

Glynde Lutheran Church

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Good out of Bad

We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose. Those whom God had already chosen he also set apart to become like his Son, so that the Son would be the first among many believers. And so those whom God set apart, he called; and those he called, he put right with himself, and he shared his glory with them. (verses 28-30)

Read [Romans 8:26-30](#)

What do you do when things go painfully wrong in life, when you lose a job or when you make a decision that takes you from bad to worse, or when conflict arises with other people, even people in the church? A broken or difficult relationship, injury or illness, financial difficulty—these are just some of the things that can throw your life into turmoil. What do you do then? When things go wrong, you might want to blame others and become bitter, or blame yourself and become depressed. You might even hold God accountable and become cynical and angry about church. One thing the Bible teaches about God is that he doesn't waste even the worst things that happen in life. He wants to use them for good—for your good. He loves you. He desires your wellbeing in all things. He has the power to bring good out of bad in the lives of those who love him. Hold him to this promise if things go wrong. Wait patiently for his blessing. He will complete the good work he began in you when he first called you to himself.

Lead me on and work your good in my life, heavenly Father. 'The distant path I do not ask to see; do thou but lead: I trust and follow thee.' Amen.

by Simon Cooper, in 'Renewed Hope for each Day' (LCA, Openbook, 2000)

Visit the [Daily Devotion archives page](#).

From the editor...

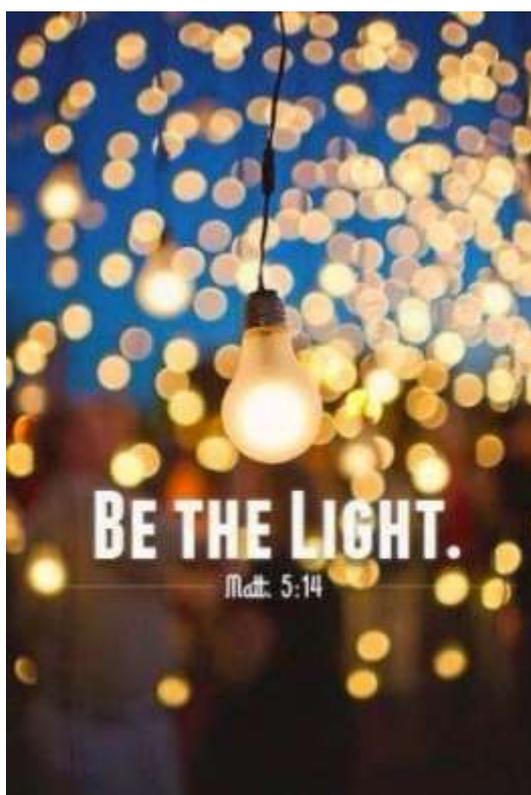
This year we are having our first SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Festival event! How lovely it is to walk into our church and see the artwork on the walls and read the interesting notes on each piece. It has added some real vibrancy and uniqueness to our church building.

When I heard the theme of this exhibition 'Drawing light from the dark' I was struck by how this could also be a description of our church and how we may want to portray ourselves to the community around us. We can be a light for those around us, showing them Jesus' love, or just be a safe place for someone that may be experiencing some dark times.

Throughout the pages of this edition of the @Glynde you can also be inspired by the idea of our church 'being a light in the dark' - our theme for this edition. We have all of our usual contributors back with both Barb and Wayne home after some well-deserved rest and recreation leave. You can see photos of the SALA exhibition opening as well as demonstration days. Also, I hope the church ladies and their typewriters can give you a light-hearted laugh!

I hope you enjoy reading through this edition.

Fleur Kupke
Editor



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From Pastor Wayne...

*Hi! I am writing this at the end of my first week back after six weeks away on **Rest and Recuperation Leave**. That's what the Lutheran Church of Australia calls "Long Service Leave"... and it's a good description ☺

The last six weeks have been a time for Jenine and myself to relax and recover in preparation for life to come. We had a few weeks or so travelling overseas, and then a couple of weeks just relaxing around home, doing a variety of tasks around the house. Anyway, it's good to be back with you ☺

*The theme that Fleur, the editor of this month's *@Glynde*, has chosen is: "**Being a light in the dark**", a theme that takes inspiration from the SALA exhibition in our church. **It's a good theme, because it reminds us of how meeting Jesus, God's Son, has changed our life, and it reminds us of the task that God gives us His enlightened children: to be light in the world around us.**

*One of my favourite passages in the Gospels is John, chapter nine. There John

tells us how Jesus physically healed **a man born blind**, and then how that man came to see spiritually through meeting Jesus. In fact, if that blind man was with us today, and could summarise what meeting Jesus meant to him, I think that he would say something like this:

"Look, my whole life was changed by meeting Jesus:

**'Yesterday I was in darkness,
But since I met him I can see!'**

(Words from a song by Don Francisco).

"But since I met him, I can see" is not only the testimony of this man who was born blind that John tells us about, who was healed by Jesus... It is also the testimony and the confession of countless people who have met Jesus since that day, and who have also *like this man* had their whole life changed by Jesus. It is my testimony, and the testimony of most of us who are reading this article: that Jesus is "the light of the world". Jesus said: **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness"** (*John 8:12*).

And God wants us to share this wonderful life-transforming news with those around us. In fact, this is our task as God's people: as individuals, and as a community here at Glynde. This is the task that God has given us: to be light in the darkness around us (*Matt. 28:18-20; cf. 5:13-16; Phil 2:14-16*).

***That's what we are ultimately 'on about' in all that we do here at Glynde:** during the week at Craft, Playgroup, Grace Over Lunch, Mainly Music, Alpha, Coffee and Chat, English class, Markets, Junior Youth, and so on. And that's what we are 'on about' on Sundays as we worship together, and as the children head off to "Lighthouse Kids": to shine the light of Jesus... May God bless us all, and all those with whom we have contact, *as the light of Jesus shines on all* ☺

*Have a glance at the WORSHIP CALENDAR at the rear of this AT GLYNDE, and note **the various activities that are coming up:**

Combined Multi-cultural service	Sept 8
Church 4 Kids	Sept 15
Blessing of Pets	Sept 22
Picnic	Nov 3

All these activities are opportunities for us to get together and to shine the light of Jesus ☺

*Finally, let me say again: 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 ...

Drawing light from the darkness

One of my favourite images of Jesus is recorded in the prophecy of Zechariah: "Our God is merciful and tender. He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us and to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death, to guide our steps into the path of peace." (Luke 1: 78-79). I spent a few days camping in western Victoria in the last week or so, and thoroughly enjoyed the blaze of the Milky Way in the darkness of night. But the power of dawn and the sun overcoming the darkness was also a strong takeaway memory. The early morning reminded me of this passage and the breadth of Jesus' love for us and the promise of his presence in our lives as we step forward into each new day. May our community of faith continue to be blessed by the light of Jesus.

This month we give thanks for the ministry that Pastor David Christian has provided in conjunction with Pastor Henry while Pastor Wayne was on six weeks' rest and recreation leave. It was truly wonderful to

have continuity of pastoral care and for Pastor David to dedicate so much time to our worship services and the needs of members of our community. We have also just welcomed Barb Mattiske back from her recreation leave and are grateful to the many people who ensured our mid-week ministries continued to run and flourish in her absence.

Highlights of Board for Ministry Meeting held on 7th August:

- Cross Cultural Ministry report has been lodged with the LCA . The report reveals that over 2,268 people attended mid-week activities associated with this ministry in the first six months of the year! The Alpha course attracted participants from 5 cultures and up to 26 people attended over the six sessions. It requires 40 people to support our Cross Cultural Ministry Outreach Coordinator each week. Many people help out on more than one day. This is truly a team effort and brings so

many blessings to our community.

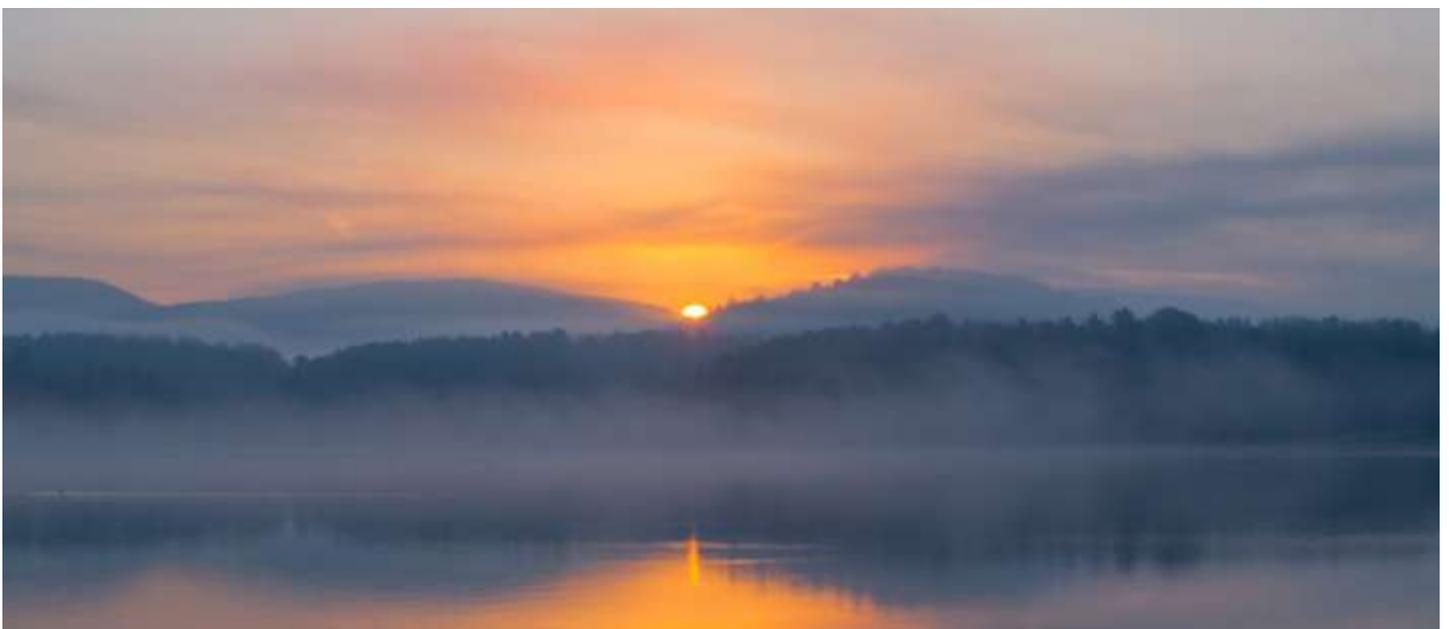
- Lay leadership in worship: John Kupke will lead a 10:30 am service in September
- Music for 9:00am service: We are thankful that Lois Kupke has volunteered to help with music for the first Sunday in each month now that Joy Mildren is reducing her commitment to playing twice each month. We are grateful to both of them for sharing their talents within our community and also to our regular guest organists, Christy John and Pastor Robert Thiele.
- The trial of offering an option of non-alcoholic grape juice at Holy Communion at our worship services is continuing. If you have any feedback in relation to the trial, please talk to Pastor Wayne, Pastor Henry or one of the pastoral assistants.
- Church security is important - with so many groups and people using the building, please be vigilant about ensuring that doors are locked (internal as well as external) as different activities are completed.

Highlights of Exec Meeting held on 13th August:

- Hall floor resurfacing has been completed - a huge thank you to the Craft group who have paid for this work.
- A working bee will be held in September to address outdoor matters, including the laying of the remembrance bricks
- Lutheran Community Care continue to expand in their provision of foster care services and have committed to lease of the upstairs offices for a further lease period.
- There has been no response to the request for new committee members for SANCTAS and the future of this organisation will need to be determined in the next few months.
- Fundraising efforts continue: The markets have done well in the last couple of months and the Garden Party earlier in the year raised \$970.00

May the light given to you through Jesus, shine through to others as you worship and serve him in our community.

Shalom,
Helene Schulz
Chairperson





From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

Being a light in the dark...

Are you scared of the dark? What does it hide? We are often scared of the "dark" things and times in our lives, and it is not a nice feeling. Sometimes the darkness seems to engulf us so that we cannot see outside of it. But we know that the tiny light shining is Jesus... and as we rely on that light to guide us as it gets bigger and brighter as it leads us out of the darkness.

We want to be like that light too with others. When we know that Jesus' light shines in us, it is shining for others to see and follow and that is what mid-week ministries are all about!

Since coming back from holidays I have been quite humbled by the way others have helped. Thank you so much!

And I have also been humbled by those who have said they had missed me. Sometimes you just don't see that.. and you don't realise they miss your light shining.



But, you know, we can all shine for Jesus. We can all smile, say hello, remember a name. We can share a recipe, or laugh, or cry together.

We can learn together, we can try to understand our crazy language – or someone else's...

And we are shining Jesus' light...

We can try and understand a simple devotion of encouragement and love. On Fridays, we are learning together at Alpha. We are a group of Christian, non-Christian, Buddhist and Muslim people watching, sharing and discovering together... is Jesus' light shining in this group?

I most definitely think so... do we all understand it? Not sure... Do we all agree? Not sure... but Jesus' light is brightly shining in friendship and love... and His Holy Spirit can work in people's hearts... we just pray and trust it will as we continue to learn.

I see that light with those who make coffee, who cook, who pray for us. I see it when someone takes a moment to talk to someone who looks lonely. I see it when someone feels uncertain about being in a church building and suddenly softens and smiles when you talk to them.

I see it when one of our lovely mums, Madusha became an Australian citizen, and we celebrated together at Playgroup and Grace over Lunch. What a special moment.

I see it when a friend shares a moment of concern and love with another friend. Or someone helps a mum with their child... or the special moment we all shared when a young child spent his first time in our crèche without crying! What a celebration it was... for our crèche workers and his dad!

So many of our families have been visiting their homelands and are returning to us.. it is wonderful to see them excited to be back with us. We know sometimes it is hard to come back and re-enter a group, so, to see them excited to be back is a joy for us.



We have so many events coming up – Mainly Music on a Saturday (August 31) Bring a plate of food and come and join us as we thank God not just for dads, but it is also a morning for our families to see what happens at Mainly Music.. it should be a special morning.

September has our multicultural worship service, when we celebrate together in worship and then together with food.

We pray that everyone who comes into this place does not need to stay in the darkness of sorrow or loneliness but can feel and see the light of Jesus shining on them, warming them and leading them, maybe through others, and maybe through you...

Please continue to pray and care for our mid-week groups...

Barbara Mattiske
Cross Cultural Coordinator

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
1 <i>Father's Day</i> 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship	2 11am Hymns We Love 7pm KYB	3 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
8 9am Worship 10:30 Combined Multicultural Service 12noon Multicultural Lunch	9 7pm KYB	10 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters 7:30 Exec Meeting
15 9am Worship HC 10:30 Church 4 Kids 12:30 Korean Worship	16 7pm KYB	17 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
22 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 11:30 Blessing of the pets 12:30 Korean Worship	23 7pm KYB	24 9:30 Craft 7pm Quilters
29 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean Worship 2pm Sudanese Nuer Worship	30	
	SCHOOL	

What's on in September?

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7:30pm BFM meeting	5 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	6 9:30 KYB 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	7 10am English Class
	11 9:30 Women's Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch 7pm Communion Instruction	12 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	13 9:30 KYB 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat 6:30 Family Movie Night	14 10am English Class
	18 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch	19 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music	20 9:30 KYB 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	21 8am Blokes' Brekky 10am English Class
	25 9:30 Playgroup 11:30 Grace Over Lunch	26 7:30 Prayer Group 9:45 Mainly Music 12noon Cards	27 9:30 Alpha 9:30 English 10:30 Coffee and Chat	28 10am-2pm Markets
HOLIDAYS				

SALA Exhibition Opening!





Something to think about!

While reading the latest *LUTHERAN* August 2019 about young people leaving our church, it got me thinking about our current congregation and why people might leave our church! Surely not!

We have a vibrant, healthy, busy place where new friendships are being formed. Our multicultural ministry is unique in Adelaide and is the backbone of our mid-week activities for which we praise God continually. Our services – often four on a given Sunday – bring us together to worship our loving and forgiving God.

Several comments from young people stated that they felt the lack of 'wholehearted love', and regular teaching to build our faith in Jesus. Mmmm. What can we learn from this?

I came up with more questions. How 'wholehearted' is our love for each other? How do we love people who are different from us and rub us up the wrong way? How do we excuse ourselves when we avoid those who are 'prickly'? Is that OK? Is it OK when we gossip about situations that offend us – or is it that we take offence and need to forgive others? Where are our guideposts/mirrors for our behaviour?

We are privileged to have opportunity for Bible study – KYB, Lenten studies, and Lighthouse Kids. We probably know all the Bible stories and can quote various texts which support us in our faith journeys. Do we share those with each other? What opportunities do we have to do this? Our faith journeys are each unique in themselves, as we know that we cannot believe without God giving us his Holy Spirit. Thank you God. We sing praises to you every week!

What actual Biblical teaching are we receiving on a regular basis? Are we watering down the teaching we received in our young years? Us oldies can probably recite psalms and hymns that we had to learn to 'pass' our Confirmation two year stint!! Do we not need that these days when all around us are anti-Christian influences? Are we afraid of being criticised for our diligent study of God's word? Do we really think that more people will want to come to worship with us when we are satisfied with a taste of Scripture? Are we radiating the joy and peace of the Gospel when we meet our neighbours and workmates during the week?

So many questions!

I do not have the answers. Do you? I'd like the status quo to remain, but will our mid-week activities continue as the young children grow up, and their parents find another community to fill their needs. Will our Women's Fellowship continue as our older members find the responsibility too hard? Is it easy for our single folk to continue attending worship when there is no one to walk alongside to share their ups and downs?

Do we actually expect everybody to be like us? Can we learn to adjust our ways to accommodate changes as we see these occurring?

This is just something to think about now rather than leaving our discussions for "Visioning" Day.

How deep is our love? How strong is our faith? Are we, as precious forgiven children of God in this congregation, deep enough in love for each other, and strong enough in our faith to maintain a thriving active blessed place of worship here at Glynde?

Paul writes in Colossians:

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: **compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offence.** Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. **And regardless of what else you put on, wear love.** It's your basic, all purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. **And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ - the Message - have the run of the home. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense.**

Colossians 3:12-16
THE MESSAGE

I have found these verses very encouraging when I struggle to follow my Saviour who died in my stead to take away my shame and guilt, rising from death to offer me a home in heaven with him.

Diane Kleinig
Care Ministry



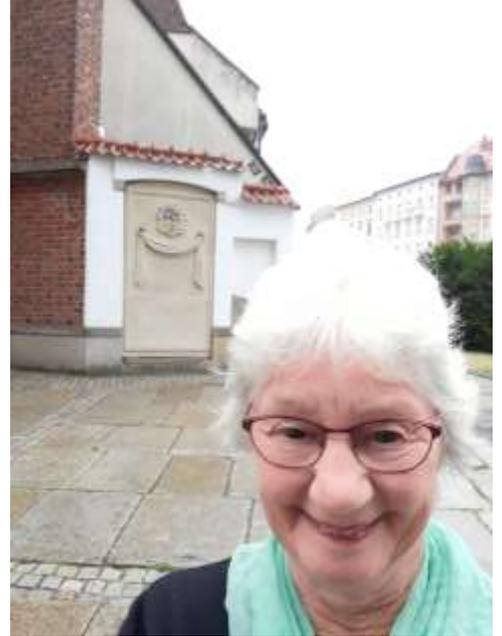
Joy's Travels Part 3

St Christopher's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wroclaw (Breslau) is the only church in the whole of Poland where the German language is used for church services... so that's where I worshipped July 14th. At the close of the service Pastor asked me to say a few words of greeting in German. Thank you, Sigrid, for giving me 'drips' of German language practice!

German residents of Breslau were expelled after the city's unsuccessful bid to defend itself against the Red Army in 1945. Breslau was then assigned to Poland and renamed Wroclaw.

My 'selfie' (gosh I have a huge nose!) is taken in front of a 2017 erected stone tablet commemorating the 750 Jubilee of St Christopher's Church, the 60 Jubilee of the rededication of the church restored after WW2 destruction, and 500 Jubilee of the Reformation...such deep history.

The stained glass windows behind the altar are very significant. From the left is Dieterich Bonhoeffer, Edith Stein, Maximillian Kolbe and Bishop Bursche...all who gave their lives to save others during the Nazi era. If you want learn about them just Google their names and give thanks to God for the peace and freedom we have had in Australia and pray it continues!



Church Ladies with Typewriters

Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters! These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services...

The fasting and prayer conference includes meals

Scouts are saving aluminium cans and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children

Don't let worry kill you off—let the church help

The sermon this morning: "Jesus walks on the water". The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5pm –prayer and medication to follow

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and be prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday

Low self-esteem Support group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement at 7pm. You are invited to attend this tragedy.

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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days

At the evening mass tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is early hell?". Come early and listen to our choir practice

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm in the church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance

And this one just about sums them all up...

The Associate Pastor unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped my pledge—up yours!"

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for the Year to 31 July 2019

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$78,854	\$84,160	(\$5,306)
Building Fund Collection (Exc LCC)	\$31,254	\$26,769	\$4,485
Fundraising	\$7,427	\$7,648	(\$221)

Fundraising Outcome for the month

Wall of Giving	\$319
Redevelopment Box	\$3
Footy Carparking	\$450

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

Worship Calendar

SEPTEMBER

1. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 12 Luke 14:15-24
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Invited to God's party"
**Thanks for dads*
8. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 13 Acts 1:8 (cf. Matt. 28:20)
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "You will be witnesses for me...
 to the ends of the earth"
Combined Multi-cultural service
followed by Bring and Share lunch at 12 noon
15. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 14 Luke 15:1-10
 10.30 a.m. "God rejoices over the lost being found"
Church 4 Kids (God's love for us)
22. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 15 *Pastor Henry Martinez*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. Luke 16:1-13
 11.30 a.m. "The parable of the generous boss"
Blessing of Pets (under our gum tree)
29. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 16 Luke 16:19-31
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Are you listening?"
School holidays start

OCTOBER

6. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 17 Luke 17:7-10
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Pictures of the Christian life"
13. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 18 Philippians 1:1-11 *Series on Philippians*
 10.30 a.m. "Rejoice, you are not alone!" *entitled "Rejoice..." (1)*
Baptism of Finn McCabe
School resumes
20. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 19 Philippians 1:21 *Series on Philippians*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. "Rejoice, your life
 has been totally changed
 by Jesus Christ" *entitled "Rejoice..." (2)*
27. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 20 *Pastor Henry Martinez*
 10.30 a.m. H.C. Philippians 2:14-16
 "Rejoice, you are like
 stars in a black sky" *Series on Philippians*
entitled "Rejoice..." (3)



SALA exhibition demonstration days



Pastor David Christian's
Message to the children and
their parents



Joel and Joy enjoying the orchids as
part of the SALA exhibition