

# DUC Grapevine

MARCH 2018

## AUSTRALIASIAN MESSY CHURCH GATHERING

16-18 FEBRUARY 2018

Wayne Myers and I attended this conference in Melbourne. The warm loving welcome we received on Friday afternoon continued throughout the weekend. We started with a worship celebration with about 100 Christians filled with the Spirit singing and praising the Lord—O what a feeling.

The founder of Messy Church, Lucy Moore from the UK (pictured), spoke about the values of Messy Church. What a gift she has, she engaged everyone as she spoke. Her message was to love everyone, to ensure they felt important and to ensure our Messy Church was centred on God.

Saturday was a full day filled with ideas. I was encouraged that our team was already doing a good job and using a lot of the different ideas suggested. There were elective sessions to attend and another keynote address by Lucy on the importance of hospitality. We finished the night with a Messy Church of craft, celebration and meal that included Holy Communion. The celebration used the Godly Play approach to a story with simple figurines.

Sunday morning, after a celebration worship, we heard from Rev Debbie Smith, from New Zealand. She had trained groups for Messy Church in the Anglican church. Her message was to persevere, to teach children and adults of the love of God to break down barriers that have been built over the years, to open our arms and hearts to who ever walks through the door.

I felt truly blessed for being there.

Irene Stevenson



## EASTER

A very special time of the church year when we prepare for the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. There are the Lenten booklets available for daily readings. This year the Maundy Thursday service will be held at Drysdale at 7.30 pm so all are invited to attend this Linked Congregations service. After the Good Friday service the Walk of Witness will commence at the rear of our church and then travel to St. James Anglican where morning tea and hot cross buns will be served. On Easter Day we are holding a combined service at 10.15 am which will include Holy Communion in place of the next week.

At a Presbytery training day ministers and lay leaders were urged to proclaim the ongoing presence and purpose of God in the midst of the Easter story.

Happy birthday!

**MARCH**  
 Roger Lascelles  
 Corinna George  
 Harry Allott  
 Audrey Shepherd  
 Jean Cooper

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## This month's services

4 Mar—9.00 am Denise's Team  
10.45 am Rev Temukisa

11 Mar— 9.00 am Rev Temukisa HC  
(Graeme's Team assisting)  
10.45 am Rev Temukisa HC

18 Mar—9.00 am Graeme's Team  
10.45 am Rev Ian Porter

25 Mar—9.00 am Rev Temukisa  
10.45 am Rev Temukisa

29 Mar—7.30 pm Maundy Thursday  
Combined service  
Rev Temukisa

30 Mar—10.00 am Good Friday  
Combined service  
Rev Temukisa

1 Apr—10.15 am Easter Day HC  
Combined Service  
Rev Temukisa

### LOOSE CHANGE

Loose change for the first half of the year is to go to help the mainly music organisation provide the program in three women's refuges in Brisbane. Our target is \$700.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

2 Mar— 10.00 am World Day of Prayer service

7 Feb—1.00 pm Communal Prayer Time

17 Mar—8.00 am Prayer Breakfast

21 Mar—1.00 pm Communal Prayer Time

30 Mar—10.30 am Walk of Witness

### MESSY CHURCH

For the 11 February celebration service Temukisa had everyone selected into teams for an egg and spoon race and for a ball throw. One mum was heard to say she was going to tell some friends about playing games at church—fantastic. Not only were there the crafts to make, eat or take home but also an activity of making a balloon fly across the room.

The theme for 8 April is "The miracles of Jesus".

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Drysdale UC is host this year for the service on Friday 2 March at 10.00 am. The theme country is Suriname (the northern part of South America). Please come along and join with people from other Drysdale churches.

### PILGRIMAGE

God blessed our rescheduled Pilgrimage with good weather as we enjoyed the liturgy based on the theme of Bypass or Passing by. We followed part of the new Drysdale bypass road and thought about its



affect on the environment, the land owners, the food production and the separation of busyness and quietness. We even got a mention at the Presbytery meeting the next week.



10.45	KITCHEN	WELCOME	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
FEB 25	Pat & Ken	Carol	Win	Bob
MAR 4	Glenice & Kelvin	Carol	Irene	Pat/Ken
11	Win & Andrea	Ken	Pat	John
18	Marg & John	Ken	Carol	Pat/Carol
25	Brenda & Melva	Wilma	Marguerite	Ken/Pat

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
FEB 25	Denise's Team	Lynda	Audrey Shepherd
MAR 4	Jenni's Team	Val	Lynda Smith
11	Graeme's Team	Ian McL	Jen Davis
18	Wayne's Team	Jenni	Beryl Stanley
25	Denise's Team	Colleen	Andrea Lindsay
APR 1			Val LeStrange

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