

Glynde Lutheran Church



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From the editor...

Welcome to @Glynde for July. Can you believe that half of the year has already passed?

The theme for this month's newsletter was going to be "Little guys can do big things too!", but in thinking about this, I realised how we are all so small in comparison to God's glory. So the revised theme is more along the lines that we can only do big things with God's help.

I urge you this month to think about your faith and what stirs you to serve God. As you read the @ Glynde, you will find some prayer points to ponder, and a focus article about faith and God's armour by Paul. Also included are the usual summaries of life at Glynde and recent events, in which we can rejoice in God's gifts and blessings to us.

Take a look at the calendar so that you can get involved in activities around the church this month. And keep a look out for upcoming celebrations for our 90th Birthday.

As 'little guys' in God's big plan, let's not take for granted His amazing love for us and others, and find a way to share it with everyone we know.

Enjoy reading this month's @ Glynde...

Jess Edgecomb

Something to pray about...

Some suggestions for your prayer time this month:

Confession.

Our church family is not immune from unloving thoughts and words. Confess this to God. Confess our tendency to focus on ourselves, not remembering the outsiders.

Thanksgiving.

Praise and thank God for His goodness, grace and love that go on forever. Thank Him for all that he has created for us to enjoy. Thank Him for the variety of gifts he has given to members of our church family.

Asking God to supply our needs.

May God inspire all parents, especially during school holidays, so that they may set the best example for living His way. Bless the faithful work of aboriginal pastors and evangelists with their own people. Also a special blessing for Robyn Kuchel, the field worker at Yalata and Pastoral Care Worker at Yalata Anangu School, where there have been many challenges. Have mercy on Christians in other parts of the world who are persecuted for their faith. May they know for sure that God is still with them. May our national and state leaders come under the Lordship of God, so that the decisions they make are not against His will.

May God heal and comfort those suffering ill health in body or mind.



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From the Pastor

*Hi! Another term of working together for our Lord Jesus is coming to a close.... As I write this, I'm looking forward to **our Multi-cultural service** on this Sunday, 5th July, and our combined bring-and-share lunch afterwards. It will be great to worship together with our Korean and Sudanese brothers and sisters, plus people from all sorts of cultural backgrounds who attend our Mainly Music, Playgroup, and English classes. And it will be great to taste ethnic food for lunch 😊

*Next week, I head off to **General Pastors' Conference** at St. Michael's Hahndorf, where pastors from all over Australia and New Zealand will gather together to discuss **Women's Ordination**. Please pray for us as we discuss and decide on our advice to General Synod on this very important issue in the life of the Lutheran Church of Australia. Thank you, too, to all who came to our recent internal discussion on this issue, and thank you for sharing your thoughts on this issue with me and with Helene Schulz, *who will be our*

delegate at General Synod at the start of October in Brisbane.

The following week will be a week of **Annual Leave** for me. If you have any pastoral needs during that week, the second week of the school holidays, please contact Pastor Geoff Johnston at Hampstead.
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*Next term, we will continue with our **E-100 readings, Essential 100 readings from the Bible**. Next term, over 10 weeks, we will be reading passages from the New Testament, and each Sunday the sermon will be based on the readings from the previous week.

How are you going in your readings? If you haven't taken up this challenge, *which is really a challenge from our Lord to grow in our faith through regular reading of God's Word*, you can still join in at any time. There are 50 readings from the New Testament, five each week over 10 weeks. There are books in the foyer that you can borrow or buy, you can purchase the App for your phone or



your iPad (\$4.39--\$4.99) or you can simply use the readings in The Sunday Paper each week.

*Thank you everyone for your generous responses to **our Redevelopment Appeal**. It's wonderful to have some \$244,000 in up front gifts, *aiming as we did for \$100,000*, and some \$40,000 plus in pledges and a budgeted \$10,000 from fundraising each year *which will enable us to borrow some \$500,000 for the project*. Together with \$200,000 from the manse fund, and extra moneys still coming in, we will hopefully



be able to fund options 1 & 2 from our Redevelopment Plan for a total cost of about a million dollars. Wow!!

We will have a congregational meeting about how much to borrow from the LLL on **Sunday 19th July**. We will meet in the hall at 11.45 a.m. after our morning services. Thank you again for your generosity, which will allow us to redevelop and upgrade our building so that we can better serve the Lord here.

*It's been wonderful to see so many families from all sorts of cultural backgrounds attending **Playgroup** on Wednesday mornings, and **Mainly Music** on Thursday mornings. Thank you to all those who give of their time and their energy to make these ministries possible. It is a joy to see so many mums *and* dads with young children gathering here.

Thank you, too, to **Tamara Martin, our new Cross Cultural Coordinator** who is involved in helping promote both these ministries. Tamara has settled in well, and relates well to mums and their children at Playgroup and Mainly Music. She is also involved in helping at East



Torrens School on Tuesday mornings, in visiting the many families with whom we have contact, and in starting a new group on Wednesday afternoon for mums and their children who just want a time and a place to relax and play. Please make yourself known to Tamara when you see her, and pray for her and her ministry among us.



***Youth Alpha** is coming! Over the next two school terms, as part of our Youth Program, we will be running Youth Alpha. This involves conversation about our faith and life and Jesus, great food, fun, and games. Parents and any interested adults are also invited to come and join our young people on these nights. Also, any young people who have not yet confirmed their faith, can use these nights as preparation for Confirmation.

Next Year, beginning in Term 2, our intention is to run Alpha itself for the

community. We will put up banners at the front of our church advertising Alpha, and promote it in the community. If you would like to be involved in this great way of reaching out to people in our community, please chat to Michael Edgecomb, Lois Kupke, or myself.

***Our 90th Birthday as a church** will be held on Sunday, August 23rd. We will celebrate this with a combined worship time at 10.30 a.m. that morning followed by a celebratory lunch. A Planning Team led by Lyall and Lois Kupke is organising our celebrations, plus the Worship Team and any key people will meet Tuesday night, 28th July to plan the actual service.

***It's great being part of a church family like ours here at Glynde**, a place where we can upbuild and encourage one another in our faith, and a place from which we can reach out to the many people around us who don't know the peace and joy of being loved by God and forgiven by God, through Jesus. May God bless us as we *"reveal and celebrate God's love, so that all may know Jesus and worship him"*.

From the Chairperson

Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? Each year it seems to me that spirits start to lift once the shortest day of the year is over. Somehow it seems like a major hurdle is overcome and we can look forward to more daylight and know that the seasons will roll on faithfully.

Our church vision for redevelopment is also moving forward with a wonderful response to our call for commitment for funds to support the plans. Thank you to all who are seeking to support this project with gifts of time, money and fellowship, and especially to the team who have been meeting regularly to progress this vision. My prayer that this will be a time of building community as well as bricks and mortar. Please come to the congregational meeting on 19th July - which is our next step in progressing our financial plan for the project.

Another reason to rejoice is our upcoming 90th Anniversary Celebrations on 23 August - if you would like to help with this joyful occasion please see Lyall or Lois Kupke or myself and help make this a great time of recognizing God's presence among us and the past, present and future mission and ministry of our church.



Finally, look to the many things that are happening that show God is living and helping us grow as his



people - we are grateful for the time that Vicar Colin Simpkin spent with us, appreciate Pastor Wayne's preaching and teaching among us, can see the valuable work that Tamara is doing in our Cross-Cultural ministries and thank Barb (now back from holidays) and Viv for their work and support in the office.

As we seek to be the friendliest church in Adelaide, let's open our hearts to welcome each other and especially those who visit or come seeking a spiritual home and community of faith - as the writer to the Hebrews says, "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (13:2). May you both receive and share hospitality in our community!

Helene Schulz
Chairperson

Church for kids



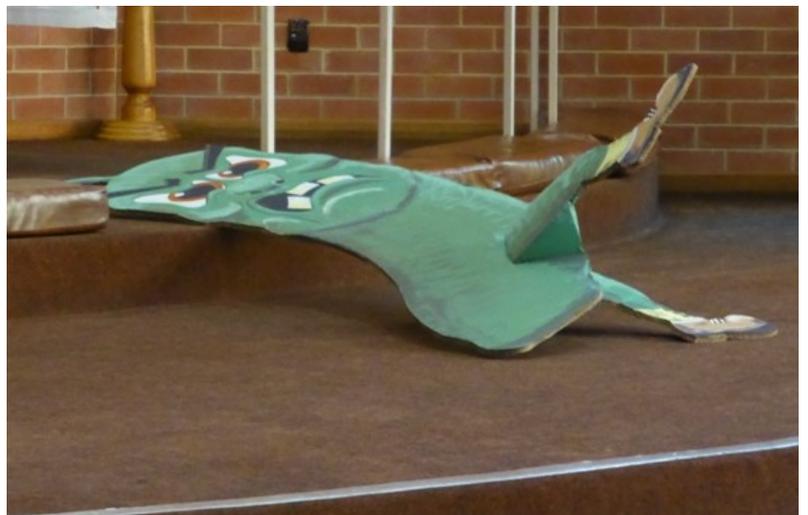
Are you afraid of spiders?...



Or a giant pickle?



No matter if you are **big** or **SMALL**,
God can use you for big things too!
Just like He used little David to
defeat
Goliath (the giant pickle)



Winter Concert



Full Orchestra

The recent Winter concert at Glynde was totally outstanding! On Sunday June 7, Glynde hosted a concert put on by the Lobethal Christian Fellowship Choir, Orchestra & Children's Choir. It was a lovely afternoon of music and performance. This wonderful group consisted of an orchestra of approximately 35 people,

ranging in age from about 4 or 5 up to 18

years and older. Together producing a beautiful full sound! A full men's choir, a full women's choir, and a children's choir, all performed with beautiful singing voices. The concert was well attended, the church was full besides about 3 seats! The concert lasted almost two hours, and was well enjoyed. At the end of the last item a great number of rows stood up with applause. Two persons from the group sat alongside me. While I was mixing microphones, they operated the screen, with words for all vocal and musical pieces. All the songs contained words of Christian beliefs, as they affect each of us in all our daily lives, just wonderful!! We marvelled at the



Children's choir



Adults choir

talents of the diverse group of musicians, including some who were very young. All the children and performers were beautifully trained and totally enjoying themselves throughout the performance!! A person in Lobethal has even made a lot of their violins!! The conductors also led the groups beautifully.

The group were professional on many levels, for example, on arrival they



Talented percussionist

unloaded their instruments, plus several large boxes of staging. They arranged chairs to seat the orchestra, and were ready to rehearse and perform well ahead of time.

The group are also associated with the Lobethal Bakery and they brought huge boxes of afternoon tea. Once they could see there wasn't going to be enough for all the people who had attended, someone was sent back to get more food!! Of course all our usual helpers helped with the afternoon tea as well.

After the concert they packed up and loaded their vans, shared in the afternoon tea, and left a tidy church. They also left an impression of a totally wonderful and professional performance. This has been one of the most successful concerts so far. We look forward to a repeat performance next year.

Lawrie Sjoberg

Market report



The markets at Glynde are held every fourth Saturday of the month. They are often looking for helpers or stall holders. They also appreciate your support by coming along! It's a great example of how little by little God can grow our impact in the local community. Here is their latest report:

The sun shone on another successful market day with takings of \$450. Our plant stall proved to be a favourite choice as well as Devonshire Tea. Barry returned with his jam, chutney, mustard pickles and pickled onions to keep us in supply as well.

Much thanks must go to all of those people who help before, during and after. For our markets to run as smoothly as they do it certainly takes a big team effort.

So don't miss out on the Glynde 'market experience'!! You only have 5 more chances for 2015.

Leah Cronin

What's on in July?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 10 am Girls' Coffee 2pm Indoor Bowls
8 9.30 Playgroup 9.30 Devotion 10.15 Staff Meeting	9 7.30 Prayer Group 12noon cards	10	11
<i>School Holidays</i>			
15 9.30 Playgroup 9.30 Devotion 10.15 Staff Meeting	16 7.30 Prayer Group	17	18 8am Blokes' Group
<i>School Holidays</i>			
22 9.30 Playgroup 9.30 Devotion 10.15 Staff Meeting 7pm Craft	23 7.30 Prayer Group 9.30 Mainly Music 12noon cards	24 9.30 KYB	25 9am Markets 10am English Class
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A Ministry for Young People...



THRIVE is our ministry for young people. This year our ministry for young people has been going from strength to strength. A sure sign that we are doing something right is our young people are feeling comfortable to bring along their friends.

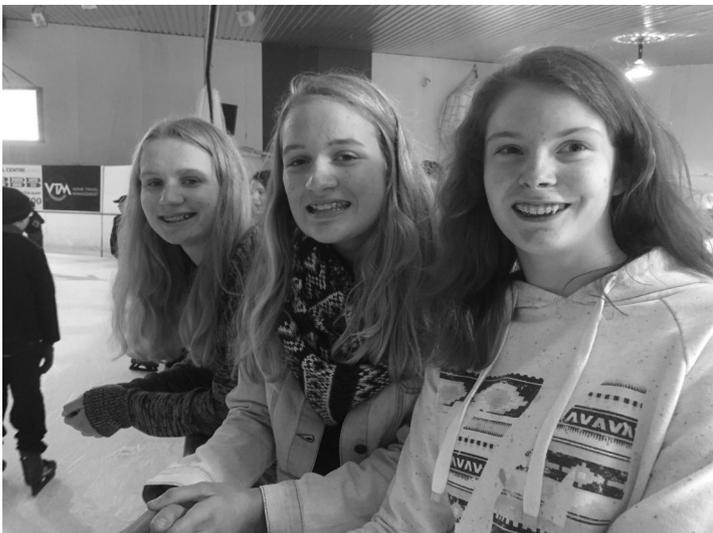
Our aim is to have fun, share life, and encourage our young people with the knowledge that growing a strong faith in Jesus and what He is able to do for them is the most important thing they can do in life.

We have continued to develop and grow a strong link with Hampstead congregation, and offer invitations to both Dernancourt and Magill to join us. Vicar Colin was a big help to our leadership team across Term 1 and 2 in planning and running events.



This last term we created our own Boarderrific Gaming Cafe, and visited ALC in North Adelaide and played a variety of games. The umpiring was terrible though! We had a bonfire in the car park, shared faith stories and sang worship songs, and welcomed special guest Peter Kleinig. Vicar Colin led us through a faith night using the Head to Heart resources. We finished off the term with a trip to the Ice Arena on Friday night.

Next term we are starting a Youth Alpha journey with our young people and their families. We are planning on having fun, eating awesome suppers and sharing conversations about faith, life and all sorts of things..



THRIVE!



Something to Celebrate



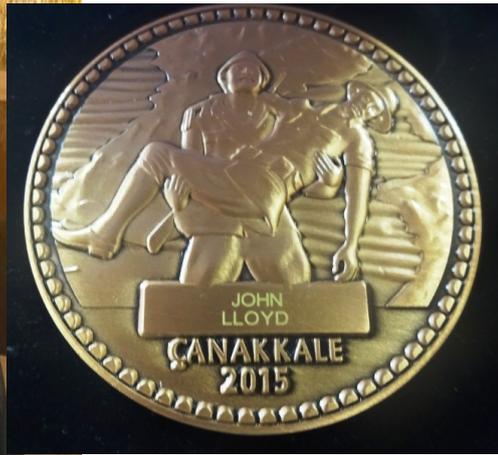
Megan Castle recently celebrated a milestone birthday! She turned 70. Congratulations Megan! She is pictured here celebrating with the Women's Fellowship.

Glynde Women's Fellowship turns 89! In June Women's Fellowship celebrated 89 years of studying the word of God together.

The celebrations were low key but precious; a Bible study with Vicar Colin, a decision to buy another urn for the kitchen, a delicious morning tea and then some fun and games. So nothing much had changed in 89 years. It was a meeting where members sought more understanding of the way God speaks to us, where serving the church in large and small ways was natural and treasuring the close bond of fellowship. Megan symbolically lit the single candle signifying another year together in honour of her special birthday - her 70th. God be praised.

Women's
Fellowship

Historical hobby



Lloyd John with his medal.

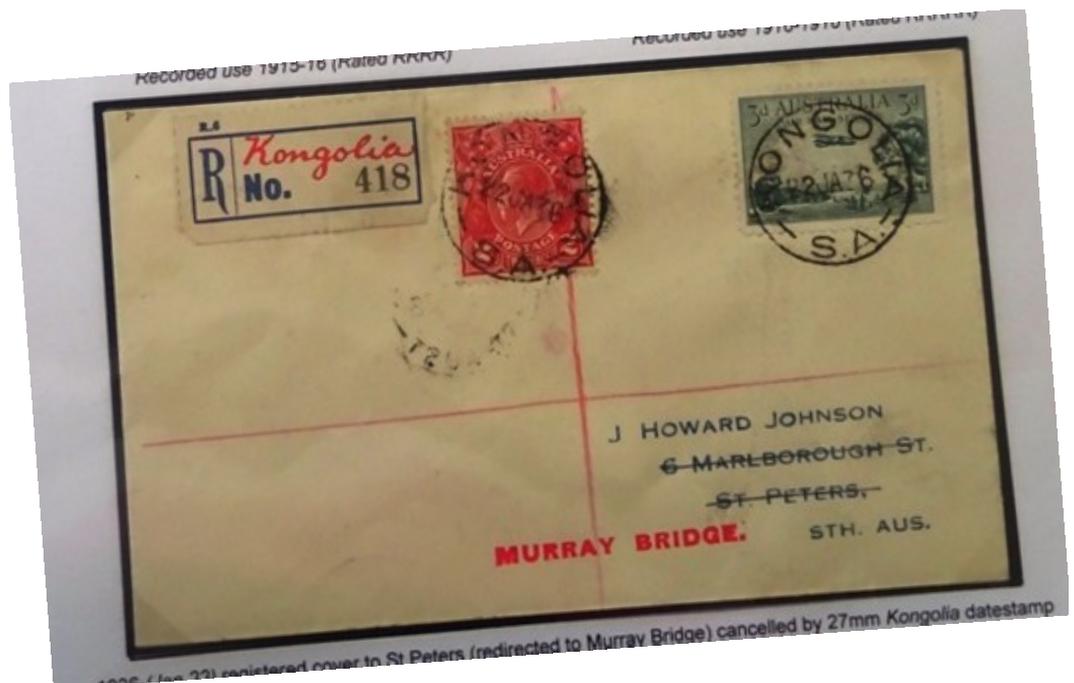
Lloyd John, former pastor at Glynde is a keen philatelist. Recently he was awarded a richly embossed medal, especially struck to commemorate the 100th year of the Canakkale Wars in Turkey.

The conflict on which so much of our national pride is focussed, the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign, is part of the Canakkale Wars.

An International Stamp Exhibition was part of the Remembrance events at Canakkale. Pastor Lloyd submitted an entry of a collection of envelopes that showed postmarks of German names of towns and

places in Australia, and where their names had been changed to English names during World War 1. His winning entry showed Rhine Park, the name then changed to Parlko, and then changed again to Kongolia (an Aboriginal word meaning gum blossom). The Parlko postmark is only the second one sighted according to experts. Of further significance is that this is the place where Colleen Bradtke grew up and where her Starick family ran the Post Office. In all probability the postmark was stamped by Colleen's family. History came alive through Pastor Lloyd's passion.

Congratulations Pastor Lloyd!



A sample of Lloyd's collection, hand stamped by Colleen's family...

Bacon, Eggs, Life and Faith



Blokes' Brekky has been the runaway success of 2015! The ministry is designed to encourage blokes to connect, to eat, and to grow in their faith and life. We've been challenged by Andrew Marsh, reminded of our persecuted brothers and sisters by Peter Trott, inspired by the faith journey of Len Firth, encouraged by Louis Giglio, and blown away by the testimony of Colin Simpkin. Our guest speakers for July and August will grow us as well.

Saturday 18 July 8am

Mark Lee (Uniting Venues SA)

Uniting Venues SA is a leading provider of camps, conferences and retreats for church, school and community groups. They seek to build temporary communities and lasting memories through exceptional Christian hospitality. Mark will share about the incredible opportunities that God is providing for ministry within Christian camping in SA.



Saturday 15 August 8am

Nick Wilson (Destiny Rescue)

Destiny Rescue is a grassroots, internationally recognised, Christian based, non-profit organisation dedicated to rescuing children from human trafficking and sexual exploitation. We help rescue the sexually exploited and enslaved, restore the abused, protect the vulnerable, empower the poor and are a voice for those that can't speak up for themselves.



Youth Alpha is starting on Friday 31 July 7-9pm at Glynde.

Alpha is coming in Term 2 2016

Speak to Michael Edgecomb, Lois Kupke or Pastor Wayne for more information



God meets us..

The Universe is vast and expanding. We are not alone; far from it. And beyond this physical realm we can barely perceive, there is a spiritual realm, which is both just as close and just as far away as the physical universe.

My God, our God, as the loving heavenly Father of us; His creation, us; made in His image, us; the children of God, is wise, powerful, all knowing and loving. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

How can I describe God? God is alive with emotions that are controlled and purposeful. God is also very much like energy. Energy has no beginning and no end. It is timeless and far reaching. Energy can change from one form to another, but is always preserved. Mass is a form of energy as Einstein with $e=mc^2$ stated.

God is very much like mass, with His gravity drawing all of creation to Him. God is very much like light which falls on virtually all living things and brings them to life. Jesus said; "I am the light of the world. God, his father, as part of the trinity, is also light."

So how do I relate to God? As a Christian; a redeemed child of God, I am one of the fold. I am a valued part of God's creation and even part of God's family; made in His image, like a child to its' mother and father. The Holy Spirit of God lives in me, given to me in baptism. I am a sheep of the Good Shepherd. God has even promised me eternal life with Him.

What does this do to me? It gives me a certain boldness and confidence. It gives me courage to follow the will of my Father. It gives me strength and reassurance that I am valued and loved. It gives me a lasting peace that surpasses all understanding. It gives me a certain energy, which I gain from being at one with the Father. It also

gives me joy in the unity with other Christians.

God also equips me, to do battle with forces, whose goal is to harm humanity and creation. God has given me the following armour, which I carry with me at all times:

A shield of faith which protects me from and extinguishes, the arrows of the evil one. My helmet of salvation. My sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. My shoes of readiness that come from the gospel of peace. My belt of truth, buckled around my waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place. My mobile phone of prayer in the Spirit. See Ephesians 6:10-20. So I am equipped and made ready to make changes in this world, for the better, on behalf of God.

How did all this come about?

There is a process that every person must pass through, before they become a redeemed child of God. Some background information is necessary to explain it.

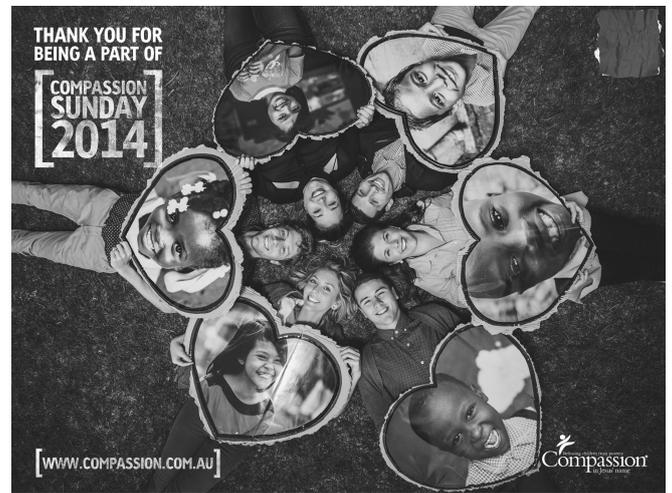
Our minds are like our bodies, which are really a collection of living organisms both inside and out, which help us live and function properly. Consider the good bacteria that live inside us and help us to process the food, once living, that becomes part our body. Our minds, far from being remote single entities, which we control, are more like trees which sway in the breeze and encourage spirits, like the dove of the Holy Spirit to nest and live within us. We can also harbour evil spirits, although Christians are protected from this somewhat, by their shields of faith. The recently released cartoon film by Disney and Pixar, called Inside-Out, borrows the idea of emotional spirits living within us.

When God originally created people in his

image, they did not know about sin or how to sin. God had a close relationship with us. We had a great bond and a common purpose and will. Satan however, in the form of a serpent, tempted Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, even though God had told them not to. This self-centred action, against the will of God, gave Adam and Eve the power to know and understand both good and evil. There is a famous saying that goes; "You do not truly know someone, unless you walk in their shoes." Knowing evil meant they would walk in evil. They had opened their minds, to having evil as well as good spirits, live within them. The Holy Spirit of God had less influence over them. So God thought; "How can I restore the bond and close relationship we once had? How can I let people choose to have the Holy Spirit fill their minds, like before they sinned, so that evil spirits do not have as strong a hold on their minds? How can I bring them back to the fold, so that my relationship with them will be for Eternity?" God chose to send his only son, Jesus into the world as an expression of good will, to bring light to the world. People responded. Some believed. Others hung him on a cross, but the Holy Spirit of God lifted him up and gave him new life. God gave Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, to put into people who confessed Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. The Holy Spirit displaces the evil spirits in our hearts and minds as we become restored children of God.

So God wins back his creation, which we lost for him, which is ourselves and all who believe. With this in mind, what becomes our goal and purpose in life? I hope it is, to do the will of the Father, who created us and loves us dearly.

Paul Schubert

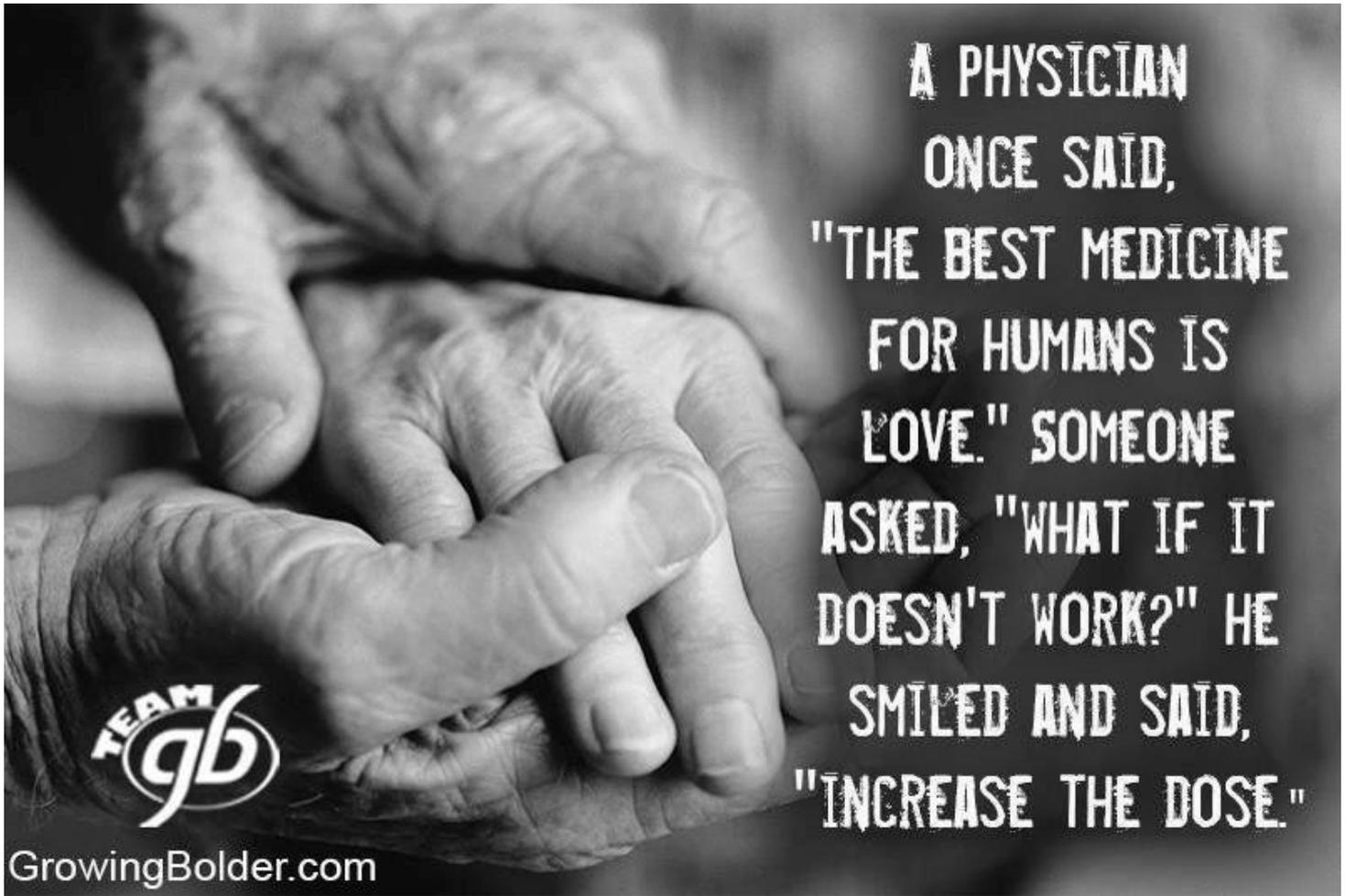


Compassion & you..

Almost a year on from our compassion presentation last August, it seems like a good time to ask: how is your sponsor child going? Did you end up going through with the commitment to set a child free from poverty?

If things got a bit busy, or you just forgot... It's never too late to start! Not sure who Compassion is? They are a Christian organisation, working to release children from poverty in Jesus' name. Through Compassion's programs, children are supported through every stage of life, and are equipped to bring lasting change to their families and communities. I was recently speaking with a friend who mentioned that their sponsor child had just begun studying at University! How incredible that God can change lives through us!!

If you would like to sponsor a child or find out more about the work of Compassion go to their website: www.compassion.com.au or see Jess for printed resources.



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"INCREASE THE DOSE."



GrowingBolder.com

Girls' coffee mornings!

Do you love coffee? Do you want a chance to catch up with other Christian women over coffee? Well, here's your chance! Girls' meet for coffee each month on the first Saturday at 10am at Pasta Deli (just south of the church on Glynburn Rd) It's a great opportunity to connect over coffee, share in each other's lives, and enjoy a yummy treat too! If you haven't been before, you are more than welcome, and you can bring a friend too! Hope to see you there!

Upcoming dates:
Sat August 1
Sat September 5
Sat October 3
Sat November 7
Sat December 5



Worship Calendar July & August

JULY

5.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	Pentecost 6 H.C. H.C.	Psalm 100:5 "Songs of experience"	<i>E-100: 41-45</i> <i>Psalm 23 – Proverbs 8</i>
			Combined Multi-cultural service <i>followed by Bring and Share lunch</i>	
			<i>School Holidays begin</i>	
			Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne <i>Guest Preacher: Geoff Scheffe (final year ALC)</i>	
12.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Pentecost 7	Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23 "The parable of the Sower"	
			<i>Plus Testimony</i>	
19.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 11.45 a.m.	Pentecost 8 H.C. H.C.	Isaiah 40:1-12 "Your God is coming!"	<i>E-100: 46-50</i> <i>Isaiah 52 – Jonah 3</i>
			<i>Congregational Meeting for Redevelopment Loan</i>	
			<i>School resumes</i>	
26.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Pentecost 9 H.C. H.C.	John 1:1-18 "The most important Word"	<i>E-100: 51-55</i> <i>Luke 1 – Matthew 4</i>

AUGUST

2.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	Pentecost 10 H.C. H.C.	Luke 15:11-32 "What Jesus taught"	<i>E-100: 56-60</i> <i>Matthew 5 – Luke 15</i>
			<i>Community Lunch</i>	
9.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Pentecost 11	John 11:17-45 "Dead man walking"	<i>E-100: 61-65</i> <i>Luke 9 – John 11</i>
			<i>Plus Testimony</i> <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (July-Sept)</i>	
16.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Pentecost 12 H.C. H.C.	John 19:16b-30 "Burn your plastic Jesus"	<i>E-100: 66-70</i> <i>Luke 22 – Acts 1</i>
			<i>90th Birthday Weekend</i>	
23.	10.30 a.m.	Pentecost 13 H.C.	Acts 2:38-42 "The Church is born"	<i>E-100: 71-75</i> <i>Acts 2 – Acts 10</i>
			<i>*followed by Bring and Share lunch, with Birthday Cake</i>	
30.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Pentecost 14 H.C. H.C.	Acts 11:19-30 "I never promised you a hot tub"	<i>E-100: 76-80</i> <i>Acts 9 – Acts 28</i>



Full house at the Winter concert....

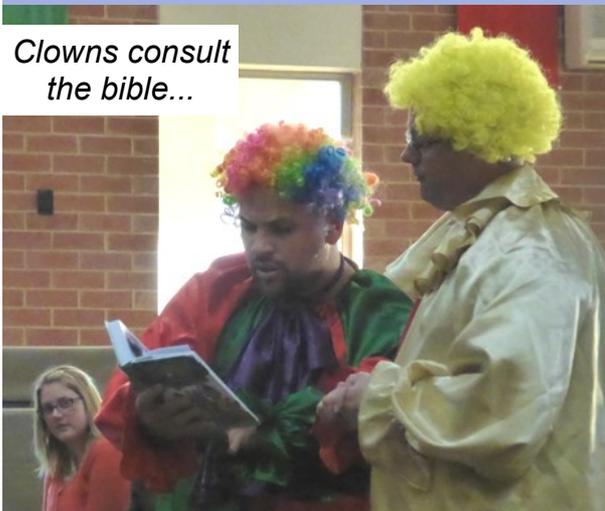
Yummy afternoon tea thanks to Lobethal Bakery



Colin at the Thrive bonfire night...



Young people enjoying supper after ice-skating...



Clowns consult the bible...



We farewell Colin, Tanya & Bradley Simpkin as he finishes his vicarage