

Finally, Grothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

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Count Your Blessings

Praise the LORD, my soul, and do not forget how kind he is.
He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.
He keeps me from the grave and blesses me with love and mercy.

(Psalm 103:2-4)

I knew a pastor who, on the occasion of a birthday in the family, always got out a special family Bible and read aloud Psalm 103. Every day is a good time to praise God. But a birthday is a special time when our thoughts can turn to God as the giver of all good things, and we can think about our many blessings.

Count your blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

The psalm writer thanks God not only for physical and material blessings but also for spiritual blessings, like the forgiveness of sins, the healing of spiritual ailments, and the love that keeps us secure.

If you want to be miserable in life (and I'm sure you don't), concentrate on yourself and all your unfulfilled needs. But if you want to be happy in life, learn to count your many blessings, and then praise God for all the wonderful things he does for you. Nothing is better for a weary and saddened person than to turn away from yourself and to praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Satan flees when you start praising God. Start doing so today and you will experience many blessings.

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Do not forget how kind and compassionate he has been to you. Amen.

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From the editor...

I am one of those strange people who actually enjoys cleaning. To me it is refreshing to tidy, organise, scrub and dust away the mess to leave a fresh clean area where everything has its place and it is easy to find what I need. I do find that when my home or workspace is cluttered I find it really hard to focus, so cleaning and reorganising is a way for me to bring back my clarity.

Being the beginning of Spring, many people talk of spring cleaning, opening up the doors and windows and letting the fresh air into our lives again after those cold winter months. This got me thinking about how it is so important to spring clean and declutter not just our homes, but our lives and let the fresh air back in. Many of us are busy for the sake of being busy, or say 'yes' to too many things, which means we can never do any of them well.

This Spring, I hope you can spring clean your mind and your time to ensure that it is being invested in the best possible ways (which may actually mean spending some time looking after yourself). Look out for our article from a local trainer and counsellor Anna of Journeez with some self-care tips to get you started this Spring.

I would like to wish all the fathers, grandpas, uncles, and men in our community a happy Father's Day and hope it is a blessed day for you.

Fleur Kupke

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From Pastor Wayne...



Hi! On Friday last week, we said farewell Even though this life is often wintry, the to Martin Edwards who had died in ICU in the Royal Adelaide Hospital due to heart failure and its consequences. It was a sad day, but in the midst of it all, we nevertheless had God's comfort that "after Winter comes Spring": after the Winter of this life comes God's Spring for the child of God.

I thought I'd share with you some of the things that I said in the message at Martin's funeral:

As I speak to you, the days are getting longer. Winter is coming to an end and Spring is coming. There are signs of this everywhere: the sun is shining more often, the trees are beginning to bud, the birds are starting to nest and so on. We all know that "After Winter comes Spring".

That's what I want to remind you of this afternoon, as we farewell Martin: that after the Winter of life now comes God's Spring in the future.

I guess that no one would argue with me when I say that life now often resembles Winter. Life is full of hard times and struggles, and Martin certainly had his share of them, particularly in his later life: with diabetes, and heart problems, and regular trips to hospital.

sunshine is still there. I have often looked at Martin and Irene, and thought: "Isn't marriage a wonderful gift from God!" Even in the toughest of times. Martin had Irene, and his family and friends, to support and encourage him.

Then there was the sunshine of God's love, and His ongoing forgiveness through Jesus. Isn't it wonderful that we know through Jesus, God's son, that God loves and values each one of us!! And isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus. God's Son, suffered and died on the cross for all our sins. This is something which brought joy to Martin and Irene even in the toughest of times. As it does to all of us who trust in Jesus as God's Son, and our Rescuer.

So, sure life is often wintry, and it certainly was for Martin. However, even in midst of Winter the sun still shines. and particularly the sunshine of God's love, and His ongoing forgiveness through Jesus.

After the Winter of life now, comes God's Spring. Oh, I know that not everyone here will agree me when I say this. After all, it seemingly flies in the face of stark reality: that when you are dead, you're dead. And, in fact, that's what many people in our society think.

But it's not what Jesus thought, or what he promised. Listen again to what Jesus says in the Bible reading that we are focusing on. Jesus says to his disciples and to us: "Don't be worried and upset. Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am (John 14:1-3).

Elsewhere in John's Gospel, Jesus further promises: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies *physically*, and whoever lives and believes in me will never ever die *spiritually*" (John 1:15-26).

These promises of Jesus, God's Son are promises that we can trust with every fibre of our being. God Himself has shown us that we can trust Jesus' promises, by empowering Jesus to do miracle after miracle: enabling the paralysed to walk, giving sight to the blind, healing lepers, stilling storms, and the list goes on and on...

Then, above all, God raised Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Sunday, on the third day after Jesus had been crucified for us on that first Good Friday. Witness after witness testify to having seen Jesus alive again. These are witnesses whom we can trust: they were witnesses who were prepared to give their life for what they knew first-hand to be true.

God's raising of Jesus from the dead is His gigantic stamp of approval on all that Jesus said and did. If God hadn't raised Jesus from the dead, then there would be a huge shadow over Jesus' claims to be God's Son and our Saviour, to say the least. But by raising Jesus from the dead, God shouted out to us that Jesus is "my son and your Saviour", and that we can trust his promises.

Indeed, God's raising of Jesus from the dead on that first Easter Sunday is a great pointer to what will happen in the future. If God raised Jesus from the dead, then certainly he can raise us from the dead. This is what is going to happen when Jesus comes again in glory at the Last Day (1 Cor. 15:20).

After Winter comes Spring...After the Winter of this life will come life with God for God's forgiven children in God's new Kingdom to come.

This is what Martin believed, and every Sunday, he confessed this in the words of the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed. He confessed: I believe in...the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting (Apostles' Creed).

As you grieve Martin's death, and as you live out your life, put your trust in God and in Jesus as your Saviour, and put your trust in Jesus' promises. Do what Jesus asks us to do in our Bible passage: "Believe ("trust") in God and believe ("trust") also in me".

And be assured that as you do so, Jesus promises you as he promises Martin: "There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am" (John 14:1-3).

After Winter comes Spring, we all know this to be true! And after the Winter of this life will come the Spring of life with God for all God's forgiven children in God's new Kingdom to come: where "there will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain". Everything will be made "new": it will be Spring in all its completeness!! (Rev. 21:1-4).

May the coming of Spring after Winter remind you and me that, even in the wintry times of our life now, the sunshine of God's love and His ongoing forgiveness still shines through. May the coming of Spring remind you and me that after the Winter of life now, comes God's Spring for the child of God.

Pastor Wayne







From the Chairperson ...

What sort of things put a spring in your step?

Klaus and I have been away for the last two months and it is great to be back. My deepest thanks are to Pastor Wayne, to Barb and Angeline for their work among us, to our many leaders in ministry and to all who worship and come to this place for spiritual refreshment and fellowship. Thank you for your blessings of time and service. After seeing so many different places, different churches and experiences it was a wonderful feeling to come back to our church home and family.

We came back to sadness as we farewelled our dear friend Martin Edwards on 26 August and our deep condolences are extended to Irene and her family at this time of grief, even while we know that he is in God's care and has the blessings of heaven.

But some of the things that have put a spring in our step on our return have been:

- The opening of the Foster Care Services offices on 28 August the reconfigured offices were blessed by a short dedication of the rooms and the staff by Pastor Wayne. Thank you to all who made that possible and for the ongoing partnership with Lutheran Community Care
- The wonderful colour, vibrancy and community of the Saturday market
- News of the Saturday English classes continuing to attract new students and blessings
- Hearing how the Quiz night and other events and ministries are going.
- The purchase of new fridges for the kitchen (thanks to Craft and the Volunteer grant).

The big news relates to the church redevelopment which is now imminent. The following steps have been taken in the last two months:

- The loan application with the LLL was lodged and the success of the application should be known during the first week in September
- The final documents and drawings by the architect have been prepared for final approval by Council
- Final approval from the Council is expected during the first week in September
- The Building Project Manager is ready to commence from mid-September, with the first works to be related to the sewer and the upgrade of the toilets.

We will be seeking to meet and consult with all the groups/ministries of our church to work through ways of accommodating the disruption to our usual use of the building. Please be patient as we work through the many issues and take note of new signs for access to the building.

Finally, a little story from when we were in Nuremberg that made us think of home. We were given the opportunity to visit St Augustine's church in Nuremberg and joined a gathering for a mid-week service which was, of course, in German. However, they did sing one song in English, and amazingly it could have been a theme song for our children's ministry!

My Lighthouse

In my wrestling and in my doubts In my failures You won't walk out Your great love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus: My lighthouse, my lighthouse Shining in the darkness I will follow you. My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise You will carry me safe to shore.

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings With each morning I'll rise and sing My God's love will lead me through You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Blessings to you all Helene Schulz, Chairperson



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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.



80 Years young!

Back in June Val celebrated her 80th birthday.

She spent time with family and friends in her old home town of Moculta

LCC office grand opening!

The new upstairs LCC office space was opened with a special ceremony on Sunday 28th August, celebrated by LCC staff and members of our congregation.





Glynde Quiz Night Success

On the 13th August, just on 100 people enjoyed a great night of trivia, fun and fellowship at our church Quiz Night. The night was superbly lead by our Quizmaster Tim Wells, chaplain at Marden Senior College. Those attending had a fun filled night due to the excellent organisation of Helene Brown, Anita Lymn and Tim Eckert.

Thanks must go to all those who helped on the night. Special thanks to all of our fantastic sponsors and donators of prizes or auction items, which made such a successful night possible. The main aim of the evening was to fundraise, and we are happy to report that we raised approximately \$2700 to put towards our redevelopment.

HUGE THANKS to the businesses and individuals (some anonymously) who generously donated goods and services to our quiz night and auction!















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Thank you to those from Glynde who are coming to our Coffee and Chat morning on Fridays. We know that this is a new outreach for us – but it is also a blessing for us at Glynde. Over the past couple of weeks, people from both services and also families from our Playgroup and Mainly Music sessions have had the opportunity to get to know each other.

Come and join us!

Barbara Mattiske

Get Involved @ Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
4	5	6
9am Worship HC	3	
	5pm Waratahs	9.30 Craft
10.30 Worship HC 12noon Community Lunch	7pm KYB	7pm Alpha Growth Group
12:30 Korean Worship		7pm Quilters
11	10	12
11	12	13
9am Worship	Magnolias	7pm Quilters
10.30 Worship	5pm Waratahs	7:30 Exec meeting
12.30 Korean Worship	7pm KYB	
18	19	20
9am Worship HC	5pm Waratahs	9.30 Craft
10.30 Worship HC	7pm KYB	7pm Alpha Growth Group
12:30 Korean Worship		7pm Quilters
25	26	27
9am Worship HC	5pm Waratahs	9.30 Craft
10.30 Church 4 Kids		
12.30 Korean Worship	7pm KYB	7pm Quilters

What's on in September?

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3
	7.30 Prayer Group	9.30 KYB	10am Girls Coffee morning
	9.45 Mainly Music	10am Coffee and Chat	10am English Class
	12noon Cards		
7	8	9	10
9.30 Playgroup	7.30 Prayer Group	9.30 KYB	10am English Class
7:30 BFM Meeting	9.45 Mainly Music	10am Coffee and Chat	
14	15	16	17
9.30 Playgroup	7:30 Prayer Group	9.30 KYB	10am English Class
Women's Fellowship	9.45 Mainly Music	10am Coffee and Chat	
	12noon Cards	7pm Thrive Youth	
21	22	23	24
9.30 Playgroup	7.30 Prayer Group	9.30 KYB	10am English Class
	9.45 Mainly Music	10am Coffee and Chat	10am-2pm Markets
28	29	30	
9.30 Playgroup	7.30 Prayer Group	9:30 KYB	
	9.45 Mainly Music	10am Coffee and	
	12noon Cards	Chat	

Glynde Craft Group

Over 26 years ago the Craft Group began with 3 classes and 15 ladies, operating from 9:30 to 11:30 Tuesday mornings, with Wednesday evenings beginning a few years later, as an outreach to the community. Over the years we have had contact with hundreds of ladies and a few men. They came for company and learning for a nominal cost. Laughter, friendships formed, chatter, sharing highs and lows of life. Over time we have also donated to charities with cash and made items (for example we are currently making quilts for Ronald McDonald House). The church complex has also benefitted with thousands of dollars of gifts (our most recent contribution is to the purchase of a new fridge in the kitchen). Sadly the Wednesday night, after 23 years has had their final night. Closing last term with sad farewells and tears.













Asked what the Craft Group means to them, some of the ladies replied...

In the sewing group we enjoy friendship and fellowship. We glean knowledge from each other about different techniques. Lots of laughter and chatting at a small cost! At present we are making quilts for Ronald McDonald House with materials from a member of our group and have made 6 quilts so far.

For Christine who is disabled, this class has been her main social contact for the past 10 years—Thankyou class mates!

Being part of this craft group since 2006 has meant looking forward to being with friends, learning new skills and getting out and about. Many times I have received comfort and strength from friends.

Spending the morning learning and sharing with lovely people, with a great instructor who has brilliant ideas.

A chance to enjoy other's expertise, thereby learning a new craft and gaining from the friendship of the other students.

I enjoy the company and friendship as I work on my seed bead knitting.

The company of craft ladies is very warm and caring and it means a lot to me.

I love coming to our craft group every Tuesday. We have a good laugh and make some lovely crafty things.

I come not really for the craft, but for the friendship of the ladies and one gentleman.

It is about learning new things—mixing with a great bunch of people in a friendly environment and having a chat and a laugh.

Craft has been a wonderful time of fellowship with ladies from all walks of life, a time of sharing troubles, sorrow and joy.

Craft for me is fulfilling a life dream of wanting to create something I can be proud of. Meeting new people who are like-minded is wonderful and encouraging.

Craft for me means learning a new skill, and enjoying fellowhship in a friendly relaxing atmosphere.

I look forward to craft every week. I have made some good friends and the fellowship is very important. It is great to spend time with like-minded people.



From our Cross Cultural Coordinator...

Spring cleaning?
How does that apply to our Cross Cultural Ministry?
To declutter?
To start afresh?

For Glynde and our Outreach into the community through English classes, Craft, Playgroup, Mainly Music and Coffee and Chat, do we see any spring cleaning? Do we declutter, do we throw things out to start afresh? Or have the people who come done that?

You only need to come along to one of these groups to witness it...

It seems we are all busy, and are caught up with the many important things in our lives, and sometimes these things feel as if they overtake everything we do.

But you know - when you talk to some of the people who come to our weekday groups, you realise that we should just throw out some of the things that we think are so important (declutter) and concentrate on the things that really matter. For some of our families, they have given up everything and everyone that they knew and loved. They have given up homes, schools, culture, money, and family and friends to live in our community of Glynde. They have kept only the things that matter, the love of their immediate family, their faith, and the hope for the future - especially the future for their children. They see the Spring in their lives with that hope, that small ray of sunshine that starts and spreads... and again, we can be a part of that sunshine spreading in their lives. We can share and witness to everyone that enters our doors each week, we can go back to basics and realise what is truly important for us, our faith, the love and grace we have from God - and share that... and stop getting caught up with all those extra things that actually- don't matter!

Decluttering, and letting go, and giving everything over to God can free us to be his disciples. Then we too, can be a part of that joyous Spring in other people's lives.

At Mainly Music, Playgroup, and English Classes there are people from so many different cultures. Hope is the feeling that you can almost "touch" at each of these groups. How wonderful it would be if we could add to that hope, with the love and grace of God.

So let's declutter our own lives, get back to basics, and share that with the person in the street, or shop, or at English class, or Mainly Music, Playgroup, Coffee and Chat or at worship on Sunday.

Here are some of the little rays of sunshine we see at these groups...

This week the owner (with her child) and her mum of the Asian supermarket across the road from the church came over to see what this Playgroup and Mainly Music is? Wow, just by observing our building and our signage and those entering was enough for someone to ask questions!

Another family, wants to bring their child up in a Christian environment, so is asking so many questions.

One mum is here from China with her child while her husband works back home – she has no family here at all and is lonely and wonders if she is doing things right??? By coming to Playgroup and Mainly Music she can talk to other mums and to Glynde people.

A mum moved to a different Mainly Music group but felt so lonely there as she missed the love and care from Glynde. As she said, Glynde made her feel welcome and a part of the community... and she now travels to come to Glynde.

Or as we have acknowledged before, the Korean Bakery, still provides us with morning tea every Friday, as they have heard of the work that happens here.

Every couple of months we send out a newsletter and last week we shared news of one of our Playgroup children having a broken leg. His family came along to say how grateful they were that Glynde were caring for their boy.

Or our Kenyan mums who have offered to help with "presenting" the sessions at Mainly Music

There are many more "rays of sunshine" that happen every week. I pray that they can turn into a glorious summer!

Come and join us and share these moments with not just Glynde, but the wider community...

Barbara Mattiske Cross Cultural Coordinator





I love it when spring comes and summer is on the way. It's a great time of year for many reasons. Generally spring time improves our mood because we see more sun and as the weather warms up, we tend to venture outside and explore our surrounds. There seems to be freshness in the air. It's the perfect time of year to start looking after yourself more and putting yourself on your to-do list. Spring cleaning is a key part of self-care. When we spring clean we make time to go through our cupboards, to clean behind the couch, to sort through all the to look after myself and value my life excess clothes and things hanging around the house. This in itself is a great self-care tip. When our life and home are cluttered, our mind and heart are cluttered also. Spring cleaning invites the idea of refreshment and that is part of what self-care is about.

Self-care is about valuing who you are and as you do that you will feel more rested and refreshed to share who you are with the world. My journey of learning to look after myself has changed my life. I spent many years in my late teens and early twenties where I put everyone else first. I didn't make time to clean out the cobwebs and let the fresh air rush over me. Self-Care is the key way to prevent mental, emotional and physical illness. I experienced burnout in my early twenties which forced me to learn how and who I am. I began to discover what living life to the fullest could look like. Jesus told me that He came to give me life in abundance. As I began to look after me, I began to experience life to the fullest. I am passionate about helping people learn how to look after themselves, instead of only looking after others in their life.

If you are wondering how to implement self-care into your life or want to make self-care part of your spring cleaning this season, I have listed a few self-care tips below to get you started:

- Take a bath a nice warm bath helps you to slow down and soothes your tired sore muscles.
- Mindfulness this is not so much about a spiritual experience, although you'll find you see God in this place. Mindfulness is about slowing down and using your senses to notice what's happening around you. What can you smell, taste, see, hear and feel?
- Spend time with someone you haven't in ages connection is not about social media; true connection is about being in the same place as another person. It is about conversing in real time. Re-connect with someone that is important to you but you haven't seen in a long time.
- Give someone a random call just to say Hi as your mind wanders, trust that the Holy Spirit is speaking. Who is He asking you to call?
- Have a yummy treat because for many the word 'diet' is a normal part of our vocabulary, fun and freedom needs to be there too. Spoil yourself to something you always say 'no' to.
- Spend time in nature there's something about feeling grass under your feet or watching a family of ducks swim in a lake. Stop. Take notice of what God has created around you.
- Sit in the sun and feel the sun on your face During the winter months there are many who have low vitamin D levels due to sun deprivation. Go outside in your lunch break and let the sun hit your skin.
- Celebrate something small you've done this week celebrating small
 achievements is vital to living the best life we can. We are constantly on the go
 and therefore we often take the small things for granted. Practise gratitude and
 be grateful for the small things.

Self-care is a lifelong journey, it will never be mastered and so it needs to be practised. The fact is that life is only going to get busier and busier. There will be more places to go, more social media feeds to scroll, more things to do and more people to see. Self-care is also a choice. You can choose to let people and things steal your time and health or you can choose to take back your life and put some good practices in place to care for you. You are worth it. You are loved. God wants you to live your life to the fullest. I'm not talking about ticking everything off your bucket list; I'm talking about getting real with yourself and with those around you. When was the last time you told someone you loved them, when was the last time you did something to honour who you are and what God has done in your life? Do it today. Make a choice to make the time.

At Journeez, we offer individual and group personal development for you to get to know yourself better and be the best you can be. If you would like to delve more into your world and see where self-care fits, please contact me or join our mailing list for the latest groups and events that we're running. Connect with us at:

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Take the Journey! You are worth it!

Anna



Sudanese Update...

It has been a few weeks since completing our Motors and Machines Appeal... We have raised A\$3,500 for sewing machines. Our own Nuer community is still fundraising among the wider Sudanese community in South Australia and Victoria, including a Saturday coming up soon.

Nyalam and Rebecca will be heading to Ethiopia in early December to purchase the sewing machines and help the village of Nyinenyoup set them up and begin this new venture. They may even be able to purchase a motor for the canoe!

They will be returning at the end of January and will be able to update us all with this wonderful new project.

So please keep the people of Gambella in your prayers, and we ask that you keep Rebecca and Nyalam and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their trip.

Barbara Mattiske



Worship Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Pentecost 16 Luke 15:11-24

4. 9.00 a.m. H.C. "Fully Rely On God"

10.30 a.m. H.C.

*"Thanks for Dads" (plus gift of FROGs to dads)

Pentecost 17 Luke 16:19-31

11. 9.00 a.m. "Two men, two destinies, and five brothers"

10.30 a.m.

School Ministries focus: East Torrens and East Marden

Pentecost 18 Luke 17:1-10

18. 9.00 a.m. H.C. "Pictures of the Christian life"

10.30 a.m. H.C.

Pentecost 19 Luke 17:11-19

25. 9.00 a.m. H.C. "Grace and gratitude"

10.30 a.m. **Church 4 Kids**

OCTOBER

Luke 18:1-8

Pentecost 20 "Pray continually, and don't lose heart"

2. 9.00 a.m. H.C.

10.30 a.m. H.C.

School holidays start

Pentecost 21 Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne

9. 9.00 a.m. Visiting Preacher: Pastor Richard Fox

10.30 a.m. Romans 10:9-17

Plus Testimony "Faith comes from hearing"

Plus Happy Land message for Children

Pentecost 22 Luke 18:9-14

16. 9.00 a.m. H.C. "The danger of pride"

10.30 a.m. H.C.

School resumes

Pentecost 23 Luke 18:18-30

23. 9.00 a.m. H.C. "Good people and eternal life"

10.30 a.m. H.C.

Reformation

Pentecost 24 Ephesians 2:1-10

30. 9.00 a.m. H.C. "We live in Grace-Land"

10.30 a.m. H.C.

1.00 p.m. **Vision 2017** (1-4 p.m.)





Quiz night fun and auction items







Baptismal birthday celebrations!

