

DUC Grapevine

JULY 2019

MESSAGE FROM REV TEMUKISA

“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” (Psalm 100:5 – KJV)

Hallelujah and give thanks to the Holy Triune God as the community at Drysdale Uniting Church gathers to celebrate and rejoice in what God has done, is doing and will continue to do through the power of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide its ministry and mission.



We pause to remember and reflect on the faithful stories of those disciples (pilgrim peoples) 170 years ago, when the foundation of the Wesleyan (Methodist) Church was laid in Drysdale; known as the Tuckfield chapel, Wyndham Street in 1849. We praise God for their skills and gifts donated to the life of the church, such as the baptismal font, communion table, plate chalice and handmade tablecloth to name a few. We rejoice in the faithful ministries: Worship, Witness and Service that has nurtured, sustained and transformed many individuals and communities throughout its 170 years.

So, as we celebrate 170 years of Ministry and Mission of the Uniting Church (Wesleyan Methodist); we are reminded by the words of Luke 9: 51-62 “help us not look back with longing, but look forward with hope” that the same God who founded the church 170 years ago; continues to guide and sustain the church now and into the future.

May the Uniting Church at Drysdale, go into the world; strengthened by the past, inspired by the opportunities before us, and surrounded by the love of this amazing family of God! Go out with joy to be God’s people today; and may God’s name be glorified in all we say and do. Amen.

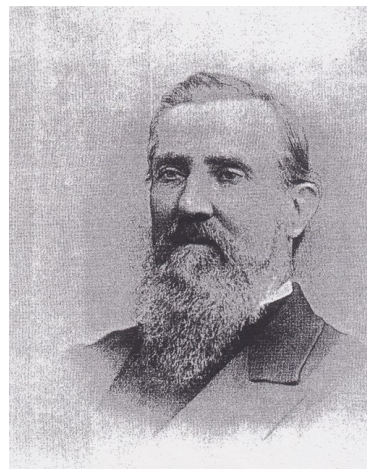
Blessings *Temukisa*



Rev Francis Tuckfield



Miss Caroline Newcomb



Rev James Dodgson

MESSY CHURCH

We had a great night for Messy Church in June. Each of the crafts related to one of Jesus' parables— elephant toothpaste (yeast), pearl shell, Good Samaritan purse, coin shooter, flower pot dessert. Temukisa spoke about parables being stories to get a message across and taught us a song to sing in English and Samoan.



The August theme is "Mountains and hills" - which sounds difficult for craft.

LOOSE CHANGE

This month we start our loose change offering for the Geelong Mums organisation. They supply help to new mums in need of equipment or special items for their babies. Our target is \$800.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

This month Marguerite Edgar celebrates her 90th birthday. We record our congratulations and God's continued blessings.

There will be a special birthday lunch after church on Sunday 4 August at the Clifton Springs Golf Club. Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you would like to attend.

RETREAT

The Retreat went well with our guest speaker being fantastic. We lost a number of attendees due to colds and flu but we were warm and had a chance to interact with one another with Christ as our focus for the day.



Happy birthday!

JULY

Ken Handley
Tony Freemantle
Alma Milvain
Dianne McNamara
Marguerite Edgar
Angela Tutty
Bob Thomas
Darren Penn



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UPCOMING EVENTS



20 July —8.00 am Prayer Breakfast
4 Aug—12.15 pm Special birthday lunch

10.45	KITCHEN	WELCOME	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
JUL 7	Audrey	Ken	Jenni's Team	John / Jenni's
14	Alma	Ken	Margaret	Pat / Ken
21	Irene & Bob	Kelvin & Glenice	Denise's Team	Ken / Denise's
28	Win & Andrea	Kelvin & Glenice	Kelvin	Bob
AUG 4	Glenice & Kelvin	Carol	Marguerite	John

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
JUL 7	Graeme's Team	Sue Polley	Colleen
14	Wayne's Team	Jenni	Jonnie
21	Jenni's Team	Colleen	-
28	Denise's Team	Margo	Brenda
Aug 4	Graeme's Team	Ian	Denise

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

NEW ROSE GARDEN

Dr. Andrea Lindsay has been looking after our gardens and making them thrive and has recently negotiated with the City of Greater Geelong to look after the garden bed in Pioneer Women's Park by the side of the church. Roses from the home of the late Dr. Vishal have now been planted in the bed, with the support of Dr. Vishal's sister Sartaj. Andrea thought this was appropriate because Dr. Vishal was a pioneer in her own rights as the first female doctor in Drysdale. Dr Vishal received her initial medical training in India which was augmented by further studies in Australia to meet the requirements of the Australian Medical Board. Her approach to her work was rather different from that in vogue in Australia in the 1960s and 70s; medicine was increasingly being seen as a collection of specialties, where the practitioner intervened to cure malfunctions in specific parts, and its practice as an elite business. Dr Vishal took this further, as a philosophy that provided her whole reason for practicing medicine. She saw people's minds, emotions, bodies as part of the unity which is the person. She saw that her vocation was to help this whole person to heal itself, to help people enjoy and live their everyday lives to the full. She was a person of great empathy, kindness and generosity. In a time and society where women were expected to marry, be home makers and defer to husbands, she was unfettered by these expectations. Thank you Andrea for helping to make our church property, and the council property that is seen to be ours, look great.



PROFILE—PAT DUCH

Pat was born in Coventry, UK and attended primary and secondary schools there. She has one sister (still in England). She left school at 15 and started working in a solicitor's office where she rose from office junior to legal secretary. She stayed there for 12 years, leaving to raise her family—two daughters.

Pat did not attend church as a child but her mother was very encouraging for her to choose a church that suited her. She decided on the Methodist Church because it was so welcoming. It had an active youth group and at age 14 Pat was baptised. She was married in that church.

In 1969 the family emigrated to Melbourne as "£10 Poms" taking five weeks to get to Melbourne, due to the closure of the Suez Canal. They arrived on Easter Saturday, with both daughters with measles, and lived at the Altona hostel for twelve months. They moved to Williamstown before building a house at Melton in 1973 with Pat's husband working back in the textiles industry. They retired to Clifton Springs in 1988. Pat has been a keen lawn bowler and enjoys her garden. She now has three grandchildren and two great grandchildren, who live nearby.

Pat joined Drysdale UC as a result of a leaflet drop by Rev Geoff Giddings. She finds church gives her solace when she has special needs and wants to strengthen her faith. She celebrates a special birthday next month.



Rev Temukisa and Wayne Myers will be attending the Synod meeting on 6-9 July, along with about 300 other people. Synod meeting is more than just the annual meeting of the church, when the various bodies report; it is also the decision making and strategic direction setting time for the state Synod. The meeting is grounded with Christ with daily devotions, bible studies and worship services. This Synod the new Moderator, Rev Denise Liersch, will be installed. Denise has chosen Isaiah 43: 19 as her theme “watch for the new thing I am going to do” emphasising that she will be working as one of the team to make things happen.

Some of the proposals to be considered are:

- Voluntary assisted dying—the Synod’s response to the legislation
- Greater inclusion of adults under 50 in leadership
- 2019-2022 Disability Action Plan
- Seasonal worker program to assist unemployed Pacific islanders
- Reform of the Community Development Program as applied to First People



Jenni pictured at the Award presentation with Adrian’s daughter, Michelle.

This months' services

7 Jul — 9.00 am Jenni’s Team
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14 Jul —9.00 am Rev Temukisa HC
(Wayne’s Team assisting)
10.45 am Rev Temukisa HC
21 Jul — 9.00 am Denise’s Team
10.45 Denise’s Team
28 Jul —9.00 am Rev Temukisa
(Denise’s Team assisting)
10.45 am Rev Temukisa
4 Aug—9.00 am Café Church
10.45 am Ken & Pat Handley

Congratulations Jenni Nickelson on being the 2019 Adrian Mannix Service Award winner. The award is made each year by the Lions Club of Portarlington-Drysdale, the Rotary Club of Drysdale and the Springdale Community Centre to a person who has provided exemplary service to the community of the northern Bellarine. Jenni most certainly fills that bill with service to the church, Legacy, tennis club, kinder and school committees. For the church Jenni is an Elder, Church Council member, lay team leader, convenor of the Growing and Learning Team, mainly music helper, Safe Church Officer and knitting and baking expert. Jenni directed her \$500 award to the church for which we are truly grateful. We are proud of you Jenni.