



**Worship @ 9
BULLETIN**

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

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FRIDAY SCHOOL

Friday School has now been running for over a year quite successfully, but always with small numbers. Usual attendance is 3-5 pre-schoolers with a couple of babies. The morning consists of an activity for the children when they arrive, a simple bible story from a children's bible, and then one or two craft activities relating to the story. Crafts are simple, and the aim is to give the children activities that they can spend a little or a long time on, depending on their concentration level on the day. Older children (4 year olds) tend to spend a long time carefully colouring or pasting, whereas



the younger ones will spend two or three minutes and then say 'I'm finished', or even 'I'm bored now'. Towards the end of term the children learned about Jesus teaching that we should not just invite our friends to parties, but that we should invite those who we might normally overlook. The craft activity for the lesson was making party invitations, decorated with cut out balloons and stickers. The invitations were distributed to all the families at the mainly music session prior to our end of term Friday School breakup.

The result was a fantastic party – with 13 pre-schoolers, 3 babies, 7 mums and a grandma attending. The children made crown party hats as they arrived, and Jenni explained that we were making crowns because Jesus is our King. We then had a game of 'statues' with those who moved joining the ranks of 'judges' and spotting the 'movers' in the next round. Party food of mini pizzas, fairy bread, rice crackers and dip, chocolate brownies and cheezels were enjoyed by all. A game of 'pass the parcel' followed, with some of the smaller children not quite grasping the idea that when the parcel got around to them they had to pass it on, not rip off the next layer of paper even though the music hadn't stopped. After the game we sat in a circle and said a thankyou prayer before receiving a lolly bag to take home.

The morning was enjoyed by all who attended, (and probably by Jenni more than anyone).

Thank you to all those in our congregation who continue to pray for Friday School – on this particular day your prayers were answered.

Congratulations Jenni for your commitment to this special program that allows God's message to be spread further.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Sue Plummer who celebrates a special birthday this month (starts with F). God's blessings will continue to bless your life.

PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday 9 November we hold our third Pilgrimage to continue our personal and communal journey of faith. With the theme of "Trees of Life" participants will have the opportunity to ponder the place of trees in our lives and how the tree of life has influenced Christians throughout the years. The Pilgrimage will start at 11.00 am at Basin Reserve, proceed to the Station for lunch and finish at Wauthaurong Reserve at about 3.15 pm. There is no cost to participate; you can walk or drive between the various stopping points; lunch will be provided; invite others to join you. At each of the five stopping points there will be reading, prayer, song, contemplation or reflection. We look forward to your involvement.



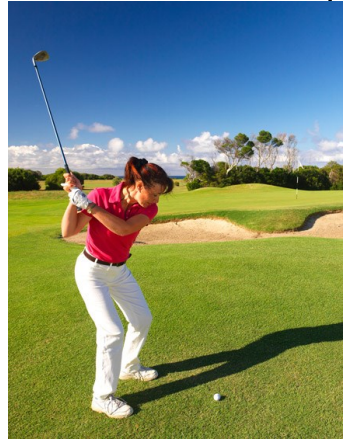
BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

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| Ariahn George | 7 Oct | <u>20</u> |
| Nicola Morrish | 21 Oct | |
| Sue Plummer | 26 Oct | |

TREE HUMOUR

One day, a grandpa and his grandson go golfing. The young one is really good and the old one is just giving him tips. They are on hole 8 and there is a tree in the way and the grandpa says, "When I was your age, I would hit the ball right over that tree." So, the grandson hits the ball and it bumps against the tree and lands not too far from where it started. "Of course," added the grandpa, "when I was your age, the tree was only one metre tall."



Calendar

OCTOBER

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| 6 | Rev Marion Latham HC |
| 13 | Café Church |
| 19 | Prayer Breakfast |
| 20 | Graeme's Team |
| 26 | Garage Sale |
| 27 | John Norman |

NOVEMBER

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| 3 | Rev Marion Latham HC |
| 9 | Pilgrimage |
| 10 | Jenni's Team |
| 16 | Prayer Breakfast |
| 17 | Wayne's Team |
| 24 | Rev Marion Latham |

ROSTERS

| | KITCHEN | COUNTING |
|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Oct 6 | Wayne's Team | Denise McLaverty |
| 13 | Graeme's Team | Jenni Nickelson |
| 20 | Denise's Team | Lynda Smith |
| 27 | Jenni's Team | Sue Polley |
| Nov 3 | Wayne's Team | Glenda Vuillermin |
| 10 | Denise's Team | Jonnie Mander |
| 17 | Graeme's Team | Margo Jones |
| 24 | Jenni's Team | Colleen Diamond |