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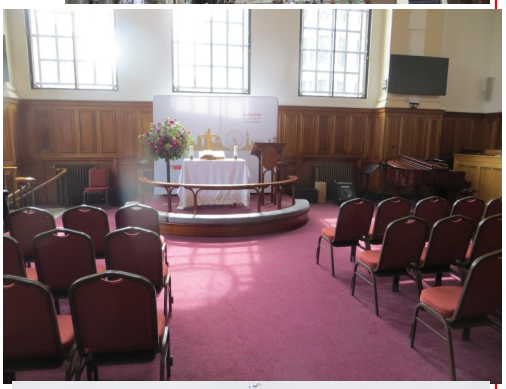
CHURCH ON HOLIDAYS

Lots of time when you are on holidays you don't get the opportunity to go to church due to travelling issues or perhaps you just want to have a rest. I have just returned from holidays to UK, Belgium and France, and had the opportunity to attend some services.

In London I attended a Eucharist service at St Paul's Cathedral which was interesting with tourists wandering around the cathedral at the same time. I visited the Methodist Central Hall (just across the road from Westminster Abbey) for a quiet prayer and also the Wellington, Somerset, Church of England.



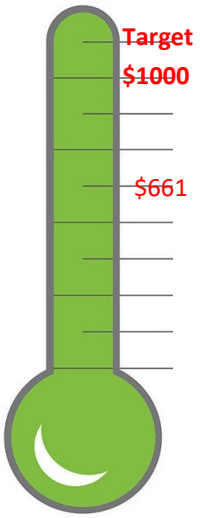
In Belgium at the Order of St John of Jerusalem gathering we started each day with devotions in the hotel basement which was originally the crypt of a church. On the Sunday we went to the Basilica of the Holy Blood for a Lauds service—mostly psalms sung by a cantor (with an absolutely beautiful voice) with congregation responses—and then an afternoon ecumenical service of the Order. The Basilica has a relic of some drops of blood shed by Jesus at his crucifixion which was venerated as part of the service. The Order is a Christian order of chivalry and so the service was a mix of Catholic and Anglican without communion.

In France the only service I attended was the ANZAC Day dawn service at Villers-Bretoneux, a moving service in a very special place.

God is good and it makes no matter where you are in the world you can still find comfort and peace and spiritual fulfilment.

Wayne

LOOSE CHANGE



The offering so far this year has been $661 which will go to Foundation 61's House of Hope. The 8 bed women's residential rehab facility set on two acres is almost ready to open. It will provide six months live in and offer a holistic program for recovery.

This months' services

5 May —10.30 am Rev Margaret Manning
HC & Loose change
12 May —10.30 am Jenni's Team
19 May —10.30 am Rev Karen
26 May — 10.30 am Wayne's Team

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

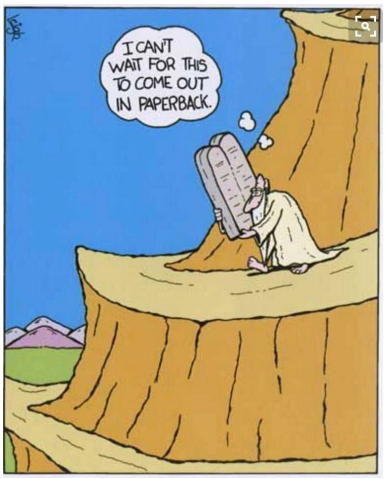
We congratulate Karen for her special birthday this month—60th.

We will celebrate on Sunday 26 May with our '0' Birthday Lunch at the Clifton Springs Golf Club at 12.15 pm. Please record your name on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to attend.

RETREAT

Our annual Retreat this year is on Saturday 1 June. Bookings are now being taken. There is no cost but attendees are asked to provide a food item as listed on the sheet in the foyer.

The guest presenter this year is Rev Assoc Prof Geoff Thompson, the Coordinator of Studies in Systematic Theology at Pilgrim Theological College, who will use the theme "Confession, Context and Controversy: The UCA's Quest for Wisdom". Everyone is welcome.



Happy birthday!

MAY
John Macgillivray
Margaret Freemantle
Margaret Jeffrey
Norm Cheale
Peter Wood
Sue Polley
Gordon Hanley
Emma McLachlan
Karen Eller
Val Lestrange

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
MAY 5	Margo & Marie	Lynda	Denise	Susan	Val	Colleen	Wayne	Val & Lynda
12	Susan & Win	Melva	John	Jenni's Team		Jonnie	Denise	
19	Glenice & Kelvin	Kelvin & Glenice	Rhonda	Kelvin	Marie	Margo	Andrea	
26	Sue D & Pat	Wilma	Ian	Wayne's Team		Denise		

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