

Another Year,  
Lots of New Dreams.



Although no-one can make a brand new  
start, anyone can start from now and make a  
brand new ending. - Carl Bard

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# **Reflect, Connect and Act in 2017**



Spend time in 2017 learning about the rich heritage of Lutheran theology and history. This allows us to reflect on what it means to be Lutheran today and what we can continue to value about being Lutheran.



Join with other Lutherans all around the world as we celebrate 500 years since the Reformation. Don't know what the Reformation is? Visit the LCA's website and head to their "What's On" page for further information.



We can all take action in our own lives to contribute to the work of our church. See page 16 for opportunities and act today!

## From the editor...

Happy New Year to everyone! 2017 is sure to be a big year both in our church here at Glynde, but also in the wider Lutheran Church as we celebrate 500 years since the Reformation. Locally, our redevelopment should be completed and that will be a big celebration indeed!

This edition has so much information, I do hope you enjoy reading through it all. As always, there are many ways we can support each other at Glynde and one of the ways you could do this is to become a Guest Editor on the @Glynde team. See pg 16 for more details!

Fleur Kupke

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# From Pastor Wayne...



Hi! Our theme for this month's @Glynde is "Reflect, Connect, Act". It's a good theme because it gives us a chance to think about the past year (REFLECT), think about who our God wants us to spend time with in this new year (CONNECT), and to think about what our priorities are going to be as God's people here at Glynde during this new year (ACT).

Well firstly let's reflect on the past year, year 2016. A good way to do this, I think, is by looking at our Vision for 2016, and by thinking about the objectives that we have accomplished. Let me highlight some of them:

**\*That we redevelop our church premises this year so that our church becomes an inviting and accessible building for ministry and outreach.**

Isn't it great that our building plans are happening and that our church premises will soon become a centre for activity in our community! May God bless us as we seek to use our building to His glory.

**\*That we reaffirm our aim to be "one of the friendliest churches in Adelaide".**

It's been wonderful to see people welcoming newcomers into our midst before and after worship. Our morning tea in the hall after the first service, and free cappuccinos for visitors and others in our café area after the second service, have both provided opportunities for welcoming newcomers into our midst, and for supporting and encouraging one another.

**\*That we continue to build a cross-cultural ministry to our community**

Our Playgroup, Mainly Music, Friday morning Coffee and Chat, and English Classes together have provided wonderful opportunities to build friendships with people in our community, and provide bridges for sharing the gospel.

**\*That we offer Alpha in Term 2 as a way of sharing the good news of Jesus with our many contacts**

Thanks to everyone who was involved in this outreach ministry. Through this ministry, and the

follow-up Alpha study group, many lives were touched as people met Jesus and responded to him.

**\*That we promote “Faith Families” in our church community**

Many of us have met together in this past year around God’s word for “Faith Five” times which have involved: Share, Read, Talk, Pray, Bless. These “Faith Families” have happened in our homes, in friends’ houses, at devotions here at church, and at the start of many of our church meetings.

Next, let’s focus on connecting with others in this new year. For many of us, the start of a new year is a more relaxed time: with annual leave, holidays, BBQs, and outings being part of our life. How are you going to use your spare time? Who did you connect with during this last month? Who are you going to connect with, in this month of February? Remember, God wants to use you and me to make a difference in this world. That’s why He has rescued us and adopted you and me into His family: not so that we’ll sit back and do nothing, but so that we’ll use our life for Him.

And, finally, what actions are we going to make priorities here at Glynde in this new year? Thank you to those who came together at the end of October for our Vision 2017 Day, during my convalescence after my heart bypass operation. Your suggestions and priorities have been framed into a Vision 2017 document which contains a number of concrete objectives for this new year.

Some of the objectives include:

- \*Landscaping of the front and the back
- \*A review of the Narthex and its use
- \*Upgrading of the appearance and facilities of our church worship area
- \*Investigation of options for the name of our church family: e.g. “@Glynde”
- \*A playground for families with young children
- \*Regular welcoming events for new people in our church: e.g., BBQ in homes
- \*A parenting course on Friday mornings before Coffee and Chat
- \*A Young Adults Group
- \*“One in the Gospel” study to celebrate 500 years since the Reformation

At our Leadership/Ministry retreat at Magill church on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, one of our tasks will be to evaluate the Vision 2017 document, make changes, and affirm it as our vision statement for 2017. Further opportunities to discuss this will also be made available at our February Board for Ministry and Exec Team meetings.

May God bless us 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 ...

## *Community Connect 2017— Opening up to our community and other Cultures*

There is something counter-cultural about opening up spaces that are not normally open to the public. We live in a culture where we lock churches, houses, offices and often behind fences and locked gates. Even in rural areas people now routinely lock cars and their homes. In addition we have alarm systems, reinforced glass, security screens and deadlocks. We are ultra- security conscious. The culture of fear, threat and suspicion that sits behind our need for security makes it difficult for us to send a message of welcome and trust. I think one of our challenges as a church community and individually is how we can truly open our doors and hearts to others. How can we see and build a culture of safety, trust and relationships of sharing and caring? The reality is that we can never cover every contingency. Praise God, we do open our hearts and space to each other and the wider community in so many ways here. May that continue as we seek to nurture and develop our ministries. There is an old Celtic song which includes the words "the love of God comes close where stands an open door".

So how are we keeping our doors open during these months of redevelopment and the challenges that brings with no link between our church and the hall, restricted parking and the noise and disruption of demolition and rebuilding?

*It looks like we are doing pretty well!*

- firstly thanks for all the ways in which people are 'going the extra mile' to find a cup of tea after service
- thank you to all the different groups that are continuing to meet and offer activities and events, especially those who are held during the week e.g. Craft, Playgroup, Mainly Music, Coffee and Chat.

And isn't it exciting to see the changes week by week... while there have been a number of building challenges uncovered with some structural and plumbing problems, so far there have been ways of working through them and the next steps in the construction schedule are able to be taken. Progress should be obvious and dramatic in the coming weeks. This week the lift has

been delivered to site. The stairs are underway, cladding has been added to the front extension, the asbestos shades have been removed and the new ones will be installed next week. The executive team is monitoring the budget and the expenditure - with a number of variations to the original plans being required, this is an important part of our responsibility to the congregation. After our February meeting we should be able to give a full report to the congregation of progress and expenditure to date.

It is also wonderful to see Pastor Wayne's progress following his heart surgery last year. Thank you to Malcolm Willcocks who will be continuing to support Pastor Wayne while he is on light duties (up to the end of February). We farewelled Tamara Martin from the role of Cross Cultural Outreach Coordinator in January and Barbara Mattiske has now been appointed to this role. Angeline Joimol will be working in the role of Executive Assistant. Please pray for them all as they serve God and us at Glynde.

In other areas, we had a gentle and refreshing leaders' retreat at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Magill on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> January. Pastor Wayne led us in a study of the Word based on Luke 10:1-12, we shared our insights and then we discussed our own directions and plans for 2017. It was a great time for us to gather together and just talk and think and learn more about each other. So often we sit close to each other in church, but know so little of each other's heart and life and circumstances. How we learn in community is important for us all. How we open our hearts to each other and to people from other cultures is part of our ongoing mission and vision here at Glynde.

In the coming weeks our groups and ministries will resume after the break in January. Please pray for our ministries and each other. May Jesus walk beside us as we seek to serve Him.

Blessings to you all  
Helene Schulz,  
Chairperson



# Celebrations @Glynde!

## Bumper Baby Edition...

*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.*



### Welcome Joel!

Aden and Nicola welcomed their second son Joel Liam into the world in mid January.

Big Brother Leighton seems very excited with his new little brother!

### Malachi Orion!

Shaun, Sharlene and big sister Isabelle watch on as Malachi is baptised into God's family by Pastor Wayne.

Malachi Orion was born in November, a son for Shaun and Sharlene.







### **James is welcomed into God's family!**

Carolyn and Peter had their son James baptised in front of family and friends to welcome him into God's family.

### **Elisabeth turns 60!**

Elisabeth celebrated her 60th birthday in mid January. Many blessings to her!



### **Cooper is 1!**

Cooper, son of Kathy and Justin, grandson of Valerie and great grandson of Doris turned 1 with a party in the park to celebrate!

# Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>5</b> 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>6</b> 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	<b>7</b> 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
<b>12</b> 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship	<b>13</b> 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	<b>14</b> 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7pm Exec meeting
<b>19</b> 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	<b>20</b> 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	<b>21</b> 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
<b>26</b> 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship	<b>27</b> 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	<b>28</b> 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters

# What's on in February?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9.30 Playgroup  7pm BFM Meeting	<b>2</b> 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	<b>3</b> 9.30 KYB  10am Coffee and Chat	<b>4</b> 10am Girls' Coffee morning  10am English Class
<b>8</b> 9.30 Playgroup  9:30 Women's Fellowship	<b>9</b> 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	<b>10</b> 9.30 KYB  10am Coffee and Chat	<b>11</b> 10am English Class
<b>15</b> 9.30 Playgroup	<b>16</b> 7:30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	<b>17</b> 9.30 KYB  10am Coffee and Chat	<b>18</b> 8am Blokes' Brekky  10am English Class
<b>22</b> 9.30 Playgroup	<b>23</b> 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	<b>24</b> 9.30 KYB  10am Coffee and Chat	<b>25</b> 10am English Class  10am-2pm Markets
<b>1</b> 9.30 Playgroup	<b>2</b> 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	<b>3</b> 9:30 KYB  10am Coffee and Chat	<b>4</b> 10am Girls' Coffee Morning  10am English Class



# Christmas Eve Celebrations!

Our Christmas Eve service had all of the best components, a welcome for everyone, a party atmosphere, children's input and fun! We were able to welcome many members of the community to join with us and hear of the story behind Christmas—Jesus' birth. I think the photos speak for themselves to show how great a night it was.



Above: Alyssa, Adam, Eli and Amy made up our family who taught us the Christmas story with help from the Lighthouse Kids children.

Below: Mary and Joseph starting their trek to Bethlehem for the census



Below: Our band for the night—Tim, Karlea, Katarina, Vivien and Brad







Shepherds making their way to meet the baby Jesus born that Christmas night

Wise Men bringing presents to Mary and Joseph for baby Jesus



Our wonderful Lighthouse Kids children who performed so well!

Celebrating the Happy Happy Day of Jesus birth!







# From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

*We made paper chains!*

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> was the last session of Playgroup held for 2016.

We made old fashioned Christmas lanterns from used Christmas cards, plus some modern decorations. The activity that everyone wanted to join in on however was cutting old Christmas cards into strips and making a Christmas paper chain! If you had looked in the hall before Christmas you may have seen our masterpiece. It took 5 children to carry it around before we hung it on the wall...Wow! Each of those little pieces of paper linked to the next little piece of paper, and each person's little length of chain joined with other people's little length of chain, to make one very long chain.

It reminded me of what it feels like to be linked to God. On our own, our little length of chain can't do much, but when joined together, and linked to God, look how strong God can make us! If we all work together, with God as the link we can do so much!



Then I reflected, that we are always looking for ways to link our Playgroup, Mainly Music, English classes, and Coffee and Chat mums with our church family here at Glynde.

Sometimes that chain can seem so long and difficult, that you wonder if you can really do anything. With our redevelopment, it seems such a long way from the hall to the church, you have to walk out, past the portaloos, onto Lewis Rd, into the carpark, to the other end, before finding the overflow entrance door, and finally into the church. But that is the link we want to create between our Glynde family and those who come to our activities through the week. It can seem so hard and long, but you know, soon the redevelopment will be finished, and we can simply walk straight from the hall to the church, admiring everything that has been done.

In the same way, we can be linked to God, and admire everything that He has done for us, coming as a baby, to show us love and grace, to giving His life for

us, so that we may live with Him forever. Those tiny pieces of paper, joined together, creating links, are the same as our links joining us to God. We know that God will help us, He will guide us in making those links to people in our community positive, and His light will shine brightly in us all, so that others will open their hearts and minds to listen. We just need to trust that link! This is my prayer!

Do you want to be a part of that chain?

This year we are looking at strengthening those links at Coffee and Chat. We would love to offer a Parenting course and even a course for people to get to know Jesus.

Can you join the chain?

Let's be excited as we look forward to achieving these things, together, and just as the redevelopment will come together, so will we, as we look forward to sharing God's love with all.

Barbara Matiske  
Cross Cultural Coordinator





# ***Reflect on whether your actions can connect with others...***



*Share the Load and Savour the Joy  
with @Glynde publications:*

Our @Glynde Mag helps people keep in touch with what is happening here at Glynde. It shares what has been going on, what is about to happen, it shares joys and sorrows, and generally just communicates.

Our current editorial team is Fleur Kupke (chief editor), with assistance from Colleen Bradtke and Jess Edgecomb. We would now like to invite others to share in this special ministry of communication, by becoming 'guest editors' for one of the monthly editions during the year.

If you think you would be willing to 'have a go' please speak to Fleur, Colleen or Jess, and we will devise a plan for editors for the year and give you all the assistance we can.



## *Who Likes to Eat? Who Likes to Eat in the Company of Others?*

For many years we have enjoyed our Fellowship lunches on the first Sunday of each month. We have **Lois Farnden** and her team of helpers to thank for either organising each lunch themselves or organising for a group of others

to set up the hall, provide our tasty lunches and clear up afterwards.

However, owing to work commitments, Lois can no longer take on this task.

Thank you, Lois, for the skill and aplomb you brought to bear in organising this task over many years. How we'll miss her!!!

NOW we need to carry on without Lois' regular input.

SO... we ask that you consider placing your name on the monthly roster to cater for these meals. By placing your name on the roster you would be committing to gathering a team around you to, as Lois did, organise the food to be served, set up the hall, serve the meal and then clear up. The organiser would be responsible for reimbursing himself/herself or members of the team for any expenditure incurred from the donations for the day.

If you have any queries, please see Colleen and she'll *try* to answer them.



# Coffee and Chat visited ALC...

Recently the Lutheran Women's Retreat for South Australia was held at ALC. Colleen asked if some of the people who come to Playgroup, Mainly Music, English, Coffee and Chat, and our Sudanese community would be interested in coming for a session and sharing their thoughts with the women.

How wonderful that Rezvan, with her husband and children, Stephen with Nyaruop, Nyapan and Wiw, and Jongeun joined us for our own special "coffee and chat" at the Retreat.

It was very inspiring and humbling to listen to the stories of those there... from South Sudan, Iran and South Korea. To listen to the reasons behind their move to Australia and to understand the bravery and courage it has taken to move is deeply touching. I don't think many of us have had to deal with the many decisions that they have made and the hurt of leaving loved ones behind. Or the loneliness of being in a new country where culture and language is so different from what you know.

But, the most interesting question for me, was "Why Glynde?"

The responses were all amazing and humbling. For each of them, it was that Glynde treats them like equals, no different than anyone else.

As it was said, "You treat me like me!"...

"Never have I been anywhere where someone doesn't want anything from me"...

"You didn't want a donation, you didn't want me to do anything special, you just openly gave food and your time to me, no questions asked... and you became my friends"...

How humbling these stories are and how honoured we at Glynde should be to welcome these families to our church community. When they thank us for being their friends, I thank God, and feel so honoured that they are my friends, and your friends.

I think we opened the eyes of a few people at the retreat of what can happen when you sit down for a coffee, or when you talk to someone after church, or share an activity at Playgroup or Mainly Music, or laugh as you share how strange our language is at English class.

Barbara Mattiske



# Thank you from Christy John...

Greetings everyone. My name is Christy John, I am a year 12 student at Endeavour College and I play the organ once a month for the 9.00am service at Zion church.

Last year I undertook the Veta2gether course, a certificate 2 VET course in active volunteering. I am the first student to complete this course as it was only made available last year. As part of that course, I had to be a part of a ministry placement which incorporates volunteering within a Christian environment. Volunteering as an organist fit the brief! I also wanted to learn to play the organ, as I am already a pianist and yearn to lead worship through music.

I began lessons with Joy Mildren near the beginning of 2016. I had never played the organ before in my life but hoped that my piano skills would make the learning process easier. These lessons were weekly and before long, I was ready to play the liturgy and a song or two for a service. Throughout the year, I continued to have regular lessons at the church with Joy and progressed from playing just the liturgy and one song to everything, including a prelude and postlude, and finally adding foot pedals.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped me last year. The Veta2gether course was challenging and without help from the people at Zion church, I would never have been able to complete it. I especially want to thank Joy Mildren, my teacher and Ministry Placement Supervisor, for dedicating a huge portion of her time to teaching me how to play the organ from the beginning and keeping me motivated every week at regular practices.

My grandfather and previous pastor at Zion Church Pastor Lloyd John was my mentor for the course. We met up regularly and discussed various Christian issues. I sincerely thank him for doing this as well as giving me support.

I also want to thank Helene Schulz for helping to locate forms and the like needed to complete the course. She was available at short notice to help me with this. This was a huge help and I wouldn't have been able to complete the course on time without her. Thank you Pastor Wayne for allowing me to conduct my Ministry Placement here and for helping me prepare for the services.

I also thank the office staff including Barb and Angeline for helping me prepare for each service by sending the hymn list early so that I have ample time to practise. I want to thank you, the congregation, for your endless support and encouragement throughout the year. You have motivated me to continue to play the organ for services this year even though I don't need to for the course any more.

Most of all, I want to thank God for the gifts that he has given me to be able to serve Him in this way. I have enjoyed playing the organ and thank God for this wonderful opportunity.

May He continue to bless you.



# Worship Calendar

## FEBRUARY

5.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 5  <i>Community Lunch</i>	Matthew 5:7-16 "How to change the world"	
12.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Epiphany 6	Matthew 5:27-32 ( <i>cf.</i> 19:1-9) "Love, marriage, and sex"	
19.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 7	Matthew 5:38-48 ( <i>cf.</i> 6:9-15) "Forgiven <b>and forgiving</b> "	
26.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 8	<b>Thanksgiving</b> Matthew 6:24-34 "The burden of <b>envy</b> "	<i>Travelling Light (1)</i>

## MARCH

1.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
5.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.	Lent 1  <i>Community Lunch</i>	Romans 8:1 "The burden of <b>guilt</b> "	<i>Travelling Light (2)</i>
12.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Lent 2	Guest Preacher: Pastor Richard Haar  <b>PNG Mission Reunion</b> <i>followed by Community Lunch &amp; afternoon program</i>	
19.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 3  <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (Jan-March)</i>	Psalms 23:1-6 "The burden of <b>worry</b> "	<i>Travelling Light (4)</i>
26.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 4	Matthew 11:28-30 "The burden of <b>weariness</b> "	<i>Travelling Light (5)</i>





And so the work continues!  
After a break for Christmas the workmen are back on site to continue the redevelopment building works



We now have another big hole at the back of the building, BUT there is a floor in the narthex, and the lift has been delivered!

Hayden, Paul and Jenine helping our fundraising efforts on Australia Day



There was lots to chat about when the Tour Down Under whizzed right past the church during a Coffee and Chat Friday morning!