

# Morialta Vision ...in the Wilderness

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## Welcome to Vision in the Wilderness II

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This is the second edition of *Vision in the Wilderness* and we were very heartened by your response to our first edition.

We see this as another way that we can act in community by sharing news from Morialta as well as the wider church. But also remember that you can use it to share your news and what you are doing to sustain life during “the great isolation”.

In this edition you can catch up with the fact that the Purlings have been cleaning cupboards, the Tidemans are Zooming in their lounge room and the Cloggs had a ‘shortened’ tour of Eyre Peninsula when travel was possible.

Speaking about travel - many of you are well travelled and I am sure you have funny stories to share about unexpected (even hilarious) events or exotic and unique locations. Less than 300 words will be ideal.

As we mentioned last time – hand written pieces are fine. My address for a letter box drop is 34A Moules Road, Magill (0427 122 106)

Go well and stay safe!

### From Graham Vincent:

“So this form of Vision is for 40 days and 40 nights, is it???”

## Prayers for Health Workers

Rev Nicholas Rundle, Chaplain at the RAH, has extended an invitation to all UCA members to participate in an initiative called #oneatone. This initiative asks people to pray for one minute at 1:00pm (every day) for healthcare workers.

### God of the harried,

Help us in the tension of these days,  
for we are crushed by too many tasks,  
nervous of new skills and tools  
in the too-much of this moment.

May we give heed without collapse,  
restore our trust in longer spans of time –  
beyond the urgency of now.

### God of the frail in body and mind,

be a companion in loneliness,  
a consolation in absence,  
a balm in mystified sorrow.  
When doors, through fierce kindness, must stay shut  
let love arise in memory of gesture and embrace.

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## From the Chairperson, Bruce Ind

Those of us with access to the internet were fortunate to be able to share, at a distance, in meaningful Easter worship over the weekend. The skills and experience of John Secombe came to the fore as those in front of the camera led us through an Easter experience like no other. Thanks to all those who contributed to make it possible for folk at Morialta, and beyond, to participate in worship.

There have been some changes in office bearers, for the congregation and Church Council since the beginning of April. Following advice from Synod, those nominated for Church Council members and those nominated for congregational leadership were appointed, pending elections at a time that is convenient in the future.

Margaret Cargill retired from Church Council, but retains her position of Chairperson of the Congregation. Craig Mackenzie has been appointed to the role of Congregation Secretary. Carole Lyons, Alan Hale, Lachlan Mackenzie and I have been appointed to Church Council in the interim. Elections will take place once COVID 19 restrictions are lifted.

During a virtual meeting, the Church Council elected me as Interim Chairperson, Rhonda Amber as Church Council Secretary and Carole Lyons as Treasurer.

Members of Church Council are Rhonda Amber, Chris Ayles, Helena Begg, Alan Hale, Gaynor Hallows, Carole Lyons, Lachlan Mackenzie, Judith Purling, Adam Yearsley and me.

Thanks go to the retiring members of Church Council, Margaret Cargill, Christine Secombe, Sam Colegrove and Craig Mackenzie, who did not wish to extend their tenure as elders. Morialta UC is indebted to those who are willing to take up leadership and we gratefully acknowledge the contribution that each of these people made to our life and witness.

While face-to-face meetings are not taking place, technology is being used to carry on the necessary work of Morialta UC. Virtual meetings using Zoom are making it possible for us to meet, discuss and make decisions about our mission and other important parts of our shared life.

Contact with each other is more important than ever. Please take the opportunity to engage with your church family as you are able. If you have questions about anything related to life within Morialta please contact one of the members of Church Council, Margaret Cargill, or Craig Mackenzie.

In the next fortnight Rev Bob Hutchinson will be taking some leave. If you have any pastoral concerns during that time, please call Margaret Cargill, Leader of Pastoral Care, or me.

In these unusual times I pray you feel connected to the church family. While worship occurs in 2 dimensions I hope that you find fulfilment and comfort in our weekly ‘Virtual Church’.

## **Caring Connections Catch-up 2: A Morialta Directory?**

Hello again from the Pastoral Care Team! To help us all keep in touch more easily during this tricky time, the team is now working on a Big Project! We want to complete a directory of contact details for members of the Morialta community, with names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for those who have one. We will distribute the directory via email, and in hard copy to those without email contact.

But 'What about privacy?' you ask! If you have already returned the personal letter you received for the launch of the new *Caring Connections* program, we have recorded your instructions about which of your details can go in the directory. If we do not have your instructions yet, we have sent you an email or letter asking for this information. If in doubt, please phone the Pastoral Care Team leader, Margaret Cargill, on 0439 954814.

We want to get the directory out just as soon as we can – so if we have not heard from you by 22 April, we will include just your name and phone number in the directory, as an interim measure – we can remove them later if you wish. We're hoping this project will really help everyone to keep in contact – a phone-call or an email message can be a real blessing!

## **Good news stories from various fronts**

**In the Netherlands**, 175 Dutch churches rang their bells between 7pm and 7.15pm on March 18 as a "sign of hope" against coronavirus. The bell-ringing, inspired by the nationwide tradition of applauding healthcare workers from balconies, was repeated on March 25 and April 1.

**In Israel**, the president, Reuven Rivlin, invited parents and children to join him for story-time on his Facebook page. Mr Rivlin read the children's book "A Flat for Rent" by Leah Goldberg. The book is based on an eastern European fable and is a classic of children's literature about the importance of being friendly to your neighbours.

**Belgians** are sponsoring meatball meals – a national favourite – for hospital workers. Ball and Glory, a Belgian meatball restaurant, had a lot of leftover food after a catering contract was cancelled. Members of the public are paying €8 for a meatball meal to be delivered to hospitals for medical personnel. Confined Belgians have also started applauding hospital workers from their apartment balconies, inspired by similar events in France, the Netherlands, Spain and Italy.

**In the UK**, James Sills launched The Sofa Singers – a virtual choir. Sills, a musician who lives in north Wales, was joined by 400 people for a 45-minute rehearsal featuring *Stand By Me* by Ben E. King and *Just The Way You Are* by Bruno Mars.

## **Responsible care for parents**

It is an unsettling reversal of my teenage years, I am now yelling at my parents for going out!

## **Come. Zoom with me!**

*From Arthur Tideman*

Greetings from my isolated lock-down surrounded by my library and 15 archive boxes, which I am sorting with some difficulty given my low vision. But before you feel sorry for me, I must tell you I have a solution offered by my family. They have a program for the computer called Zoom, which from a platform streams their presence from eight rectangular mini-screens onto our large television screen. It doesn't matter where they are Hobart, Canberra, Whyalla, or nearby Dulwich they are all steamed into our living room.

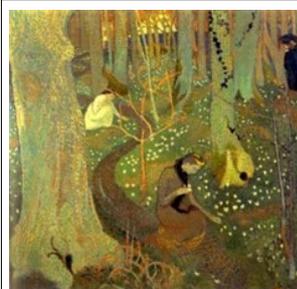
Last Sunday at 5.30pm Lesley and I were introduced to this magic with the push of a button on the keyboard. Suddenly, all were there talking at once as if in tongues. There were many greetings and exchanges of information about the availability of toilet paper and Vegemite. Anna told us that neighbours had left a bunch of roses at her front door in Canberra. They looked beautiful but I couldn't smell them.

After a quarter of an hour of settling down, I came into the stream when a grandson asked if Grandpa could shift his chair 3 inches to the right so he could see my left ear! How, I wondered could such sophisticated technology miss my ear?

Then came the moment we had been waiting for; to see and hear the latest addition to the family, our first great grandchild in Hobart. In the course of all the excitement I learnt he had beautiful cheeks but I failed to learn which ones!

Finally, when the talking had dried up, my eldest daughter, Jill, announced she had been able to buy strawberries, from which she made jam, but sadly she didn't have jars. At last this was my chance to offer useful information. In the garage was a collection of about 100 jars collected this millennium in case there was a pandemic. Three were brought into my stream and declared useful but nobody knew where to find the delivery button!

The next streaming is planned for next Sunday which should give me an opportunity to introduce instructions which my Grade 7 teacher made us write on our slates. "Stand-up, speak-up, shut-up and sit down".



## **Easter Morning by Maurice Denis**

A strange, very vacant Easter! Nevertheless, we can find an element of calm and stillness, joining with others in a spiritual, virtual communion.

– Cynthia Story

## **From Arlene Lomman**

I would like to share this quote which I found at my favourite coffee shop at Athelstone Shopping Centre, run by a lovey Muslim couple whose business is suffering because of the situation we are in. "Rather than stressing about things we can't control, pray to the one in control." How apt!

Regards, Arlene

## The Sprouting Potato

From David Purling



As we are confined to stay at home, so we suddenly find that there are jobs to be done! Judith was cleaning the cupboard under the sink and found this wrinkled old potato.

Potatoes are an important food staple around the world and can be successfully grown in the home garden. With a life span of roughly 70 to 120 days, depending on variety, they are ready to harvest any time after flowering ends to when the plants wither.

A sprouting potato is a marvel of reproductive botany. You can see numerous rounded root buds near the base of any sprout, with pointed leaf buds at every stem tip. In tissue culture work, tiny bits of potato meristem (growing tip of a sprout) have been used to grow plants that produced normally.

Sprouted potatoes can be ugly or beautiful, depending on whether or not you find a place for them in your garden.

We came across this rather wrinkled, but beautiful, sprouting potato *searching for light* in the cupboard. The words of the song came to mind, and with apologies, I have changed the penultimate word in view of our current circumstances.

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
Light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church ~~gathered~~ scattered today.*

Shalom,  
David Purling

## Good news from Margaret Whibley

Margaret reports that Roger is home, and although still walking around attached to his bottle and drip, he feels no pain and is doing well.

Welcome home Roger and sorry we are unable to give you a cheer and shake your hand – that will have to wait!

## Competition – Guess who is the donkey?



Answers to Colin Cargill.

First correct answer will receive a roll of toilet paper!

Do you have a mystery photo to submit for the next edition of Vision in the Wilderness?

## Music on YouTube for your entertainment

For those of you with computer access, just copy and paste the link into your search engine, sit back and allow the music to wash over you. Oh – and don't forget to turn the sound up!

**The Adelaide Harmony Choir** courtesy of David Purling  
[https://youtu.be/FMkiONueo\\_8](https://youtu.be/FMkiONueo_8)

### Katrina Mackenzie

A clip from a recent Fringe concert "Seasons, Feasts and Saint Days" sung by a group called Sacred Hearts, of which Katrina is a member. A particularly glorious setting of "Duo Seraphim" by Tomas Luis de Victoria  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pe1bV8nYWbc&feature=youtu.be>



### Gil Sullivan

Mozart Piano Concerto in D minor K466, with Gil conducting the Darwin Symphony from the keyboard -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOtQtRjR8yQ>

From the Bruges Concertgebouw 2012.

Mozart Rondo in A minor -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iabRgQyY\\_3U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iabRgQyY_3U)

Beethoven Sonata in E flat -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDToDpyN784>

### Kym Purling

"An Isolation Jazz Jam" with one of Australia's greatest Jazz Musicians – Steve Grant



Nine talented musicians (from Paris to Melbourne and Adelaide to Vung Tau) performing "Mama Inez" – recorded March 27-31, 2020.

Steve Grant - cornet (Melbourne); Kym Purling - electric piano (Adelaide); Danny McKenna - drums (Melbourne); Jono Brown – trombone (Melbourne); Phill Jenkins - tuba (Melbourne); Flora Carbo - sax (Melbourne); John Delaney - guitar (Melbourne); Sebastien Girardot - bass (Paris); Ben Kahans - guitar (Vung Tau, Vietnam)

<https://youtu.be/xz938Dl2mQQ>



## Worship with us online

Vicar: This is terrible – 5 minutes before the service and not a soul here.

Verger: No but I understand there are some thousands waiting in their homes to watch.

## A short trip before the long isolation!

From Margaret Clogg

Last November we planned a trip to Eyre Peninsula, for March this year. Everything was falling into place nicely until the dreaded words “Corona Virus” became part of our daily conversation. Time for our departure drew closer and all was still quite safe in South Australia. We were to be travelling alone, staying in cabins and social distancing.

We set off on March 21st and headed for Port Augusta, Wudinna, Ceduna, Streaky Bay, Arno Bay, Port Lincoln and Port Pirie.

Suddenly, on March 24th, we were being told to ‘go home’. We rescheduled the trip and cut out the towns of Ceduna, Port Lincoln, Elliston and Port Pirie and came home in 10 instead of 20 days.

What we did see during that time was absolutely beautiful. The stunning countryside was a sight to behold. We drove in the rain out into the Gawler Ranges where the lovely green rolling hills shimmered in the showers, and our car became a sanctuary against the mud that surrounded us.

There were massive geological features to explore such as Mt. Wudinna, the largest monolith in South Australia, (not an old age friendly climb!) Tcharkulda Rocks, from where we were able to view the ranges in the distance, and look into a restored shepherds hut, together with its own “outdoor dunny”.

We crossed the peninsula to the magnificent seaside town of Streaky Bay, where we were fortunate to have a cabin right on the sea front. As we sat on the balcony having coffee, we could watch the masses of sea gulls and pelicans waiting for fish scraps as the fishermen cleaned their fish at the designated fish cleaning huts. Later in the day there were pelican parades along the beach by a group of about 10 of these beautiful birds. Each evening and morning we could hear numerous birds calling to each other as the many local birds came in to roost and then depart in the morning.

Arno Bay proved to be a little treasure, the lovely boardwalks amongst the low-lying sand hills and mangroves were a delight. We could watch tiny little crabs scurrying along the sand and in a flash they would drop into little water holes as they heard footsteps on the boards. We watched the flat land fill with water slowly as the tide came in and with fishermen dotted all along the banks of the creek, the scene was extremely restful.

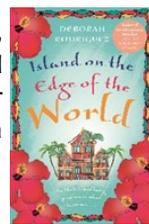


A short break was definitely better than no break - it was thoroughly enjoyable.

## Book Review

**Island on the edge of the world** by Deborah Rodriguez.

A novel highlighting the trade of children in Haiti, said to be up for adoption. Many are stolen and sold for profit from illegal orphanages. Four women seek a boy, son, grandson and a daughter lost in the said 'orphanages'.



Reviewed by Margaret Boundy

## Did you know that St Isidore is patron saint of the internet?

For those who spend significant time on the internet – you may like to know that St Isidore is the saint to go to for support.

In 1997 Pope John Paul II declared Isidore of Seville the patron saint of the internet. Isidore was a scholar with encyclopaedic knowledge. In his writings he sought to collect, systematize and synthesize all existing knowledge. Pope Benedict XVI, highlighted how Isidore combined contemplation and action, as demonstrated in the following quote:

*Therefore let the servant of God, imitating Christ, dedicate himself to contemplation without denying himself active life. Behaving otherwise would not be right. Indeed, just as we must love God in contemplation, so we must love our neighbour with action. It is therefore impossible to live without the presence of both the one and the other form of life, nor can we live without experiencing both the one and the other.*

The next time you are having problems with your internet connection – as well as turning your computer “off and on again” – you may like to reflect on this prayer!

## Prayer Seeking the Intercession of St Isidore

Almighty and eternal God  
who has created us in thine image  
and bade us to seek after all that is good, true and beautiful,  
especially in the divine person of Thy only-begotten Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
grant we beseech Thee that through the intercession of St Isidore, bishop and doctor,  
during our journeys through the internet  
we will direct our hand and eyes  
only to that which is pleasing to Thee  
and treat with charity and patience all those souls  
whom we encounter.  
Father, we ask you this, through Christ Our Lord.  
Amen

MY BODY HAS ABSORBED  
SO MUCH SOAP AND  
DISINFECTANT LATELY,  
THAT WHEN I PEE IT  
CLEANS THE TOILET.

Raw toilet paper for sale \$20



Some assembly required