

Glynde Lutheran Church

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I want it and I want it now!

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, "Help me against my opponent!"' (Luke 18:1-3)

'I want that one!' cries the toddler at the checkout. Desperate to avoid a tantrum, Mum or Dad hands the item over. Does that sound familiar?

We live in a world which conditions us from an early age to expect instant gratification. If we're not getting what we want, we expect someone to always be there to listen to our grievances and give in to our demands.

In our prayer life, too, we often expect an immediate and positive response. Recently someone said to me, 'Why should I bother to pray? I've never got any of the things I asked for.' What disappointment the speaker expressed. He now doubts that God even exists.

Are you anxious for an answer to your prayers? Do you think God doesn't listen to you? Or do you always expect God to say yes? There are times when he says 'No, my child' or 'Wait a while'. No matter what the answer is, it is important that you keep talking to your heavenly Father, for he always listens, he always cares, he always loves.

Dear God, thank you for always being there for me. Amen.

by Julie Weckert, in 'God's Peace for each Day' (LCA, Openbook, 2005)

From the editor...

On June 20th every year, around the world, we commemorate World Refugee Day. A time to reflect on the strength, courage and perseverance of millions of refugees forced to flee their homes. In our recent May edition, we heard stories from some of the members of our church family and how they had to make the ultimate choice of leaving their families to come to Australia.

I can't even begin to imagine how it must feel to leave everything you have known to go and make a life in a new country. UN Secretary General António Guterres said "I have visited refugees and displaced people...Sitting with these men, women and children, I was impressed by their fortitude despite having had their lives completely upended. On World Refugee Day, let us all try to stand in their shoes, and stand up for their rights and our shared future." It must take a huge amount of *perseverance* to upend your life, which is why I have chosen this to be the theme for the June edition of the @Glynde.

In this edition you will have the chance to read of the perseverance of the Glynde Craft Group, which has just celebrated its 30th birthday! The Magnolias spent time at the Royal Society of the Blind learning of the perseverance of the dog trainers. And we look at how much perseverance is required to form the habits for leading a 'questionable life' in our *Surprise the World Challenge*.

I hope you enjoy reading through some of the articles.

Fleur Kupke

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From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! We are well and truly in the middle of term 2 of the school year, and our life is often a struggle as we get kids to school, go to work, do the things that we have to do, and so on.... The theme that Fleur Kupke, the editor of @Glynde for this month of June, has suggested is **"perseverance"**. It's a theme that captures well our struggle to do the things in our life that need to be done, and a theme which summarises our struggle, also, to live as God's people.

One of my favourite passages in the New Testament writings is one that comes at the start of chapter twelve of the letter to the Hebrews. There the writer states, after detailing the many, many witnesses of faith that are part of the Biblical record: *As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination (or better, **perseverance**), the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.*

He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was

waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right hand side of God's throne.

Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up (Heb. 12:1-3).

It is also **World Refugee Day on June 20th**, and the perseverance that refugees need as they struggle to find a home in this world, was also in Fleur's mind as she chose the theme of "perseverance" for this month.

The reality, too, is that we as God's people should have a lot of empathy for the plight of the refugees of this world. God calls us His people to love and have compassion for all the peoples of this world. Add to this the fact that Peter in his first letter describes us as "strangers and refugees in this world" (1:1; 2:11). We, too, have no real home in this world in that we are "citizens of heaven" (Phil. 3:20). Also, our Lord Jesus was a refugee in the first few years of his life as Joseph and Mary and baby Jesus fled from their homeland to the land of Egypt (Matt. 2:13

-15, 19-23). And it all adds up to God wanting us to have special understanding and care for the plight of refugees in the world, especially those who have come to our shores in order to find a home in this world. And we do have many refugees in our community, including in our own church family.

"Perseverance" is our focus for this month. Let us **"run with perseverance"** the race that lies before us: with regard to our faith in God as our dear Father, and in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord; and with regard to our serving God in all that we do on Sundays, in our mid-week church ministries, in our daily life in our families, among our friends and neighbours and work mates, in our social life, and so on.

*In the month of June, we continue our focus on how we each can make a difference for the Lord in our daily life. **Over five weeks we are focussing on ways in which we can "Surprise the Word" by Living Questionable lives,** lives which can provoke questions from the people around us and make a difference for the Lord. To do this, we need to develop new habits, *habits that invite and promote questions from the people around us.*

For example, the first habit is that of blessing at least three people each week: one of these is to be a member of your church, one of these is to be a person who is not, and the last one can be from either group. This habit involves us asking ourselves each week, each day: "Who can I bless today by a word of affirmation, Or by an act of kindness, Or by a gift?"

The second habit is that of Eating with at least three others each week, one of whom will be a person who is not a member of our church. **The third habit is that of setting aside a time each week to Listen to the Spirit of God,** as He seeks to prompt you to reach out to particular people. **The fourth habit is that**

of Learning from Jesus, as we spend time each week with the Gospels, and **the final habit is us focusing on us being missionaries, Sent people by God:** sent to the people around you to make a difference in their lives. This habit involves keeping a weekly journal to record just how God is using you J

*Have a look at the *Worship Calendar for June-July '18* at the rear of this @ Glynde. Coming up are a number of activities that provide us with opportunities to meet together and to reach out to people who we don't know well. At the start of each month, we have a community lunch after worship on the first Sunday: come along and enjoy one another's company, and encourage one another in our walk with the Lord. On June 10th, when we focus on "Learning from Jesus", **Karleigh Crepin will share with us her testimony of what Jesus means to her.** On June 24th, **CHURCH 4 KIDS** will be held at the 10.30 a.m. service, where the whole service is focussed on the children, with clowns and skits and children's songs. Bring along your children and your grandchildren, and invite friends and neighbours with children to come along. And then on July 1st, we will have a **Combined Multi-cultural service** at the 10.30 a.m. service, with involvement from the Korean and Sudanese people who worship with us and in our church. This, too, is Karleigh Crepin's last Sunday with us as a YAGM, *Young Adults in Global Mission*, volunteer. We will **farewell Karleigh** at this service, and send her home with our prayers and our best wishes to continue serving her Lord in all sorts of ways.

***May God bless you and me** as we "persevere" in our faith and in our love. May God bless us as we "reveal and celebrate God's love, so that **all people, people of all nations** may know Jesus and worship *God through him*".

Pastor Wayne



From the Chairperson ...

Strength, Courage and Perseverance

June 20 is the day the world commemorates the strength, courage, and perseverance of millions of refugees. World Refugee Day is held every year and marks a key moment for people to show support for families forced to flee.

One in every 113 people on the planet is now a refugee. Around the world, someone is displaced every three seconds, forced from their homes by violence, war and persecution. By the end of 2016, the number of displaced people had risen to **65.6 million** - more than the population of the United Kingdom (World Economic Forum).

Australia accepts only about 17,500 per year.

What can we do as a Christian community in response to this global crisis? We can, and we do, support national and international aid efforts, we can support human rights causes here and abroad and

we can welcome and walk alongside people from refugee backgrounds who cross our paths.

We have a number of people in our congregation who have come from refugee backgrounds or who have come to Australia to seek religious freedom. Let us especially honour them during Refugee Week. Let us show compassion, generosity and hospitality to people displaced from their countries and communities as our Christian response to their efforts to find a new home and community here among us. Let us honour them for the things they bring to us, including their strength, their courage and their perseverance in the face of extreme circumstances.

My prayer for this month and this community is that we support places of refuge - for people opening their lives to host refugees, or in words from the Iona Community:

*As Abraham and Sarah welcomed
passing strangers,
let me entertain the possibility of angels
in disguise.
Let my eyes be opened
that I may recognise in my neighbour
the divine presence of Christ.*

News from our church community for this month:

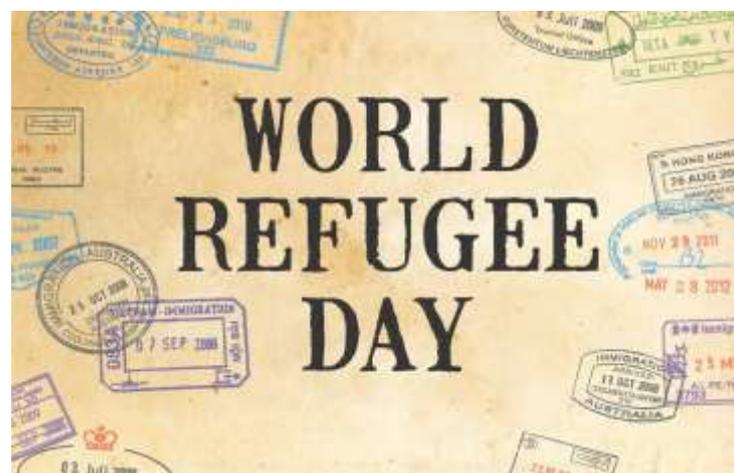
- **Redevelopment Project Costs and Repayment** - We are grateful for the benefits that the redevelopment of the church facilities are bringing for our church community and to the ongoing financial support that is helping pay off our \$660,000 loan. Generous giving and fundraising will be needed for many years. At the moment, some of this loan is being paid through tax deductible donations to Lutheran Community Care, as part of the redevelopment project relates to their use of the building. LCC have advised that we need to determine a maximum amount that can be accepted under this arrangement and also that this arrangement will probably need to end by 30 June 2019. We are consulting with LCC and the Builder to determine how much of the \$1.3m project relates to LCC's use and this will determine the maximum amount that can be accepted as tax deductible donations for this project. You will be updated as more information comes to hand.
- The half yearly meeting endorsed a proposal to have a GEMS appeal for the Kwatja Etatha Playgroup in Alice Springs so that this playgroup can continue after loss of government funding

- Financial and written reports presented to the meeting are available from me if you wish to have your own copy.
- Work on the kitchen is in its final stages and the maintenance period for the redevelopment of the church facilities completed last year is in its final stages.
- Repainting the hall is likely to be scheduled for the October school holidays.
- The new security system has been installed and the external security lighting is being fixed.
- New small groups have started on Wednesday nights - a wonderful blessing to help us nurture and grow our faith.

As we enter the months of winter, we thank God for the warmth and blessings of our church community and God's sustaining presence among us.

May you receive many blessings, share hospitality with each other and grow in love and peace.

Helene Schulz
Chairperson



RSB with Magnolias!

On arrival, we were warmly greeted by Darrin and his staff and several K9 dogs in various stages of training. Darrin (Marketing and Fundraising Manager) gave us a brief outline of the 100 year history of the Royal Society for the Blind. Using their unique capabilities they are now able to extend their services to encompass the 'Operation K9 Dog Assistance Program' to give Veterans a better chance to manage the many and varied conditions of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

*"We not only help those people who cannot see,
but also those who have seen too much"*



Following the introduction the trainers outlined various stages of training - which can take up to two years - when the dogs are ready to take over their allotted work role. Our group was very impressed at the bond which existed between the dogs and their trainers and how this is finally transferred to their charges.

While all this was going on, we were feted with a sumptuous morning tea.

A very enjoyable morning!

Walkathon fundraiser!

It couldn't have been a better day. The sunny day was warm with a very slight breeze and the location was perfect. The river bank, on the Linear Park along Pittman Drive at Windsor Gardens, was a peaceful backdrop for a lovely stroll and for getting together over a BBQ with a glass in hand. In the end, there were about twenty of us who came. God certainly blessed us.

He even provided some entertainment and adventure! Unbeknown to us, a LARPing group (**'Live Action Role-playing'**), happened to be there. This is a group of people who practise medieval fighting contests. We were very curious about their costumes and witnessed the one-on-one action moves. We even came to the rescue of a hapless girl whose leg got wedged in the playground fence. BBQ oil can certainly be very useful!

Nathaniel was our photographer and took the snaps of the walkers as they took part - much appreciated! Haydon made sure that the walkers' strength was sustained by having the BBQ ready on demand. Thank you! Thank you also to those people who contributed with donations or sponsor support.

It was a pity that many people couldn't come due to prior commitments, but the people who were there enjoyed the outdoors, friendship, food and the sip of red wine! Thank you for coming!

Remember to put the Walkathon on your calendar for next year at the end of April or the beginning of May!

Helene Brown



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch 12:30 Korean Worship	4 7pm KYB	5 9:30 Craft 7:30 BFM meeting 7:30 Quilters
10 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean Worship	11 7pm KYB	12 9:30 Craft 7:30 Exec Meeting 7:30 Quilters
17 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	18 7pm KYB	19 9:30 Craft 7:30 Quilters
24 9am Worship HC 10:30 Church 4 Kids 12:30 Korean Worship	25 7pm KYB	26 9:30 Craft 7:30 Quilters

What's on in June?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	2 10am Girls' Coffee morning 10am English Class
6 9:30 Playgroup 6:30 Surprise the World	7 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	8 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	9 10am English Class	
12 9:30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 6:30 Surprise the World	14 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	15 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	16 8am Blokes' Brekky 10am English Class	
20 9:30 Playgroup 6:30 Surprise the World	21 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	22 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	23 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets	
27 9:30 Playgroup	28 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	29 9:30 KYB 10:30 Coffee and Chat	30 10am English Class	

A background of colorful confetti in shades of red, blue, yellow, and green, scattered across the entire page.

Happy 30th Birthday Glynde Craft Group!

In May the Glynde Craft Group celebrated its 30th year. 30 years of outreach to the people around us in the community! The idea for the Glynde Craft Group was started in 1988. The then pastor's wife Judy Bell invited a group of ladies from the church to her house to help organise a get together of people interested in craft.

They started off from humble beginnings in the second term of school with three classes of 15 ladies. From this original band of ladies only Megan, Marlene and Wendy remain (see top left photo on the next page)! At our busiest we have had up to 15 classes for 130 ladies and a creche with 30 children. We have even had some men attending classes, about 8 in total.

Over the years we have offered over 90 different crafts - cooking, sewing, painting, card making, beads, computing, to name a few and at one point a course on dealing with grief. With the event of preschool care and young mums going back to work, the night time craft evolved as the ladies still wished to have time with their friends. The need for the creche reduced and the play equipment we bought and shared with playgroup was given to the playgroup along with two of the cupboards. As time went on we gradually reduced to the ladies we have today. We now average about 6 classes and 30-35 ladies.

In the early years we had contact with the then existing family shelter. From there we dealt with ladies who had fled abuse and marriage break ups. We have directed ladies to housing help and food. We have laughed with ladies and lent a shoulder to cry on when a member of their family passed away, or celebrated when they or their children/grand-children had special events.

We have had fun on the bus trips that Wendy arranged. "Shop till you drop", and "How many craft shops can we get to in one day". Money was also raised at the fashion parades, in which the ladies had fun being the models. Luncheons were organised with these parades inviting the congregation and churches in the area. When a sister of a church member had to close her craft shop we held a massive craft sale to help dispose of stock.

We were very surprised that after our donation to the church for electricity and water (that we give every year) we still had moneys left over. This went into an account and it was decided to buy things around the church that would also benefit the craft ladies. See pg 16 for more on where the Craft Group have contributed to the church.

The Lord has been good to us over the years and we pray that we will continue to be blessed.

So if you have time, come and visit us and see what we are up to. 9:30am on Tuesday mornings and quilters meet at 7:30pm on Tuesday nights. God Bless!

*Birthday
Celebration photos...*





From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

In our last month's @Glynde I shared some of the stories of people who are now a part of this community.

Rebecca's story of never giving up, from Sudan to Ethiopia and finally Australia showed amazing perseverance.

Today, at our Parenting course we were talking about when our children become teenagers and are faced with many issues, including, alcohol, drugs, sex and the internet. What role do we as parents play in their lives? We must never stop our relationship with our children, we must keep the lines of communication open, even when we feel our kids do not listen to us, we must calmly and slowly share our values and traditions with them... and as the DVD said, *NEVER GIVE UP!*

And know, that if crisis hits them, what is it that they are most likely to remember? Not what their friends have said, but what their parents have said.

As a parent that relationship with your child is most precious.

NEVER GIVE UP on it!

Just like God never gives up on us.

He quietly, calmly and lovingly keeps teaching us, holding us, loving us... I see God in action here at Glynde every week.

I listen to stories from families that join us, stories of heartbreak and oppression, stories of loneliness, stories of joy, stories of finally enjoying freedom. Stories of never giving up!

And then, I think I would love for everyone who comes here to know Jesus in their lives, and I know that we must calmly and with love and friendship, *NEVER GIVE UP*, and keep showing God's love in our friendships and in the courses that we run.

Next term, we are looking at running the Alpha Marriage Course after finishing our Parenting series... we are looking at creating a new group for study and introducing Jesus – watch out for more on this to come!
 We must NEVER GIVE UP!

I always keep in my mind that God doesn't tell us off for trying! So, let's keep trying, persevering!

And, with God's love and help, it will blossom and grow.

Barbara Mattiske
 Cross Cultural Coordinator



Treasurer's Report for the Year to 30 April 2018

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$41,305	\$49,416	(\$8,111)
Building Fund Collection (Not inc. LCC)	\$5,235	\$15,296	(\$10,061)
Fundraising	\$4,289	\$4,532	(\$243)

Fundraising Outcome for the month of February

Football Parking	\$300
Fundraising Box	\$36

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

Craft Group's Contributions

Over the past 30 years, the Craft Group has been able to help the church and charity groups along the way. Here is a list of things we have been able to do with proceeds from craft.

It's hot upstairs so we bought overhead fans. Fencing to keep children safe outside plus \$1500 towards landscaping. We needed an answering machine, photocopier so we saved and purchased. Front desk and money towards the support of the office staff. Better lighting in hall, narthex and overflow, sound system into hall, blinds at the end of the hall for the summer heat. 20 Tables and trolleys. Cupboards to securely store our equipment. Two stoves and one wall oven and water filter and fridge in the kitchen. Air conditioning in the overflow and kitchen, and the application for a grant to put air conditioning in the hall. The hanging silks to enhance worship and the cupboard to store them. The advent banner at the back of the church. Four pots and the seat to enhance the then back entrance. Just to name a few...

The ladies have also supported outside charities with donations. Cancer council, Rwanda appeal, North Eastern Community Hospital, Lutheran Family Shelter to buy books, Angel Flights, Canteen, District Nurses, Leprosy Mission, Flying Doctors, ZONTA, Days for Girls, Ronald McDonald House, Cora Barclay Centre etc. The ladies have made quilts for the foster care program and for Ronald McDonald House. Over 30 quilts were handed over last year and there are another 30 quilts ready to go already this year (see pictures below).



C.R.A.F.T

(Can't Remember A Flipping Thing!)

Over the years, the teachers and organisers have come across quite a few strange and funny things that have happened to them and others in Craft. Here are just a few 'CRAFT' moments, hope they hit the right spot and make you laugh.

The first one that comes to mind was about 20 years ago. Day Craft had been going for about 10 years and our Night Craft for about 7 years. One particular organiser (Pat Arthur) came up to me (Wendy Seidel) in a flap. When asked what the problem was, she replied, "There's a new lady wanting to come to Craft, but she can't come during the day and she asked if anyone around here had a Night Craft!" I looked at her totally puzzled and said "Yes Pat, we do have a Night Craft, we have had for the last 7 years remember! You help to teach it!!"

Megan Castle (folk art teacher) has given up counting how many ladies have either washed their paint brush in their coffee/tea cup, or go to drink the water in their glass they clean their brushes in. She can personally recommend lemonade for cleaning brushes!

Then there was the lady doing some candlewick embroidery in bed one night and embroidered it to her quilt!

Even one of our pastors (Pastor Jon) has had fun with our group. One day for *Show and Tell* he had the greatest pleasure showing us all his finished project. He pushed in his motorbike that he had just finished restoring to show the ladies...only to crash it a few weeks later!

Then there is also the person that was running late for Craft and got a speeding ticket, which resulted in the loss of their licence. Not wanting to miss Craft they went out and bought a gopher so they would not miss out on Craft. Now that's dedication!!



'Surprise the World' Challenge!

We're in the middle of our '**Surprise the World' Challenge!** Pastor Wayne and Pastor Henry have been leading our community with a 5-week sermon series on the **Five Habits of Highly Missional People.**

Bless people

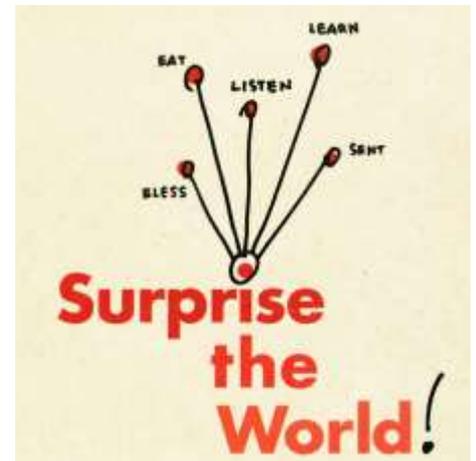
Eat together with people

Listen to the Holy Spirit

Learn Jesus

Sent by God to everywhere life takes us

About 30 people are meeting each week in five new small groups (DNA Groups)! The groups' purpose is to support and encourage each other as we are starting to learn to live these habits. (DNA Group = Discipleship, Nurture & Accountability group)



How long does it take to form habits? Research from Jeremy Dean suggests that it may only take a few weeks to develop a basic habit, but to change and develop new habits that are more complex can take months of intentional practice!

So this is just the start of our challenge!

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." **Colossians 4:2-6**

The instructions for the early church in Colossae are relevant to us today. There's a two-fold approach to evangelism:

- 1) identify, equip, and mobilise gifted evangelists
- 2) inspire all believers to **live questionable lives!**

If all believers are leading the kinds of lives that evoke questions from their friends, then opportunities for sharing faith abound, and chances for the gifted evangelists to boldly proclaim are increased! In brief, our task is to surprise the world!

This two-fold approach to evangelism literally transformed the Roman Empire!!

What could it do for our North-Eastern Adelaide community?

What could it do for the people that we are already connected to in our everyday lives????

Copies of '*Surprise the World*' by Michael Frost are available for only \$5!

Want to be part of a small group (DNA Group)? Contact Pastor Wayne or John Kupke (0402 915 044 / kupke.john@gmail.com)

Copies of the small group studies are also available.

Worship Calendar

JUNE

3. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 2 John 14:15-18, 25-27 *Living Questionable Lives (3)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Listening to the Spirit"
 12.00 noon *Community Lunch*
10. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 3 Philippians 2:1-11 *Living Questionable Lives (4)*
 10.30 a.m. "The answer is always Jesus"
Plus Testimony of Karleigh Crepin
Baptismal Anniversaries (April-June)
**Baptism of Bella Milton, child of Belinda & Jarryd*
17. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 4 *Pastor Henry Martinez*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. Matthew 28:18-20 *Living Questionable Lives (5)*
 "Living as 'sent ones'"
24. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 5 Mark 4:35-41
 10.30 a.m. "The unsinkable ship"
Church for Kids (Creation)

JULY

1. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 6 Matthew 8:5-13
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Sharing God's feast together"
 12.00 noon H.C.
Combined Multi-cultural service
followed by Bring and Share lunch
**Plus farewell to Karleigh Crepin, our YAGM volunteer*
8. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 7 1 Samuel 17:32-50 *Favourite OT stories (1)*
 10.30 a.m. "Facing the giants in
 your life"
Plus Testimonies
School Holidays begin
15. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 8 Daniel 3:1-20 *Favourite OT stories (2)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "By the rivers of
 Babylon..."
22. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 9 *Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. *Guest Preacher: Pastor John Thiel*
 Ephesians 2:11-20
 "Christ, the cornerstone"
School resumes
29. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 10 Genesis 6:9-22 *Favourite OT stories (3)*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Safe on God's Ark"



Left: Blake drumming for the first time in church. Well done, Blake!



Right: John and Clarice enjoying a pat with a dog at the Royal Society for the Blind



Above: more Walkathon fun in the sunshine!

Below: Baby thanks on Mother's Day

