



**Worship @ 9
BULLETIN**

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

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PROFILE—REV DR ADAM MCINTOSH

Adam is the Presbytery Minister for Mission, Strategy and Education commencing in this role in 2012. Previously he was the Minister of the Word at Ballarat South Uniting Church for 6 ½ years. Adam is passionate about mission and the education of people about the wonders of Christ and the church and so this was the reason for the move from congregation ministry

Adam lives in Grovedale and is married to Nicole and they have three teenage children – 19, 18 and 16. As a Presbytery Minister he does lots of travelling around the Presbytery. In his spare time he enjoys running and golf.

When Adam came for the combined service in September he spoke about the changing role of church from 1911 with 98% Christians to 2011 with 61% Christians in Australia. He said it was like being a Saints supporter getting the train from Geelong for a St. Kilda v. Geelong football match. We can be a church in retreat (and hide away from the changes), an action oriented church (but wait for the world to change to the church's view) or an accommodation church (being like the world and changing accordingly).

Adam will be our guest speaker at the Retreat this year.



PRAYER BREAKFAST

Is happening again on the third Saturday of each month at Café Zoo at 8.00 am. This is open to all, to come whenever you can, to look at some aspect of prayer, to join others (including friends from Leopold) in prayer, and to have breakfast together.

PANCAKE DAY STALL

Jenni will again be running the pancake stall outside the supermarket on Tuesday 12 February. If you can help on the stall please tell Jenni; otherwise please come along a buy a pancake. Proceeds go to the Share Pancake Appeal.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Please consider bringing along a food item for our harvest table with the contributions being given to Cottage by the Sea. See the news sheet for more information.



Calendar

JANUARY

27 Rev Marion Latham

FEBRUARY

- 3 Rev Marion Latham HC
- 10 Jenni's Team
- 16 Prayer Breakfast
- 17 Café Church
- 24 Rev Marion Latham

MARCH

- 3 Rev Marion Latham HC
- 10 Graeme's Team
- 16 Prayer Breakfast
- 17 Denise's Team
- 24 Rev Marion Latham
- 24 5pm Messy church

RETREAT

This will be our seventh Retreat so it is firmly in our annual planning. This is for the whole congregation not just W@9 members. Why do we call it a Retreat? It is a day when we set aside time away from the physical church to learn more about God and each other—it is a form of worship for us. We allow time in the program to spend time on our own, and with God, contemplating some reading or some question or some issue. The Retreat has also become a time when we do a lot of eating and socialising with one another. There is NO cost but people are asked to contribute a food item. It is held at the Portarlinton Guide Hall, next to the tennis courts at the Recreation Reserve (turn left at the supermarket roundabout). It starts at 9.30 am and finishes at 7.00 pm after the evening meal. If you can't come for the whole time it is OK to just attend for part of the day.

This year Adam McIntosh will be leading the day with a program that adapts the 'thinking hats' process of Edward De Bono and applies this to the five-fold ministry of APEST in Ephesians chapter 4 (apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd and teacher). The five-fold ministries will be applied to our contemporary context and given relevance for the life of the church today. De Bono uses frames of thinking to problem solve. His basic idea is that as we look at a problem from the 'frames' of the thinking hats, then this brings clarity to our thinking. The APEST Thinking Hats will provide five frames for thinking about the life of the church and the gifts that we all have as the people of God. This can give us clarity about our strengths and areas that we need to give greater attention to in our Congregation. It will also help people identify their own gifts for ministry.

BIRTHDAYS

Sorry to Colleen Diamond whose name was left off the last Bulletin list for 24 January.

21st BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Tom Plummer, son of Sue and Craig Plummer, who celebrated his 21st on 26 January.

ETHEL HARROLD

Is expected to be home to celebrate her 90th birthday on 31 January.

WELL DONE

To Ian Cook for co-ordinating the Drysdale Australia Day celebrations again.

ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Steven Nickelson, son of Jenni and Greg, on his engagement to Lee Henderson. The wedding is planned for August.

NEW BABY

Terrill Morrisey has welcomed another grandchild—Nash Stephen Morrisey.

CHANGE OF DATE

Next evening service—now 24 March at 5 pm. This will be a Messy Church service.



ROSTERS

	KITCHEN	COUNTING
Feb 3	Wayne's Team	Val Lestrage
10	Graeme's Team	Denise McLaverty
17	Denise's Team	Jenni Nickelson
24	Jenni's Team	Lesley Taylor
Mar 3	Graeme's Team	Colleen Diamond

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

Ethel Harrold 31 Jan

FEBRUARY

Vera Mills 1 Feb
Lisset George 3 Feb
Betty Domeyer 7 Feb
Debbie Taylor 27 Feb
Joan Cook 29 Feb