



DU Grape Vine

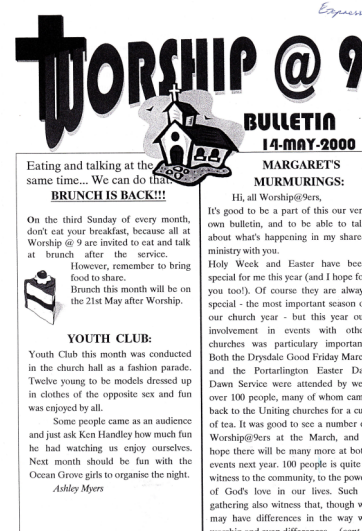


MAY 2020



This month we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Grapevine (previously called Bulletin). It was started in May 2000 by Ashley Myers as a way of providing extra communication in the Worship @ 9 service group, apart from the weekly news sheet. The first issue included a message from our minister at the time, Rev Margaret Manning, called Margaret's Murmurings. Ashley wanted to get a better understanding of people in the group so started including a profile of members. Later the Bulletin became a newsletter of the whole Drysdale congregation. Over the time there have been 105 profiles included, covering 120 people. The first person

profiled was Ethel Harrold. Ashley also started the birthday box recognising everyone's birthdays. Again over the years this has changed so that not only do we recognise birthdays but we celebrate the special 0 birthdays with dinner or lunch. The first lunch celebrated was for John Bradie's 60th birthday in 2011. The lunches have become a special time of fellowship for the congregation as well as the birthday person. This has enabled us to now have the birthdate for everyone in the congregation, which has been useful for some of the statistical reporting that Synod requires each year.



So what better way to celebrate than to have a new banner.

The Grapevine works best when we can share special news—so if you know of someone in the congregation celebrating a special anniversary or recognition or achievement please let Wayne know.



Our new Pascal candle symbolically alight in the church on Easter Day, waiting for our return to being able to gather together again.

**Church Services
available on Facebook
and web site.**

**Church building closed
until further notice.**

MESSY CHURCH @ HOME

Our April service happened as Messy Church @ Home with activities provided on the theme of "Last Supper". There was a table, grape juice, damper, decorated cross, rising Jesus and dyed eggs—all telling the story starting with the Last Supper.



SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

For May we offer our congratulations and blessings to Temukisa who celebrates her 60th birthday. There will be a big celebration lunch for all the special birthdays when we can gather together again.



Web site: [http://](http://drysedale.unitingchurch.org.au)

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

If Jesus Came To My House

By Graham Clutterbuck

If Jesus came to my house
I wonder what He would say,
Would He talk in 'thee's and
thou's',
Or would He say G'day.

Would He use some
Churchspeak'
Not common use today,
Or say "Translators are to
blame,
I never spoke that way."

"It's true, I did speak Hebrew,
It was the language of the land,
And I sometimes used word-pictures,
So that ALL could understand.

If Jesus came to my house,
Would he expect it clutter free,
Or happily sit amid the mess,
And chat over a cup of tea.

Would He frown at worldly DVDs,
Or novels indiscreet,
And at the kids computer games,
Or cricket in the street?

Might He spot the family jigsaw,
Put in a piece or two,
And say "That's going to take a while,
I hope you see it through."

Would He smile at last night's wine glasses,
Still sitting on the sink,
And at my clear discomfort,
Should I offer Him a drink?

Would He expect the fatted calf,
Or some exotic fare,
Or say "I've popped in un-announced,
I'm happy just to share."

And when grace is said at mealtime,
Would it be long and grand?
Or could you say your normal grace,
As you hold each other's hand.

So **when** Jesus comes to your house,
He wants the real you,
To hear about your struggles,
And how you're getting through.

He is the Lord of everyday,
Not distant or apart,
A King who dwells amongst us,
His throne is in our hearts.



"Christ in the House of Martha and Mary"

By Johannes Vermeer

In the Scottish National Gallery

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

To April \$436 = 8.5
stoves for the Kenya
project.



OFFERINGS REPORT

Jan-Mar Total \$10669

Needed \$12000

