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by Benjamin West
(1738-1820), oil on
paper, c.1780

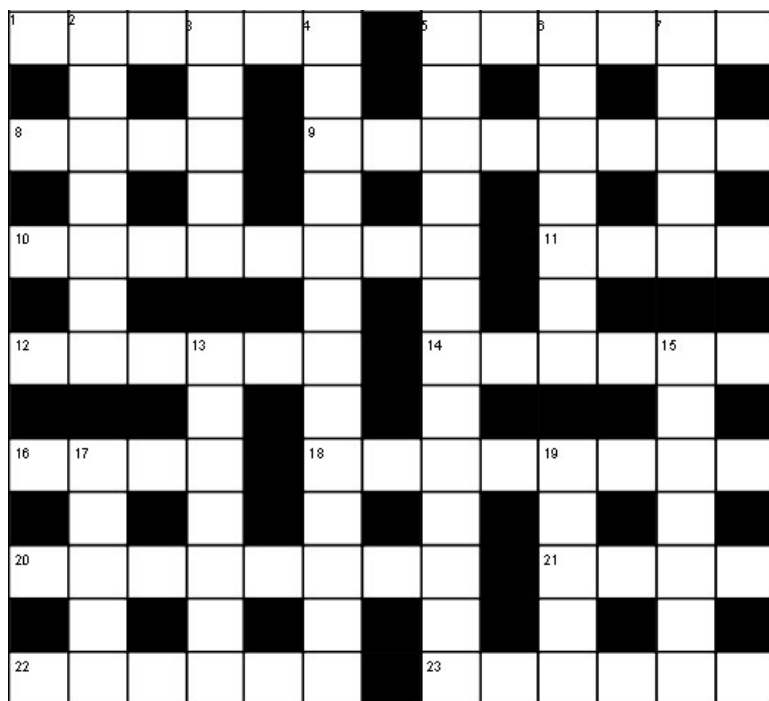
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CROSSWORD



Across

1. Writer of "cautionary tales" e.g "Matilda who told lies". (6)
5. Major feast of the Christian calendar. (6)
8. "---- Dei"; Roman Catholic organisation. (4)
9. Footwear worn by native Americans. (8)
10. Italian musical term meaning "hold back". (8)
11. Emblem of St David and Wales. (4)
12. "O come, O come, -----, Who in thy glorious majesty, From that high mountain clothed in awe, Gavest thy folk the elder Law." hymn (6)

14. Martyr whose relics are kept at Brookwood cemetery near Woking. (6)
16. "Is there no ---- in Gilead; is there no physician there?" Jeremiah (4)
18. The middle of the day. (8)
20. "And Mary said, Behold the ----- of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." (8)
21. "Cast me not ---- from thy Presence" Church Anthem by SS Wesley. (4)
22. "The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ, Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit Shall lure it back to ----- half a Line, Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it" Edward Fitzgerald (6)
23. Bridge in Venice over the Grand Canal. (6)

Down

2. Having been made devoid of contents. (7)
3. A fine, smooth, tightly twisted thread spun cotton, used especially for hosiery. (5)
4. The partition which separates the sanctuary from the body of the church where the Holy Sacrament is administered. (9,4)
5. A self-contained Christian community: a Christian religious community whose members remain physically within it (8,5)
6. "Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the ----- a nest for herself, where she may lay her young" Psalms (7)
7. Enforced removal from one's native country (5)
13. Leading the life of a person without a fixed domicile; moving from place to place. (7)
15. Beaming; emitting light or heat. (7)
17. Seaport of Jordan. (5)
19. Another name for the triple crown worn by the Pope. (5)

WHERE CAN WE FIND GOD?

I understand that it is hard to find God. Some wish they could believe but can't. I offer here a reframe.

In my experience and many others', we can find God...

Article by Ian Robinson who lectures at United Theological College, NSW.

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In any theory of God, we are talking about a spirit, not an object. Therefore, we cannot take to the task of finding God with a telescope or a microscope or a screwdriver. Our eyes are the wrong sort of instrument. Fortunately, humans have other senses that can connect with God and interact.

Have you been seeking a meaning or purpose for your life or feeling a lack of freedom to seek them? We know that life is meant for more than mere survival. So convinced are we of this that people will risk nearly everything to find this freedom. We were made with a driving sense of purpose. If an ideology has reduced your sense of purpose to the survival of your genes you have been tied into a narrow jacket.

Reading sacred texts and worship services can be surprisingly and enormously uplifting. People flock to cathedrals because we have a sense for the sacred around us. They are expressed in poetry and art, a tacit knowledge that speaks deeply. By all means, read them critically. But being stuck in your own cultural mindset is narrow.

Ordinary people can be inspiring. At a funeral or wedding, or another moment of pause, we 'see' inside a person's life to glimpse a creature of the highest significance. We are made with a sense of ordinary and extraordinary significance. You lose so much of your own significance if you witness 'just another person'.

Have you felt wonder or awe, or ever been brought to silence by a moment in nature? Both the scientist and the theologian admit to sharing this sense. A place, a sight or sound can make our spirits soar beyond their empirical status as just one of billions. We don't need to possess the moment but just notice it and feel a kind of call into the depths of our unknowing.

Have you ever sensed what the right thing to do is? It is known as morality, conscience or ethics, but a sense of justice is another calling to which we humans are highly attached. Before we have the evidence for it, we just 'know' that we have a reliable enough sense of right and wrong upon which we base major decisions of life and politics. Morality takes particular forms. Most would agree that the basic sense is innate.

Have you ever met a person who is a Rare Bird? It may not have been a Mandela or Teresa, Obama or Arden, someone whose character and wisdom inspired you and others to aspire to a potential that you had not previously seen. In their presence, we all feel that there can be so much more in our life-span. We have a sense of the presence of greatness. If we are cynical, we blunt this sense.

The basic question of science asks 'how did this come about?' It is not only a scientific question. We all look for causes. Not surprising then that we have asked – how did all this come to be? How did all this evolve so quickly to be so hospitable? There must be a first cause. To say 'it just is' would be to undermine science.

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WHERE CAN WE FIND GOD?

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The ancient belief in a God-ordered universe has encouraged science to look for reliable explanations. It is not, this time, the origin of things but the order of things that surprises. Mathematicians speak of the remarkable capacity for explanation in the universe. It is not all random chaos. Patterns emerge, in that we find that explanations can work well. We sense an order.

As I write, it happens to be the time of year when many honour their war dead. Apart from the excesses that some go to, almost all of us will honour the sacrifice. In civilian life, too, we feel we owe a debt of honour to those who sacrifice for us, even when it is not to the death. Honour of this kind 'adds up' as a great gift within the wider frame of life as a gift. We sense that gift, a feeling that Christians call 'Grace'. When it is forced upon us, it trivialises that greater sense of the gift.

We usually talk of the empirical senses – sight, smell, touch, hearing, taste. Already, you will have noticed in many kinds of experience that we have more, just as real senses. God can be detected when you use any or all of these senses of connection, of purpose, of sacredness, of significance of life, of wonder, of morality, or order and of gift. When these senses are engaged, we experience unlimited richness in life. God enters into our consciousness, into communion and even into communication.

On the other hand, we can make commitments that I believe blunt this potential. When we reduce our senses to empirical rationalism in demand of artificial certainties, practice cynicism, accumulate things in the rush of materialism, deny our conscience, continue to be careless about structural injustice, interpret all human hope with suspicion, or commit to not knowing. Does this description ring bells about late-modern society?

If the list above describes a lot of your current commitments, you cannot find the God who made you. You are holding out for an objective experience and God does not comply. Even if you were given a miracle, it would not change you.

By growing the habit of worship of the God who made us in such a way that we may sense his spirit connecting us with all others, we grow these senses. The limited constructs of buildings and organisations are there to form in us those senses through which we find the presence of God.

This contemplation necessarily includes an exercise of Love. Everyone knows a bit about love. Jesus demonstrated ultimate love. Christians take that as our definition of love. To follow him means we are involved in forming our self in a love with God, love with neighbour, love with enemies, love with those in your particular faith-family, and love with the planet. These are activities not just emotions.

You can experience this love by taking the initiative to give away money to those who need a hand, meet with people to understand each other across cultural barriers, bring support to a struggling kid or parent or senior or not-for-profit organisation, find the truth and share it, give your time and attention to others or stand up for the poor or for the planet.

In doing so, you will also meet parts of yourself that you will experience as unhelpful. Do not be put off – it is just another reason to connect with others to live the Love. Again, those tacit senses are an ocean current that is carrying you towards healing and humility, if you are willing to go.

KENT ROAD NEWS

Even though the weather is so cold, the friendly hospitality of the two combined churches every Sunday makes up for it. Such a friendly congregation. Also, it's comforting to know that even when our doors are closed our beautiful church is being used for worship by others.



Thanks to all who made our Biggest Morning Tea day such a success, \$500 was raised to help Cancer Research. Great effort by all and a great day very enjoyable.

Helen and Les Stewart have been away attending a conference in York in the U.K. and have spent some time travelling and relaxing. We hope this great couple are having a safe and happy time and we look forward to hearing about their travels.

Our sympathy to Eric Rundle who recently lost his mother, Phyllis Rundle, who was the sister of Alby Graham. Our prayers are with you, Eric, at this sad time.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA UPDATE

A letter of thanks received from the Cancer Council for our (\$500) effort last May tells us that over \$3 million was raised in Victoria by Biggest Morning Tea programs. Some of the money will help fund 20 lab-based research projects, 200 free wigs for patients affected by hair loss during treatment, connecting patients to a nurse-counsellor, support for screening programs, educating GPs to better detect skin cancers and short holiday breaks for families to help create memories of loved ones. So thanks again to all who supported our effort.



GLENROY COLLEGE CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Our current chaplain, Amy Kirkbright, will leave at the end of this year. She is to be married in November and has applied for a position at Scoresby, nearer to where she and her husband will live. Amy has been working 3 days per week and will be sorely missed. However, the principal of the college has let it be known that, if possible, she would like to have a chaplain for 5 days a week next year! Whether this can be managed financially is the question, so the committee would urge all supporters to pray for this matter and for the correct choice of a new chaplain. The morale of the school is on the rise and enrolments for next year such that they will need five year 7 classes!



Myra Cowell and Wendy Frazier share some of their personal story of moving from death to life, a journey which is intimately connected to the story of Finley Uniting Church.

Sharing God's wisdom and insight

MYRA

In January four years ago I was feeling exhausted as I finished the 9.00am service at Tocumwal and I still had the 11.00am service in front of me. We didn't have many lay preachers at the time and the couple we did have were away for the holidays. Summer is a difficult season for me. I find my energy levels are very limited and I had three weeks with two services each Sunday. Another hot day was on its way. As I walked from the church at Tocumwal I said a prayer: "God I can't keep going like this - I need help!"

At Finley, on that same morning, a new person arrived at the service, introduced herself and said "I am Wendy an accredited Uniting Church Lay Preacher." I said, "Thank you God!" Since then we have all been truly blessed by Wendy's ministry. She has sustained me in my low times with her wisdom and insight and she has celebrated with me in times of joy. I am still saying: "Thank you God!"

WENDY

My husband Lew and I moved from being in 7 days a week business in Cootamundra to buy a house in Finley. I felt God was telling me to go back to the UCA and for a while I did not agree, but on the morning that Myra spoke of I listened. I had been accredited as a Lay Preacher in 1992. The Bible the congregation gave me at the time has the inscription Matthew 5:15 and 16:

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Who am I to argue with that? Since coming back to the UCA I have redone the Lay preacher training with Myra as my mentor. Her wisdom and the support of Finley worship Centre is humbling. Last year Lew and I built a playroom at our home and called it The House of Doors, because it was built out of old doors! We have a piano, artist's supplies, coffee, tea and a water cooler. It is a good place to sit and chat or pray and it is a good place for all sorts of people to gather. Myra has been a great encouragement to me and we have travelled together, practically and spiritually over the past few years. We have been through a lot together. In have been stretched and Myra's friendship has been valuable to me and her trust in me has been humbling.

MYRA AND WENDY

Although small, Finley Congregation is always open to the movement of God's Holy Spirit and its mission has always been through hospitality. For more than 20 years people from the community have gathered for Bee Hive (BYO craft) and weekly Bible study. Then there is crazy whist, a friendship morning and hymn singing where people from other denominations and people from the wider community can share what is happening in their lives. Each group has its own following and friendships grow.

Supporting the community has always been important to our congregation and since 2018, with \$5000 from the Moderator's Drought Fund and a \$2000 donation from Mansfield Uniting Church we have purchased \$200 Murray Goulburn vouchers and given them to farmers in the area. We have received many thank you notes saying things like, "this is the real Jesus living among



THE HOUSE OF DOORS ACTS AS A GATHERING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY

us." The drought continues and with zero water allocation for irrigation we have just applied for, and received a further \$5000 to distribute to farmers.

Some people might think our congregation is in decline, but that's not how we see it. It is not about numbers it is about people. Some of our members have died or moved into care but someone new is always arriving and the House of Doors is beginning to play a part, acting as a gathering place for some very interesting and gifted people.

Twice a month we take Communion to Finley Regional Care and then share morning tea with the residents. Not so long ago we presided at the funeral of one of our Regional Care members and afterwards Wendy reached out to her daughter. After enjoying the hospitality of the House of Doors, she is now part of Finley Worship Centre and has started Lay Preacher training. God's double blessing to Myra's original prayer for help. ②

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SOUTHERN SNIPPETS

Our, new-for-2019, Sunday worship arrangements, where we alternate each Sunday between PVS and Kent Road, continue to work well and, despite any misgivings about churches being closed on Sundays, both congregations are enjoying worshipping together. Please remember, combined Kent Road & PVS worship is held at Kent Road on the first and third Sunday of each month and is held at PVS (Cumberland Road) on the second and fourth Sunday of each month—with all services commencing at 10.30 am.

In months which include a 5th Sunday, we have a combined service—including the Glenroy congregation—and on Sunday 29 September this combined service will be PVS and will commence at 10.00 am. This will also be our annual UCAF service and, as Lynden will be on holiday, this is being led by Rev Deacon Jenny Preston and, as always, we look forward to hearing of her, and husband John's, continuing work in Zambia through their charity Kondanani.

Our monthly Communion services at Dorothy Impey continue on the first Thursdays of each month at 2.00 pm and these will continue during Lynden's period of leave and will be led by Rev Ian Collings.

Westgate Flicks continues on the third Wednesday of each month—with doors open from 12.30 pm when everyone can enjoy fellowship and complimentary refreshments. The movies start at 1.30 pm and the coming line up is:

Wednesday 18 September Anchors Aweigh with Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly,

Wednesday 16 October Arsenic and Old Lace with Cary Grant

Wednesday 20 November Desk Set with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn

Wednesday 11 December (one week early) Christmas in Connecticut with Barbara Stanwyck
(and the movie will be preceded by Carol Singing with the Stars of Hollywood)

Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested—this is a free activity and everyone is welcome.

We have been saddened by a number of deaths in 2019—Ethel Gowland on 17 January, Bob Rowley on 6 May, Ian Angus on 9 July and, very recently, David Griffin on 20 August—all are greatly missed.

On a happier note, our second Hymn Sing-along this year will be on Sunday 17 November at 2.00 pm—if you enjoy singing hymns and learning about their origin (and any gossip about the hymnwriters) come along for a great time—including Afternoon Tea.

Jean T



UCAF FELLOWSHIP GROUP.....

President: Jean Kyte
 Secretary: Marj Sproat



Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1.00 pm at the Pascoe Vale South Church, with speakers from 1.30 pm.

In July, Sylvia Palmington led us in a series of games and illustrations and in August Rev Ian Collings gave us a talk about Humptydoo in the Northern Territory (where his daughter and family live) and showed photos of some of the unique—and world famous—cover pages of

the Northern Territory News.

In September Shirley Foster will be talking to us about Spring Flowers and on Sunday 29 September our annual service will be held at PVS **at 10.00 am** (note the slightly earlier time) and will be led by Rev Deac Jenny Preston.

Marj Sproat

VEGETABLES FOR PLANTING

Plant five rows of peas	-	preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness and prayer
Then three rows of squash	-	squash gossip squash criticism squash indifference
Then five rows of lettuce	-	let us be faithful let us be unselfish let us be loyal let us be truthful, and let us love one another
No garden is complete without turnip	-	turn up for meetings turn up with a new idea, and turn up with determination

ANSWERS TO PAGE 2 CROSSWORD.....

Across 1. Belloc 5. Easter 8. Opus 9. Moccasin 10. Ritenuto 11. Leek 12. Adonai 14. Edward 16. Balm 18. Noontide 20. Handmaid 21. Away 22. Cancel 23. Rialto

Down 2. Emptied 3. Lisle 4. Communion Rail 5. Enclosed Order 6. Swallow 7. Exile 13. Nomadic 15. Radiant 17. Aqaba 19. Tiara

JOAN'S JOTTINGS

Time to try and think of something for the magazine. I must have had a few boring months. Cannot think of anything...

This year is flying along. Rang a friend the other day. Said to her we'd better arrange to meet up soon or we'll be writing on our Christmas cards "we must catch up in the new year"!

Something lovely did happen the other day. If I am in Cumberland Road about lunchtime (which seems to happen often) I go into the N-Joy Café next to the bank. The other day when I went to pay the lady said the two men who had been sitting at the table next to me paid for my lunch.....

Just been to the August Presbytery meeting. Perhaps that can come under the heading boring. The meetings really are not too bad although I think I nodded off at one stage. The opening worship and short reflections were partly on global warming. I'm the wrong person to ask. If some scientists cannot agree on whether there is such a thing, then why should I agree? At present I am sitting on the fence but tending towards no. At Presbytery I met up with Rev Judy Rigby and also Rev Helen Robinson. Helen has retired and told me she is enjoying retirement—but then said "I am supply minister at Grovedale." The week before the meeting I received 37 pages for the agenda, minutes of previous meeting and copies of reports from all the committees of Presbytery who have met since the last meeting. Besides that I received a further 148 pages of various matters. May be good bedtime reading—they could send you to sleep. The Presbytery does put on a wonderful morning tea at the meetings and this time we also received a shopping type bag advertising Uniting Church Mission Resourcing Property Services.



A couple of quotes:

- You never really get old—what happens is you suffer from a youth deficiency
- Things are just not what they used to be—and one of them is me
- The milk of human kindness beats cold cream for wrinkles

I have seen an ad on TV lately advertising a cream to get rid of wrinkles. You put it on with a brush and in half an hour when it is dry, put on your make-up. I think it must be a bit like Polyfilla—just gets into the wrinkles and sets hard.



A short item from the church magazine for December to February 1988/89:

In some parts of New Zealand hot springs and cold springs are found side by side. The Maori women often boil their clothes in the hot springs and rinse them in the cold. A tourist who had been watching this procedure, remarked to his guide "I guess they think old mother nature is pretty generous", "Well sir" the guide replied "some of them grumble because she supplies no soap!"

Joan T



VIRTUAL REALITY PROJECT

Brings the Bible's World to Life

A new virtual reality experience will allow people to experience the world of the Bible for themselves.

The Immersive Bible Experience recently made its Kickstarter funding goal of \$10, 511, a number it has since exceeded.

It promises backers the ability to "Walk where Jesus walked, pick up and interact with artifacts, climb virtual ladders, experience biblical events as a participant as they unfold around you."

Immersive History are developing the VR app. The team are currently focused on bringing to life the Temple mount and ancient Jerusalem.

The experience uses Mobile 3D, Augmented Reality, and Mobile VR to bring the world of the Bible to life.

In a video on the Kickstarter page, one of the team members Charyn outlines how his faith led him to want to pursue the project.

"I fell in love with the Bible as a teenager. God has always been a big part of my life."

"I knew that deep down, what I really wanted to do was to tell stories that help fuel God's love for people. So when I learnt about Immersive mission to bring the Bible to life through the latest technology, I knew I had to become a part of it."

Jerrom Sidwell is a founding member of Immersive, who has previously worked in visual effects in a number of Hollywood blockbusters, including Avatar and The Avengers.

"One day I was sitting in a lecture from a Biblical scholar," Mr Sidwell said.

"I was riveted, but when I looked around the room, many people were zoning out."

"I thought, 'How can I help more people be engaged in Bible education?' At Immersive, we can recreate the biblical world and digitally immerse people, making the Bible stories and teachings come to life around you like never before."

The Immersive team has worked with archaeologists, biblical scholars, and faith leaders for the project.

As with all Kickstarter campaigns, backers are offered various rewards at different tiers depending on how much money they pledge towards its production.

Nine dollars provides the backer with the 3D mobile app that allows people to explore the Bible's world on iOS and Android devices. On the other side of the scale is the \$10,000 tier, which funds a VR conference experience catered to congregations or families. At the time of writing, the project has raised \$15, 324.

According to the project's Kickstarter page, the production team aim to deliver the finished product to backers in October 2019. To take full advantage of the app, the team recommends a mid-range laptop and an

Oculus Rift headset.

While virtual reality technology is relatively new, Christians have used the platform for a variety of ways, including online church services and virtual faith communities. Uniting have also used the technology in aged care homes to help residents experience items on their 'bucket lists'.

Jonathan Foye



To find out more about the Immersive Bible Experience go to tinyurl.com/vrbible

ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASCOE VALE SOUTH 1911-1977

(continuation from previous 3 articles)

The Story So Far:

Presbyterian services commenced in 1911 utilizing a classroom in the new State primary school of Pascoe Vale. Over the years parishioners may have gravitated towards the West Coburg State primary school where services commenced in 1929? People were determined to build their own church in the locality and once block of land was purchased from George Hossack on the corner of Bell and Wills Streets. A portable building was placed on that site and services commenced in June 1930. On being advised two blocks of land were required to establish a church (and I suspect a manse) George Hossack donated two blocks of land on the corner of Cumberland Road and Westgate Street. Migration from Britain throughout much of the first half of the twentieth century led to rapid expansion of settlements in both the north and northwest of Melbourne. Establishing a permanent church building in Pascoe Vale during the Great Depression of the 1930s was indeed a great challenge but the followers of Jean Calvin via John Knox of Scotland never waived in their faith in God, their need to witness that faith in Pascoe Vale, and the Presbyterian system of church government.

By the end of 1931 the congregation had accepted the Presbyterian Church of Victoria's Home Extension Board's offer to sell [to them] the portable church in Wills Street for £150-0-0 free of interest for up to two years. Now that they had two blocks of land for no capital outlay it was imperative for the fledgling congregation to shift the portable building to the corner of Cumberland Road and Westgate Street as early as possible. In March 1932 Messrs Aldie, Firman, McNeil, Pascoe and Taylor were determined to position the church on the Cumberland Road site. At the same time, planning commenced for the construction of a permanent brick building but serious divisions emerged about the length of the proposed structure, and I suspect, although unrecorded, some parishioners may have had doubts about procuring finance given the depressed economic conditions? I address these two issues below.

At a congregational meeting held on 17 May 1932 it was moved by Mr Firman seconded by Mr Smith "that the congregation proceed with a new building and the construction of tennis courts." Much discussion followed! Finally an amendment was moved by Mr Rogers seconded by Mr Pascoe "that the congregation proceed with the new building but omit tennis courts unless it can be provided with the cost limit of £1,300-0-0." (\$30,448.57 in 2018 dollars)

This amendment became the motion and was carried despite attempts by others to defer plans for twelve months. By August that year the Board had approved plans for a brick building for £475-0-0 with architect's fees of £20-0-0. However, conjecture about the length of the new building continued well into 1933. There were those who favoured restricting the length of the main hall to 50 feet and those just as adamant that the length should be 60 feet; in fact this may have dominated the annual congregational meeting in March 1933? Despite this division within the congregation planning proceeded. On 3 April 1933 the Building Committee chaired by George Hossack decided to award the tender for the new building to Mr Irvine for £450-0-0 (\$45,672.85 in 2018 dollars). But length remained unresolved. On 9 April at a congregational meeting length of the proposed building and the need for time to consider increasing donations dominated issues, and the meeting adjourned to Sunday 16 April. At that meeting it was moved by Mr Dawes seconded by Mr Mitchell "that the Building Committee proceed with the 50' x 30' building and request the builder to place doors along the south wall of same" (I assume this was to seal off the altar?)

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St Andrew's Presbyterian Church—Pascoe Vale South 1911--1977

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An amendment to this motion was moved by Mr Webb seconded by Mr Firman “that we proceed with building 60’ x 30’:. Amendment number 2 moved by Mr Pearce seconded by Mrs Rogers “that the original plan 50’ x 30’ proceed but that it be deferred for two weeks to enable Mr Dawes to try and get a donation”.

This amendment became the motion and was carried 35-2. I assume Mr Dawes was acutely aware of the possibility of a significant donation towards the capital cost of the new church building? Whilst I never have had access to financial reports as such, I can assume from Board and congregational meetings the fledgling church was desperate for finance. A cursory study of some key facts may provide support for this assumption?

- a. 1/12/30 Board applied to Home Mission Committee for grant of £104-0-0 for 1931. By August 1931 grant was reduced to £50-0-0.
- b. 23/2/31 congregation applied to Presbyterian Loan Fund for £200-0-0.
- c. 7/12/31 second application to Presbyterian Loan Fund for £200-0-0. 7/12/31 it was agreed to buy the portable church for £150-0-0 free of interest for 2 years plus relocation costs of £25-0-0 in addition to establishment costs of fencing and toilet block.
But the congregation never had the funds to meet this liability. It was not until a Special Board meeting in August 1934 was the matter resolved generously in favour of the fledgling Congregation: sale price £85-0-0, congregation to pay £35-0-0 by 31 December 1934, £25-0-0 by 31 December 1935 and £25-0-0 by 31 December 1936. It would appear no Significant donation materialised in 1933.
7/12/31 application made to Jubilee Fund for grant of £50-0-0 but received only £40-0-0.

Other financial issues included:

- i) there were around 30 communicants in the congregation but voluntary giving was in decline. Measured between January-July in 1931 it was £47-9-6, but £39-7-6 in the same period in 1932. The ravages of the Great Depression descended upon the congregation.
- ii) as at 30 March 1931 the balance in the Building Fund totalled £13-7-2 but by August it had surprisingly more than doubled to £26-19-8.
- iii) The Home Mission liability was £1-0-0 per week in 1930 and 1931 but increased to £1-15-0 per week in March 1932.

Interestingly I find no mention to date about the sale of the land on the corner of Wills and Bell Streets? Yet despite limited finance and some division within the congregation, deposits continued to flow into the Building Fund each month from the Social Committee and private donations. Indeed, as the building progressed so did the donations and gifts such as a pulpit supplied by Mr Rogers, seating supplied by Mr Pascoe, a communion set by the Sunday School, and Mr P.T. Taylor offered to donate the foundation stone and supply lettering at 9 shillings per dozen. That stone was laid by George Hossack on 19 August 1933 with H.Irvine builder. This raises the question of why this stone was incorporated into the wall of the new hall rather than the St Andrew's Hall which replaced the original 1930s building destroyed by fire in the 1970s?

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St Andrew's Presbyterian Church—Pascoe Vale South 1911--1977

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It would be incorrect to assume finance was the only focus of the fledgling congregation. They had faith in God and in their future perhaps as expounded in Hebrews Ch 11 v 1-3

“To have faith is to be sure of the things we hope for , to be certain of the things we cannot see... It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God’s word so that what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen.”

A strong Calvinistic theological strain may have influenced parishioners’ actions in the local community? How many times have you heard ministers of various denominations intone, especially in the benediction: ‘Go forth now peace, render no man evil for evil, etc’ - or “Let your light so shine upon the world, etc’. To my mind this is pure Calvinism which influenced eventually many other Christian denominations over succeeding centuries. Calvin implored his followers to create “Godly communities” and the Pascoe Vale Presbyterians embraced the certainty of being inspired by God and in their ability, perhaps like Calvin in Geneva, to influence the ‘manners and morals’ of their local community? Perhaps this is why in June 1933 the Board protested to the Coburg Council about games being played on Council grounds on Sundays? Similarly, in July, perhaps that is why the Board sent a deputation to the Pascoe Vale Soldiers’ Progress Association (a forerunner of today’s R.S.L.), to protest against Sunday dancing in their hall? And the Soldiers’ Progress Association communicated in August that they would “exercise the strictest supervision re letting of their hall on Sundays in the future”. There is no evidence of a reply from the Coburg Council. Protestantism was paramount and remained so for several decades after WW2. Increasing migration from Catholic Europe and Asia rather than from Britain removed its dominance.

The first permanent building on the Cumberland Road site was opened on Saturday 9 September and the first service was conducted on Sunday 10 September 1933.

Some Historical Notes

1. 2 March 1931 Members of the Board of Management instructed Messrs Dawes and Rogers to ‘progress formation of a Boys’ Gymnasium Class’ (forerunner of today’s Boys’ Club).
2. 31 March 1931 boys attending the Gymnasium Class were charged one penny per week.
3. Balance of funds held by the Boys’ Gymnasium Club was 11 shillings and nine pence on 1 June 1931.
4. 7 December 1931 congregational meeting approved letter of appreciation to be sent to George Hosack for his gift to the church of land in Cumberland Road, frontage of 100 feet and length of 207 feet 8 inches in Westgate Street.
5. 7 March 1932 the Orange Lodge agreed to assist with the construction of a porch onto the portable building once shifted to the Cumberland Road site.
6. April 1933 Miss Dripps applied for use of the church hall for 5 days per week from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for kindergarten classes. This was approved with rent to be 10 shillings per quarter.
7. May 1933 Miss Dunn requested use of the church hall for kindergarten classes
8. 7 August 1933 Balmoral Avenue Methodist Sunday School wrote to the Board congratulating the church on its progress and requesting use of the hall for a concert on 17 October.
9. 9 September 1933 a special congregational meeting was advised that Pascoe Vale was to be changed from a Mission Station to a Charge linked to Moonee Ponds and Essendon North and that arrangements were being made for the induction of the Rev. John Sinclair. It was also affirmed that the congregation could not meet any further increases in the stipend!

R.M.

MUSIC WITH CATHERINE

Come and sing, dance, and play percussion instruments together with Catherine! Our fun activities promote child development and encourage parent-child interactions, using a mixture of traditional children's songs and games and Nepali children's songs.

We meet at 10.00 am in the foyer of the Uniting Church at 76 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy Vic 3046. This is a free activity, however any donations are gratefully received and will go towards buying equipment for the program.

For further information please telephone:

Catherine on 0419 862 694 or Smriti on 0449 662 041
or Sheetal 0413 990 798

Saturdays for Term 3 2019 are:

27 July

10 August

17 of August

7 September

21 September



A BIT OF LIGHT HUMOUR

Benefits of Good Vocabulary

I recently called an old Engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.



**Small Child: Mummy ... why is some
of your hair so white?**

silversurfers

**Mother: Every time you make me
sad, another hair turns white.**

silversurfers

**Small Child: Wow mummy! What on
earth did you do to Grandma?**



**At my age rolling out
of bed in the morning
is easy.**

**Getting up off the
floor is another story.**

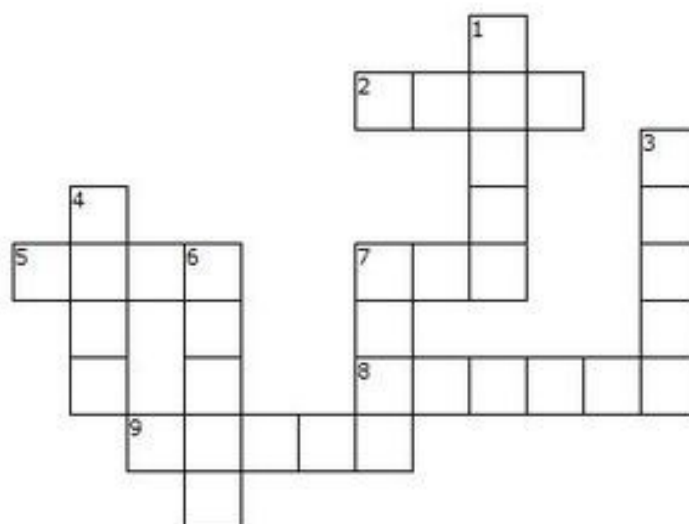
CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an _____. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other _____ before me.
7. You shall _____ commit adultery.
8. You shall not _____. (kill)
9. You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

1. You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. _____ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
6. You shall not _____. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the _____ of the LORD your God.

FALSE
NAME

IDOL
COVET

STEAL
HOLY

HONOR
NOT

MURDER
GODS

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**Rev Lynden Broadstock
0466 336 687**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tue 3 Sep	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 5 Sep	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Sat 7 Sep	Music with Catherine at Glenroy at 10.00 am
Tue 10 Sep	UCAF Meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm
Wed 18 Sep	Westgate Flicks screening 'Anchors Aweigh' starring Frank Sinatra & Gene Kelly from 12.30 pm (for a 1.30pm start)
Sat 21 Sep	Music with Catherine at Glenroy at 10.00 am
Tue 24 Sep	Church Council meeting at Kent Road at 7.45 pm
Fri 27 Sep	AFL Grand Final Eve Public Holiday
Sun 29 Sep	Combined Glenroy/KRd/PVS worship and UCAF annual service at PVS at 10.00 am
Tue 1 Oct	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 3 Oct	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 8 Oct	UCAF Meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm
Wed 16 Oct	Westgate Flicks screening 'Arsenic & Old Lace' starring Cary Grant from 12.30 pm (for a 1.30pm start)
Tue 5 Nov	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Thu 7 Nov	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Mon 12 Nov	UCAF Meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Sun 17 Nov	Hymn Sing-along at PVS at 2.00 pm
Tue 19 Nov	Church Council meeting at PVS at 7.45 pm (note 1 week earlier than usual)
Wed 20 Nov	Westgate Flicks screening 'Desk Set' starring Spencer Tracey & Katherine Hepburn from 12.30 pm (for a 1.30pm start)
Tue 26 Nov	Boys' Club Annual Display Night at Coburg Town Hall

**STANDARD WORSHIP TIMES & SERVICES
FOR 2019**

Glenroy

Sundays at 9.00 am—Contact Faye on 9306 6104

Kent Road

1st & 3rd Sundays only at 10.30 am—Contact Shirley on 9355 7988

Pascoe Vale South (PVS)

2nd & 4th Sundays only at 10.30 am—Contact Chris on 0408 649 055



GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES

Preaching Plan - September to November 2019

Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	10.30 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South
				Note: From 1 Jan 2019, the Kent Rd and Pascoe Vale South congregations will hold Combined Services EVERY SUNDAY (with the 1st and 3rd Sundays held at Kent Road and the 2nd and 4th Sundays held at Pascoe Vale South) Each of these services will begin at 10.30 am	
Sun	1-Sep-19	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Thu	5-Sep-19	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home 2.00 pm - Rev Ian Collings			
Sun	8-Sep-19	Communion at PVS <i>Lynden on leave</i>	Lay Team		Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	15-Sep-19	Communion at Glenroy <i>Lynden on leave</i>	Rev Bev Bellchambers	Helen Stewart	
Sun	22-Sep-19	<i>Lynden on leave</i>	Mr Robert Coulson		Mr Robert Coulson
Sun	29-Sep-19	5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/PVS Combined Service at 10.00 am at PASCOE VALE SOUTH <i>Lynden on leave - Service to be led by Rev Deac Jenny Preston</i>			
Thur	3-Oct-19	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home 2.00 pm - Rev Ian Collings			
Sun	6-Oct-19	Communion at KRd (Def to 3rd Sun) <i>Lynden w/end off 1 wk early</i>	Lay Team (one wk early this mth)	TBA	
Sun	13-Oct-19	Communion at PVS	Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	20-Oct-19	Communion at Kent Road and at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	27-Oct-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	3-Nov-19	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Thur	7-Nov-19	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home 2.00 pm - Rev Lynden Broadstock			
Sun	10-Nov-19	Communion at PVS	Lay Team		Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	17-Nov-19	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	24-Nov-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock