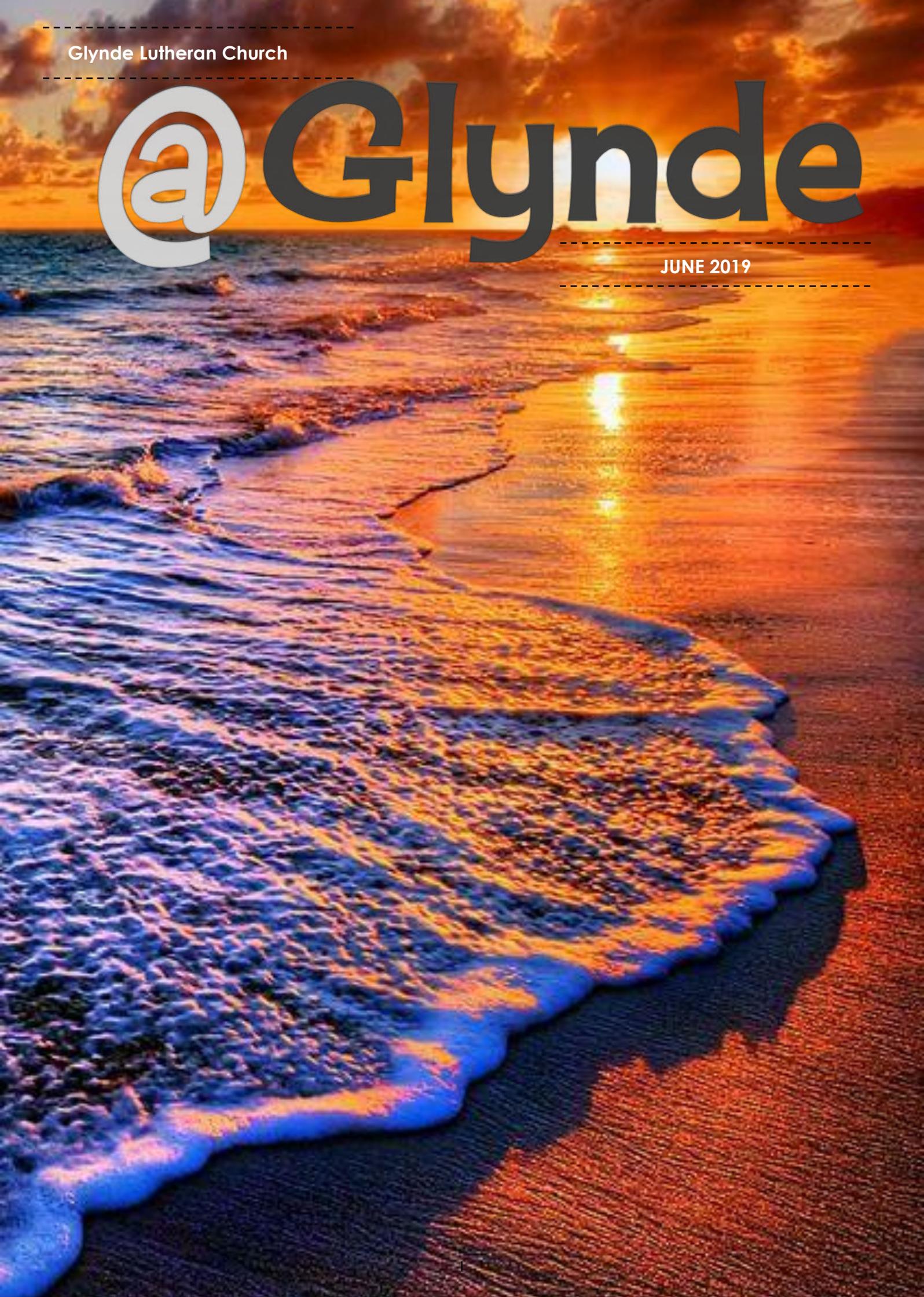

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Devotional thought

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION

By Yvonne Branch

It's six o'clock in the evening,
I am standing at my back gate.
The sun is sinking, the evening shades are setting,
The reflection of the sun's rays is illuminating the sky.
Standing there, I wonder at the beauty of God's creation,
The serenity of the evening
Brings peaceful feelings to my soul,
I feel a sweet soft breeze across my face,
And say aloud "GOD IS IN THE WIND!"
The birds take flight in the sky –
As if to say 'we're going home',
Then gracefully they move across the Eastern sky.
I look at the luscious green grass
And plants that adorn the earth,
At the coconut, tamarind, plum and breadfruit trees,
And among all this greenery nestles a flamboyant tree,
Covered with beautiful red flowers – all in full bloom.
Their shadows now silhouetted
Against the beautiful pink colour of the sunset.
"Truly", I say, "There is beauty in God's creation!"
A few passers-by say a quiet 'good evening'
As they make their way along the winding path
To their homes within the peaceful neighbourhood.
Strange enough, there are no noises to be heard
No noises of children's laughter,
No noises of children's games,
The evening is one of pure serenity

From the editor...

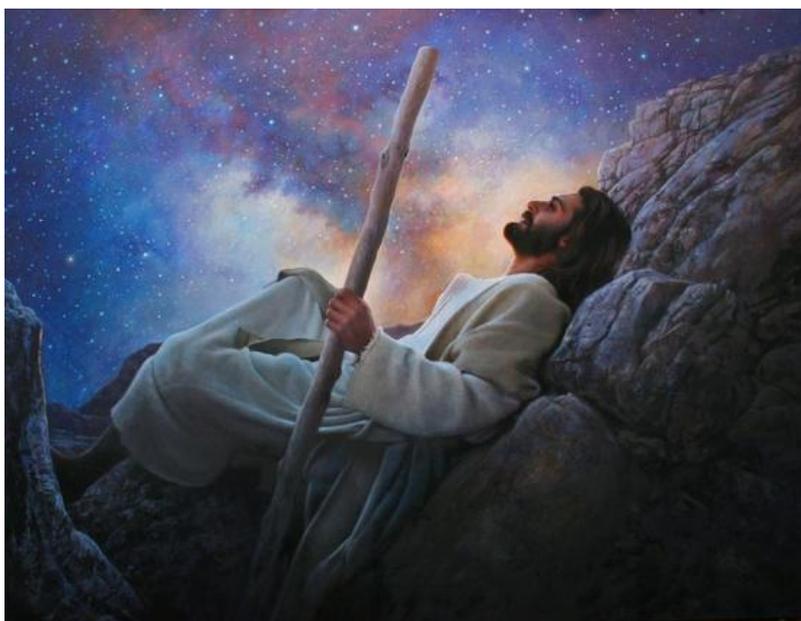
For this month I have chosen the theme 'Rest in the beauty of God's Creation'.

The busyness of life often takes over our thoughts and minds, exhausting our bodies. But it is not only our bodies that get exhausted. We often fail to recognise that our minds and souls need rest also. Scheduling a 'time out' becomes secondary to 'getting the job done'.

The beauty that God has created all around us deserves to be appreciated and provides a perfect place for us to rest and recuperate.

May the coming month of June be one of peace and that you find time to rest in the beauty of God's amazing creation.

God's blessings,
Leah Cronin



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From Pastor Wayne...

Hi!

I am writing this after being away a couple of days this week at Pastors' Conference, and having tomorrow at District Synod.... **Life gets hectic some times** 😊

* **But that's the way it is for most of us: life is busy! And sometimes, even often, our busy-ness seems to swamp us and nearly drown us. That's why God wants us to rest on at least one day of our week: so that we can spend time with Him and recover our strength. The theme for this AT GLYNDE is: "Rest in the beauty of God's creation".**

* Listen again to what the writer of the first creation account in the Bible has to say:
And so the whole universe was completed. By the seventh day, God finished what he had been doing and stopped working, *lit.* "he rested from all his work". And God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as a special day (Gen. 2:1-2).

And in fact, God commands us to have a day of rest. Listen to what He says when He gave the Ten Commandments to Moses:
Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy, *special.* You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me (Exodus 20:8-10).

So remember to have a day each week on which you can recover your strength and spend time with Him.

I remember reading about a prominent pastor, who was frantic during the week and on the weekends with church and his responsibilities, and who used to go on his day off out into the hills and spend time walking, reflecting, and sitting with his wife reading God's Word together.

I believe that God wants us to do something similar on a least one day a week.

* **For six weeks from the end of May through the month of June, our focus in worship and in Home Groups will be on the theme: “God’s not dead”.**

Maybe you have seen the three movies on this theme, or read the book by Rice Broocks on this topic. The aim of this series is 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.

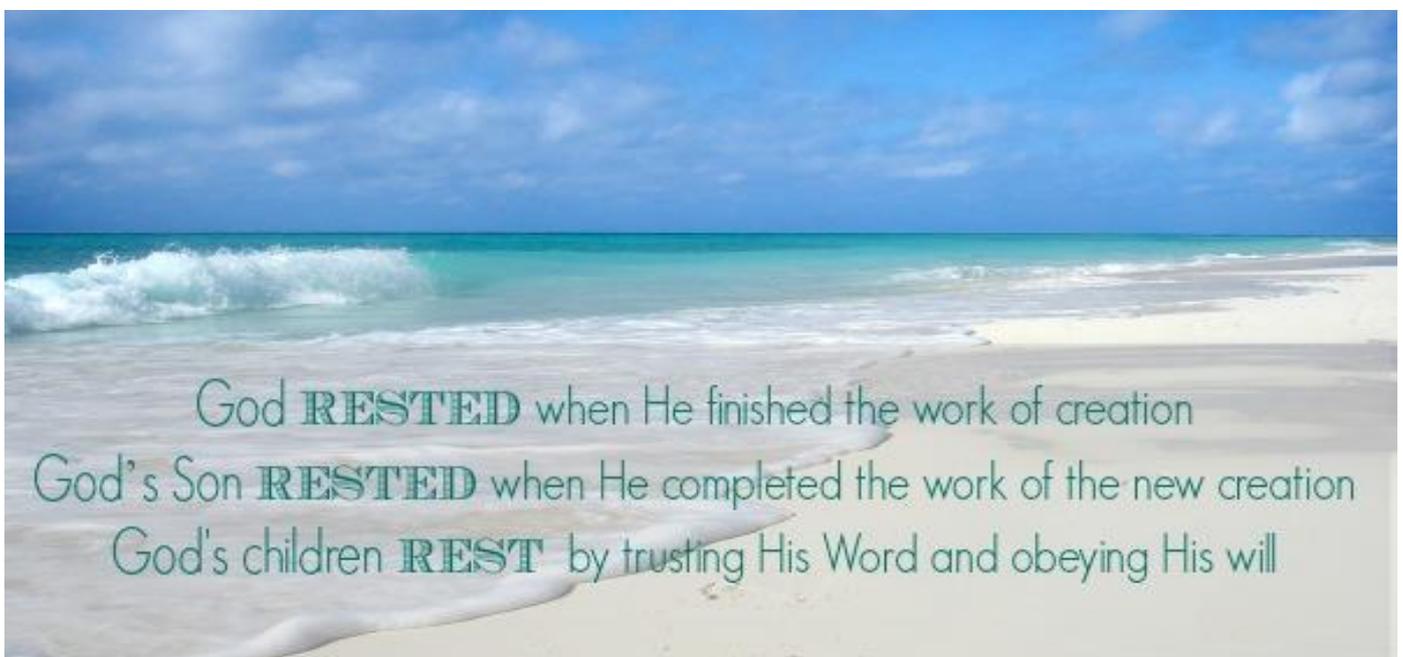
I hope that you enjoy this series and that through it, and the associated Home Group discussions, God equips you better to be His servant in this world.

* **In the school holidays at the end of this school term, and for the first four weeks off next term, Jenine and I will be having some Recuperative Leave together.** During this time, Pastor David Christian will be leading you in

worship: he 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 ...

Love can do anything...

Falling leaves and Gardener God

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit." John 15:1-2

Winter is now upon us and with it has come the blessings of rain and the falling of the autumn leaves. Vineyards are being pruned in the wine growing regions. The rain brings relief to the farmers waiting to sow crops and fresh enthusiasm for those who enjoy gardening. The ground is now softer, green shoots sprouting and time to plant the winter crops and the garden vegetables before it gets too cold. Annie Heppenstall "The healer's tree" (2011) says Christians have a very down-to-earth faith. God created all things in heaven and earth, and she asks what does this mean for us and how can we overcome our tendency to be reliant on our 'supermarket-provides-all' lifestyles? Time perhaps to get outside, to dig in the garden or find a place in a park or outside the city and reflect on this verse:

'You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain ...' (Psalm 65:9).

Update from our Annual General Meeting - thank God for enriching our community

We held our AGM on Sunday, 19th May. It was our first meeting under the new constitution which was approved by the congregation in April and has now been officially endorsed by the Constitutions Committee and sealed under the LCA SA NT District seal. Our meeting adopted reports from Pastor Wayne, from the Chairperson and from our Treasurer.

The main items discussed at the meeting related to our redevelopment loan and the recent advice that the tax-deductible status of donations to Lutheran Community Care will cease at 30 June 2019. We are needing to repay \$66,000 per year to cover our loan and if people are able to gain advantage from making a tax deductible donation, then please do so in the next 3-4 weeks. The proposal to resurface the floor in the hall - approval for this to proceed with a cost of up to \$10,000 was passed, with conversations to be held with the Craft group to help cover the cost.

Pastor Wayne presented the recommendations of the group that organised the forum on the ordination of women which relate to providing lay women and men with greater opportunities for preaching, leading worship and ministry within

our community of faith. The recommendations included provision of resourcing, training and mentoring of people with gifts for these ministries by Pastor Wayne and Pastor Henry. The need to obtain more musicians for the 9:00am service from September 2019 with our organist, Joy Mildren, wishing to reduce her current commitment.

The future of churches in our society - gathering of Synod and local, Lutheran churches

The recent meeting of our Synod raised the difficult, but important topic of the decline in Christian churches and church membership during the past 30 years. Over pretty much all of Australia, the decline in Christian churches has been clearly documented by national census data. LCA records of membership reveal that the Lutheran church has not been isolated from this national trend. The LCA SA NT District has analysed LCA data and the ratio of pastors to church membership. It has proposed a model of ministry which sustains local churches through greater use of lay people in ministries traditionally provided by the ordained pastorate. A survey was taken at the Synod to gauge the response of delegates and pastors to this proposal. The results of the survey will be circulated to delegates within the coming weeks.

The decline of church membership and attendance was also discussed in relation to our local area on 21 May 2019 at Hampstead Lutheran Church, with Assistant Bishop Stephen Schultz facilitating a conversation with representatives from Hampstead, North Adelaide, Dernancourt, Glynde and Blair Athol congregations. Tim Eckert, Pastor Wayne and myself attended from Glynde.

While the membership at Glynde has remained fairly steady over the last 5-10 years, we have still experienced a significant decline from almost 350

members in 1990 to our current membership of under 150. The challenge for the church is how to provide a sustainable model of pastors and congregations in this landscape and what structure/model can we adopt to achieve this? We have a thriving ministry at Glynde - especially in our mid-week ministries which are not easily reflected in church or census statistics. We are greatly blessed in our pastoral and ministry leadership. But the conversations of how we provide for the future - for times of pastoral vacancy and how we collaborate with our neighbouring Lutheran congregations will be critical in the coming years. This meeting may lead to further discussions with our neighbouring Lutheran churches. We ask you to pray for the mission and ministry of church and the new possibilities that may emerge out of these discussions.

Thanks and Praise

Thank you to everyone who helped with the fundraising activities held during the election when our church opened its doors to thousands who voted at the polling booth on 18 May.

Thank you to all who celebrated five years of Mainly Music at Glynde - what a joy and blessing this outreach activity has been to so many families.

Glynde has been successful in nominating to be a venue for a SALA exhibition this year. This is a new opportunity for us to connect with our wider community and we pray it will be a successful and exciting venture. The SALA festival celebrates the work of new, emerging and established artists and is held in August of each year.

May God keep your hearts warm and safe as we live and serve as His people.

Shalom
Helene Schulz
Chairperson





From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...



Take a moment! Take a breath!

Look around..

At our Parenting course we talk about lots of things... love languages, boundaries, traditions, and HALT, which applies to you and your child. It stands for...

H hungry
A anxious
L lonely
T tired

You know when you (or your child) are stressed and upset and you just want to scream, our course tells us to HALT! Instead of reacting, stop, take a breath and quickly run through in your mind HALT. Are you hungry, or anxious, or lonely or tired? If you are you often do not see things as they are and we do not react well, and neither do our children. Sometimes we need to take a moment and relax and listen to God, and enjoy what he has given us.

Here at Glynde, we have been given so much. We have people willing to serve with loving hearts. We have smiles on faces, we have hard workers. We have a wonderful building in which to create opportunities for outreach.

Take a moment and consider our mid-week activities. We have Playgroup on Wednesdays where I see genuine and real relationships growing. I see parents learning to interact with their children.

Grace over Lunch on Wednesdays happens as well. Take a moment and thank God for what is happening here. Yes, there is cooking, but there is also talking and a devotion time, which for some is the first time they have heard the word of God shared.

Mainly Music always shares God's love through songs and dance. Take a moment and witness this amazing outreach.

Fridays with our learning mornings of English and Parenting and Marriage courses you can see God at work. Take a moment and witness it. If you take a moment you can hear the deep conversations of love and sorrow. Coffee and Chat afterward continues this time of sharing.

Take a moment on Saturdays to join our English class. It is always full of laughter as we share together in this strange language of English.

Next term we will be starting Alpha on Friday

mornings. I pray this will be another moment when we can stop, take a breath and together learn and understand more about our world and Jesus.

Next term we will have a couple of students from ALC join us for some of our classes. Take a moment and pray for them...

When we take a moment and stop, we can see so many amazing things. We see so much love.

As we said at Alpha the other night, the Bible is God's love letter to us... let us take a moment and share that love letter with others. Let's take a moment and reflect. And if you are hungry, or anxious, or lonely or tired remember that God is there for you, His love is just waiting for us and our mid-week community.

Take a moment!

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



REST, JUST FOR A *moment*,
AND LET GOD SPEAK TO
YOUR *heart*.

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Get Involved @ Glynde...

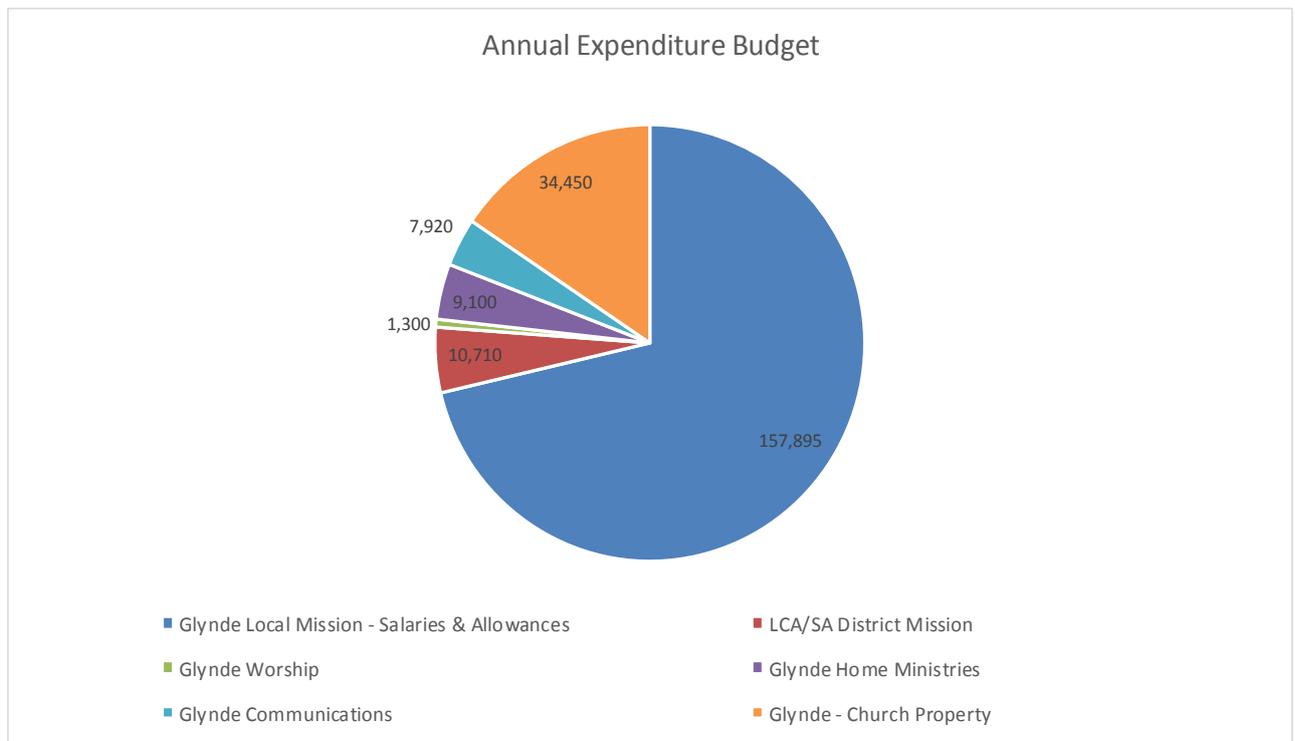
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What's on in June?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10.00 English Class
5 9:30 Playgroup 11.30 Grace over Lunch 5.00 Weight Watchers Meeting 7.30pm BFM meeting	6 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	7 9:30 KYB 9.30 Parenting Class 9.30 English 10.30 Coffee & Chat	8 10.00 English Class	
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Treasurer's Report...

On Sunday at the AGM I presented the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2018. These 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 this position 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.



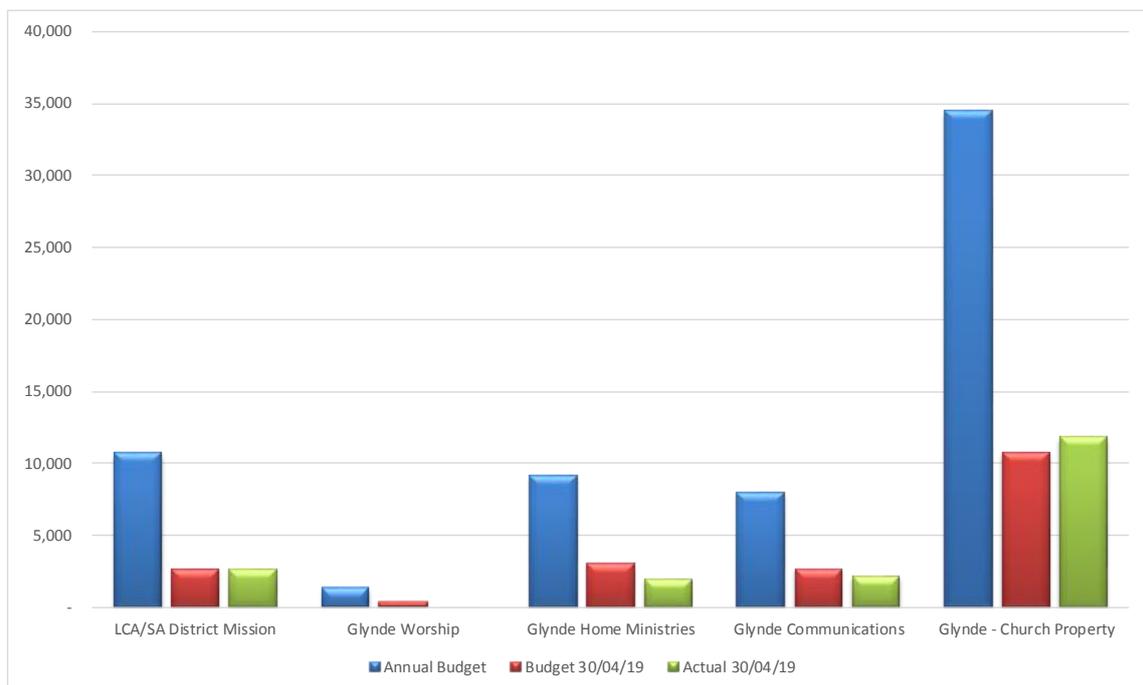
There has been a growing trend towards supporting certain projects within the church, such as the building fund, which exceeded the budgeted giving. Whilst those gifts are needed and we are very grateful for them we also need a contribution to the general budget of the church to support our operating expenses so we can continue to carry out the many and varied ministries that we have here at Glynde.

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. If you would like to make deductible donations please do so before that date. If you were giving throughout the year and have the ability to bring forward your donation that would be beneficial. Should you want assistance or want more information please contact me.



Treasurer's Report (cont.)

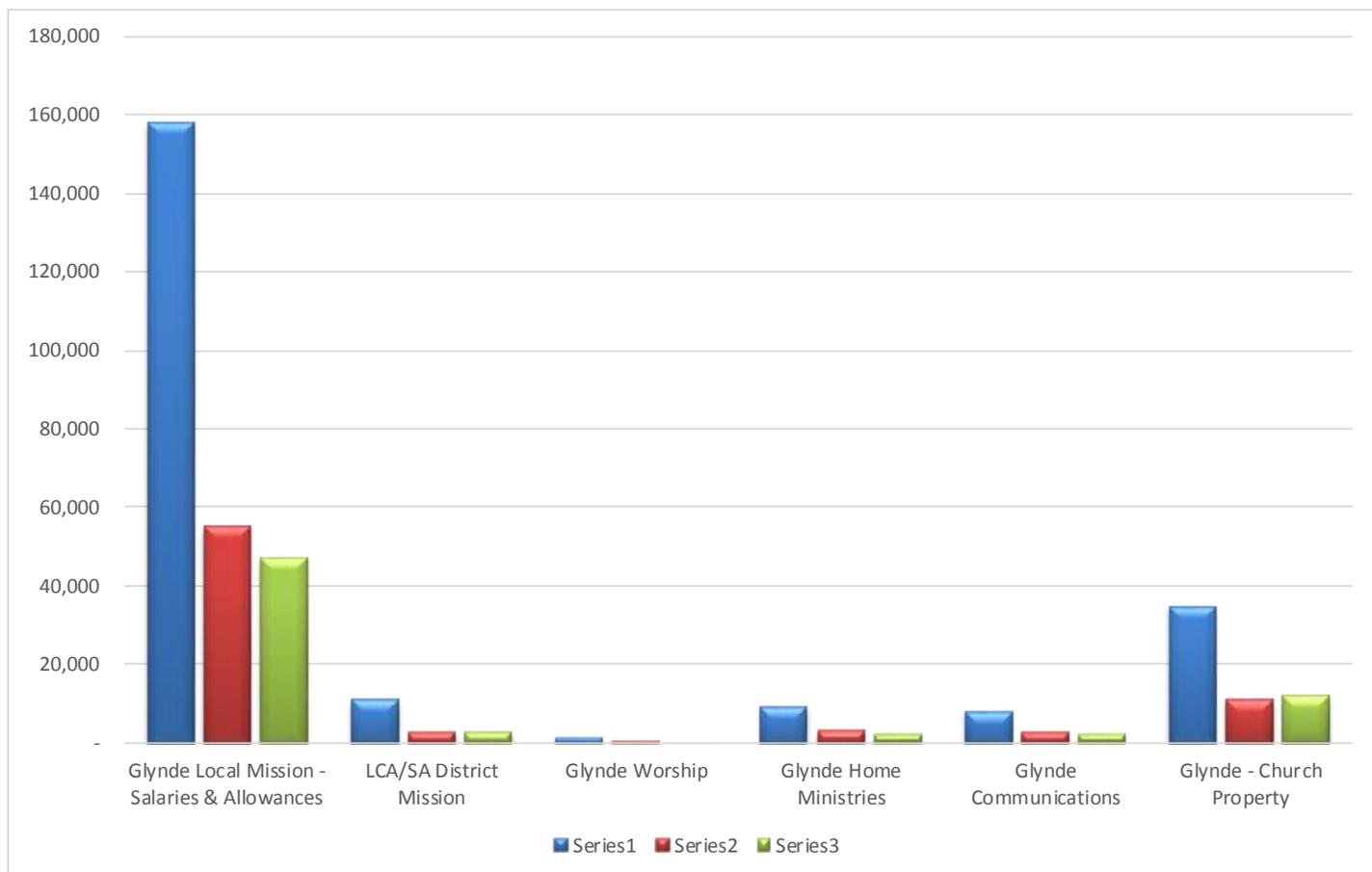
Treasurer's Report for the Year to 30 April 2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$44,577	\$48,091	(\$3,514)
Building Fund Collection (Exc LCC)	\$4,778	\$15,296	(\$10,518)
Fundraising	\$169	\$4,371	(\$4,202)

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



Our Prayer for Mainly Music

In celebration of our 5th Birthday

Dear Father,

On our birthday, we receive gifts and today we thank you for all the gifts you have given to Mainly Music. We thank you for the Mainly Music program, those who saw the need and wrote and continue to write it with such love for you, Lord.

We thank you for the presenters of our MM. For those present, Viv, Fleur and Alyssa, and our past presenters as well. Thank you for calling them to lead and present the program each week. We thank



you for their enthusiasm and smiles and joy in sharing your word through the songs.

Thank you for the many gifts of volunteers. Our wonderful helpers who cook, make coffee, sweep, set up, pack up. Father, how often do we say as an individual or a church that we can't possibly do that, or that we are too small, or that it doesn't seem possible? Yet, we thank you that you have shown us just how we can



work and serve in our local community from a first week of only 2 children to now, with up to 45! What a gift we all share in.

The gift of families in our community is precious. We thank you for the many families who have come over the last 5 years. Thank you for showing us how special each family is, and especially for showing us the multi-cultural background of this wonderful Glynde community. We thank you for every time a child has shared their favourite song, or the "tickle rhyme" or sung the goodbye song with their family. We pray that you Lord, use these opportunities to show your love to each heart.

The biggest gift of all Lord is your love, and the relationships that come from that. Father we thank you for opportunities that MM has created. For Grace over Lunch, all of our learning courses, for our Parenting, Marriage & English courses, & now Alpha. Through your gift of love, love has spread... precious friendships have been formed and hearts opened to seeing your love at work. We pray that you continue to use these moments to plant seeds in people's hearts that they wonder more and more about you! We only have a short time with each child at MM and we pray that they will always remember their time at MM as precious and fun, where they have laughed and played and where they have been happy as a family. Amen



From Barbara Mattiske

Grace over lunch

We have been enjoying our cooking time on Wednesdays! We can now make Chinese pancakes, Korean pancakes and Boruni-banjann – it's an eggplant dish. We also know how to make a posy of flowers that stand on their own! Wow...

I am always amazed how people are so willing to share – and how hard is that when English is your second language. Yet, we understand. There is always lots of laughter and joking along the way.

And it is amazing that we share a devotion time and a discussion time about current events.

Somehow, we understand!

Thank you to everyone who comes and who have put their names down to share over the coming months – we have our cooking roster done until October! Partly because I will be on holidays, but also partly because people want to share... and somehow we understand...

Barbara Mattiske



News from our apricot orchardist



For the past 10 years Riverland orchardist Lou Moss has donated his apricot crop, selling the fruit to support Compassionate Ministries in poor countries. Nearly \$150,000 has been raised over these years! He also gives both practical work and spiritual encouragement, say, in Tonga.

This season has been the most difficult, with frost, extreme heat, wind and rain. Also, some fruit didn't absorb the sulphur properly, leaving those pieces darker than usual. (Actually, some people prefer fruit free of preservatives!)

The 500g packs will sell more cheaply this year, with light and dark-coloured fruit mixed together, for \$12. (However, we also have just a few packs of premium fruit at the regular price of \$13 a 500g pack.)

The smaller crop means less fund-raising, so Lou is appealing for buyers to add an extra monetary gift, to compensate. Or just a donation from anyone, even if you aren't buying apricots. I have them available for sale. – Lois Kupke



Fund-raising Concert – June 23

Wanna sing in a choir? Short of time? The ideal choir to join is the ecumenical Adelaide Benefit Concert Choir. Practices are held for only 2 weeks before the actual concert, so it's good for busy people. Some of the singers are trained cathedral choristers, giving confidence to the rest of us who just like to be part of a group singing in fantastic acoustics. There's a mixture of sacred and secular music. The next concert is to be in Christ Church, North Adelaide, on Sunday June 23.

Practices are held in our own church on Tuesday evenings (June 11 & 18 at 7.30 pm).

There are also other practices. Ask me for details.

If you just want to attend the concert, here are the details:

Concert called "Neighbours Near and Far"

In aid of *Bush Church Aid Society* and *Anglican Board of Mission*

Sunday 23 June 2019, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Christ Church Anglican Church

35 Palmer Place, North Adelaide

Cost: \$20 or \$10 concession, or any donation

Interval Refreshments provided

- Lois Kupke



ELECTION DAY



FIRST TIME VOTER!

Worship Calendar

JUNE

			Easter 7	<i>Pastor Henry Martinez</i> John 1:14-18 "God revealed through His Son" (<i>Suffering</i>)	<i>Series with Home groups:</i> "God's not dead..." (2) *Movie, God's Not Dead (1)
2.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.	<i>Community Lunch</i>		
			Pentecost	Luke 1:1-4 "...Nor is Jesus dead"	<i>Series with Home groups:</i> "God's not dead..." (3) *Movie, God's Not Dead (2)
9.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		<i>Plus Testimonies</i> <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (April-June)</i>		
			Pentecost 1 (Trinity)	Matthew 16:13-20 "Who do you say I am?"	<i>Series with Home groups:</i> "God's not dead..." (4) *Movie, God's Not Dead (2)
16.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.			
			Pentecost 2	<i>Pastor Henry Martinez</i> Romans 7:14-25 "Down, but certainly not out!!"	<i>Series with Home groups:</i> "God's not dead..." (5) *Movie, God's Not Dead (3)
23.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.			
			Pentecost 3	Galatians 5:16-26 "God's Spirit changes our life"	<i>Series with Home groups:</i> "God's not dead..." (6) *Movie, God's Not Dead (3)
30.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.			

JULY

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



Congratulations to Gretchen and Robert Watkins on the safe arrival of Eric Max on 16th May, 2019

**IT'S
A
BOY!**

