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...freedom

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Devotional thought...

Freedom

Someone will say, 'I am allowed to do anything.' Yes; but not everything is good for you. I could say that I am allowed to do anything, but I am not going to let anything make me its slave. (verse 12)

Read [1 Corinthians 6: 12-20](#)

It's a bit like the man who overcomes his alcohol addiction only to fall prey to drugs. What's the sense in exchanging one form of dependence for another?

Some of the early Christians were just as silly. After accepting the good news that Christ had died for their sins, they experienced a tremendous sense of freedom. They weren't under the condemnation of God's law any more. However, their next move was to behave as though they could do anything they wanted to. After all, weren't they forgiven? Paul had to point out to them that they were giving up their new – found freedom for another form of slavery.

God's word assures us of God's forgiveness. We shouldn't be so silly, however, as to see that as a licence to do anything we like. If we really appreciated our new freedom, we wouldn't want to be ungrateful to God, who forgave us, by plunging ourselves into slavery again.

Dear Lord, thank you for the freedom you give me through the forgiveness of sins. Protect me from the temptation of taking for granted the sacrifice you made for me. Amen.

From the editor...

Freedom. What does it mean to you?
Freedom to...? Go anywhere?
Freedom of...? Speech?
Freedom from...? Pain?
It's a powerful word.
In our world today, there are so many freedoms afforded us. For almost anything, we can choose from a plethora of options. Sometimes, I think I have too many options. Too much freedom! I am spoilt. What kind of person does this freedom create? And in what kind of society?
In its most basic and simplest form, freedom means that there is nothing stopping me, nothing controlling my choices. It is this form that we have in Jesus. He has freed us from the prison of our own sinfulness and the power that it held over us.
We are free to love. We are free of the devil. We are free from sin.
Many countries have a Freedom Day to remember something significant, and 9th November, World Freedom Day, is set aside to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. How amazing and freeing that must have been!
What will you do with the freedom that God has given you? Let's not waste the opportunity we have been given which allows us to freely share what God has to offer with everyone around us. Every day can be Freedom Day for someone.

Vivien Kupke

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From Pastor Wayne...

*Hi! I'm writing this as **the month of October is coming to an end.** It has been an eventful month, what with a trip to Sydney for LCA Synod in early October, and the marriage of our younger son Thomas to Alysha Wurst on Saturday 13th October. The latter event was joyful and celebratory, but not so LCA Synod. Sadly, I believe, for the churches of our LCA, the Ordination of women vote was not passed, *although it is clear that by far the majority of the laity want the Ordination of women: some 70% plus.*

***The theme for AT GLYNDE for this coming month of November is "Freedom"**, with World Freedom Day being on 9th November to commemorate **the Fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.** Many of us remember this momentous event. It sent waves of joy throughout the world as the barrier between East and West Berlin was torn down,

allowing Germans to move freely between the two parts of Berlin.

*That was a great day, but certainly the event that happened on 31st October 1517 was even much more momentous. It also happened in Germany. On that day, a Roman Catholic monk by the name of **Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses about the Christian faith on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany....**

In the Roman Catholic church at the time, there were all sorts of distortions and abuses of the good news of Jesus (*e.g., indulgences*). By studying and lecturing on Paul's letter to the Romans, Martin Luther rediscovered the main truth of the Christian faith: that we are justified, *that is, put right with God*, by God's grace, on account of Christ, through faith. The rediscovery of the Good News of Jesus, and the Reformation of the Christian Church occurred

through Martin Luther and his fellow reformers.

***The Good News of Jesus brings great freedom** to the life of any person who listens to Jesus and trusts in Jesus as his or her Saviour. Listen again to what Jesus said:

“If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.... I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave does not belong to a family permanently, but a son belongs there for ever. If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free” (John 8:31-36).

In particular, the Good News of Jesus brings freedom from guilt, and shame, and the fear of death. As you trust in Jesus as your Saviour, and follow him as your Lord, your whole life is changed. You have an inner peace that no one and nothing can take away, you have a joy that enables you to smile, and you have a certain hope for the future.

*This is the Good News that we strive to share with those around us in our church here at Glynde. That's what we are 'on about' here. On Sunday, 11th November, from 1.00-3:30 p.m. upstairs in the Lighthouse Kids area, we will dream together about ways of us doing this better in our **Vision 2019** get-together.

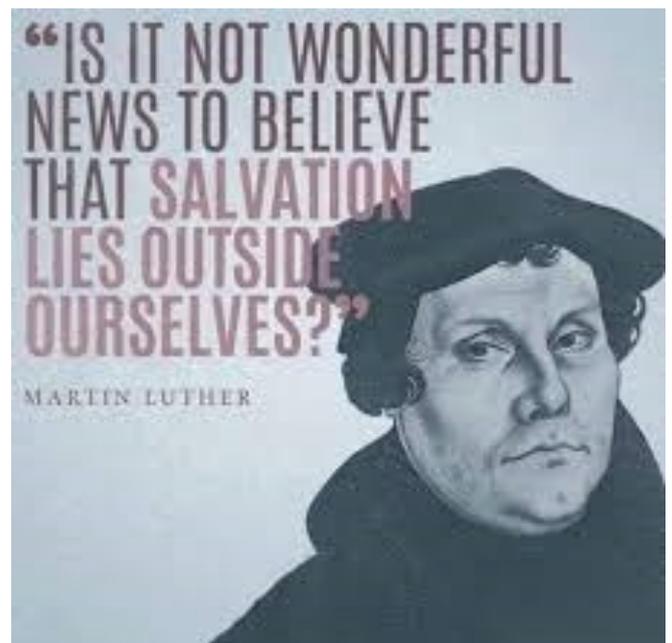
As we prepare for this time together, can I ask you to think about your

dreams for our church community, and ways in which these dreams may be implemented. **Think about the statement, “I have a dream...”**, and then on 11th November, share with us your dreams that God has given you with regard to our ministry with Him and for Him here at Glynde; and share with us ways in which you think these dreams may become reality.

*May God bless you and me as we love 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...

Freedom... free as the wind, free as a bird what does freedom mean for followers of Christ? Is it about finding freedom or is it about what we are free to do? Is it about breaking down barriers or walls, or just about holding out a compassionate hand across the spaces that divide us?

John 8:31-32 reads, *Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Jesus' teaching shows us how to live, gives us stories to ponder, points us to how we should treat other people, how to pray, meditate and how to serve.

Ultimately this freedom means we are free to live, free to love, free to be intentional, free to forgive, free from shame, free to belong, free

from fear, free to go and tell others the good news of God's love.

May all our ministries as God's people reflect this freedom!

As we move to the end of the year it is a time when we reflect on our ministries and encourage each other in service.

Coming events that are being planned welcome your support, your prayers and your energy.

Key things include:

🌀 Pre-Christmas events such as community pageants - we are planning to have an entry in the Norwood community pageant . If you want to help make things, or be part of a friendly group walking along the parade on a Saturday morning, please let me know.

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.



Gretchen Byrne and Robert Watkins were married on 6th October in Kersbrook, Adelaide Hills.

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Alysha Wurst and Thomas Boehm were married on 13th October in Rowland Flat, Barossa.

Congratulations!

50 Year Kellion Victory Medal Award

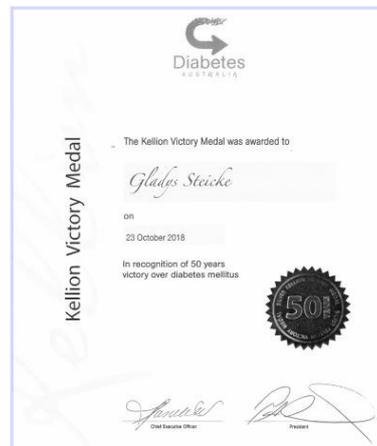
Gladys Steicke

I was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 1968 at the age of 32. It was after having my fourth child that I felt generally unwell and was eventually sent to a gynaecologist who immediately recognised the symptoms of diabetes.

I joined the Auxiliary at Diabetes SA the same year I was diagnosed and have enjoyed building strong relationships with others going through similar issues. It's also been rewarding helping with the many fundraising events.

I was also privileged to assist with the collating of and providing recipes for the Diabetic Recipe Book and it has been nice to share these with others as cooking has been my passion.

Looking back over the past 50 years, there have been trials with my health, however this has been manageable through having a good medical team.



Congratulations Gladys!

A photograph showing a group of children and adults gathered around a table, making pizzas. There are several pizzas in progress, some with toppings like tomato sauce and cheese. There are also trays of various toppings on the table. The scene is brightly lit and appears to be a social event.

Junior Youth
Pizza making & Games Night
Friday 23rd November 2018 7pm—9pm

All 8—12 year olds are invited to participate together with parents / carers

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship at The Gums followed by BBQ lunch	5 10:30 Hymns We Love 7pm KYB	6 9:30 Craft
11 9am Worship 10:30 Worship Lighthouse Kids 12:30 Korean Worship 1-4pm Vision 2019	12 7pm KYB	13 9:30 Craft 7:30pm Exec mtg 7:30pm Quilters
18 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC Lighthouse Kids 12:15 Pastoral Asst mtg 12:30 Korean Worship	19	20 9:30 Craft 10:30 Dressed4Success
25 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC Lighthouse Kids 12:30 Korean Worship 1pm AGM	26	27 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters

What's on in November?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:45 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12 noon Cards	2 9:30 English Class 9:30 KYB 9:30 Marriage Course 10:30 Coffee and Chat	3 10am Girls' Coffee morning 10am English Class
7 9:30 Playgroup 5-7pm Weight Watchers 7:30pm BFM meeting	8 7:45 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	9 9:30 English Class 9:30 KYB 9:30 Marriage Course 10:30 Coffee and Chat	10 10am English Class	
14 9:30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 5pm Weight Watchers	15 7:45 Prayer Group 12noon Cards 7pm Worship HC	16 9:30 English Class 9:30 KYB 9:30 Marriage Course 10:30 Coffee and Chat 7pm Wine & Cheese Night	17 8am Blokes' Brekky 10am English Class	
21 9:30 Playgroup 5 Weight Watchers	22 7:345Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	23 9:30 English Class 9:30 Marriage Course 10:30 Coffee and Chat 7-9pm Junior Youth	24 10am English Class 10am Norwood Christmas Pageant 10am-2pm Markets	
28 9:30 Playgroup 5 Weight Watchers	29 7:45 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards 11:30—2pm Mental Health Awareness support seminar	30 9:30 English Class 9:30 Marriage Course 10:30 Coffee and Chat		

From the Magnolias

On Friday 26th October, 16 of us visited the Hans Heysen Studio and The Cedars Homestead. We enjoyed a guided tour of both the Homestead, which was bought in 1912 after one of Hans early exhibitions, and his Studio which was designed especially with imported glass to maintain constant light intensity.

The Homestead is in its original state with original furniture, wallpaper and carpet squares. Many of his landscapes and still life paintings decorate all the walls. The home and garden are well maintained but are no longer owned by the Heysen family.

Hans Heysen came to Australia as a 6 year old. He left school at age 14, became an apprentice iron monger and also began painting with watercolours. He sold his 1st painting to his Teacher at age 16 – The Wet Road – which is now in the S.A. Art Gallery. He painted approx. 15,000 landscapes and still life paintings. He died at age 90 and is buried in the Hahndorf Cemetery. The Studio is still set up with his paintings, brushes etc. and some uncompleted charcoal drawings.



We ended our visit with an enjoyable meal at The Hahndorf Old Mill.

Our final Outing for 2018 will be a Lunch on the 30th November – look for details in the Sunday Paper.

Val Matters and Clarice Seeliger



Attention: Music lovers!

Saturday 10th November, 7:30pm, at Payneham Road Uniting Church, 341 Payneham Rd., Marden.

Shirley Gale, president of the Organ Music Society, will be giving the opening recital in celebration of the completion of the recent re-build of the church's 3 manual pipe organ. Supper will be served – entry is by donation.

Wednesday 12th December, 12:30pm, at the Adelaide Town Hall.

Acclaimed Adelaide organist, **Andrew Georg**, will be giving a Christmas-themed recital on the very beautiful Town Hall pipe organ. This recital is part of the Adelaide Town Hall's FREE concert series.



THE “INVICTUS” GAMES!

Recently I have enjoyed watching programs that focus on the preparation of the ‘diggers’ for the Invictus Games currently being held in Sydney. Their stories are amazing, telling of horrendous physical injuries and/or major battles with depression and anxiety. These stories are for me very encouraging as I also battle mental illness and have done for most of my life.

Much has been on media outlets lately on mental illness: Mental Health Awareness Week, R U Ok Day, and the Federal Government financial grant to Headspace, an organisation which focuses on teenage mental health. Suicide and attempting to take one’s own life is said to take more lives than car accidents; some of which can be a result of suicidal thoughts.



On the rare occasion when I talk to another person about my battles with depression, I have previously fought the feelings of shame and despondency associated with mental illness:

“I can’t tell anyone or they will avoid me.”

“I am feeling fine. I refuse to say anymore in case you feel uncomfortable because you really would not understand where I am struggling.”

“No thank you. I have something else on.”

(I don’t but I cannot cope with people right now.)”

“I am really tired. Maybe I did not sleep well.”

(I cannot talk about the nightmares bringing hours of anxiety.)”



There are many times when being amongst people was the loneliest time of all. I had nothing to say that meant anything; verbalising my thoughts would seem idiotic to anyone else.

The ‘diggers’ who are exercising their right to be congratulated have my absolute admiration and loads of empathy. They give me much reason to say to all that there is ‘nothing’ wrong with me - that my battles are insignificant when compared to those who are

unconquered – invictus!

I know that I am not the only person who battles mental illness. It has taken me many years to be able to admit it to those who do not understand what it means. It is no longer a stigma and shameful to have an illness that no one can see. We can keep moving forward to our potential and lead very productive and fulfilling lives.

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From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

Free to dance.

One of my favourite songs we sing in worship is “Free to dance” – many of you will know it, and many will not.

*This song in my heart
This song in my soul
This song I was born to sing
It's Your song of freedom,
Now I'm free to dance again*

*I'll sing in the darkness
I'll laugh in the rain
Rejoice in Your love again
It's Your song of freedom
Now I'm free to dance again*

*Your spirit brings me liberty
Your breath of life has set me free
Jesus Your love it lifts me high
Gives me reason to run this race with joy
This song within me Lord
will bless your Holy name*

*Jesus I'll dance before Your throne
Bring this heavenly sound to You alone
This song within me Lord
will bless Your Holy name*

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Knowing that I have been set free by Jesus dying in my place so that I may live forgiven and free, gives me strength and joy to share that with others.

Yes, for all of us, times can be dark and the rain may seem to never stop... I have my “freedom song” to remind me that through the Holy Spirit I am held up as a winner, a person who has won, not by myself, but through His grace and forgiveness... making me the best that I can be, even though I have done nothing to deserve it. How great is our life, free to live, to share, and to love others.

Many people who come here through the week have stories to share. Stories of loneliness and sadness. Unlike us, many of those do not yet know that Jesus died for them to give them freedom.

For many, life can be hard when your past and your culture are so different to what you experience in Australia. Through the courses and friendships that are made here, step by step, we can share more and more about God's love for them, for everyone, no matter who you are, where you are from and what has happened in your life.

It is interesting this term as we head toward Christmas, a time that we celebrate. We assume that everyone knows about Christmas, at least that Jesus was born, or the commercial Christmas of presents... but, not so!

This is the perfect time to be sharing with those from other cultures what Christmas means to us. For example, did you know: in Korea, Christmas is a time for lovers? No Christmas trees in homes, no family togetherness and definitely no Christ in Christmas. The word "advent" is totally foreign. No one knows what an advent calendar is...

Wow, do you see the opportunity?
Do you see the chances we have to share God's love?
Do you see the opportunity to share Christmas?

Each week at Playgroup we do a craft, and as we do it we are sharing about why we are making the item. A star, a Christmas tree. Why a star, to lead them to the baby Jesus. We know that, but many do not. ... each activity is giving us the opportunity to share stories and thoughts on Christmas. And, as Christmas gets closer, we will be sharing more and more about Jesus' birth by making our own nativity and giving out Advent calendars.

What freedom we have, what joy we have in doing this.
We would love it if you would like to be part of this!

It is an exciting time mid-week, the opportunities at Playgroup, Mainly Music, English class, our Marriage course and Coffee and Chat are endless. We pray that the walls of culture can break down so that together we can share about life in knowing God, where together, we can sing in the darkness, and laugh together in the rain, rejoicing in His love again, it's the song of freedom.

We want everyone to be free to dance!

Barbara Mattiske

Music for a Good Cause

Sunday 28th October saw a happy event at our church, with people attending from a number of different churches for a fund-raising concert and afternoon tea during the interval.

The main performers were the Adelaide Benefit Concert Choir, under the direction of Rev Joan Claring-Bould. This is an 'occasional' choir which usually holds fundraisers every autumn and spring at St Peter's Cathedral in North Adelaide. With the cathedral unavailable this time, our church building was the obvious choice. The choir comprises a few really top-class singers with tertiary training, and then the rest are people from different denominations who like to sing – people like me!

When we rehearse, the whole preparation is done in only two weeks, using venues from three denominations, including our own building at Glynde. So the conductor and pianist attend all three practices both weeks, and singers attend as many as they can fit in, but often only the one closest to home. On the day of the concert we meet beforehand, and that is the first time that everyone is present at the same time. Sounds iffy, but it seems to work, with the experts among us, and with excellent accompanists. Andrew Ampt accompanied some of the choir anthems on our digital organ, and also played some spectacular organ solos at the beginning and end of the concert.

There were other artists besides the choir – both small groups and individuals. I wonder if a Jewish cantor singing plaintive Hebrew music from their liturgy has ever been heard in our building before!

Focus of the concert was the Playgroup at Alice Springs for indigenous children, called Kwatja Etatha – Living Waters. The name derives from the place where the Playgroup originated, at the Living Waters Lutheran School. Lutheran Community Care coordinates that Playgroup. LCC's new director, Rohan Feegrade, addressed the audience about the excellent results of that program, but also about the urgent need for funds, now that Federal money has stopped. Thankfully, \$1000 or so was raised at the concert. Thanks to all who attended and contributed.

– Lois Kupke

Further donations to give children in Alice Springs a good start in life can be made to Lutheran Community Care Ph. 8269 9333
or visit www.lccare.org.au/donate-now

General Convention of Synod 2018 - the national church gathers together

Synod was held at the Rosehill Racecourse in Sydney in early October. While this may be a curious venue for a church gathering, it seemed appropriate to enter at the northern gate aptly named the "Might and Power Entrance".

I attended as the lay delegate for our congregation; Pastor Wayne attended as a Pastor's delegate. Six worship services and four days of business were conducted with over 400 delegates gathered to hear reports and make decisions on behalf of the church membership of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand. A hard copy of the main decisions are available from the church foyer (called the popular report) or you can find full coverage at www.convention2018.lca.au

Worship was a moving and central focal point each day with sermons based on texts from Exodus. You can watch the opening and closing services at: <https://livestream.com/luthworship>

Brief News from the floor of Synod

* **Ordination of women** - the 2/3 majority required to bring about this change was not achieved with the vote being 240 supporting the ordination of women and 161 against. This continues to leave the church in a difficult position and acknowledgement was made of the deep hurt and harm to individuals and groups over the years in the course of this debate. Prayers were offered for our leaders and everyone experiencing strong feelings about the vote.

* **Reconciliation Action Plan** - the LCA will develop a formal document (called a RAP or Reconciliation Plan) as part of its commitment to better hear, recognise and support Aboriginal people in the church

* **National Apology** - we acknowledged the harm suffered by victims of sexual abuse by pastors, other people in positions of trust, and members of the LCA and the synods that preceded it. This came ahead of the Prime Minister's National Apology on 22nd October and the focus on this issue in churches throughout the LCA on 21st October 2018.

* Pastors John Henderson and Andrew Pfeiffer were re-elected as **LCA Bishop** and **Assistant Bishop**

* Ways of increasing **Aboriginal representation** and participation in LCA decision-making will be developed where people gather as a worshipping body but formal requirements of constituted congregations are not met.

* Changes were made to governance and structure - the General Church Council will now be the **General Church Board (GCB)** and has a different membership - three pastors and six lay members

* A review of the **Professional Standards Department** will be held, and submissions will be sought from interested parties.

Our church now moves into the next part of the synodical cycle - under the wise leadership of Bishop John Henderson and in South Australia, Bishop David Altus. The next convention will be in three years time in Melbourne, Victoria.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of being your delegate for this term.

Shalom, Helene Schulz

Worship Calendar

NOVEMBER

4.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Pentecost 24 <i>Picnic service at "The Gums" followed by lunch & games</i>	Mark 12:28-34	"What sort of follower of Jesus are you?" <i>(with booklet and questionnaire at Picnic)</i>
11.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 25 Vision 2019 (1-3:30pm)	John 14:1-6 "Facing death and the end"	<i>Living in view of the end (1)</i>
18.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 26	1 Corinthians 15:12-20 "I believe in the resurrection of the dead"	<i>Living in view of the end (2)</i>
25.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	H.C. H.C.	Pentecost 27 Annual General Meeting	John 11:25-26 "Will I see you in heaven?"	<i>Living in view of the end (3)</i>

DECEMBER

2.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 12.00 noon	H.C. H.C.	Advent 1 <i>Community Lunch</i> <i>*Baptismal Anniversaries (Oct-Dec)</i>	<i>Pastor Henry Martinez</i> Luke 1:26-38; Matt. 1:18-25 "Mary and Joseph: examples of faith"	<i>"Christmas: the real story" (1)</i> <i>plus Lost Sheep books</i>
9.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Advent 2 Church 4 Kids	Luke 2:1-7 "The birth of God's Son for us"	<i>"Christmas: the real story" (2)</i> <i>plus Lost Sheep books</i>
16.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Advent 3 <i>*School holidays start</i>	Luke 2:8-20 "Welcome sinners!"	<i>"Christmas: the real story" (3)</i> <i>plus Lost Sheep books</i>
23.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Advent 4	Readings and Carols Matthew 2:1-12 "Welcome anyone!!"	<i>"Christmas: the real story" (4)</i> <i>plus Lost Sheep books</i>
24.	(Monday) 7.00 p.m.			Christmas Eve in the stable Family worship, <i>with children</i> "Angel Space" drama	
25.	(Tuesday) 9.00 a.m.	H.C. (Combined Worship)		Christmas Day Luke 2:1-20 "Where is Christ in your Christmas picture?"	
30.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Christmas 1	Matthew 2:13-23 "Will God look after me!?"	<i>"Christmas: the real story" (5)</i>



Blokes Brekky—Neil Walters talked about Astronomy and his Photography thereof



**Johanna and James Kupke enjoyed the Colin Buchanon concert and got to meet him afterwards!
The face is deceiving...!**



OOT & ABOUT



Carpark visitors were a lovely sight to see!



In a boat and then overboard for some children in Helene's Kids' Talk.