



# DU Grape Vine



AUGUST 2025

## PROFILE— CHRISTOS DE LANGE

Christos was born in Delmas, South Africa where his father was a diesel mechanic and his mother an IT processor. His mother was also church organist for most of her life. Christos has four brothers and one sister.

He was educated at Dunotor Primary School and then Transvlani High School before going to Val Triangle Technikron (university) to study analytical chemistry. His work life then proceeded with laboratory work especially in paint technology, starting at Sasals, one the major companies in South Africa. The next job was at James Hardie in fibre concrete technology, followed by time with Protea Fertiliser where he developed a coating for fertiliser.

In 2012 he was asked to become project manager in Australia with responsibility for fertiliser depots. The laboratory was his specialty but he moved into sales related to construction paints and coatings, now working partly at home and time in the office in Melbourne.

In line with South African policy he served his compulsory training in the army for two years as an operational medic.

He married Susan in 2003 and they have two sons and a daughter. He spends time studying natural therapies, bike riding, gardening and being a computer gamer.

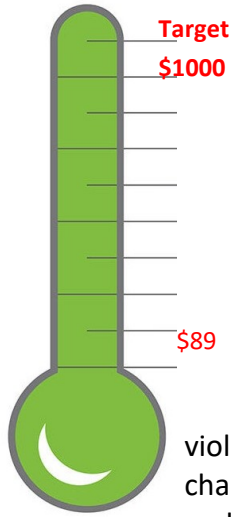
Christos attended a Full Gospel Pentecostal church in South Africa and says his biggest experience was meeting Jesus. He is pleased to be back attending church with us after a break because he likes being part of a church family.

## SYNOD 2025

The Synod Meeting will be held at the Box Hill Town Hall from Saturday 30 August until Tuesday 2 September. Karen and Wayne will be attending. Saturday commences with the installation of the new Moderator, Rev Salesi Faupula. Rev Tara Tautari, General Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand will provide the daily theological reflections and Rev Prof John Flett, the Professor of Missiology and Intercultural Theology at Pilgrim Theological College, will provide the daily Bible study. Members will hear reports from the various bodies of the church, attend elective sessions, and participate in working groups to consider responses to major discussion topics.



**LOOSE CHANGE**



We are now raising funds for Orange Door —The Orange Door is a free intake and assessment service for children, young people and adults who may be experiencing family violence, those who are using family violence and want to change their behaviour, and families who need extra support with the



care, wellbeing and development of children and young people. In July we have contributed \$89.25.

**PRAYING FOR PEOPLE**

We have many opportunities to pray for members of our congregation, for friends or local/world issues:

- In our personal prayers
- During worship in the sharing joys and concerns time
- Through the prayer chain.

In the latter two it is important to respect people’s privacy—have they given permission for you to mention their name and need, just their name or not at all. Importantly we do not want to stop our prayer involvement but we need to do so with sensitivity. If you would like to join the prayer chain please speak to Wayne. This is a group of people who are asked by email to pray privately for someone.



*This months' services*

3 Aug —10.30 am Rev Karen  
 HC & Loose change  
 10 Aug —10.30 am Wayne’s Team  
 17 Aug —10.30 am Rev Karen  
 24 Aug— 10.30 am Rev Karen  
 31 Aug—10.15 am Combined  
 service—Porter lay team at  
 Drysdale

**LINKED CONGREGATIONS COMBINED SERVICE**

Sunday 31 August is the next combined service at 10.15 am. As Karen will be at Synod the service will be led by Ian & Joy Porter. A shared lunch will follow the service.



**Happy birthday!**  
**AUGUST**  
 John Miller  
 Pat Duch  
 Lynda Smith  
 Margaret Underwood  
 Bruce Van Every  
 Ian McLaverty  
 Elliot Meadows  
 Brenda Jacobs  
 Andrea Lindsay  
 Maggie Freeman  
**Happy birthday!**

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
AUG 3	Rhonda & Carolyn	Rhonda	Denise	Kelvin	Margo	Colleen	Susan	Denise & Wayne
10	Belinda & Darren	Jean	Ian	Wayne’s	Team	Lynda	Denise	
17	Susan & Win	Wilma	Rhonda	Carol	Jean	Denise	Wayne	
24	Joyce & Dianne	Lynda	Claire	Claire	Marie	Margo	Wayne	
31	Melva & Brenda	Brenda	Lynda	Andrea	Carol	Colleen	-	

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