

Nurturing our people in the Christian faith and reaching out to the local community in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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PENTECOST

15th MAY

O God the Holy Spirit
come to us and among us;
come as the fire and burn;
come as the dew and refresh;
convict, convert and consecrate
many hearts and lives
to our great good
and thy greater glory,
and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

*World Council of Churches
(from "An Iona Prayer Book" by Peter Millar)*



Can I Have a Word?

More than one of my ministry colleagues has recounted difficult encounters that began with the phrase, “Excuse me, Reverend – can I have a word?” Such encounters usually involve some form of complaint or discontent, sometimes about the minister’s “performance”, sometimes about another parishioner. Sometimes they involve the awkward but necessary drawing of the minister’s attention to an issue of which they were not aware. Regardless of the reason, many clergy dread the phrase *Can I have a word?*, assuming it is the prelude to some form of criticism or grievance.

There is a certain measure of irony in this, given that Christianity is such a “wordy” religion. We speak of Scripture as “God’s Word”, and of Christ as “the Word made flesh”. Sermons form (with Communion) the heart of our liturgy. *The Gospel According to John* declares that “in the beginning was the Word”, while the creation accounts in *Genesis* begin with the *spoken* command “Let there be light!”. And in the UCA, a Minister is officially styled “Minister of Word and Sacrament”.

So the clerical apprehension around the phrase “Can I have a word?”, though understandable, is somewhat antithetical to the ministry to which *all* Christians are called: the ministry of dialogue, of conversation, of shared experience through the exchange of *words*.

Here at Mountview I have tried to give expres-

sion to that ministry from time to time by inviting members of the congregation to participate in “Conversation Groups”. Within such groups, participants are free to ask questions, explore ideas, express fears and concerns, all secure in the knowledge that they will be neither judged nor excluded.

I have always viewed such conversation groups as an extension of the “spoken ministry” available through the Monday Night, Afternoon Fellowship, and Growing Groups – and, indeed, of the pastoral ministry frequently exercised through conversation after our worship on a Sunday morning. In a like manner, participation in the Lenten and Advent Studies also facilitates this “conversational ministry”.

In this vein, I would like to announce that I hope to include in future editions of *Contact* a new section which currently operates under the title “Ask Brendan”. In this section, anyone from Mountview is free to send me a question on any aspect of church, theology, Scripture, ministry or the life of faith about which they are puzzled, frustrated, confused, or are just unsure about. I will do my best to provide an answer, the result to be published in *Contact*. The process will be anonymous: no-one’s name will be published unless consent is provided.

But in order for this to happen, questions must be asked. So start thinking about the questions you would like to pose – and get them to me.

PS: I plan to have the conversation groups return in later 2016: watch this space for details!

Brendan

PEOPLE - Their Happenings and Events

Kelly Ward. Dear Kelly passed away in the room at Heritage Gardens where she had been living in care for just over a year. There was a strong gathering of folk at her funeral service which indicated the respect she enjoyed in the Mountview Community. Her ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden in a special service immediately following morning worship on 14th February. See the "In Memoriam" pages.

Chris Plumridge moves to **CRIME STOPPERS:**

For some years, those readers who use the Vermont branch of the hardware merchant 'Bunnings' will have encountered Chris Plumridge as the store welcomer giving directions or at a check out, having taken on part time work during his study years. We then heard of him as a radio announcer in the South Australian fishing town of Port Lincoln. After that experience in the real world, Chris returned to study. By chance, *CONTACT* found him back at Bunnings on the very day of his final shift there and heard of his new employment venture. Here is what he is now doing.



Chris writes: **I'm headed over to 'Crime Stoppers Victoria' to work as a Communications Coordinator. While I'm there I'll be doing things like writing media releases, writing scripts for news bulletins, and managing communications for other campaigns that Crime Stoppers run in the community. There's also a high chance I'll be doing some radio and TV interviews and segments, including one during 'Buy, Swap and Sell' on Saturday mornings on 3AW which the CEO currently does.**

I start next Tuesday (23rd February), based in the Docklands. Really looking forward to it after 10 years with Bunnings.

We wish him well in his career.

We will be following **Des Kidd's** progress after his recent knee replacement. A hip replacement a couple of years ago brought him comfort and he is looking forward to a similar outcome for this knee. He expects a significant lowering of his 'Panadol' intake for starters.

Pat Legg has been hospitalised again for specialised treatment to clear up a residual infection in her shoulder following recent surgery. It will be good when she can throw away that sling. She says she is longing to be back among her friends.

A warm welcome was given to **Joyce Williams** on her return from her injury sustained in a fall. Joyce was very glad to receive special accommodation care to see her through a period of healing and rehabilitation.

Vivienne Cox and Matt Langtree have announced their engagement. They are being married on July 23 in Port Douglas. Peter and Robyn are looking forward to both the wedding and escaping Melbourne's winter!

REFLECTION

For reflection: This issue of *CONTACT* covers two of the church's important seasons, **Pentecost** and **Trinity**. Pentecost, recognising Jesus' sending of the Holy Spirit to his gathered disciples in the upper room. Trinity, an understanding of the inter-relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit which was adopted by the early church following a series of revelations and earnest debates. The following two articles presented here are to give *CONTACT's* readers a theological overview of these pillars of our faith. Despite the 'heavy' reading, in them is much for reflection. We encourage you to persevere.

1. PENTECOST.

Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well.

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4: 24.)

"Jesus pointed to the true worship. God, he said, is spirit. Immediately we grasp that, a new floodlight breaks over us. If God is spirit, God is not confined to *things*; and therefore idol-worship is not only an irrelevance, it is an insult to the very nature of God. If God is spirit, God is not confined to *places*; and therefore to limit the worship of God to Jerusalem or to any other spot is to set a limit to that which by its nature exceeds all limits. If God is spirit, our gifts to God must be gifts of the spirit – love, loyalty, obedience and devotion. The spirit is the highest part of a human being. That is the part which lasts when the physical part has vanished. That is the part which dreams the dreams and sees the visions which, because of the weakness and faultiness of the body, may never be carried out. It is this spirit which is the source of our highest dreams and thoughts and ideals and desires. The true worship is when each of us, through the spirit, attains to friendship and intimacy with God. Genuine worship does not consist in coming to a certain place, nor going through a certain ritual or liturgy, nor even in bringing certain gifts. True worship is when the spirit, the immortal and invisible part within us, speaks to and meets with God, himself immortal and invisible."

(Taken from 'The Gospel of John, Vol 1, Page 187.' by William Barclay, St Andrews Press, 3/4/2016. Used by permission of Hymns Ancient and Modern Ltd.)



2. TRINITY.

Trinity Sunday commemorates and honours not an **event**, but a **reality**: the **Holy Trinity**. Trinity Sunday falls on the Sunday after Pentecost.

The Trinity is one of the most fascinating - and controversial - Christian dogmas. The Trinity is a mystery. By mystery the Church does not mean a riddle, but rather the Trinity is a reality above our human comprehension that we may begin to grasp, but ultimately must know through worship, symbol, and faith. It has been said that mystery is not a wall to run up against, but an ocean in which to swim.

Common wisdom is that if you talk about the Trinity for longer than a few minutes you will slip into heresy because you are probing the depths of God too deeply. The Trinity is best described in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, commonly called the Nicene Creed. Essentially the Trinity is the belief that God is one in essence (Greek *ousia*), but distinct in person (Greek *hypostasis*). Don't let the word "person" fool you. The Greek word for person means "that which stands on its own," or "individual reality," and does not mean the persons of the Trinity are three human persons. Therefore we believe that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are somehow distinct from one another (not divided though), yet completely united in will and essence. How can this be?

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Well, think of the sight of two eyes. The eyes are distinct, yet one and undivided in their sight. Another illustration to explain the Trinity is the musical chord. Think of a C-chord. The C, E, and G notes are all distinct notes, but joined together as one chord the sound is richer and more dynamic than had the notes been played individually. The chords are all equally important in producing the rich sound, and the sound is lacking and thin if one of the notes is left out.

The Son is said to be eternally *begotten* of the Father, while the Holy Spirit is said to *proceed* from the Father. Each member of the Trinity inter-penetrates one another, and each has distinct roles in creation and redemption, which is called the Divine economy. For instance, God the Father created the world through the Son and the Holy Spirit hovered over the waters at creation.

The Nicene definition of the Trinity developed over time, based on Scripture and Tradition. The Scriptures call the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit "God," yet the three are also clearly distinct. For instance, St. John gives Jesus the titles *theos* and *monogenes theos* (God and Only-Begotten God) and has Jesus saying that the Father and Son are one, yet in his gospel, Jesus also states that the Father and Son are not one witness, but two (John 1:1, 18; 8:17-18; 10:30). So John tells us that Jesus is God but not God the Father? Jesus is one with the Father, but they constitute two witnesses? It is scriptures such as these that led to the development of the Trinity doctrine. The Church had to reconcile the Divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit with Jewish monotheism.

Over time, and with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the Church reflected on the implications of God's nature, and even began using the word 'Trinity' by the middle of the 2nd century to describe the relationship between the Father, Son, and Spirit. When in the 4th century a presbyter named Arius denied the Father and Son were both true God and co-eternal, his bishop, Alexander of Alexandria, challenged him and deposed him. Eventually the Arian controversy spread, and the emperor Constantine, newly fascinated with Christianity, convened a council of bishops in AD 325 in Nicaea to deal with Arianism. It is there that the Church drew up the beginnings of the current Nicene Creed. In the latter half of the 4th century, the Church dealt with those who specifically denied the divinity of the Holy Spirit, adding more text to the creed.

Ultimately, Trinitarianism posits a dynamic God, whose ultimate nature is beyond human conception, yet who voluntarily operates within the created world. Trinitarianism also shows a loving God that is willing to become as we are so that we may become like Him. The implications of believing in Arius' God, a God unwilling to involve himself in our redemption, but who instead sent an angel of the highest order, did not escape the earliest Christians. As St. Athanasius was fond of saying "that which has not been assumed has not been redeemed," meaning, that unless God truly became completely human, we could not be fully redeemed, because only God Himself is capable of truly redeeming humanity; an angel does not have this ability. Thus, the Trinity is not about Greek philosophy or pointless metaphysical speculation, but about the heart of our salvation.

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In Memoriam

KELLY WARD 29/3/1919 - 6/2/2016

Kelly was born Nell Lodwick to Robert and Alice Lodwick on 29TH March, 1919, the eldest of four children – sister Jean and brothers Robert and William followed. Within four streets of Kelly's childhood home, there lived five family groups on her mother's side and a further two groups on her father's side; the families spent a lot of time together, at school, at church, and Christmas and other holidays. Kelly learned early to value family, and she thrived with the background of love and affection.



But the family also knew sadness and suffering. Kelly was 10 years old when she was hospitalised with diphtheria. She made a full recovery. But her brother William developed meningitis at age 8, and died. Kelly said that William's death so affected her mother, Alice, that she was never the same again.

Kelly found William's death particularly difficult, too. A presumably well-meaning Sunday school teacher told her that William's death was God's will. Having made her profession of faith only a year before, this statement caused Kelly to struggle in her newly-found faith. It seemed to her hardly an adequate explanation for what had happened.

Church and strong faith remained the centre of the Lodwick family life. Alice played the organ at the local Methodist church, and Kelly remembered with pleasure attending church events, such as Sunday school, picnics, trips to Werribee by steam train, and to Heidelberg in the back of furniture vans, Sunday school concerts and sporting events.

Kelly attended Spotswood Primary School and Williamstown High School, then, at age 14, she became a tailoress at Denniston's, where, as she somewhat proudly related, she made cricket pants for players such as Sir Donald Bradman and Lindsey Hassett. She also attended night classes at Zercho's Business School where she learnt shorthand, typing and bookkeeping.

1941 and World War II found Kelly in Perth. There she made uniforms for American soldiers and worked as an assistant chef in tearooms and dining rooms. She found her spiritual home in Perth with the Salvation Army, where she received a warm welcome and made many close friends. She always remembered this time with gratitude and fondness.

Kelly returned to Melbourne in 1964 and lived with Alice in Spotswood. She placed an ad. in a paper, looking for work, and landed a job making lingerie in St. Kilda. After a while she moved to North Balwyn, continuing to travel each Sunday to the Salvation Army service in the City.

In 1958, Kelly took her mother on a bus trip to the Blue Mountains. Their coach driver, Norm Ward, impressed them with his competence and good humour. Friendship between Kelly and Norm developed into romance; his affectionate name of Nelly Kelly for her, stuck. They had 17 years of happy marriage before Norm developed cancer on New Year's Day 1978 and died soon after. Daughter Lesley was born to them in 1961, after which the family moved to East Kew. By this time Kelly was working as a party-plan manager, travelling to places such as Wodonga, Bendigo and Geelong. This necessitated her getting her driver licence!

Sometime after Norm's death, Kelly's daughter and their son-in-law, Ian, bought their present home in Mitcham, where Kelly joined them.

Feeling a deep need to get back to her faith, Kelly found a new spiritual home in Mountview Church, and threw herself into a range of activities – Growing Group Bible study, Afternoon Fellowship, Singles group, Centre 81. She was also active in U3A and Probus groups and enjoyed attending Maroondah Singers' concerts.

It became increasingly more difficult for Kelly to care for herself as failing health progressed. With the assistance of her Pastoral Partner, she was able to settle in at Heritage Gardens in Bayswater, where she received regular visits from her and other Mountview Folk, some of whom were visiting another Mountview member in the next room, Lesley Hallett. Here Kelly could follow both cricket and tennis on television at all hours of the night, a pastime she relished. Helen Carmody, her Pastoral Partner, gave even more of her time to Kelly as her health failed. She finally passed away to glory on 2nd March.

Kelly, our friend, we miss you. Enjoy your heavenly worship!

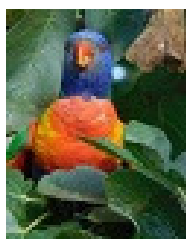
(Thankyou to the Rev. Brendan Byrne for allowing me to use his eulogy notes to compile this In Memoriam. MW.)

Camp Coolamatong March 2016

An enthusiastic group of Mountview people arrived at Camp Coolamatong on Friday evening March 4th after meeting in Bairnsdale for dinner.

After settling into our cabins we were welcomed by Alisha who was our chef and camp director for the weekend. Alisha served us some delicious cake; we were obviously not going to starve this weekend!

Saturday morning was a perfect start to the day; rainbow lorikeets helping themselves to figs, galahs, cockatoos, eastern rosellas and plenty of farm animals to check out. Eric, the resident Friesian enjoyed a special greeting from Peter. A few of us strolled down to the water's edge before breakfast to admire the lake and launch which is owned by the camp (maybe a cruise next year?)



RAINBOW
LORIKEET

We enjoyed a cooked breakfast of eggs, bacon and mushrooms. This was followed by a trip to Paynesville and Raymond Island where we all enjoyed spotting the koalas slumbering in the trees. Rob and Helen proved to have eagle eyes when it came to Koala spotting, even sighting one in a wattle tree! A boardwalk along the foreshore led us back to the Ferry.

We were fortunate to time our visit to Paynesville to coincide with a festival and 'sail past' of classic boats - what a procession! Every type of boat imaginable including a dragon boat, beautifully restored wooden fishing boats, yachts, police and naval vessels to a floating corrugated shed housing a band. More boats were on display in the carpark where the fine workmanship could be closely inspected.



THE "HOUSEBOAT" COMPLETE WITH BAND - AND WE THOUGHT PAYNESVILLE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FLOOD PROOF! IT SHOWS INGENUITY AWAITING TO BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO EXPRESS ITSELF.

We enjoyed a cup of coffee then back to camp for lunch for another delicious meal. The afternoon was spent at Mason's Bay on Lake Victoria, the nearest beach to camp. A few hardy souls braved the rather sea weedy water, while others spent some time reading or walking along the foreshore. Chris and Frank were mere specks in the distance. Sue enjoyed working on her counted cross stitch and back at camp, David demonstrated his stilt walking skills!

A dinner of slow cooked lamb and roast veggies and a sticky date pudding was followed by a D.V.D. of 'Death in Paradise' during which Rob's media skills were put to good use.

Sunday morning saw us on the shores of Lake King at Eagle Point. What a gorgeous place with kayaks, children jumping off the jetty, campers and people fishing. We enjoyed a short stroll, checked out the real estate with water frontage, but couldn't quite find the start of the walking track from Eagle Point to Paynesville. Maybe another time!



A SMILING SUE TERRILL DEMONSTRATING HER CROSS STITCH WORK, HAPPY TO SHOW OTHERS WHAT BEAUTIFUL HANDCRAFT MAY BE DONE AND STILL BE SERENE.

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Camp Coolamatong (.. Continued from previous page)

Another stop for coffee in Paynesville, then back to camp for lunch and to pack up. Hold on, did I see Sue UNPICKING her counted cross stitch? Oh dear!

This proved to be a wonderful weekend with glorious weather, great company and good food. We have booked the camp for the same March weekend in 2017 and there is ample accommodation for all. The cabins were clean and comfortable and the flat land surrounding the buildings makes for easy access.

Many thanks to Denyse and Kelvin for organising the camp.

Robyn Cox.

(Many thanks to Robyn for intruding on her "time out" enjoyment to keep note of these observations. Ed.)



PETER COX CONTEMPLATING A CHALLENGE, IF A CHALLENGER CAN BE FOUND.



PASTORAL PARTNERS a Special Note.

The Pastoral Partners Group at Mountview carries out its mandate of providing pastoral care for the members quietly behind the other activities of the Congregation. Usually this will be no more than a regular friendly follow up at the time *CONTACT* is handed over.

When a circumstance arises where some understanding support is desirable, the partnership level, where possible, increases to meet that need. Major surgery, a terminal illness, or perhaps a life drawing to a close are such situations. From time to time, the PP Group is made aware of one of their number working through such a time.

Over the past year we came to admire the level of engagement by Helen Carmody with Kelly Ward and her family as Kelly spent time in hospital and then needed to move to nursing home care. Kelly passed peacefully from this life in early February with the love and support of her family and Helen. Importantly, this occurred within an envelope of confidentiality, with support prayers being broad, but pointed.

A special acknowledgment of Helen's wonderful demonstration of true Christian love was made at the PP Group's March meeting. Helen is a busy lady with much to deal with in her own family life, and fully deserves the admiration of the Pastoral Partners Group and the Congregation for her long term committed care.

The Congregation at Mountview is enhanced by this well- functioning group providing a great level of pastoral care. Most of the time, our minister, Brendan, leaves matters to the wisdom of the Pastoral Partners, but he is called upon when the need for a deep spiritual involvement arises or the parishioner requests it.

Heather Barnes.

PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES

Let Us Know: The P +F Committee remind people that there is a book in the pigeon-hole rack in the foyer in which to write messages to those who look after the property. Other eyes may spot a matter of which the Committee is not aware, say a problem door lock, a light not working or even a water leak. Please add you name and phone number in case we need clarification.

Emergency Evacuation: We are required **by** direction of the Synod Health and Safety Manual to conduct an emergency evacuation exercise regularly. Such an exercise will be conducted at the conclusion of the Congregational Meeting on 17th April. We have an outdoor evacuation **Emergency Assembly Point** located at the front of Mountview House. On the alarm being given, stewards will direct all present to move out of the church as quickly as possible using only the exit doors leading outside. The door into the foyer is **not an approved exit.**

Manse Working Bee. There are many small maintenance jobs around at the manse which P + F need to get off the list before winter. This Committee is small but busy and will greatly appreciate gardener types chaps coming and helping. Shrubs need cutting back, the roof of the carport cleaned of leaves, tree limbs removed, etc. Got the picture?



HEAD TOWARDS
THIS SIGN



THE EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY AREA
VIEWED FROM THE COVERED AWAY AS
SEEN LEAVING THE CHURCH BUILDING.

MANSE WORKING BEE

Saturday morning, 16th April, early.

Bring pruning saw, secateurs, gloves, smile.

People have an idea that the preacher is an actor on a stage and they are the critics, blaming or praising him. What they don't know is that they are the actors on the stage; he (the preacher) is merely the prompter standing in the wings, reminding them of their lost lines. ~Søren Kierkegaard

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS OF NOTE

Bus Purchase: The Vietnamese Faith Community has purchased a 9 seat bus to bring some of their people from the western suburbs to worship at Mitcham.

BEING A SAFE CHURCH

Churches everywhere have become very aware of the dreadful acts perpetrated by Church leaders against innocent people, and particularly against children. The Uniting Church has not been blameless in this respect as many of the institutions run by those churches which came together at Union have been found guilty of sexual indiscretions committed on those in their care. The work of the *Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse* has highlighted the issue of abuse of children, but there are also cases where abuse of adults through bullying and other means have occurred and are still happening today. The community expects that the church must uphold the highest ethical standards and the Gospel compels us to relate to children and adults with love and respect.

The Uniting Church has recently instituted a number of policies/processes to promote the concept of what makes a 'Safe Church'. These are interrelated but cover three specific areas:

- Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders;
 - Safe Church Training; and
- Working With Children Checks.

Safe Church Policies: A Safe Church training session will be held at The Avenue Uniting Church, Blackburn on Saturday, 16th April, starting at 9:30 a.m. The Synod's Safe Church Educator, Josh Wollert will be the facilitator. All leaders, i.e. every person holding any position whatsoever in the Mountview Congregation, **is required to attend**. The Synod is placing very great emphasis on this very broad matter of safe conduct for all people in the congregations.

Code of Conduct for Lay Leaders. The Assembly has produced this code which will come into effect on 1 April 2016. It addresses the need for church leadership to treat all people with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests, rights, safety and welfare. It also covers ethics, decision making, abuse of power, modelling healthy relationships, avoidance of bullying and abuse of all types, and sensitivity to others' needs. This policy also addresses confidentiality, integrity under the Law and conflict of interest. The procedures to be followed if there is a breach of the code are defined and accompanying guidelines for Church Councils are provided to assist in the implementation of the Code.

We are expecting further information to come from the Presbytery in the next few days, but Church Council will provide copies of the Code to all our leaders on or about 1 April 2016.

Working With Children Checks. The Synod General Secretary has released a new Synod Policy which mandates the requirement that all leaders in the Uniting Church should possess a Working With Children Check (WWCC) Card. This policy broadens the scope of those who require a WWCC to include, but not be limited to, Lay Preachers, Elders, Church Councillors, worship leaders, anyone commissioned by the Church Council to perform a leadership role, music leaders, organists and Bible study leaders as well as those involved in programs with children and young people. Church Councils are expected to add to this group any people where it is reasonably expected the person might have contact with children as they fulfil their role. The policy also covers situations, including worship, where children are welcome, whether they attend or not.

Church Council is preparing a list of all Mountview leaders and they will each receive a copy of the Policy which includes details of how to apply for a Working With Children Check.

MOUNTVIEW'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

During morning tea on **May 29th**, we will honour those who have reached 90 years.
Members who have moved away will be invited to join us to be acknowledged.



Church Council News

Worship Experiences. Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter have been busy times for our Minister, Brendan. Our Christmas worship services were worthy occasions. The combined Christmas Eve contemplative service at 11:00 pm was well attended by members of the other Uniting Churches in our region. The children's play on 13 December, with its "modern" look at the nativity event, was most enjoyable and a credit to its author Kirsten Boxall and to Sue Terrill's sister Jane who did some editing. Another highlight of the same service was the world premiere of the MUGGs video of "Moses: Penguins and Pyramids", directed by Daniel Jackson and enthusiastically "acted" by the MUGGs team. The Ash Wednesday combined service at The Avenue Blackburn was very meaningful and well attended by Mountview folk.

Mountview Out and About. Our visits to Blackburn North-Nunawading and The Avenue Blackburn on 17 January were well received and provided an introduction to further cooperation within our region.

Monday Night Group. This enthusiastic group of young adults continues to make a significant contribution to the life of our congregation. It is attracting new members who are quickly settling in – one discovered the group from the Mountview website, another is eagerly helping with study leadership. Four members of the Monday Night Group attended the Transform Conference in February. It provided an excellent program, including thought-provoking theology from the Rev Dr Bill Loader on the topic 'The Bible, Faith and Human Sexuality'.

Mission & Ministry Task Group. Our Task Group, which was established by the congregation last year, is finalising its report and recommendations and these will be presented to the congregation in April. Church Council acknowledges the work of Jodie Sleep as the Task Group Chairperson and Daniel Jackson as its Secretary and, of course, the contribution of all who have been involved in examining possibilities for Mountview's life and mission.

A Life Well Lived. The thanksgiving service for Kelly Ward on 15 February was a fitting celebration of a wonderful lady who was a much loved and valued member of the Mountview family over a long period.

New Tables. Our thanks to the Property & Finance Committee for the new tables in the Brown Room and elsewhere. They are much appreciated and are certainly much easier to handle than the previous ones.

Fiji Cyclone Appeal. The retiring offering on 13 March for the SHARE Fiji Cyclone Appeal raised \$725, a splendid effort which will be appreciated by the people of Fiji as they rebuild their communities.

Change of Scenery. After many years of staying at the UCA's Norval Camp Site in the Grampians, our annual weekend away has moved to the other end of Victoria. Camp Coolamatong, near Paynesville in East Gippsland, was the chosen site for 2016 and was much enjoyed by those Mountview folk who attended. Indeed, the site has already been booked for next year! Our thanks to Denyse Ward and her helpers for making this annual event happen.

Music Together. This Monday morning event is underway again this year with enthusiastic youngsters and their parents and grandparents enjoying the music leadership provided by music therapist, Laura. This activity started the year with smaller numbers than desired, but new families have been added each week so far.

Lenten Studies. During Lent, Mountview folk have been using the UnitingWorld series "Finding Light in Darkness". Three groups have been meeting on Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays, and others have been using the material in private study. Church Council thanks John Williams for identifying the study and arranging the distribution of the booklets.

Mountview offers Sanctuary. In company with many other churches, Mountview has offered to provide sanctuary to asylum seekers/refugees who are being threatened with deportation. There has been no response to this offer so far, but it is hoped that these offers of sanctuary will influence the Government to be more humane in its treatment of these desperate and frightened people.

Children and Families Ministry. Our Minister and a planning team have instituted a monthly program for children and families called "Awaken" to be held on the first Wednesday of each month between 4:30 pm and 7:00 pm commencing on 4 May. The program will incorporate "Messy Church", hospitality and fellowship and is being conducted in association with our neighbouring Uniting Churches.

Geoffrey Willis, Church Council Secretary

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Palm Sunday, or Passion Sunday, arrived, the scenes were set, the characters identified by dress, the words spoken, and all of us present were participants - either as observers or actors. Using our imagination, the drama and the pathos of actual events were recreated.

Jo Menger had done a superb task of preparing the costumes and the props and training and coaxing her younger charges from *MUGGS* and *BUGGS*. Jo used her imagination extensively to enable us to visualise various spaces around the Mountview building complex as the places where the following took place - the Passover meal in an upper room, the Garden of Gethsemane, Herod's palace, the High Priest's palace, Pilate's seat of judgement, the walk to Golgotha and the Crucifixion and finally, the tomb where Jesus lay, actually happened.

It was a presentation of *"The Stations of the Cross"* using what was available. We are indebted to Jo for her initiative and for her enthusiasm in getting willing cooperation from onlookers. The story of the re-enactment as it unfolded is best told through these pictures.



1. THE LAST SUPPER TABLE HAD ON IT THE FOODS SYMBOLIC OF THE PASSOVER MEAL. HERE JESUS BROKE THE BREAD. "THIS IS MY BODY BROKEN FOR YOU" AND POURED THE WINE, "THIS IS MY BLOOD POURED OUT FOR YOU", "TAKE, EAT AND DRINK IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."



2. WHO WOULD BETRAY JESUS? SURELY NOT ONE OF US HERE? JESUS SAID, "THE ONE WITH HIS HAND ON THE TABLE IS THE ONE." IT WAS JUDAS ISCARIOT (HERE DRESSED IN BLUE).



3. JESUS SENT TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES TO GO AND FETCH A DONKEY FOR HIM TO RIDE INTO JERUSALEM. THE CROWDS CHEERED HIM, WAVING BRANCHES AND CRYING, "HOSANNA! WELCOME TO THE KING!" THEIR CLOAKS WERE SPREAD ON THE ROAD.



4. IN THE EVENING, JESUS GOES TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER. AN ANGEL CAME TO HIM AND GAVE HIM COURAGE TO FACE THE DREADFUL THINGS WHICH WERE BEFORE HIM. THE DISCIPLES WERE NOT FAR AWAY, BUT ASLEEP, INSTEAD OF ALSO PRAYING—FOR JESUS AND THEMSELVES.

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Stations of the Cross. (continued)



5. JUDAS BRINGS SOLDIERS TO ARREST JESUS. PETER WAS ANGRY AND DRAWING OUT A SWORD CUT OFF AN EAR OF THE HIGH PRIEST'S SERVANT. JESUS WAS VERY CROSS AND TOLD HIM TO THROW AWAY HIS WEAPON. JESUS HEALED THE EAR.



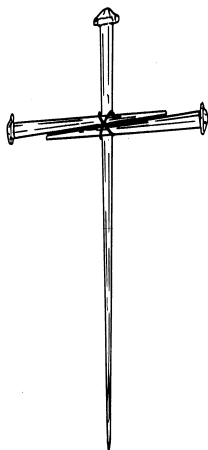
6. IT IS A COLD NIGHT AND A FIRE IS BURNING IN THE COURTYARD OF THE HIGH PRIEST'S PALACE. PETER IS WARMING HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS ASKED "ARE YOU NOT ONE OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS." PETER DENIED HE KNEW JESUS. HE DENIED HE KNEW JESUS THREE TIMES.



7. THE THIRD TIME PETER DENIED HE WAS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS, A COCK CROWED, "COCKADOODLE DOO!" PETER RUSHED OUTSIDE WHERE JESUS COULD NOT SEE HIM AND WEPT IN ANGUISH THAT HE HAD NOT KEPT HIS PROMISE THAT HE WOULD NEVER DENY JESUS.



8. A CROWN OF THORNS AND A PURPLE ROBE SAID THAT JESUS WAS A KING. HOWEVER, IT WAS ONLY MOCKING HIM AND DID NOT STOP THE SOLDIERS FLOGGING HIM AND SPITTING ON HIM. THIS TORTURE OF JESUS WENT ON THE WHOLE NIGHT. IN THE MORNING HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE PILATE WHERE JESUS WAS TRIED FOR BLASPHEMY (CLAIMING TO BE KING OF THE JEWS). PILATE WASHED HIS HANDS BUT HANDED JESUS OVER TO THE JEWISH AUTHORITIES AFTER THE CROWD CALLED FOR HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED.



9. JESUS WAS MARCHED OUTSIDE THE CITY WALLS. HE WAS TOO WEAK TO CARRY HIS CROSS AND SIMON OF CYRENE WAS ORDERED TO CARRY IT FOR HIM. TWO THIEVES WERE CRUCIFIED WITH HIM. HIS DEAD BODY WAS GIVEN TO HIS MOTHER, MARY, TO HOLD FOR A BRIEF MOMENT, AND THEN RUSHED AWAY TO BE BURIED. THEY HAD LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE THE CUSTOMARY HERBS AND SPICES FOR WRAPPING HIS BODY BEFORE SUNSET. HE WAS PLACED IN A NEW TOMB IN A GARDEN NEARBY, A STONE WAS ROLLED ACROSS THE ENTRANCE.



10. HERE STRIPS OF CLOTH ARE BEING WOUND AROUND CHOCOLATE EGGS WITH HERBS AND SPICES. THE EGG REPRESENTS JESUS' BODY. THE WRAPPED EGG IS THEN PLACED IN A SMALL CUP FOR KEEPING UNTIL EASTER MORNING. OPENING IT REPRESENTS JESUS' RESURRECTION FROM THE TOMB.

TRAVELLER'S TALES

Bay Of Fires Walk.

Don Bain arranges weekly one day walks for a group of enthusiasts. Here is his account of a three day walk along the wilderness coast of north east Tasmania. We thank him for sharing it with those who cannot go, but in some way can do so through his eyes – and stout legs!

In early February I embarked with my friend on a walking trip to Tasmania. What a beautiful island!

The walk consisted of a trek from Mt. William National Park (in the extreme North East corner of Tasmania) to Binalong Bay, finishing at “The Gardens.”

This walk includes the Bay of Fires which was given its name in 1773 by Captain Tobias Furneaux, in the ship “Adventure”, who saw the fires of aboriginal people on the beaches and believed the area to be heavily populated.



NORTH EAST CORNER OF TASMANIA

BAY OF FIRES



MILLIONS OF ANCIENT PIFI SHELLS ARE IN THE MIDDENS, WHICH ARE HERITAGE SITES.

Day 1.

We were picked up by a bus in Launceston and taken to Mt. William N.P. and walked 12 km along the beach. We crossed white sand, large orange granite boulders, and piles of pipi shells. These piles were aboriginal middens left there many years ago, possibly thousands. We were told not to walk near them.

The sea was a beautiful azure colour and the weather was 24 degrees and sunshine, as the photo below shows. When we reached Deep Creek we were picked up by bus and taken to Anson's Bay which is a circular bay with a small outlet to the sea. It is shaped like a balloon. Here we joined in a group in a lodge and were fed Tassie salmon and watered well. There were eleven people in the group with one guide and one cook/bus driver.



THE BAY OF FIRES

Day 2.

This day we walked towards the Eddystone Lighthouse and stopped for lunch at Picnic Point, a breath taking spot. Here we found a dead weedy sea dragon on the beach. All had to take a photo of this fascinating rare creature. .

The bird life is spectacular , there were Hooded Plovers running around like little wind up birds. Eggs are laid in the sand above the high tide mark. (A very shallow im-

print is made with their breast and minimal sand is scraped over it .) So we were told not to walk in



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(Bay of Fires Walk continued)

Many of their eggs get crushed. These birds apparently mate for life and are always seen in pairs. There was a large number of Pacific Gulls and Oyster Catchers flying around - it was just beautiful to see the abundance of wild life.

We walked on to the Eddystone Lighthouse, from the base of which can be seen Mutton Bird Island and Flinders Island away in the distant north. This lighthouse was built in 1889 using stones from a quarry on the nearby beach. Our accommodation at Anson's Bay was reached further along the coast.



THE SITE FROM WHERE THE STONE FOR THE EDDYSTONE Lighthouse WAS QUARRIED IN 1889.

Day 3.

We left Anson's Bay and continued our walk along the beach where we discovered two rock pools named Mermaid and Sienna's Pool. They were aboriginal secret "women's business" pools so the men had to stay back until the women went and carried out their secret business. We were allowed to look at the pools when the women had finished and they beckoned us.

The beach waters are clear for the first 600 metres then appear black due to great forests of kelp. These are growing all along the east coast, making a great place for fish breeding. In some locations huge piles of bull and she kelp were washed up on the beach. At one spot there are large granite boulders with black spots on them. These are dolomite xenoliths. This dolomite rock makes up a large proportion of the Tasmanian coast line. We all enjoyed a swim in the surf and walked on to a place called The Gardens where we boarded the bus back to St Helens, a beautiful fishing village, for lunch.

Don Bain



Joyce Suto has written these verses to the rhythm of Banjo Patterson's "Waltzing Matilda".

Long years ago Captain Cook came to Australia,
Found our wide land's 'neath the Southern Cross,
Then came the squatters, the pioneers, the convicts
too,
Facing the sun and Old England's loss.

Migrants came too from many lands across the sea,
Came to a country brown and old,
Where roamed aborigines dancing their corroborees,
Then came diggers in search of gold.

Go walkabout from the ocean to the Great Outback,
Old and new Australians you will see,
And our voices you will hear from the cities to the billa-
bongs,
You'll come a'Waltzing Matilda with me.

Chorus:
Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda,
Kangaroos, billabongs, coolabah tree,
Gumtree and sun and a cobbler when
the day is done,
You'll come a'Waltzing Matilda with me.

SIXTY YEARS OF BLESSINGS

On Sunday afternoon 20th March, family and friends of Margaret and John Williams gathered in the Mountview Hall for a Diamond Wedding Celebratory Concert presented by the Maroondah Singers. Reverend Brendan Byrne opened the proceedings with a blessing, following the observation that most communities have their stalwarts and that Mountview are truly blessed in having Margaret and John.

The MC, Ray Kitto, introduced the choir and invited the audience to join them in singing the final verse of *Glory in the Highest*. He asked the audience to note that the words of that grand opening item were written by John, and invited him to come up and join his friends. He went on to comment that there is a song about just about everything prior to the choir presenting *The Way You Look Tonight* and *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*.

The Choir's 2016 Vocal Scholar, Lyndon Green, was introduced and treated us to *Where're You Walk* followed by a duet, *The Prayer*, with choir member Nadia Migliardi. Later Lyndon also performed *A Wand'ring Minstrel* from *The Mikado*.

The full choir sang *When I'm 64*, (with amendments stepping the age up by tens until finally 94) and *What a Wonderful World* before all present joined in the hymn of praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* which had been sung at the wedding ceremony 60 years ago!

Dr. John Atwell, the choir's accompanist, played Mendelssohn's *The Wedding March* and the Wedding Party was introduced. Jay and Deirdre presented their parents with an array of congratulatory letters and certificates., commencing with Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth. The Congratulatory Address was then given by their eldest grandson, Nathan Pither (who had flown in from Hong Kong the night before). Nathan related that John had been overseas when he was born and hence had written him a letter extolling the values of respect and love. He said Margaret and John, as parents and grandparents had provided a rock-solid foundation to the family, which now numbers twenty. Nathan credits his grandmother with helping him develop patience and calmness while he values his grandfather's love of science, music and woodcraft.



JOHN AND MARGARET WILLIAMS, BEST MAN HECTOR DAVIS AND BRIDESMAID MARGARET EDGINGTON.
PHOTO: COURTESY MICHAEL COSTA.

The choir again entertained the gathering with renditions of *I'll Never Pass This Way Again*, *Perhaps Love* and *Sing Like There's No Tomorrow*.

Following a floral presentation, Margaret explained how they met when John was asked to drive her home from a Methodist Youth Council meeting in 1954. They have travelled together with the Lord for the more than sixty years since, through thick and thin, and feel very blessed.

John thanked those assembled for their attendance and friendship. He particularly thanked the Maroondah Singers (of which he is a foundation member) and Lyn Henshall for her leadership. MC Ray Kitto received praise for his informative and witty program notes. But for Dr. John Atwell, there was special thanks for both his marvellous accompaniments and for the time he devoted to preparing the arrangement of *I'll Never Pass This Way Again*, the philosophy of which John and Margaret have adopted all their life together - reach out to those who need you, now, for a delayed opportunity may be a lost opportunity.

On that note, he also commended the Fiji Disaster Appeal in lieu of gifts.* He also thanked the Bridal Party for their support on the day and down through the years and reiterated Margaret's remarks that they are blessed to be part of a strong and loving family.

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(Sixty years Cont.)

John drew attention that on display for all to see was Margaret’s bridal gown, a gorgeous creation of her bridesmaid, cousin Margaret Edgington (nee Golding), also worn by both daughters. Granddaughter, Merryn, required a larger fitting, but John wistfully pointed out that with four little great granddaughters, one day the heirloom gown may be used once more.

The program was drawn towards its end with everyone singing *This, This is the God We Adore*, sung to conclude the wedding ceremony and which the couple have valued closely ever since.

**This, this is the God we adore
our faithful unchangeable friend;
whose love is as great as his power,
and neither knows measure nor end.**

**‘Tis Jesus, the first and the last
whose Spirit will guide us safe home;
we’ll praise him for all that is past,
and trust him for all that’s to come.**

Joseph Hart 1712 – 1768 alt.



**DR. JOHN ATWELL
AT THE KEYBOARD
AND PATRICE MAR-
SHALL, AT THE PI-
ANO TOGETHER PRO-
VIDED VARIETY AND
COLOUR TO ACCOM-
PANY THE SINGERS.
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An Irish Blessing by the singers was a fitting conclusion. Fellowship over delicious refreshments continued for quite some time as friends and relatives renewed acquaintances.

(Margaret and John thank Heather Barnes for preparing this story of their special day.)

* *The appeal benefitted by \$603.50.*



THE CONGRATULATORY CERTIFICATES KEPT COMING, MUCH TO THE AMUSEMENT OF THE AUDIENCE. THE WEDDING PARTY MEMBERS ARE HERE JOINED BY DAUGHTERS, JAY AND DEIRDRE. #



JOHN AND MARGARET. #

courtesy Merryn Blampied

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CAN I HAVE A WORD?

In his article on Page 2, Brendan is taking up a suggestion floated in one of the recent Lenten Studies sessions that **CONTACT** could make space available for a “Question and Answer” series. He is ready to accept the challenge of explaining matters of faith about which you may be unsure, puzzled or even frustrated. You may choose to remain anonymous. Please, send your questions straight to him. So,

ASK BRENDAN!



2015 – A PLEASING YEAR FOR SAMMY STAMP

Due to the continued support of church and non church groups, individuals and businesses around Victoria, Tasmania and indeed, Australia, I am pleased to report sales have reached \$41,458.96. (Last year, \$40,426.76). Thanks to the group *Sammy's Flippers* for the generous donation of their 2015 sales proceeds of \$12,512 to our sales figure.

Sales since 1977 now total \$787,389.51 (with interest \$820,724.74).

Thanks are due to the volunteers from our pool of about 38 persons who come in on Thursdays to trim, sort and sell stamps, raising money to support many worthy causes. I also thank members of Synod Staff, David Wang & Kym, David Pargeter, Commission of Mission Director, Angela Goodwin, Director of Operations & Development, SHARE and Jackie Man from the finance Dept. for their assistance.

Below is the list of grants approved during 2015 totalling \$38,500 (last year, \$46,248.)

Wandin/Seville Uniting Church (U.C.) - to assist in completing water project at the Matthew Rusike Children's Home, Zimbabwe.	\$5,000
Healsville U.C. - to supply clean water, Kariakomo Orphanage and Primary School, Kenya.	\$5,000
The Vanuatu Prevention of Blindness Project.	\$1,000
Echuca/Moama Uniting Church - assisting the Breakfast and Lunch Program.	\$2,500
SHARE Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal.	\$5,000
Swan Hill U. C. - to assist their program to help asylum seekers and refugees living in their community.	\$3,000
SHARE National Cyclone Appeal.	\$2,000
Mission Liaison Group - to assist in transporting charitable goods overseas.	\$2,000
UnitingWorld Nepal Earthquake Appeal.	\$3,000
The High Street Frankston U.C. - to assist in their support of the Mother and Baby Health Clinics Project in North India.	\$2,000
St. Margaret's U.C. Mooroolbark - for continued support of Rubaga Youth Development Association's Vocational Training College, Kampala, Uganda, to repair their damaged kitchen and towards completion of a new boy's dormitory.	\$3,000
SHARE Syrian Refugee Appeal.	\$2,000
UnitingWorld Famine in Papua New Guinea Appeal	\$3,000

Total of grants approved since 1977 - \$770,923

TOTAL \$38,500

Allan Clark
Convener



JUST FOR FUN

A teacher was testing the children in her Sunday school class to see if they understood the concept of getting to heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would that get me into heaven?"

"NO!" the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the lawn and kept everything neat and tidy, would that get me into heaven?" Again the answer was "NO!"

Now she was smiling. "Hey, they're getting it," she thought.

"Well then, if I was kind to animals and gave candy to all the children, and loved my husband, would that get me into heaven?"

Again they answered "NO!"

She was just bursting with pride for them. "Well," she continued, "Then how do I get into heaven?"

A five-year-old shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD!"

SCHOOL 1

A little girl had just finished her first week of school.

"I'm just wasting my time," she said to her mother.

"I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!"

SCHOOL 2

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. It read, "The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents..."

BIBLE

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly something fell out of the Bible. He looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"

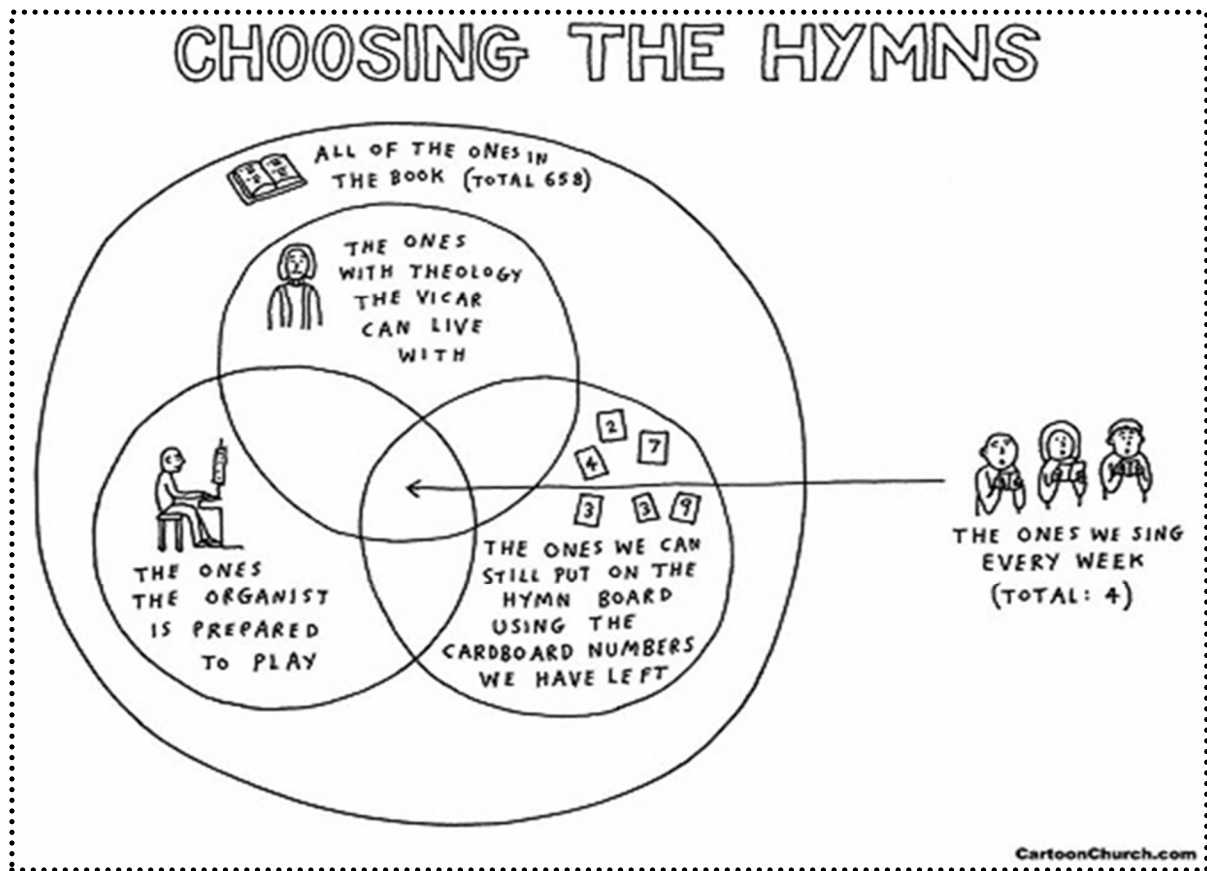


SCHOOL 3. - A NEW GENERATION.

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For FUN Continued.

(This one is too good to stand over to another issue. The source was Brendan. Ed.)



ELDERLY

While working for an organisation that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds.

She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs.

One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass.

As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered,

"The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

THIS IS NOT FUNNY—BUT IT FILLS THE SPACE!

Recently husband John had a simple overbalance which placed him gently on the floor. However, on the way down, he scraped an arm on the edge of a chair, tearing off a very large flap of skin.

Out with the first aid materials. They were old. This band wouldn't stick and that tape kept falling off. A walk to the pharmacy for a renewal of supplies had to be undertaken.

The message is— check that your first aid materials are in good usable condition. Do it now, before you find that holding a pad on a wound for half an hour is ***not funny***. Ed.

LECTIONARY

April 3 Easter 2

Acts 5: 27-32
 Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150
 Rev 1: 4-8
 Jn 20: 19-31

April 10 Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)
 Ps 30
 Rev 5: 11-14
 Jn 21: 1-19

April 17 Easter 4

Acts 9: 36-43
 Ps 23
 Rev 7: 9-17
 Jn 10: 22-30

April 24 Easter 5

Acts 11: 1-18
 Ps 148
 Rev 21: 1-6
 Jn 13: 31-35

May 1 Easter 6

Acts 16: 9-15
 Ps 67
 Rev 21: 10,22-22:5
 Jn 14: 23-29 or Jn 5:1-9

May 8 Easter 7

Acts 16: 16-34
 Ps 97
 Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21
 Jn 17: 20-26

May 15 Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21
 Ps 104: 24-34,35b.
 Rom 8: 14-17
 Jn 14:8-17 (25-27)

May 22 Trinity Sunday

Prv 8:1-4, 22-31
 Ps 8
 Rom 5: 1-5
 Jn 16: 12-15

May 29 Pentecost 2

1 Kgs 18: 20-21,(22-29)30-39
 Ps 96
 Gal 1:1-12
 Lk 7: 1-10

June 5 Pentecost 3

1 Kgs 17: 8-16
 Ps 146
 Gal 1: 11-24
 Lk 7: 11-17

June 12 Pentecost 4

1 Kgs 21: 1-10
 Ps 5: 1-8
 Gal 2: 15-21
 Lk 7: 36-8:3

June 19 Pentecost 5

1 Kgs 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
 Ps 42 and 43
 Gal 3: 23-29
 Lk 8: 26-39



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CHRISTMAS CHILD BOX?

Margaret Swain delivered all the Mountview shoe boxes to a huge warehouse where a large team of volunteer checkers unpacked every one to ensure it complied with the regulations required by the government of the receiving country. Any deficiencies were rectified and the box repacked.

Into shipping containers went thousands of boxes. Exciting days for thousands of children in places across the world took place on the days of delivery. From Victoria, 58,850 boxes went off in different directions in the Asia Pacific region. Mountview's boxes, your box, was one of those. From Australia, 342, 814 made 342,814 children excited somewhere in the region. Worldwide, the total was 11,200,000 boxes. What a huge Samaritan's Purse! Thanks to Margaret for her work in getting us motivated, bringing boxes to be filled and delivering them for shipping.



WHITEHORSE COMMUNITY CHEST.

Des Kidd has received advice that the Whitehorse Community Chest has ceased fundraising through street by street door knocking. Des explained that doorknockers were not being well received when calling and that recruitment of volunteers to go knocking had been getting more difficult each campaign. A portion of the monies collected came to Centre 81 as a grant from the Community Chest. Des has worked very hard recruiting knockers for the Community Chest, and he told *CONTACT* that he is relieved that door knocking has ceased. We can understand his position, and thank him for the dedication he has put into this fund raising work for Centre 81. Well done, Des. Future fundraising plans for the Community Chest are under development.

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