

**AUGUST  
2014**

**This month's services**

**UnitingWorld**  
connecting communities for life

**UNITINGWORLD VISITOR**

On Sunday 27th July, 20+ members of the Bellarine Linked Congregations met at Drysdale Uniting Church to listen to Rev. Paul Bartlett, the Major Gifts Officer of UnitingWorld. UnitingWorld approaches community

development by identifying the strengths of their overseas partners and local communities as well as challenges and institutional weaknesses that reinforce poverty and inequality. He emphasised that intervention is more than working with communities to accommodate their perceived needs and priorities. Much of this is training and supervision and the day to day work is very much handed to the locals.

A print out illustrating the work in the Solomon Islands was distributed, telling how women are central to the family and community and very active within the church. Workshops involving many women highlighted issues faced by women in the Solomon Islands, and several pilot projects were developed. This enabled UnitingWorld to work closely with women at leadership level to effect project implementation, but at the same time to provide a safe place for women at all levels to share stories, faith wisdom and hopes for their lives.

Paul had photos showing work being done in China (a Church building where 5000 meet to worship in Nanjing), PNG (Milne Bay and Port Moresby), Indonesia (Sumba and Bali), South Sudan, Tonga and Zimbabwe (Harare).

3 Aug —9.00 am	Rev Margaret Manning	HC
	10.45 am	Rev Bob Stevenson HC
10 Aug —9.00 am	Jenni's Team	
	10.45 am	Rev Malcolm Campbell
17 Aug —9.00 am	Graeme's Team	
	10.45 am	Rev Marion Latham
24 Aug —9.00 am	Rev Marion Latham	
	10.45 am	John & Marg MacGillivray
31 Aug—10.15 am	Combined service	
	Rev Marion Latham/Messy church	



**Happy birthday!**

John Miller	3 Aug
Joy Krahe	7 Aug
Pat Duch	9 Aug
Lynda Smith	10 Aug
Tallara George	11 Aug <u>16</u>
Marion Latham	13 Aug
Margaret Underwood	14 Aug
Margaret Hyland	16 Aug
David Gibbons	18 Aug
Bruce Van Every	18 Aug
Ian McLaverty	21 Aug
Brenda Jacobs	22 Aug
Maggie Freeman	25 Aug
Marjorie Macleod	27 Aug
Jacque Frew	27 Aug

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It was staggering to learn that seven in ten women in PNG suffer some form of domestic abuse. In Port Moresby, a support group for women has been set up and with financial support from micro loans, a small business has been developed with the women sewing and selling their garments. This allows financial independence, and develops self reliance and pride. The photo of smiling women said much more than words. In Milne Bay, basic hygiene has been improved by the installation of a drop toilet and hand washing facilities.

In Indonesia only 5% of the population call themselves Christian. In both Bali and Sumba, there are small teams of doctors and nurses who regularly visit rural areas to provide health services.

In South Sudan, where civil war persists, a group of 22 young people were being trained as nurses in Leer. Continued conflict forced them to flee south over the border to Kenya.

Prayer support is needed for all the areas and the workers in the field and in the Pacific Office located in Sydney. Financial support is needed all the time, especially with the current Federal Government reducing aid. Maybe I/we/you could consider including an extra donation to UnitingWorld this year.....

Marg and Norm Cheale

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## COMBINED SERVICE

Our combined service on Sunday 31 August will include a Messy Church component to show members of the congregation what happens. The theme across the linked congregations on that day is “God surprises” so our Messy church theme will be “Surprises.” The service will commence in the church, then move to the Hall and then return to the church. We will also be sharing lunch after the service so if possible please bring along some finger food.

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS DINNER

We will be holding a dinner at the Drysdale Hotel on Sunday 31 August at 6.30 pm to celebrate the special birthdays for August, September and October for David Gibbons, Ian McLaverty, Jonnie Mander, Sue Gibbons, Susan Taylor and Bob Stevenson. Please let Wayne know if you will be attending so that an appropriate booking is made.

**Congratulations for special birthdays this month to:**

**David Gibbons turning 60**

**Ian McLaverty turning 70**

May God’s blessings be part of your life for many years to come.

## VALÉ LESLEY TAYLOR

Lesley has been a valuable member of the congregation since childhood and has served in many roles including Sunday School teacher, the Property Team, Fundraising/Fellowship group and the Op Shop. In recent years Lesley has been an important part of mainly music as the welcoming person and doing the extra jobs needed. Lesley was always involved in the church dinners and acted as the kitchen supervisor for our recent mid winter dinner—we always enjoyed her pavlovas. She preferred to be a quiet background person but was an important contributor for the church. Our sincere sympathy to her husband Allan and family.

## VALÉ RUBY WYLIE

Our dear friend Ruby also passed away in July, aged 91. Ruby had been a member of Drysdale UC for about 30 years and was previously at East Geelong UC. Ruby was a member of the UCAF. In recent years Ruby’s mobility had prevented her from getting to church but as a resident at Drysdale Grove for the last couple of years has been a regular participant in the monthly chapel services and has always taken a keen interest in getting the weekly news sheet.



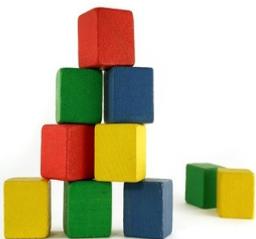
## UPCOMING EVENTS



- 16 Aug—Prayer Breakfast 8.00 am
- 17 Aug—Film Afternoon “The Butler”  
- tickets now available from Margaret Freemantle or Wayne Myers. \$15.
- 31 Aug—Special birthdays dinner

## MESSY CHURCH

Sunday 14 September is our next Messy Church service from 5.00—6.30 pm. The theme will be “Building blocks.” Start to think of people that you might be able to invite.



10.45	KITCHEN	COUNTING	DOOR	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
Aug 3	Win/Andrea	Harvey/Pat	Mary/Marg	Harvey	Jen
10	Margaret J/Val	Gerald/Bob	Joy	Margaret F	Pat
17	Pat & Ken	Harvey/Tony	Joy	?	John
24	Margaret & Tony	John/Gerald	Wilma	Lay Team	Bob
31	Mary/Marg M	Tony/Harvey	Wilma	-	Ken

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
Aug 3	Graeme’s Team	Glenda	Andrea Lindsay
10	Wayne’s Team	Lynda	Dawn Edsall
17	Jenni’s Team	Colleen	Win Baker
24	Denise’s Team	Jenni	Marguerite Edgar
31	-	Jonnie	Brenda Jacobs

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