



PROFILE—ALMA MILVAIN

Alma is one of the quieter members of our congregation—a gentle lady who joined our church in 1982 when she moved to Clifton Springs. Alma was born in Colac and attended Elliminyt State School and Colac High School along with three brothers. She worked at the Colac Dairy Company as a telephonist (using the old style plug system) and pay clerk before marrying Geoff. She played tennis and piano and learnt cooking, cake decorating and sewing; skills that became important in her life. She made all the dresses for her wedding and the wedding cake. In 1952 Alma and Geoff took over the family farm from an elderly aunt at Jallukar in the foothills of the Grampians where they lived for 30 years. Alma took to farm life learning lots of new skills—can you imagine this lady shooting rabbits, working with sheep and cows, etc.? - as well as caring for “aunty” and an elderly male farmhand. She became fully immersed in the local community - mothers clubs, hospital auxiliary, the hospital board and the Moyston Uniting Church (initially as Presbyterian). She served the church as President of the Ladies Guild, Secretary of the Property Board, and member of Parish Council. She was awarded a Life Governorship of the Ararat Hospital for 30 years service. She also raised three sons and now has 8 grandchildren and 11 ½ great grand children and enjoys being part of their lives and activities. She is always amazed by the changes in life and noted the technological changes with communication as the biggest in her life. They moved to Clifton Springs in 1982 due to Geoff’s ill health, joining the bowling club and church. After “aunty” died they took off each year touring around Australia. Geoff died on holidays in 1993 and Alma moved to her unit in Drysdale. She still plays bowls today, attends Probus and a Book Club, loves gardening, cooking (she is on the mainly music morning tea roster), and family activities. She goes to church because it is tradition and it is good to worship in God’s house but has a strong feeling of God being with her always. She also has a strong belief in Christian friendliness—a smile or hello can do wonders!

This month's services

6 Sept — 9.00 am	Rev Ian Porter HC
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13 Sept— 9.00 am	Café Church
	10.45 am Rev Margaret Manning
20 Sept — 9.00 am	Graeme’s Team
	10.45 am Rev David Walker
27 Sept —9.00 am	Wayne’s Team
	10.45 am Port Lay Team



Happy birthday!

SEPTEMBER

Wayne Myers	4 Sep
Jonnie Mander	9 Sep
Sue Gibbons	9 Sep
Duncan McKellar	9 Sep
Margo Jones	10 Sep
Denise McLaverty	13 Sep
Colwyn Lloyd	17 Sep
Merrilyn Lloyd	26 Sep
Rita Kuit	27 Sep

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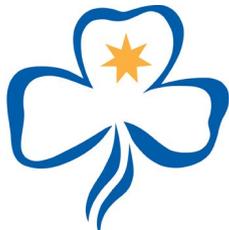
UPCOMING EVENTS



11 Sept — 1.30 pm	Communal Prayer
19 Sept — 8.00 am	Prayer Breakfast
25 Sept—1.30 pm	Communal Prayer

CONGRATULATIONS

Judy and Keith Grimm celebrate their 60th (diamond) wedding anniversary. God's blessings will continue to be with you.



Vicki Wills was recently recognised for 40 years service as a Guide Leader. Well done Vicki for your commitment to youth development.

Rebecca Pope (Leigh's daughter) has completed her Master of International Trade with Monash University.



Bruce and Sue Van Every's son Christopher is getting married this month to Linda Harris in Denver, USA.

MESSY CHURCH—8 November

The theme for Messy Church will be "Advent journey."

It is great to have regular participation from some non-church families. We received a comment that the last service was the best yet.

In 2016 Messy Church will be held every second month instead of quarterly. Dates and themes will be provided shortly.

CHURCH SERVICES

Discussions have commenced about the possibility of combining our two services into one. This has been brought to a head with the decreased attendances and the shortage of people to undertake tasks in the 10.45 group. It is also appropriate to think about it before the process for a new minister gets too far. All members of the congregation will be invited to complete a survey shortly to express their views before further meetings are held. This will take some time before decisions are made. Please pray for God's guidance.



LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

Our effort to supply bicycles for girls in Africa is up to \$1080 being 10 bikes now. This will result in great results for girls to get to school.

If your arms can't reach someone, hug them with your prayers.



Marion at the farewell service

10.45	KITCHEN	DOOR	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
SEP 6	Val & Audrey	Ken	Margaret F	John
13	Margret & Tony F	Marg Mc	Pat	Jen
20	Merrilyn	Marg Mc	Irene	Bob
27	Marguerite & Alma	Wilma	Port Lay Team	Ken
OCT 4	Irene & Bob	Wilma	Win	Pat

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
SEP 6	Graeme's Team	Glenda	Hazel
13	Jenni's Team	Sue P	Norma
20	Wayne's Team	Denise	Susan
27	Denise's Team	Margo	Wilma
OCT 4	Graeme's Team	Ian	Mary

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