

Glynde Lutheran Church

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Spring 2021



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# Fruit of the Kingdom

The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit (Matthew 21:43).

Read Matthew 21:33–46

My husband and I like wine. Sometimes we muse about owning a vineyard. How amazing it would be to raise the vines, tend the grapes, harvest, press and vat the new wine and wait as it matures, **tasting and checking development until it's time to begin blending** a new vintage. What a nerve-racking, exciting and creative process that would be! We visit wineries and chat with the winemakers, **hearing how they love and tend their vines. We've grieved when a favourite winery has gone out of business, and we wonder how the winemaker must feel, seeing their long-tended vines taken by others who may not care for them.**

**So, I appreciate the heart of the landowner in Jesus' parable, who plants his vineyard, equips it carefully, but then must leave it in the hands of tenants to care for it as he goes away. His vineyard remains in his heart, though, because he sends agents to collect the produce.**

But tragedy ensues. Two lots of messengers are attacked and **killed. Astonishingly, he doesn't have the tenants arrested. He extends grace. Crazy!** Eventually, he sends his own son, figuring the tenants will listen to him.

We know what happens. Those wretched, wicked tenants kill the **son, somehow thinking that they'll get the property. But now, the vineyard owner will come himself. What will the grief-stricken father/owner do? 'Kill those wretches!', we all shout.**

Jesus tells the parable to Israel's religious leaders, and they realise Jesus is casting them as 'those wretches'. They have the care of God's beloved vineyard, Israel, and what have they done? Rejected and killed his prophets because they wanted to control the people themselves. Jesus knows they have rejected and will kill him, the Son. And finally, judgement will come to them because God loves his vineyard, his people. His Son dies for them!

Where are you and I in this story? A beloved vine branch? A messenger sent by the Owner? A grasping tenant, wanting to 'own' and direct the vineyard of Jesus' church? Perhaps we've been each of these at different times in our lives.

Thank God he has brought us into his vineyard, the kingdom of his Son, in our baptism! Thank God his grace covers us, always! Now Jesus stands before us asking, 'How will you respond to me, the vine? Will you let me produce the fruit of the kingdom in your life today?' 2

- Pauline Simonsen

# From the editor...

Hi everyone,

The weather is warming up and I'm sure that all of the gardeners in our midst are relishing this warmth and taking their chances at planting some seeds. So many parables in the Bible seem to mention plants or seeds—the parable of the sower, the mustard seed, the vine and the branches. The process of carefully planting seeds and then caring for our plants was obviously a great analogy to how Jesus wants us to live our lives.

This spring edition is full of articles focussing on how we can all be planting seeds in our daily lives. Thank you to all of our contributors. Make **sure you read through our Treasurer's Report** (pg 18-19) and think about how your finances can be used to continue to grow our church family and ministries.

As we lead into Christmas may you remember the precious gift we were all given. Keep **planting seeds of God's love wherever you go!**

Fleur Kupke  
Editor

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# From Pastor Wayne...

\*Hi! Well I'm well and truly back 'in the swing of things' after having 4 weeks Rest and Recreation Leave in September. I came back feeling refreshed.

But now, well... ☺ No, I'm actually enjoying the routine of being back to work, and serving the Lord in any way that I can.

\*The theme for this edition of *@Glynde* is: "Growing Seeds". It is an appropriate theme that Fleur has chosen for this Spring edition...

Many of us are out in our gardens now planting seeds. I know I am. I'm planting tomatoes, Lebanese cucumbers, beans, chilies, capsicums, and so on...

\*I'm also planting seeds of another description, the sort of seed that Jesus referred to in his Parable of the Sower: God's "Word": His message of the love and the forgiveness of God. I have many

unique opportunities as a Pastor to do this: in worship, during the week, in Nursing Homes, in visits to people, and so on. That's true, but it is also true that *you* have many unique opportunities...

God has placed *you* in particular situations: in your family; among your children and grandchildren; among your nieces and nephews; among your relatives; among your friends; at work; at play; here at church among those who worship here and those who go to Lighthouse Kids, and those who attend mid-week ministries; and many more.

God gives you and me many opportunities to sow His seed in the many situations that are part of our lives ☺

\*Will we see results? Yes, as Jesus puts it in the explanation of his Parable of the Sower, some of the seed will fall in "good

soil” and produce fruit, “some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred” (Mark 4:13-20). True, other of the seed we sow will not bear fruit, due to it falling on “hard soil” or on “rocky soil” or “among thorns”... BUT some will bear fruit ☺

\*May God bless you and me as we go on doing what He wants us to do, *in our personal lives and here in our ministry at Glynde Lutheran church: planting seeds in the lives of others by our actions and our words.*

\*And can I finish this “From the Pastor” with my usual prayer, *a prayer that flows from our Mission Statement, and our Inreach and Outreach goals:*

“May God bless you, and us as a community of faith here at Glynde, as we encourage one another and build one another up in our faith, and as we continue to reach out in any way that we can with the life-transforming good news - no, the *great news* - **of God’s love, and His forgiveness through Jesus**”.

God bless,  
Pastor Wayne ☺

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# From our Chairperson...

Keep planting those seeds...

It's that time of the year when a lot of us are planting seeds out in the garden. It's amazing to watch that seed grow into a plant and bear fruit. It's hard to believe sometimes, but inside a tiny little apple seed is a tree filled with apples. Amazing to think about, isn't it? One small seed. The power to produce a crop, to grow into a beautiful tree — producing endless amounts of delicious fruit — is in a tiny seed. It's really quite mysterious and miraculous! All because God is at work. Small things of God can become great things.

We live in a world that values BIG. Big actions. Major impacts. Giant works. It is easy to get caught up thinking only "big things" matter, and we end up thinking our efforts are small and seem insignificant.

Do you ever feel like your efforts, your actions, your kindness, your words, don't really matter? That they aren't massive enough, far-reaching, or grand enough? I want to remind you that they do matter. They matter because God is at work even when we cannot see it. He is at work in us and through us. We may never be famous or make headlines, but the seeds He plants in us and through us are our opportunity to live for Him. Don't discount your contribution because it doesn't seem like enough. Scatter those seeds.

You are doing needful work. God can do extraordinary things through us. Words of encouragement, an offered prayer, a word of hope, a small act of kindness. Seeds. They are all seeds. Every small act plants one small seed.

Imagine what the world would miss out on if all those tiny seeds were thought of as not big enough? We never know how He will grow a seed. And in His time, they will grow. We may or may not even see them. But that is how it works. . . in His way and in His time. We can be at peace knowing we faithfully did our part and now His miraculous work is to come.

**"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." {Galatians 6:9}**

What a thought . . . our words, our efforts, our work, play out way beyond the moment. They can have far reaching effects that we will never know.

I want to encourage you today to be faithful in small things. Keep planting those seeds. Trust that He will use you for His purpose.

It's great to see seeds continually being planted here in our Glynde community. I love watching people serving our Lord with their gifts, talents,

and their selfless contribution to the life and ministry of this congregation. I thank all of you for all that you do and encourage everyone to consider other ways to serve as we head into a new year. We have our half-yearly meeting coming up on the 28<sup>th</sup> November, **and it's vital for the future of our congregation for members to commit to attending this, and please prayerfully consider ways in which you can serve in 2022.** Of much importance is the need to find someone to take on the Secretarial position from Lyall Kupke, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service.

**I would like to bring to your attention Ben's article on the shortfall in the budget. If you can, please do prayerfully consider your contributions to the ministry of our congregation. The newly acquired credit card facility does make this convenient if you don't have any cash on hand on a Sunday. Please see me or Ben, or a staff member to help you with this.**

We are greatly blessed in the last couple of months to have representatives from the Korean & Chinese churches join us at Board for Ministry meetings. This has been a concerted approach to increase communication between all of us, involve everyone in the life of the community here at Glynde, and to interact together as much as possible. It has been so encouraging to hear stories from these faith communities. It would be great to share some of these regularly with you all.

Last month we had our phone & internet changed over to the NBN and separated from the Lutheran Care's upstairs account and phone system. **We have also purchased a badly needed new laptop for the office, which Angeline is very happy with!**

Thanks to Helene Brown who has been attending the Campbelltown region Schools Ministry Group meetings as our representative after a bit of a hiatus of us having someone there. If anyone else has an **interest in this group working in our local schools please talk to Helene or myself. I'm looking forward to hearing how this important ministry is working in our local area and hope to have some promotion on this soon.**

The Chinese church worshipping here at Glynde recently met with LCA SA/NT Bishop David Altus and Assistant Bishop Stephen Schultz to discuss the background, history, and teachings of the Lutheran church, as a stepping-stone to discussing options for formally joining the Lutheran Church.

The LCA SA/NT District held their annual Church CHAT day here at Glynde on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. This brings church chairpersons, treasurers, and other interested people together to go through different aspects of governance in the church. Attendees enjoyed the coffees supplied by us and the district were very thankful for that and our hosting, donating \$400 for the use.

Thanks to Dot Turner and Paul Schubert for setting up the new Creative Prayer Corner near the back entrance by the stairwell. The current topic is Thanksgiving. Everyone is invited to view & participate. We bring glory to God by working industriously, demonstrating what He is like, and serving others by cooperating with God to meet their needs. In serving others, we serve God. And that's why our work matters to God.

Speaking of bringing glory to God through their work, we thank and praise God for the blessing that Barb Mattiske has been to this congregation and our community. Thank you, Barb, for everything that you have done voluntarily and as a paid worker, using your God-given gifts to serve others and Him. **We wish you well in your fully deserved retirement. Good luck and God's blessings to you & Grant as you move on in the next stage of your lives.**

Adapted from [www.probe.org/your-work-matters-to-god](http://www.probe.org/your-work-matters-to-god)

Tim Eckert  
Chairperson



# From our Cross-Cultural Coordinator...

The seed is more than just a food source that can be made into flour. In fact, it seems to me that the **seed is God's very creative way of making Himself known and a metaphor to describe our lives from the inside out.** God planted his seed in us from the beginning, we were made in the image of God and God continues to grow His seed in our baptism, when through the Holy Spirit workings, we are called **the 'children of God' (Galatians 3 v26-27).** What has been given in our DNA as children of God? The knowledge of Jesus being here, amongst us, to be our friend and Saviour. In that knowledge is the **gentle call to see life through Jesus' eyes. This is a calling to be creative, to be loving and to be forgiving.**

In the parable told by Jesus in Luke 8:4-11; the seed is the word of God. Here we are drawn to reflect on what this means. When God speaks, nothing returns to Him void Isaiah 55 v11 *so shall my word that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty but it shall*



*accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it..* Our worship life as a multicultural community is a blessing from God. The service on 17<sup>th</sup> October was a celebration of all that God provides for us and how in the body of Christ we can experience in praise and thanksgiving all that God does for us. Having the eucharist and sharing a meal was a visible means of expressing that unity.

As I reflect on mid-week ministries it has become evident that one of the great blessings for the co-ordinators is the willingness of volunteers to be supportive and encouraging. It is wonderful to see that this Ministry provides us with a way to live out our faith during the week. I feel that these photos glimpse how 'we' feel about 'planting seeds'

## Grace over Lunch



## Playgroup



## mainly music



## Saturday English:



In the last few months we have seen further visible signs of the seeds in us growing. We now have representation of the Korean congregation and Mandarin Chinese congregation on the Board for Ministry. And God has led the Mandarin Chinese to move towards affiliation in the LCA. Praise God! I would like to conclude this report with the prayer written from our recent multicultural service: *Dear Lord, As we pray together, we strongly believe that You call us to a new way of living. We believe that You call us from many different cultures to build church together: In which the uniqueness of each culture is not lost: In which we can share and learn from each other: In which we can establish a strong bond with a common faith: In which we can serve people of no faith and other faiths with the love of Jesus. Thank you, God. We feel honoured and blessed in your presence. May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community, go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, within our everyday lives. Amen.*



# From our Cross-Cultural Coordinator...

I love spring. My heart delights when I see all the plants shooting back after wet, cloudy winter days. Streets dress up with yellow, pink and purple flowers. I love spending some time in my backyard with my family and friends. My children plant some seeds or seedlings. (Sometimes I **don't even know what they have planted...**) It is so exciting to see those seeds start to germinate. (Then I know **what they have planted...**) **We make sure** they are all nicely watered and have good sunshine. When they blossom or bear fruits/vegetables, we appreciate them so **much because they are "ours"**. It is funny but somehow, we develop attachment to them over the period.

In 1 Corinthians 3:6, Paul says  
*I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plant, but it was God who made the plant grow.*

During the multicultural service held on 17<sup>th</sup> October, we witnessed many adults and children worshipping God together in one spirit. It was beyond description. It was a foretaste of heaven. Seeing those **people lining up for the Lord's** communion encouraged our souls. It reminded us that in His Kingdom, there are no Jews nor Gentiles, nor male or female.

We were planted somewhere sometime and nurtured by other Christians and His spirit through reading the bible, praying to God, and fellowship with other Christians. I am sure God was so excited to see us grow in faith. He is the one who cannot wait to see us get stronger day by day in faith.

For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God's gift,

so that no one can boast about it. Ephesians 2:8-9

As Term 4 started, we are back to our mid-week ministry. On Wednesday, we have Playgroup and Grace over Lunch, Thursday mainly music and Friday Exercise class, coffee and chat and Bible Study. At Bible Study on Friday 11:30-12:40, we started our new book called "Grace is greater". It started off with a learning of Ephesians 2 that simply made us realize how dead we were and doomed to deserve God's wrath before we were saved. But because of God's abundant love for us, we were saved through faith. One participant described grace as "undeserved forgiveness". How often do we get blind of the depth of this forgiveness? How often do we get blind that we do not deserve this? It can only be given through Jesus Christ who says, "I am the way, I am the truth, I am the life". Not by might, not by power, not by meeting up this world's standard. Through those, we eventually end up with despair of our selves anyway. Praise the Lord who was, is and will be the one who grows our faith. And let's plant seeds together as sowers with so much excitement because when we plant seeds, God will grow them. And one day, as described in Revelation, we will be the one in the crowd from every race, tribe, nation, and language, shouting "Salvation comes from our God, who sits on the throne, and from the Lamb!"

Rika Udagawa  
Cross-Cultural Coordinator

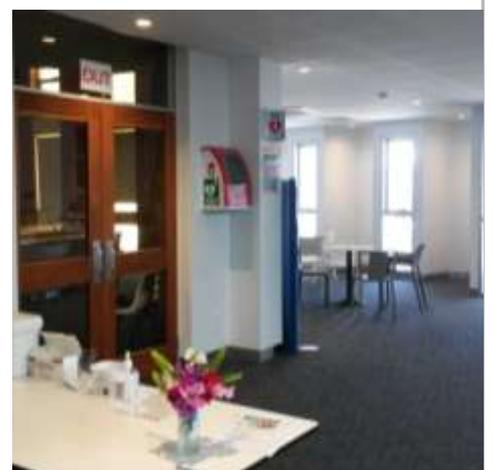
### **What's that box with AED on it?**

In the past 18 months, have you noticed a box in the church foyer, next to the glass double doors? It's been silently hanging there for all that time, just in case it's ever needed.

AED means Automated External Defibrillator, which was bought with Lutheran Community Care sharing the cost with our congregation. A defibrillator is a portable machine which sends an electric current through a heart that is not beating effectively. So it would be very useful if someone on the premises suffered a cardiac arrest.

Depending on the heart's rhythm, the shock may be enough to return the heartbeat to a normal rhythm and potentially save a life.

The defibrillator in the foyer is easy to use by any person, and requires minimal training.



# Get involved @Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	1 7pm KYB	2 9:30 Craft 11am Pastor's study group
7 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship Picnic at the Gums 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	8 7pm KYB	9 9:30 Craft 11am Pastor's study group 7:30 Exec meeting
14 9am Worship 10:30 Church4Kids 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Nuer 4pm Chinese Worship	15 7pm KYB	16 9:30 Craft 11am Pastor's study group 7pm Blokes' wine and cheese
21 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC Christmas Eve Practice 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	22	23 9:30 Craft 11am Pastor's study group
28 9am Worship 10:30 Church4Kids 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Nuer 4pm Chinese Worship	29	30 9:30 Craft 11am Pastor's study group

# What's on in November...

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Playgroup</p> <p>11:15 Grace Over Lunch</p> <p>7:30pm Board for Ministry meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p> <p>9:45 mainly music</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Friday Learning</p> <p>9:30 English Class</p> <p>9:30 KYB</p> <p>10:30 Coffee and Chat</p> <p>11:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am English Class</p>
	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Playgroup</p> <p><b>9:30 Womens' Fellowship</b></p> <p>11:15 Grace Over Lunch</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p> <p>9:45 mainly music</p> <p>12noon Cards</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 Friday Learning</p> <p>9:30 English Class</p> <p>9:30 KYB</p> <p>10:30 Coffee and Chat</p> <p>11:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am English Class</p>
	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 Playgroup</p> <p>11:15 Grace Over Lunch</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p> <p>9:45 mainly music</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 Friday Learning</p> <p>9:30 English Class</p> <p>9:30 KYB</p> <p>10:30 Coffee and Chat</p> <p>11:30 Bible Study</p> <p>6pm Jnr Youth Pizza</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am English Class</p>
	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 Playgroup</p> <p>11:15 Grace Over Lunch</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p> <p>9:45 mainly music</p> <p>12noon Cards</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:30 Friday Learning</p> <p>9:30 English Class</p> <p>10:30 Coffee and Chat</p> <p>11:30 Bible Study group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am English Class</p> <p>10am-2pm Markets</p>

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26 9am Worship 10:30 Church4Kids 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Nuer 4pm Chinese Worship	27 7pm KYB	28	SCHOOL

# What's on in December...

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>9:30 Playgroup</p> <p>11:15 Grace Over Lunch</p> <p>7:30pm Board for Ministry meeting</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p> <p>9:45 mainly music</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Friday Learning</p> <p>9:30 English Class</p> <p>10:30 Coffee and Chat</p> <p>11:30 Bible Study group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am English Class</p>
	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Playgroup</p> <p>11:15 Grace Over Lunch</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p> <p>9:45 mainly music</p> <p>12noon Cards</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 Friday Learning</p> <p>9:30 English Class</p> <p>10:30 Coffee and Chat</p> <p>11:30 Bible Study group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am English Class</p>
	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am Prayer Group</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
HOLIDAYS				
	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i></p> <p>7pm Christmas Eve in the Stable</p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i></p> <p>9am Christmas Day Worship HC</p>
HOLIDAYS				
	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <b><i>New Year's Eve</i></b></p>	
HOLIDAYS				

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9 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Nuer 4pm Chinese Worship	10	11
	SCHOOL	
16 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	17	18
	SCHOOL	
23 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	24	25
	SCHOOL	

# What's on in January..

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Years Day</i>
	5	6	7	8
HOLIDAYS				
	12	13	14	15
HOLIDAYS				
	19	20	21	22
HOLIDAYS				
	26	27	28	29
HOLIDAYS				

# Treasurer's Report

## Treasurer's Report for the Year to 30 September 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Collections	\$113,743	\$125,068	(\$11,325)
Building Fund Collection	\$24,451	\$34,416	(\$9,965)
Fundraising	\$1,606	\$9,855	(\$8,249)

Fundraising Outcome for  
the month

Car Parking \$140

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

As you can see from the above Treasurer's report income for the year from all methods that can be affected by the congregation are well below the budgeted amounts. Some of this has been affected by Covid-19 restrictions. There has been a marked decrease in worshipers on a Sunday of late - Mask Mandates, holidays and other reasons have kept people away. Giving via the offering plate via envelopes and loose is well down on what was budgeted. This has been partially offset by increased REG giving, which is actually tracking above what we had budgeted for. Please do continue to assess your giving towards the church and its ministries. So much occurs here during the week and on the weekend which cannot all continue without your ongoing generosity.

Giving towards the Building fund has also decreased well below the level of the pledges which were made at the time of planning the extensions. Those pledges were relied upon to be able to make the payments required on the loan. Please do honour your pledges towards the building fund so we can continue to make the required loan repayments.

Fundraising has been largely curtailed due to covid-19 restrictions. There is a new Wine Sale that Tim has again organised so please do have a look at those and take the opportunity to get yourselves some wine and support the church while you are at it. We may also be looking to fit in some more fundraising prior to the end of the year.

A new way to give to the church is becoming available via the credit card facilities that we have recently acquired. We have a wireless terminal that is available to take payments via credit card. This is able to be used in all sorts of situations including mid-week for payments for mainly music, markets, fundraising and going forward for giving on a Sunday. **We know that many people these days don't carry around a lot of cash so this is a convenient way to make a payment when you haven't planned in advance.** Our preferred method of receiving offerings is still REG or direct transfer as this does not cost us anything but should you wish to make a purchase or donation the facility will be available. We are still working out exactly how that will look on a weekly basis. We anticipate using it for a retiring offering for the Synod Appeal which is going towards supporting the church in Papua New Guinea this month. If you wish to make a donation using your credit card please do search me out and I will try to facilitate it for you.

Please do prayerfully consider your giving as there are many great things happening around the church we want to continue. If you can afford to, please consider giving an additional amount to help the current deficit. **With planning for next year's budget** currently occurring it is important that we have a reasonable idea of our capacity to support expenses and obligations for the coming year.

Ben Pfitzner  
Treasurer



**The sun represents GOD the Father, who brings light and life to the world.**



**JESUS - The son of GOD who conquered sin and death is now alive and is represented by a living tree instead of the dead wood of the cross.**



**THE HOLY SPIRIT- like water - draws people up to be part of the living tree. (the word made flesh)**



**People - like NUTRIENTS in the SOIL are locked into sin, unable to free themselves.**

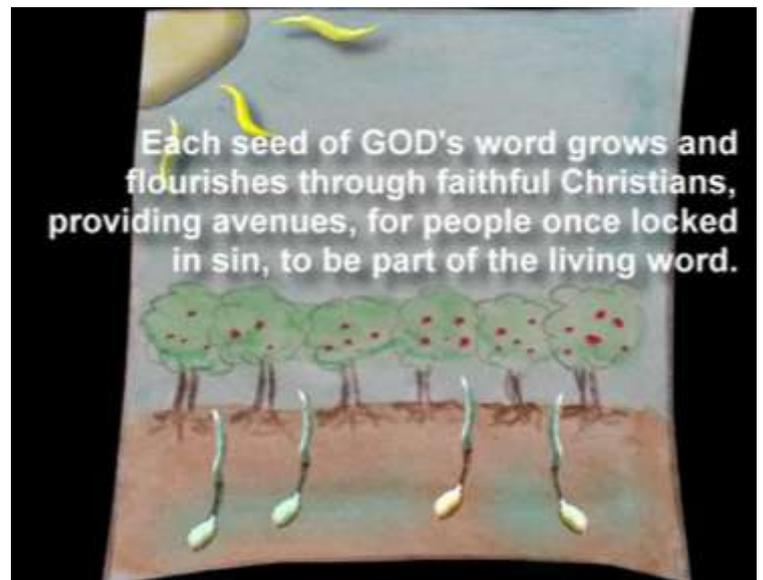
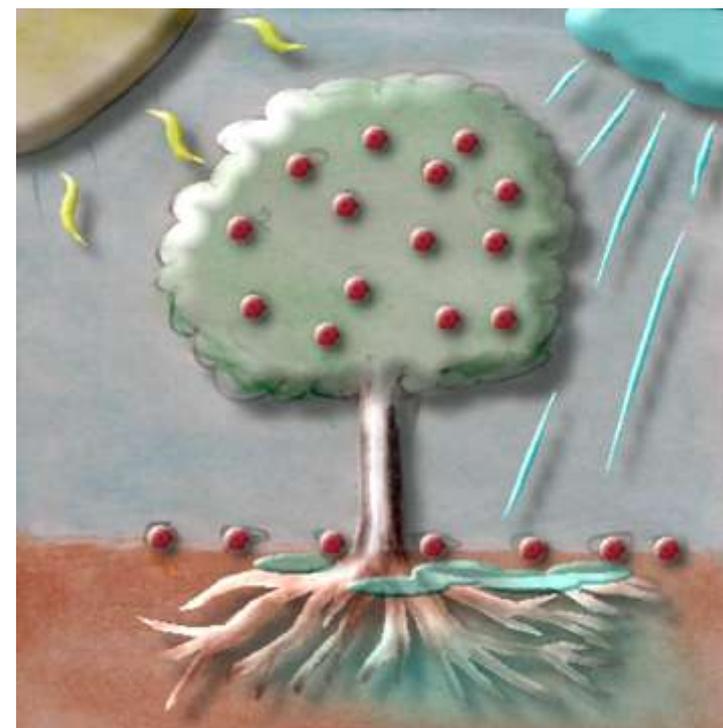
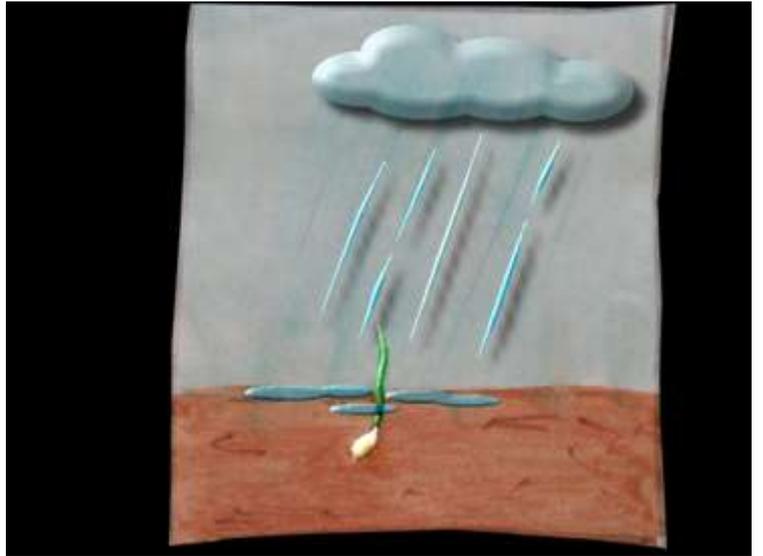
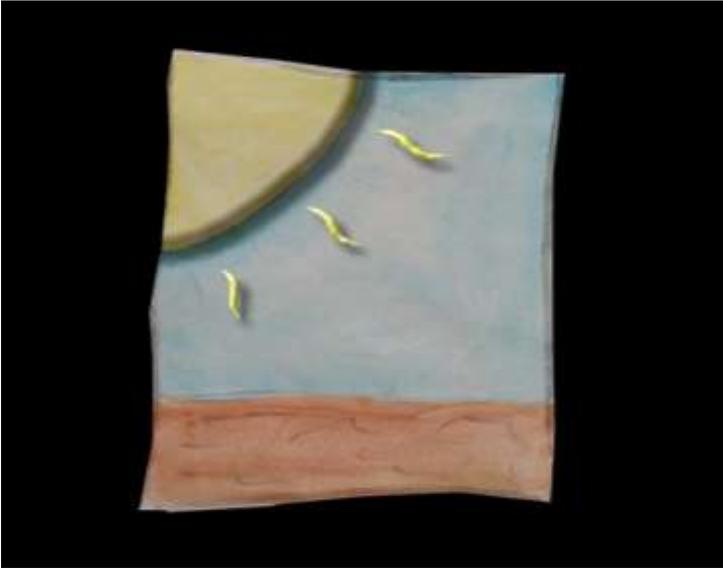


**The HOLY SPIRIT however draws up those who trust in GOD to be part of the living word. In doing so GOD works with them producing the Fruits of the Spirit which in turn help others.**

**The Fruits of the Spirit are; Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control.**

This description relates to artwork created by Paul Schubert displayed on the following page (p. 20)

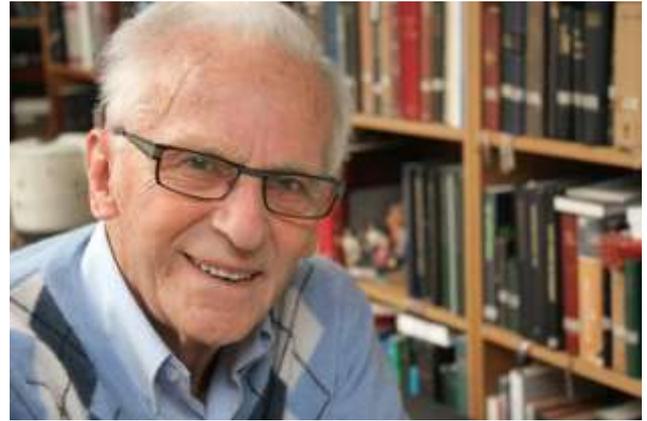
# Planting Seeds



Explanation for these images found on the previous page (p. 19)

# Prayer for the persecuted church

Back in the 1950s a Dutch man, Brother Andrew, founded *Open Doors*. He was known for his brave smuggling of Bibles to eastern Europe where **Christians were discriminated against. He's still alive, aged 93.** His story became the book *God's Smuggler*. *Open Doors* keeps up to date with the most dangerous places for Christians to live, and publishes the World Watch List every year. Guess **what's top of the danger list? North Korea.** Then the Islamic countries Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, Nigeria, **followed by a mostly Hindu country: India.** There's a local Australian branch of *Open Doors*, led by Mike Gore in Sydney, and an excellent website with dozens of interviews and recent personal stories of persecuted Christians. [www.opendoors.org.au](http://www.opendoors.org.au)



*Voice of the Martyrs* was started in the 1960s by Richard Wurmbbrand, a Romanian pastor. After suffering torture and imprisonment for many years from the communist government in Romania, he was finally released. He spent the rest of his life in western countries with his wife Sabina (pictured), speaking up for persecuted Christians. His most famous book is *Tortured for Christ*. **There's an Australian branch of *Voice of the Martyrs*, based in Sydney, with a newsletter and weekly podcasts, and opportunities to write to prisoners, held because they are Christians.** [www.vom.com.au](http://www.vom.com.au)

*Barnabas Fund* is based in Coventry in England, and began in the 1990s. They specifically raise funds to send to local churches in areas where Christians are persecuted, so that the local churches can help those who are in most need. The Australian branch of Barnabas Fund is based in Brisbane. [www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org)

Not everyone is called to be a literal martyr because we follow Jesus Christ. But we *are* called to do good to all, 'and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith.' Sunday November 7 is the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. How about spending some time being educated from one of the above websites? And of course, spend some time in prayer to stand alongside those who share our Christian faith, but not our freedom.

# Worship Calendar

## NOVEMBER

7. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 24 Mark 1:40-44  
10.30 a.m. "The touch of God"  
**Picnic service at**  
*"The Gums" followed*  
*by lunch and games:*  
*a Multicultural event*
14. 9.00 a.m. Pentecost 25 1 Peter 4:19  
10.30 a.m. "Trust and obey"
21. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Pentecost 26 1 Corinthians 15:3-58  
10.30 a.m. H.C. "What will happen after death?"  
*Leader: Janette Lange*
28. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Advent 1 Mark 1:1 *Christmas according to*  
10.30 a.m. H.C. "Should Christmas be *the Gospel writers: Mark (1)*  
1.00 p.m. *banned?"*  
*Half-Yearly Meeting*

## DECEMBER

5. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Advent 2 **Confirmation** *Christmas according to*  
10.30 a.m. H.C. John 1:1-18, 29 *the Gospel writers: John (2)*  
12.00 noon *Leader:* "The *Who* and *Why*  
*Community Lunch* of Christmas"  
*\*Baptismal Anniversaries (Oct-Dec)*
12. 9.00 a.m. Advent 3 Luke 2:1-20 *Christmas according to the*  
10.30 a.m. **Church 4 Kids** "The intimate details *Gospel writers: Luke (3)*  
of Christmas"
- \*School holidays start
- Readings and Carols**
19. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Advent 4 Matthew 1:18-25 *Christmas according to the*  
10.30 a.m. (Combined) "God's plan in action" *Gospel writers: Matthew (4)*  
11.00 a.m. Brief Worship  
**Christmas Eve practice**
24. (Friday) **Christmas Eve in the stable**  
7.00 p.m.
25. (Saturday) **Christmas Day**  
9.00 a.m. H.C. (Combined Luke 2:1-20  
Worship) "X marks the Spot"
26. 9.00 a.m. H.C. Christmas 1 Colossians 3:12-17  
10.30 a.m. H.C. *Leader:* "Christmas changes everything!!"

# JANUARY

2.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Christmas 2 <i>Leader:</i> <i>*No Community Lunch</i>	Matthew 25:31-46 "The story of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wise Man"	
9.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Epiphany 1	<i>Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne</i> <i>Preacher: Wayne Kerber</i>	
16.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 2 <i>Leader:</i>	<i>Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne</i> <i>Preacher: David Christian</i>	
23.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 3	Luke 9:57-62 "Am I a Christian?"	<i>Parables of Jesus in</i> <i>Luke's Gospel: the Fox, the</i> <i>Funeral, the Farewell, and</i> <i>the Furrow</i>
30.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 1.00 p.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 4 <b>Vision 2022 (1-3 p.m.) plus wine, cheese</b>	Luke 10:25-37 "Can I know God's will for my life?"	<i>Parables of Jesus in</i> <i>Luke's Gospel: the Good</i> <i>Samaritan</i>

*\*School resumes on 31/1*

## Our Thanksgiving Prayer Board

During October, many people have contributed prayers of thanks to our Lord by writing their personal thanks on cut-out hands. A big shoutout goes to the children who led the way. It is great to see the hands being used. Let us continue to thank God in every way that we can.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

1 Chronicles 29:13





*Welcome to God's family  
Thomas!*

Vincent and Emily  
brought Thomas to be  
baptised in October,  
supported by many  
family and friends  
attending the service.

