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JANUARY 2024

THE END OF AN ERA OF WONDERFUL MINISTRY

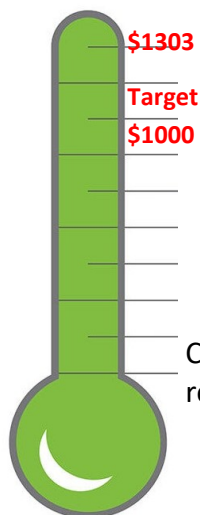
After 15 years mainly music at Drysdale Uniting stopped at the end of 2023. The program has provided Christian oriented music and movement and socialising to 389 children from 259 families across 16 different towns—that's a lot of Christian message delivery into homes. The program was initiated by Renee Colley and Val Lestrage and provided by great teams over the years of Renee Colley, Val Lestrage, Lynda Smith, Jenni Nickelson, Claire Sierakowski, Jonnie Mander, Denise McLaverty, Belinda McLaverty, Marg Cheale, Joan Cook, Sue Polley, Zoe Bell, Julie Marles, Wendy Allot, Jen Marshman, Kirsten Mitchell, Maggie Boynton, Jessica Chakir, Lisette George, Ariahn George, Irene Stevenson, Debbie Frank, Jen Davis, and Harvey Davis. Supported by morning tea providers Alma Milvain, Susan Duncan, Melva Stringer, Wayne Myers, Jennie Nickelson, Lynda Smith, Marg Cheale, Joan Cook, Claire Sierakowski, Val Lestrage, Sue Polley, Margo Jones, Judy Grimm, Renee Colley, Irene Stevenson, Jen Davis, Lesley Taylor; and prayer group members Bob Stevenson, Judy Grimm, Val Lestrage, Jenni Nickelson, Jonnie Mander, Denise McLaverty, Wayne Myers, Claire Sierakowski, Marg Cheale, Lynda Smith, Sue Polley, Joan Cook. (With apologies to anyone that I have left out but they have been appreciated). God's blessings on all who have been involved. Some photos as a record:



Next Grapevine
28 JAN



LOOSE CHANGE



Our loose change offering for the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation ended up as \$1303 which was rounded up by Church Council to \$1400. Based on \$5 per book that is about 280 books for aboriginal children. Another fantastic result. We start again, with our loose change recipients to be decided at the Congregation AGM based on the recommendations from Church Council.



CONGREGATION ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held on Sunday 4 February following the service. There will be a shared lunch following the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Marie and Michael Harris who have welcomed their sixth grandchild, Esme, just before Christmas.

MORNING TEA WITH THE MINISTER

Commencing on Friday 2 February and then every first Friday of the month from 10.30 am—12.00 pm in the church hall. This will be an opportunity for members of the congregation, Op Shop volunteers, Op Shop customers and members of the public to come along for a cuppa—we have even bought a coffee machine in readiness.



This months' services

7 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen Eller
HC & Loose change
14 Jan — 10.30 am Wayne's Team
21 Jan — 10.30 am Denise's Team
28 Jan — 10.30 am Rev Karen

The End Of The Rainbow

At the end of the rainbow
Is where I long to be...
With the pot of gold
I am promised to see.
How do I get there,
Do you know the way?
Just follow your dreams,
My dear, and you will
Get there some day.

Dorothy (Alves) Holmes



Happy birthday!

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Kelvin Benney
Tracey Myers
Melva Stringer
Leigh Pope
Jean Konings
Hazel James
Colleen Diamond
John Reid

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
JAN 7	Andrea & Rhonda	Denise	Lynda	Andrea	Carol	Denise	Marg	Joan & Rhonda
14	Marg & Dianne	Melva	John	Wayne's Team	Wayne's Team	Colleen	Val	
21	Belinda & Darren	Lynda	Rhonda	Denise's Team	Denise's Team	Marg	Judy	
28	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Ian	Kelvin	Marie	Ian	-	

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