared for, and to feel a part of the team.

During our last Coffee and Chat of 2017 we talked about Christmas and the importance for us here at Glynde that the baby Jesus was born for us. We discussed how the lights on a Christmas tree all shine in different ways. That's you and me. We all are different, different thoughts and ideas, different cultures, different needs...

But, as each light is joined together to form one string of lights, so are we joined together – that cord of God that connects us together as a family. You and I are part of that family and that connection.

We also spoke about what they would like to learn in 2018 – the response was they want more courses. Most of our families are in Australia on their own, having little or no extended family support. So they want information on making sure their marriages are strong. They asked to continue with Parenting and move onto the next series. They want to know more about schools and education, and they want to be a part of this community.

They want to be a part of the “string of lights” family. How exciting that we can all be the lights mingled with them and joined together we can share God’s love. How exciting that it is a new year that we can start new things!

Where are we going? I am not quite sure where we are going sometimes! But I know that God is leading us, and that with God it will be exciting and full of surprises and special moments. And, you are all welcome to be part of it! Come on, let’s go!

Please speak with me if you feel God is calling you to join us!

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



Glynde Lutheran Church FUNDRAISING WINE DRIVE

If you missed out last time here's your chance!

We are making another order so grab a form from the foyer, or download from the 'this week @ Glynde' link on our website.

Great value & quality!

Please see Tim Eckert if any questions.

Are we there yet?

Recently women from all around our state gathered at Australian Lutheran College in North Adelaide for the annual women's retreat. This year the extreme heat was a challenge for trying to get a good night's sleep. However, an electric fan, a spray bottle, a soaked face flannel, or even a sodden towel were heard of as various remedies that some women used to cool off overnight in the student accommodation block which has no air-conditioning.

Being together with other Christian women is such an encouragement, especially for those from rather isolated areas. Having our meals catered for is a bonus – no cooking and no cleaning up for two whole days! Various displays and a second-hand bookstall were also in the dining area – which *does* have cooling.



Our main sessions were held in the Student Centre (nice and cool) where we enjoyed group Bible Studies under the leadership of Pastor Murray Smith, singing sessions, some games and jokes and excellent guest speakers. The title of this article is also the theme for the weekend, where Murray led us through many questions about our life with God. The answer to the question is that in one sense we are there now, having been born again into God's family. But of course we haven't reached our *final* destination yet. The movie *Vacation* about a road journey provided some interesting parallels for our life journey, as outlined by our chaplain. Many Glynde people will remember Murray being in our church family about 8 years ago when he was a student at ALC.

One of our speakers was Anna Doecke, a young woman with wisdom beyond her years, encouraging us in the area of Self-Care – physical, social, intellectual and spiritual. I wonder how many of the participants have actually drawn up their plan as she suggested, and have started to implement it. Our after-lunch speaker was an older woman called Marion McCall who gave worthwhile 'food for thought' for fellow Christians, as well as entertaining us with the story of her life being a

bishop's wife. She learnt to fly so that she could transport him around his vast diocese in northern SA. Her childhood wish to become an actress was not permitted by her mother, but she nevertheless shows her ability to perform in the hilarious way she tells a story.

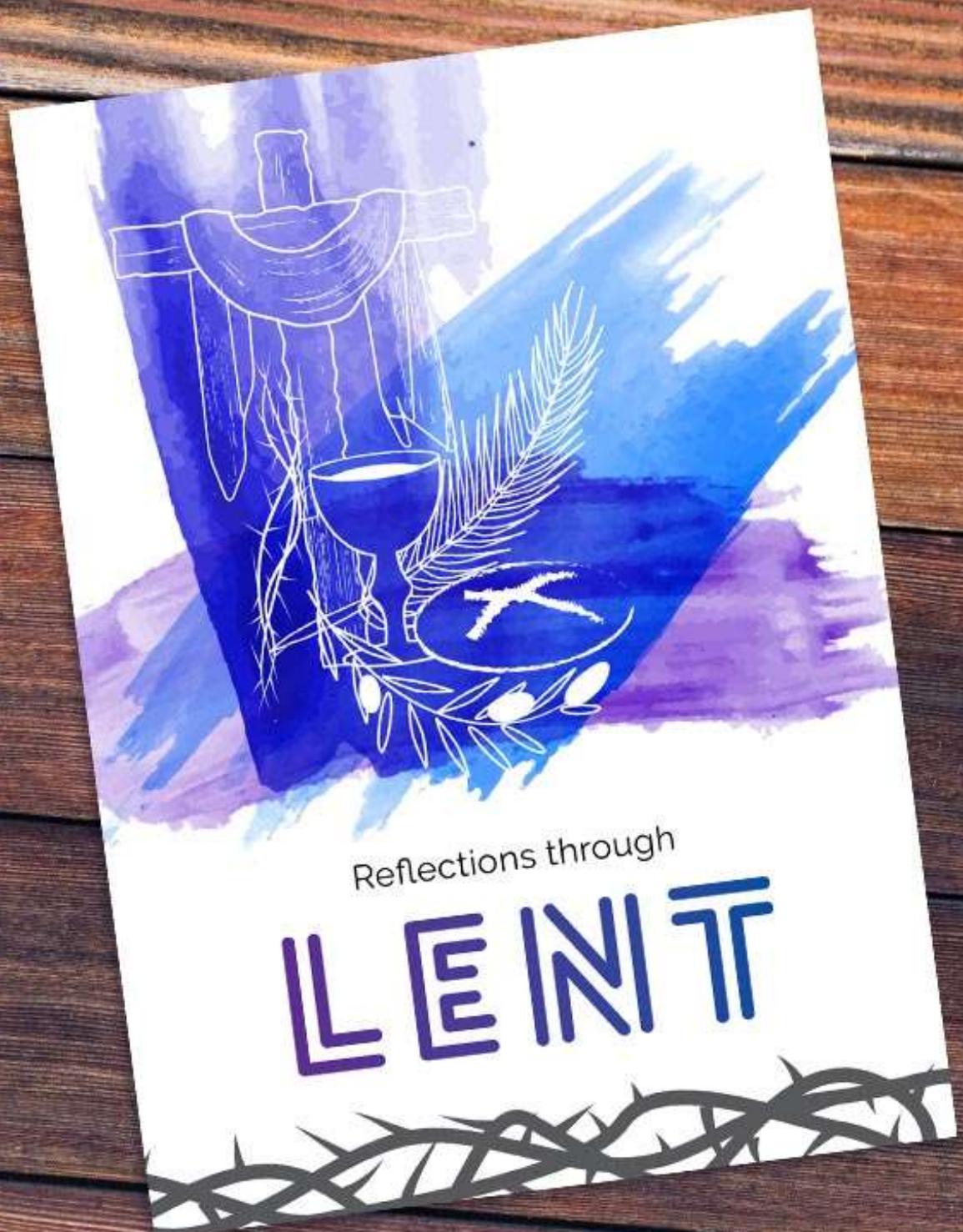
Saturday evening we soaked up the beautiful harmonies of *Colours of Faith*, the singing group established by the late Rosalie. Recordings of her piano playing accompanied some of their songs, and they taught us to sing one of her compositions. Our own Fay is a member of that group, and gave her testimony as part of their evening presentation. Fay included 3 songs in her talk, and ably accompanied our singing on her accordion (see photo opposite).

Sunday usually sees the retreaters walking to Montefiore Hill for an early morning devotion, praying over our city. Heat prevented that this year, but we met under the lovely golden elm at ALC instead. We used their chapel for the closing Holy Communion service on Sunday after lunch.

So many valuable conversations with old friends or new can occur when you set aside a weekend away from the usual duties. Our own Sigrid has been the leader of this retreat for the past 6 years, retiring now from a role that she played so very well. So next year if you women hear of the retreat being promoted, maybe you'll give it a try and come with a friend – even just for the Saturday, if not full-time.

Lois Kupke





Let us reflect on our Saviour's life this Lenten season.

A booklet of Bible readings, short devotions and reflection for each day during the Lenten Season is now available.

To access the online copy, go to the LTM website:
www.ltm.org.au/lentenbook

Limited printed copies are also available from the front counter

Worship Calendar

FEBRUARY

- (Saturday)
3. 10.00 a.m. **Church Retreat at Hampstead church** (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)
4. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Epiphany 5 Hebrews 12:1-3 *Stories of encouragement:*
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Don't let yourselves become discouraged..." *Max Lucado (3)*
12.00 noon *Community Lunch*
11. 9.00 a.m. Epiphany 6 **Thanksgiving**
10.30 a.m. Psalm 103:1-2
"Praise the Lord, O my soul!"
14. 7.00 p.m. H.C. **Ash Wednesday**
Romans 8:18-30
"The riddle of suffering"
18. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Lent 1 Matthew 6:9 *The Lord's Prayer (1)*
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed by your name"
25. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Lent 2 Matthew 6:10 *The Lord's Prayer (2)*
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done..."

MARCH

4. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Lent 3 Matthew 6:11 *The Lord's Prayer (3)*
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Give us today our daily bread"
12.00 noon *Community Lunch*
12. 9.00 a.m. Lent 4 *Guest Preacher: Pastor Henry Martinez*
10.30 a.m. Matthew 6:12, 14-15 *The Lord's Prayer (4)*
"Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive..."
Baptismal Anniversaries (Jan-March)
19. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Lent 5 Matthew 6:13 *The Lord's Prayer (5)*
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil"
26. 9.00 a.m. H.C. **Palm Sunday** Romans 11:36 *The Lord's Prayer (6)*
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Yours is the Kingdom, the power,
and the glory..."
29. 7.00 p.m. H.C. **Maundy Thursday** 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
"The Gospel louder than words"
30. 9.00 a.m. **Good Friday** Matthew 27:45-50
10.30 a.m. "With his arms wide open"



Christmas Eve Celebrations!