

Beyond 2020 Vision

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Welcome to the November edition of Beyond 2020 Vision. As we approach Remembrance Day and Advent, in what Rev Dr Steven Koski calls “The Irrational Season of Peace,” we reflect on our own yearning for peace.

We also bring you a range of reflections, articles and news from the Morialta community and the wider church.

The **deadline for the LAST Vision for 2025 will be 29th November**. Either drop your contributions in to the church office or call/email Colin on 0427 122 106 or snout-n-about@bigpond.com

Go well!

Colin Cargill, editor and Helena Begg, publisher

The Irrational Season of Peace

*Adapted from a sermon by Rev Dr Steven Koski,
First Presbyterian Church, Bend Oregon USA*

For many people Christmas Eve brings back a memory of their own childhood. In the stillness of that sacred night, we light the Christ candle, celebrating the arrival of God’s love into the world through the birth of Jesus. We pass the flame of a single candle from one person to the next, as if the light itself whispers a promise: the darkness will never overcome it.

As we approach Remembrance Day, we recall one of the most profound stories of this irrational peace unfolding during the first Christmas of World War I, in 1914. Two massive armies, British and German, faced each other in trenches stretching across France and Belgium. These trenches were muddy, cold, and separated by “no man’s land.” Death seemed omnipresent, and the hope of peace must have felt impossibly distant.



Yet something unimaginable happened that Christmas Eve. The guns fell silent. Without any formal truce both sides simply stopped shooting. As darkness settled, British soldiers saw something astonishing: German troops lighting Christmas trees at the edges of their trenches. The glow of those small, flickering lights pierced the darkness in a way no one could have foreseen.

Then, a German voice called out, “A gift is coming now!” The British soldiers braced for an attack, but instead of grenades, a boot filled with sausages and chocolate landed in their trench. The British replied with a Princess Mary tin filled with plum pudding and a greeting card. And then, as if on cue, the singing began.

A German soldier began to sing “Stille nacht, heilige nacht” – “Silent night, holy night.” The British joined in, and soon, the two languages merged into one universal song of peace.

By Christmas morning soldiers cautiously emerged from their trenches, unarmed. They met in no man’s land, shook hands, exchanged gifts, and even played soccer. For a fleeting moment, the violence of war was replaced by the spirit of peace and goodwill.

Sadly within days, the soldiers were ordered back to the trenches. Yet for those brief hours, the impossible became reality. As one soldier later wrote, “I could never have imagined such a godforsaken place could become so holy.”

This story challenges us to ask: What might happen if we dared to step out of our own trenches – our cynicism, despair, and fear – and choose peace?

The irrational season invites us to light a candle in defiance of the darkness. It calls us to hold that fragile flame against the wind, trusting it will spread and grow. It asks us to make room – not just in our homes, but in our hearts – for the Prince of Peace.

This Advent season, let us choose to believe that peace is possible – not because it’s easy or logical, but because it’s what the world most desperately needs.

Let’s make room for peace. Let’s make room for the child.

Gifts for Christmas - Give a gift that fights poverty!

UnitingWorld has launched its ‘Everything in Common’ Gift Catalogue for 2025! It’s filled with life-changing gifts that fight poverty and build hope in the world through health, education, leadership and income opportunities. This is a great way to give meaningful gifts this Christmas while making a difference!

The shop is available at <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/everythingincommon> now or you can sign up to host a gift stall in your church or community at <https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/everythingincommon-sign-up>

News from the Church Council Meeting

The full agenda of the October meeting is in the Church Council folder in the library, and the minutes will also be there also once they are confirmed. In the meantime, here are some highlights! As always, if you have any questions, please talk to one of the members of Church Council.

- We confirmed that the next Congregation meeting will be held on Sunday 7 December after worship, followed by a community lunch. It will include deliberations on the 2026 budget. Put the date in your diaries now, please!
- We confirmed that Morialta UC will be a pre-polling station for the state election to be held 21 March 2026, with restricted access to our facilities from 10-24 March, but not on the Sundays.

- We asked Colin Cargill to publicise the Synod's request that we participate in a letter-writing campaign regarding racism – see the article below.
- We agreed in principle to introduce a 12-month limit to the tenure of our leaders and of members of teams and task-groups, in the interests of making the best possible use of the gifts, wisdom, skills and experience of all members of the Morialta community, and of ensuring that valuable corporate knowledge is appropriately spread among us for the future. Further proposals re implementation will be brought to the November meeting.

Margaret Cargill, Deputy Council Chairperson

Letter writing campaign against online racism and hate

The Synod of South Australia has joined the Victoria/Tasmania and Queensland Synods to promote a letter-writing campaign calling for stronger measures to address online racism and hate.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner has published two reports that have highlighted the disturbing growth of online hate (Summary available from Church Office).

This letter-writing campaign urges the Commonwealth Government to ensure that online platforms and services respond effectively to reports of online abuse and take meaningful steps to prevent it.

The Synod of South Australia see this advocacy as a vital step in living out our Christian faith.

Church Council invites you to join the letter-writing action by writing a letter to Senator The Hon Tim Ayres MP Minister for Communications and The Hon. Tony Burke MP Minister for Home Affairs (address below)

Points to make in your letter:

- Welcome that Australia is a multicultural society, with most Australians acting towards each other with inclusiveness and respect.
- Express concern about the findings of the eSafety Commissioner regarding online racism and hate.
- Ask the Commonwealth Government to implement measures to ensure that online platforms and services respond effectively to reports of online hate and racism and take meaningful action to prevent online hate and racism as required by the Online Safety (Basic Online Safety Expectations) Determination 2022.
- Ask that the Commonwealth Government require online platforms and services to ensure that hate detection policies, software and content removal processes are informed by meaningful consultation with users likely to be targeted for online hate and racism.

- Ask that online platforms and services be required to suspend or remove users who repeatedly violate online hate policies.
- Ask the Commonwealth Government to fund the eSafety Commissioner or the Australian Institute of Criminology to conduct:
 - * Research into online racism and hate, with an emphasis on groups that are more likely to be targeted for such abuse, including First Peoples and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
 - * Longitudinal research into the mental health and well-being impacts of encounters with online racism and hate. The research should also explore trends in the prevalence of online hate and racism over time; and,
 - * In-depth research into barriers to reporting online racism and hate.

Addresses:

Senator The Hon Tim Ayres MP
Minister for Communications
PO Box 6100,
The Senate, Parliament House,
Canberra, ACT, 2600

The Hon. Tony Burke MP
Minister for Home Affairs
PO Box 6022,
House of Representatives, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



‘Silver Members’ morning tea

Following is a speech by The Hon Claire Clutterham (MP for Sturt) made in the House of Representatives on Tuesday 7th October.



On Sunday 5th October, I celebrated the International Day of Older Persons at the Morialta Uniting Church in my electorate of Sturt. I celebrated with a special group of people, coming together not only to honour elderly members of our community – or ‘silver members’ as they were elegantly described. Members of Morialta Uniting Church, led by Bruce [Ind] and Reverend Anne Butler, partnered with the Dawoodi Bohra community, led by the effervescent and passionate Nishreen Adenwala and her husband, Zulfikar Adenwala.

There are approximately 40 Dawoodi Bohra communities across Australia, including a thriving and active one in Adelaide, and members, who are practising Muslims, adhere to the values of fraternity, peace and humanity. Dawoodi Bohras are active advocates of goodwill and philanthropy and seek to help and uplift those less fortunate through their various philanthropic endeavours.

This past Sunday, they organised the event at the Morialta Uniting Church, in order to provide information and support to ‘silver members’ of the community. The theme of this year’s celebration of older persons was ‘Older persons driving local and global action: our aspirations, our well-being and our rights’, and, in this style, Nishreen and her colleagues organised for informative speakers to attend, to talk about aged-care advocacy and the importance of physical movement and exercising the brain. Attendees were provided with delicious cooked food, in order to fill them for a gentle exercise session, and were then given the opportunity to exercise their brains with an intense and good-natured game of bingo led by the bingo master.

Most importantly, however, this partnership between the Dawoodi Bohras and the Morialta Uniting Church is a beautiful demonstration of interfaith connection. These groups look different, have different native languages, dress differently and practise quite different faiths, but they see the value in these differences and they have a special bond that I have had the privilege of witnessing several times. Despite these differences, they are firmly united in their dedication to serving others. The only thing I ever hear members of this unique group ask is this: What can I do for others? What can I do for my community? So I say to Nishreen, Zulfikar, Bruce and Anne: thank you. To get old and age is one of life’s greatest blessings.



**Senior Members
Silver Members**

The enduring allure of silver ...

Silver always shines -
its brilliance is timeless.

Elegant and versatile -
perfect for every occasion.

Forever in style -
silver never fades from fashion.

Classy, strong and adaptable -
it complements everything.

Kym Purling concert

What an afternoon of wonderful music! Kym just gets better as he ‘matures’ and of course Tim is a master of the bass. For many it was the first time we had heard Jackson Mack on drums and what a talented young man he is! A brilliant afternoon of music and joy.

Thanks to everyone who supported the concert, especially those who worked so hard to make it happen. Your work and support resulted in a profit of **\$1,781.90** for Morialta from the event.

(Our 50% share of ticket sales was \$2730 and expenses totaled \$1,242.10 for piano transport and tuning, hospitality, and Trybooking fees.)

The raffle and trading table raised a further \$294.00.

Sincere thanks to all concerned.

Community Building & Fundraising Team





Merry Magill Market

22nd November 9:00am-12:00pm
Morialta Uniting Church
 26 Chapel Street Magill
 8331 9344 office@morialtauca.org.au

Cakes, Biscuits & Preserves
 Christmas Gifts & Crafts
 Plants, Books, Gift Boxes of Love
 Betty's Boutique – Tried & True
 Morning Tea, Raffle
 Sausage Sizzle... and more!

Another special delivery...



Margaret P was delighted to receive a beautiful quilt made by Judith, and the messages written on it from friends at Morialta. Margaret hasn't been able to attend church for some time, but was very involved in the church's activities, particularly Church Council and Coffee Corner/Lunch on Chapel, for many years.

The latest load of AKWAK 'goodies' for children in Syria was packed and shipped in October.



Is this you...?

'A Christian is one who is on the way, though not necessarily very far along it, and who has at least some dim and half-baked idea of who to thank.'

Frederick Buechner (American author, Presbyterian minister, preacher, and theologian, 1926 – 2022)

Friendship Group

From Joan Wagner

The Friendship Group met on October 16 at 10.30am for the Clayton Wesley church tour with 13 members present and 7 unfortunately unable to join us because of health issues.



Dr Geoffrey Bishop, eminent historian, shared the history of this beautiful church where the original chapel opened in 1856. A second church was built in front of the original chapel in 1882-83 with the imposing 38m (125 ft) spire. The majestic stained and painted glass windows with several dedications were a special feature. The large pipe organ has 1600 pipes of various sizes.

We also viewed the cemetery before moving into Hope's Cafe for an enjoyable lunch. Some also explored Goodies op shop where some happily found bargains. 😊

Please note change of date for our next meeting. This has been brought forward to **13th November at 10am** with an AGM followed by a singalong of favourite hymns.

All welcome and a BYO lunch to follow.

Church Council retreat

Council members spent a day together in the hills, hosted by Anne and June, getting to know each other, sharing our stories and discussing future plans for Morialta UC.



Anne I had a reluctant moment in the spotlight, playing the grand piano for worship on October 12th. (The piano was used in the Kym Purling concert that afternoon!)

The bad Christian's manifesto

by Dave Tomlinson contributed by Austin Pheonix

- To follow the way of Jesus rather than rules and conventions
- To doubt and question WITHOUT fear, and ever be daunted by orthodoxies and authority figures.
- To make a priority of kindness and compassion, and pursue justice for all people.
- To embrace messiness and imperfection while aspiring to be all that we can be.
- To live courageously, and resist being motivated by guilt or fear.
- To love the world and honour it as God's body.
- To have parties, laugh often, enjoy friends and welcome strangers.
- To resist passing judgement, and befriend people in the margins.
- To look for God in every person and situation.

Rev Dave Tomlinson is a writer, a speaker, a passionate seeker after truth and wisdom, and an avid explorer of theology, spirituality and life in general. He is the vicar of St Luke's church in Holloway, North London.

My peace I give to you

Adapted from a message by Rev John Gilmore NCCA President

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. (John 14: 27)

We are surrounded by so much noise at the moment. It is the noise of war and conflict, the noise of competing political views, the noise of debate over right and wrong, and overwhelmingly the noise of human suffering.



Daily we hear of people killed and injured. These statistics reduce the reality of human suffering to a number. Somehow it is less confronting when each death is recorded in this way. Each one who dies has a name, a family story and dreams and hopes. Each death is tragic.

In all this noise we as Christian people and communities find our perspective in prayer and quiet. The noise is a reality, so is the presence of God. As we take time to be still, to listen and to pray we build and live out our alternative to the noise.

We are promised by Jesus in John 14:27 that the peace that is given is not the peace of the 'world'. We are invited to find a spiritual and heart peace, and to live our lives out of this peace. It is not a peace that reduces us to silence. It is a peace that gives strength and depth to our voices, and what we say. In faith we will find new ways to advocate for peace and justice, ways that point to the goodness and grace of our God of peace.

The promise that Jesus helps us see, the one essential and distinctive element of Christian character, is the gift of 'the peace of Jesus' that is given to us.

A new 'climate visa' to Australia – a sign of the future?

Adapted from an article by Jane McAdam UNSW published in *The Conversation*

In just 4 days, one third of the population of Tuvalu entered a ballot for a new permanent visa to Australia.

This world first visa will enable up to 280 Tuvaluans, from a population of about 10,000, to move permanently to Australia each year. The visa is open to anyone who wants to work, study or live in Australia. A job offer is not required.

While the visa itself doesn't mention climate change, the treaty that created it is framed in the context of the "existential threat posed by climate change".

The Australian government calls it "the first agreement of its kind anywhere in the world, providing a pathway for mobility with dignity as climate impacts worsen".

Tuvalu is one of the world's smallest countries, covering just 26 square kilometres.

For many, especially young families, this will be seen as a chance for education and skills training in Australia. Giving people choices about if, when and where they move is empowering and enables them to make informed decisions about their own lives.

The new visa is also about shoring up the economy of Tuvalu. Migration is now a structural component of many Pacific countries' economies. The money migrants send back to their home countries to support their families and communities (remittances) comprised 28% of GDP in Samoa and nearly 42% of GDP in Tonga – the highest in the world. Currently, Tuvalu sits at 3.2%.

The real test of the new visa's success will be how people are treated when they arrive in Australia. Will they be helped to adjust to life here, or will they feel isolated and shut out? Will they be able to find work and training, or will they find themselves in insecure and uncertain circumstances? Will they feel a loss of cultural connection, or will they be able to maintain cultural traditions within the growing Tuvaluan diaspora?

Ensuring sound and culturally appropriate settlement services are in place will be crucial. These would ideally be co-developed with members of the Tuvaluan community, to "centralise Tuvaluan culture and values, in order to ensure ongoing dialogue and trust".

Also, money sent home could be used to make families less vulnerable to climate change. It might help them buy rainwater tanks or small boats, or improve internet and other communications.

Remittances are also beneficial when they are invested in services that lift the level of education of children or boost social capital.



Monarch butterflies are in decline and they need your help

Adapted from an article by Myron Zalucki,
The University of Queensland in the Conversation.

If you thought that there are fewer monarch butterflies now than when you were a child – you are probably correct. Numbers have been declining not just in Australasia and North America.

Could this be a consequence of climate change, the intensification of agriculture, and urbanisation?

Many insect populations are in decline globally and monarch butterflies exemplify the problem. Once a very common species, numbers have declined dramatically and we need more citizen scientists to monitor what is really going on.

The monarch butterfly is an iconic species. It is usually the species people recall when drawing a butterfly. This is partly because monarch images are often the species of choice for school biology classes and television documentaries on animal migration.



Their ancestral home in North America is noted for an annual mass migration and spectacular overwintering of adults in fir forests in Mexico and at multiple sites in Southern California. These sites are monitored to track the decline.

Monarch butterfly greatly extended its range in the mid-1800s, spreading across the Pacific to reach Australia and New Zealand by riding on storms.

They are now part of the scene in Australia and known as “the wanderer” – reflecting its propensity to fly across the landscape in search of milkweed plants. They lay eggs on introduced milkweed species for their caterpillars to feed and develop. Monarchs have also adapted their migration patterns to establish overwintering sites – places where large numbers of adults congregate on trees.

Citizen scientists can participate in a mark-recapture program. If the same individual is marked then recaptured later, the information provides valuable data on survival and the distance travelled and even population size. This volunteer tagging program enabled many aspects of the monarch’s ecology in Australia to be documented. Sadly this volunteer tagging program was discontinued a few years ago.



So, we need the help of people who love the outdoors to become citizen scientists to tag monarch butterflies when they travel to their overwintering habitat. This project involves students in real science and addressing an environmental issue. You can join with your grandchildren and become a citizen scientist!

Read the full article and how to get involved at <https://theconversation.com/monarch-butterflies-are-in-decline-in-nz-and-australia-they-need-your-help-to-track-where-they-gather-244384>

The earth story

Adapted from an article by Victoria Looz and Valerie Luna Serrels – the Center for Action and Contemplation

There is a way that nature speaks, that land speaks. Most of the time we are simply not patient enough, quiet enough, to pay attention to the story. Linda Hogan



Maybe the voices we need to listen to most closely are the voices that have often been overlooked, dismissed, ignored, or silenced. The voices of Indigenous peoples, the voices of women, of communities of

colour, of those from the queer community, voices from outside our comfort zone. Those whose perspectives are essential for us to see our own blindness. The voices of the trees, the storms, the cicadas, the rivers, and the tiny viruses whose interconnected suffering and resiliency is essential in this time of dramatic change.

The wisdom we need will be found there, outside the edges of the dominant culture. And by listening, we practice kinship, intentionally entering into relationship, through respectful and authentic conversation and presence.

Kinship is recognizing that our beloved community includes the whole, alive, interconnected world. It is falling in love again with the world; it is taking on the suffering of our others and engaging in their healing. It is an embodiment of a Hebrew concept known as tikkun olam, which means “repairing the world” – the whole world.

Earth has her own rituals, expressed in stories of glaciers, seasons, spring blossoms, anthills, wildfires, and birdsongs. As we listen with affection to the stories the land tells, we are compelled to integrate their stories into our stories. To remain alive, our old narratives need to be connected with new meaning particular to our geographies and context. A beloved myth or story from a sacred text or scripture carries deep wisdom that comes alive when it is reoriented to our own time and place.

Just as all began (from the Big Bang, or the Word, depending on whether you are talking about physics or the New Testament) and expanded into the myriad forms that are permeated with the One, all returns to Oneness, which could be described as the cosmic Body of Christ.

Joy Andrews

Overcrowded!

Michel Quoist, contributed by Helena Begg

Lord, why did you tell me to love all humanity, my brothers and sisters? I have tried, but I come back to you, frightened...

Lord, I was so peaceful at home, I was so comfortably settled. It was well furnished, and I felt cosy. I was at peace. Sheltered from the wind, the rain, the mud. I would have stayed uninterrupted in my ivory tower.

But, Lord, you have discovered a breach in my defences, you have forced me to open my door, like a squall of rain in the face, the cry of people has awakened me; like a gale of wind a friendship has shaken me, as a ray of light slips in unnoticed, your grace stirred me... and rashly I left my door ajar...

As soon as I started to open the door I saw them, with outstretched hands, burning eyes, longing hearts, like beggars on church steps. The first ones came in, Lord. There was after all some space in my heart. I welcomed them. I would have cared for them, my very own little lambs, my little flock. You would have been pleased, Lord, I would have served and honoured you in a proper, respectable way. Till then, it was sensible...

But the next ones, Lord, I had not seen them; they were hidden behind the first ones. There were more of them, they were wretched; they over-powered me without warning. We had to crowd in, I had to find room for them.

Now they have come from all over, in successive waves, pushing and jostling one another. They have come from all over town, from all parts of the country, of the world; numberless, inexhaustible. They don't come alone any longer but in groups, bound one to another. They come bending under heavy loads; loads of injustice, of resentment and hate, of suffering and sin...

They drag the world behind them, with everything rusted, twisted, or badly adjusted. Lord, they hurt me! They are in the way, they are everywhere. They are too hungry; they are consuming me! I can't do anything anymore; as they come in, they push the door, and the door opens wider...

Lord! My door is wide open! I can't stand it anymore! It's too much! It's no kind of life! What about my job? My family? My peace? My liberty? And me? Lord, I have lost everything, I don't belong to myself any longer; There's no more room for me at home...

"Don't worry", God says, "you have gained all. While people came to you, I, your Father, I, your God, slipped in among them."



Wikipedia Image

Women navigate the world through relationships. We influence family, friends and the general public about our strength in coming together to build bridges and fight hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice. We are changing the world, one Muslim and one Jewish woman at a time!

Sheryl Olitzky

Loving them into changing

Based on an article by Father Richard Rohr,
Center for Action and Contemplation



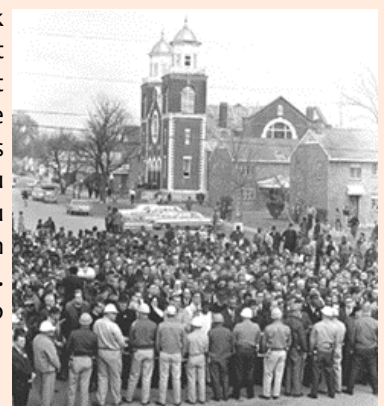
Theologian Walter Wink (1935–2012) recalls a tense moment in Selma Alabama when a reminder to love their enemies shocked the conscience of the crowd and forged a nonviolent path forward.

One evening a large crowd of black and white activists stood outside the Ebenezer Baptist Church, when a black funeral home operator from Montgomery arrived. He reported that a group of black students demonstrating near the capitol that afternoon had been surrounded by police on horseback, all escape barred, and cynically commanded to disperse or take the consequences. Then the mounted police waded into the students and beat them at will. Police prevented ambulances from reaching the injured for two hours....

The crowd outside the church seethed with rage. Cries went up, "Let's march!" Behind them, across the street, stood the Alabama State Troopers and the local police forces of Sheriff Jim Clark. The situation was explosive.

Then a young black minister stepped to the microphone and said, "It's time we sang a song." He opened with the line, "Do you love Martin King?" to which those who knew the song responded, "Certainly, Lord!" He continued through the names of the leaders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, with the crowd warming to the song, "Certainly, certainly, certainly Lord!" Without warning he sang out, "Do you love Jim Clark?" (the Sheriff) "Cer ... certainly, Lord" came the stunned, halting reply. "Do you love Jim Clark?" "Certainly, Lord" – it was stronger this time. "Do you love Jim Clark?" Now the point had sunk in, as surely as Amos' in chapters 1 and 2: "Certainly, certainly, certainly Lord!"

Rev. James Bevel then took the mike. "We are not just fighting for our rights, but for the good of the whole society." Then he yelled "It's not enough to defeat you Jim Clark – we want you converted. We cannot win by hating our oppressors. We have to love them into changing."



Dutch courage?

Adapted from a paper by Fritz Renner, Inge Kersbergen and Jessica Werthmann which won an Ig Noble Award in 2025.

A popular belief is that alcohol improves the ability to speak in a foreign language. However the effect of acute alcohol consumption on perceived foreign language performance and actual foreign language performance in foreign language learners has not been investigated. But this claim has now been tested by a group of German scientists.

They got together 50 native German speakers who had recently learned Dutch and randomized them into 2 groups – one low dose of alcohol and one control no alcohol beverage. Following consumption participants took part in a standardized discussion in Dutch which was audio-recorded and foreign language skills were subsequently rated by two native speakers.

Participants who consumed alcohol had significantly better observer-ratings for their Dutch language, specifically better pronunciation, compared with those who did not consume alcohol.

The conclusion was that acute alcohol consumption may have beneficial effects on the pronunciation of a foreign language in people who have recently learned that language.

The Ig Nobel Prize is a satirical prize awarded annually since 1991 to promote public engagement with scientific research. Its aim is to “honor achievements that first make people laugh, and then make them think.”



Sally Stamp

Thank you for the response to my request for stamps – many churches have responded. 2025 has been successful and we have donated as follows:

Frontier Services (outback pastors) – \$2,000.00

South Pacific School Aid Inc (freight) – \$2,851.00

The Grove U/c (Kids Craft Club) – \$1,000.00

Container for Packing Day goods – \$1,000.00

Collection of stamps in the metro area can be arranged.

Maxine Haines, Convenor, UCA Stamp Group

Ph: 0427 972 417

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NOTE: Stamps can also be brought to Morialta UC and we will make sure that they are delivered to Sally Stamp.

Poverty...

“I used to think I was poor.

Then they told me I wasn’t poor, I was needy.

Then they told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy,

that I was culturally deprived.

Then they told me deprived was a bad image,

that I was underprivileged.

Then they told me underprivileged was overused, that I was disadvantaged.

I still don’t have a penny, but I do have a great vocabulary.”

Jules Feiffer - American cartoonist and author, who at one time was considered the most widely read satirist in the country.

John Wesley's Manifesto

1. Reduce the gap between rich people and poor people
2. Help everyone to have a job
3. Help the poorest, including introducing a living wage
4. Offer the best possible education
5. Help everyone to feel they can make a difference
6. Promote tolerance
7. Promote equal treatment for women
8. Create a society based on values and not on profits and consumerism
9. End all forms of slavery
10. Avoid getting into wars
11. Share the love of God with everyone
12. Care for the environment

English for beginners –

Paraprosdokian Sentences - a figure of speech that uses an unexpected ending to a phrase - some examples:

- Hospitality: making your guests feel like they’re at home, even if you wish they were.
- Evening news is where they begin with “Good evening” and then proceed to tell you why it isn’t.
- You’re never too old to learn something stupid.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

- A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal many is research.
- And finally - I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn’t work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.