

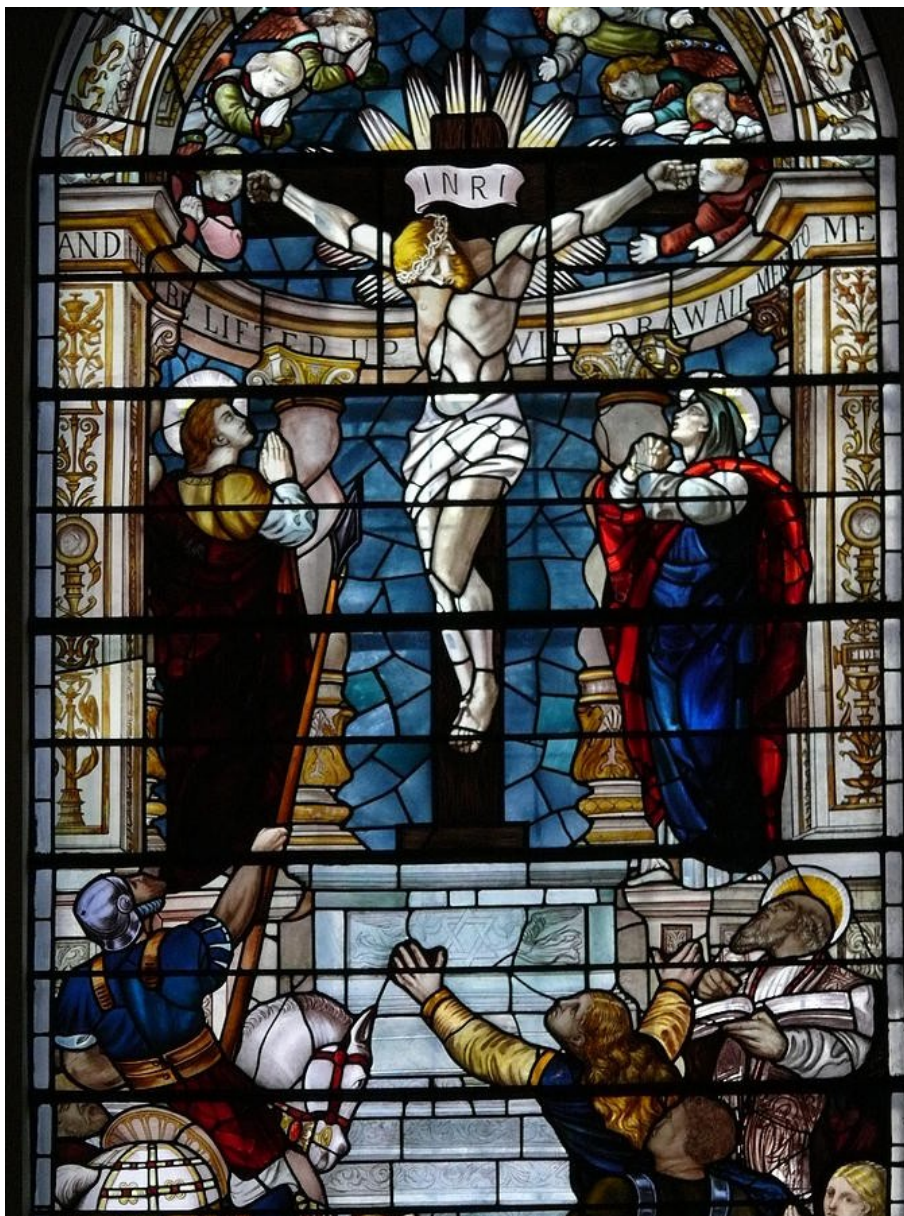


# KINDRED SPIRITS

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INRI stems from the Latin phrase '**Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum**' meaning 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. This was the notice Pontius Pilate nailed over Jesus as he lay dying on the cross.



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## EASTER HYMN NAME QUIZ

### Hymn name jumbled

1. lla oyrlg audl and orouhn
2. lla nveaeh arlsdcee
3. nda acn ti eb
4. eb lstli nda nkwo hatt i ma ogd
5. eb tllsi fro teh erscnepe fo eht rdol
6. earebht no em tabahr fo gdo
7. hrsict het rlod si eisnr ydaot
8. ofmr anehev ouy ocme
9. eh si rdol
10. i ecandd ni eht grnnimo
11. i oknw taht ym rdemreee eilsv
12. amke wya, amek awy
13. onrmnig ahs eonkrb
14. deri no, ider no ni mateysj
15. Kroc fo gsae
16. eth dol rgdeug srcos
17. heter si a negre illh raf awya
18. tnihe eb teh lgoyr
19. eerw ouy heter
20. enwh i rsevuy the dunroswo ocsrs

### Correct hymn name


### Answers

11. I know that my redeemer lives  
 12. Make way, make way  
 13. Morning has broken  
 14. Ride on, ride on in majesty  
 15. Rock of ages  
 16. The old rugged cross  
 17. There is a green hill far away  
 18. Thine be the glory  
 19. Were you there  
 20. When I survey the wondrous cross

### Answers

1. All Glory Laud and Honour  
 2. All Heaven Declares  
 3. And can it be  
 4. Be still and know that I am God  
 5. Be still for the presence of the lord  
 6. Breathe on me breath of God  
 7. Christ the lord is risen today  
 8. From Heaven you came  
 9. He is lord  
 10. I danced in the morning

## A MESSAGE FROM REV. DEAC PETER BATTEN

Easter is always a reminder of the journey of change and transformation.

As we follow the path of Jesus through Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter day I am always reminded that for the Jesus nothing was static. He did not come to maintain the status quo, rather his was a journey of death and new life, or transformation into something different. As an Intentional Interim Minister (IIM) my task is to enable folk to discern what is worth maintaining and what is needed to be discontinued. This is a discernment process between the congregations, the IIM and God.

Can I invite you as we enter Holy Week to pray for this time of discernment and the wisdom of the Holy One in our decision making.

As part of the IIM process I would like to talk to people who wish to discuss issues related to the congregations.

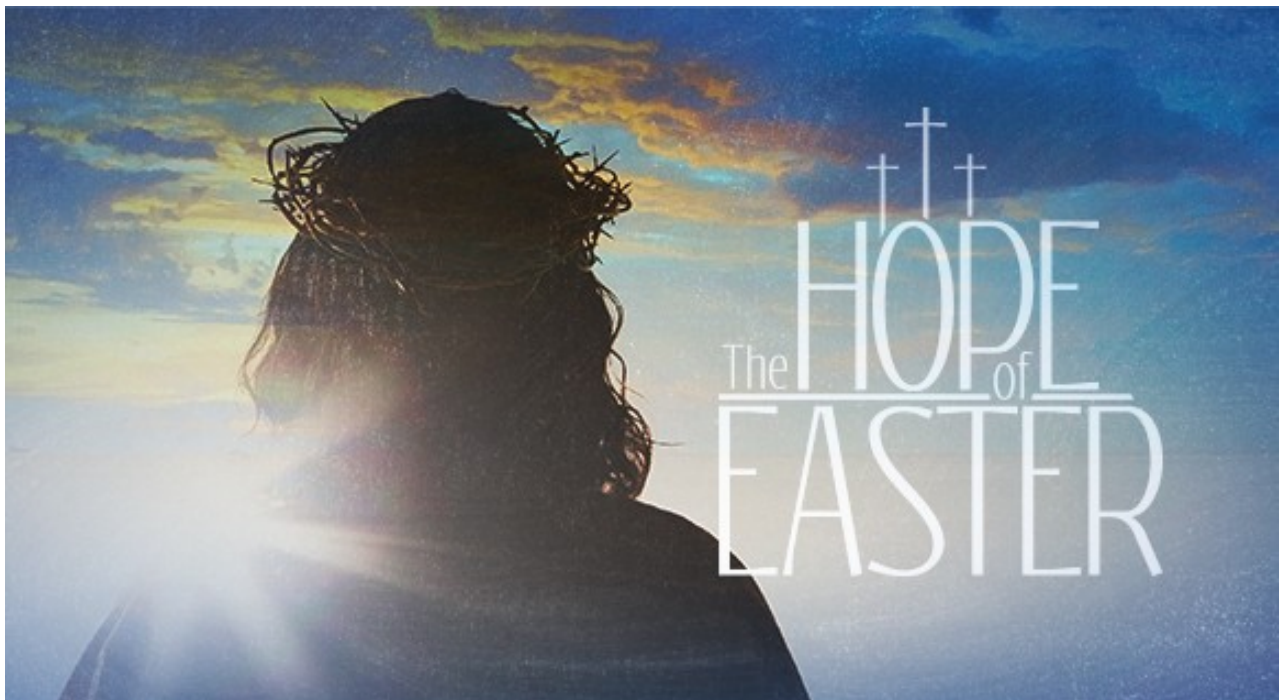
Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss any aspect of the current situation.

I wish you all blessings for Easter.

Rev. Deacon Peter Batten

Ph 0466 336 687

***The power of the Christ-life is the power of gentleness, kindness, earthiness, creativity, humour and love. (source unknown)***



## UNCONIDITIONAL LOVE....

Whilst I on holiday last year, Rev Roy Taylor, the local vicar of St. Francis in San Eugenio, Playa de Las Americas, South Tenerife (in the Canary Islands) gave a sermon on Mothering Sunday and Mother's Day. He explained that Mothering Sunday was historically a prescribed day when people paid homage to their "mother" church and the more modern Mother's Day is the day when people pay homage to their mothers or maternal figures in their lives — and whilst different, both are an act of unconditional love.



He illustrated his sermon on unconditional love with the story of Albrecht Durer who painted the picture of the praying hands pictured here. This picture was presented to Roy in the form of a plaque when he was ordained as a curate in York Minster

Albrecht was born in the fifteenth century, near Nuremberg one of eighteen children. Albrecht's father, a goldsmith by profession, worked long hours and took any other paying chore he could find in his neighbourhood in order merely to keep food on the table for his family.

Two of the children, Albrecht and Albert were talented artists they both dreamt of pursuing their talent further, but they knew that their father would never be able to afford to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.

So the two boys worked out a plan. One would work in the nearby mines and support his brother with his earnings whilst the other would attend the academy. Then when that bother had finished his studies in four years they would swap. Albrecht won the toss of the coin and attended the academy whilst Albert went down into the mines and supported his brother during his studies with his earnings. Planning to swap in four years, either with sales of his artwork or, by labouring in the mines..

Albert worked in the mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate success. Albrecht's etchings, woodcuts, and his oils were often far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

After four years the young artist returned to his village, Albrecht was ready to pay for his brother's time at the academy. The Durer family held a festive dinner to celebrate Albrecht's return. After the meal, Albrecht rose to drink a toast to his beloved brother thanking him for his support for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfil his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

Albert rose, and holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger had been broken at least once, and were now suffering from arthritis, the thumbs were bent and twisted, such that it was difficult even to hold the glass toasting his brother, much less a brush.

Albrecht paid homage to his brother for all he had sacrificed and painstakingly sketched his brother's hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward simply calling the drawing "Hands".

The world renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands". Roy gave this story as an example of unconditional love, similar to that given by a mother, and as a reminder to us all that no one ever makes it alone, we all need someone!

*George Jevons*

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## THINKING CHRISTIAN QUESTIONS—NO 4

### WHY IS THE BOOK SONG OF SONGS IN THE BIBLE?

It doesn't seem to match the rest of the Bible's books in message and style. It reads rather 'hot' in places. It describes a rather intimate relationship between a woman and a man where they pour love and desire over each other. There is a lot of passion.

Passion and intimacy are the keys to its message. It gives an example of how a man and woman can show each other their love in a passionate and intimate way. If humans can love each other in such a way, how does God love us? Does he love in an aloof way where he remains separate from us, or does he want to be close to us in a more intimate way?

I believe he acts in the latter way where he is absolutely passionate about each one of us and desires to be intimate with us, perhaps not in a physical way, but in a spiritual or personal way

The love can flow from us to God too, as it can in both ways with two humans. Do we have a passion for God like we have or may have had for another person? The relationship between us and God can have all the passion we humans can have.

**Graham Manson**



HOW *delightful*  
is YOUR *Love*  
SONG OF SOLOMON 4:10

## SISTER ELIZABETH BIRCHILL

Upon reading about the Australian Inland Mission's Coen Hospital in Frontier News, I remembered I had a book on my shelf about a former nurse, Elizabeth Birchill, who nursed at the Elizabeth Symon Nursing Home in Innamincka in the early 1930s. She had a remarkably adventurous life, her nursing career taking her around the world on some amazing adventures, then earning her BA late in life.

I did not know her and knew nothing about her—only meeting her on one occasion when I was browsing in a city (Melbourne) bookshop in 1982 and when this lady approached me and presented me with a signed copy of her book 'The Paths I've Trod'. She was such a striking presence that I have never forgotten the encounter.

She has also written a book about her time at Innamincka that I do not possess. (I notice that 'The Paths I've Trod' was printed at Brown Prior Anderson where my father was a printing machinist but who had died in 1968).

In the book—inland Australia gave Elizabeth itchy feet at a time when few nurses were travelling overseas. In 1937 she arrived in London, nursing at St Thomas' Hospital (which was bombed in WW2). From there Elizabeth responded to a call for nurses in the Moorish city of Almeria. Their patients were victims of the Spanish Civil War. Soon after returning to London, Elizabeth applied to the Grenfell Mission in Labrador, Canada, to work in St Anthony's Children's Home, on which site Sir Wifred Grenfell was living, at Indian Harbour—situated on an island visited by fishermen. (Dr Grenfell was famous for his entrapment on an ice floe and being forced to eat his three dogs).

On her return to Australia, WW2 was looming. Elizabeth volunteered for the Armed Services serving in Nazareth, Palestine at the General Hospital. From service in Egypt to Darwin and onto New Guinea and Thursday Island serving in birth clinics, to Dr Schweitzer's hospital in Lambarene, Africa—no wonder she is listed in Who's Who.

The back cover of my book states that Elizabeth studied for the Higher School Certificate in the 1970s, then graduated BA in 1981 and was preparing for a Master's Degree!

I was wondering if anyone in our congregations know about her work?

Judith Faulds

Glenroy



*Where is Innamincka?*



*Elizabeth Symon Nursing Home, Innamincka*



## KENT ROAD NEWS .....

Easter Blessings to all, may you celebrate this Miracle and season with hope and give thanks to God for the love and sacrifice given to us all.

A lovely service led by Rev. Dr. John Evans was held to welcome Rev. Deac. Peter Batten and Rev. Lynden Broadstock to our three congregations and we look forward to moving on with hope and love, praying that they will enjoy their time with us too. Lovely to have Julie and Finbarr Carroll join us to celebrate their 1<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary and to take part in the service.

Special thanks to the Samoan folk who hold their church service after ours on Sundays, they have been so kind in working on our gardens and lawn and are always willing to lend a hand when needed, this is really appreciated.

Lillian from our Church family was especially brave when she confronted the thief on the roof trying to steal the copper roofing, sadly to say our outside furniture disappeared the next day too. Our grateful thanks to Chris Game and Phillip Sproat for their help in dealing with insurance, arranging temporary roof cover and taking away the remaining copper.

Congratulations to Christiaan who has been appointed School Captain at West Breen Primary School. Well done Christiaan. Birthday Blessings to Love who recently turned 18, very important age these days

The Assyrian Church held a special Service of Thanks for the 12 months they have worshipped in our church and thanked us for being able to use our lovely buildings. Really appreciated by all.

Sadly we were unable to hold our Pancake Day this year but look forward to holding our Annual Biggest Morning Tea to aid Cancer, in May.

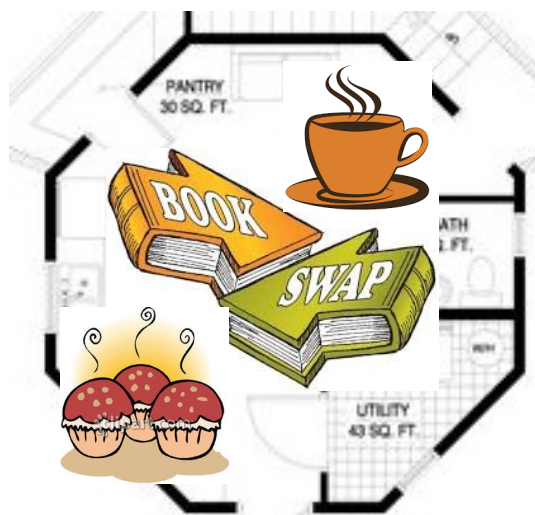


### The Quirky Place Drop in Centre Cafe & Book Exchange

Now Closed for Easter  
but opening again from 19 April

**THURSDAYS**

**9.00 am to 12.30 pm**



Drop in for a drink, a cake and/or to borrow a book or two.

We would love to see you and your friends.

## ***A Week in Uganda — by Brian Hatton***

Muyembe is a very small village sitting pretty-well on the equator in rural Uganda. This story is my impression after staying there for just one week. Life is tough for most people. An existence where you eat what you grow, and try to sell or barter excess food for luxury items like paraffin for your lamps, and perhaps a carton of washing powder or a little soap.

This is a place of mud huts with bare earth, or cow dung, floors. There is no running water — you collect that from the borehole, or the river, every day. The toilet is a hole in the ground. Cooking is done outdoors on an open fire, so gathering wood is a regular chore. Each family has a compound with several dwellings and adjoining land for cultivation. Some of the land is worked cooperatively by members of women's empowerment groups. These are set up by African Village Support, the charity which was hosting our visit, to enable the women to have at least some income to provide for their children. Matoke, prepared by steaming and mashing peeled green bananas, is a staple ingredient of most meals. Maize and rice are also grown, along with green beans and tomatoes. Eggs and goat meat also feature in the diet. Ploughing by oxen is as common a sight as the ancient, battered tractor.

And here people walk great distances — we met one of several school teachers who walk 3 miles to work each day. Public transport is predominantly the Matatu, the ubiquitous African taxi — we would call it a minibus. On one journey I was one of 24 people inside the 14-seater vehicle, with at least one other clinging to the outside!

Motorbike taxis are everywhere. I saw many carrying three people and one with an unbelievable six people on one machine! The other taxi is the boda-boda, a bicycle with a parcel rack on the back, on which passengers sit side-saddle.

There is no petrol station for 30 miles or more, so the few who own a vehicle (typically a very old and battered affair) have to buy fuel from local dealers who sell it from Jerry cans at inflated prices. Much of it is diluted with paraffin, causing engines to break down, adding misery to an already difficult journey over pot-holed, dusty, earth roads.

Bandits from the region bordering Sudan and Kenya have a history of cattle stealing around Muyembe. The last incursion was only 6 or 7 years ago. The bandits came armed with AK 47s. The villagers hid their cattle inside the school and other buildings, but most were taken. Since then, Asian traders have bought up much of the land. The locals could not resist the offer of cash and they readily agreed. Now their cash is long spent and they have neither money nor land. The Asians have since established profitable sunflower production there.

The situation is not unlike 19th century Europe, where the poor were in rags, families were large and death came early. Families typically contain 7 or more children. This is understandable where one in five does not reach the age of 5. In the absence of any welfare, children are a guarantee that parents will be looked after in old age, and before that, they contribute to the economy of the household by performing carrying, cleaning and childminding chores to free the adults for work.

And yet, this is a society which is trying to embrace the 21st century. I have an iconic photograph of a young woman, obviously educated and in a good job (probably in provincial administration) carrying a jar of water on her head, with a laptop bag slung over her shoulder!

We attended the Anglican church. It is falling down due to termites eating the mud walls and wooden framework. At the offertory, some villagers were placing tomatoes and eggs on the plate — the only currency they have. I was taken to see the replacement church. The construction of this brick-built structure has been on-going for years. As the money is found, more bricks are added. It is doubtful that, without outside financial help, the church could be completed before the existing one collapses. At present it is up to window-sill height. It will be a community and health centre as much as a church.

This was a step into the unknown for us. There is a lot more to tell. What made the greatest impression? The stoicism and practicality of these inherently religious, resourceful, kindly and friendly people.

*Brian Hatton is the director of a UK charity called Greenfields Africa — he and his wife, Dorothy, live in Shropshire in the UK.*



## SOUTHERN SNIPPETS

Christmas doesn't seem that long ago but a further three months has elapsed and we are now into Lent with Easter fast approaching—and another magazine article to write!

The combined Glenroy, Kent Road and PVS service held on New Year's Eve at PVS, led by Rev Judy, was an uplifting and feel-good time and a very positive start to the new year for everyone. The combined services held during January, whilst leaving one of our two churches closed each Sunday, were however a great time of fellowship between our two congregations.

We were saddened by the death of our friend and member, Betty Pinder, on 28 December and further saddened by the death of another dear friend and member, Graeme Wilde on 26 February—on both occasions the church was full to farewell them and a great testament to their lives well lived.

Please also keep Bob Rowley (settling into Dorothy Impey), Geoff Anderson, Len Taylor, Leslie Bath, Peter Lawrence and Stephen Fielding in your prayers.

Our regular monthly Communion service at Dorothy Impey Home restarted in February and we conducted a quarterly worship service at the BUPA Home in Coburg in March—we look forward to continuing these missional activities and are always in need of helpers.

Westgate Flicks has recommenced for 2018 and is now on **the 3rd Wednesday of each month**. About 35 people enjoyed the Quiet Man in February, 27 enjoyed South Pacific this week and in April are screening **A Man Called Peter** starring Richard Todd and Jean Peters. This is an uplifting biography of Peter Marshall and charts another life well lived, from a modest Scottish upbringing, to the New York seminary, time in Atlanta churches, his marriage, appointment as chaplain of the US Senate, and early death at 46—please do try and join us **from 1.30 pm (for a 2 pm start) on Wednesday 18 April**—tea, coffee, etc and light refreshments available both before and after the movie.

We are once again holding our **Easter Alive children's activity**—this year **after school on Tuesday 27 March**. We have secured the services of Melanie via OAC Ministries and she is well experienced in running these sorts of activities.

We are not holding a Maundy Thursday service at PVS this year—but Glenroy do have a Good Friday morning service at 9.00 am and the Stations of the Cross Walk is on again at 10.30 am—commencing at Rogers Reserve, Cumberland Road and concluding at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Pleasant Street.

We were saddened to farewell Revs Tina and Judy in February—but look forward to getting to know Rev Deac Peter Batten and Rev Lynden Broadstock as our Long Term Supply Ministry Team.

**Jean T**



## UCAF FELLOWSHIP GROUP.....

President: Jean Kyte

Secretary: Marj Sproat



Our fellowship meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1.00 pm, with speakers from 1.30 pm, at the Pascoe Vale South Church. New members and visitors are always welcome.

We started the year with our Dedication Service on Tue 14 Feb led by Rev Tina Lyndon and followed by a shared lunch. In March we worked through the Easter Service included in the Network magazine.

On Tue 10 April I (*Marj Sproat*) will be talking about my holiday in the USA.

On Tue 8 May Blumes Fashions will be coming to show us their latest range—we will be **starting earlier at 10.00 am** and there will be a \$5 entry fee.

On Tue 12 June we will be enjoying a games afternoon.

***Marj Sproat***

## OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF INNOCENTS!

**The Good Samaritan** — A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up.."

**Did Noah Fish?** — A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

**The Lord is my Shepherd** — A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

**Unanswered Prayer** — The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

**Being Thankful** — A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



***What does my dad do?  
Anything mum tells him...***

## JOAN'S JOTTINGS .....

Most church people will have heard I had an accident and my car was a write off . Not my fault. Someone slammed into the back of my car while I was waiting to do a right hand turn. Not sure why I had insurance. Only received a pittance as the car was old (11 years). I feel if it had been much older I would have been paying the insurance company. I wasn't hurt which was the main thing. The only think hurting is my bank account. I have purchased a new car.

For all those who still do not believe me when I say I am not driving to Queensland this year, they can now see it in print. "I'M NOT GOING." Hopefully towards the end of September I am however flying up to Queensland for a week with my niece and her husband. Jennifer's husband, Ian, plays cricket with the over 60s Cricket Association—they are off to Sri Lanka soon.

Not much news so a few extra quotes:

- "The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work."
- "Worry is the advance interest you pay on troubles that seldom come."
- An elderly friend remarked on the passing of time: "You know, it's terrible to grow old alone." - "But you're not alone. You've got a wife." - "Are you kidding" he said. "My wife hasn't had a birthday in eight years."

It was reported that eleven millionaires went down on the Titanic. Major A.H. Peachen survived but left \$300,000.00 in money, jewellery and securities in a box in his cabin. "The money seemed a mockery at that time" he later said. "I picked up three oranges instead."

What's Wrong With Being Old-Fashioned?

In the olden days you paid your debts as quickly as possible and went without things to do it. You disciplined your children—but disciplined yourself first. You spend less than you earned and demanded your government do the same. You went to church, your children to Sunday School, you held daily prayers—and no court would have dared to interpose any law into your private religion. You would have been horrified at (and quick to change) men in high places who made "deals". You expected to prosper by individual initiative—by doing a better and better job. You obeyed the law—but took an active enough part in government to see that the laws were just. You walked softly but carried a big stick. And that was the character which brought this country victory in two World Wars in your lifetime, built it back up from a shattering depression, and fed and saved a civilised world. If all this is "old hat" so be it—it needs a resurrection.



**Joan T**

## 400 HUNDRED YEARS OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

400 years ago, the best-selling book in history was published – the ‘King James’ or ‘Authorised’ version of the Bible. It wasn’t the first English Bible – in fact there were two officially ‘authorised’ translations published in 1539 and 1568. The 1611 Bible, though it was commissioned by the King, was never actually ‘Authorised’ in any official way – only by the strength of public popularity.

One sign of its popularity and quality is that while from 1534-1611 there were eight published translations of the Bible into English, after the King James Version was published, the next significant English-language Bible didn’t appear until the Revised version was published in 1885 – 274 years later!

Many writers, Christian and atheist, have celebrated this anniversary, as the King James Bible is one of the greatest influences on our language. It’s given us lots of familiar phrases, and when it’s read aloud well it still has tremendous power and dignity. Some very traditional churches still insist on using it as the only ‘proper’ Bible, though most recognise that it’s no longer appropriate for everyday use. That’s not just because the language is old-fashioned; it’s more to do with the fact that some words have changed their meaning in the last 400 years, and also that since 1611 we’ve discovered earlier and better manuscripts of the Bible in the original Hebrew and Greek, so that we now know there are a few places where the text which was translated in 1611 isn’t what was originally written.

But that leaves us with the question of why this book was and still is so important.

Less than a century earlier it had been dangerous even to own a Bible in English, let alone to print one! The Bible was considered such a dangerous document that only those authorised by the church and educated in Latin were allowed to read it for themselves. Everyone else had to rely on what the local priest told them the Bible said.

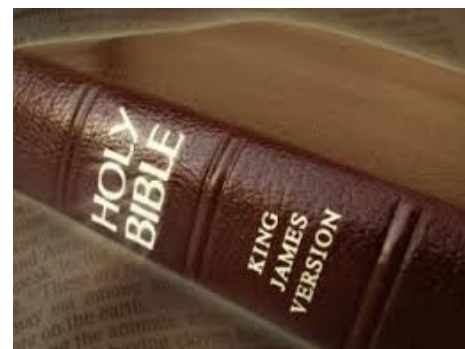
Archbishop Cranmer (who wrote that other pillar of English Christianity, the Book of Common Prayer) and the other reformers who led the split of the Church of England from Rome believed it was vital to freedom and healthy Christian faith that people should be able to read God’s word for themselves, and made sure that Bibles in English were available in every church, with the doors open all day so they could be consulted by anyone.

The King James Version was an attempt to revise the work of earlier scholars, checking it for accuracy against the Greek and Hebrew texts then available and making the language as simple as possible. Part of the power of the book is that the editors deliberately used short words in everyday use whenever possible. They described their aim as being “to deliver God’s book unto God’s people in a tongue which they could understand.” That simplicity gives it a lasting beauty, but also makes it ironic that many people prefer it to good modern versions because it’s ‘more dignified’. I suspect that the editors would have been furious!

Today we have more different translations of the Bible than ever before. There were none in 274 years after 1611, but I know of 24 from the last 50 years alone. They all try to strike different balances of accuracy, readability and dignity. We’re so used to being able to read the Bible for ourselves that we can easily take it for granted. But imagine being one of the first generation allowed to do so – queuing up to look something up in the Bible chained to a desk in church, or carrying a precious Bible of your own, hot from the press.

Why not take some time this year to read one of the gospels, first in a good modern translation (we use the New Revised Standard Version in Church) and then in the King James version. Appreciate both for what they are, and listen to God in words ancient and modern.

*The Rev’d Nick Watson*



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

*(continuing on from the article included in the December 2017 publication)*

The Bell St West Presbyterian Church was declared open on Saturday 7 June 1930 and the first quarterly communion service was held on 14 September 1930. At the first Congregational Meeting held in the church on Tuesday 10 June 1930 it was moved by Mr McNeil, seconded by Mr Millarship that :--

"the name of the church as recommended by the Board of Management be  
St Andrew's Bell St West Presbyterian Church"

The name St Andrew's was carried onto the Cumberland Road site and remained there until 1988 (see note below). Whilst the records refer to the portable building as a 'church', the same documents refer to the opening of the 'church hall'. I therefore conclude the building on the Wills St site doubled as both a church and a hall. To my mind, that must have presented some administrative difficulties in preserving a sacred, revered space with local demands for use of a hall. At the time there had been growing demand for a public hall. The previous year the Education Department was intending to dismantle the original Pascoe Vale State School, which I assume was the 1911 structure where the first Presbyterian services were arranged by George Hossack. The Pascoe Vale Progress Association had requested the Coburg City Council relocate the old school building to Council land in Bolingbroke and Crown Streets for use as a public hall. That same association had complained to the Broadmeadows Shire Council about the 100--200 cows grazing on vacant land and roadways within the Pascoe Park Estate. Such was the sparse settlement in the district at that time.

Local realization that the Wills St building could be used as a hall proved to be of great benefit to this widely dispersed community and a steady stream of requests followed from July 1930 onwards. Securing use of the hall was not straight forward, and in some cases, it was not cheap given the depressed economic conditions of the 1930's. The boy scouts were charged one shilling per month for a period of three months, but they had to attend church services twice per month and guarantee payment for any damage before permission was granted. Mrs Cannon was permitted to use the church for Junior Girls' Club on Thursdays 7.30 p.m -- 9.00 p.m and Senior Girls' Club gained approval provided a member of the Ladies' Guild was the President. The Orange Lodge was charged 3/6 for meetings one night per month and scouts charged 2/6 per night for concerts and socials. By March 1931 the Boys' Gymnasium class was formed and participants were charged one penny per week. I assume this was the beginning of the Pascoe Vale Presbyterian Boys' Club which in time morphed into today's successful Pascoe Vale South Boys' Club.

Fund raising was a constant feature for members of the fledging congregation. There were socials, concerts, sales of brick system books, requests for donations, and deputations for grants to the Home Mission Committee and the Presbyterian Loans Fund. Despite the ravages of the Great Depression the presbyters never waived in their long term objective to build a church to serve witness in the Pascoe Vale community.

But in the early 1930s they confronted three major issues. *(to be continued)*

### Note regarding the name St Andrew's

The Cumberland Rd Church was known as St Andrew's Presbyterian Church until Union in June 1977. It then became known as St Andrew's Uniting Church until August 1988 when parishioners from the former Methodist Church in Balmoral Ave elected to join the Cumberland Rd Church. (See plaque on the west wall just inside the foyer).

Up until that time parishioners from both Uniting Churches shared worship at different stages and over different time periods in each church until the Balmoral Ave congregation voted to join Cumberland Rd. Some furnishings from Balmoral Ave were incorporated into the Cumberland Rd Church. By mutual agreement the name St Andrew's lapsed for the Church, but it remains today on the youth hall fronting Westgate St. I believe it is also worth recording here that when the former historical Methodist/Uniting Church in Munro St West Coburg closed parishioners elected to join Cumberland Rd in 1995. Prior to the property being sold five stained glass windows dedicated to the memory of former parishioners, were installed in the south windows of the Pascoe Vale South Uniting Church.

R.M.





## Safe in the hand of Jesus



### Barney says

Hello friends,

Jesus once said he was the Good Shepherd. A shepherd knows every one of their sheep and will do anything to protect them from harm.

A shepherd will protect sheep from wolves and ensure they never get left behind. The sheep will have enough grass to eat and they will be safe at night. Everything a sheep needs!

Jesus was right to say he was like a shepherd. In John 10, he even says that if you let him into your life, no one can snatch you out of his hand. We are safe in Jesus!

Jesus also promised that we will be with him forever. Wow!

To be his sheep, we need to get to know him and listen to his voice. That's a challenge for each of us.

Love Barney

### Barney's jokes

What is the end of Easter?  
The letter R!

What does an Easter chick do to get fit?  
Eggercise!



### God's word

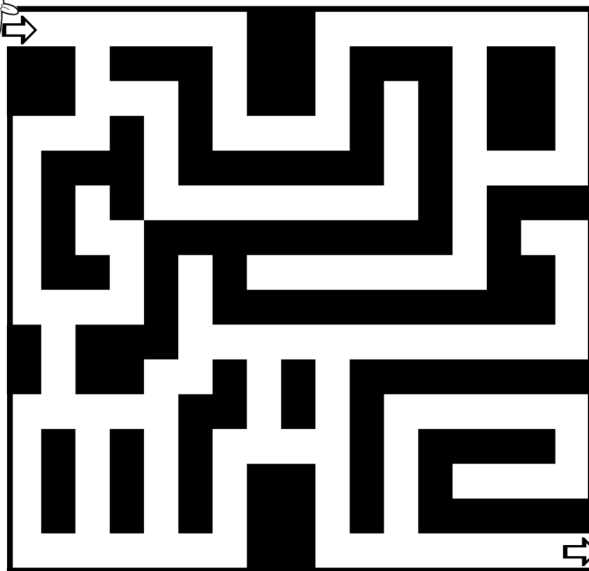
My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28 (NIV)



### Find the shepherd

Can you help the sheep find his way back to his shepherd? Follow the trail and don't get lost!



### Let's talk to Jesus!

Dear Jesus, thank you that you want to be a Good Shepherd to us and that we will be safe in your hands. Amen.



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UNITING CHURCHES  
WORSHIP LOCATIONS**

**70 WHEATSHEAF RD  
GLENROY**

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CORNWALL RD,  
PASCOE VALE**

**CNR OF CUMBERLAND RD &  
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PASCOE VALE STH**

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***Supply Ministers:***

**Rev Deac Peter Batten  
0419 255 585**

**Rev Lynden Broadstock  
0466 336 687**

**REGULAR (WKLY) ACTIVITIES:**

Multicultural Art, Craft & Sewing Group  
Wednesdays 2.00 pm at Kent  
Road excl School Holidays

The Quirky Place—Thursdays 9.00 am to  
12.30 pm at Kent Road excl  
School Holidays

English Conversation Group—Thursdays  
1.00 pm at Glenroy excl School  
Holidays

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Tue 27 Mar	Easter Alive children's activity 3.45 pm to approx 5.30 pm at PVS
Fri 30 Mar	Pascoe Vale Church Council meeting at PVS at 7.45 pm Good Friday service at Glenroy at 9.00 am Stations of the Cross Walk starting at Rogers Reserve at 10.30 am (and ending at Holy Trinity Anglican Church)
Sun 1 Apr	Easter Day—usual service times
Mon 2 Apr	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Tue 3 Apr	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 5 Apr	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 10 Apr	UCAF meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm
Wed 18 Apr	Westgate Flicks screening A Man Called Peter at 1.30 pm (for a 2.00 pm start)
Tue 25 Apr	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Sun 29 Apr	Combined Glenroy, Kent Road & PVS service held at PVS at 10.00 am
Tue 1 May	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 3 May	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 8 May	UCAF meeting at PVS with Blumes Fashions and starting early at <b>10.00 am</b>
Sun 13 May	Mother's Day
Wed 16 May	Westgate Flicks screening The Student Prince at 1.30 pm (for a 2.00 pm start)
Tue 22 May	Pascoe Vale Church Council meeting Kent Road 7.45 pm
Tue 5 Jun	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 7 Jun	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Mon 11 Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 12 Jun	UCAF Meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm
Thu 14 Jun	Quarterly worship service at BUPA Home at 11.00 am
Wed 20 Jun	Westgate Flicks screening Casablanca at 1.30 pm (for a 2.00 pm start)
Sun 24 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)**

**Contact Shirley Foster on 9355 7988**

**Pascoe Vale South (PVS)**

**Sundays at 10.30 am—Contact Jean Taylor on 9354 6689**



## GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES

### *Preaching Plan - March*

	Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South	Comments
4th	Sun	25-Mar		Rev Lynden Broadstock	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
	Fri	30-Mar	Good Friday	Rev Deac Peter Batten	Stations of the Cross Walk - 10.30 am starting at Rogers Reserve		

### *Preaching Plan - April*

	Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South	Comments	
1st	Sun	1-Apr	EASTER SUN - Kent Rd at 10 am with Communion	Rev Deac Peter Batten	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Barbara Gayler		
2nd	Sun	8-Apr	Communion at PVS	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)		
3rd	Sun	15-Apr	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Deac Peter Batten - either KR/PVS combined 10 am or individually at usual times			
4th	Sun	22-Apr		Rev Lynden Broadstock	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock		
5th	Sun	29-Apr	5th Sunday - COMBINED Glenroy/KentRd/PVS Service AT 10.00 AM at PVS					

### *Preaching Plan - May*

	Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South	Comments
1st	Sun	6-May	Kent Rd at 10 am with Communion	Rev Deac Peter Batten	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Barbara Gayler	
2nd	Sun	13-May	Communion at PVS	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	
3rd	Sun	20-May	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Deac Peter Batten - either KR/PVS combined 10 am or individually at usual times		
4th	Sun	27-May		Rev Lynden Broadstock	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock	

### *Preaching Plan - June*

	Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South	Comments
1st	Sun	3-Jun	Kent Rd at 10 am with Communion	Rev Deac Peter Batten	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Barbara Gayler	
2nd	Sun	10-Jun	Communion at PVS	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	
3rd	Sun	17-Jun	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Deac Peter Batten - either KR/PVS combined 10 am or individually at usual times		
4th	Sun	24-Jun		Rev Lynden Broadstock	Lay Leadership	Rev Lynden Broadstock	

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