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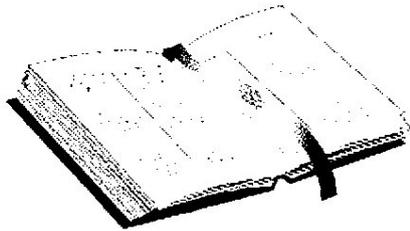
EASTER 2017



A triumphant angel announces that Christ has risen, conquering the demons of darkness who now flee from him. The women have not yet woken properly, and seem unaware of what has happened. They still mourn, but the angel is telling them that the time for grief is over. *(Image purchased and used with permission)*

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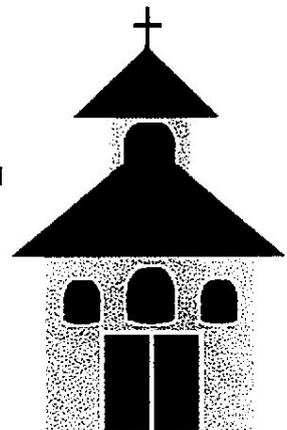
Word Search

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PRAYER
 REDEMPTION
 REJOICE
 RESURRECTION
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A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND TINA

The Easter Journey

Easter is a journey, where we remember what Jesus has done for us. His ministry to us, his gifts of wholeness and healing and his teachings about God's love, truth, and eternal life and his suffering and death for us, his forgiveness from the cross, his time in the tomb and God raising him.

When we walk his journey, we get in touch with our own journey, our brokenness, our longing for wholeness and self-acceptance and our desire for deep peace. During Easter we discover that all along, no matter what, we are loved and accepted by God.

The Invitation

Sunday. Palm Sunday.

Wind blowing: *Winds of Change*

Come on a journey with the Lord.

See where he takes you.

Have your cloaks, scarves and branches ready

Sing: *Hosanna to the Lord*

Welcome the King into to your heart.

He is the cornerstone of your life.

Welcome Jesus.

Follow him on the Easter journey.

Relive his life and yours.

He rode on a donkey into a city,
a city of people, who didn't know him,
a city like Melbourne.

Cheer with the crowds: *Hosanna*

Hosanna to the king of your life

Get to know him.

Help others know him too.



PASCOE VALE UNITING BOYS CLUB



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**Term 1
Newsletter
2017**

Welcome to a fresh, new and exciting year for the Pascoe Vale Uniting Boys Club.

This year we'd like to welcome our new leaders James, Ilias and Speros. This will be their first year within our four level training program as they progress to a Senior Leader who is able to independently lead a class.

Also a very warm welcome to all the new boys and their families to our community. We (the leaders and committee) hope to engage, challenge and offer a stimulating and bespoke experience for all our club members. Please don't be a stranger, I would love to meet you all, as would the committee every Monday night in the foyer and help us spread the word of our unique and wonderful club.

Don't forget to like our Facebook Page where you will be able to find past newsletters, event photos and other important information.

www.facebook.com/pascoevalueunitingboysclub

Any queries or concerns feel free to contact us, your Club Leaders Brendan West and Julian Taglieri.

Class Times

Beginners:

6.30pm -
7.30pm

Juniors:

6.30pm -
7.30pm

Intermediates:

7.30pm -
8.30pm

Seniors:

8.30pm -
9.30pm

Club Fees

Thank you to everyone who has paid their enrolment fees.

For our new club members, you will receive a club shirt free of charge once all fees have been paid.

New for 2017 was a payment option to pay **\$120** for the year upfront before the end of February and a club T-shirt will be thrown in free of charge.

The \$60 for a half year option remains and for families with more than two boys, the fees are capped at \$120 per half year.

Uniform

Each boy is expected to wear their club shirt every Monday night along with flexible gym attire and runners.

T-Shirts are \$25 and available to purchase in the foyer. Please note hoodies must not be worn during classes.

Our Leaders

Beginner's Leaders

Adam Michielin,
Anthony Michielin,
Andrew Leondaraki,
Spiros Zervos and
Ilias Tseros

Junior's Leaders

Hayden West,
John Knee,
Cole Lolicato,
Sam Saliba,
Mathew Willie,
Lucais Smith,
Leon Allasso and
James Michielin

Intermediate's Leaders

Robert Forrest,
Julian Taglieri,
Joe Panella,
Brendan West,
Mark Leondaraki. and
Chis Astuto

Senior's Leaders

Simon Zanatta,
Brendan West and
Robert Forrest

Bounce night

The last Monday night of this term (27th of March) will be held at Bounce in Airport West. It will be a great fully club funded night. More info to be issued in coming weeks.

Committee opening

The committee are a dedicated group of parents/guardians of past and present Club members. Their efforts, together with our leadership group, help ensure the vitality of the Club, bringing new ideas and supporting our Club events.

We currently have a vacancy on our Committee and we're encouraging any interested persons to nominate. A position on the Committee is not time demanding, with many hands making light work. If you are interested please talk with Brendan next Monday night.

Information for Parents

All boys are to be dropped off and picked up in the foyer.

Classes start promptly, please ensure your child arrives 5-10 minutes before the start time so everyone can participate. Should your child be late they will be asked to sit out of the warm up games.

Beginners will be walked out together by their leaders at 7.30pm. No parents are allowed within the hall, kitchen or on stage while classes are running. Jewellery is not to be worn during classes.

We encourage boys to bring a drink bottle with them on Monday nights. Glass water from the kitchen will no longer be available

Thank you for your understanding, the boys' safety always comes first.

Juniors, Inters & Seniors Camp

5/05/17 - 7/05/17

This year we will be camping at the Clifford Scout Camp, caving in the Yarra ranges, kayaking along the Yarra River and having extra activities on Sunday morning.

The activities on Saturday have limited positions available so once you have a notice please return it as soon as possible.

‘FROM JUDY’S BLOG’

‘Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east.’
The Wreck of the Deutschland by Gerard Manley Hopkins

The *Deutschland* was a ship that ran aground on a shoal 25 miles off the coast of England in 1875. Waves battered it for 30 hours before any rescue attempt was made and, adding insult to injury, men from nearby towns looted the wreckage, taking anything of value, including stealing jewellery and valuables from the bodies of the deceased.

Among the dead were five Franciscan nuns who had fled persecution in Germany and were on their way to the United States. Hopkins dedicated his poem to them with this inscription: *To the happy memory of five Franciscan Nuns exiles by the Falk Laws drowned between midnight and morning of Dec. 7th. 1875.*

Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east comes towards the end of what is a long poem. It’s the line that has captured the imaginations of writers and people of faith ever since because Hopkins, speaking on behalf of the British people who let the tragedy happen, asks one of the nuns to ‘remember us’ as she enters into heaven to be with the risen Christ before referencing and perhaps challenging our understanding of Easter.

Under Hopkins’s pen, *Easter* is no longer a noun, able to be relegated to a long-ago event. Rather, *easter* becomes a verb in the present-continuous tense, something that continues to transform our present lives, to give us new life, and to offer us hope of what will happen when the risen Christ enters our lives.

This line of the poem becomes a prayer. Let Easter get into us. Let Easter come and live where we live. Let Easter permeate our souls. Let Easter expose the dimness in us and shine its light into our darkest corners.

As we rehearse again the story of Christ’s passion, we enter into the darkness and touch something of the suffering and the sorrow. We hear Christ’s incredulity that Judas would betray him with such an intimate gesture as a kiss, witness his anguish in the garden and feel his sense of utter forsakenness at the hands of God. And then, all too quickly, we celebrate Easter Sunday and the resurrection. The gravity, horror and darkness of the passion story are left behind.

In the Easter season, we celebrate the saving work of God in Christ as finished. We are a forgiven people, loved by God and in this, we rejoice. But, let us also add Gerard Manly Hopkins’s beautiful prayer to our Easter celebration: *Let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east.*

I rarely witness dayspring, even if I’m up early enough, because I don’t have any east-facing windows that give me an unobstructed view of the horizon. When I first became acquainted with this poem, I was at Queenscliff on a prayer retreat and one morning, I made it my business to get up early and walk the beach in order to witness dayspring so that I could put an image to this prayer. I have always loved sunrises, but what I noticed on that occasion was the way in which the sky lightened and the sand and sea took on tinges of pink before I saw the crimson crest.

As we *let him easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us, be a crimson-cresseted east*, let us acknowledge the dim places, particularly at the communal and political levels of our lives, and let us long, pray and look for the ways into which light creeps in, the dayspring potential for a brand new, resurrection day.

Movie Reviews.....

Beauty and the Beast is a thrilling remake of the animation, described as 'a tale as old as time', yet still enthralling movie with amazing graphics. It features Belle, a wonderfully intelligent girl, The Beast, who is scary at first but wonderfully kind-hearted underneath, the horrible and stuck up Gaston who is desperate to marry Belle, as well as many other characters.

At the beginning, Belle's father is preparing to go away and he promises Belle a rose. Then on his journeys, he stumbles across the beast's castle where he steals a rose. The beast is furious and makes him a prisoner. When Belle comes to rescue her father she swaps places with him as prisoner. At first the beast is angry and hostile towards her but with the help of the talking household items they soon begin to grow on each other...



To be honest, before I watched this movie, I thought it was going to be one of those boring sappy romance movies that goes on and on and on till you fall asleep but it was actually exciting and really thrilling to watch.

The only downside was that the teapot wasn't that good at singing (I think she was supposed to be) but I suppose that added to the realism.

Beauty and the Beast is a must watch movie for all ages and I rate it 4.5/5 stars!

(Review by Astrid)

The Eagle Huntress

Brief Summary

The Eagle Huntress is about a girl named Aisholpan, 13, who trains to become an eagle hunter. This is unusual because it is tradition for a father to teach a son how to be an eagle hunter. Aisholpan is the first female of her family going down 12 generations to become a huntress. The elder eagle hunters disliked the idea of a girl being a huntress and said she would fail but her father kept her going and she came first in her first contest. The elders thought she wouldn't be able to handle the cold if she went to the mountains to hunt in winter. But within 21 days of her father and her going to the mountains she and her eagle caught a fox.



How it all came about

The director, Otto Bell, was in Mongolia wanting to film a documentary when he heard about Aisholpan. It was hard to find her because they didn't live in a set house. The day he did find them however was the day they were going to collect the eaglet for Aisholpan.

My take

I thought the movie was very beautiful because every so often they had some really nice scenery shots. Also while watching the movie you could really see how people lived in countries that are not as wealthy as our own. It was very interesting to see the elders say she was going to fail but at the same time her father saying she was going to be one of the best. I gave it a 4/5. It's not something I would usually go to see - my mum made me go - but I wouldn't say I didn't enjoy it...

(Review by Leonora)

GLENROY NEWS

Didi Bahini Samaj Victoria (DBSV), our local Nepalese Women's Association, has been sharing the Glenroy church hall for over twelve months now.



On 12 March, DBSV ran a very successful International Women's Day celebration called "Be bold for change", with Helen Davidson, the current city of Moreland mayor, as the keynote speaker. The event was also the culmination of "Be the best - Nepalese women's wellbeing program", a six week yoga and dance program. Highlights of the afternoon were a performance of fifteen women in brilliant red saris performing the dance they had learned, and a very active group yoga session! There are lots of very colourful photos on Didi Bahini Samaj's Facebook page (*scroll down to March 12 and 13 entries*).

And on November 26 last year, DBSV ran a series of workshops under the banner of "Activism against family violence", with the goals of enhancing awareness towards family violence, exploring the role of community to address the impact of family violence, discussing Nepalese cultural values and context, and improving communication and support. Speakers spoke from their experiences of working both with women who have experienced family violence, and men who had used violence, and at the end of the day, many men and women put their names on a list to form a group to educate and support around this issue.

Jamuna Parajuli, a very active member of DBSV, was recently recognised in the Moreland City Council "Honouring Women in Moreland 2017" awards! And she has just submitted an application for a grant to the council to run a new project, "REACH THE SKY: Nepalese women capacity and confidence building project". We support Jamuna and DBSV in their endeavours!

In other news, Glenroy Uniting's very own Faye Woods recently celebrated three major milestones within a short space of time: (1) a significant birthday, (2) a significant wedding anniversary, and (3) 40 years as church council secretary. Faye is our cake-maker-extraordinaire for significant big birthdays, and even provided the cake for her own day! It is difficult to retire from birthdays and marriages, but Faye has extricated herself from church council, and her short-hand squiggles and incredible organisation and attention to detail will be sorely missed.



Victoria, Leonora, Christina, Eric and Catherine from Glenroy UC are all playing in the upcoming Essendon Symphony "Kids in Space" concert. Featuring favourite movie themes from Star Trek, Star Wars and 2001 Space Odyssey, Holst's Mars and a delightful piece by Russian composer Glinka, as well as some special effects, surprises and fun. This 60-minute concert is for both the young and the young-at-heart. Bring your grandchildren to the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds at 2.30pm on Sunday April 30! Tickets available through the Clocktower website www.clocktowercentre.com.au or by phone 9243 9191. All tickets \$17.

Further Movie Reviews.....

Lion 4/5

Director: Garth Davis
 Awards: BAFTA Award for Best Actor in a Supporting Role, and more
 Nominations: Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture – Drama, and more
 Release Date: 19th of January 2017 (Australia)
 Rating: PG



One day little Saroo's (Sunny Pawar) life is buzzing with joy, and the next dragging with depression, when he wakes on a lonely train station, not knowing where his brother is. He is adopted to Australia, and after 26 years, finds his home using the internet. This film is an original script based upon the memoir written by Saroo Brierley called 'A Long Way Home'. What I liked most about 'Lion' is the way it captures the threats to little Saroo from the surrounding world. As the film and his life progress, it continues to throw older Saroo (Dev Patel) from one challenge to another. After a long time looking using google maps, Saroo finds a train station that looks familiar, and from there he follows the route that was engraved into his head when he was a very small child. 'Lion' is a great film and is almost definitely guaranteed to have you in tears the whole way through. Although a sad movie, the happy ending will cheer you up (even make you cry some more). This movie is all about determination.

To conclude, I would just like to say, remember that the pronunciation of a word will sometimes save you – just like it did Saroo...

(Review by Leo)

Beauty and the Beast

The live-action remake of the classic Disney Fairy tale "Beauty and the Beast" is a thrill to watch. The two hour film is entertaining, enjoyable and exhilarating. Beauty and the beast is based on a young women named 'Belle' and how she is taken prisoner by a beast in an enchanted castle. Over time she learns to look beyond the beast's exterior and to learn and look more deeply into his kind heart and soul. The songs, cast and the amount of effort and dedication that has gone into creating and producing the film is unbelievable as there are so many elements into recreating one of Walt-Disney's beloved Oscar winning animations. Emma Watson is absolutely stunning in the film and portrays the character of 'Belle' quite accurately. Throughout the movie I noticed there were a numerous amount of new songs been added to the live-action which I found quite exciting. The special effects and animations that have been incorporated into the film really do give it a unique sense of style. My most favourite scene from the movie would be where the Beast and Belle have a romantic Ballroom dance. It's my favourite scene from the film because of all the little details that it has from the design features, gown and music incorporated. Overall "Beauty and the Beast" is an amazing, exhilarating and meaningful film filled with intensity, love, music, passion and magic. Being a Disney lover myself I would definitely watch it again just to relive the magic.

(Review by Shanessa)



KENT ROAD NEWS

May the Blessings of Easter be with you all as you celebrate this very special time in our Church life.

We celebrated the wedding of Finbarr and Julie Carroll with their children on St. Patrick's Day, and we wish them all a lifetime full of happiness. Shirley and Merv Foster also celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently and got to meet their newest grandchild, Lola. Congratulations to you all.



We successfully hosted the World Day of Prayer on the 3rd of March, and reached out to the Philippines, with prayers and offerings worldwide. Well done Shirley and Tina for this moving service.

Another great day was our Pancake Day. Thanks to all who helped and supported us in raising \$200. We would also ask for your support once again at our **BIGGEST MORNING TEA** day to be held on **THURSDAY the 18th of MAY from 9.00 am until 1.00 pm.**

We look forward to welcoming into our church family Harriet Stewart and Matteo Mayfield through Baptism on Palm Sunday and we welcome all the families and friends.

We celebrated the life of Terry Mundy after his long battle with cancer and our prayers and thoughts are with Pauline and his family. Terry is sadly missed.

Jo, Greg, Mason and Ashley Howard are setting off on a six month trip around Australia in April, and we pray that they will be blessed with a safe and happy time. We will enjoy following them in their travels.

Happy to hear that Shirley Caldow has settled into her new home in Plumpton Villa and can be reached on her old phone number. Our prayers continue for Shirley, Jean Crouch and Dorothy.

Recent visits to the Sycamore Tree Café in Heidelberg and also the Drop In Café in Sunbury have proved interesting and have given us much food for thought regarding the Quirky Place project.

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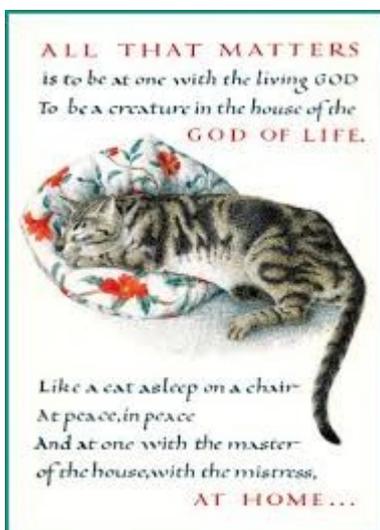
Pax — D H Lawrence

All that matters is to be at one with the living God
to be a creature in the house of the God of Life.

Like a cat asleep on a chair, at peace, in peace
and at one with the master of the house, with the mistress,
at home, at home in the house of the living,
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning before the fire.

Sleeping on the hearth of the living world
yawning at home before the fire of life
feeling the presence of the living God
like a great reassurance
a deep calm in the heart
a presence

as of the master sitting at the board
in his own and greater being,
in the house of life.



COMMUNITY GARDENS

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

Community food gardens are found on land owned by local government, schools, churches and state government housing estates. Common to all gardens is the sharing of land and responsibility for looking after it. There are two types of community garden: (i) the shared garden in which gardeners have responsibility for the entire garden, doing whatever work is needed at the time and taking a share of what they grow as well as swapping seeds, and (ii) the allotment garden in which gardeners have their own plot. Many community gardens combine the two.



Costs: Generally a personal plot has a \$20 annual fee **plus** the cost of the actual plot depending on its size, and \$40 to take part in a communal space.

Community gardens build a sense of place and community.

COMMUNITY GARDENS IN MORELAND AND MOONEE VALLEY

CERES Community Garden—has around 50 community garden plots that are rented out annually to those with limited household space for growing.

Strathmore Community Garden—in Boeing Reserve, on the Moonee Creek between Glenroy and Strathmore Heights. There are about 40 beds at the garden, with members paying \$40 a year to be part of the group. Each member has a key to the gate and this also opens the greenhouse and the shed, which houses communal tools. Members are required to keep their allotments neat and tidy, and people also pitch in for activities such as spreading pine bark on the paths. There is a committee with all your regular roles as well as "captain compost", etc! Two charity beds are tended largely by members on the committee and produce from these beds is donated to Moonee Ponds Baptist Church. It's an attractive community garden, with art by children from local schools decorating the fence and the garden.



Gronn Place Housing Estate Community Garden, West Brunswick—primarily for people living in the low rise housing estate, but there are some free plots that can be filled by others in the local community. There is also a community Food Forest.

DMA Ilma Lever Gardens—is located along the railway corridor near Moreland Station, DMA Ilma Lever Gardens offers an accessible environment for people with disabilities. The space was developed by Disabled Motorists Australia on its premises in Station Street, Coburg for people with disabilities who wanted to participate in gardening programs for recreation and future employment.

Luscombe Street Community Garden—is located at 43 Luscombe Street, Brunswick on a block that was vacant for years, locals contacted the owner who has allowed them to use the space in a temporary arrangement.

Merri Corner Community Garden—is an allotment-based community garden in Brunswick that opened in mid-2010. The garden was conceived in the middle of 2006 by a group of Brunswick East locals. The land is owned by the Moreland City Council and can't be developed for residential purposes due to the environmental and inundation overlay.

Mulberry Gardens—on the grounds of a secondary college in Glenroy, this garden is slowly building into an inspiring shared garden.

Pepper Tree Place—is a unique Community Greenspace located in the heart of Coburg on the corner of Sydney Road and Bell Street.

West Brunswick Community Garden and Food Forest—located at Dunstan Reserve, West Brunswick. The West Brunswick Community Garden and Food Forest was established more than 15 years ago.

Arrangements are just commencing to set up a Pentridge Community Garden.

FARESHARE

Is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that rescues surplus quality food that would otherwise be wasted, and cooks more than one million meals a year in Australia's largest charity kitchen. Its free, nutritious meals are distributed to more than 400 charities including soup kitchens, homeless shelters and community foodbanks. In 2015, FareShare commenced a kitchen garden program to supplement rescued vegetables to cook with. To date it has established kitchen gardens in Abbotsford, Moorabbin Airport and Clayton South.

Jenny Baillie (with assistance from Catherine Schmidt)

SOUTHERN SNIPPETS

How time flies—we are already into April...

After a quiet start to the year in January, we are now back into the swing of conducting the monthly communion services at Dorothy Impey Home and are now conducting a service at BUPA in Coburg only quarterly.

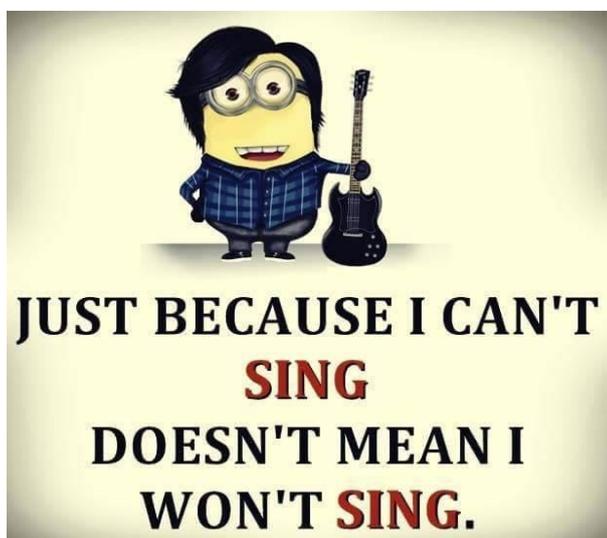
February saw us recommence the monthly **Westgate Flicks** on the **2nd Wednesday of each month at 1.30 pm (for a 2 pm start)**. We are very thankful to Vic who provides the movies and the projection equipment to screen them. The coming schedule (which was determined based on the survey conducted later last year) includes *Singing in the Rain* in April (this coming Wednesday—the 12th), *Oklahoma* in May, and *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* in June—please invite all your friends to this free monthly activity.

Since the last magazine, we have been saddened by the deaths of Allenby Crewther, Lillian Saddler, Nance Weidner, Betty Owen & Barbara Rathbone's son, Robert. Margaret Golding is currently in hospital again (but now walking a little easier) and please also keep Stephen Fielding, Matthew Taylor and Len Taylor (in hospital for tests) in your prayers.

On Monday 3 April, 27 children (and their parents, grandparents, etc) attended our Easter Alive program. We were thankful to Alison and the team from OAC ministries for their fun and engaging message, to the Brown family for leading us in song and to everyone who helped on the day with the craft activities, buttering hot cross buns, etc.

Easter is now almost upon us—please try to attend the extra services—the Tenebrae service at PVS at 7 pm on Maundy Thursday, and the Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk starting at Rogers Reserve at 10.30 am (and ending at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church). Easter Day services will be as per the usual Sunday schedule for the 3rd Sunday of the month. Many thanks to our ministers, Rev Tina and Rev Judy for their work in enabling us to provide the additional services and activities at both Christmas and Easter—and to Rev Barbara Gayler who be leading worship at PVS on Easter Day.

Advance Warning—please note **Sunday 21 May** in your diaries—this is the date of the next Hymn Sing-along at PVS at 2.00 pm



Jean T

UCAF FELLOWSHIP GROUP.....

President: Jean Kyte
 Secretary: Marj Sproat



Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 1.00 pm with speakers introduced at 1.30 pm.

We began the year with a communion and dedication service led by Rev Tina and followed by a BYO lunch.

World Day of Prayer was on the 3rd of March at Kent Road, where we learned about the people of the Philippines. Shirley Foster and Rev Tina did an excellent job of putting together this service.

In March Jean Kyte led us through the Easter Service printed in the Network magazine.

In April Jean Taylor will tell us all about her recent cruise with daughter, Jeanette.

We look forward to our June meeting when we will welcome Blooms Fashions — all welcome (to restock our wardrobes)...

We are always pleased to welcome new members and visitors.

Marj Sproat

Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me

- My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE. “If you’re going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning.”
- My mother taught me LOGIC. “Because I said so, that’s why.”
- My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. “If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you’re not going to the store with me.”
- My mother taught me FORESIGHT. “Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you’re in an accident.”
- My mother taught me IRONY. “Keep crying, and I’ll give you something to cry about!”
- My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISTS. “Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!”
- My mother taught me about STAMINA. “You’ll sit there until all that spinach is gone.”
- My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY. “If I told you once, I’ve told you a million times, don’t exaggerate!”
- My mother taught me GENETICS. “You’re just like your father.”
- My mother taught me WISDOM. “When you get to be my age, you’ll understand.”
- My mother taught me about JUSTICE. “One day you’ll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!”

(Humour supplied by Sylvia)

JOAN'S JOTTINGS

Looking back to the September 2016 magazine I see I had just returned from Queensland. I had written then that you should “never say never.” I went on to say I was 99.99% sure I would not be going again. I’m glad I left that 0.01% open as Queensland is calling again. This is much to some people’s dismay or concern. A few say good—go while you are still able. I’ll make a final decision before the next magazine in June.

The summer this year seemed to keep going on forever. I’m not a great believer in Global Warming. I may have to change my mind.

A hectic few weeks in the New Year as Treasurer doing Financial Statements, Treasurer’s Reports and also Secretary’s Reports. Figure work is something I have always liked doing as far back as school days. I did have trouble the other day trying to balance. I thought of my mother as she would always say “leave it until the morning.” After adding something about 20 times and not getting anywhere, I went out, had some lunch, came back home, sat down and the error hit me in the face. (Thanks Mum).



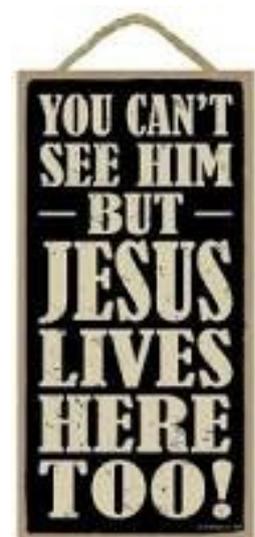
A few light-hearted quotes about the Postal Service:

- Our Postal Service is very discouraging and disappointing. The dollar stamp includes seventy-five cents for transportation and twenty-five cents storage cost at the Postal Depot.
- One man complained about slow mail delivery. “Today I received an invitation to the wedding of a couple who are already divorced.”
- If Moses had sent the Ten Commandments by mail, three would have arrived late, four would have been broken, and the other three wouldn’t have arrived at all.

This story is from the Joan’s Jottings November/January 1987/1988:

When Queen Victoria reigned in England, she occasionally would visit some of the humble cottages of her subjects. One time she entered the home of a widow and stayed to enjoy a brief period of Christian Fellowship. Later the poor woman was taunted by her worldly family. “Granny” they said, “who’s the most honoured guest you’ve entertained in your home?” They expected her to say it was Jesus, for despite their constant ridicule of her Christian witness, they recognised her deep spirituality. But to their surprise she answered “the most honoured guest I’ve entertained is her Majesty the Queen.” “Ah”, they said “we caught you this time—how about this Jesus you’re always talking about? Isn’t he the most honoured guest?”

Her answer was definite and scriptural “No; indeed; He’s not a guest — HE LIVES HERE.”



Joan T

MESSY CHURCH



Messy Church is held at Kent Road four times a year in February, May, August and November on the first Friday in of the month.

For May however, we have decided to trial a Sunday afternoon **Messy Church on 7 May starting at 4.30 pm.**

We will watch "Narnia" and eat lots of popcorn followed by Turkish Delight and scones (and maybe some proper dinner food as well)!

Hoping to see you there...

Want to know more about Messy Church?

The first Messy Church began in 2004 in England when a group at St Wilfrid's near Portsmouth UK were frustrated because, as a church, they were hardly reaching any children with God's story.

They felt they had lovely buildings and facilities but weren't using them enough. They had creative people in the church, and the area needed as much community-building as possible, being a rather feature-less suburb.

There was a lot of sympathy towards church in general but the church wasn't offering anything that really gripped the imagination of local families.

They decided very early on to try to do something for all ages together, partly out of a belief that we grow best as a church when we walk the journey with as many different people as possible, and partly from a desire to help families to grow together in their walk of faith, and not see Christianity as something you grow out of when you're 11.

What is Messy Church?

Messy Church

- is a way of being church for families involving experiences and fun
- is found across the world
- values are about being Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration

Messy Church values are:

Christ-centred	Messy Church is a church, not a craft group, that helps people encounter Jesus.
All-age	It is for adults and children to enjoy together – every element should be relevant and accessible to all ages.
Creativity	It uses hands-on experiences to explore Bible stories and themes, to reflect a God of creativity and to give people a chance to play and wonder together.
Hospitality	It reflects a God of unconditional love and is a church for people outside church, providing an oasis of welcome and a safe space in which to thrive. Messy Church is about hospitality, expressed most evidently by eating together
Celebration	It reflects a God of joy who wants his people to have life in all its fullness!

News from the Coordinating Group

APRIL 2017

Before we begin a CoG meeting we always have a time of reflection led by a member. Using faith to get through life was reflected upon.

The cooperating congregations' website is up and running and anyone can now gain access. The site is www.glenroypascoevaleunitingchurches.com.au or it can be google'd as 'Glenroy and Pascoe Vale Uniting Churches' and the site will appear in the list shown.

An invitation to suggest a name for this quarterly magazine resulted in 42 suggestions. Following a cooperation wide vote the name with the highest score was "Kindred Spirits". The top four were separated by just one point each. Congregation members have the opportunity to write items or news for the magazine, although will now miss the April issue. The next issue awaits your input.

Jenny Bailie is researching community gardens as a possibility for community cooperation with the thought such a garden could be established at Kent Road.

Ministers Judy and Tina have been engaged in various activities too numerous to list here but include potential mission ideas and pastoral matters.

Tina and Catherine received a certificate of appreciation at the International Women' Day Event (involving the Nepalese community) on behalf of the Glenroy church.

Consideration is being given to the possibility of a once a month afternoon service at Glenroy for those not able to attend the morning service.

Judy is proposing a workshop available to the three congregations on Dementia and Pastoral Care. She has booked to attend the Presbytery National Pioneer Gathering in Sydney 25th-27th May, and a retreat on 28th May – 3rd June. Judy has blocked out the 31st July to 20th August for annual leave.

Tina is on annual leave for a month from 24th April.

Arrangements for the 5th Sunday in April are in hand for a service at Pascoe Vale South at 10.00 am.

The worship committee will meet next on 3rd May at 7.00 pm at Kent Road.

CoG will meet again on 14th June at 7.30 pm at Glenroy.

Graham Manson
Chairperson



TROUBLE PRAYING?

THE FIVE FINGERS PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the leaders of our Country, leaders in business and industry, and administrators that they may wise decisions.
These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.
They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you."
Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself.

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.



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CHILDREN'S PAGE

The story of Palm Sunday
is told in Matthew 21:1-17

Please have fun
colouring the picture in!

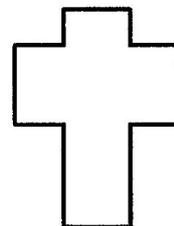


As Jesus and his disciples walked towards Jerusalem, he sent two disciples ahead, telling them to find a donkey and a colt. The disciples brought the animals, laying their cloaks on the donkey so that Jesus could ride. As he rode towards Jerusalem, people laid cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him, shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David," and "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

EASTER WORD SEARCH

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UNITING CHURCHES
WORSHIP LOCATIONS**

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GLENROY**

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CORNWALL RD,
PASCOE VALE**

**CNR OF CUMBERLAND RD &
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Ministers:

**Rev Tina Lyndon
0423 715 590**

**Rev Judy Rigby
0402 473 976**

REGULAR (WKLY) ACTIVITY:

Prayer & Share—Monday lunchtimes at
June Bowen's home
excluding School Holidays

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Tue 11 Apr UCAF Fellowship Group at PVS at 1 pm
Wed 12 Apr Westgate Flicks at PVS at 1.30 pm (*for a 2pm start*)
screening 'Singing in the Rain'
Thu 13 Apr Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service at PVS at 7 pm
Fri 14 Apr Good Friday Way of the Cross Walk at Holy Trinity
Anglican Church (commencing at Rogers Reserve
at 10.30 am)
Sun 16 Apr Easter Day—usual worship service schedule
Mon 24 Apr to Mon Sun 21 May—Rev Tina on ann leave
Sun 30 Apr 5th Sunday combined service at PVS at 10 am
No services at Glenroy & Kent Road
Tue 2 May Men's dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL 6 pm
Thu 4 May Communion service Dorothy Impey Home 2pm
Sun 7 May Messy Church at Kent Road at 4.30 pm (**note
new day and time—for this service only**)
Tues 9 May UCAF Fellowship Group at PVS at 1.00 pm
Wed 10 May Westgate Flicks at PVS at 1.30 pm (*for a 2pm start*)
screening 'Oklahoma'
Sat 13 May Yarns & Threads at Kent Rd at 10 am
Thu 18 May Biggest Morning Tea at Kent Road from 9.00 am
until 1.00 pm
Sun 21 May Hymn Sing-along at PVS at 2.00 pm
Thu 1 Jun Communion service Dorothy Impey Home 2pm
Tue 6 Jun Men's dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL 6 pm
Sat 10 Jun Yarns & Threads at Kent Rd at 10 am
Tue 13 Jun Afternoon Fellowship Group at PVS at 1.00 pm
with Blooms Fashions
Wed 14 Jun Westgate Flicks at PVS at 1.30 pm (*for a 2pm start*)
screening 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty'
Sun 25 Jun UCA Anniversary Sunday

STANDARD WORSHIP TIMES & SERVICES

Glenroy

Sundays at 9.00 am—Contact Faye Woods on 9306 6104

Kent Road

Sundays at 9.15 am (10.00 am on 1st Sunday of the month)

Messy Church at 6.00 pm (1st Friday of Feb, May, Aug & Nov)

PLEASE NOTE—for May 2017 only Messy Church will be on Sunday 7 May at 4.30 pm

Contact Shirley Foster on 9355 7988

Pascoe Vale South (PVS)

Sundays at 10.30 am—Contact Jean Taylor on 9354 6689



Easter Recipe

White Fish Tacos

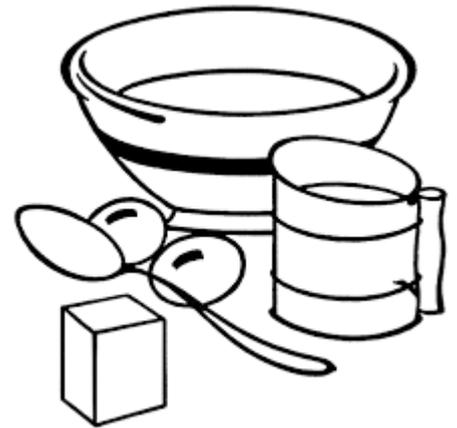


*Any white fish fillets make the perfect filling for tacos!
Serve with sour cream, fresh coriander, crisp shredded lettuce
and extra lime wedges.*

INGREDIENTS

SERVES: 6

- 750g any firm white fish fillets
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 green chilli, chopped
- 1 leek, well rinsed and chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup (250ml) chicken stock
- 2 large tomatoes, diced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Juice of 1 lime
- 12 warmed corn tortillas



DIRECTIONS

PREPARATION: 15MINS › COOK: 30MINS › READY IN: 45MINS

- Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium heat, and fry the chilli, leek and garlic until tender and lightly browned. Season with salt and pepper.
- Stir in the chicken stock and tomatoes and season with cumin. Bring to the boil. Reduce heat to low.
- Place the choice of fish into the mixture. Sprinkle with lime juice. Cook 15 to 20 minutes or until the fish is easily flaked with a fork. Wrap in warmed corn tortillas to serve with the suggested accompaniments above.



GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES

Preaching Plan April to June 2017

Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South
Sun	2-Apr-17	Kent Rd at 10 am with Communion	Rev Judy Rigby	Rev Tina Lyndon (C)	Rev Judy Rigby
Sun	9-Apr-17	Communion at PVS	Lay Leadership	Rev Tina Lyndon	Rev Judy Rigby (C)
Thu	13-Apr-17	Maundy Thursday - 7.00 pm Tenebrae Service led by Rev Tina Lyndon			
Fri	14-Apr-17	Good Friday - 9.00 am service at Glenroy - Rev Judy Rigby 10.30 am Stations of the Cross Walk commence at Rogers Reserve			
Sun	16-Apr-17	Easter Day Communion at Glenroy	Rev Tina Lyndon (C)	Rev Judy Rigby	Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	23-Apr-17		Rev Tina Lyndon	Lay Leadership	Rev Tina Lyndon
Sun	30-Apr-17	5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/PVS Combined Service AT 10.00 AM AT PASCOE VALE SOUTH led by Rev Judy Rigby (Note: Rev Tina on leave from 24 Apr to 24 May in inclusive)			
Sun	7-May-17	Kent Rd at 10 am with Communion	Rev Judy Rigby	Rev Barbara Gayler (C)	Rev Judy Rigby
		also on Sunday 7 May		Messy Church at Kent Road from 4.30 pm	
Sun	14-May-17	Communion at PVS <i>Mother's Day</i>	Lay Leadership	Glenroy Team 2	Rev Judy Rigby (C)
Sun	21-May-17	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Bev Bellchambers (C)	Rev Judy Rigby	Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	28-May-17		Rev Tina Lyndon	Lay Leadership	Rev Tina Lyndon
Sun	4-Jun-17	Kent Rd at 10 am with Communion <i>(Judy remaining at Glenroy after church)</i>	Rev Judy Rigby	Rev Tina Lyndon (C)	Mr Neil Ritchie
Sun	11-Jun-17	Communion at PVS	Lay Leadership	Rev Tina Lyndon	Rev Judy Rigby (C)
Sun	18-Jun-17	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Tina Lyndon (C)	Rev Judy Rigby	Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	25-Jun-17	UCA Anniversary Sunday	Rev Tina Lyndon	Lay Leadership	Rev Tina Lyndon