



# DU Grape Vine



JUNE 2023

## NEW BABY

Congratulations to Huyen and Nathan Polley on the birth of their first child, Kai Tran Polley. Kai is also the first grandchild for Sue Polley. We pray God's blessing for him for a healthy and eventful life.



## PENTECOST

**Pentecost**, comes from the Greek meaning "50th day", and is celebrated in Christian churches on the fiftieth day of Easter.



It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and other disciples following the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. It also marks the beginning of the Christian church's mission to the world.

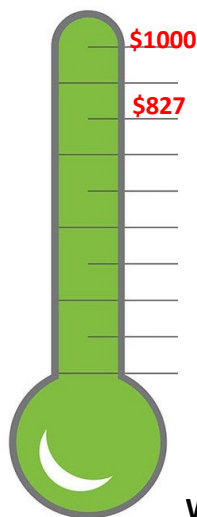
The Jewish feast of Pentecost (Shavuot) was primarily a thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest, but it was later associated with a remembrance of the Law given by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. The church's transformation of the Jewish feast to a Christian festival was thus related to the belief that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus was the first fruits of a new order that fulfilled and succeeded the old order of the Law.

The festival was first celebrated in the Christian church in at least the second century. It became a popular day for baptisms and in Anglican churches is called Whitsunday. Red is often worn to symbolize the "tongues of fire" that descended on the disciples from the Holy Spirit.



*Welcome to winter*

## LOOSE CHANGE



We have raised \$827 so far for The Smith Family organisation. This will cover 16 months of support for a child. Our target by 30 June is \$1000. One in six Australian children and young people grow up in poverty. The main focus of The Smith Family is on education at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. They believe investing in the education of a disadvantaged child delivers long-term positive benefits for them, their family and potentially generations to come.

## WINTER WOOLLIES APPEAL



June is our Winter Woollies appeal month when we collect beanies, socks, scarves, jumpers, jackets, coats, blankets and doonas for the homeless and other people in need. These will

be given to Uniting Barwon for distribution.

## ONE WORD SERMON

Lynda spoke of the word *Eternity* recently as a one word sermon. What words can you think of that says it all?

## OP SHOP

The hours have been changed, for the winter months, and with lots of volunteers away, to be closed on Thursday afternoons. The plant sale is now the first Saturday of each month. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please speak to Marg Cheale or Wayne Myers.—all help is appreciated for one shift or many.



## This months' services

4 Jun —10.30 am Rev Karen Eller  
HC & Loose change  
11 Jun —10.30 am Denise's Team  
18 Jun —10.30am Rev Ian Porter  
25 Jun —10.30am Rev Karen Eller  
& Social Justice Team

## The Darkling Thrush Thomas Hardy

I leant upon a coppice gate  
When Frost was spectre-gray,  
And Winter's dregs made desolate  
The weakening eye of day.  
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky  
Like strings of broken lyres,  
And all mankind that haunted night  
Had sought  
their household  
fires.



Happy birthday!

## MAY

Renee Colley  
Elizabeth Thomas  
Grant George  
Harry Cooper

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		MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING FLOWERS	
JUN	4	Wayne's Team	Lynda	Pat	Carol	Marie	Denise	Claire
	11	Jenni's Team	Ken	John	Denise's Team		Margo	Marg
	18	Denise's Team	Carol	Denise	Margaret	Carol	Jonnie	Pat
	25	Alma & Win	Wilma	Claire	Susan	Sue	Sue	Susan

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## MOWING

JUN Norm & Marg