



**Worship @ 9  
BULLETIN**

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

**December 2013**



**Next Bulletin  
26 January**

**MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church is happening on Sunday 8 December. Craft activities for 45 minutes from 5.00 pm, a celebration service for 15 minutes and then a shared meal finishing at 6.30 pm. The theme will, naturally, be "Christmas." We will not be repeating activities from last year's event so come along and check out what happens. We would love for you to bring along friends who might find Messy Church is a way for them to worship God without getting up for a Sunday morning service or who think an hour-long service is just too much. This is one of the "new expressions" of church talked about these days. You can be assured of a welcome.

**A FILLER (just like a Christmas stocking filler)**

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper. St. Peter said, 'Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you, though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.' Forrest responds, 'It sure is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope the test ain't too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was.' St. Peter continued, 'Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions. First: What two days of the week begin with the letter T? Second: How many seconds are there in a year? Third: What is God's first name?' Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, 'Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.' Forrest replied, 'Well, the first one -- which two days in the week begins with the letter 'T'? Shucks, that one is easy. That would be Today and Tomorrow.' The Saint's eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, 'Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?' asked St. Peter. 'How many seconds in a year? Now that one is harder,' replied Forrest, 'but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve.' Astounded, St. Peter said, 'Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year? Forrest replied, 'Shucks, there's got to be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...' 'Hold it, interrupts St. Peter. 'I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind....but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final question. 'Can you tell me God's first name?' 'Sure,' Forrest replied, 'it's Andy.' 'Andy?' exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St Peter. 'OK, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?' 'Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,' Forrest replied. 'I learnt it from the song, ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN.' St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates, and said: 'Run, Forrest, run.'



## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Special mention this month for Beryl Stanley who celebrates her 90th birthday. What a fantastic achievement that we know she credits to God. Our best wishes Beryl.



## PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage in November ended up being cancelled due to the weather. We have decided to set God as our focus for the start of the year and to hold the pilgrimage on Saturday 4 January. Starting time will be 10.30 am with a finish at 2.45 pm. So if you were unable to attend last month we would love to see you in January.

## RETREAT

Get in early and mark your diary for Saturday 29 March for our annual retreat at Portarlington.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Dates, times and preachers are listed. We hope to see you at one of our special services to praise Jesus. Special note is made of the Combined service on Sunday 29 December which is for the whole Linked Congregations. Weather permitting the service will be held outside on the grass commencing at 10.15 am

and will take the form of a Carol service. Lunch will follow the service as we celebrate the end of year. Please bring a plate to share if possible.

## VOLUNTEERS

Would you be prepared to help on a roster/committee? Please speak to Wayne. God needs some more workers.



## MISSED BIRTHDAY

Apologies to John Norman for not including his birthday in the November list—22nd November.

# Calendar

## NOVEMBER

24 Rev Marion Latham

## DECEMBER

1 Rev Marion Latham HC

8 Denise's Team

8 5.00 pm Messy Church

15 Graeme's Team

22 Rev Marion Latham

24 11.30 pm Rev Leigh Pope

25 8.00 am Rev Marion Latham

29 10.15 am Linked

Congregations' Carol service at Drysdale

## JANUARY

4 Pilgrimage

5 Rev Marion Latham HC

12 Jenni's Team

19 Denise's Team

26 Rev Marion Latham

## BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

Jenni Nickelson	2nd Dec
Beryl Stanley	9th Dec
Kelly Lestrangle	17th Dec
Indianna Colley	18th Dec <u>7</u>
Liara George	26th Dec <u>18</u>
William Morrish	28th Dec <u>3</u>

### JANUARY

Phil Spivey	4th Jan
Tracey Myers	13th Jan
Colleen Diamond	24th Jan

## ROSTERS

### KITCHEN

### COUNTING

Nov	24	Jenni's Team	Margo Jones
Dec	1	Denise's Team	Lesley Taylor
	8	Wayne's Team	Lynda Smith
	15	Jenni's Team	Ian McLaverty
	22	Graeme's Team	Denise McLaverty
	29	-	Jonnie Mander
Jan		Volunteers please	