

# DUC Grapevine

## MARCH 2020

### PROFILE—LEIGH POPE

Leigh was born in Donald where his father was a third generation farmer. He attended Donald Primary School and then Donald High School and Wesley College in Melbourne. As a good son he returned home and helped his father on the farm for nine years before moving to the Queen's College Theological Hall—he had a compelling feeling of a call to ministry.

He was ordained in 1973 and his first placement was to Goroke in the Wimmera. After two years he was appointed as the Associate Director of Christian Education and moved to Melbourne. He served in this role for seven years looking after youth ministry training. He reinstituted the Order of St Stephen and proudly he tells of the Focus on Youth services which grew to about 800 young people every month. He was then appointed to the editorial staff of the Joint Board of Christian Education staying for six years.

He took long service leave and went to England where he ministered in Dawlish on the south coast of Devon. On his return he went to the Glen Waverley UC which was the biggest congregation in Victoria. It was then back to the UK where he worked with the Methodist Church in Bradford for five years and also served as Chaplain for the police force. His next call was to Noble St Newtown UC where he was responsible for rebuilding the congregation with a focus on ministering to older people. One of his achievements here was the building of eight social housing flats on the disused tennis courts. After seven years he retired to Clifton Springs in 2004.

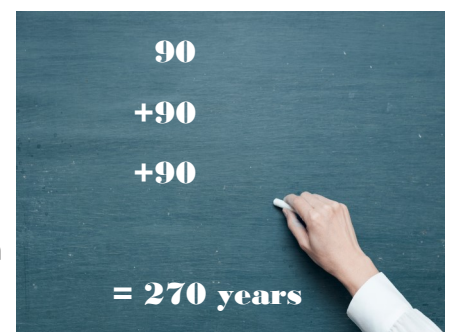
Leigh has four children (Rebecca, Justine, Melissa and Randal) and six grandchildren. Leigh's early life involved the Methodist church in Donald where he became a Sunday School teacher and Youth group leader. He was also a Cub Scout leader there for about five years. He said that many of the children did all three and so were stuck with him all the time.

Leigh attends church to worship God. He believes that with the presence of the Holy Spirit always with you, that you are always able to learn something—a reason he enjoys the Bible study sessions. He fills his day with gardening, reading, cycling and painting.



### SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to Audrey Shepherd and Jean Cooper who both celebrate their 90th birthdays this month. A special birthdays lunch will be held on Sunday 5 April at the Clifton Springs Golf Club at 12.15 pm. Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you would like to attend. We will also celebrate the April birthday for Win Baker at this time.



## MESSY CHURCH

The change to a 4.30 pm start did not produce great results but those present got to make a plaster cast foot print in the sand, a sand picture, octopus cupcakes, a shell magnet, and a magnetic fishing set. In the celebration we sang about the wonders of God's wide ocean and talked about how Jesus used the seaside to do a lot of his teaching. The children even got the chance to fish and smash down sand castles. The next service is on 5 April (a week early) with the theme of "the last supper".



## PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday 25 February from 5.30 pm. Great pancakes available at great prices. You can just turn up and pay at the door.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 25 Feb—5.30 pm—Pancake Dinner  
 Fri 6 Mar—10.00 am World Day of Prayer—Clifton Springs Baptist  
 Sun 8 Mar Harvest Festival @ both services  
 Wed 11 Mar—7.30 pm Lenten Study @ Portarlinton  
 Wed 18 Mar—7.30 pm Lenten Study  
 Sat 21 Mar 8.00 am—Prayer Breakfast @ The Zoo Café  
 Wed 1 Apr—7.30 pm Lenten Study  
 Sun 5 Apr—12.15 pm Special birthday lunch

## This months' services

1 Mar—9.00 am Café Church  
 10.45 am Rev Temukisa  
 8 Mar—9.00 am Rev Temukisa HC  
 (Wayne's Team assisting)  
 10.45 am Rev Temukisa HC  
 15 Mar—9.00 am Wayne's Team  
 10.45 am Wayne's Team  
 22 Mar—9.00 am Rev Temukisa  
 (Graeme's Team assisting)  
 10.45 am Rev Temukisa  
 29 Mar—10.15 am Linked  
 Congregations Combined  
 Service at Drysdale—Rev  
 Temukisa with Rev Dev  
 Anandarajan. Lunch to  
 follow.

## LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

January \$207.05 = 4 stoves for the Women in Kenya project. Check the newsletter on the noticeboard.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Lots of us don't have much growing in our gardens but on Sunday 8 March we can bring any spare or bring non-perishable food items as we give thanks for the results of harvest of the lands. All of our donations will go to Cottage by the Sea.

## COMBINED SERVICE

Sunday 29 March is our Linked Congregations Combined Service which will be at Drysdale. There will be lunch after the service and all are invited to bring a plate to share if possible. Rev Dev Anandarajan (Intercultural Leadership Development Coordinator) from Synod will be the speaker.



W@9	KITCHEN	COUNTING	FLOWERS
MAR 1	Graeme's Team	Lynda	MAR 1 Marg C
8	Wayne's Team	Jenni	8 Lynda
15	Jenni's Team	Ian	15 Andrea
22	Denise's Team	Colleen	22 Denise
29	W@9	Jonnie	29 Val

10.45	KITCHEN	WELCOME	READING	ELDER/PRAYERS
MAR 1	Alma	Ken	Carol	John / Carole
8	Win & Andrea	Carol	Marguerite	Pat
15	Brenda & Melva	Carol	Wayne's Team	Ken / Wayne's
22	Glenice & Kelvin	Brenda	Win	Bob
29	W@9	Brenda	TBA	Wayne / TBA

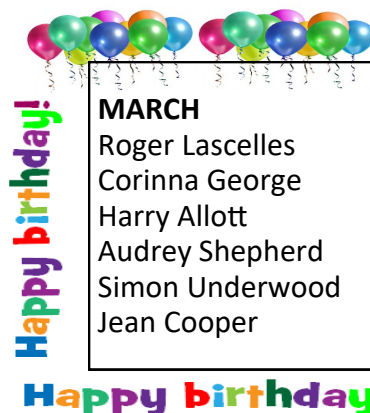
## OFFERINGS REPORT

January Total \$3151  
 Needed \$4000

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Roger Lascelles  
 Corinna George  
 Harry Allott  
 Audrey Shepherd  
 Simon Underwood  
 Jean Cooper