



DU Grape Vine



AUGUST 2020

VALÉ TONY FREEMANTLE

We have sadly farewelled Tony who was a valued member of our congregation.

Tony developed his love of the outdoors as a result of living in outer NSW at Clare Station. His father died when he was four years old and he was raised, along with a brother and two sisters, by his mother and grandfather. Tony studied at Dookie Agricultural College for a farming life. In 1958 he was involved in a car accident in Melbourne losing a leg and was lucky to survive. He met Margaret in Hamilton and it turned out that she had nursed him in Melbourne after the accident. They married in 1964 and have three children and seven grandchildren.

Tony worked in sales and then in a veterinary laboratory. He was involved in lots of activities in Hamilton showing the importance of service to others. He was a member of the Presbyterian, and Uniting, Church in Hamilton serving as a Sunday School teacher, Elder and choir member.

When Tony and Margaret retired to Clifton Springs twenty years ago they joined our church and the choir. Tony became involved with the Property Committee, becoming Chair and looking after hall bookings as well as removing graffiti from the buildings. For ten years he was Chairman of the Congregation providing calm leadership and support. Tony was also a volunteer with the Uniting Op Shop and served as Chairman of the Management Committee.

Tony's love of God and service to our church and the community is gladly recognised.



STATISTICAL REPORTING

Having recently completed the statistical reporting to Synod for 2019 I thought you might be interested in some of the facts:

Our membership 93

Males 32 Females 61

Average age 72

Average attendance 53

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

**Church building
closed until further
notice.**

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Margaret Underwood who celebrates her 60th Birthday this month. We look forward to being able to celebrate this with our special lunch in the future. May God's blessings continue to support you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sharn Waldron has launched her latest book co-authored with son David on 150 Years of the Aradale Lunatic Asylum at Ararat.

FAREWELL

We bid farewell to Rev Bruce and Sharn Waldron. Bruce is to be the Supply Minister for Western Heights UC in Geelong West while they are planning for a new minister. They will then join a church closer to their home in Newcomb. We wish them both well.

ADRIAN MANNIX OAM AWARD

Congratulations to Rev Margaret Manning, our minister in 1999-2002 and now a member of Portarlington UC, on being awarded the 2020 Adrian Mannix OAM Award for community service. Margaret has been involved in the Portarlington Biggest Afternoon Tea and set up the Portarlington Food Assistance Program.



This months' services

2 Aug—9.30 am Communion service by Zoom.
All other services as Recorded services on Facebook and the Web site and distributed by email or printed form.

LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING

To July \$912 = 18 stoves for the Kenya project.



Happy birthday!

AUGUST

- John Miller
- Pat Duch
- Lynda Smith
- Glenice Benney
- Margaret Underwood
- Lois Mellross
- Andrew Robertson
- Bruce Van Every
- Alison Loudon
- Ian McLaverty
- Brenda Jacobs

Happy birthday!

MESSY CHURCH @ HOME

The July Messy Church with its puppet theme was great fun. We had sock puppets for Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus; cardboard puppets of the Nativity scene; sock puppet of the donkey ridden by Mary to Bethlehem and by Jesus riding into Jerusalem; Adam and Eve and God's creatures; and large hand puppets for the Daniel and the lion story.



Chloe the cockatoo brought us the celebration story that God is always with us.

OFFERINGS REPORT

Jan-Jul Total	\$25963
Needed	\$25000

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

