



# @Glynde

July 2020



A photograph of two people from the waist up, wearing bright green shirts. They are facing each other and have their arms around each other's shoulders in a friendly embrace. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with greenery and yellow flowers.

**Reunited**

**and it feels so good**

# When did we stop Doing that?

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?' (Matthew 6:25).

One lunchtime I was watching children happily playing in the sandpit, burying themselves to their waist, smiling, chatting and having a thoroughly good time. A colleague asked me, 'When did we stop doing that?' The children gave no thought as to how much sand was making its way into their socks and shoes and other items of clothing, which they would have to deal with afterwards. There was just the pure delight on the children's faces as they were enjoying their achievements in the gentle May sunshine.

Living in the moment.

It is so easy to get caught up in the concerns of tomorrow, especially in the present circumstances. Some COVID-19 restrictions are beginning to lift, but how will it impact us in the future? Is it really safe? Will others adhere to the social distancing measures still in place? What will we do when we have to start paying our loans again? It is hard to focus on today with all this hanging over our heads. Where we invest our time and thoughts makes a big difference. Peter offers some advice: 'Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you' (1 Peter 5:7).

Notice he doesn't say 'some of your worries'. He has promised to be with us, today, tomorrow and the days after that. So it follows that he will be there to guide, sustain, equip, comfort, provide, love and care for us each day.

With this confidence, maybe we can notice and enjoy the blessings that are given to us in the moment and allow them to refresh our souls ... today.

*Dear Father God, thank you for holding me close to your heart. Thank you for taking my worries and cares. Thank you for the moments you give me each day. Help me to recognise them. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*

- Georgie Schuster

# From the editor...

This morning I spoke with my two older sons and told them that we wouldn't be doing Church@Home any more because we were going to be returning to church again! They were excited, but I also sensed some reservation on their part—it has been so long since we have been to church we have almost forgotten what 'normal' church looks like. Because of the slight reservation, we let them know that we could still do Church@Home sometimes, to which they both adamantly said "no!". They want to see their friends again. Even such young children feel the excitement and understand the significance of being reunited again.

The articles in this edition focus on that theme of being reunited and how joyful that will be. How fantastic that this edition will be printed and in your pigeon holes for our first week back at worship services! The chairperson's article was unable to be included in this month's edition. I hope you enjoy all the other articles enclosed here.

The leadership of the church and the editorial team of the *@Glynde* have recently been discussing whether monthly editions are the way forward for this publication. We have made the decision that for the remainder of this year, the *@Glynde* will be published every second month. Then beginning 2021, we will have quarterly editions. We know many of you love having a monthly *@Glynde*, but hope you will understand that the work put in by many different people to produce it is significant. The Sunday Paper will continue on a weekly basis to bring you up-to-date information and the *@Glynde* will still continue, just a little less frequently.

God Bless

Fleur Kupke

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# From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! Well, I'm finally back in my office here at the church. I've enjoyed working from home, but a lot of things are a lot easier to do from my office here at church....

How have you handled the last three months or so? I've just been looking at a letter that Jonathan Prenzler, our Chairperson, and I wrote to you on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Listen to how we began that letter: "This is a short letter to let you know what is happening in our Church family. **Our church is closed** as per instructions from Bishop John Henderson in the light of the coronavirus pandemic...."

**During these three months, from late March to late June or so, we've been worshipping at home with Church@Home materials.** It has been rather different to gather on a Sunday morning in our homes on our own, or with our family, or with a few friends, worshipping God by following one of our service orders with online songs, children's messages, the sermon, prayers, and all sorts of other additions. Or if we haven't a computer and email, watching services on Channel 44 or watching other worship opportunities on TV.

It has certainly been a different time! But who can forget some of the children reading Bible stories and even taking the Children's Message!?

Who can forget a number of the children giving their favourite Bible Stories from The Beginner's Bible!? Or the various pray-ers and Bible readers online!? Or the couple of "My Stories" that we've had online!?

Thanks to Tim Eckert, and Blake, for videoing and editing the sermons and the prayers and the bible readings, and so on...Thanks to Angeline Joimol and her helpers for organising the Worship services and the online links to songs... And finally thanks to everyone who has been a part of our Church@Home time ☺

**\*Our mid-week ministries haven't ceased either. We are blessed to have Barbara Mattiske and Sharyn Schubert arranging online get-togethers for our mid-week activities:** Playgroup, mainly music, Grace Over Lunch, Bible studies, English classes, and so on. Thanks to them and all volunteers who are helping in these on-going ministries. And thanks to Angeline for continuing to put out

activities and resources for Lighthouse Kids.

**We are blessed to have a system of caring during this coronavirus time, by which some twenty-odd carers are caring for about 4 or 5 people each.** In this way, our church family has been cared for and encouraged in a systematic way. Thanks to all the carers who are involved in this ministry.

**But now we are being REUNITED.** Jonathan Prenzler and I just have just written another letter to you headed:

**Worship will resume in our church building on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
with services at 9 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.**

**Wow!!** It will be great to see many of you face-to-face for the first time in quite a while, singing together and praising God together. It will be great to meet publicly with our Lord Jesus in worship and at his table receiving the Lord's Supper *for the first time in three months!!*

What a wonderful reunion it will be!!

**As well, our mid-week ministries and Lighthouse Kids will begin as normal, well relatively normal, given the COVID-19 restrictions that we have, at the start of Term 3.** It will be great to see our mid-week people and their children again. *I've really missed seeing the smiling faces of the many people who gather here during the week...As well, some of our regular gatherings will start to happen again: English classes on Saturdays, and Markets once a month.*

**May God bless us as we gather together again and hear His word together in one place, in our church, and as together we reach out and care for many, many people who come among us during the week and the weekend.**

**I'm looking forward to us being reunited!!**

God bless,  
Pastor Wayne ☺





# From our Cross-Cultural Mentor...

## Reunited...

It was a song in 1978. There have been numerous TV show reunions over the years, possibly of your favourite show, and I am sure you have all probably gone to a school reunion or work reunion in your lifetime!

The dictionary definition says: come together or cause to come together again after a period of separation or disunity.

Well, I know for sure it has been a period of time since we have been together, over 3 months it will be for worship, and 4 months it will end up being for some of our mid-week groups. So, it is definitely been a period of separation, but, yet it hasn't at all!

I have been blessed that our groups have continued to meet online, so, we have been together. And yet, there is something so very special about seeing a whole person, not just the face on a screen, and watching how they react

and move. There is something special to be able to talk together, without hesitating over the delay on the screen. There is also something special when you are together when you can feel and sense others' feelings. And oh, how special to see a family together and watch them move!

I thank God that we have been able to "meet" since March and I continue to thank Him for teaching us new technology, and helping us trust that it works, and that He is still so obviously encouraging and supporting us with His love...

But , how wonderful to actually see one another! I know how it feels when you have been away for a long holiday and you see your family when you return – it is overwhelming! I am sure that is how we will feel returning to our church family. I pray that you will have that special God feeling as you return to your family at church!

Our groups will return to the church in week one of Term 3 – so the week beginning July 20<sup>th</sup>! We have ticked off all the questions raised with returning, including searching many Government websites, and making phone calls to SA Health and the Lutheran Church, and meeting together to complete our COVID Safe Plan for each group.

But, we are ready... it feels like we are just about to return home – getting excited at seeing our loved ones! It's not long now...

Barbara Mattiske  
Cross-Cultural Mentor



Congratulations to Alyssa, Brad and big brother Oliver on the birth of Parker Kay Leach!

Parker arrived on June 17th and we look forward to meeting her as worship services and mid-week ministries re-commence!

# Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>5</b>  9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
		SCHOOL
<b>12</b>  9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Nuer	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  7:30 Exec meeting
		SCHOOL
<b>19</b>  9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean	<b>20</b>  7pm KYB	<b>21</b>  9:30 Craft 11am Pastor's study group
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# What's on in July?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 7:30 BFM meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 Prayer Group	<b>10</b> 10:30 Wednesday & Friday Study Group catch-up	<b>11</b>
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# From our Cross-Cultural Coordinator...

**Dear members in Christ,**

To be reunited may imply that we have separated for a period of time and now can come back to familiar ways of being and doing what we have known. Yet what we have experienced through a pandemic, which interrupts cyclical patterns of behaviour, changes us. We have noticed perhaps more behavioural change than before towards neighbours, recognising that the Other matters. We have noticed perhaps more behavioural change towards institutional structures, seeing them as limiting freedoms or assigning too much value to the economics and not people. Yes, we will re-unite as the visible Church and in groups, but I would think that as reflective people looking at the experiences we have been through, we will find new opportunities to serve each other

and hold onto the richness of what sustained us and brought us hope.

For me I am looking forward to working more closely with the Playgroup team to provide programs which show love and concern for families. It is the realisation that we function as the body of Christ which was most sharply put into focus for me. The volunteers reaching out person to person and interacting in conversation is a richness that could not be developed via email postings. And of course I missed the children's faces, voices and exclamations as they did the activities. Children bring unexpected joy and I missed this. I was thankful for the telephone conversations and photos sent in by the volunteers to enable a more alive feeling to this way of interacting with the group.

Grace Over Lunch has continued a format of a recipe and a devotion each week. Devotional topics have been on change, renewing life, hope, collective consciousness and improvising. Viv Kupke wrote in an email, 'I am looking forward to sharing lunch again.' Through phone conversations I sense it is not just the delicious food but the engagement face-to-face with each other that makes the food experiences so much more alive and memorable. I believe Viv can vouch for this when she makes pizzas with her children! There has been a wonderful array of recipes sent in and some insightful comments shared about kitchen tasks that put new meaning into cake baking. Tony wrote 'God is like having a really yummy and amazing piece of cake, and when we are often at our wits' end, God gives us the very last piece of his cake with love.'

English classes have continued over the last month since this report via Skype. Numbers of participants have remained stable each Saturday morning. Over this time the interaction brought from the activities that Dot provides has linked and connected us together as a group that enjoys each other's company and looks forward to sharing personal experiences through conversation. In this situation I feel we are all learners and culturally richer for the experience of our engagement. Take for example the week we did comparative chains with animals as the topic. We started with...."horses are stronger than cows, cows are more useful than elephants, elephants are more wrinkled than turtles....etc. " . The fun generated improvising answers brought lots of laughter. Where laughter occurs, I feel trust and friendship is being created. To finally be face-to-face (and we are planning for 25<sup>th</sup> July), will not be a reunion. In fact, for me it's more a celebration of our humanity together, that we have used the language of English to take us through difficult lock-down moments, showing us that there are others there, willing to engage with us and open to learning. Now I find that very exciting!

I thank God for all the moments when sharing breaks down barriers and opens new possibilities.

We pray for God's continued forgiveness, care and protection.

Sharyn Schubert  
Cross-Cultural Coordinator

# Growing Young

**In a church family, it is important to have times of reflection and dreaming and visioning.** This we do at the start of each year as we get together for VISION 2020 and so on. In recent times, a big stimulus for us to reflect and dream about directions of ministry for the Lord here at Glynde has been GROWING YOUNG, a movement which is subtitled: "Helping young people discover and love your church".

This movement in our church began when over a year ago four of us went along to a Growing Young Conference at Para Vista. **This led to us having some Growing Young meetings, and culminated in us focusing on "growing young" and what it means for us in our church@home in May, and the related small groups associated with it.**

Of "The 6 Core Commitments of Churches Growing Young", that the Growing Young movement emphasises, our top three were *in order of importance*:

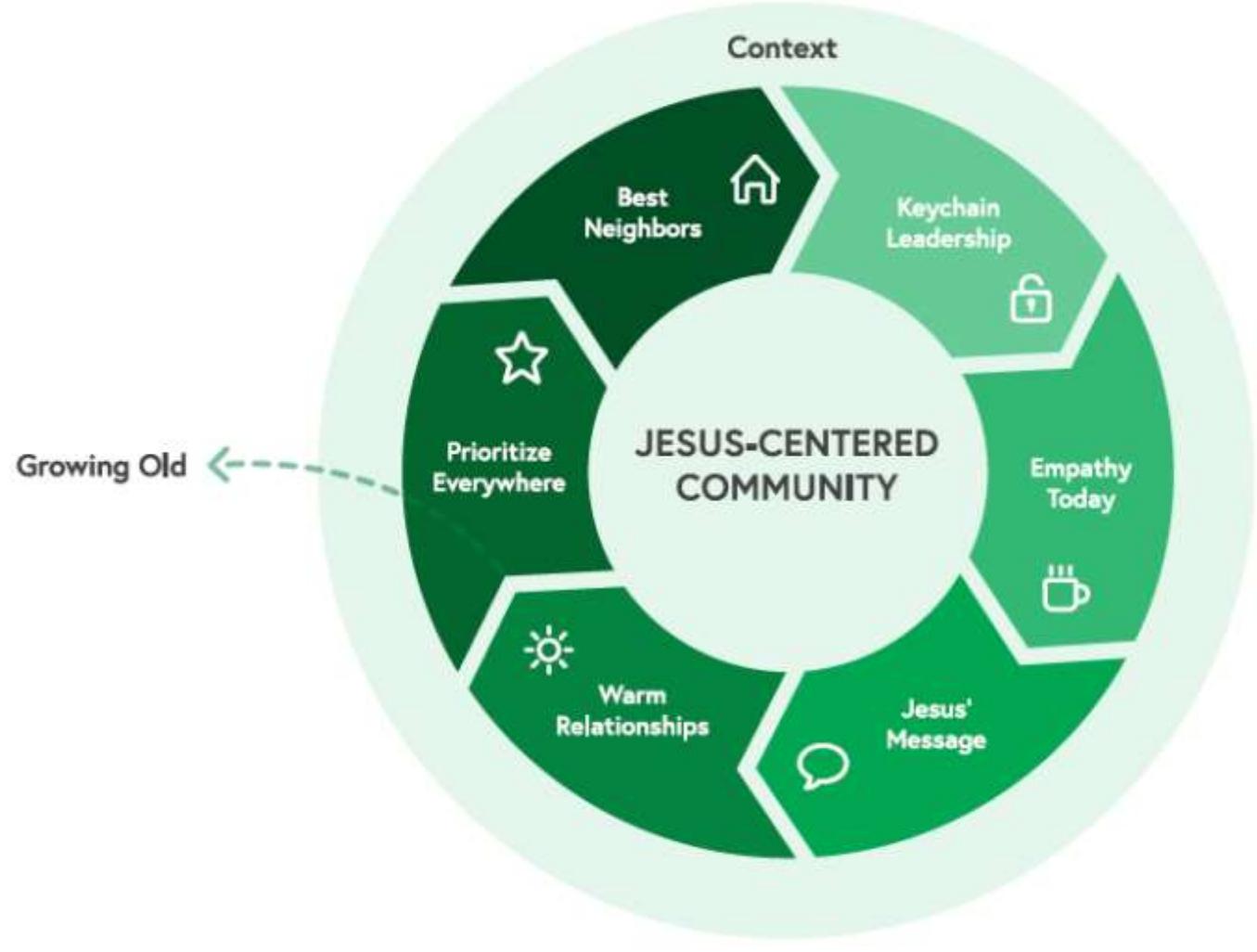
- #Fuel a warm community
- #Prioritise young people (and families) everywhere
- #Unlock keychain leadership

**Below are some of the suggestions that have flowed from our meetings and our worship together,** suggestions which we will be trying to implement in the coming months:

- \*Learn the names of all the children
- \*Give conversation starters for adults to use with children
- \*Celebrate the milestones of young people and emerging adults (e.g. birthdays, graduations, first job) in The Sunday Paper and in worship before prayers
- \*Empower young people *and new people* to be involved in different ministry tasks: "Be free to let young people try doing things, and not worry about how well it is done"
- \*Foster mentoring of young people by older people: e.g. Sigrid with Amber
- \*Have intergenerational readers and pray-ers: e.g. grandparents, parents, children
- \*Have intergenerational services once a term on "Lighthouse Sunday"
- \*Interview people of all ages for a "My Story" time in worship
- \*Promote intergenerational activities: e.g. Talent night, movie nights, family camps
- \*Promote Children and Youth Camps organised by Blueprint Ministries (District)  
Plus Sponsor young people to go to such camps
- \*Promote involvement of Korean families with our community
- \*Create community with the older Korean children
- \*Prioritise Budget money to the First Third aged group, *0-30 years old*

**These are some of the suggestions which have flowed from the GROWING YOUNG movement in our church family: that is, the desire to help young people grow in their faith and their love. May God bless us as we minister to the young people in our midst, and as they minister to us.**

Pastor Wayne ☺



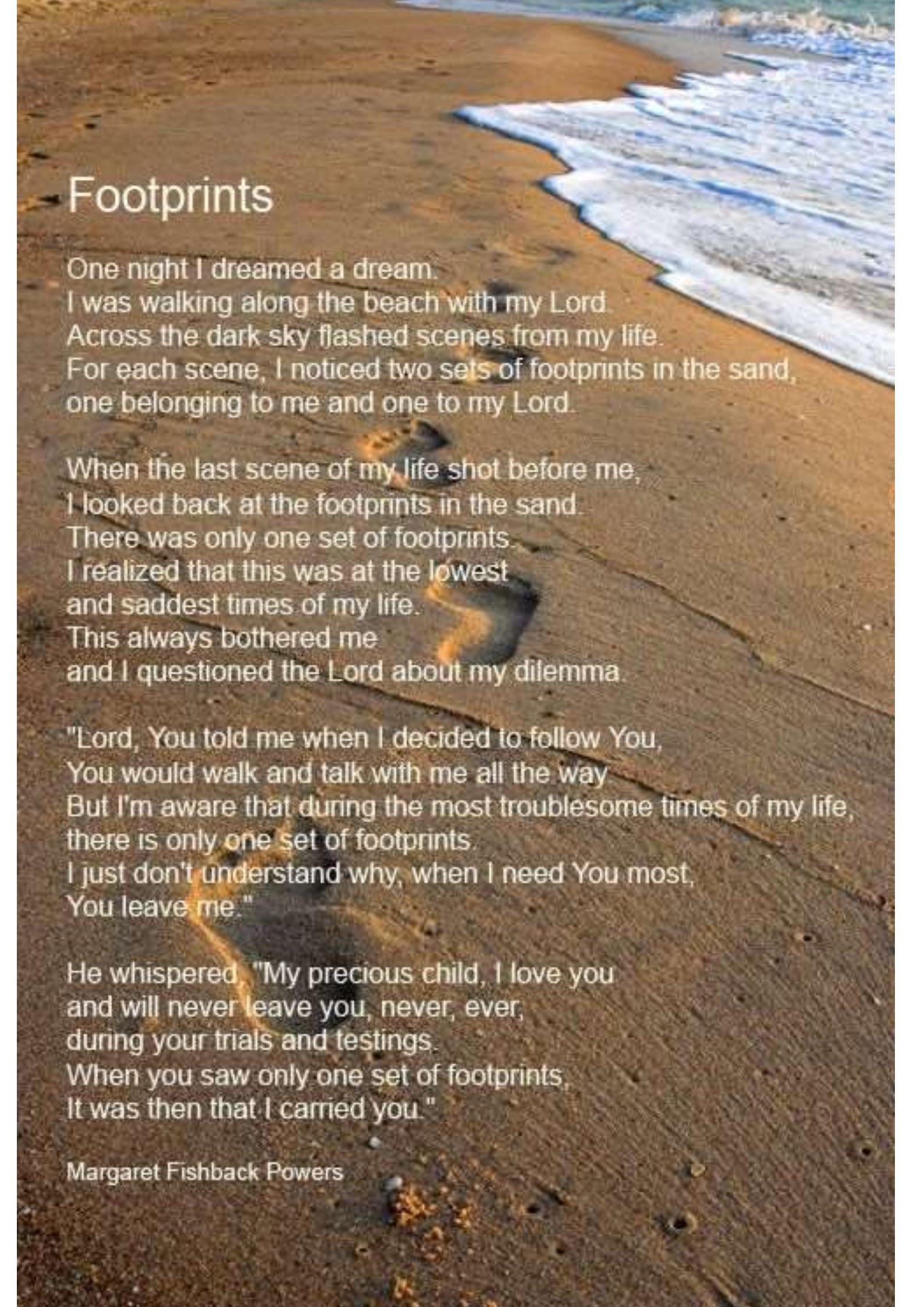
### Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31 May 2020

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$52,037	\$58,752	(\$6,715)
Building Fund Collection	\$6,260	\$19,120	(\$12,860)
Fundraising	\$758	\$5,676	(\$4,918)

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 (from LLL)	48692 S1	152736 S1
Account Number (other Banks)	100309615	100897363



# Footprints

One night I dreamed a dream.  
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life shot before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
There was only one set of footprints.  
I realized that this was at the lowest  
and saddest times of my life.  
This always bothered me  
and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me when I decided to follow You,  
You would walk and talk with me all the way  
But I'm aware that during the most troublesome times of my life,  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I just don't understand why, when I need You most,  
You leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you  
and will never leave you, never, ever,  
during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

Margaret Fishback Powers

# Worship@Home Calendar

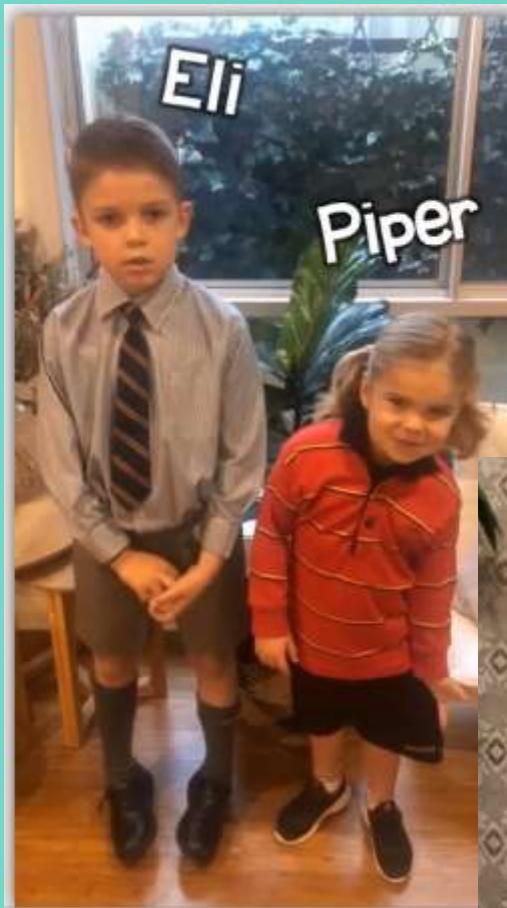
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		Pentecost 5	Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to me..., and I will give you rest”
5.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.	*School holidays begin
12.	9.00 a.m.	Pentecost 6	Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne Guest Preacher: David Christian
	10.30 a.m.		Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 “The parable of the sower”
19.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Pentecost 7
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 “The parable of the weeds”
			*School resumes
26.	9.00 a.m.	H.C.	Pentecost 8
	10.30 a.m.	H.C.	Romans 3:9-12, 20-28 “We are all in the same sinking boat!”
			Romans (1)

# AUGUST

		Pentecost 9	Romans 4:13-25 "Have faith in God!"	<i>Romans (2)</i>
2.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	<i>Leader:</i>	
		Pentecost 10	Romans 5:1-11 "Shalom, my friends, Shalom"	<i>Romans (3)</i>
9.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		<i>Plus Testimonies</i>	
		Pentecost 11	Romans 5:8-21 "Hugged by God"	<i>Romans (4)</i>
16.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.		
		Pentecost 12	Romans 6:1-23 "A new life in a new land"	<i>Romans (5)</i>
23.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.		
		Pentecost 13	Romans 7:24-25 "The God who changes lives"	<i>Romans (6)</i>
30.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	<i>Baptismal Anniversaries (April-June)</i>	

# Church @ Home with Lighthouse Kids...



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