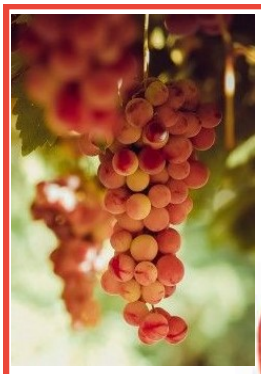


DU Grape Vine

SEPTEMBER 2020

PROFILE—JOHN MILLER

John joined our church about five years ago in his hour of need when his grandson was dying. He found the congregation wrap around him and provide the strength that he needed to continue. The church worked for John and so he continues to worship with us. In his early life John had attended the Salvation Army.

John was born in Thornbury in Melbourne and lived mostly in Northcote. He attended Hallam Street Primary School and then Preston Tech. His mother passed away when he was twelve and he was then raised by his father. At 15 his father said it was time to get a job and so started a life with trams working at the Preston Workshop as an electrical fitter and then as an armature winder, working the W class trams. He also became the apprentice supervisor/teacher. He eventually moved into the Control Room and became its supervisor—here they ensured the supply of power for the tram network. At 55 John decided it was time for a change to something less stressful and he became a bus driver for disability people going to schools, hospitals or workshops.

John married Dorothy in 1965 and they built a house in Lalor and raised two children, Cameron and Suzanne, with three grandchildren coming. Grandson Shaun passed away about five years ago after issues follow a heart transplant. He wrote a book titled “Awesome Ride” of his experience. The other grandchildren live in Singapore.

John and Dorothy moved to their holiday house at Skene’s Creek on retirement before coming to Clifton Springs. John has been an avid lawn bowler and is a keen fisherman; he follows instructions in respect of the garden.

Happy Father’s Day to all fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers, as we also remember those who are no longer with us.

Church Services available on Facebook and web site.

Church building closed until further notice.

MAINLY MUSIC

With no mainly music happening the mainly music team posted a colouring sheet (P is for pineapple, puppet etc.) and a folded paper plane out to the mainly music dads with a note to say they are thinking of them this Father's Day and hoped they would show off their talents with the plane to their child/ren. Normally there would be a pizza family night but not so this year. Well done to the team in trying to continue the church's engagement with these families.

MESSY CHURCH @ HOME

There was no August gathering so the next Messy Church is on Sunday 13 September at 4.30 pm by Zoom. The theme will be "Fathers" with some ideas on how to make a Father's Day card as well as thinking about things in the Bible that relate to Fathers. We of course know that God is the Father of Jesus.

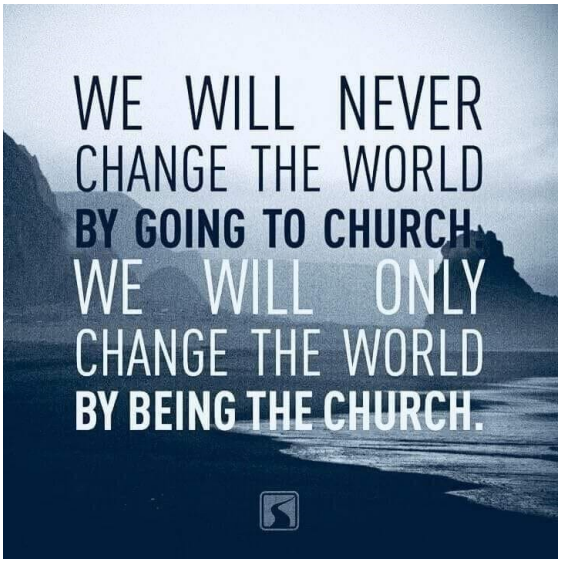
This months' services

6 Sept —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 August $1087 = 22 stoves for the Kenya project.



Happy birthday!

SEPTEMBER
Wayne Myers
Jonnie Mander
Margo Jones
Denise McLaverty
Rita Kuit

Happy birthday!

OFFERINGS REPORT

Jan-Aug Total	$29853
Needed	$28500

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