



# Morialta Vision



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## *A Word from Our Minister ...*

Dear Friends

Each weekday I receive an email newsletter that includes a couple of related quotes. Today one of the quotes was this one from Henri Nouwen.

“The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.”

There are so many people at Morialta who contribute to making our community a caring and supportive one.

Doing something for others in need seems to be second nature to so many people. It can be very satisfying to be able to feel that you have made a difference.

And then there are the times, when nothing can be done, little can be said. Or we go away frustrated because the person we sought to help was too confused to make sensible conversation, or at least we couldn't make sense of what was happening. We feel powerless to do anything. Yet that is when our presence can be so valuable, so necessary. It says that we value that other person, even over our own comfort, our own need to feel useful.



Jesus never allowed feelings of vulnerability or powerlessness keep him from being the presence of God in the life of those he met. We are invited to discover how we can witness to the presence of God in our lives, even when it seems we can do nothing but sit there.

Grace and peace  
Diane

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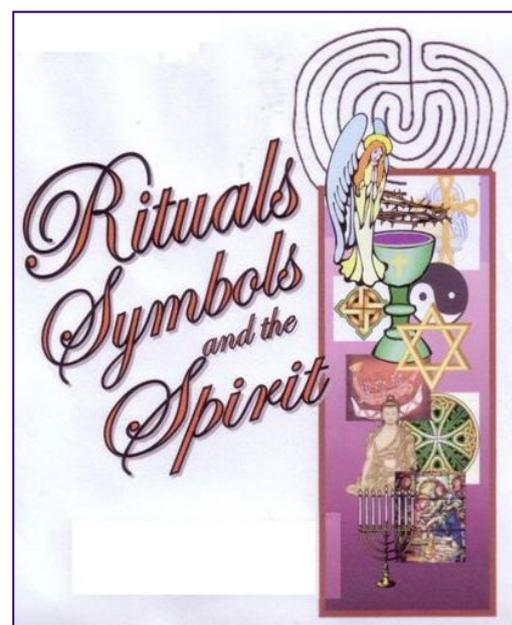
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*The Tree  
Symbol for Reflection,  
Meditation, Celebration*



*Pentecost*



*David Purling writes:*

At last, after four years, the dilapidated, graffitied, neglected and fast-becoming-derelict house next door has been demolished. We understand that two dwellings will go up in its place. When, we're not sure; but certainly the old has come down, ready for something new.

In our faith journey it is something of a struggle to embrace something new. The old and familiar is so comfortable. And change doesn't come necessarily easily.

As we have re-read the

Easter cycle of Scripture readings and moved on to the Pentecost story, I've thought of the way that through our recollection of the Gospel stories we see Jesus identifying and embracing our struggle to move from death to new life.

These particular stories are about death and resurrection, the old dying in order that the new may come to life. Consider your own faith journey. What do you think? Is that how you see it?

This time, I bring for your consideration, a quotation from a Jewish Prayer Book.

**"Lord, you give meaning to our hopes, to our struggles and our strivings. Without**

**you we are lost, our lives empty. And so when all else fails us, we turn to you!**

**In the stillness of the night, when the outer darkness enters the soul; in the press of the crowd, when we walk alone though yearning for companionship; and when in agony we are bystanders to our own confusion, we look to you for hope and peace.**

**Lord we do not ask for a life of ease, for happiness without alloy. Instead we ask you to teach us to be uncomplaining and unafraid.**

**In our darkness help us to find Your light, and in our loneliness to discover the**



**many spirits akin to our own. Give us strength to face life with hope and courage, that even from its discords and conflicts we may draw blessing. Make us understand that life calls us not merely to enjoy the richness of the earth, but to exult in heights attained after the toil of climbing."**

Prayer from Evening or Morning Service, p92; *Gates of Prayer* The New Union Prayer Book (Jewish)

### *Intinction – what's that?*

Holy Communion is an essential part of our life together as a community of God's people. It is a sign of Christ's continuing unifying presence amongst. Through it we are strengthened for our participation in Christ's mission in the world and celebrate again God's vision for this world.

Over the years there have been many variations in the way Communion is served: the bread used might be wafers, pre-cut bread cubes, an uncut loaf, unleavened bread; the wine can be fermented or unfermented, from a common

cup or individual glasses, or offered for the bread to be dipped into (that's intinction!); the elements of communion can be offered to people sitting in pews, to group gathered around the communion table, as people come forward in a continuous life and in many other ways.

Different ways of serving communion may remind us of different aspects of our Christian journey. For example coming forward may help us focus on our commitment to Christ and give us an opportunity to reaffirm that commitment to journeying on

in discipleship; receiving in the pew, eating and drinking together may remind us that we are all part of the one body.

The Church Council appointed by the congregation, share with the minister, many responsibilities including those of spiritual oversight of the congregation and in the administration of the sacraments. Not all Elders at all times will choose to do so and others may be invited to assist.

At Morialta at this time, all the Elders have indicated they would like to participate in serving communion, and

worship leaders and members of the pastoral care team will continue to be included.

Presiding at communion is a very important part of my ministry and I am pleased to be able to join with those who serve communion.

I pray that the times we celebrate Holy Communion will continue to nurture your faith and your participation in ministry in the wider world.

Diane.

### *Volunteers Day 9th June 2008*

We are reminded by the SA Government Office for Volunteers that this day will be celebrated at the Adelaide Festival Theatre on the holiday for the Queen's Birthday.

You can read about these celebrations and awards which have been made by visiting <http://www.ofv.sa.gov.au/newsletter.htm> and accessing the

Office for Volunteers' electronic newsletter, *The State of Volunteering On-line*.

At Morialta we are greatly and graciously served by our host of "volunteers" – those who feel called to our various jobs and roles, and in responding gain a great deal in friendship and fellowship.

From a prayer by Rev Allan Shephard...

*"...we also remember those who are called "volunteers". People who for no monetary benefit give of their time, energy and expertise freely to assist others in need, in small or in large measure.*

*We cannot assess in a city the size of ours, just how vast is the contribution volunteers make to the welfare and enrichment of our community.*

*We thank you for every one of them.*

*"Prayers on Parade"*

*From the Chairperson ...*

Over the past few weeks I have had opportunity to think about what makes Morialta the community that it is. The answer, and it is probably obvious to you anyway, is its people. You all care! That has been very clear to me in this time - it is what characterizes this community. If it is obvious to me then it is probably clear to others.

The Church Council has spent some time in the past few months, and is continuing to do so, looking at how best to continue our mission. In this the most important thing is that we all continue to show the care for each other that is there now.

In the next month or two we will all be talking more about our future life as a church family, and our mission in the community and wider church. I hope we will all be able to consider proposals with care and to put ourselves in the place of others, both inside and outside our church.

The challenge for all of us, it seems to me, as we go forward in the name of Christ, is to be clear about who we are, how much we care, and the witness we want to present in our community.

We continue to ask the question: *What do we want to be famous for?*

Bruce

## *Elders Ministry Teams*

### *Mission Teams*

Children & Young Families – Rhonda Amber  
Community Outreach – Carole Lyons  
Pastoral Care - Pauline Norman  
Social Justice – Christine Secombe  
Worship & Faith Education – Neville Pope  
Youth & Young Adults – Sarah Heatley

### *Operational Teams*

Communication & Administration – Mary Thornley  
Finance – John Powers  
Property – Bruce Ind

## *Church Council Report - April & May Meetings*

In April Council voted unanimously to re-elect Bruce as Chairperson of Church Council and reappoint Mary Thornley as Secretary.

The roles and responsibilities of Council and Elders were revisited. UCA Regulations and local statements emphasised the commitments undertaken by Elders to *share with the Ministers in mission and in the pastoral care and spiritual oversight of the Congregation...* assisting the ministers in the conduct of worship and in the administration of the sacraments, .... Elders were expected to prepare to contribute to the matters before Council, and to discerning ways in which Morialta might nurture members and progress in mission.

The appointment of Elders to ministry teams was also revisited with some changes. These are shown in a listing on this page, *Elders on Ministry*

*Teams.*

In consultation it had been agreed that Enfield UC would pay rental for the Highland Avenue manse as Alan and Lee continued there until the end of May. Diane will move into the Highland Avenue manse in mid June, allowing the Property Team to attend to maintenance in the interim period.

In continuing to consider Directions in Mission and future ministry, members were referred to the questions from Rev Rob Stoner at the Meeting of Presbytery and Synod, urging us to be clear about the kind of Church we want to be. Council was reminded of the question which states this in other words: "*What do we want to be famous for?*"

In several ways Council is being provided with reports to assist in discerning the future: these include the working groups in Faith Building, Mission in the

Community, and Worship. Some further detail of visits and consultations is provided on page 4 under the heading: *Visits and Consultations – What might we learn and consider?*

Council has taken care to support the ministers in hearing of needs in the Congregation for pastoral care, noting that this is a responsibility for everyone in our caring community.

Discussions around the matter of the Drive-way/Drop-Off were being pursued, including updated information from Synod about grant money, time frame, etc. and associated work on the car-park.

Diane led Elders through an introduction to the Report to Presbytery-Synod on Strategic Mapping, and the profiles and data available as a result. As these would be used by Synod in describing mission in congregations and considering

resources it was important to understand the profiles and the processes.

Council noted with pleasure the appointment of Christine Secombe as Administrator/Coordinator in the Urban Mission Network. Bruce is also a member of the UMN Reference Group and is working on the network website and other matters. Considering these roles, together with Bruce's appointment to the Presbytery-Synod Standing Committee, Morialta is fortunate to have such connections in its leadership and to have its members recognised in these ways. !

## Reports from Ministry Teams to Church Council – April-May 2008

### Social Justice Mission Ministry Team

The Social Justice Team's major activity over the last 6 months has been the Synod sponsored *Eco-footprint program*.

This aims to raise the awareness of individuals and congregations on how we can measure and reduce the negative effects of our lifestyle on the creation. Power, gas and water have been measured on the first Sunday of each month

and travel to church has been surveyed every second month. The program ends on 1<sup>st</sup> June and results will be presented at a Sunday Forum in August.

The annual Interfaith Evening, sponsored jointly with the Evening Fellowship, would explore what being a member of the Quaker - Religious Society of Friends means.

Plans are underway for a further interfaith event later in the year in the form of "Dinner with the Sikhs". The local Sikh Community are happy to provide groups with an Indian meal while they talk about what it means to be a Sikh and a little about their beliefs. *(The plan to hold this dinner was prompted by a conversation between Colin Cargill and a taxi-driver!) ! !*

We also plan to explore the issues surrounding a "Bill of Rights", using material provided by Uniting Justice and working closely with Charlene Kent, Synod Solidarity and Social Officer.

Judith and David Purling, new members on SJMMT, are bringing new insights and new directions.

### Finance Operational Ministry Team

Rob Cheel, Leader of FOMT referred to the 2007 financial outcome which was reported at the AGM of the Congregation: a final deficit of \$1,474.33 against the projected deficit of \$17,000

He drew attention to the November 2007 budget in which it was envisaged that we would go forward in 2008 with two ministers, a fact which had now changed with Alan Biglow's departure to Enfield.

In the remainder of this year a number of financial matters would be in a state of flux, as we proceed with one full-time Minister of the Word, and a Supply ministry of 0.3 of full-time. Rental payment for the Montacute Road property would cease subsequent to Diane's move to Highland Avenue. Another factor impacting of the projected financial picture would be the cessation of the Community Programs contribution to the

stipend for Diane, which had supported her role in Community Programs.

Rob provided the very good news that our Giving as a congregation to the end of March was almost in line with budget projections, and rental income from Student Housing was holding well.

Payments to the end of April to the UC Mission and Service Fund and the Network would

be made shortly, as well as the first \$1,000 for 2008 to the Norwood-Morialta Chaplaincy. These, together with other expenditure, and income through Giving, fundraising, etc. would continue to require careful management.

He noted that it has not been necessary to drawn down on our invested money in the immediate past twelve months.

### Pastoral Care Mission Ministry Team

The Team's appreciation was expressed for the continuing pastoral care provided to our church family by our Ministers, noting that for a number of people 2008 has brought experiences in which care has been especially needed.

Reference was made to pastoral care "happenings" since the previous report: Teddy Bear's Picnic, Blue Christmas, baptisms and the loss of Leslie Hopkins.

The Over 80s afternoon tea,

arranged by the team, was remembered as an special occasion of celebration and care. Jey Edwin's invitations to some of our single men to share in lunch at the Marryatville Hotel have also been very successful.

And – in this era of internet communication - Morialta's website has been the starting point for some who have connected with our church community and joined in worship.

### Visits and Consultations – What might we learn?

Information is being gathered to enable us to consider our future directions, ministry and resources, both ministerial and lay. Some consultations and fact-finding initiatives which have been undertaken by Community Outreach MMT, Business Committee of Church

Council, and other members include:

**Visits/Consultations**  
Rose Park UC *Mainly Music* Program; Ascot Community - multicultural program; Clayton-Wesley UC Playgroup and Café; 'The Corner' at Warradale

**Roundtable Consultation**  
with UC Ministers from Athelstone, Campbelltown, Clayton-Wesley, Dernancourt, and Payneham Road

**Conversation** with Rev Rob Stoner of the Presbytery-Synod Mission Resourcing Network (MRN), who is leading the project for Strategic Mapping.

**AGM of the Morialta Congregation**

The meeting received Annual Reports and heard about future directions in mission, and ongoing questions about ministry and staffing. Further detail of the 2007 Finance Report is headed Financial Report for 2007.

There will be some adjustments to numbering of Giving Envelopes for the next twelve months which will enable us to act responsibly with respect to the environment and costs.

A report on the continuing discussions about Worship was followed by a time for conversation and responding to questions about what we

each value in Worship and how this might be continued, along with the other elements of mission.

We heard a report on Synod's Strategic Mapping and the Congregation's Profile, noting the importance of this in conversations and applications for funding, future development, etc.

The theme for the Exhibition to accompany the Market on 22 November was presented – *Rituals, Symbols and the Spirit* – and table groups brainstormed ideas.

**Financial Report for 2007**

Rob Cheel reported that the anticipated deficit budget figure of \$17,000 was finally an actual deficit of \$1,474.33. He commended the Community Building and Fundraising events and initiatives which brought in approximately \$12,000 for mission.

Points summarised in the Profit and Loss report referred to generous Giving, a little reduced by health issues and other factors, lower than anticipated hall hire and rentals, but beneficial dividends from invested moneys, and a number of areas in which expenditure was below budget

projections.

Funds for mission were enhanced by significant support in a various ways from the Paper Team, the contribution from Community Programs, and successful grant applications.

Council had been kept informed with monthly financial reports and special thanks were expressed for the work of Neville Clarke and Val DiGirolamo. Rob Cheel was commended by the Chairperson for his presentation of the report and his leadership of the team in managing Morialta's financial affairs.

**Farewell Alan & Lee**

On 6 April we farewelled Alan and Lee, firstly in a Combined Service, rich in liturgy and symbolism. In his sermon Alan referred to Morialta's strengths and gifts, and also reminded us to not forget "to balance our life and witness by taking time to sit at the feet of God". Luncheon followed with time to express our thanks for ministry and friendship and to give our parting gifts,

It was a great time for focussing on some facets, memories and happenings! How significant were the symbols placed in the memory box: fraying string, bubble wrap, a spare soup stone, a hair tie, a picture of a donkey, and a get well card.



With due ceremony Alan was presented with his own personal icon, bearing the appropriate inscription in Russian (which Alan himself read as "Holy Alan"!), a work of art by our well-recognised resident artist, complete with concealed poetic text and pictures, an antique clock of design prized by Lee and Alan, and the beautifully crafted signature quilt.

We all had a wonderful time and expressed our love, thanks, and respect for Alan and Lee with both joy and sadness. We wish them a strong and rewarding time of ministry at Enfield UC.



**Welcome-Tiffany Jesse and Jordan**



One of the really good things about being part of a terrific Church Family is that from time to time we welcome more folk into our community.

A few weeks ago we were pleased to recognize, in our Combined Service of Worship, Tiffany, Jesse, and Jordan's move into the Morialta Congregation.

They have been sharing in worship and other activities for some time, so we've had a chance to get to know them, and now we're really pleased that they have taken this step to become part of Morialta.

We look forward to Tiffany, Jesse and Jordan employing their considerable talents around the congregation. We have already enjoyed some of their cooking and Jordan and Jesse have been helpful, carrying chairs and cooking barbecues, among other things.

If you are one of the few people who haven't met these three impressive individuals why not make it your business to have a talk to them!

## Paper to Lonsdale



When the Paper Team gather each Monday morning to bundle the newspapers that have been collected by many of the members of the congregation they generally have a good time.

Because they are so good at it the pile of newsprint multiplies at an incredible rate. So much so that one Tuesday morning a few weeks ago, a larger team of volunteers descended on the shed and loaded the contents onto a large truck.

For those with an interest in numbers here are some to consider. The team loaded

13.14 tonne of papers. It took just over 60 minutes to empty the shed; that's just over four minutes a tonne to fill the truck.

Apart from the money raised by the re-cycling of the paper the benefit to the environment is significant.

On this occasion the Paper Team was expanded considerably by those whose attention was captured by the sack truck, pile of papers, and inviting notice in the Church foyer in the preceding week.

It was really terrific to see so many people working together and having so much fun! And at the end there was a surprise: scones and jam and cream, courtesy of Margaret Martin. I guess there is no such thing as a Free Morning Tea, though!

## Letter from Kyle

Malvern  
12 May 2008

To my very dear friends,  
the Morialta Uniting Church  
Community.

How can I begin to thank you for the quilt that Mary & Peter delivered on your behalf last week. It is unbelievably beautiful and because of all the names it bears it is a priceless gift. So many memories and so much love encapsulated in what is a major work of art.

I can't begin to imagine how many hours Judith Purling devoted as she applied her talents to creating this lovely thing, and no words could express to her the appreciation I felt when I saw it. I was totally overwhelmed.

Each day as I see it on my bed and read your names I will remember you with love & in my prayers.  
God be with you. Kyle

## Ecumenical Evening: The Quakers

On Wednesday May 21 the Social Justice Ministry Team together with the Evening Fellowship presented an ecumenical evening by inviting three members of the Religious Society of Friends, more commonly known as the Quakers, to join us in the hall.

This meeting was inspired by the great interest shown in the Quakers at the service of remembrance for Leslie Hopkins who as well as being a well liked and respected member of our congregation, was also a birth-right Quaker.

We were joined by three people from the Quakers. Brian Corrigan, whose Great, Great Grandfather, John Whiting, was a Quaker introduced Drew, Kerry and Jo. Each of our guests then spoke for about ten minutes and answered questions on a different aspect of the Quaker faith.

The Religious Society of Friends was started by George Fox in about 1650. He had travelled throughout Britain looking for a religious belief which made sense to him and his understanding of the Bible. He united many scattered groups into what has now become The Religious Society of Friends. Women as well as men began to spread the Quaker message, travelling all over England, Scotland and Wales and overseas to Europe, America and parts of Africa.

Quakers believe that how you live your life is more important than ritual and dogma. They believe that there is a little bit of God in each of us, an Inner Light through which we can experience guidance from God. They are seekers who see their spiritual journey as ongoing. One of the fundamental beliefs is that we are all equal and no one should pay homage to another. Quakers do not doff their hats to any one nor do they address them as Sir or Your Majesty.

In the United States there are two different streams of Quakers, one more formal, something akin to the Uniting Church, and the other more informal which is the common practice here. When Friends meet on Sunday they sit in silence for a time. There is a Red Book containing Quaker testimonies which are their core beliefs on Truth, Equality, Peace, and Simplicity. It is a work in progress and is updated every so often; at the moment it contains 41 passages. This book and a copy of the Bible are placed on a table at each meeting.

When a Friend feels the need to speak he or she will rise and address the meeting. It can be on anything that is concerning the person and that they wish to share. Someone else may add to that person's thoughts or they may have their own message to share. Others can follow as the spirit moves them. After about an hour they shake hands and quietly leave.

Each group of Friends has its own committee which has a three year tenure after which a new one is elected. There are also business committees which may be formed to deal with a specific issue and are then relieved of their duties once the matter has been settled.

Visitors are welcome to attend a Quaker meeting at any time so that they may experience the Friends' form of worship.

Brian Corrigan

## KCO - Kids' Camp Out 2008



KCO 2008 was a time of change. For many years Morialta had combined with Keith and it was time to part company.

Morialta changed its colour to red and joined with Athelstone.

Our children attending were Lachlan, Jack, Jesse, Alice, Tahlia, Riley and Chelsea, with leaders, Sarah and Craig, our trusty cook, Rhonda, and Faye as a stay-over supporter. Athelstone had 30 children and about 15 leaders and helpers attending.

2008 was a year of celebration and thanksgiving for 30 years of KCO at the West Beach Shores Resort, and the organisers went all out to ensure a good time was had by all. The children were in awe of the bigger and better fire works starting with the UC emblem and some fish symbols at ground level, and finishing with lots of colour and big bangers. The other big hit was the time spent at the beach - the most common comment was "the waves were awesome" - and finishing



with a tug-of-war on the beach with the leaders vs. the children, and much to the delight of the children, they won. The treasure hunt on Sunday was new and a lot of fun with each child having a go at finding the next clue. The crafts, side-shows and evening entertainment were all a hit. Chelsea was very pleased that with Sarah's support she learnt to walk on stilts, and Riley climbed all the way to the top of the rock wall, climbing in 1 minute 5 seconds. During the break time Alice, Riley, Chelsea and Tahlia could be found climbing the trees and Lachlan, Jack and Jesse would be playing cricket. Jack and Lachlan have enjoyed their time at KCO and will now graduate to SAYCO.

I would like to acknowledge those who contributed to making KCO a successful time for the Morialta children. Rhonda has faithfully served our children and leaders with fresh and fun food mixed with her own brand of love for 20 continuous years. Craig has contributed 11 years as a patient and kind children's leader. The children enjoy and respond to Sarah's warmth and care. The KCO experience was greatly enhanced by the visitors/helpers that attended Helen and Bob Penhall, Miranda and Rachelle Clarke, John and Christine Secombe, Bruce Ind and Diane Bury. There were



also those who helped by making or buying cake and biscuits and those who prayed for our health, wellbeing and weather.

2008 will be the last year for KCO to be held at West Beach. 2009 KCO will be held within our own church community with the concept to be unveiled later this year. Morialta has built a new relationship with Athelstone and has been invited to join with them for 2009. 2010 will have a totally new venue.

Thank you for your continued support.



*SA successful KCO doesn't happen by accident. While she has been busy thanking everyone else it is important for readers to know that Faye worked hard and very successfully to develop a warm, meaningful relationship with the Athelstone folk. Well done! Ed.*

## Playgroup

Playgroup at Morialta is continuing to evolve with happy children and parents. This term we are exploring the possibility of expanding our music participation to allow more fun and interaction between parents and children. A big "Thank You" to Peter Thornley for installing a new sandpit cover and recovering a large wooden table top. We are all most grateful to the loyal morning tea helpers who continue to supply and make morning tea. The home-made cakes, biscuits, sandwiches and even sausage rolls are a welcome treat.

Helen

## Netball

Netball season is well under way and it is a delight to see so many of our teams full of happy active girls enjoying their sport. As you listen to the words of the coaches before, during and after the game it is clear that these girls are learning about more than how to play netball. They are also taking in values and ideas that prepare them for life. What a great job all the coaches and the umpires do. There are home games at Morialta most Saturday at 1.30 and 3.15 (check the back of the newsletter). Why not come out one Saturday afternoon to see for yourself and to cheer and encourage the players - and the coaches. I can guarantee the players and the coaches won't be the only ones who will gain from you being there.

Diane

**Movie Night – Morialta Palace**



Patrons streamed into the *Palace* early to get a good seat. The lights went down on time, a young Queen appeared on the screen and “God Save the Queen was dutifully rendered. Movie Night 2008 was underway!

Archival footage of a turning point, the celebration of the birth of Morialta Uniting Church, appeared after other memorable events in the *Movietone News*, and a kaleidoscope of folks past and present brought gasps from the audience. After nostalgic cartoons, the featured series of *Memorable Scenes from Great Movies* had people on the edges of seats with hopes of completing the Movie Quiz at Interval.

The second half abounded in further nostalgia, a few tears appeared, and then, in the *Chases from the Movies*, almost endless laughter and anticipation of more to come. The concluding, vintage “What’s Up Doc?”, topped off the night’s exciting program.

What more can one ask of a night at the movies!



Sunday morning’s buzzing conversation included accolades for the event and the creative flare and presentation by the collaborators Secombe, Purling & Corrigan.



Morialta Uniting Church  
**Floriade Festival Tour**  
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are available from the foyer or  
the Church Office

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DJ Mason is a highly respected teacher of 30 years experience, specialising in drama, music & dance. A drama troupe coordinator for Primary Schools Festival of Music, DJ is an active participant, an actress and choreographer in amateur theatre.



Sat 5th July 7.00 pm

**Dinner & Entertainment**

Tickets - Adults \$15 Children \$5 Family \$35

BYO wine, juice, soft drinks

Book a table with friends or join a group

**Tickets now selling! Bookings essential!**

From Pam, Mary, Christine, Carole, John P

## Morialta Magpie

### Smiles

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer.

Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer:

"Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail"

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday school teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service: "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied: "Because people are sleeping."

Thanks Chris!

### Births

Grace Rose – sister to Sarah

Isabella Rose – grand-daughter for Alison and David

Olivia – grand-daughter for Bev

Lily – great-grand-daughter for Rhonda



### Baptisms

Carole's grandson Kai son of Robert and Naomi.

Bruce was the Elder.



**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC**  
at  
**ROCKLEIGH**

Monday  
9 June 2008

Brochures available from the foyer

### Our thoughts and loving care have been with ...

Margaret Ullyett  
on the death of Howard, her husband

Elizabeth Trigg  
whose son Stuart passed away in April

Margaret and Roger Whibley  
whose mother died recently

Bruce, Anne, Adam and Trish, Peter and Krystal, Max Ind and the family on the death of Bruce's mother, Beth

Joan Collins  
whose brother John Parkinson died recently

Adam Yearsley  
on the death of his grandmother, Myra Bonython

Sue and Paul Fuss  
whose brother died in March

### Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamt that he was walking along a beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed the scenes of his life. For each scene he noticed not one, but two sets of footprints in the sand. He understood immediately that one belonged to him and the other to the Lord. But then he noticed a curious thing. At the lowest and saddest times in his life there was only one set of footprints. This bothered him and so he asked the Lord: "How come that during the most difficult times in my life, the very times when I most needed you, you left me on my own?" Then the Lord replied: "My friend, during your trials and sufferings when you see only one set of footprints, those footprints are mine. It was then that I carried you."



*Which book would you like to read?*  
Come and tell Lorraine or John which one out of these you would like to see in the library



**Growing Old (Dis) gracefully**  
Edited by Ross Fitzgerald and Lyndal Moor

"Don't count the candles, just keep the fire lit" advises comedienne Joan Rivers. This is a philosophy embraced and championed by the thirty-five contributors to this fascinating book as they reveal their mixed feelings about life beyond the age of fifty.

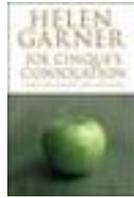


**Free Thinking**  
by Stephanie Dowrick

Stephanie Dowrick's greatest gift is that she reminds us that life really matters. Her territory takes her from the profound to the everyday, but always with attention to the biggest question of all: How should we live?

**Christianity - A new look at Ancient Wisdom**  
by David J.H. Hart

This book offers a fresh and comprehensive look at a revitalized Christianity – a vision of what Christianity could be at its best. This book ideal for progressives and seekers.



**Joe Cinque's Consolation**  
by Helen Garner

In October 1997 a clever young law student at ANU made a bizarre plan to murder her devoted boyfriend after a dinner party at their house. Some of the dinner guests, most of them university students had heard rumours of the plan. Nobody warned Joe Cinque. He died one Sunday, in his own bed, of a .....



**Summer at Mount Hope**  
by Rosalie Ham

Phoebe Crupp is a young woman who lives with her parents and sister on a small farm near Geelong in the 1890's. Her father is an eccentric ex-accountant who moved his family from the city in order to establish a vineyard, a decision her mother bitterly and loudly resents. While her sister.....



**Out of the Blue - Facing the Tsunami**  
by Kimina Lyall

When journalist, Kimina Lyall, was offered the coveted post of Southeast Asia correspondent for the "Australian" newspaper, she jumped at the chance. Based in Bangkok, she was captivated by the diversity and vibrancy of the region, from the bursting energy of Vietnam to the mystery of Burma. Then a...



**The Con**  
by Jesse Pentecost

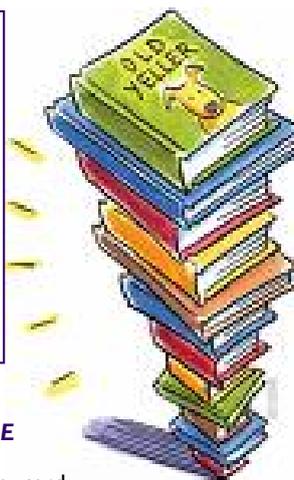
Highly Commended in the ABC Fiction Award. Derek Gunderson is in the final year of a degree at a conservatorium of music. He is a fine pianist, seemingly on course for a successful musical career. But when an important performance unfolds disastrously, Derek's secure life begins to unravel.....



**NEW BOOK**

**A MORAL CLIMATE**  
by Michael S.Northcott

In this groundbreaking book Michael Northcott examines theological attitudes to climate change, from the complacent to the apocalyptic, and the ethical implication for all Christians !



**Poetry Luncheon**  
**17th August**

Find a poem that you would like to share on the day, it can be one that you have written, one that means something to you, or one that someone else has written that you like. The emphasis on the day will be sharing a love of poetry.



**CARDS FOR SALE**

The Library has had a card making get-together recently and now have a whole new range of beautifully handcrafted cards for sale. On Sale Now in the Foyer Library Shop for \$1.00 each.



The Transit Lounge is a e-zine distributed fortnightly by the Uniting Church in Australia National Assembly and Western Australian Synod.

TTL Edition 31, 20 May, focuses on Reconciliation and opens with:

What is life without forgiveness and reconciliation? *The Transit Lounge* explores the reconciliation process, from individuals through to entire nations that are undergoing transformation.

### *Travelling light*

Mardi Lumsden

The term “emotional baggage” has the ability to make friends shudder and send potential suitors running for the nearest exit. But what does it mean and how can we deal with it?

Counselling psychologist and Christian, Naomi Matheson, says dealing with emotional baggage usually involves letting go of past hurts. “Letting go isn’t an easy thing, like a click of the fingers, but it might be something that needs to be worked through even just in yourself,” she says.

Naomi defines emotional baggage as any kind of unresolved conflict or problem from the past, such as a trauma or being burnt by someone. “It could be something in yourself or in your relationship with someone else that has been left unresolved,” she says.

By holding on to emotional baggage it is possible to hinder the growth of healthy relationships. “If you have been burnt, particularly if you have been burnt a few times, you might develop an over protectiveness of yourself. “You might end up restricting your experience and being wary of people, so your anxiety about being hurt gets generalised across a lot of people instead of being specific just to those people that had hurt you in the past.”

Naomi suggests three steps to working through your emotional baggage: Identify what the problem is — who is it that has hurt you, how have they hurt you, what are you holding on to and what are you hoping for? Decide what is useful to you. Work through the issues. You might be surprised to learn that there are parts of emotional baggage that are worth holding on to and it is possible to reconcile ourselves to a life that includes some emotional baggage.

“Keep what is useful to you and get rid of what’s not,” Naomi says. “If there are any barriers holding you back from moving... they need to be worked through and resolved. “There might be a process that you work through for yourself to acknowledge what the hurt is, to accept it.”



Some of the counselling exercises Naomi uses include imagining you are having a conversation with the person who hurt you, saying all the things you have not been able to say; writing a letter without sending it; writing a poem; etc.

Naomi says her faith in the love of a higher power can help. “Jesus was a perfect example of reconciliation. You know your worth because God defines your worth and he has decided that you are of great worth because he created you and desires a relationship with you.

“I wonder if sometimes people misunderstand what being a Christian is. They think that it means letting people walk all over you.

“When you are working to reconcile an issue, you approach it with the knowledge that that other person is loved by God and you are loved by God, so it is an even playing field.”

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## Meditation



On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month there is a group of people meeting in the Library for relaxation and meditation between 9.15 a.m. and 10.15 a.m.

The format of this session is discussion or reflection on a verse, reading or topic of interest, followed by relaxation and then a period of silent meditation.

Through the Group "Stillpoint" Alan Biglow is able to be of support in the background.

If this is something that might be of interest to explore for you, please feel welcome to join us.

## Diary Dates

**Mon, 9 June** - Church Picnic at Rockleigh

**Fri & Sat 13 & 14 June** - Presbytery & Synod Meeting

**Sun 22 June, 2.00pm** - Musical Afternoon (Mission Projects)

**Sat 5 July, 7.00 pm** - Music Hall & Mid-Year Christmas Dinner

**Sat 2 August** - Quiz Night

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## Making Email Work for Morialta

Sometimes we have important news or information which could be sent quickly by e-mail, for example, celebration, funeral arrangements, special occasions and invitations.

If you have an e-mail address, but it is not on our system, and you want to receive such information, please give your address to Val in the office or e-mail it to morialtauca@picknowl.com.au

If your current e-mail address is already with the Church Office, we will use it unless you say "No Thank you!", and communicate this to Val.

**Be assured this will not replace the weekly Newsletter or Vision!**

## Deadline for August Edition Wednesday 23 July 2008

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**by email** to the Vision Receiver, Sharon Mackenzie, (craig\_sharon@picknowl.com.au).

**Please do not attempt to format or use other software**

OR

**In hard copy** via the Vision pigeon-hole – please allow more lead time for word processing.

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