



Morialta Vision



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From the Minister

Dear Friends

There is a saying about prayer that goes something like this: "Prayer should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable." I have heard versions that substitute afflict or distress for disturb, but whichever word is used the idea is the same. I think they all say that prayer should lead us all, lead the world deeper into life.

I certainly find comfort in the prayers of the church when I am in need, and comfort in the caring actions that result from those prayers. I felt very blessed and very grateful for all the expressions of care and concern while I was on sick leave earlier this year, and I know from the comments of others that they have felt the same comfort in times of illness and grief and anxiety.

I am also aware that to be a faithful follower of Jesus, I need to resist settling into a comfortable rut, and allow myself to be disturbed from it. In our own corner of the world, surrounded by people who are in many ways quite like us, we are always in danger of settling into that rut. Our faith becomes more real when we allow ourselves to be reminded of the situation of others, when we engage with invitations to see the world from differing perspectives, when we really listen to stories that tell of unfamiliar experiences, and when we allow ourselves to be changed by them. With that in mind, let me offer you this prayer. I have seen in it in a few places but don't know where it came from originally. May it both comfort and disturb you and lead you deeper into God's life.

Diane

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For Reflection ...

No ray of sunshine is ever lost, but the green which it awakens into existence needs time to sprout.

And it is not always granted to the sower to see the harvest.

All that is worth anything is done in faith.

Albert Schweitzer
(quoted in Attending to the Sacred).

A Challenging Blessing

May God bless us with discomfort
At easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships
So that we may live from deep
within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger
At injustice, oppression, and
exploitation of God's creations

So that we may work for
justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears
To shed for those who suffer
pain, rejection, hunger, and war,
So that we may reach out our
hands to comfort them and
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just
enough foolishness
To believe that we can make a
difference in the world,
So that we can do what others
claim cannot be done:

To bring justice and kindness to
all our children and all our
neighbours who are poor.
Amen.

Old Age not just wrinkles

When I retired 20 years ago I was looking for comfortable relaxation and time for reflection. I was entering a new age, my old age, not without a degree of the fear of a black hole. After all, I was just a product of the depression and war and I felt the high flying younger generations would leave me to quietly hobble to the grave.

It wasn't long before that fear was reinforced. I had served in the executive office on the 17th floor for nearly 15 years when I retired. About a year later I was invited by my colleagues to a special function and when I telephoned my acceptance I announced, 'It's Tideman speaking', the receptionist replied, 'How do you spell your name?'

But I held on to what I knew. All ages in my life had fears and uncertainties. I had no alternative but to move on and in doing so I found the knowledge I had gained in past ages made my old age a pleasant time. Wouldn't it be great to be a

youngster, a teenager, a young married again?
Only if I could keep the knowledge I have.

I don't want to be a five year old again and have to face that first day at school without pre-school exposure. I don't want to be a teenager again to face the girls as I constantly seemed to say the wrong things when all I wanted was a little attention. I could cope with the creative years that followed if I had the physical strength and good health I had then and the life knowledge I have now. I don't want to go back to the exertion of home building, the worry of a career and making ends meet.

So, what knowledge do I have for old age now approaching 80 years that offers contentment and pleasant days? It's simple. Those days come with family times, friends and community and reflections of life.

Arthur Tideman

David Purling writes ...

In Reading Jim Wallis' (Founder of the Sojourner's Community in Washington D.C.) "Rediscovering Values" I found out about "The Poverty and Justice Bible". I have now purchased a copy and we have ordered a copy for our Church library. Included within the Bible there is an added section called "The Core". I think it's worth quoting the beginning of that section which helps to explain what this particular "Poverty and Justice Bible" is about.

From "The Core"

"Poverty and justice - yes; the Bible speaks about these issues. Has our society forgotten what the Bible says?"

As the author of The Purpose Driven Life, Rick Warren, asks in an interview, "How can we have missed it?" The question is an important one and the answer is important, too.

According to U2's lead singer Bono, "It's no coincidence that in the Scriptures poverty is mentioned more than 2,100 times. It's not an accident:

That's a lot of airtime, 2,100 mentions.

"You know, the only time Christ is judgmental is on the subject of the poor, 'As you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me' (Matthew 25.40, KJV). As I say, good news to the poor."

[From *On the Move* (W Publishing Group), based on a talk to the National Prayer Breakfast, Washington DC, December 2006.]

Not long ago, a Christian leader bumped into the inventor of one of those popular courses that introduce people to the Christian faith. They had literally collided while cycling by the beach!

"So what's your course about, then?" asked the Christian leader.

"Oh, it's about the basics of the Christian faith, that's what it's about," came the reply.

"So you mean things like care for the poor, the sick, those infected with HIV and AIDS and the rejected of our world? Those kind of things?"

"No, no," came the reply. "Not those, just the basics."

But how can the issues of poverty and justice be left out of "the basics" if they are so deeply enshrined in the Bible's pages?"

Children & Young Families MMT, Youth & Young Adults MMT

Extract from Report to Church Council
July 2010

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Craig, Tiffany and Cheryl continue to provide leadership to our younger members on Sunday mornings. Along with participation in worship this time helps them to grow in faith, deepen their relationship with God and become active members of the Morialta congregation. The team sees that there will be a need to provide a Kids on Sunday program for 9 - 11 year olds as there are number of children who are now 8 + years old who need a program tailored to their age group. The team is looking at how this can be accomplished, but acknowledge that we need to continue to look for extra leaders particularly given the wide range of ages in the younger group. During Advent 2009 the children and youth led significant parts of worship. As on other occasions when they have provided leadership in this way it was done thoughtfully and was well received by other members of the congregation. It is intended to set up a notice board to display the end results of Sunday morning activities. This will be affirming of the young people and allow others who use the KUCA rooms to see some of what we offer the children at this time.

KCO and SAYCO

Three leaders and five Children from Morialta took part in Kids Camp Out (KCO) in March. For all the children, Jordan, Erin, Isabella, Lucy and Tara it was their first experience of KCO. It was also the first time for KCO to be held in the Barossa Valley at Nuriootpa, which has traditionally been held at the West Beach Caravan Park. So there were lots of new and exciting experiences for everyone involved.

The theme for KCO was KCONIA United. There was singing, devotions, and worship around the themes of learning to live together as a united people, learning how to love others, and how we should treat each other and live as Jesus would have us live.

The team thanks the Morialta congregation for their support for the leaders, children and the KCO event which provides an opportunity for children to realise that there are many children in the church family and to experience a sense of community. Last year SAYCO was held on the October long weekend, with seven youth from Morialta attending with Miranda Clarke and Craig Mackenzie as leaders.

The youth enjoyed the experience as is evidenced by the following comments from their report on the event - "I especially enjoyed worshipping with Westbourne Park UC band and hearing from guest speaker Jason Hoet.

As well as the speakers and the band we enjoyed many things at SAYCO some of which were; spending time in small groups and getting to know lots of people from different churches,

Night Life - that took place on Saturday and Sunday night when we got to participate in activities such as watching movies, playing games, dancing and even SAYCO Idol. We also had 'Tribal Wars', numerous sessions of worship and workshops - some of which included things like sport, song writing, making a movie, drama, worship and chilling with the Chaplains. SAYCO was a great learning experience and also great fun." Planning is underway for SAYCO this year. Some of our camping equipment needs replacing and supplementing and the money raised at the Quiz night will go towards this.

TEAM LEADERSHIP

After many years of supporting work with children in our congregation, Rhonda Amber has moved on from the team to other commitments within our congregation. We are grateful for the contribution Rhonda has made to our work with children over many years. We are pleased to welcome Bev Tredrea as the new Elder on the team. Bev has been an important member of the team for some years.

From the Chairperson

Well, it's great to be back! Over the last six months Anne and I have spent more time away from home than we have in quite a few years. It's good to know when we go that things will usually be the same when we return.

However, sometimes things do change.

The constant support we provide for so many is characterized by many activities. One of these services was the Transport Roster. For many years Rob Webbe has coordinated a team of volunteer drivers

who picked up people who could not drive themselves in order that they could come to Chapel Street each Sunday to join the congregation in worship.

You may remember that the program started with a mini-bus, but, over recent years has used the resources of private vehicles. Given the cycle of life, that we are all part of, we have seen the people who relied on this service moving into alternative accommodation. Therefore, it has been decided that the Transport Roster will go into recess.

I'm sure that all readers join me in thanking all the drivers who gave their time and vehicles to this service over many years.

Of course, if there is a need, in the future, to re-introduce The Transport Roster it will be done. After all, we want to make sure that everyone can get to church and the activities we all enjoy.

Bruce.

The Offering

Each week when we receive the offering as part of our response to hearing God's word, we are doing more than providing a practical way for people to fulfil their financial commitment to the congregation. The offering is a concrete way in which we show our willingness to offer ourselves, all that we are and all that we have, in faithfulness to God's call in our lives and in gratitude to God's abundant goodness.

In the early church the offerings of the People would include bread and wine and such things as oil, olives, and cheese. From these gifts of the faithful, the priest chose the bread and wine to be used in the Eucharist, and the remainder was used to support the priests and to meet the needs of the poor in the community. By the ninth century special unleavened bread was used for communion rather than bread brought by the people and, as money was becoming an essential part of the economy, this became a more usual gift. Whatever the method used for the

giving of one's offering for the work of the church, what is central is that worshippers are able to offer themselves in the gathered community of faith.

Not everyone brings money to put in the offering plate each week. This might be for a variety of reasons, including having chosen to give electronically, giving larger amounts less frequently, being stretched financially or even just forgetting. This doesn't mean that those who don't put their money in the plate are not participating in the offering. For those who would like to have something to represent the gifts they bring, we will soon have offering cards available to use each week.

Whether you have something to put in the plate or not, please take it as it comes to you, and as you hold it, remember all that you are offering. Take time to give thanks for all that you have as well as the opportunities to offer yourself in service to others. Then pass it on, recognising that we are each part of a community of disciples, committed to sharing all God's gifts with all the world.

From Christine Ostle



I have just sent off an email to the 20 people who have expressed interest in our Community Garden Project. The email enthusiastically reports to those 20 people that Burnside staff members are reacting positively to the proposal that we are presenting them.

All of the 20 people on the list are from beyond our congregation. All of them affirm the steps we are taking toward establishing a garden. If the garden takes off we will have a wonderful opportunity to be neighbourly to a wide variety of people. I have also had lunch today with Marie Smith from Community and Neighbourhood Houses Association (CANH). She was excited to see how richly resourced our premises is. She was overflowing with ideas about how we can engage with the local community.

Our membership with the CANH is proving to be very helpful as we reach out to the wider community.



Call No One Stranger

by Sr. Patricia Mulhall

You first saw them by the roadside
standing at the crossroads, waiting...
listening... watching...
They walked in silence,
small bundles on their backs
clutching other bits in their hands.
Fear on the faces of those women,
men, and children.
Frightened by the past,
fearful of the future.
Will no one understand their pain?
Will anyone open a door
to receive them?

Look again and you will see
familiar people...
mothers and fathers,
sisters and brothers,
grandparents.
Listen and you will hear
familiar sounds...
talking, crying, laughing.
Understand and you will know
the stuff of which
your dreams are made...

love and laughter, security and safety,
peace and prosperity...
are their dreams, too.
That which is joy to every human heart
is not alien to theirs.
The peace you long for
is that same peace they strive for.
We stand together as one...
drawing warmth
from the same sun and
life from the same earth
And though we travel on different roads
We're part of one God,
one Earth, one Universe...
There are no strangers.
Tears shed in compassion...
songs of love and dreams of peace
make us all one.
Recognize your family in the stranger
Open your door, invite them in
to sit at your table
and share your bread.
Call no one stranger
whose roots are kin to your own...
whose lives all spring from the
One Great Fountain of Life!

Property Matters

The good news is that this is a good news story. We now have Roger Whibley working on church properties two days per week. Since he started at the beginning of July, Roger has worked with Peter Thornley on the KUCA wet area, brought much of the lighting up to standard both inside and out and done several other maintenance jobs. Our thanks continue to go to Rob Webbe, in this case for his induction of Roger into the needs of our properties. It is good to have one of our own number working happily and productively in this way. Roger will be the contact person for any work which needs to be done on the church and adjoining buildings and grounds. He can be contacted directly or through the church office.

Our other properties have also had a maintenance contact person appointed.

Chapel Street Student House – Ray Clogg
College Drive Student House – Rob Webbe
Highland Avenue Manse – Chris Ayles

Some more good news is that Roger and Ray Clogg have both joined the Property Operational Ministry Team. This has significant two way benefits for both the team and Ray & Roger as they perform their new roles. Council has also appointed Chris Ayles as POMT leader for the next two years.

As well as ongoing maintenance there are some major works to be undertaken in the near future. Probably the most significant of these is the redevelopment of the forecourt area with the recent acceptance of a tender for the work.

Chris Ayles

WAIKERIE FRUIT PROJECT

An update of the situation of the fruit growers in the Riverland.

On Monday 12 July, Hare St UC (Kurralta Park) hired a bus and 24 people travelled to Waikerie to see for themselves the difficulties that the people in that area are experiencing. Some of the comments that were

expressed after the visit –

- Seeing rows of dead trees was very upsetting
- Vacant houses where families had moved out – empty – no life
- Wastage of fruit – too small or wrong shape to be able to sell – because of lack of water
- Small price paid to the growers by wholesalers
- Very caring group at Waikerie looking after the people in need
- Land stripped of trees – piles of dead trees waiting to be burnt
- So many empty shops in the town – the ‘blockies’ have no money to spend – the effects are wide-spread
- All the work done over the years with the trees and vines – gone
- It was a good day, the Waikerie UC people made us feel very welcome
- the aftermath of the drought is certainly depressing, but the hard work and warmth of the people working at the coal-face, to help those in need, makes you realise that “Love one another” is truly at work in the Riverland.

Hare St and All Saints Plympton churches has been sending boxes of food to the Waikerie Church for them to use as part of their mission/welfare outreach throughout the Riverland. Many churches involved in the Waikerie Fruit Project are now sending groceries back to the Riverland when their produce is delivered – to be real mission churches to God’s people, helping in one of the areas of need. Some churches are sending money, given to the minister at Waikerie UC, to be exchanged for vouchers at local shops which are given to those in need, who in turn spend these vouchers at the local shops so as to help the shop keepers as well. This system has also forged city-country partnerships.

More information on the updated website, including current order form – go to -

www.sa.uca.org.au

click on Mission Resourcing Network
click on International Mission
click on Waikerie Fruit Project

Jennie Hosking

Locked Up!

For information

Getting a Handle on the new lock.

Some readers may have noticed the installation of a lock on the door between the two foyer areas.

The lock was installed after representation from some of the people who use our excellent facility during the week. There was concern that during their activity somebody might take the opportunity to make an entry into the Sanctuary.

The only time the lock should be engaged is on the occasions that the church property is being used for activities not directly related to our programs. Please help us to make sure that the door remains unlocked for all church activities.



Why Go Solar?

AGL, our electricity supplier, has just announced an increase in electricity prices, the harbinger of further increases we can expect in coming years.

The average increase is about \$1.70 per week or about \$20 for the three months Billing Period depending on one’s energy consumption.

We have just received our first full billing Period Account since installing a 1.5 kW Photovoltaic System earlier this year and we received a credit of nearly \$28 which is more than compensating for the increased charges. This benefit is from the South Australian Premium Guaranteed Tariff of 44 cents per kilowatt Hour to households and small customers who feed into the grid.

Our system has 9 panels and on a bright winter’s day it generates over one Kilowatt to feed into the grid. Even on a somewhat overcast day the system feeds 600 to 700 watts into the grid.

In summer we expect to generate close to full capacity during the day.

It appears that we need to rely more and more on renewable energy resources such as solar, wind, geo-thermal and tidal. We are confident that we have made the right decision.

(from Bill and Doreen)

Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministry

Report from Assembly UCA

Rev. Dr Tony Floyd, National Director,
Multicultural and Cross-cultural Ministry

Across the whole UCA there is a growing interest in and commitment to living out our life as a multicultural Church. Requests for assistance in entering into intentional cross-cultural ministry continue to grow. One of those opportunities was a daylong workshop in which the National Director participated with Mission Resource Network staff, pastoral Relations Committee members, and key leaders from some congregations in the presbytery of South Australia recently.

This marks serious attempts to plan appropriate, coordinated and effective strategies in equipping communities, congregations and ministry leaders for becoming part of the UCA, entering into effective cross-cultural partnerships, and identifying and supporting ministry leaders who have the gifts, graces and calling for this expression of our commitment to being a multicultural church which worships, witnesses and serves cross-culturally.



Resthaven Grant

Interim Report

As was reported in the last issue of *Morialta Vision*, we received a grant to assist in the collection and recording of the stories of some of our church family. The grant celebrates the 75th Anniversary of Resthaven's operation and gives us an opportunity to catch a glimpse of the impact our older members have had on the community around them.

Nearly 30 members of the congregation have been approached to spend time with interviewers. Of course, that means that nearly 30 members of the congregation are taking the time to listen and record interesting stories.

Once the anthology has been completed it will form an important part of this year's Exhibition, *Dreams and the Dance of Life*

We all look forward to the chance to share the journeys that have been recorded.

Some of the people involved are Uldis & Edith Buss, Mary Tugwell, Margaret Jenkins and Dale Corrigan (pictured above with Helena).



Other News from Assembly

Through the pages of previous *Morialta Visions* readers have been able to explore some of the developments taking place in the wider Uniting Church. It is important that, as members of local congregations, we take the opportunity to review some of these developments. In this issue we reproduce information from Assembly.

Anglican and Uniting Church Dialogue

The Anglican and Uniting Churches have long been in official dialogue. Since 2003 a series of conversations between the Anglican and Uniting Churches has led to a proposal for a *Covenant of Association*. The Covenant between the two churches would create an 'ecumenical space' in which many things can be discussed and done together. The Anglican General Synod will consider the proposal later this year and the UCA Assembly will have the matter before it in 2012. Signing a Covenant of Association would bring decades of dialogue to a new and important stage.

Being an Apostolic Church

The Doctrine Working Group prepared a paper affirming where the Uniting Church stands within the one holy catholic and apostolic church and explores the meaning of this identifying statement. It identified that being an apostolic church involves beliefs, behaviour and connections with other parts of the church. The UCA embraces diversity of belief while placing limits on that diversity including affirmation that it is our endeavor to live by the way of life, justice and peace that Jesus exemplified.

The paper will be made available through the [Doctrine Working Group](#).

THE HYMNS AND SONGS WE LOVE AT MORIALTA

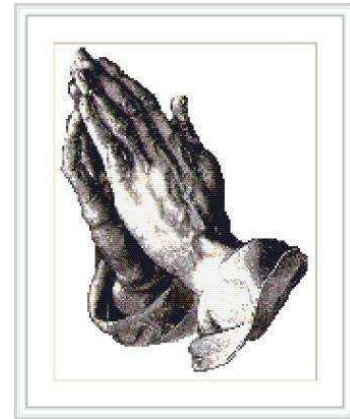
Prompted by a BBC survey in the United Kingdom of the most loved hymns and songs which were featured on the television program, 'Songs of Praise', Morialta has conducted its own survey.

The results of our survey have been analysed and compared with the United Kingdom choices. They have proved to be remarkably similar. Nine hymns and songs most loved by our Morialta congregation are listed with the top ten United Kingdom choices. Thirty-one responses have identified a surprising 150 hymns and songs we love to sing. Most are featured in our hymn book, 'Together in Song'. They are graded by the number of times they appeared in the responses and some were equally popular as the tables show.

These survey results will now be offered to the Worship Ministry Team and a copy placed in our archives. For further information a list of all the hymns and songs chosen will be placed on the notice board.

Thank you to those who responded and particularly to Margaret Johnston, Jenny Hancock and Arthur Tideman who organized the survey and analysed the results.

Most Popular:	
569	<i>Guide me, O thou great Redeemer (Jehovah)</i>
Second Choice	
129	<i>Amazing grace</i>
242	<i>Lord of the dance</i>
458	<i>The day you gave us, Lord is ended</i>
Third choice	
209	<i>And can it be that I should gain</i>
155	<i>How great thou art</i>
134	<i>Praise my soul the king of heaven</i>
Fourth Choice	
598	<i>Dear Father, Lord of humankind</i>
10	<i>The Lord's my shepherd</i>
342	<i>When I survey the wondrous cross</i>
Fifth Choice	
547	<i>Be thou my vision.</i>
607	<i>Make me a channel of your peace</i>
106	<i>Now thank we all our God</i>
276	<i>There's a light upon the mountains</i>
147	<i>To God be the glory</i>
Sixth Choice	
699	<i>A new commandment I give unto you</i>
123	<i>Be still my soul.</i>
658	<i>I, the Lord of sea and sky</i>
640	<i>Kneels at the feet of his friends</i>
156	<i>Morning has broken</i>
629	<i>When I needed a neighbour were you there</i>



The Lord's Prayer

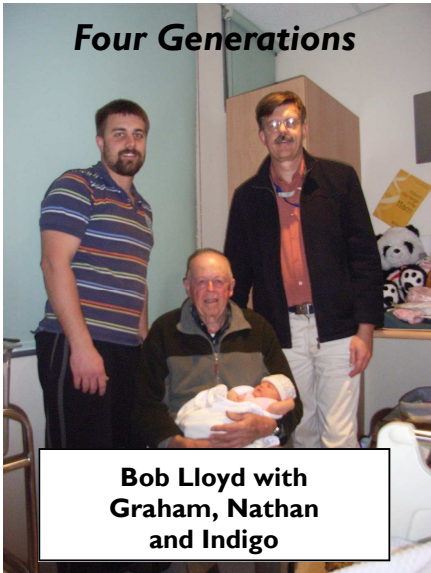
As we all know, members of Morialta are fortunate that each week we are able to participate in worship that is thoughtful and challenging with a contemporary edge that may not always be present in other places.

From time to time our ministers take the opportunity to use alternate words in our liturgy. While we may all be familiar with the words of the Lord's Prayer we use in the modern form, the alternate words are reproduced below for you to reflect on and use in your private devotions if you wish.

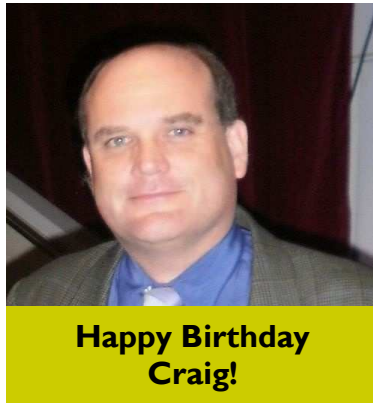
***Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth!
With the bread that we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts that we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.***

Jim Cotter – used with permission

Four Generations



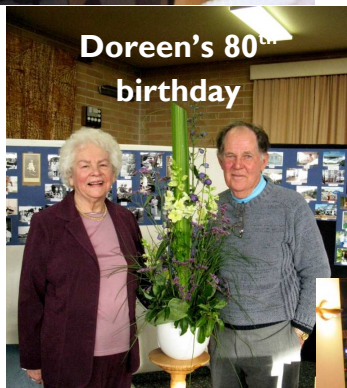
Bob Lloyd with Graham, Nathan and Indigo



Happy Birthday Craig!



Arthur and Lesley celebrate their Pearl Wedding



Doreen's 80th birthday



Casey, following in the family way. Eunice and Gil pass on their genes



A cuppa after an evening at the movies



Making Button Necklaces

Evening Fellowship



Cuppa with the Candidates



Morialta takes the opportunity to meet and talk with some of the candidates for the surrounding suburbs.

On Sunday August 1st, some 80 people enjoyed morning tea and the opportunity to meet and listen to, as well as ask questions of, candidates for Sturt in the forthcoming election.

They were Rick Sarre (ALP), Peter Fiebig (The Greens) and Bob Day (Senate candidate for Family First). Christopher Pyne (Liberal) had a prior commitment.



Each candidate spoke briefly on his motivation for standing for election. These could be summarized as issues of Social Justice.

The candidates then mingled with members of the congregation for about an hour during which there was much animated discussion. The occasion gave the candidates a valuable opportunity to listen to our concerns and to provide us with their opinions on important issues facing Australians.

The informal approach adopted by Morialta enabled many people to participate.



Bill Matheson (for Social Justice Mission Ministry Team)

Norma Daphne Fowler

11.3.1920 - 10.6.2010

Born in Sedan, S.A., the youngest of 5 girls, Norma's early years were spent on a mixed farm there and she was raised by her father after a family split.

Having completed schooling Norma worked in the hospitality industry. We at Morialta are so pleased about this for her Coffee Corner delights were always enjoyed. Her spinach and fetta cheese pie was a top favourite. After marriage Norma worked at Schweppes on Payneham Road.

Norma met her husband Les (who pre-deceased her) and they married prior to Les heading off to war. Les and Norma had 3 children - Robin (deceased), Peter and Wendy. They had 4 lovely grandchildren and 3 very precious great grandchildren, Oliver, Adela (stillborn) and Mackenzie. Norma was a real people person and loved entertaining.



Norma was a great animal lover who had quite an assortment of pets, including a black Scottish terrier called Lady, 2 cats, Blackie and Fatso, a red bantam rooster, Rufus, a duck, Donald, a stray dog named Scruffy and then Wendy's dog, Charlie was dearly loved and a great companion in her final years. When hospitalised for so long, after a visit from Keeley (and Bruce, of course), Norma would always be on a high.

Norma was always one for a challenge. She had 2 old antique chairs - not useable as the ratten seats and backs were worn - so Norma and the chairs

became part of the Saturday furniture restoration group at the church. Her fingers became quite sore with the weaving of the reed-like cane, but Norma persisted and a brilliant job was accomplished.

The outdoors was always attractive to Norma, whether it was gardening, picking fruit to give away, playing social tennis, bush walking, kayaking and of course, swimming. At 56 she learnt to swim and became a member of Adelaide Masters Swimming Club - winning a number of medals from Masters competitions. Norma was fiercely competitive, not just in the water but also on a Wednesday afternoon at Friendship Club playing mahjong!

A love of travel took her to the UK and USA and returning from a trip to South Africa Norma agreed to speak at the over 80s annual afternoon tea. Aged 87 years, she took great delight in sharing her activities and experiences, especially relating to the wild life there. It was a wonderful afternoon and

still comes up in conversation with folk who attended that day.

It was indeed a privilege to have had Norma as a member of our 8.15am congregation and she is greatly missed.

From the Homily

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

We live in the reality of God's grace and those of us who take time to remember that, those who learn to rely on that, *they shall rise up on wings like eagles they shall run and not grow weary they shall walk and not faint.*

Norma learned this lesson well.

Norma continues to walk in the reality of this grace, God's grace, which we have glimpsed not only through her determined approach to life, but also through her ability to love generously herself. It is the grace she discovered through following Jesus. Thanks be to God for the grace that carried Norma, still carries Norma and which surrounds us all.



Edna Lavinia Johnson

Edna Lavinia Johnson was our Mum, Nanna, Great-Nan, sister, aunty, cousin and especially a friend to all.

We were spoiled by her generosity. She taught us 'that it was better to give than to receive'. She appreciated the little things in life. Just walking in the garden and seeing the changes in the way everything grew. The smell after a rainstorm.

Her cooking and crochet work have been enjoyed and admired by all. Everyone has been amazed at her ability to crochet without patterns.

Edna was born in the Bordertown district on 8th September, 1917. She was one of eight children born to Fred and Martha Jessop. The family moved to a farming property between Netherton and Peake.

On completion of her Primary Education she sat an examination to become a school monitor. During her probationary period at Murrayville Primary School she was called home to assist with the family - this entailed milking many cows and looking after her younger siblings.

In her teens an Aunt was able to secure her a domestic position with the Doctor at Barmera. As well as looking after the house and preparing of meals for the family she was a part-time nanny to their daughter. She enjoyed her time with them very much and it was here that in her words she said she learnt what it was to become 'a lady'.

Edna attended the Netherton Baptist Church and Sunday School. It was at this time she met Norman Johnson and they were married on the 6th May 1939 in the Peake Baptist Church. The first years of their married life were spent in a small cottage on the farm and after the death of Norm's mother in 1940, she moved to the family home. Their three children, Kelvin, Kingsley and Rosalie were all born during the war years.

After the death of Norm's father in 1951 the farm was sold and in 1952 the family moved to Murray Bridge and it was here they managed a Guest House for 3 years. During their time in Murray Bridge they were both involved in the Methodist Church.

For the next two years Norm was in Real Estate but the call of the land was too great and he and Edna purchased a fruit block at Mypolonga. This they worked together tirelessly for approximately 22 years.

Edna was saddened at the death of one of her brothers during the war and especially of her daughter Rosalie in 1976.

After leaving Mypolonga in 1979, many happy years were spent in retirement at Strathalbyn.

After Norm died she moved to a unit in Toorak Gardens and from there to Resthaven, Paradise.

She was very proud of her children, grand children and great-grand children. Everyone around her had to listen to their 'doings' whether they wanted to or not.

Her life has been one of helping and giving when possible to others and nothing pleased her more than to be with her family and friends.

We all remember the goodbyes - she would say 'lots of love, see you both later' and would always wave with a white handkerchief until we had disappeared from sight.



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LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE
SUNDAY 22 AUGUST IN THE FOYER BEFORE
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Please bring any books, CD's or DVD's you no longer want at home and these can also be sold to raise funds.

Just a one day sale, this year, in which to stock up on some good reads.

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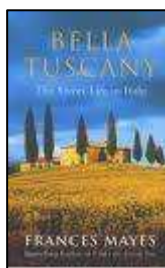
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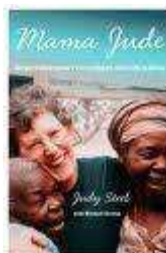
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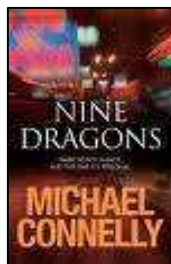
BELLA TUSCANY -
The Sweet Life in Italy
by *Frances Mayes* author of *UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN*

Travel and autobiography are woven into this novel which transports you the reader, to a holiday in Tuscan Italy, sensing the green and freshness of springtime, meeting the people and even partaking of the country's recipes.



MAMA JUDE - An Australian nurse's extraordinary other life in Africa
by *Judy Steel and Michael Sexton*

Judy Steel's story is about resilience and renewal in the face of poverty and death. But above all, it is about the possibility of making a powerful change to other people's lives, no matter what your age or stage of life - Judy's work has been a gift to many thousands of people, and *Mama Jude* will be a gift to all who read it.



NINE DRAGONS - HARRY BOSCH IS BACK. AND THIS TIME IT'S PERSONAL.
by *Michael Connelly*.

Detective Harry Bosch's next case is the murder of an elderly Chinese man, Mr Li. As Mr Li lies dying he leaves a clue as to who has murdered him and this clue in turn leads to Detective Bosch having 24 hours in which to save the life of his daughter. Impossible to put down!



ME, MYSELF & PRAGUE - An Unreliable Guide to Bohemia
by *Rachael Weiss*

'I tripped across the Charles Bridge just before first light, all alone apart from a sleepy pickpocket just clocking on for the morning shift, my heels clacking on the cobblestones, the early morning sky a beautiful deep blue.'

So begins the tale of an unhappy Australian girl who leaves all behind her, to travel to The Czech Republic and find a new life.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Morialta relies heavily on volunteers and it is gratifying to be able to acknowledge some of them occasionally. Christopher Pyne came to Coffee Corner on August 11th to present certificates of appreciation to June and Cyril Thompson and Rob Webbe. There is more detail available for readers on the notice board.



Editor's Note: It is not normal practice to reproduce articles that are readily available to our readers in other sources. However, 'Offensively Fresh Faith' by Rev Rod Dyson, is included in this issue of Morialta Vision to draw attention to the range of articles presented in the August issue of New Times The theme 'Fresh Expressions' presents a number of stories for readers to consider...



Offensively Fresh faith

Rev Rod Dyson

The first story in Luke 18 ends with a haunting question: "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" We would like to think so! Yet some years ago, after I preached on faith a person in the congregation

remarked, "There is nowhere in my life where I have to exercise faith." The person (a committed church member) was (thankfully) responding to what I said but their response was none the less profoundly disturbing. On our better days, we might be bold enough to answer Jesus' question with an emphatic, 'Of course you'll find faith!' The gospels record the stories of many faithful people.

A Canaanite woman dares to approach Jesus because her daughter is being tormented. Jesus initially ignores her but perhaps out of embarrassment his disciples beg him to do something. Jesus relents, healing the daughter and saying, "Woman, you have great faith."



As Jesus nears Jerusalem another woman anoints him. She is criticised for being wasteful but Jesus says, "In truth I tell you, wherever in all the world this gospel is proclaimed, what she has done will be told as well, in remembrance of her."

Both women are breaking, or at least going beyond, existing convention. Right there we have examples of fresh expressions of faith. Of course, in the early church fresh expressions of faith were the norm. Fresh expressions of faith can be quite offensive. Certain beliefs blind us to the amazing work of God's Spirit when it comes in ways we least expect or when it does not fit our limited and 'acceptable' arena of God's work.

I certainly don't want to be found to be one who will not see the new thing that God is doing. It seems to me that what we believe may both inhibit and grow our faith. Faith is about a loving, stretching, transforming relationship with Jesus Christ who calls us to live in ways that, without the help of the Holy Spirit, we simply couldn't.



The Kingdom of God is not defined by our actions but by the vastness of God. And there will always be those who constantly and courageously position themselves so that they can only exist by faith in God. That's where I want to live – I pray that we all will. So is there a future for faith? Of course!

Encouraging each other in ministry and mission, sharing resources and providing mutual support

NETWORK GATHERING

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Spirituality & Justice through a multicultural lens

hear the Payneham Road story
meet two leaders active in multicultural ministry
be inspired through conversations with Rev Dr Tony Floyd

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Introducing the Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW) at Norwood Morialta High School.



Christ was interested in the individual. As we read through various stories in the New Testament, we read of the thousands who flocked to Him and yet, Jesus had time to notice the individual and their needs. Examples abound such as Zachaeus, the blind man at the pool, and the Samaritan woman at the well... Jesus focused on the need of the individual. I have the opportunity to do this on a daily basis at Norwood Morialta High School. I am able to focus on the needs of various young individuals, supporting them in school, as they seek to eventually venture out from the comforts of the predictability of school-life and into 'the world'. Young people these days have a lot of decisions to make simply because there are a lot of choices to be had. And as a CPS worker I get to listen to them and treasure the moment we share, each one, a valuable individual that Christ too would seek out.

Let me introduce myself. I am Wendy Radford, originally from India and of Nepalese heritage; presently calling Adelaide home. My family and I moved here from Kyrgyzstan, Central Asia, about a year and a half ago where we were serving as missionaries. Both my husband and I have been in missionary service for about 27 years and have two teenage children who have had a rich multicultural upbringing. For many years I served in the Indian Sub-continent in various capacities and for the last five years I have been working in Kyrgyzstan. My time in Kyrgyzstan was very fulfilling and meaningful and I served in many roles. As the chairperson for the mission agency I was working with, I was able to train and mentor various local Christians while overseeing the agency's work in the country; I was also the director of another non-government agency that facilitated work-permits and visas for other workers which also provided me the opportunity to network with other Christian workers and agencies; I worked part-time at the Christian International School as the personal assistant to the school director that kept me in touch with children; and for a year and a half, I pioneered and taught basic counseling skills at a local Christian Seminary. Our focus in Kyrgyzstan was to work closely with the local Kyrgyz church in strengthening and supporting their work, in whatever capacity that were opened to us. If I have learned anything over my life journey, it is 'the value of the individual'!

It is with the same mission heart and calling we have returned to Adelaide. My involvement at Norwood Morialta High School as the CPS worker is an extension of my call to the individual and to the nations. The multicultural make-up of the school and the age-group of the students on the campus make me feel quite at home and I have been received very well by both staff and students. The school atmosphere is welcoming and friendly, and I have been able to make friends already. My vision is one of transformation. The transformation of one individual opens the door for the transformation of a family, a family transforms a community, a community transforms society, a transformed society...a city, a city...a nation, a nation...the world! But the Lord has called us to begin with the 'one...just one individual!' Please partner with me at Norwood Morialta High School, through prayer and intercession, by your support in giving towards the various events and programmes I may have and most of all of course, the baking and cooking that is done by gifted ladies at various churches for the staff morning teas at the school. These are little ways that we can be the 'salt and the light' within our own communities.

Thank you!

Paws for thought ...



Boy is it tiring going on holiday! I suppose I should be grateful for the opportunity, after all, there aren't many dogs who go to the places I do. However, it's a big responsibility looking after Bruce. It doesn't take much for him to get into trouble!

Anyway, we did have a really good time up north. The scenery is excellent and there is a lot of water every where, but, don't ask Anne and Bruce if they have any photos. I reckon they took thousands!

Even though there was lots of water, Bruce wouldn't let me swim anywhere. He kept going on about things called crocodiles. I'll have to look them up on Google.

It is good to be home. My bed is much more comfortable than the one I used when we were away and I'm getting a chance to catch up on my sleep and it is good to catch up with all my friends at Morialta.

I hope that if you go on holiday you have a good time like me, but, like they say;

'There's no place like home'

Your rover reporter

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30 August to 6 Sept	Fun in the Flinders Tour
From 30 November	Dreams & the Dance of Life Exhibition

Fun in the Flinders

Mon 30 August - Mon 6 September



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