



Worship @ 9
BULLETIN

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

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THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

The W@9 service on 12 January had their own John the Baptist to tell the story of the baptism of Jesus. Phil Spivey dressed as John in old cloak, ropes around his head and looking much like a desert dweller with an unshaven face—thank you to his wife Carol for agreeing to this. His story telling was great and enjoyed by all.

The service aimed to enlighten as to why Jesus was baptised through the message brought by Lynda Smith. The Bible has very little written about the baptism. Scholars suggest there were three main reasons:

1. Jesus saying 'yes' to the commission given to him by God.
2. To take up the common sin of the world to make us 'right with God.'
3. To fulfil prophesy of the Old Testament.

Jenni Nickelson also prepared the display board with blue fabric on which we wrote a pray of celebration on one white dove and a prayer of concern on another.

It was a great team effort.



Mission Shaped Ministry

Rev Marion Latham and Wayne Myers are attending this course being conducted by presbytery over 12 months. It looks at exploring a church that connects, and a spirituality that engages contemporary life today. It is an ecumenical course backed by the Uniting, Lutheran and Anglican Churches aimed at helping people to establish fresh expressions of church across Australia. MSM was designed originally in the UK. It focusses on the core value of Ecumenical, Formative,, Flexible, Practical, Relational aspects of church. There are about 100 people attending this course. More reports will be included in future Bulletins.



Our next event is the Retreat on Saturday 29 March at Portarlinton. The program is now being arranged and will be advised shortly. This is a congregation event so we look forward to your involvement.

PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage was a great start to the New Year. There were 18 participants who walked or drove between points and took part in the liturgy on the theme of “*Trees of Life*.” We looked at the growth ring of trees, felt the different types of trees, saw the wonderful wooden items created by Lindsay James, thought about the uses of wood, took home a wooden cross and a greater understanding of what God does with trees in our lives. We sang, we prayed, we listened, we contemplated and we talked. God treated us to a wind storm at lunch—even blowing a sausage off the barbeque plate. We contemplated on the Albert Namatjira painting, “*Aranda Tribal Country, Central Australia*”. Participants thought about possible themes for the next pilgrimage probably at the beginning of 2015.



ROSTERS

The offering counting roster is in need of more people to help. Please let Wayne know if you could take part. If you will be absent on your assigned day please arrange a swap.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Starts up again on Saturday 15 February at 8.00 am at the Zoo Café. Although called a prayer breakfast it is very much a bible study that looks at how our prayer life can be enriched by the scriptures. And you get to have a great breakfast of your choosing.



BIRTHDAYS

Vera Mills	1 Feb
Lisset George	3 Feb
Betty Domeyer	7 Feb
Joan Cook	29 Feb

Calendar

JANUARY

26 Rev Marion Latham

FEBRUARY

2 10.15 am Combined service
Rev Marion Latham HC
Congregation Annual Meeting Luncheon

9 Café church

15 Prayer Breakfast

16 Graeme’s Team

23 Rev Marion Latham

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH

5.30pm—7.30pm

DRYSDALE UNITING CHURCH



Adults all you can eat \$15.00

Children (under 12) all you can eat \$5.00

ROSTERS

KITCHEN

COUNTING

Feb	2	-	
	9	Denise’s Team	Colleen Diamond
	16	Jenni’s Team	Lesley Taylor
	23	Wayne’s Team	Margo Jones
Mar	2	Graeme’s Team	Sue Polley