

Glynde Lutheran Church

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The Amazing Patience of God

So Moses and Aaron went to Egypt and gathered all the Israelite leaders together. Aaron told them everything that the LORD had said to Moses, and then Moses performed all the miracles in front of the people. They believed, and when they heard that the LORD had come to them and had seen how they were being treated cruelly, they bowed down and worshipped. (verses 29-31)

Read [Exodus 4: 14-31](#)

Have you ever worried yourself silly about something you know you have to do but don't want to? You think about how it's likely to go, and you see clearly all the things that could go wrong and, in your mind, it always does go wrong. Then the time comes and passes, and everything works out right, and you wonder why you made such a fuss about it.

If God were like you and me (and thank goodness he's not), he would have been presenting Moses with a big, 'I told you so' in this section of Exodus. God had assured him that all would turn out right, but Moses had misgivings, doubts—and perhaps a healthy dose of disbelief. And yet, in the end, it all turned out as God said it would.

One day we Christians will really learn to trust God. Time and time again God shows us the folly of worrying, the foolishness of trying to handle things he has promised to help us through. And time and time again we find ourselves the victims of self-inflicted wounds. We experience needless anxiety that we bring on ourselves.

The wonder of it all is that our gracious God continues to hang in there for us. Thank God that he does!

Lord you have given me countless reasons why I should trust you completely. Open my eyes and heart so that I will trust you completely. Amen.

by Robert Turnbull, in 'Renewed Hope for each Day' (LCA, Openbook, 2000)

From the editor...

Who of us doesn't worry from time to time? The devotion on the adjacent page was the inspiration for the theme of this month's @Glynde...patience. It would appear that even Moses worried about whether he was the right man for the job!

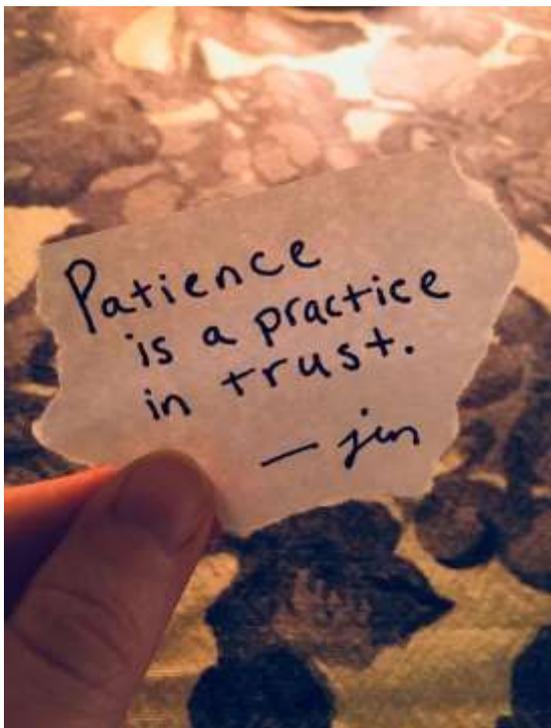
I know at times I can worry about whether I will have the right thing to say to someone, or whether I am the best person for whatever the job might be. However, just as God called Moses and then helped him to know the right thing to say, he also helps us.

In this edition we unfortunately say goodbye to Haley, our YAGM volunteer for the past 10 months. We also have news from Joy Mildren and her travels, as well as an update from the SA-NT District Synod Day.

On page 16, I have reprinted the Treasurer's Report from the last edition so that you are able to see the graph in full colour. Apologies that this was not in full colour originally and difficult to read.

I hope you enjoy this edition!

Fleur Kupke



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From Pastor Wayne...

*Hi! Fleur, the editor for this month's @Glynde, has suggested the theme of "patience" for this edition. It's a good suggestion because it highlights one of the "good works" that God wants us, His forgiven children, to be shining forth to the community around us as we follow Jesus. Let me explain.

*The word for "patience" in the New Testament of the Bible literally means "to put anger far away". In other words, it means "to delay anger" or to be "long-tempered" rather than short-tempered. This word is used in two crucial places in the New Testament: in 1 Corinthians 13, and in Galatians, chapter 5.

Listen to what Paul says in these places:
Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up; and its faith, hope, and patience never fails (1 Cor. 13:4-7).

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

*In the final message of the theme *God's not dead* that we heard last week, I emphasised a couple of things:
I am convinced that this is how God works in the lives of the people around us: through us following Jesus and loving and caring for the people around us, through our "good works", the term that Jesus uses in his Sermon on the Mount. I am convinced that people are mostly "loved" into the Kingdom of God.

And also:
As we follow Jesus, and love and care for the people around us, we will have many opportunities to share with them about why we are the way we are, and who it is who inspires us and guides us. I am convinced that this is the way that friends and family and acquaintances will come to faith.

***This is what "I am convinced of": that as we love and care for the people**

around us, gradually God gives us opportunities to share the good news of God's love, and His forgiveness through Jesus, with those people. And very much part of us doing this is not losing our temper in our dealings with others ☺

***For six weeks from the end of May through the month of June this year, our focus in worship *and in Home Groups* has been on the theme: "God's not dead".** The aim of this series has been to help us to be able to defend our faith when we are challenged by others, *with questions about evolution or suffering, for example*, and to help us be able to share our faith with those around us who are seeking answers to their questions. I hope that you enjoyed this series and that through it and the Home Group discussions God has equipped you better to be His servant in this world.

Next year, we will again do something similar: have a series of messages with related Home Group discussions. Next year, we will do this a little earlier, *in May rather than a cold June*, and over 4 weeks rather than 6 weeks, *an easier commitment perhaps* ☺

***In the coming school holidays, and for the first four weeks of next term, Jenine and I will be having some Recuperative Leave together.** During this time, Pastor David Christian will be leading you in worship, *with some help from our Assistant Part-Time Pastor, Pastor Henry*: Pastor David intends to follow the passages in Luke that are part of our Bible readings for this year. May God bless us, and you, during this time ☺

*And may God bless us all, 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 ...

Patience...

"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law" Ephesians 5:22,23.

Humanity is constantly on the move. We want fast food, fast service, and fast resolutions to high profile controversial court cases. When we do not get what we want, we get impatient and want somebody to pay for not doing something when we want it to be done. As we struggle with our own impatience, there is much we can learn by thinking about the above verses, and especially patience.

In my Bible, the start of Ephesians chapter 5 is headed "Freedom of the gospel" and the verses cited above include patience as a quality of a spirit-filled person - as a product that guides and flavours our lives; and a behaviour that is not determined by law. God's patience with us is legendary. In turn the Spirit offers us

the gift of patience - may this show in our lives through persistence in prayer, faith, and how we love each other.

The challenge of actually demonstrating patience is epitomised in this fable:

Once, a king had announced that anyone who wanted the post of personal assistant must meet him. Many people gathered in the palace. The king led them to a pond and said, "Whoever will fill this pond's water in this pot will be chosen for the post. But remember, there is a hole in the pot." So some people left without a single try. While some people tried for once and then said, "The king has already chosen someone else. Let's go."

But one man kept filling the pot with pond water patiently. He filled the water in the pot from the pond and came out on the ground. But always within few moments, the water poured on the ground completely. He tried that uncountable numbers of times. At last the pond became empty. The man found a diamond ring in

*the empty pond and he gave it to the king. At this the king said, "This ring is a reward for your patience and hard work. You are fit for the job."
So the man confirmed that patience pays.*



News this month

We farewelled Hayley Penk last Sunday. Haley has been with us for ten months as a Young Adult in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer. She has ministered among us through our mid-week activities, and led us in worship through prayer, Church for Kids, led Lighthouse Kids and Junior Youth and blessed us in so many ways. We will miss her presence and service among us. A big thank you to Helene Brown who has hosted Haley, and also to everyone who invited Haley into their homes for meals and friendship.

We also had the funeral of our dear member and friend, Irene Martin in June. Irene died after a long illness and will be remembered for her patience, her generous smile and the layers of happiness that she brought to others. We give thanks to God for her life among us.

Barbara Mattiske, our Cross-Cultural Outreach Coordinator, is away on 7 weeks leave. We pray she will enjoy safe travel and a time of adventure and refreshment. A big thank you to everyone who is stepping up to ensure our mid-week ministries continue to thrive in her absence.

Pastor Wayne will also be taking leave during July/August and Pastor David Christian will be our guest preacher in his absence.

The parquet floor in the church will be repolished over the July school holidays. The Craft group have generously offered to pay for this work. This will complete our upgrade of the hall following the repainting done last year.

Our Nuer community is desperately seeking replacement members for SANCTAS, a small charity that helps people in Sudan following the retirement of Pastor Stephen Haar and Grant Mattiske. If you know anyone who would be interested, please let me know. It will be unfortunate if SANCTAS cannot continue to operate as it has provided wonderful assistance to people in Sudan over the years.

Finally, a new venture. We will be hosting a SALA exhibition this year from 3-30 August. The main artist will be Kate Shakerian. The theme of the exhibition will be "Drawing Light from the Dark". Kate is from Iran and is connected to our church community through Mainly Music. In addition, we hope to have some fine pieces of leadlight and mosaics from other artists connected with our church. Art will be for sale, and our congregation will receive a commission to cover costs of the exhibition, with any surplus going towards the church redevelopment.

Shalom,

Helene Schulz



Farewell from Haley...

Wow, it is hard to believe that it has been about 10 months since I landed in Australia! Sometimes it feels like the time has gone by so slowly, and other times so quickly! I have to say that I have very much enjoyed serving my YAGM year here in Adelaide with you all. It has been a roller-coaster of a year, but I would not have traded it for anything. I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped shape my year here! Many of you have welcomed me into your homes, made me feel like a part of your families, and have gotten to know me during my different activities throughout my time here.

I have found Glynde Lutheran Church to be a place of thriving community. With so many things going on and people spending time here, it has been impossible to be "bored" while at the church! Volunteering with the different cross-cultural ministries has been a wonderful experience for both learning and growing. I have learned so much from people sharing about their cultures, whether it be recipes or skills at Grace Over Lunch, crafts at Playgroup, or stories over morning tea at Mainly Music, Coffee and Chat, and English class. I have also been able to grow in my faith by seeing God's love at work in the smallest and simplest ways, like chatting over a "cuppa!" It has been a joy to work with all the kids, with the little ones during mid-week and the bigger kids during Junior Youth and Lighthouse Kids. They have definitely kept me on my toes throughout the year!

I have a lot to look forward to with going back home, between reuniting with my family, friends, and partner and returning to UNCG (University of North Carolina at Greensboro.) to start on my master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. But I am also sad to leave Glynde and many of the people here. A piece of my heart will always be here, and hopefully I will be back to visit some day! Thank you for everything you have done, and God bless you!

Peace,
Haley Penk



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 7pm KYB	2 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
7 9am Worship HC 10:30 Church 4 Kids 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	8 7pm KYB <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">SCHOOL</div>	9 7pm Quilters 7:30 Exec Meeting
14 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer Worship	15 <div style="background-color: #cccccc; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">SCHOOL</div>	16 7pm Quilters
21 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	22	23 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
28 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer Worship	29 7pm KYB	30 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters

What's on in July?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7:30pm BFM meeting	4 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	5 9:30 KYB 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	6
	10 9:30 Women's Fellowship	11 7:30 Prayer Group	12 10:30 Coffee and Chat	
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	17	18 7:30 Prayer Group 12noon Cards	19 10:30 Coffee and Chat	
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	24 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch	25 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	26 9:30 Parenting Class 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	
	31 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch			27 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets

Joy's Travels!

The Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity was my place of worship here in Warsaw for the last 2 Sundays. I took my own New Testament so that I could follow the Bible reading spoken in Polish and loved the familiar music of hymns like 'Now thank we all our God' and 'O for a thousand tongues to sing'. I felt very much at home with this very warm and friendly church family.



The church building is a reconstruction of the original church having been destroyed in WW2. Overcoming the Communist desire to use the new building as a Theatre it thankfully once again became a flourishing place of church worship...

The words above the altar in Polish are "Pan moij i Boj moij" meaning "My Lord and my God".

There are many places around this small city of Zielona Gora...Gruenberg in German ..which are very special to those of us whose forefathers lived here before taking the long and arduous journey to Australia some 150 or more years ago.

Yesterday I actually took a short cruise on the River Odra at the same place my Schiller forefathers would have boarded a wooden barge in 1869.

Here is a photo of the Evangelical - Lutheran Church in Zielona Gora, my place of worship yesterday.



In Poland today's record temp of 37 degrees, my guide, Jarek, included a stop at Swiebodzin (in German Schwiebus) to see this very moving statue of Christ the King..3 metres taller than statue of Christ in Rio de Janeiro!

Peace and blessings, Joy

Blueprint Ministries

APPEAL DINNER

Guest Speaker: Rev. Richard Fox

**SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2019
MAWSON LAKES HOTEL
AND FUNCTION CENTRE**

*3 course dinner, live music
wine wall, silent auction, raffle*

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE UNTIL JULY 31
www.blueprintministries.org.au

Grape juice option

You may have noticed that we are now offering grape juice as an option at the Lord's Supper. We are doing this as a message of welcome and inclusion to all who come to worship regardless of their background and their age, and for health and pastoral reasons.

Fermented grape juice, wine, was used by our Lord when he instituted the Lord's Supper, and this is the natural element to use when we celebrate this meal of our risen, exalted Lord Jesus. We offer this in the common cup *as it was when Jesus celebrated the Last Supper*, and also in individual cups for health reasons.

However, unfermented grape juice is still "fruit of the vine", which is the term that Jesus used with regard to the contents of the "cup". Jesus said: Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again **the fruit of the vine** until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God (*Mark 14:25, Matt. 26:29*).

In Jesus' day, the only possible "fruit of the vine" was fermented wine, as it was impossible then to prevent grape juice from spoiling. But today, we can refrigerate grape juice, and drink it safely as unfermented grape juice.

I think that in good conscience we can offer grape juice as an option to people. Indeed, this is something that is happening in many Lutheran churches in Adelaide and around Australia.

If you have any questions with regard to us offering grape juice as an option, initially as a trial, please chat to me about it.

God bless,
Pastor Wayne ☺

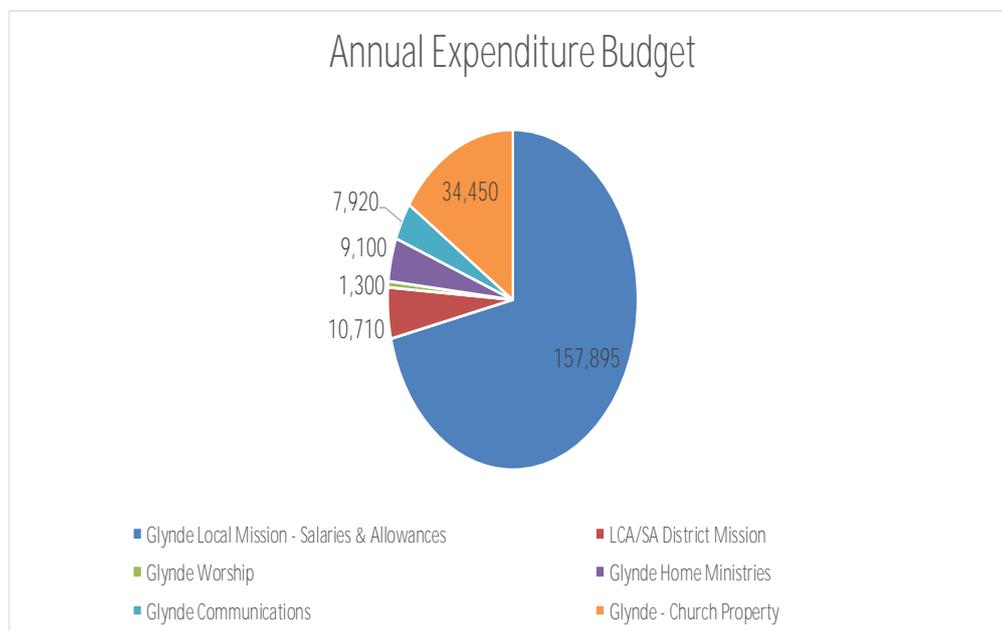


Treasurer's Report

* This article is a reprint from a previous edition, the graph is now printed in colour to make it easier to read.

At the recent AGM the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2018 was presented. This disclosed an operating deficit for the year of \$18,717. This is a position which does not bode well for the future of our church should it continue. The yearly outcomes vary from year to year and we certainly hope that this is an outlier (the 2017 year produced a deficit of \$3,939). We do have sufficient operating reserves at this time that the situation is not dire but we cannot continue running deficits indefinitely and certainly not of that size.

As part of my presentation I presented this graph which shows the breakdown of our Budgeted Expenditure for the 2019 year. While the actual figures will likely deviate slightly for these it does give you a general idea of what your offerings go towards at Glynde



You can see that the vast majority of the budget goes towards the employment costs of Pastor Wayne, Barb and Angeline. Their time really does go into reaching out to and serving the community. We also give money to the SA/NT District which they use in the various missions they oversee. We also have allocations to specific ministries within Glynde such as the Children's Ministry and supporting the Sudanese Ministry. All of those combined add up to well over three quarters of the budget with the remainder for worship, communication and maintaining and services to the property.

We are a very mission focussed church and your offerings very much go to supporting that mission. So please prayerfully consider your giving to the church and don't just support a project but give generously towards the work of our church through your offerings.

At the AGM it was also advised that it is likely that the arrangements for donations through LCC to support our building fund are likely to need to change and LCC will only be able to continue receiving donations earmarked to the Glynde Redevelopment until 30 June 2019. Should you want assistance or want more information please contact me.

Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31 May 2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$55,082	\$60,114	(\$5,032)
Building Fund Collection (Exc LCC)	\$5,850	\$19,120	(\$13,270)
Fundraising	\$3,620	\$5,464	(\$1,844)

Ben Pfitzner,
Treasurer

Bank Accounts for Direct Giving to Glynde Lutheran Church by EFT

	Regular Giving	Building Fund
BSB Number	704-942	704-942
Account Number	48692 S1	152736 S1

Congratulations to Kath and Justin McCabe who welcomed Finn Edward to their family at the end of May.

Finn is a little brother to Cooper, grandson of Jeff and Val and great-grandson to Doris.



SA-NT District Synod Day

Pastor Wayne, Helene Schulz and Lyall Kupke represented our congregation at the SA-NT District Synod meeting held at Salisbury Lutheran Church.

Bishop David Altus reported on current matters:

- District Church Council has been reduced by two members
- The Children, Family, Youth and Young Adults Ministry has been restructured and two new positions are being advertised.
- Friends of the Deaf Ministry has closed down.
- Australian Lutheran College (ALC) is reviewing its program for training pastors.
- ALC is developing a lay preaching course

Andrew Waldhuter from LLL presented recent grants:

- Mission Stimulus Grant to St Petri Nuriootpa for its Messy Church program
- Mission Resources Grants – to Mallee Parish to connect with people at country shows; St Mark's Mt Barker to develop its LINK space; Victor Harbor for signage.

Lutheran Disability Services (LDS) CEO Sandy Harrison spoke of their work in conjunction with the NDIS, serving 72 clients with over 100 staff.

Lutheran Community Care (LCC) Director Rohan Feegrade presented his vision for the future.

Delegates voted to endorse the merger of LCC and LDS.

District Finance Consultant Stephen Kroker presented the audited financial reports

and explained the main changes. The 2019 Budget was presented and accepted.

In the afternoon session, Pastor Stephen Schultz, Assistant Bishop for Mission, SA-NT District, presented a paper on "*Ministry Structure in the LCA*". He presented the results of his survey at the recent SA-NT Pastors Conference and he conducted the survey among the delegates present. Here are some of his comments:

- In Australian society in the last 50 years, religious affiliation (adherence to Christianity, regular attendance at worship) has declined markedly, and the Lutheran Church has also experienced this decline. Consequently Australia is largely an unchurched society today.
- The biggest challenges for the Lutheran Church are lack of youth/young adults, declining worship attendance and lack of children and young families.
- The Lutheran Church is pastor dependent. The pastor is expected to do the significant ministry in church. This attitude hinders our mission to the unchurched.
- Most pastors believe that lay people can be involved in most activities that they do.
- Most pastors and lay representatives support structuring of our ministry differently and equipping the laity to take a greater role.
- Over 60 parishes have expressed interest in trialling changes.

A booklet containing the results of the surveys can be picked up from the table at the entrance to the church. A popular report of the day is also available there.

-Lyall Kupke

Worship Calendar

JULY

7. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 4 Psalm 8:1-9
 10.30 a.m. "You are special"
 12.00 noon **Church 4 Kids (Creation)**
Community Lunch
- *School Holidays begin*
14. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 5 *Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (1)*
 10.30 a.m. *Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian*
Luke 10:25-37
- Plus Testimonies*
21. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 6 *Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (2)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. *Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian*
Luke 10:38-42
- School resumes*
28. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 7 *Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (3)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. *Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian*
Luke 11:1-13

AUGUST

4. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 8 *Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (4)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. *Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian*
Luke 12:13-22
11. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 9 *Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (5)*
 10.30 a.m. *Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian*
Luke 12:32-40
- Baptismal Anniversaries (July-Sept)*
18. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 10 *Recreational Leave for Pastor Wayne (6)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. *Guest Preacher: Pastor David Christian*
Luke 12:49-56
25. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 11 Luke 13:1-9
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Why, Lord, why!?"



Making honey crackles at Grace Over Lunch



A fire truck visited us at Mainly Music to finish off our "Things that go" term!

