

Glynde Lutheran Church

@ Glynde

November 2017

You are here to be light, bringing out
the God-colours in the world. God is

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your lives. By opening up to others,
you will prompt people to open up with

God, this generous Father in Heaven

Matthew 5:14 and 16

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Devotional thought

Loving others

29 October 2017

'Teacher,' he asked, 'which is the greatest commandment in the Law?'

Jesus answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." The whole Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets depend on these two commandments.' (verses 36-40)

Read Matthew 22:34-46

The Russian writer Dostoevsky tells a story about a woman evangelist who travelled through Russia. She talked always about the love of God, but she couldn't stand being in the same room with certain people: a man who slurped his soup, a woman who cackled when she laughed, a man who snored when he slept. Dostoevsky concluded his story, 'Although she loved God in general, she couldn't stand people'.

The command to love God with everything you have and to love others as you love yourself is easy to agree with but hard to put into practice. Perhaps you find yourself acting like the woman in Dostoevsky's story, affirming that you love God but finding that loving the argumentative church member or the bossy relative is out of the question.

Be thankful that Jesus loves you and forgives you in spite of your shortcomings. He challenges you, as his forgiven child, to put love into practice, even though some people can be difficult to love.

Lord, help me to love others as you have loved me.
Amen.

by Vincent Gerhardy, in 'Living Water for each Day' (LCA, Openbook, 2001)

From the editor...

This past week has seen the coming of 500 years since Martin Luther started a reformation in the church...we have also seen the going of this 500 year milestone. What do we do now?

In the days since Sunday services, celebrations and the like, I have seen several posts on social media referencing the 500 years. One particular friend wrote *'Where is the looking forward? Where is the fresh vision for our church and a focus on connecting with people in a new way for a new age.'*

After I had accepted the challenge of editing this month's @Glynde (a personal challenge for my ability to be organised!!) I realised that I would need to come up with a theme...and then write on that theme! Ahhhhhh!! But, earlier this month, I attended the Friday evening session of the SENT conference in Hahndorf and that got me thinking.

How are we continuing the reformation of our church and our faith? Because the word reformation in itself is ever changing. What things are we doing within our community that are new and relevant to the people around us who have never heard of Martin Luther? Who have never heard of Jesus?

Yes, it is important to acknowledge and remember what happened all those years ago, but, more importantly, how do we take that with us, looking forward, to what is ahead?

Let's be light, be generous with our lives and introduce others to the generous, gracious Father we already know.

Vivien Kupke

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From Pastor Wayne...



Hi one and all!

As I write this, we are looking ahead this Sunday to the celebration of REFORMATION 500, the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther nailing 95 Theses to the Castle church in Wittenberg, Germany. Thank God for the rediscovery of the Good News of Jesus through Martin Luther, as he read and studied the Bible, the Word of God.

The Christian church needs times of reformation: times when we examine what we believe and what we are doing in the light of what God's Word says. In fact, there is a Latin phrase from the 17th Century that emphasises this: *ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbi Dei* ("the church is Reformed and always in need of being reformed according to the Word of God").

That's what we are 'on about' when we have our Visioning time each year, and that's what we will be focussing on when we have Vision 2018 on Sunday, 12th November for a couple of hours or so from 1 p.m.

Please come along and join us for this afternoon as we allow God's Spirit to lead us and guide us in the directions that God wants us to go as a church family.

One set of ideas that I will be emphasising at Vision 2018 come from a book by Michael Frost entitled *Surprise the World*. In this book, Michael Frost points out that too often preachers and teachers have stated that we are each evangelists for Jesus. Not true, says Michael Frost. God gifts certain people to be evangelists, but He calls each of us to lead "questionable lives":

lives that provoke questions from the people around us.

In response to these questions, God wants each of us to explain the hope that we have in us, and to point these people to Jesus. As Peter puts it in his first letter:

Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, and do it with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15b, 16a).

This coming month or two is a busy time in our church. Have a look at the Worship Calendar at the rear of this @Glynde...

Next Sunday is our picnic at "The Gums" with worship at 10.30 a.m., followed by a BBQ lunch and games. Come along and join us for a relaxing time together in the park. The following week is Vision 2018, and a fortnight later is our AGM.

As well, there will be Fellowship opportunities with our Wine and Cheese evening on Friday, 24th November '17, and our High Tea Party at Judy Schulz's home on Sunday afternoon, 3rd December '17. Both of these activities are being offered as Fundraising activities for our Redevelopment.

And that's just November!

In December, our Christmas celebrations begin with CHURCH 4 KIDS Christmas worship on December 3rd. It will climax with Christmas Eve in the stable - our church emptied of pews, ending with combined worship on Christmas Day at 9 am. During December, our focus in worship will be on why God sent His Son, Jesus, to be born for us. The theme will be:

"He came down that we may have...love, peace, joy, and hope".

*May God bless us 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...

Reformation

500 years is a long time. And anything that lasts for 500 years is worth thinking about, especially where it works for good.

500 years ago, Luther struggled with the teachings of the church of the time which emphasised having to appease an angry and distant God. He rediscovered the good news of the gospel which shows a loving God who became a human being and loved so much that he gave up his life. One of his favourite passages was 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.'

But this understanding was not well received in his time. It sparked revolution and suffering. It also brought freedom for ordinary people to read the Bible first hand, to understand God's

grace in new and powerful ways and it became part of the movement that created the Protestant churches of our time.

As we have celebrated the anniversary of Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church last Sunday, by taping 42 tweets to reform or renew our churches in 2017, what things came to your mind?

These tweets are worth a good read - and worth thinking about how they can be applied in our church. Interestingly, the 42 tweets replicated some things that were on Luther's original list - a timely reminder that reform needs continuous processes and the impossibility of the church being perfect in this world.

Some reforms or changes are more pressing for us today - the church needs to step out boldly to proclaim God's love and grace and the message of salvation

through Jesus in a society that is overwhelmingly secular. It needs to be open, inclusive and welcoming.

One of the challenges for our church is the issue of the ordination of women. I believe this would be a good reform for the church and would bring fresh gifts in ministry and service to the LCA. I regularly pray for this reform and the work that is being done towards supporting it in future Synods of the LCA.

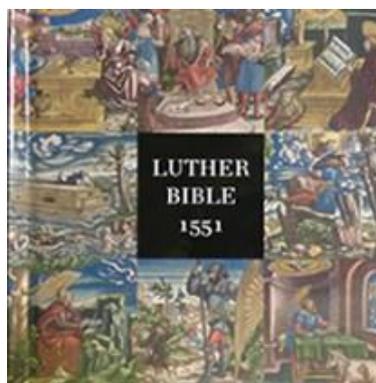
It is worth thinking about what changes we need to make in our local community as well - we have the opportunity to do this through a number of upcoming events:

the Vision Afternoon on
Sunday 12 November
our Annual General Meeting
on Sunday 26 November.

Both of these occasions provide us with a way of sharing our ideas, our dreams for worship, spiritual growth, outreach to community and how to use and improve our building and facilities with a view to making a practical difference in 2018. Please give your thoughts and energy to how you can help our church community thrive and share with others the gift of grace that God has given us.

Nomination forms for our leadership and ministry teams for 2018 are on the blue screen in the foyer of the church. You may wish to nominate for a new role - your gifts of ministry and service are a great blessing to us, so please pray about where your talents and abilities can contribute.

Blessings,
Helene Schulz
Chairperson



ALC have sets of postcards/Christmas cards for \$5.00 from the illustrations in this book.



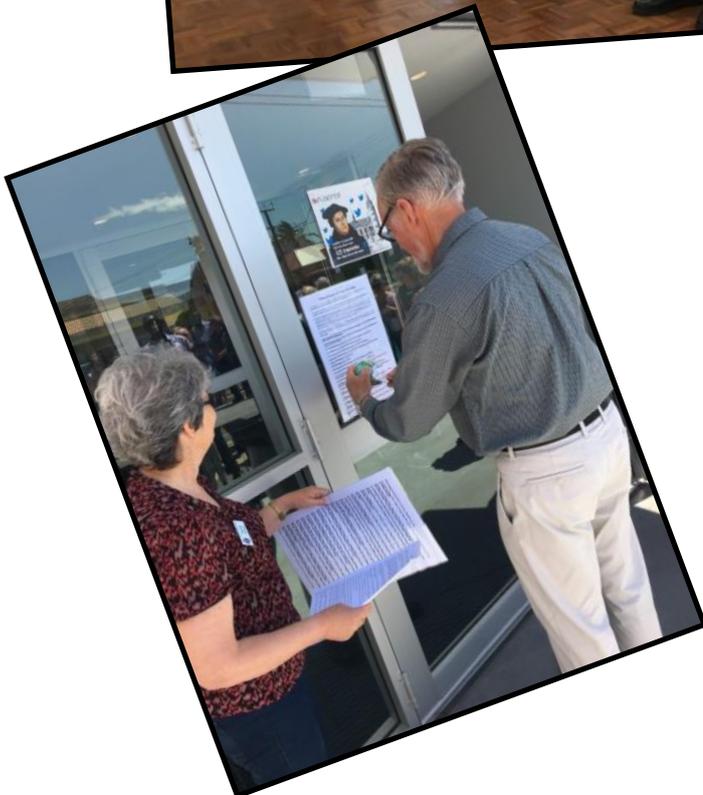
Celebrations @Glynde!

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 that we can celebrate with you!



9. The gospel of Jesus Christ makes us depend not at all on our good works.

18. No matter how much time or money a Christian gives to the church, he or she is still justified by faith alone.



On Sunday the 29th October, after sharing a generous community lunch together, Helene Schulz, Lyall Kupke and Pastor Wayne read out '42 tweets the church needs now'. The author gleaned inspiration from Martin Luther and what the church needs to be doing in the world today.

Everybody then gathered out the front where these tweets were 'nailed' to our door!



20. The gospel of Christ is not ever, anywhere, for sale.

21. Every Christian has a right to know that they have, in Christ, full forgiveness for sins and freedom from guilt.



28. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and the grace of God.



Reformation 500

1517-2017

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship at the Gums, followed by a Picnic in the Park	6	7 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
12 9am Worship 10.30 Worship 12.30 Korean Worship 1pm Vision 2018	13 7pm KYB	14 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7:30pm Exec Mtg
19 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	20 7pm KYB	21 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters
26 9am Worship HC 10.30 Worship HC 12.30 Korean Worship 1pm AGM	27	28 9.30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7:30pm Fundraising

What's on in November?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 Playgroup 7:30 BFM	2 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	3 9:30 KYB Parenting English 10:30 Coffee & Chat	4 10am Girls' Coffee morning 10am English Class
8 9:30 Women's Fellowship 9.30 Playgroup	9 7:30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	10 9:30 Parenting English 10:30 Coffee & Chat	11 10am English Class
15 9:30 Playgroup	16 Pastors' Conference 7:30am Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music	17 Pastors' Conference 9:30 KYB Parenting English 10:30 Coffee & Chat	18 8am Blokes' Brekky 10am English Class
22 9:30 Playgroup	23 7.30 Prayer Group 9.45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	24 9:30 KYB Parenting English 10:30 Coffee & Chat 12noon Magnolias Christmas Break-up	25 10am-2pm Markets
29 9:30 Playgroup	30 7.30 Prayer Group	11	

Wine & Cheese evening

7.00pm Friday 24th November 2017
Glynde Lutheran Church Hall

Cost: \$20 per person
Book tkts through Tim Eckert or church office.

Taste the wines available through our wine drive!
Learn about pairing cheeses with your wine!
BYO other nibbles and drinks

Raffle & games/quizzes during the evening!

REFORMATION 500 event review

“**The Martin Luther Story**” concert presented at the Faith Lutheran College auditorium, Tanunda, on Saturday 28th October.

Zion Glynde church worshippers will remember **Dr Shelley Spencer** who inspired our worship services from time to time with her wonderful cornet playing. She arranged a number of hymns and preludes for her cornet and our organ. Then unfortunately, for us, moved to live at Tanunda!

Shelley dedicated almost 2 years to composing new music for Brass Band and Mixed Choir to vividly tell the story of **Martin Luther’s spiritual journey**.

Then came the sometimes very stressful part of coordinating people to promote the concert; local pastors to narrate the story between the 16 segments of music; create the PowerPoint presentation with related pictures etc. etc...A mammoth task!

All this culminated in a most exciting, spellbinding, not-to-be-forgotten, one and a half hour performance of her “**Martin Luther Story**” enjoyed by a capacity audience of **650 people!**

We praise God for people like Shelley who will, I’m sure, continue to use her talents to inspire our faith.



Glynde Lutheran Church FUNDRAISING WINE DRIVE

Choose from a range of wines from regions such as Coonawara, Adelaide Hills, McLaren Vale, Yarra Valley.

Order forms available now from church foyer.
Orders close end of November.

Please see Tim Eckert if any questions.

Magnolias

This month the Magnolias had a wonderful informative meeting with Andrea Konigsmann, manager of the LCC Foster Care program. This program was set up in 2008 and has been operating since April 2009 as a licensed foster care agency with their offices upstairs in our building.

Presently they have 130 foster care families consisting of either single parents or couples (including same-sex couples) caring for 140-175 children. Rotational care in motel rooms is provided if not enough foster carers are available. There are presently 150 children in SA without foster carers.

Foster Care consists of:

- 1) Full-time
- 2) Respite - which can be weekends or school holidays
- 3) Emergency and short-term care
 - several nights or weeks
 - working with birth parents
 - to relieve aunts/uncles/grandparents

Carers are sourced through Open Days, but often it's the current foster care parents who are the best source of new carers. Carers are interviewed to find compatible connections including health, views on parenting and background. This process can take between 3 and 12 months.

LCC's support workers care for 1 to 14 households. If a child has extra needs, the government social worker oversees this process, e.g. assessments, doctor and dentist appointments.

There are 3000 children in SA in need of care and they are under the Guardianship Board until 18 years of age. LCC is always looking for practical support, e.g. prayer support, ironing, money, etc.



After a very informative session including lots of questions, an enjoyable lunch was had at Kafe Schulze at LHI, where Andrea joined 16 Magnolias.

From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...



Coordinator...

life with God and with their community. I am also sure, that others would have taken time to adjust before willingly accepting, and others, well, the change was not for them.

I sometimes think that at Glynde we are in the middle of change. Our building has changed, our community in this area has changed - are we changing?

Do I like change? Sometimes, yes, sometimes, no!

Is it easier to stay in my comfort zone where I am secure and safe? Yes!

But, is it challenging and exciting sometimes to experience change? Yes!

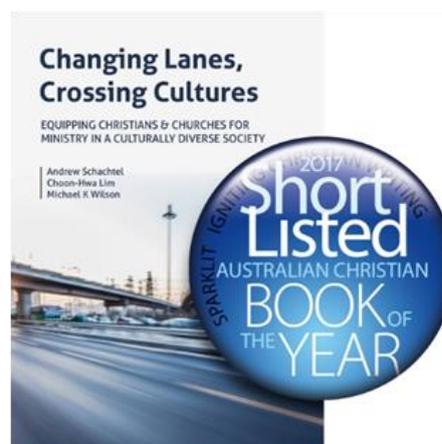
Sometimes, change is hard to take because we didn't ask for the change. For me, I didn't ask for my life to change dramatically with illness and its ongoing effects. I am sure you too can identify with times in your life when you didn't ask for change, through death, job changes, family situations.

I wonder how the people around Martin Luther felt with the changes he made to the community, culturally, and in the church?

I am sure some people would have been excited at the prospect of a new

I have finished reading a book, *Changing Lanes, Crossing Cultures*.

It is a book sharing how churches within Australia have taken on the challenge of cross cultural ministry. It shares stories of churches where that change hasn't worked, and the many places where it has.



What have I taken from this

book? Firstly, as I read, my brain kept going, 'This is Glynde! This is Glynde!' I was so excited to read that we are not alone, and that we can learn from other churches what God has done, and how we can adapt and

use that here.

Binding it all together, is relying and praying and being united as a church to God and this ministry. As the song says, "Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken." That's us!

Then, let's study together and learn together. Let's study God's word and learn about the cultures that are now a part of this diverse community. Then, let's share - and embrace the change that we have already done and the change we may still do!

Sometimes what we see as normal church and worship life is seen by others as strange and culturally not acceptable. Can we change, just a little, to help others understand? Yes, I am sure we can!

Our parenting course especially shows the way each culture looks at parenting... we are all different, yet we all want to be the best parents that we can. Listening to the stories of each of our childhoods and how

each of us are bringing up (or brought up) our children shows this change in culture and community. There is a lot to learn from each other, and I am sure there is a lot for us to learn as a church and as individuals.

For many who come here through the week they have no family. Today, at Playgroup I was reminded of that by one mum, and it was clear that we have become her family. With that responsibility comes change, and blessings!

Let's look forward with joy to what happens here at Glynde. Let's share together, study together, pray together, and look at change with excitement for what God can bring!

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator



New Bakery Cafe!
OPEN 7 DAYS



So what's the time?
It's Pie Time!

Come in and check out our new bakery cafe located near you in **Marden.**

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P: (08) 8363 5089 From: 7am
E: pietimetg@yahoo.com.au W: www.pietimetg.com.au

Coffee and Chat

Thanks to "Pie Time Bakery and Café" for supplying Coffee and Chat this term with morning tea!

Come and join us Friday morning at 10.30am for a chat and sample the beautiful cakes and bread!







BLOKE'S BREKKY

The September and October Bloke's Brekky sessions have seen fairly large groups in attendance, with Dernancourt and Magill members coming along. Wonderful!

Many thanks to those who help in the kitchen, doing cooking and cleaning up.

Big thanks also to Brenton Summers and Klaus Schulz who were the last two guest speakers. Both shared of their adventures in two very different places - the Kokoda Track/Trail (PNG) and Googs Track in far west SA.

Very enjoyable mornings!
...or so I've heard anyway!



prayer

Before Jesus ascended to heaven he told the disciples to go back to Jerusalem and to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. They did so for nine days and on the tenth day at Pentecost they received the Spirit's empowerment and wisdom needed for the next chapter in God's mighty acts of salvation. As Christians today we too can join in prayer with each other in preparation before entering *our* next chapter with God. Next week is our Visioning Day; we have exciting challenges ahead which need the guidance of God's Spirit.

I encourage everyone to spend a little time in prayer this week, seeking God's direction for that day.

Let's pray that we would trust God to lead us in building His church, and not try to do things in our own strength.

Let Him direct what new things we shall do and what things we shall stop doing.

Let us pray that His love comes to life in our church, more and more!

Let's pray that more people would follow Jesus and have Him transform their lives.

Being together with others for prayer and worship is an encouragement to each other. Currently a small prayer group meets early on Thursday mornings at church. We first of all look at the Bible readings that will be used the following Sunday and then spend some time in prayer, both thanking God and interceding with him on behalf of people locally and people far away.

Do you have a heart for prayer? Thursday morning may not be a good time for you, so please speak to Lois K or Ivan H if you are keen to join the prayer ministry, but at some other part of the week. (Or maybe fortnightly or monthly.)

One of the privileges we all have is the open invitation to communicate personally with our heavenly Father whenever we wish. Jesus himself reminds us that God is not just *his* Father, but *our* Father with whom we can share all our hopes and dreams, our worries and concerns. We don't need to follow a formula or be in a particular pose or location to do that.

'Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble, but since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.' Max Lucado

'To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.' Martin Luther

"With all his abundant wealth through Christ Jesus, my God will supply all your needs." Philippians 4:19

"...pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has a powerful effect." James 5:16

"In all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart." Philippians 4:6

"God is able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." Ephesians 3:20

Lois Kupke

Worship Calendar

NOVEMBER

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| | | | <i>Reformation (2)</i> |
| | | | Romans 3:20-28 |
| 5. | 9.00 a.m. | | <i>"By grace, on account of Christ, through faith"</i> |
| | 10.30 a.m. | | <i>Picnic service at "The Gums" followed by lunch and games: a Multicultural event</i> |
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| | | | <i>Pentecost 23</i> |
| 12. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | Matthew 24:29-44 |
| | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. | <i>"What's the future got in store?"</i> |
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| | 1.00 p.m. | | Vision 2018 (1-4 p.m.) |
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| | | | <i>Pentecost 24</i> |
| 19. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | Matthew 25:1-13 |
| | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. | <i>"Don't be a fool!"</i> |
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| | | | <i>Pentecost 25</i> |
| 26. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. | <i>"How to live as a child of God"</i> |
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| | 1.00 p.m. | | Annual General Meeting |

DECEMBER

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| | | | <i>Advent 1</i> |
| 3. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | Luke 7:36-50 |
| | 10.30 a.m. | | <i>"He came down that we may have love"</i> |
| | 12.00 noon | | Church 4 Kids
<i>Community Lunch</i> |
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| | | | <i>Advent 2</i> |
| 10. | 9.00 a.m. | | Luke 2:8-14 |
| | 10.30 a.m. | | <i>"He came down that we may have peace"</i> |
| | | | <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (Oct-Dec)</i> |
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| | | | <i>Advent 3</i> |
| 17. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | Luke 2:10 |
| | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. | <i>"He came down that we may have joy"</i> |
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| | | | <i>School holidays start</i> |
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| | | | <i>Advent 4</i> |
| 24. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | Luke 2:11 |
| (Sunday) | | | <i>Lessons & Carols</i> "He came down that we may have hope" |
| | 7.00 p.m. | | Christmas Eve in the stable
<i>Family worship, with children</i> |
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| | | | Christmas Day Luke 2:1-20 |
| 25. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | <i>Combined Worship</i> "I like Christmas because..." |
| (Monday) | | | |
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| | | | Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne |
| | | | <i>Christmas 1</i> |
| 31. | 9.00 a.m. | H.C. | <i>Guest Preacher: David Christian</i> |
| | 10.30 a.m. | H.C. | Luke 2:25-40 |

Some collective team work during the Mainly Music play time resulted in quite the tower!



Happy Birthday Daniel!



Playgroup is getting ready for Christmas! Keep an eye out each week to see what time it is on their clock and what they've added to their tree!

