

Glynde Lutheran Church

@ Glynde

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**"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."
1 John 5:14 (NIV)**

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Ordinary yet extraordinary

Based on **John 2:1–11**

The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold about a hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill these jars with water.' They filled them to the brim, and then he told them, 'Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast.' They took him the water, which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. (verses 6-9a)

(read **John 2:1–11**)

The six large stone jars were plain, ordinary and serviceable, yet they performed the important function of providing water for the household. Blessed by Jesus, these vessels became part of something extraordinary. Jesus used them for a miraculous purpose. He turned ordinary water into extraordinary wine—the 'best', the Bible tells us.

We are like those stone jars—just plain and ordinary. But, by filling us with the Holy Spirit, God makes us extraordinary.

When the Holy Spirit fills our lives, God uses us to do his will. We become vessels of God's love, living extraordinary lives, sharing the warmth of the Spirit and the joy we have in knowing who we are in Christ. We offer others the taste of the sweetness of God's love.

Let God use you too as a vessel filled to the brim with the Spirit, allowing others to taste God's love in your life.

Fill me to the brim with your Spirit, Lord, and use me to share the warmth of your love and forgiveness in an extraordinary life lived for you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(adapted by Lutheran Media, from a devotion written by Grace Bock in the LCA book "Refreshment for each day". More than 300,000 people were diagnosed with dementia last year. Where's hope? Watch & order **Dementia – Searching for Hope** resources at www.facetoface.org.au/dementia.)

From the editor...

Welcome to the first @ Glynde for 2016! A new era has begun. Each year brings new challenges, struggles, victories and experiences, sometimes those that have not been seen before. For some it is entering a new stage of life, starting school, starting uni, moving to start a new job, becoming a parent, grandparent, starting the year without a loved one, or even just the same old routine. Whatever the situation is that you face going into this year, there is no doubt that within 12 months things will have changed in your life. And I believe God wants to see growth in our faith lives, in our relationships with Him and others. He has plans for each of us, a purpose he has already set out, something only we can do. No one else can accomplish the plan he has design for us. So what is *your* purpose? Perhaps the challenge is to seek out God's plan for your life in the next 12 months. What I do know is that He will be right beside us as we explore it.

@Glynde going online

As an editorial team, we have a goal to 'go digital' with the @Glynde this year. This will be completely optional! If you would like a paper @Glynde, they will definitely still be available. However, if you would prefer to receive it to your inbox, we will be collecting information over the next few months to be able to do this—so stay tuned! (think of the saving in printing and paper...)

Also stay tuned as next month Fleur will be editing her first edition! Happy Reading!

Jess Edgecomb

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From Pastor Wayne...



*Hi! Well, school is back and **the regular activities of our church family are beginning again for a new year.** I hope you all had a refreshing Christmas, New Year, and January as we prepare to work together for the Lord in all the new challenges that He sends our way 😊

*On Saturday, January 16th, at the St. Michael's Lutheran church, Hahndorf from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., we held a **Leadership/Ministry retreat** based on John chapters one to four. We focused on the **theme "Walking with Jesus"** and three things which flowed from these chapters, that: **"We thank God for those who have led us to faith, and who have grown our faith"**

*"We recognise that **we are called 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"

*"We recognise that **God calls us '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'**".

It was a relaxing day of fellowship, study, and prayer, with a shared lunch. God blessed us as we gathered with one another around His Word, and as we thought about possibilities for our ministry together for the Lord.

*This Sunday, February 1st, we will have a **Visioning Day** from 1 p.m. in the afternoon until 4 p.m. after

our community lunch together. *Please come along and join us, as we get together in small groups and talk about different aspects of our ministry here, and our visions and dreams for the future, visions and dreams that flow from our Mission Statement and our Inreach and Outreach goals. Our main ideas will then become our objectives for this year, 2016.*

Come along this Sunday afternoon and share your thoughts, and your visions, and your dreams as to how God wants us to put His mission into action.

*Please glance at the Worship Calendar on the rear of this *At Glynde*, and note dates for Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter. This year again we



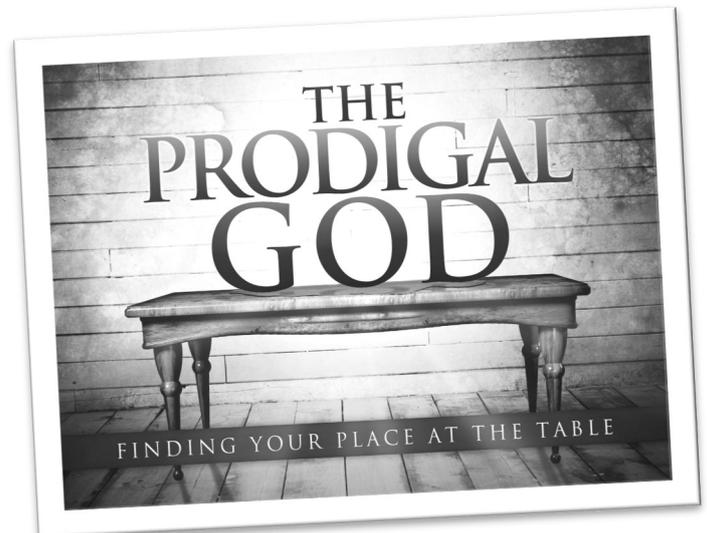
Images from Leadership retreat on Jan 16

will have worship on **Ash Wednesday**, Feb 10th, at 7 p.m. (Next week!!), and we will have a **Midweek Lenten Bible study over the next three weeks on Thursday nights from 7-8.30 p.m.** This year, we will use Tim Keller's DVD and study on *The Prodigal God*. Using this, we will spend some time thinking about Jesus' parable of "The Lost Sons" in Luke 15, and what Jesus tells us here about God, and about life in God's family.

***This year will be an exciting year**, what with the Redevelopment of our church complex, Alpha in Term 2, a renewed focus on small groups, and the continued outreach to our community through the various bridges that we have built *and are building* 😊

***May God bless us** 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 him"*.

Pastor Wayne





From the Chairperson ...

How good is your vision?

The start of a new year and the time to plan ahead, to dream dreams and to seek to share the vision and ministries of our church with sincere hearts, thanking God for his generous love for us all.

In practical terms, the vision of our church community belongs to us all, and so we are again using a process of consulting with our ministry leadership team (the leadership retreat on 16th January at St Michael's, Hahndorf) and the congregation (our vision afternoon on 7th February at Glynde).

Pastor Wayne led the leaders retreat and through a focus on John chapters 10-4 and the theme "Walking with Jesus". The reflections and small groups brought blessing, spiritual refreshment and encouragement to equip and to grow our faith so that we can become the outreaching people the God wants us to be. We were challenged to have long chats to Jesus - in John's gospel Jesus had a long chat with the Samaritan woman and the well and with Nicodemus - to be confronted by the words Jesus has to say and to believe in him. Ideas from this day will feed into our vision afternoon and from there our vision for ministry in our community will be developed.

Feedback from the day has been very positive - so maybe we should have a mid

-year retreat as well!

You are strongly encouraged to be part of our vision process for 2016 - all contributions are important and welcomed. Whether you have ideas that can be achieved in weeks or years, all ideas contribute to a stronger community and are valued.

Part of our long term vision was realized on January 24th with the installation of Tamara Martin as a Lay Worker in the role of our Cross Cultural Ministry Coordinator. We thank God for her willingness to serve in this work, especially with the families attending Mainly Music and Playgroup. Another significant part of our vision continues to be the redevelopment of our building and facilities. Thank you to the teams of people who are already working hard to progress this dream - the redevelopment group and the fundraising group are very active. Thank you to those who are contributing to the building fund and helping make this dream possible. Blessings to you for 2016,

Helene Schulz, Chairperson.

Lots of things to celebrate!

There have been lots of celebrations around the Glynde community in recent months. Here are a few snapshots of some of the events and celebrations that were had. 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.



It was a hot summer's day on December 18 as Neil and Colleen Bradtke celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They marked the 'golden' occasion with a beautiful breakfast with family and friends. Congratulation Neil and Colleen! You are such a blessing to each other and the Glynde community.

A beautiful baby boy was born on December 21 to Kath and Justin McCabe.

Cooper Patrick McCabe came into the world weighing 8lbs 8oz (3.86kg) and 52cm long. Here he is pictured with mum and dad and great grandmother Doris Kupke. Congratulations!



Lyall Celebrates a milestone

Lyall Kupke recently celebrated his 70th birthday. He shared a lunch on December 27 with extended family at their home. Being such a keen historian, the cake in likeness of the family history book was only appropriate. Congratulations Lyall!

Lyall cutting the cake that Fleur made to match the Kupke family history book (you can see the book sitting on the table next to the cake)



A new child of God!

James Kupke was baptised on January 10. Pictured here with mum and Dad (Tim and Fleur). A special lunch with family and friends was held after the service to celebrate.

Welcome to God's family James!



Significant birthdays....

Katarina Schulz celebrated her 21st birthday in January in lieu of the actual date in November (pesky exam time!) Congratulations Katarina!

Noah Edgecomb celebrated his 1st birthday yesterday (February 6) in the park with family and friends. Happy Birthday Noah!





David with Melva, daughter Angela, and two granddaughters Megan and Lauren

No longer an unsung hero!

David Wachner is well known to all of us. However less well known is the myriad of duties he has undertaken in the past and continues to undertake to this day, in our church community and in the wider community.

His enormous contribution to our church, the wider church and the community was recognised when he was nominated for both the Campbelltown Council's Australia Day 'Citizen of the Year' and the 'Senior Citizen of the Year'.

At Glynde David previously served as a Sunday School teacher, a choir member, been a member of the Evangelism, Stewardship and Counting committees, served as an Elder, as a Treasurer and has been the Convenor of SA/NT District Conventions held at Glynde. He was Chairman of Glynde Lutheran Church for almost 10 years during which time a major building project to extend the facilities was undertaken. He has had many years of being involved in the Board for Ministry at Glynde and has been a small group leader with his wife Melva.

David's service to our church continues

unabated. He currently serves as a pastoral assistant, and says he is blessed to be able to take home communion to members of our church community who can no longer attend church. He operates the Sound and Power Point facilities for the early service each Sunday and continues to count and bank our offerings every week. And for over 20 years David has been involved in organising and delivering bread on the weekly Bread Run to between 30 to 40 families who are Community Housing tenants, Sudanese refugees or people in need - that's a lot of bread!!

As part of the wider church David was a Board Member of Lutheran Community Housing Support Unit for approximately fifteen years. This organisation is now known as Cornerstone Housing Ltd.

David also serves in the wider community, delivering Meals on Wheels every Thursday, and he is Vice President of the LHI Glynde Residents' Association.

Thank you David for being a servant.

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 5-6 pm Waratah	2 1pm Mums 7pm Quilters
7 Thanksgiving Sunday 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship 1-4pm Vision Day	8 5-6 pm Waratah	9 9.30 Craft 1pm Mums 7pm Quilters 7.30 Exec
14 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship	15 5-6 pm Waratah	16 9.30 Craft 1pm Mums 7pm Quilters
21 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship	22 5-6 pm Waratah	23 9.30 Craft 1pm Mums 7pm Quilters
28 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship	29 5-6 pm Waratah	1 March 9.30 Craft 1pm Mums 7pm Quilters

What's on in February?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9.30 Playgroup 7pm Craft 7.30 BfM	4 7.30 Prayer Group 9.30 Mainly Music 12noon cards	5 9.30 KYB 6.30 Journey to Confirmation	6 10am English Class
10 9.30 Playgroup 9.30 Womens Fellowship 7pm Craft 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship	11 7.30 Prayer Group 9.30 Mainly Music	12 9.30 KYB 6.30 Journey to Confirmation 7pm Thrive Youth	13 10am English Class
17 9.30 Playgroup 7pm Craft	18 7.30 Prayer Group 9.30 Mainly Music 11am Lenten Study 12noon cards 7pm Lenten Study	19 9.30 KYB 6.30 Journey to Confirmation	20 8am Blokes' Group 10am English Class
24 9.30 Playgroup 9.30 Devotion 7pm Craft	25 7.30 Prayer Group 9.30 Mainly Music 11am Lenten Study 7pm Lenten Study	26 9.30 KYB 6.30 Journey to Confirmation 7pm Thrive Youth	27 9am Markets 10am English Class
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A New Year begins, and so do activities @ Glynde...

Cards...

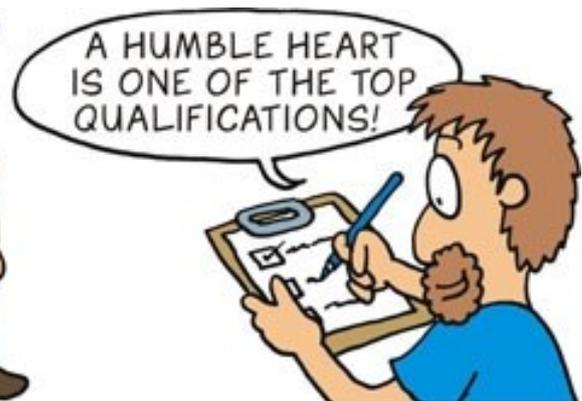
Cards Club celebrated with a New Years lunch at Kafe Schulze at the Glynde Village and then continued celebrations at the Bradtke house with a lively game of cards, birthday celebrations and wonderful fellowship.

This group meets every second Thursday at 12 noon for lunch and to then play 500. They would welcome new members. The card games are fun, and the fellowship even better.

Contact Doris Kupke if you would like more information.

Playgroup...

Playgroup started again this week. The team of volunteers with new members and inputs had an excellent roll up of children. It was held in the hall to change things up, and it was really buzzing!



Official welcome for Tamara

On January 24, Tamara Martin was installed as Cross cultural Coordinator here at Glyde.

Tamara has been working in our community since April 2015, and supports many ministries including; playgroup, mainly music, mums catchups.

Glenn Schultz attended representing the Board for Layministry. Following the process of the LCA, Tamara was officially installed as a layworker. Leaders from the church then laid hands and prayed for Tamara and her ministry work.

A shared lunch followed the service in her honour. Welcome Tamara, and thank you for all the work you have put into the Glyde community so far!

A small success: Mainly Music this week had 33 children attend! Praise God for the continued success of this ministry!





Update from our Sudanese community

2016 is here... A new year and new opportunities

Our Sudanese community began the year with a Christmas - New Year celebration on January 2nd, which had speeches, food and dancing.

This year we have also been asked to contribute to the African Voices Magazine... A national magazine focusing on our African communities in Australia. Pastor Steen Olsen asked our community to share their news. It's a wonderful opportunity for the rest of Australia to hear what is happening with our Nuer community here at Glynde and in South Sudan. So, if you see a copy of African Voices at Glynde, take one and have a read.

At the party we also heard updates from South Sudan.

We heard how a boy from one of the families we transported to Kakuma with our Ticket to Safety Appeal has won a scholarship to further his education in Nairobi. Isn't that wonderful news! When

his mother Nyater Mat, and her son, Bush John Chuol They received that ticket to safety, and arrived in Kakuma, who would have thought that now the son would have left Kakuma, and is now boarding at the school, and furthering his education. That donation of \$75 has had such an impact on Bush and his family... Once again, thank you.

But, did you know there are still over 20,000 Nuer people in the Juba camp who face an uncertain future.

Simon Thor was speaking to the Elders of the church in Malual, the area where we gave the canoes a couple of years ago. Did you know, the church not only uses the canoes as ambulances but they also hire the canoes to those transporting crops. Over the past year they have raised 5,000birr, A\$350... Which is a massive amount. One of their pastors, Pastor Peter Ter, died, and the church community bought his widow a cow (3,000birr) so she had an income, from that money raised... So, once again, who would have thought, that your donation that bought a canoe, would end up helping this widow in Malual... Thank you!

We also heard some sad news.



We have been supporting churches in Malual which is in South Sudan and Nyinenyoup which is in Ethiopia... The distance between them is like Glynde to Mt Barker with a river between them that meanders say from Glynde to Gawler to Glenelg... And this area is in the north of South Sudan is considered a safe area for the Nuer community. We have purchased canoes and school desks and choir uniforms for people in this area and people here do travel between the two towns using our canoes and the low water level in the river to walk over when they normally cannot make it to Ethiopia. Over the last two months people trying to move between the towns who are using the low water level in the river to cross are being abducted by a criminal tribe... Nuer children are being stolen from their families with the livestock... And their parents murdered....over 45 children have been taken over this period. Please pray for this situation that the government may take some action.... We ask that Gods protective arms keep these families safe as they move between towns.

So, what is ahead for us and our Sudanese family overseas?

Talking to Simon, Stephen, Rebecca and Nyalam....

They have many ideas that would create new industries for the people in Malual and Nyinenyoup to help them, help themselves...

So stay tuned for ways that we can help set up these opportunities...

But til then, please pray for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan and Ethiopia. And thank you to Glynde for their support in saving over 70 lives in our Ticket to safety campaign and our canoe fundraising and the new opportunities it has given to people there... Who knew????!!!!

Think God did!

Barbara Mattiske
For the Sudanese community



Christmas

Hope was alive at Christmas at Glynde. The Christmas eve service was a community focussed event, and everyone was invited to bring their comfy chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy the atmosphere.

A sausage sizzle and ice creams were welcomed on the balmy evening. Then as the crowd trickled inside, it was the shepherds who told the story of the birth of Jesus. The hope we have because Jesus came to save us was communicated through drama and

music and singing. It was a beautiful reminder of gods gift at Christmas.

Thank you to all those who contributed and helped on the night and in the lead up. There was a lot of hard work put in to make this happen! Great work!

Something funny...

A woman named Edna finds herself in dire trouble. Her business has gone bust and she's in serious financial trouble.

She's so desperate that she decides to ask God for help. She begins to pray...' God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto.'

Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it.

Edna again prays.... 'God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well.'

Lotto night comes and Edna still has no luck.

Once again, she prays, 'My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE, just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order.

Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Edna is confronted by the voice of God Himself:

'Edna, meet Me halfway on this. Buy a ticket.'



These sun shades have almost seen their last days...

Redevelopment! - What's Developing???

We keep hearing about building, but what's to see? Well not much!! However, a lot is happening behind the scenes, there's been lots of talking, lots of planning, meetings with the architects and building supervisor, and consultation meetings with groups within the congregation. We want to get it right! What's happening now?

A Schindler lift has been ordered
Tenders have been received for the replacement of the louvres. These tenders have varied greatly in price and planning, which will necessitate some quite extensive discussions and negotiations with all involved. We have received council approval for development. This means that the architects, in consultation with us, are drawing up detailed plans, which then go to the necessary bodies so that they are assured we meet all

the rather complicated building code regulations, often regulations that were not in place when the church was built.

Other details under discussion vary widely from what type of urinal in the men's toilet, to acoustics, to kitchen layout, to colour schemes.

It is still hoped that the tendering process will start before the end of February.

What can we do NOW??

Pray - For wisdom and guidance as details are decided on.

Pray - That the tender process gets underway smoothly.

Give - Regularly to support the project.

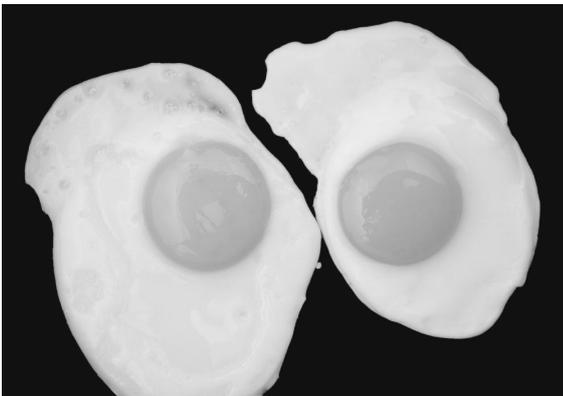
Fill up - the money jar.

Think - of good fund raising ventures.

Support the Redevelopment and Upgrade Working Group.

BLOKES' BREKKIE

Blokes group is returning soon for a huge year of guest speakers
First breakfast will be February 20 at 8am. Stay tuned for advertising in service today



GIRLS' COFFEE MORNINGS

Girls coffee is returning again in 2016

First Saturday of the month beginning in March at Pasta Deli at 10am. Hope to see you there! Feel free to bring a friend.

Perhaps you know of someone who has a significant intellectual difficulty or disability making their understanding and inclusion in regular church services difficult ..or impossible...

“SHOUT FOR JOY”

..... is the name of Church services especially planned for people who have disabilities or significant difficulties

These ecumenical services are of an informal group style of worship that includes enthusiasm, chaos, noise, fun, fellowship and caring. People who have a disability are involved in many aspects of planning and leading the services.

Holy Redeemer Anglican Church,
corner of Montague Rd and Roopena St., Ingle Farm ,
every second Tuesday night from 7-30pm to 9-30pm from February 2nd 2016

Contact Colin and Yvonne Zschech (members of the Lutheran Church) 8337 4765 for further details.

God's love is for all!

Worship Calendar

FEBRUARY

			Thanksgiving	
			Luke 21:1-4	
7.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Epiphany 5	"What makes you tick?"
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.		
	12.00 noon		<i>Community Lunch</i>	
	1.00 p.m.		Vision 2016 (1-4 p.m.)	
10.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.	Ash Wednesday	Luke 15:11-32 "The Gospel in a nutshell"
14.	9.00 a.m.		Lent 1	Luke 4:1-13 "...I'll take the low road"
	10.30 a.m.			<i>"Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus' temptation in the wilderness" (1)</i>
			<i>Baptism of Kane, Marco Batello's grandson</i> <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (Jan-March), plus Testimonies</i>	
21.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Lent 2	Luke 4:14-30 "Listen to Jesus!"
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.		<i>"Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus' first sermon" (2)</i>
28.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Lent 3	Luke 5:1-11 "How's your faith life?"
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.		<i>"Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus at Lake Galilee" (3)</i>

MARCH

6.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Lent 4	Luke 6:12-26 "Spend your life with Jesus"	<i>"Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus and friends" (4)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			
	12.00 noon		<i>Community Lunch</i>		
13.	9.00 a.m.		Lent 5	<i>Guest Preacher:</i> <i>Pastor Richard Haar</i> Luke 6:27-42	<i>"Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus, the teacher" (5)</i>
	10.30 a.m.				
20.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Palm Sunday	Luke 19:28-40 "Who are you in the crowd around Jesus?"	<i>"Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus, the King" (6)</i>
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.	Confirmation		
24.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.	Maundy Thursday	John 13:1-17, 34 "Snapshots of Jesus: Washing the disciples' feet"	
25.	9.00 a.m.		Good Friday	Luke 23:26-56 "We have been redeemed!" (using Don Francisco, "Too small a price")	
	10.30 a.m.				
27.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Easter Sunday	John 20:1-18 "Snapshots of Jesus: Jesus is alive!"	
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.			



James Kupke with Tim & Fleur and witnesses at the baptism



Tamara with her family, and below with Pastor Wayne



David Wachner on Australia Day



Small Group on Leader retreat



Do you have any small change that could help make a big change???

Flashback:
Picnic 2015, a snapshot of our multicultural church

