

mainly music at turns 10

mainly music celebrated their 10 year anniversary at the start of Term 2 with a cake made by Val Lestrange as a special morning tea between the two sessions that are conducted each week.

mainly music was initiated by Val and daughter, Renee Colley, who wanted to provide something special for pre-school children and their parents that linked to the church. Renee identified mainly music as an appropriate program.

mainly music aims to encourage and strengthen the connection between parent and child. Each session contains a welcome song, rhymes, body actions songs, instrument songs, a God song and our special birthday song.



'Every Wednesday morning during school term we sing, dance and move to the beat', said Lynda Smith, Team Leader of mainly music. She went on to say that the mainly music team are blessed with 'willing hands and willing hearts' who volunteer each week to be on the welcome desk, prepare and serve morning tea or be an upfront leader. Lynda said, 'We have been doing this for ten years because it is a successful worldwide program, great value for families at \$7 per session regardless of the number of children, and a nurturing environment.

Pictured cutting the cake are Jenni Nickelson, the enrolment coordinator, and Simone Trudgeon with her son Archer. Simone brought her two older girls, Genevieve and Scarlett, to mainly music as preschoolers and they are now at school.



Members of the congregation are able to be involved by being up-front leaders, kitchen helpers, welcome helpers, morning tea providers, and prayer group members. If you would like to help please speak to Lynda.

This months' services

5 May— 9.00 am Café Church

10.45 am Denise's Team

12 May —9.00 am Rev Temukisa HC

(Wayne's Team assisting)

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19 May — 9.00 am Jenni's Team

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26 May —9.00 am Rev Helen Robinson

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MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church on 14 April was only a small group being in the middle of the school holidays. The crafts were about reusing items. In the celebration service Graeme Dryden spoke about how Jesus applied this principle by getting the disciples to gather up the left over bread and fish after feeding the

The next Messy Church is on 9 June with the theme of "Once upon a time".

crowd.



COMMUNAL PRAYER TIME

It has been decided to stop the fortnightly communal prayer time for the time being. This has served as a useful group allowing members of the congregation to come together to pray. The email prayer chain will continue to operate and special prayer opportunities may be created in the future or for special needs.

RETREAT

Our annual Retreat is on Saturday 1 June at the Portarlington Guide Hall. The program is now being finalised and will be advertised through the news sheet. 9.30 am start and 5.00 pm finish.

LOOSE CHANGE

To date we have raised \$598.80 towards our carpet appeal along with special donations of \$1100. The carpet cost was \$4182, plus GST.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

This month Margaret Freemantle celebrates her 80th birthday. We record our congratulations and God's continued blessings. A special birthday lunch will be held soon.





Happy birthday! John Macgillivray Margaret Freemantle Wendy Allott Margaret Jeffrey Norm Cheale Tom Allott Sue Polley Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

Happy birthday!

Val Lestrange



18 May—8.00 am Prayer Breakfast 18 May-6.00 pm Church Dinner 1 June-9.30 am Retreat

10.45 **KITCHEN** WELCOME **READING ELDER/PRAYERS** APR 28 Glenice & Kelvin Ken Harvey Pat / John wind with the control of the control MAY 5 Win & Andrea Denise's Team Ken 12 19 26 Brenda & Melva Kelvin & Glenice Win Kelvin & Glenice Jenn Audrey Alma Carole

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
MAY 5 12 19	Jenni's Team Graeme's Team Wayne's Team Denise's Team Jenni's Team	Glenda Jonnie Ian Sue Polley Colleen	Brenda Margaret F Jonnie Colleen Andrea

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