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Using our Spiritual Imaginations

Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children (Deuteronomy 4:10). Read Deuteronomy 4:5–13

Do you know any adults who collect Lego? The shelves in my home office have two Lego castles, one pirate ship, one four-wheel drive and caravan rig, and a large 'baby' Yoda figurine. I'm still fascinated by Lego. Love building it! But I don't play the endless hours of 'make believe' I used to. Whole school holidays were once given over to various Lego adventures. It's kind of sad now. I suspect my imagination, more than growing up, has just gotten a bit boring. Perhaps that's what growing up is!

God wants us to have and gives us spiritual imagination. I don't mean 'make-believe'. I mean thinking more akin to the Jewish way of remembrance. To remember as a Jew is akin to going to that earlier time and place. Experiencing it with the rest of the nation as if you were there. Like in today's reading, where Moses in his farewell speech to the nation is told by God to tell the people, 'Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb ... You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. Then the Lord spoke to you out of the fire' (Deuteronomy 4:10–12). For an Israelite to remember was to be able to stand with the nation, see the fire behind the darkness on top of Mt Sinai and hear the Lord give his commands ... not least that beautiful gospel beginning, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, the land of slavery' (Exodus 20:2).

This healthy spiritual imagination feeds faith. Elsewhere in today's reading, God promises that Israel's observance of the Lord's command will get the neighbouring nations' attention. 'What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him?' (Deuteronomy 4:7).

When we go to the Lord's Supper because Jesus said, 'Do this in remembrance of me', is it any less than being with him in the upper room the night before he died? Seeing him holding the bread and the cup and telling us, 'This is my body ... this is my blood'. We have no doubt our God is near us, bringing that blessing into the here and now. Answering prayer. Delivering us from slavery (to sin), just as he did the first Passover – of which the Lord's Supper, on that Passover night before he died, was another remembrance.

Faith is a gift from God (John 6:29). Nurture your faith in his word. For remember how much receiving the kingdom of God like a little child meant to Jesus (Luke 10:16)?

Holy Spirit, Jesus tells us that you will take what is his and make it known to us. Keep feeding our faith, and don't let our spiritual imaginations grow cold that we can no longer receive your kingdom like a little child. In Jesus' name. Amen.

- Pastor Matthew Bishop

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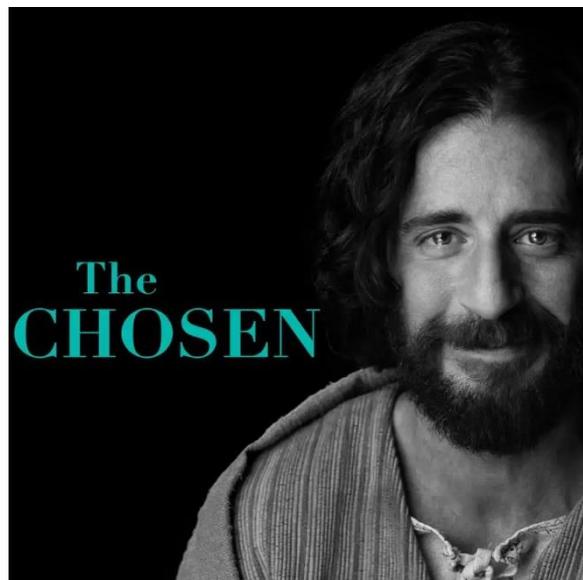
My husband Tim and I have been watching *The Chosen* series together recently. We have really enjoyed the series, watching Jesus' interactions with his disciples and others that he ministered to. Seeing the bible verses that we have heard many times over brought to life has given new insight into those stories. The well loved bible verses seem to have more context, more importance and now feel more memorable.

While watching one of the episodes it struck me that Jesus very rarely gave out commands. Rather he told many stories or spoke with people and asked them questions to make them think for themselves. Given that any sort of command from Jesus was extremely rare, when he did give a command, it must be very important for us to listen! This year in our editions of the *@Glynde* we will look at four of the things Jesus directly called us to do. This first edition focusses on Him calling us to 'approach like a child' (Matthew 18:3) and what that could mean for us in 2022.

This year will again see four editions of the *@Glynde*, with some new formatting! I hope you enjoy reading through this Summer edition whether in paper or online. We have articles from our regular contributors as well as some interesting parallels between gingerbread, aprons, craft and faith! Don't miss the photos from our Christmas Eve service on pages 20 and 21.

God Bless,

Fleur Kupke



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From Pastor Wayne...

Hi! It's been good having a break away from the responsibilities of life and *being a pastor...* Jenine and I had two weeks together relaxing around home and not going away anywhere, *because of COVID*. Now I'm back to serve our Lord Jesus together 😊. By the way, this is my last year with you as your Pastor: rather sadly I intend to retire at the end of the year...

One of the great pleasures in ministering with you in God's family here at Glynde has been the number of children running around the place and playing here and there. It's great to see so many children come up to our Children's Time, and then *literally run* up to Lighthouse Kids. What a joy it is to be part of God's family here, with so many children!

The theme of this @Glynde is one suggested by our editor, Fleur Kupke: that of "being like little children". Jesus says that "unless you change and become like little children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven" and that "the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven is one **who humbles himself and becomes like this child**", referring to a child standing in front of him (Matt. 18:1-5).

What is it about children that Jesus loves and values?

*Their **humility**, their dependence on others -

God wants us to be like little children: being totally dependent of God as our dear, loving Father, and on Jesus as our Saviour (Matt. 6:25-34; Luke 18:9-14).

*Their **trust** in the goodness of those caring for them -

The relationship of children to their parents provides a model for us on what trusting God and trusting Jesus are all about (John 14:1).

*Their **desire to learn and to grow** - **Children are constantly wanting to learn more about this world, and to grow up. Likewise, God wants us to be disciples of Jesus, people who are "learners" from Jesus, and to be people who grow to adulthood as His children** (Matt. 28:16-20; 1 Peter 2:2, 21).

Yes, it is good reflecting on why Jesus values "little children". By the way,

I love the picture of Jesus taking the little children in his arms and blessing them (*Mark 10:13-16*). It says a lot to me about the One who we follow and put our trust in.

Well, welcome back to our life together here at Glynde as we seek to serve our Lord Jesus here as "God's children" even in these COVID times...

Have a glance at the Worship Calendar for the next 3 months, plus glance at the "What's on" section of this @Glynde. There is much coming up. Highlights for me in the coming months include:

- ***VISION 2022 objectives** with new ideas and new areas of focus
- ***Our continuing mid-week ministries**, and our Cross-cultural outreach
- ***A mid-week informal Holy Communion time** on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m., *followed by a light lunch.*
- ***A planned Alpha Zoom series** during Lent
- ***Our ministry to the young** on Sundays, in church and in Lighthouse Kids
- ***Our ministry to all ages through worship, small groups, and bible studies.**

***Well, there is much in our world that is bleak and threatening, but let God surprise you again and again with joy:**

As He reminds you of who you are, *His loved, forgiven child*

As He reminds you of all that He has given you, *and*

As He reminds you of all that He has in store for you.

***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.**

Pastor Wayne ☺





From our Chairperson...

A kid's faith

One of the best things we can do to help grow our kids' faith & relationship with God is to encourage attendance at a church camp. I love how we at Glynde are enthusiastic about this and make it a priority to promote camps and help subsidise the costs.

Did you participate in a church camp as a child? Maybe it was just your own congregation's family or youth camp. Or a state-wide camp such as LYSA convention, or Christian Life Weeks? Maybe it was even in the day of Vacation Bible Schools? (I can just remember that!)

I'm guessing that if you did, it was memorable. There is something about these experiences that makes an impression. Personally, youth camps defined me as a person through my teens and twenties. They gave me a sense of belonging, a sense of purpose, a personal relationship with Jesus, and has led me to where I am today.

An article about the impact of church camps put it this way: *"Campers ... are immersed in a faith-forming environment in which the songs, games, and activities become part of a theological playground. They do not just study God or take in information about God, as they might be asked to do in confirmation class or listening to a sermon in church. Instead, they experience a life that is caught up with and dependent on God's ongoing activity in the world."* (Episcopal Teacher, 2017)

Life that is caught up with and dependent on God's ongoing activity in the world. That's a pretty good definition of Christian discipleship, actually. Faith isn't just taking in information or agreeing to a set of belief statements. Discipleship isn't some kind of self-improvement journey to get better behaved. It's an everyday awareness that there is a connection between "blessed are the peacemakers" and being the first person to apologise. Between "love your neighbour" and making sure everyone is included.

Between “you shall not bear false witness” and speaking well of people, even the ones you don’t like much. Between “I am with you always” and God being present in even the very worst moments of our lives.

Kids have a knack for doing this. They don’t compartmentalise their lives like adults, who make clear lines between church, work, home, and play. Kids see the connections between their faith and, well, everything else. They see “God’s ongoing activity in the world” at all times and in all places. Maybe that’s what Jesus was really getting at with his disciples when he told them they needed to be like a little child to enter the kingdom of heaven, and when he taught them to pray “your kingdom come on earth as in heaven.”

God’s kingdom isn’t far-off, saved for an afterlife of paradise, but here and now, if we have eyes to see it. When we become like kids and see that God is active in every part of our lives, we realise that we’re already living in the kingdom of heaven. All that’s left is to look and see what God is doing as we live each day as God’s children.

Adapted from www.resurrectionlutheran.org/faith-like-a-child/

By the way, how about asking one of the kids in our church community about their camp experiences some time? I bet they would love to tell you all about it. Unfortunately, the Spin camp for primary schoolers was cancelled due to Covid, but some have been before. We also have older kids who have been to CLWs and NOVO camps, and young adults who have been to Renew. Perhaps we should even look at doing our own church family camp? Let me know if this is something that excites you?

Thanks to all who came along to our visioning day on Sunday 30th Jan. It was a very beneficial few hours of looking at our community and where we should focus on this year. We started doing a SWOT analysis where we looked at our strengths & weaknesses, opportunities & threats. From there we developed several objectives and goals that we will refine and share in the near future. I think there’s some exciting new ideas and initiatives that could come out of our day together.

I highly recommend coming to these sessions in the future if you would like to have your say in what we should focus our priorities on, but I’m always open for a chat at any time as well if you have any great ideas or comments.

I also wish to thank you all for participating in the NCLS survey over the last few weeks. The data we get back from this will be of great benefit as we look to our future and the direction we will take in the short to medium term, especially after Pastor Wayne leaves us at the end of the year & possible changes to our cross-cultural ministries in 2023.

I think a lot of us are excited to get back into the swing of a new year now, with ministries resuming, and the sign of covid restrictions being eased. It’s going to be an interesting & exciting year and some important planning ahead of us. May God continue to bless us all.

Tim Eckert



From our Cross-Cultural Coordinators...



Dear friends in Christ,

The joy of ministry is often most felt when working with children. It is the child that says, 'I love kissmus' and who can't wait for Kissmus, who makes you smile. However, the experience also brings back a longing inside yourself for Christmas, a feeling of waiting, anticipation and excitement. This experience of waiting, anticipation and excitement summarises how we feel as co-ordinators in mid-week ministry, knowing God is in this place.

Reflecting on seeing a child respond to being in a Christmas play and the desires associated with being a character in the event, draws us into the realisation of how special this event is. On one of my Christmas cards it was written so beautifully: Because of Christmas, heaven has been reopened. This miracle of the birth, Jesus living amongst us; not just in the past, but now, and with us in the future, does change how we see ourselves in the world.

The end of the year saw us say goodbye to 9 children at mainly music, 7 of whom were graduates.



mainly music



playgroup

Playgroup finished the year by going on a teddy bear's picnic and the children also decorated biscuits at Grace Over Lunch. It is interesting that many carers tell us they will miss us at Glynde and are thankful for their time with us. Children learn very early in life that circumstances in their lives change. In the adult world, we too are constantly having to adjust to change. But we control our destiny, don't we? Do we need to become like children (who are by no means robots), who know that they are not all powerful or knowledgeable and there is a loving God acting for their good? (Matthew 18 v3).

It has been a privilege to work with Rika and to experience the passion she has for discipleship. Rika organised a wonderful night out for girls in December and was instrumental in us making over \$400 at the market for mainly music. She writes: On Friday in Term 4, we have had Exercise and meditation morning from 9:30 followed by coffee and chat, then moving onto bible study. These few hours involved activities dealing with physical, mental, relational, and spiritual aspects. We exercised together with watching YouTube clips, lay down or sat quietly whilst listening to calm music, alongside of English lesson by Colleen and then enjoyed chatting time over a cup of coffee. After all of that, we moved onto our bible study in which we continue learning from a book called "Grace is greater". While the Friday group is small, it is dynamic in terms of which part of us to focus on. However, I believe human beings are the creatures of complexity. If one of those aspects deteriorate, the others get affected.

As you can see the flow of these activities, we start our morning with general theme (which are Exercise and meditation and English) to casual coffee and chat where we can bring up any topics in our conversations and get to know each other better, then move onto the bible study in which we learn the living word of God and share what is in our heart. In term 4, there were on average 3 people in Exercise, 3 in English, 10-15 in coffee and chat and 8-10 in bible study. Our bond got stronger as we gathered regularly. One attendant told me that we were a small group, but we could see there was trust between each other as a family of God. He had welcomed us to his table, letting us know this fact by his spirit.

1 Peter 2:1-3 says, 'Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation'. Newborn babies CRAVE milk because instinctively they know that without it, their lives would be in danger. God has put that craving into newborn babies. This parable implies we need to feed ourselves with spiritual food so that we mature in our faith. Being born is not the end of our lives, but it is the beginning. God knows our stages of faith and lives. He values the time we put aside for Him to work on our spiritual growth through reading our Bible, listening to his words and pouring our hearts in prayer.

This year will see some time change arrangements for our paid roles. Sharyn will be at Glynde on Wednesday and Rika, Tuesday (morning only) and Thursday to Friday. As Cross-Cultural Coordinators we will be involved in COVID safe management, planning and leading mid-week ministry and so many hours of voluntary work. The team members and team leaders of our activities are vital and we thank God for your direct involvement, prayers and care. We are all God's children. As His children we can truly enjoy His presence as a family of God, praising Him for His goodness. As His servants may we always reflect the joy and peace of His presence.

Sharyn Schubert and Rika Udagawa
Cross-Cultural Coordinators



Get involved at Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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6 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	7 7pm KYB	8 11am mid-week communion 7:30pm Exec. meeting
13 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Worship 4pm Chinese Worship	14 7pm KYB	15 11am Pastor's study group
20 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	21 7pm KYB	22 11am Pastor's study group
27 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Worship 4pm Chinese Worship	28 7pm KYB	

What's on in February...

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch 7:30 Board for Ministry meeting	3 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	4 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	5 10am English Class (Zoom)
9 9:30 Womens' Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	10 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	11 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	12 10am English Class (Zoom)
16 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	17 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	18 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	19 10am English Class (Zoom)
23 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	24 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	25 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	26 10am English Class (Zoom)

Get involved at Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		1 11am Pastor's study group
6 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	7 7pm KYB	8 11am Pastor's study group
13 9am Worship 10:30 Worship 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Worship 4pm Chinese Worship	14 7pm KYB	15 11am mid-week communion 7:30pm Exec. meeting
20 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	21 7pm KYB	22 11am Pastor's study group
27 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Worship 4pm Chinese Worship	28 7pm KYB	29 11am Pastor's study group

What's on in March...

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch 7pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 Board for Ministry meeting	3 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	4 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	5 10am English Class
9 9:30 Womens' Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	10 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	11 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	12 10am English Class
16 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	17 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	18 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	19 10am English Class
23 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	24 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	25 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	26 10am English Class 10-2pm Markets
30 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	31 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music		

Get involved at Glynde...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
3 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	4 7pm KYB	5 11am Pastor's study group
10 Palm Sunday 9am Worship 10:30 Church4Kids 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Worship 4pm Chinese Worship	11 7pm KYB	12 11am mid-week communion 7:30pm Exec. meeting
17 Easter Sunday 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 4pm Chinese Worship	18	19 SCHOOL
24 9am Worship HC 10:30 Worship HC 12:30 Korean 2pm Sudanese Worship 4pm Chinese Worship	25	26 SCHOOL

What's on in April...

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	2 10am English Class
6 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch 7:30 Board for Ministry meeting	7 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music	8 9:30 Exercise Group 9:30 English Class KYB 10:30 Coffee & Chat 11:30 Bible Study	9 10am English Class
13 9:30 Womens' Fellowship 9:30 Playgroup 10:45 Grace Over Lunch	14 Maundy Thursday 8am Prayer Group 9:45 mainly music 7pm Worship HC	15 Good Friday 9am Worship	16
20	21 8am Prayer Group	22 10:30 Coffee & Chat	23
HOLIDAYS			
27	28 8am Prayer Group	29 10:30 Coffee & Chat	30
HOLIDAYS			

Gingerbread and faith like a child...

My daughter Lisa recently showed me a cookie cutter set for making a Nativity scene and asked me if I could make it. I said yes, I would. Not only would it be good for the grandchildren to be involved in, but it would be fun to do as well. I ended up making extras for the Nativity scene as well as some gingerbread men, Christmas trees and stars. I also made some white Christmas crackles, which I seem to remember having as a child.

Gingerbread dough is so malleable – it can be stretched and shaped to suit. Dough, if torn, can easily be joined together and mended. It reminds me of how God mends our broken hearts and lives.

Putting the icing on the gingerbread is enjoyable. My first attempts came from a pre-bought tube, but the icing was too solid and didn't flow or stick properly and tended to break apart. My next attempt, doing it from scratch, resulted in icing that was smooth and runny and sticky. The icing was great, but when I applied it, I had to be confident, bold and expressive, to create the smooth flowing lines that look best.

This reminded me of what it is like to have faith like a child. A child's faith, trusts in and relies on our loving God completely, to care for and guide them. It is not stiff and restrained or prone to breakage. Children are spontaneous and joyful, their actions flow naturally. And the message they give, sticks in other people's minds.

Have fun being children of God, as we run to the aid of others, as we flow where God leads us and as we deliver God-given messages which stick in the minds of those we meet.

Paul Schubert



Farewell Glynde Craft Group

The Craft Group was formed in 1989 when Pastor Bell was the Pastor of our Congregation. Initially Judi Bell, Barb Mattiske and Barbara Schulz met and called a Meeting – these 15 Ladies became approximately 130 over the following years. Many young mothers attended including over 30 children. Wendy Seidel organised a Creche for the kids.

The Group met on Tuesday mornings but added Wednesday evening classes to accommodate working mums and mums with young children. The Sessions began with puff painting, calico and lace, and stretch sewing. Gradually more crafts, both teaching and demonstrating, were introduced, culminating into approx. 91 different crafts, including tapestry, card making, yeast cookery, cooking for beginners, patchwork, folk art, dyeing silk, jewellery, knitting, etc. The group made and donated 32 quilts for Ronald McDonald House.

The Ladies included many different nationalities supporting each other and forming lifelong friendships. They always stopped for morning tea and chatting, Pastor invariably joined them during this period. They supported many outside people who required assistance, either emotionally or financially – the first group was the Family Shelter and also the District

Nurses – for these, baskets of goodies were collected.

Originally the Ladies paid \$15 per term but this eventually became \$3 per session (which never increased). They supported many Charities outside the Church with a donation of usually \$300 per annum and excluding this amount they donated approximately \$67,000 to our Church. The following are some of the items covered by these donations – Lighting and overhead fans, banners (inc' silk) and wall hangings, sanitary units, storage cupboards, carpet cleaning, ovens for kitchen, table cloths, laminator, applied and received Government grant for air-conditioning in the Hall, as well as air-conditioning in the overflow room and kitchen, tables and trolley, fridge for kitchen, hall painting and floor resurfacing, outdoor play area fence, donations toward office expenses, electricity, cleaning supplies, and landscaping.

It was decided to cease the Craft Group, as such, in December 2021, but the remaining Ladies all agreed to continue meeting for coffee, chat and individual crafts on Tuesday mornings.

We wish to thank the many Ladies involved with the Group for their friendship and support over the years and wish them God's Blessings for their ongoing health and get together.



Do you remember Buk and Mary?



Well, they haven't forgotten us! Recent mail from Mary surprised us with the gift of gorgeous aprons sewn by her, and heartfelt letters of thanks addressed to the congregation, to Colleen & Neil and to Lois & Lyall. She is part of a small business in Ballarat, re-using denim jeans as the starting point for sewing stylish aprons, bags, etc. If you have access to ABC iview you can see her and another Sudanese woman on the program *Movin' to the Country*, series 1, episode 3, starting around the 22-minute mark.

In 2004 Buk Dojiok and Mary Deng moved into a community housing house in Klemzig, and that's when we got to know them at Glynde Lutheran Church. At that stage they were newly arrived refugees from Sudan, as it was then. (Now South Sudan.) They didn't have a car or drivers' licences, so one of the ways parishioners helped was by picking them up to bring them to church.

Mary was part of our English class and some of us got to know her well as a result. As the years went by, their family grew to 4 children: Dojiok, Nyachangkuoth, Mal and Muoch. They moved a couple of times, to houses that could fit them all in. Then the *big* move happened – to Victoria in 2012, where Mary's brother lived. In 2018 they welcomed their next child – a boy named Jang.

Mary's letters acknowledge the importance of the help their family received from us, when they were newcomers. She expresses thanks for the English lessons, practical help at home, including when moving house, help with the community service course she undertook, practice at driving, child-minding, and financial help for their people back home on a number of occasions, including when fighting broke out in Juba.

Here are some quotes from her letters: *Coming to another country is not easy, but when God places church people in your life it is easier to feel like your home... I thank God for every opportunity that I got because of what you did for me and my family... I'm so grateful to know you and worship God together... It's my dream so I*



will serve God with all my children and my husband too... God will reach his hands to everyone who cares about other human beings, and bless all your work.

Mary acknowledges the following for their hard work and understanding: Pastor Steve & Jan, Pastor Jon, Pastor Wayne, Barb & Grant, Colleen & Neil, Lois & Lyall.

As a result of studying her course, Mary worked in childcare in Ballarat for some years, and saved enough to visit her Sudanese family, living in Ethiopia because of war. In 2020 during lockdown she and her friend and business partner (also called Mary) started the sewing venture so they could sell items at markets. Buk works at the Mars chocolate factory, and also in security on weekends. Dojiok and his sister both have shifts at McDonalds, while Dojiok is preparing to start uni this year, and Nyachangkuoth preparing to enter Year 12. All of the family has found a home within a local church in Ballarat, and have enjoyed their involvement there.

Truly an inspirational tale of determined effort, always seeking God's help and guidance in everything.



Christmas Eve Service



Thank you to the hard workers who helped to set up our service to be outdoors in the beautiful fresh air. A late but important change, it was wonderful to be able to celebrate with our community in a COVID Safe way.



Mary and Joseph



Wayne's message



Worship Calendar

FEBRUARY

6.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 5 <i>Leader:</i> <i>Baptism of Frieda Miegel</i> <i>Affirmation of Volunteers for 2022</i>	Luke 11:1-13 "Jesus answers our questions on prayer"	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: two parables on prayer</i>
8.	11.00 a.m. (Tues)	HC	<i>Informal HC service plus lunch</i>		
13.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Epiphany 6 <i>Before Prayers: Thanks for CRAFT GROUP</i>	Luke 12:13-21 "If you were to die tonight..."	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the Rich Fool</i>
20.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 7 <i>Leader:</i>	Thanksgiving 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Count your blessings"	
27.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Epiphany 8	Transfiguration Luke 9:28-36 "Who are you listening to?"	

MARCH

2.	7.00 p.m. (Wed)	H.C.		Ash Wednesday Mark 5:1-20 "Why I follow Jesus"	<i>Introducing LENTEN SERIES ZOOM ALPHA</i>
6.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 1 <i>Leader:</i>	Luke 14:15-24 "Invited to God's party"	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the great banquet</i>
8.	11.00 a.m. (Tues)	HC	<i>Informal HC service plus lunch</i>		
13.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 2 <i>Leader:</i>	Luke 15:1-10 "Who do you identify with?"	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the lost sheep and the lost coin</i>
20.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Lent 3 <i>Leader:</i> <i>Baptismal Anniversaries (Jan-March)</i>	Luke 15:11-32 "The shocking behaviour of God"	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the two lost sons</i>
27.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Lent 4	Luke 16:1-8 "How much more..."	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the generous employer</i>

Worship Calendar

APRIL

3.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Lent 5 <i>Leader:</i>	Luke 18:9-14 "The solution to fear is prayer"	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the judge and the widow</i>
10.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.		Lent 6 Church 4 Kids	Luke 18:9-14 "The danger of pride"	<i>Parables of Jesus in Luke's Gospel: the Pharisee and the Tax Collector</i>
12.	11.00 a.m. (Tues)	HC	<i>Informal HC service plus lunch</i>		
14.	7.00 p.m.	H.C.	Maundy Thursday	Luke 22:7-20 "The mystery of the Lord's Supper"	
15.	9.00 a.m.		Good Friday	Luke 23:26-56 "The death of Jesus: tragedy or triumph"	
17.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Easter Sunday <i>Leader:</i>	Luke 24:1-12 "A morning almost beyond belief"	
*School holidays begin					
<i>Annual Leave for Pastor Wayne</i> <i>Guest Preacher:</i>					
24.	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	H.C. H.C.	Easter 2	John 20:19-31	

Term 1 at Glynde mainly music, 2022
Thursdays, 9:45am
15-17 Glynburn Rd, Glynde



COLOURS

3rd Feb
10th Feb
17th Feb
24th Feb
3rd March
10th March
17th March
24th March
31st March
7th April
14th April
Easter celebrations!

Music, singing and fun for pre-schoolers!
Morning tea provided
Bring: water bottle; props bag
Wear the colour of the week ©
COVID-Safe strategies in place

 Glynde mainly music


Glynde Lutheran Playgroup



Term 1 2022 Alphabet Fun theme

Week 1	2 February	A	Australia celebration
Week 2	9 February	B, C	Bubble painting
Week 3	16 February	D, E	Meet Webster
Week 4	23 February	F, G	Garden stew
Week 5	2 March	H, I, J	Icy fun
Week 6	9 March	K, L, M	Meet Maddy
Week 7	16 March	N, O, P	Paper plate owls
Week 8	23 March	Q, R, S	Star fun
Week 9	30 March	T, U	Meet Tina
Week 10	6 April	V, W	Visiting fun
Week 11	13 April	X, Y, Z	Easter fun

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Activities, Stories and Fun

Wednesday mornings 9.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.



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