



Worship @ 9  
BULLETIN

*Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care*

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### REV MARION FAREWELLS THE BULLETIN

When I came to the Bellarine, I often heard people talking about 'two congregations' at Drysdale. I have commented from my first days here that having two worshipping times does not mean there are 'two congregations'.

At Drysdale we have *one* Church Council, *one* of each of the various committees/ ministry teams which include people from both worship groups. We have *one* Newsletter each Sunday and the Bulletin, which originally served the 9 am worship group (W@9), has become a publication for the whole congregation. I am happy to say that I hear talk of 'two congregations' much less often now.

There is *one* Uniting Church congregation at Drysdale with a variety of worship opportunities.

For some years we have held worship at two services on Sunday morning. Recently we have begun a third worship service on Sunday evening – Messy Church. Eventually, as we establish this service, we hope there will be a third worship group who will not necessarily join in Sunday morning worship. This service needs your prayer and your help for it to become established. We have another little worshipping group meeting monthly at Drysdale Grove. They are also part of the Drysdale congregation. We also have *mainly music* on Wednesday mornings, which I believe is a different way of being 'church'.

The people who come on Wednesday mornings are, in fact, 'coming to church', even if they don't realise it yet.

"Church" does not have to be held on Sunday morning with people sitting in rows, singing hymns or songs, listening to prayers, Bible readings and sermons as most of us are used to doing.

As the people who come to church in different ways and at different times grow to be part of our congregation, the Bulletin (with whatever new name and format) can become a means of drawing us all together, helping us to know each other better and sharing in the ministry of the whole congregation. I hope many of you will take the opportunity to contribute to it by sharing what you are doing in W@9, at 10.45, in the choir and music group, at study groups, in UCAF, at working bees and other congregational events, at the Op Shop, at *mainly music* and Messy Church.

So, farewell to our Bulletin and we look forward to the "new-look Bulletin" next month.

Marion



**RETREAT**

What a great day we had listening, talking and taking part in the Retreat with the theme of Arts and the Spirit. Rev Peter Gaydor-Whyte spoke about the involvement of art since the very early church. Rev Marion Latham got us to remember that the arts are an adjunct to the worship of God. We did flower arranging, ideas for banners, considered paintings, did lots of



talking and eating as well as worship time and importantly having some quiet time to contemplate about arts in God's world.



**MESSY CHURCH**

Lots of noise was made in the service as Rev Marion talked about the "big bang." Crafts included making edible microphones, wind chimes, pan pipes, castanets, rain pipes and gumnut band figures. The next Messy Church service is on Sunday 22 June.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Joy and Tom Roberts celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in March. God's blessings for many more.

Wayne Myers on becoming a grandfather to Ashley and Meagan's son, Luke Graham Myers.

Terryll Morrissey also has a new grandson, Matt Patrick Morrissey

Well done to Val Lestrangle for running the Parenting Toolbox course. There are 8 participants.

The Lenten studies continue each Monday night with sessions having been led by Rev Marion, Ken Handley and Lynda Smith so far.

**Calendar**

**MARCH**

30 10.15 am Combined service  
Rev Marion Latham

**APRIL**

6 Rev Marion Latham HC  
11 Movie outing  
13 Denise's Team  
18 10.00 am Good Friday service  
Rev Marion Latham  
19 Prayer Breakfast  
20 Easter Day—Graeme's Team  
27 Rev Marion Latham

**MOVIE OUTING**

Would you like to join in a trip to the movies on Friday 11 April at 4.30 pm (to be confirmed) to see "Noah" at Readings Theatre, Waurnd Ponds?



Russell Crowe stars as Noah in the film inspired by the epic story of courage, sacrifice and hope. Directed by visionary filmmaker Darren Aronofsky. Classified: M. 138 mins.

Book with Wayne.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Apr 7 Ian Cook  
16 Graeme Dryden  
18 Piper Colley 5  
25 Belinda McLaverty  
30 Sophie Morrish 6

**ROSTERS**

**KITCHEN                  COUNTING**

Apr 6	Denise's Team	Jenni Nickelson
13	Graeme's Team	Val Lestrangle
20	Jenni's Team	Jonnie Mander
27	Wayne's Team	Colleen Diamond
May 4	Denise's Team	Lesley Taylor