

DUC Grapevine

OCTOBER 2019

PROFILE—JOHN REID

John was born in Yallourn (a town that no longer exists) where his parents had a dairy farm. He has 2 brothers and a sister. He attended a very small Jumbuck State School and then undertook correspondence secondary education. He helped on the farm and then went off doing a variety of jobs including fruit picking, tanning and being part of a rock band. He spent some time working in UK before returning home and working for the Lands Department for about 9 years enjoying the outdoors.

His parents sold the farm and they moved to the Sunshine Coast in Queensland where his father died. John and his mother moved around a bit before settling in St. Leonards in 2009. John became the carer for his mum and enjoyed taking her around her interests. The family had always been regular church attenders and they joined St Leonards church. John's mum died in 2014 and John thought it better to make a break and he started attending Drysdale Uniting Church.

John always had an interest in science fiction starting with *Lost in Space* in the 60s and then UFOs in the 70s. He attended *Lost in Space* conventions in Australia and the US and formed a strong relationship with many overseas fans. John was asked to become the Springdale Sci-Fi promoter and organised their Sci-Fi displays including this year's 50th anniversary of the moon landing. He spent many hours building and demonstrating spacecraft, with over 100 people taking part during the day.

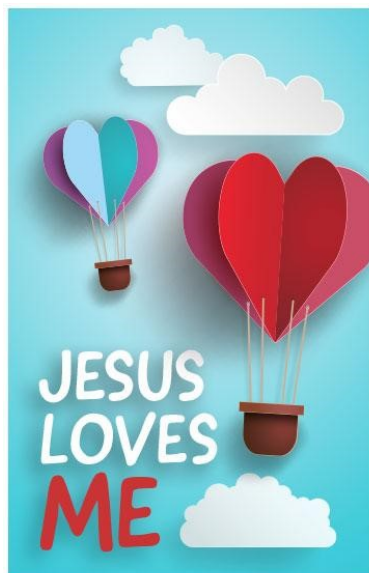
John attends church because he was brought up to do so but also because he sees the world in so much need and the church is a place where that can be met. He has been helping a homeless man to try to get out of his predicament and understand better life opportunities.

John has been enthused by the interest shown by people, especially young people, in the moon landing re-enactment at Springdale. He thought the church could have been involved in this type of activity and would be interested to hear what people think about that, or you can tell Wayne. If you are interested in more information about space he suggests checking out Gerry Anderson's UFO YouTube clips.



MESSY CHURCH

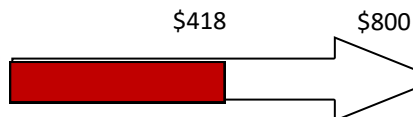
Our October service on 13 October has a theme of "Jesus loves me". Starts at 5.00 pm.



LOOSE CHANGE

Target is \$800 for the Geelong Mums organisation.

Offerings to date \$418.



COMBINED SERVICE

Sunday 29 September is our next fifth Sunday service and this will be a combined Linked Congregations service at Portarlington starting at 10.15 am to be followed by a shared lunch. Transport can be provided if needed—speak to Wayne Myers.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

October we celebrate the 70th birthday for Marg Macgillivray and the 30th birthday of Huyen ThiDang.

We record our congratulations and God's continued blessings to them.

Lunch will be in November.

This months' services



29 Sep—10.15 Combined Congregations service at Portarlington
6 Oct—9.00 am Denise's Team
10.45 am Denise's Team
13 Oct—9.00 am Rev Temukisa HC (Jenni's Team assisting)
10.45 am Rev Temukisa
5.00 pm Messy Church
20 Oct—9.00 am Café church
10.45 am Rev Ian Porter
27 Oct—9.00 am Graeme's Team
10.45 am Graeme's Team

23 Sep—7.30 pm Bible Study @ Handleys
30 Sep —7.30 pm Bible Study @ Handleys
19 Oct —8.00 am Prayer Breakfast @ the Zoo Café
26 Oct—Home made Fete & Garage sale



OCTOBER

Bob Stevenson
Susan Duncan
Nathan Polley
Huyen ThiDang
Marie Harris
Marg Macgillivray
Nicola Morrish
Sue Plummer
Archer Colley
Margaret MacLeod

Happy birthday!

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10.45	KITCHEN	WELCOME	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
OCT 6	Alma	Ken	Denise's Team	Bob / Denise's
13	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Susan	Ken
20	Win & Andrea	Kelvin & Glenice	Kelvin	Bob
27	Brenda & Melva	Carole	Wayne's Team	Pat / Wayne's

W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
OCT 6	Graeme's Team	Glenda	Pat
13	Wayne's Team	Sue	Andrea
20	Denise's Team	Jonnie	-
27	Jenni's Team	Val	Val

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