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@ Glynde

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*© God, be kind to Zion, and help her
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.*

Psalm 51:18

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United

**For all have sinned and fall short
of the glory of God,
and all are justified freely
by his grace through the
redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**
(Romans 3:23-24)

50 years ago today, the Lutheran Church of Australia came into existence. The two Lutheran synods at the time united and celebrated together with a joint worship service. A wonderful celebration of many years of conversations and reconciliation and the result of the grace and guidance of God.

Almost 500 years ago, Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on a noticeboard and began the reformation of the church. One of the bible verses at the heart of this unification is today's bible reading. A bible reading that not only spoke to Luther and the joining of the Lutheran Church of Australia, but also speaks to us today.

Bible verses like the reading today, opened Luther up to the grace of God. Only because of God's grace through Jesus Christ are we saved, not by our efforts. By God's work are we saved and united with him.

Through this same saving work, God reforms his church, unifies synods, and justifies us freely. Thanks be to God!

Thank you heavenly Father for uniting the Lutheran Church of Australia by your grace through Jesus Christ. Thank you for saving me. Amen

(written by Pastor Richard Fox, Director of Lutheran Media. Why did the reformation happen? Watch A Man Named Martin – Part 2: The Moment which contains a series of videos with a study guide online or order a small group DVD with a printed guide at www.lutheranmedia.org.au/luther).

From the editor...

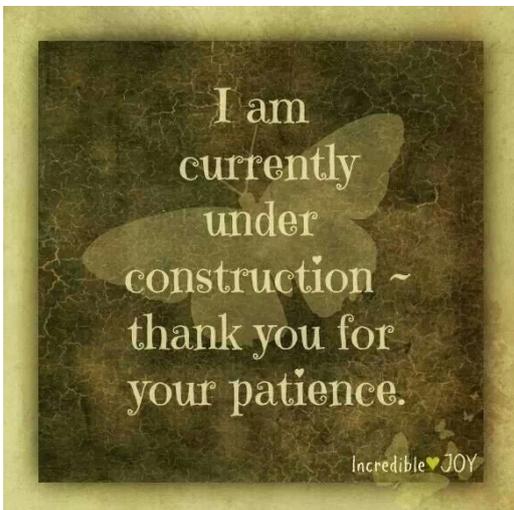
Watching the beginnings of our church redevelopment, it has amazed me how quickly so much can be demolished! It seems as if all of the demolition work was completed in just one week and that the remainder of our six month construction period will be rebuilding. We are well and truly a church “under construction”.

As you read through this edition you will see many of our articles focus on the theme of being “under construction” throughout our lives. Barbara and Wayne in particular talk about how their lives changed in the blink of an eye and then took many weeks and months to rebuild, much like our church building.

In the same way that our church building will never be the same after this period of rebuilding, so too our lives are constantly being remodelled and will never be the same again. It is my hope that we are letting God do that remodelling to make us more like him.

Happy reading!

Fleur Kupke



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From the Chairperson ...

Under Cover Ministry...

*"O God be kind to
Zion and help her;
rebuild the walls of
Jerusalem..."*
Psalm 51:18

Our church looks like it is under wraps at the moment. It has gone "under cover" as the builders have erected their fences and covered them with shade cloth to reduce dust. The redevelopment project at Glynde is well and truly under way - walls have been torn down, floors have been ripped up, ceilings have gone, concrete and garden have been removed at the front. From the outside the building is shrouded in shade-cloth covering the safety fencing and it looks deserted. Our church is functioning at one end with access to our worship through the overflow and access to the hall and kitchen and meeting room via the entrance under the external stairs.

We are becoming experts in finding our way around and continuing ministry while we are "under cover". Thank you to everyone for being flexible, for looking beyond our external appearances to the heart of what happens in our community of faith - for worshipping on Sundays and taking the extra steps to have coffee in the hall, for negotiating the use of spaces available for meetings and activities and for accepting the noise and disruptions during the week while the builder and sub-contractors are working on the construction site. Thank you for endeavouring to keep a sense of "Business as Usual" even when things are quite unusual and for meeting the many different challenges that confront us during this time of change.

Our lives are also being re-constructed in so many ways. As you know, Pastor Wayne has had major surgery to his heart and is now recovering strongly. Thank God! As he recovers, we can modify the verse from Psalm 51 to become "O God be kind to Pastor Wayne and help him;

rebuild his health and restore him to us". He is planning to return to work on light duties on 22 November. We will need to continue to support him as he fully regains his capacity to be our shepherd and our leader. Bishop David Altus has approved our plan to continue to seek additional support from other Pastors and will allow us to employ a part-time lay worker to enable our ministries to grow while Pastor Wayne is on light duties.

We prepare for building and re-construction in other ways too. We had our Visioning Day recently and were able to start to think about what might be possible in sustaining and growing our faith and the life of our church in 2017. In some ways, it is hard to see past the rebuilding of our church facilities, but by March next year, we will have new, welcoming entrances to our church, improved amenities and a lift to the first floor. Our need to build our own community of faith emerged as an important theme from the Visioning Day and so we will need to think deeply about how we create more opportunities to grow in our personal faith and in how we connect as members of a Christian community.

We move towards the end of the year and plan for the next. Our AGM will be on Sunday, 27 November. This is a time when we report on our many activities for this year and look to the future. We elect our office bearers and thank people for their service in the many and varied roles that are filled to keep our church and community thriving. We review our budget and our stewardship of our resources. Please come and support our vision, our work and our ministries.

Helene Schulz

Chairperson

How does a church service happen?

It takes a lot of help from a lot of people for our Sunday services to happen...

Pastor spends a lot of time preparing his message for us.

Do you know you can be involved in preparing for the service too?

Each week we need people to clean our worship space.

We enjoy being welcomed as we enter and we need people to do that!

As our worship service is all projected on a screen, we need helpers to work on the desk at the back of the church.

We always love it when people can help by joining a band, or doing a reading, or prayers, or even the children's talk.

Then, when we leave, we do all enjoy a coffee or tea, and someone prepares that for us too...

As you can see, there are so many ways in which you can help – and maybe you haven't been asked, but have been thinking about how you can assist here at Glynde.

Please, don't think about it anymore – instead speak with Barbara, Angeline or Helene. We would love to introduce you to the people who arrange all these areas of help.

We are in the process of preparing a roster for January – June which will cover all of this. So please, come and see us!

We really do need you!

Barb Mattiske

From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...



Under Construction = A New Normal

Years ago now, I was very sick with cancer. One of the hardest things to come to terms with was – would I live? The confusion and desperation this causes is all-consuming. At the time my GP was an awesome Christian woman and we would have some very deep talks. One day she said to me, “You know God has you under construction – he is making you the new and improved Barb, and sometimes you have to undergo a frightening journey. And if you get through, this will be your new normal!”

You know, it took a long time to accept my new normal. A lot of things I could no longer do, but there were so many gifts and new things that I could! The best thing was, I knew that God had moulded me into my new normal! Wow, what a plan he had!

Glynde’s church building is undergoing construction and currently some days here are scary. Recently the workmen were jack hammering only 1 metre away from the office door, it was so loud, you could hardly think. All the things we have known for years are going or gone. We aren’t sure which way to enter the building, or what we will find. For those at Mainly Music, Playgroup and Coffee and

Chat, the concern is always there that people will stop coming because of this construction...will they find the entrance? Let’s face it, it isn’t easy to find! What will they think of our portaloos? Even though we know they are very good, they don’t! And for new people – do they think we are even open!

Well, once again, God knows, and God has our Glynde construction under his care, and He has the people from our weekday groups also in His care. Being under construction has made us look at new ways of doing things, and making sure we keep the communication open between everyone.

And, oh, may I just add, the laughter and fun that being under construction has caused, is hilarious... we have found so much joy – and everyone who comes is filled with that joy and laughter! And when there is so much happiness and openness it is a God-given opportunity to share God’s love. This is our first week back for the term, and the opportunities already to share with others what God’s plan is for this place and for this community have been many.

We have some great things planned for this term. Look out for another pop up Girls' night – last term's was a great night! We also have a family Mainly Music session planned for the first Saturday in December. So being "under construction" isn't a bad thing!

Will we take a while to get used to our "new normal" when this is all finished? Yes, I am sure we will. But we can enter this time knowing that God is there walking with us, carrying us when we falter, and giving us the opportunities to welcome people into His family.

We may have niggles and disappointments along the way, and sometimes we may be angry and hurt at what is happening around us. But remember, God sent His son, Jesus, to walk a scary road, and His journey ended with the cross. But the most precious gift, our forgiveness and salvation came from Jesus dying and rising for us, so that we have our "new normal."

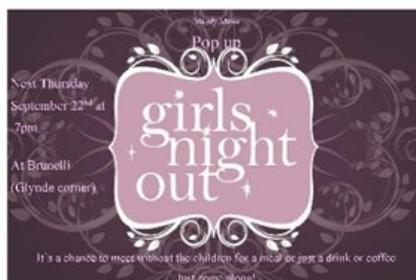
I look forward to seeing what the "new normal" for Glynde will be. I have no idea, but what it will be, but there is nothing to worry about, God has it under construction.

See pictures below for some of the things we did last term.

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator

*We made badges for
dads at Playgroup*

*Another session we
decorated cakes*



*And at Mainly Music we
celebrated Father's day
and we had a Girls'
night out!*

Celebrations @Glynde!

As always, we love sharing in the many celebrations around the Glynde community. Here are a few snapshots of some of the recent events and celebrations. This will be a regular segment, so if you have something to celebrate, please send us a photo so we can celebrate with you in the @Glynde.



90th birthday!

90 cupcakes, all with candles helped in the celebration of Sally Urch's 90th Birthday.

Family and friends joined to wish her a happy birthday and to help blow out all those candles!

Christine - A Champion!

Yes! Christine Klitscher is a champion. She recently entered her sauces, relishes, pickles and jams in the Coonalpyn Show (her home town) very successfully, winning the aggregate trophy for the most points acquired.

Two cousins and an aunt provided keen competition. Christine undertakes this pilgrimage every year to catch up with relatives and friends.....and to hopefully bring home the trophy.

Congratulations Christine!!





Cinderella goes on the road!

In May the Women's Fellowship celebrated their 90th birthday with a grand lunch AND the debut of a Cinderella performance with a difference. This was received with great acclaim, to the extent that their fame spread and the group were invited to repeat the performance at Fullarton Lutheran Homes with residents attending, and women from the southern area. Over 100 attended.

Great fun was had by all. Some men were co-opted, Rosalie made the piano sing, the chorus led the singing, Colleen told the story, but now we share these photos with you, as you see a side to some of our church family that you have never seen before!

The cast comprised of
 Diane Kleinig - Cinderella, the disco queen
 Neil Bradtke - Prince Charming
 Lois Kupke - the fairy godmother
 David Wachner - Ugly sister
 Lyall Kupke - Ugly sister
 Guest from Fullarton - the 'decent man' Cinderella eventually falls in love with.



Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 9.30 Craft 7pm Alpha Growth Group 7pm Quilters
6 9am Worship HC 10.30 Picnic in the park @ "The Gums" 12:30 Korean Worship	7 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	8 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7:30 Exec Meeting
13 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship	14 Magnolias 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	15 9.30 Craft 7pm Alpha Growth Group 7pm Quilters
20 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	21 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	22 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
27 9am Worship HC 10.30 Church 4 Kids 12.30 Korean Worship	28 5pm Waratahs 7pm KYB	29 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters

What's on in November?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9.30 Playgroup 7:30 BFM Meeting	3 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	4 9.30 KYB 10am Coffee and Chat 12noon Magnolias	5 10am Girls Coffee morning 10am English Class
9 9.30 Playgroup 9:30 Women's Fellowship	10 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	11 9.30 KYB 10am Coffee and Chat	12 10am English Class
16 9.30 Playgroup	17 7:30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	18 9.30 KYB 10am Coffee and Chat	19 10am English Class
23 9.30 Playgroup	24 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	25 9.30 KYB 10am Coffee and Chat	26 10am English Class 10am-2pm Markets
30 9.30 Playgroup	1 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	2 9:30 KYB 10am Coffee and Chat	3 10am English Class

English - it just makes no sense!

One of the reasons why English is known for being difficult is because it's full of contradictions. There are innumerable examples of conundrums such as:

- There is no ham in a hamburger.
- Neither is there any apple nor pine in a pineapple.
- If teachers taught, why don't preachers praught?
- If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?
- "Overlook" and "oversee" have opposite meanings, while "look" and "see" mean the same thing.



As native speakers, we rarely stop to think how illogical many of the things we say really are – we're just used to them. Unless you've been brought up speaking English, how can you possibly begin to learn all these oddities? It is little wonder that people trying to learn English end up feeling confused.

It's hard to believe but teaching English to learners of English as another language has been one of our Outreach Ministries for over 7 years. Colleen, Lois, Val, Clarice and Ivan have been part of a team that has endeavoured to help these newcomers to Australia cope with the intricacies of the English language, while also gaining insights into our unique Australian culture. For instance, just last week, our lesson covered Halloween, All Saints Day, the Reformation and the Melbourne Cup. This gave our learners a glimpse of the diversity of Australian culture, they were introduced to a range of idioms (all bets are off, strike it lucky, go for broke), there was an interesting discussion on the dangers of gambling when they also learnt the grammar associated with expressing an opinion. Really a mind-blowing range of learning!



However the learning is certainly not one way. Every week we learn something new about the range of cultures represented in the class. Even body language can differ. If we nod our head up and down, for us it is agreement, but for some countries it means the negative. Confusing hey? Names are even different. We have our given name first, then family name, while many Asian countries have their family name first, then given name and still other countries include their parents' names in their own name.

The learning and practice officially takes place in the formal part of the lesson (which is often very informal), but real learning and practice occurs in the very convivial morning tea break. It is a joy to see people from all cultures enjoying their time together as they learn about each others' stories and form precious bonds. This is a time where the saying, **'We all smile in the same language'**, is truly demonstrated!

Colleen Bradtke



Thankyou for ongoing prayers and support



Hi everyone!

The theme for this month's @Glynde is "under construction", and how God is constantly at work remodeling so that His Kingdom comes. Fleur asked me to write to you about what has happened to me recently, and how God has been at work in my life through what has happened. So here is my attempt to do that. ☺

Most of you know what happened to me... I was playing doubles tennis over my Friday lunch break, as I normally do, when I had a sudden heart attack. By all accounts, I should be dead! Most sudden heart attacks end in death, unless someone is available immediately to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). And guess what!? My good friend, Peter, one of my tennis partners, is a doctor, a GP. He had only a month ago done a CPR refresher, and he saved my life by giving me CPR, as the ambulance drove past the tennis court twice looking for me....

I see all this as God's miracle! Peter is a friend from the old days at Adelaide University: when I was studying medicine, and science, and whatever, and I had lost contact with him... But in the last few years, I had been able to reconnect with Peter: well, I believe that God reconnected me with Peter so that my life could be saved by him.

What does Paul say in his letter to the church at Rome? Paul writes: **We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose** (*Romans 8:28*).

I don't think that I will be the same after this experience of being near death. I cherish the gift of life, and I believe that God has "remodeled" me through this experience: He has made me much more aware of how near death is, and how important it is for everyone to have a relationship with Him, through Jesus as our Saviour. In all my preaching and teaching, and in all my conversations with others, these points will be at the forefront of my thinking in the remodeled Wayne ☺

Elsewhere Paul writes:

My deep desire and hope is that I shall never fail in my duty, but that at all times, and especially just now, I shall be full of courage, so that with my whole being I shall bring honour to Christ, whether I live or die.

For what is life? To me, it is Christ. Death, then, will bring more. But if by continuing to live I can do more worthwhile work, then I am not sure which I should choose. I am pulled in two directions. I want very much to leave this life and be with Christ, which is a far better thing: but for your sake it is much more important that I remain alive (Phil. 1:20-24).

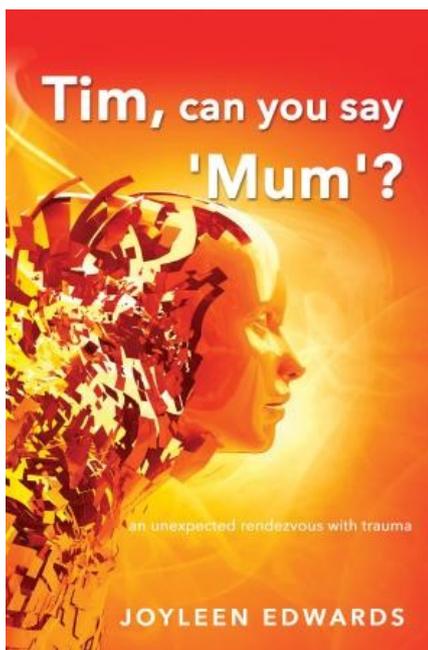
My death would have meant leaving “this life and be(ing) with Christ”, which will be a great thing! But I believe that God has miraculously preserved my life and “remodeled” me for a reason: so that I can continue to serve Him in my family, in our Church family here at Glynde, and in all my relationships with others.

Please continue praying for me as I struggle with God’s help to recover... And pray that God will use me, and each one of us, to make a difference for Him and His Kingdom.

Love Wayne ☺



Book Review: Tim, Can You Say “Mum”?



Tim, Can You Say “Mum”? by Joyleen Edwards is a raw and exposing insight into a mother’s experience with brain trauma. In 2007 her son had a motorbike accident which left him with little chance of survival, let alone an expected quality of life. Her journey is split into two sections. The first section is a factual recount of the 92 days following the accident. This section, interjected with honest emotions and reactions, is not only educational about trauma but gives the reader a clear insight into the events and a mother’s emotions. The resulting feeling of connection to her family is immediate. The second section is a reflection on her experiences and the effect of her and her family’s faith on the events. The honesty throughout the book is refreshing and brave. It has made for not only great story telling, but a great testimony to the way God moves in our lives and how we can draw strength from him.

Katarina Schulz



**Preparing the
way...**

**The Freedom
Road...**

Vision 2017...

We moved our Visioning Day from January 2017 forward to 30th October 2016 to enable any major proposals or ideas to be included in our Annual General Meeting (to be held on 27th November 2016). The purpose was to reflect on 2016 so far, to acknowledge all the amazing things that have happened and to pool ideas and gain clarity for our priorities for next year. A small group gathered to think deeply about what our church will be aiming to do in 2017.

We began with a reflection based on Luke 7: 18-23 when John the Baptist was in prison and focused on the questions: "Who is this Jesus that in our Mission Statement we seek to know and worship?" and "At what point can we say we really know who Jesus is?" Eddie Askew writes about this question through the eyes of John the Baptist... John the Baptist is an intriguing figure: disturbing, ascetic,

blowing in from the wilderness like a scorching wind... and convinced that the Messiah is coming. When baptising Jesus, John says - "He is the One". John is then seized and imprisoned. Doubts grow and John sends messengers to Jesus asking "Are you the one?" Jesus doesn't answer John directly, but points to what is happening - "Go back and tell what you have seen and heard: the blind can see, the lame can walk, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf can hear, the dead are raised to life and the Good News is preached to the poor." Often our prayers are not answered directly, our way is not clear and there is no instant prayer button or road map for the future. Jesus says to us, look to what you have, to what God has given you and go in faith. Trust me, Jesus says, face uncertainty in the light of my strength and love.

We then moved to think about "What's important to you about this church and why do you care?" The responses were deep, passionate and showed the strengths we gain from gathering together as God's people in this place.

We then talked about the changes we would like to see in 2017, including what good things we currently do and how we can move forward and continue to grow. We looked at our Vision for 2016 and it was very affirming to see how much of our plans have been accomplished. Thank you to everyone who has worked to fulfil these dreams. Priorities and new ideas for 2017 were written down and are being collated for consideration by our ministry teams under the headings of

- Our community of faith - growing and connecting as God's people, learning together, personal faith, fellowship, serving together
- Worship - ideas for services, music, outreach and families
- Outreach and Mission - connecting with our world, inviting others to join our activities

- Resources and Buildings - facilities, projects, stewardship, fundraising, website etc.

We discussed, cafe style:

- What do we need to repeat/continue?
- What more would we like to do?
- What do we need to do differently?
- What resources are needed to make this happen?

We finished by personally committing to one simple thing we could do to help make this a reality.

Then we went on our way, encouraged by the following prayer:

Lord, give us the courage to live in your freedom. Help us to think for ourselves, to strike out into the unknown, confident that though we don't know the way, you do. And when we are feeling unsure, and insecure in our first steps, let us feel your hand there to support us.

Vision 2017 is on its way!

Helene Schulz

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The latest edition of the African Voices magazine has been emailed to me. Once again, I have had the privilege of writing an article for our Sudanese community... Articles are now submitted from all around Australia, and it is a great way of hearing what is happening everywhere!

If you would like a copy of the magazine let me know and I can forward you the email or I have printed a few copies that you are most welcome to have. Here is a hint of what we submitted.

You will need the magazine to read the rest of this!

Barbara Mattiske

Who are your friends?

Who were your friends when you were growing up? I know for me, my suburban Adelaide school in the 1960's and 70's was all white Australian, and therefore, so were my friends. My church and Sunday School was the same.

Who would have thought just how things change... for the better!

How proud I am to say that my friends now are so different from my childhood. My church, at Glynde, Adelaide, reflects this...

Who would have thought that Glynde can have 4 services on a Sunday... the first Traditional, the second, modern, with people from many cultures attending both of these, followed by a Korean service which is followed by a Sudanese Nuer service twice a month. Yes, our Nuer people hold a Nuer service twice a month, to continue some of their traditions, and to teach them to their children.

But also, we worship together in the morning. What a privilege it is that we worship as one, worshipping our Lord Jesus Christ, that we sing together and share Gods word together. Our Nuer leaders help with all areas at our Modern service... from readings to communion servers, to helpers at our Sunday School, which we call Lighthouse. Our children spend some time in church with Pastor Wayne, before heading off to Lighthouse! The children are so excited to leave for their kid's ministry, that they are all ready to run down the aisle to be first at Lighthouse!

Once a term we change our worship to "worship 4 kids" where everything is designed for children... not only do our children from our Nuer families participate in these services, but children from Kenya, Iran, India, China, in fact, over 9 different cultures often join us for this children based worship. Who would have thought, that we would be worshipping together like this?



Pastor Wayne and children before going to Lighthouse.

Worship Calendar

NOVEMBER

- Pentecost 25 Luke 20:27-38
6. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C. ***Picnic service at “The Gums” followed by lunch and games—a multi-cultural event***
- Pentecost 26 Luke 21:5-19
13. 9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
- Pentecost 27 Luke 19:11-27
20. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C.
- Advent 1 Matthew 24:36-44
27. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. ***Church 4 Kids***

DECEMBER

- Advent 2 Matthew 1:18-25 “The Who’s who of Christmas: Joseph”
4. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C. ***Baptismal Birthdays***
- Advent 3 Luke 2:1-7 “The Who’s who of Christmas: Jesus”
11. 9.00 a.m.
10.30 a.m.
- Advent 4 Luke 2:8-20 “The Who’s who of Christmas: The Shepherds”
18. 9.00 a.m. H.C.
10.30 a.m. H.C. ***School holidays start***
24. 7.00 p.m.
(Saturday) **Christmas Eve in the stable**
Family worship, with children
25. 9.00 a.m. H.C. **Christmas Day** Galatians 4:4-5 “The Greatest gift ever given: God’s Son, born as an ordinary bloke for us”
Combined worship
31. 7.00 p.m.
(Saturday) **New Year’s Eve**
A time of meditation, with songs and prayers



Our temporary entrance to the hall and offices

Glynde Lutheran Church "Under Construction"

Our church building is under wraps!

