



# DU Grape Vine



MARCH 2021

## PROFILE—Jean and Harry Cooper

Harry was born in Essex, England as a 2lb. miracle baby and then moved to Nottingham where he attended primary and secondary school, leaving at 14 years. He had one sister and his father was an engineer giving him that background for the future. He started working as an apprentice engineer before spending two years in the Army in Palestine and north Africa. He was asked to make the Army his career but decided to leave for his girl friend Jean. After his Army years in wonderful climate he found



the English weather working with earth moving equipment too much and saw an advert for tradesmen in Australia, but being unmarried was an issue so there was a quick marriage in a spare week and then off to Melbourne; not the Queensland climate expected.

Jean was born in Newthorpe, Nottingham as the daughter of a coalminer and had one sister. She also left school at 14 and went to Business College getting the skills to be a typist and secretary. She met Harry through friends and was married in October 1951 and then migrated to Australia in 1952. Initially they were at Bonegilla and then Norlane Migrant Hostel. Harry had a number of jobs and Jean worked at International Harvester before they settled in Maidstone. They have three children, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. After early involvement in the Church of England in England including Harry being in the choir, they settled with the Church of Christ in Maidstone and then Essendon Uniting Church. Jean taught Sunday School and Religious Instruction in schools between children; she even got to do a four-year Bible Study Fellowship course.

Harry worked for one company as a fitter and worked up to become a director and then bought it with a friend before eventually selling to Rio Tinto. They retired to Mornington for 24 years before moving “overseas” to Drysdale four years ago—chosen because it was near a daughter but with the better climate. They spend their time now with carpet bowls, family, and for Harry making remote controlled model planes and boats; there is also an interest in old cars. Like all grandparents they are proud of theirs including a granddaughter who started a Foundation for orphaned children in Cambodia and a grandson teaching there; also a grandson who has just started as a doctor in Melbourne.

They come to church for the worship and closeness to God—Harry likes a good sermon that relates to everyday life.

**MESSY CHURCH**

Well February didn't happen so we have rescheduled for Sunday 21 March. Still the "Love" theme and the meal supplied.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY**

The group thinks they should be changing it's name to the Noisy Laughter Bible Study. 8.00—9.00 am at Café Zoo on Saturday 20 March. All are welcome.



**PILGRIMAGE**

Now rescheduled to Saturday 20 March starting at 9.30 am. Please add your name to the list in the foyer or let Wayne know.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday 5 March at 10.00 am at St James Anglican church.

*This months' services*

7 Mar – 9.00 am & 10.45 am  
Denise's Team

14 Mar — 10.15 am Combined  
Rev Temukisa  
Harvest table,  
Commissioning, possibly  
Communion

21 Mar — 9.00 am & 10.45 am  
Jenni's Team  
- 4.30 pm Messy Church

28 Mar — 9.00 am & 10.45 am  
Rev Temukisa



Happy birthday!

**MARCH**

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

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**LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING**

This year's recipient organisation is Samaritan House Geelong who provide overnight accommodation and support for homeless men. The offering to date is \$364.



W@9	MORNING TEA	COUNTING	READINGS	PRAYERS
MAR 7	Wayne's Team	Val	Denise's Team	Denise's Team
14	Marie & Margo	Jenni	Marie	Margo
21	Marg & Dianne	Lynda	Jenni's Team	Jenni's Team
28	Jenni's Team	Sue	Val	Sue

FLOWERS	
MAR 7	-
14	Andrea
21	Denise
28	Val

10.45	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	READING	PRAYERS	VESTRY
MAR 7	Glenice & Kelvin	Melva	Denise's Team	Denise's Team	Ken
14	Alma & Win	Brenda	Marguerite	Pat	Pat
21	Susan & Pat	Wilma	Jenni's Team	Jenni's Team	John
28	Brenda & Melva	Carol	Win	Carol	Ken

MOWING	
MAR	Ian & Denise

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