



KINDRED SPIRITS

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CHRISTMAS 2019

This nativity scene at the Cumberland Road church has been on display every Christmas since 2007. The scene was constructed by Stewart Findlay and painted by Fred Hickey and replaced an earlier scene given to us by the Knights of the Southern Cross. A nativity scene is one of the most powerful and popular symbols of Christmas in the Christian world and it is familiar to many people. It is an iconic symbol of Christian hope and redemption and celebrates one of the most important events in the history of humankind: the birth of Jesus.



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CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

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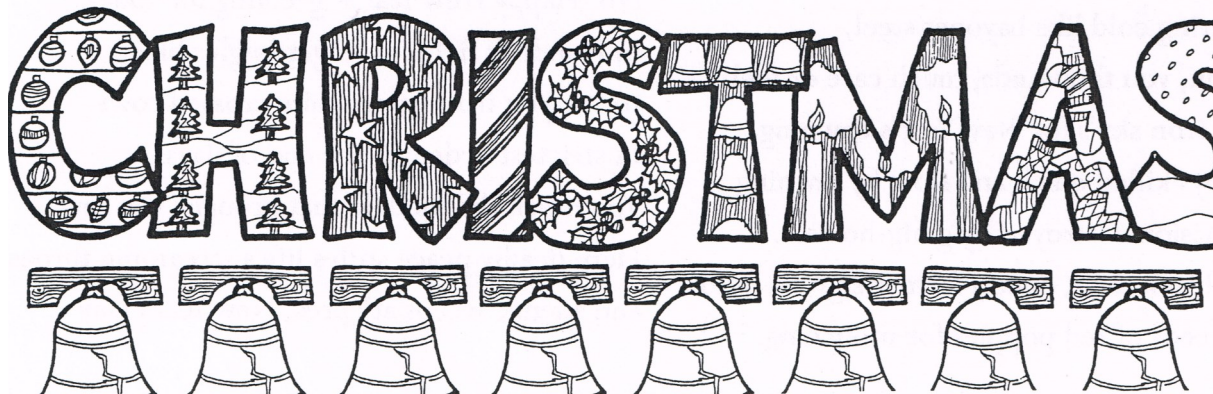
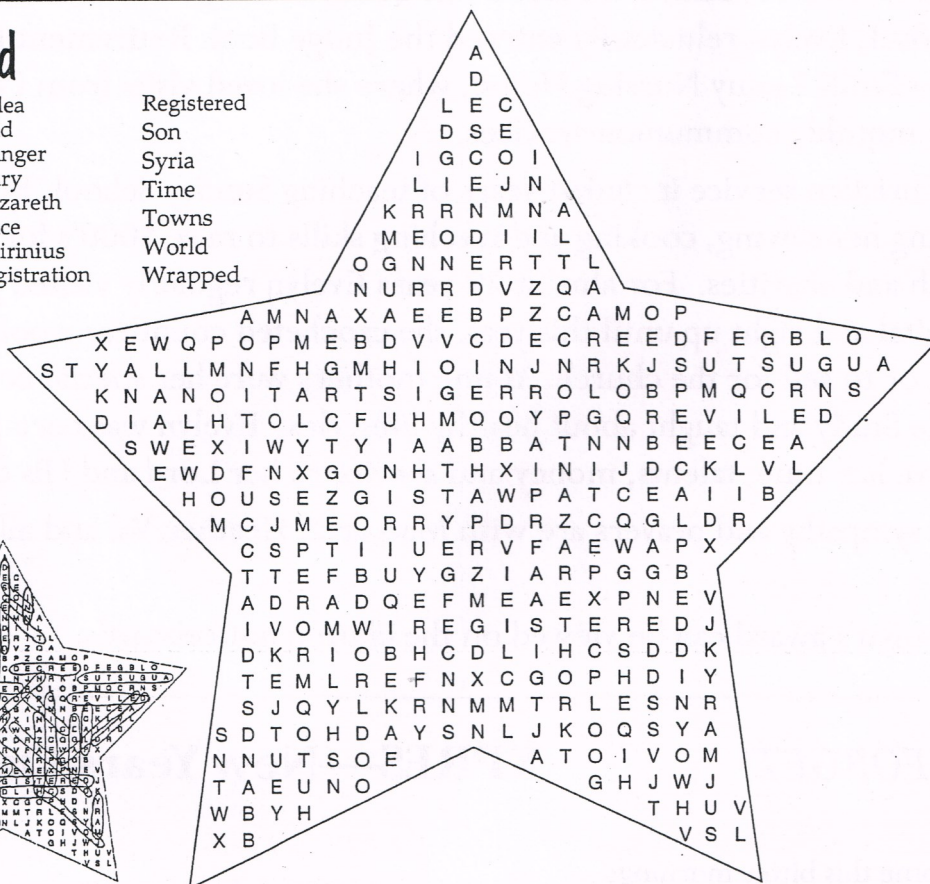
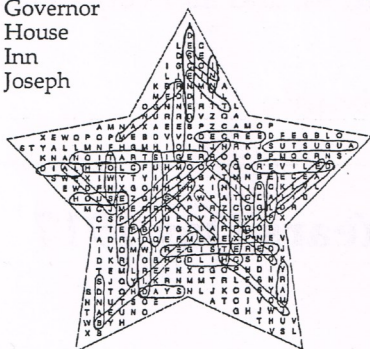
Fill in the blanks below with the words from the Word Find.

In those _____ a _____ went out from _____ that all the _____ should be _____. This was the first _____ and was taken while _____ was _____ of _____. All went to their own _____ to be registered. _____ also went from the town of _____ in _____ to _____, to the _____ of _____ called _____, because he was _____ from the _____ and _____ of David. He went to be registered with _____, to whom he was _____ and who was _____ a _____. While they were there, the _____ came for her to _____ her child. And she gave _____ to her _____ and _____ him in _____ of _____, and _____ him in a _____, because there was no _____ for them in the _____. - Luke 2:1-7

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Word Find

Augustus	Judea	Registered
Bands	Laid	Son
Bethlehem	Manger	Syria
Birth	Mary	Time
Child	Nazareth	Towns
City	Place	World
Cloth	Quirinius	Wrapped
David	Registration	
Days		
Decree		
Deliver		
Descended		
Emperor		
Engaged		
Expecting		
Family		
Firstborn		
Galilee		
Governor		
House		
Inn		
Joseph		



REFRESHING THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Refreshing the Christmas story each year can be a challenge. Most everyone expects something different, but some like continuity and if you change anything from last year they will never let you forget it. Also some like something a bit more contemporary, including a re-telling of the Christmas story in a way that makes more sense in today's world – and they definitely don't want the same story they had last year. So every year storytellers have to think of a new way of telling the familiar Christmas story so that it:

1. is true to the Bible;
2. doesn't upset the older people;
3. doesn't bore the children;
4. contains some contemporary references;
5. includes some aspect of the story that may not have been thought of before;
6. ends on a positive note – Christmas really is good news!

The first objective is not as difficult as it at first appears, because only two of the gospels contain the nativity story and the accounts are different so that the elements can be combined in many different ways. The important point is not to contradict either account—and not to draw attention to the discrepancies between them or their perhaps inherent improbability. Using the Bible stories in this way also meets the second objective of not upsetting the older people (who've heard them many times before). If the gospels contain an accurate account of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus then there must be some overlap between them so that, for example, the star that led the Magi in Matthew must have been visible from the fields where the shepherds in Luke were guarding their sheep, and could have guided them to the stable as well. If some people were travelling towards Bethlehem to be counted in the census, then other people must have been leaving Bethlehem to be counted elsewhere, and perhaps this included some of the staff of the inn, which is why it could not accept anymore new arrivals.

The second and third objectives also fit nicely together; by including some references to the world today you can keep the attention of listeners of all ages. Arrangements must have been made for the actual counting, which must have been done in Roman numbers (and everyone knows how difficult those are)! For the fourth and fifth objectives, a possibility [19 years ago now] could have been to link the nativity story to the 'millennium bug' by describing how the book-keeping at the inn was in a muddle because of the calendar change from BC to AD...

And finally it is important to make the point that the birth of Jesus is only the beginning of the gospel story. For some listeners who are not church-goers this may be the only part of the Bible with which they are familiar—so it is important to capitalise on this interest, possibly by highlighting that the Christmas baby is not just a Middle Eastern refugee child with an unmarried mother; it is none other than the maker of the universe, come to live with us, as had been foretold for centuries before it happened. So its good to always end with the sun rising on the morning after the birth and the innkeeper realising how special the new-born infant is, not just for him but for everyone...

e.MOTION21

In 2019 e.motion21 celebrated 10 years of “moving bodies and moving boundaries” in the Down syndrome community.

In 2011 the Pascoe Vale South Uniting Church hall became their 2nd venue for holding classes.

e.motion21 now operate at nine locations, and has 120 volunteers.

Moving bodies is more than just the physical movement, it also means being active in a world that does not normally cater to the challenges of Down syndrome.

Moving boundaries means pushing the envelope, stepping beyond limits that previously had to be accepted. It means

Changing preconceived notions of what those with Down syndrome can't do and highlighting what they can do.

Pascoe Vale Uniting Churches is recognised by e.motion21 as a valued supporter.



KENT ROAD NEWS

Christmas Blessings to all at this very special time of the year as we await God's greatest gift to us, Baby Jesus. May the New Year be a time of peace, blessings and good health to you and your love ones.



How blessed we are at Kent Rd. for the many folk who give their time to the smooth running of our church. It is a delight to have Lynden with us with his great gift of Ministry of worship and music adding to our very special music group. Thanks also to Epa and family, Les. Helen, Shirley, Merv, Vi, Chris and also to Robert for the generous morning tea he and Kay supply each week. Greatly appreciated all.

How wonderful was Carols at Kent. What a great night, thanks to Annette and the many groups she encouraged to attend making the evening so special. Ian led the service and we were pleased to have the Church of Jesus our Saviour joining in the carols in Arabic. An enjoyable B.B.Q. was held before the service making a great way to meet new friends.

Sadly after 60 years of exercise and friendship the ladies Calisthenics group are not meeting again. This group originally met on Monday evenings and then changed to Monday afternoons. Many of these ladies were mothers of our Girls' Group that were very successful in the 60's. We wish them all well in the future and it has been a delight to have had you as part of our church family.



**Corner of Kent &
Cornwall Roads
TODAY**

**Corner of Kent &
Cornwall Roads
in the 1940s**

*This photo is of Mr. West's bus
garage and Miss Breen house*



HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

The first day of the new year can be just another day, or it can be a fresh start, a resolution to improve the way we live and behave towards others.

We can't make the wind change or rains fall. We can't always undo mistakes. But we can learn from them and make small alterations to ensure our personal world is a happier one.

The secret lies in how we look at things – choosing to look at the cup as half full rather than half empty, and counting our blessings rather than those things that aren't going our way.



I was reminded of this by a festive message that came with a request to share it with others – I share this message (author unknown) with you today.

"Two traveling angels stopped to spend the night in the home of a wealthy family. The family was rude and refused to let the angels stay in the mansion's guest room.

Instead the angels were given a small space in the cold basement. As they made their bed on the hard floor, the older angel saw a hole in the wall and repaired it. When the younger angel asked why, the older angel replied, "Things aren't always what they seem."

The next night the pair came to rest at the house of a very poor, but very hospitable farmer and his wife. After sharing what little food they had the couple let the angels sleep in their bed where they could have a good night's rest.

When the sun came up the next morning the angels found the farmer and his wife in tears. Their only cow, whose milk had been their sole income, lay dead in the field. The younger angel was infuriated and asked the older angel how could you have let this happen?

The first man had everything, yet you helped him, she accused. The second family had little but was willing to share everything, and you let the cow die. "Things aren't always what they seem," the older angel replied.

"When we stayed in the basement of the mansion, I noticed there was gold stored in that hole in the wall. Since the owner was so obsessed with greed and unwilling to share his good fortune, I sealed the wall so he wouldn't find it."

"Then last night as we slept in the farmers bed, the angel of death came for his wife. I gave him the cow instead. Things aren't always what they seem." Sometimes that is exactly what happens when things don't turn out the way they should. If you have faith, you just need to trust that every outcome is always to your advantage. You just might not know it until some time later.

Affirmations are also helpful.

Two of my favourites are:

- ◆ Yesterday is history, Tomorrow is a mystery, Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!
- ◆ I think this life is special.....live and savour every moment.....this is not a dress rehearsal.

Let's make the most of it.

Author Unknown

SOUTHERN SNIPPETS

Another calendar year is quickly coming to an end and we are about to enter the 2020s!

2019 has been a year of significant change—the biggest change being holding alternating Sunday worship services with Kent Road. Whilst many do not like to see either of our churches closed on Sundays, this has otherwise worked well and PVS & Kent Road members certainly appear to be enjoying spending every Sunday together.

Our monthly Communion services at Dorothy Impey will restart from February 2020 on the first Thursday of each month at 2.00 pm and we enjoyed singing carols with the residents on the first Thursday in December. We were also pleased to sing carols with the residents at the BUPA Home in Coburg on Wednesday the 18th. Our thanks must go to Rev Lynden Broadstock for not only these nursing home services—but also for his commitment to and occasional attendance at the UCAF meetings, Westgate Flicks and anything else that we ask of him!

Westgate Flicks will be closed in January but will be up and running again from February 2020 on the third Wednesday of each month—with doors open from 12.30 pm when everyone can enjoy fellowship and complimentary refreshments. The movies start at 1.30 pm and the early 2020 line-up (movies picked by the audience) is:

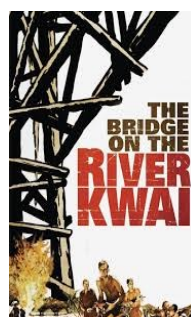
- Wednesday 19 February—Harvey starring James Stewart
- Wednesday 18 March—The Desert Song starring Kathryn Grayson and Gordon MacRae
- Wednesday 15 April—The Bridge over the River Kwai starring William Holden, Alec Guinness and Jack Hawkins
- Wednesday 20 May—The 39 Steps starring Robert Donat and Madeline Carroll
- Wednesday 17 June—Three Little Words starring Fred Astaire, Vera-Ellen and Red Skelton

Please share this information with anyone you think may be interested—this is a free activity and everyone is welcome—small pocket sized flyers are available... With regard to Westgate Flicks, our sincere thanks must go to Vic and his ‘Vic’s Flicks’ team—his enthusiasm and hard work are an essential element of the success of this venture that has become a “community” of around 30-35 people meeting together each month.

Our second Hymn Sing-along in 2019 was held on Sunday 17 November at 2.00 pm with a good crowd attending—many thanks to Rev Ian Collings, organist Geoff Anderson and soloist, Mandy Collings.

Have a safe and happy Christmas everyone and best wishes for 2020...

Jean T



UCAF FELLOWSHIP GROUP.....

President: Jean Kyte
Secretary: Marj Sproat



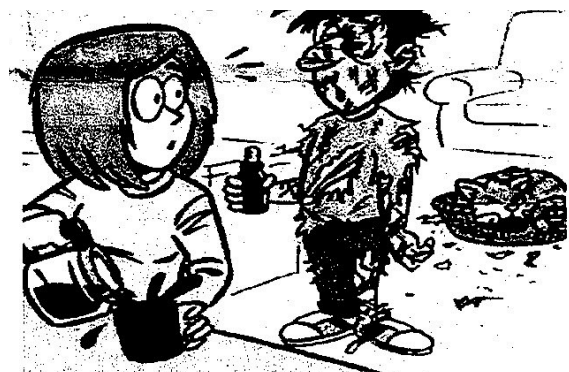
Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1.00 pm at the Pascoe Vale South Church, with speakers from 1.30 pm.

In August Rev Ian Collings was our speaker and spoke to us about the Northern Territory Newspaper and its reputation for it's front page headlines. A book, What A Croc, featuring the paper's most popular front pages was released in 2014!



In September Shirley Foster spoke about spring flowers and in October 14 of us enjoyed our Annual Lunch Out at Pascoe Vale RSL. We had our Annual Meeting in November and enjoyed a BYO lunch in December whilst planning our activities for 2020...

Marj Sproat



**I GAVE THE CAT HER MEDICINE...
COULD YOU DRIVE ME TO THE
HOSPITAL NOW?**



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

JOAN'S JOTTINGS

Most times when I start Joan's Jottings I wonder what to write about. Quite often (as this time) it is about myself.

I have just had new carpet in my unit. The carpet layers moved all the big items of furniture and I had to clear out smaller things (thanks to Chris and Ivan). I did put a lot of things in boxes. Then when the job was finished everything had to be put back. All the places to put things were filled and I still had four boxes to empty. I think this was telling me I must have a lot of junk.

Once it was finished it was worth all the bother. Doubt I will ever have to do it again.

A friend of mine is also a friend of Margaret Golding. We decided to visit her at Woodend. She is very happy in the nursing home. She looked well and was very pleased to see us.

Have been getting some books ready for the Treasurer's job in 2020. Not sure if I will be elected. Perhaps someone would like to take over? I think it may be the former not the latter.

A friend packed up all my books when the carpet was being done and took them to her place. They have not been returned to date and I only have two books here—but have managed to find a few quotes and stories.

- There are three very effective kinds of communication: telephone, telegraph, tell-a-gossip
- When your dreams turn to dust... vacuum
- A preacher who had spent hours studiously writing the notes for his Sunday sermon forgot and left them at home. He began his sermon: "Since I have forgotten my notes, I am forced to rely on the Lord for help. Next Sunday I shall come better prepared..."
- Some members of a church were discussing their new minister who had just finished theological school. "He acts like he thinks he's God," stated one person—but the person who took the blue ribbon said "I wouldn't be a bit surprised if he starts autographing Bibles."
- A would-be author sent a manuscript to a publisher. An editor noticed that it had no punctuation marks. However at the end there was a note that stated, "I'm no good at punctuation, so I am enclosing a page of periods, commas, semicolons, colons, apostrophes, quotation marks, question marks and exclamation points. You can place them where they belong."



Joan T

WORLD HUNGER RISING FOR THREE YEARS IN A ROW. \$16 BILLION SPENT ON UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT OFTEN END UP IN LANDFILL. GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS.

IS IT TIME TO... #CancelChristmas?

In light of marketing that prompts us to find the perfect present in the form of vegan-certified therapy beds for our cats, is it possible that we've hit #peakChristmas and we should all just call it quits?

Probably not. What it takes, of course, is a refocus on the original gift of Christ among humanity – raw, close and transforming. Perhaps it's no surprise we see those changes most readily in places where vegan-certified cat therapy beds are in shortest supply (as are most other items). These are the places where suffering is real yet faith is strong – where children die from preventable disease and women are silenced by violence and hunger stalks families day after day. And yet as Leonard Cohen would have it, it's where things are most cracked that the light gets in.

This Christmas, UnitingWorld invites you to respond both to the pain of the world and the birth of Christ by giving gifts that matter. Things like education and pigs and training for women in places where people are eager to take in their own, creative hands the tools that build hope.

How do we know how much they matter? We've seen it. Among 202,305 people (yes, we had our UnitingWorld partners count them), we've seen the dirt-grimed palms and hydroponic crops; the newly stocked market stalls and the eager attendance at handwashing demonstrations; skilful fingers feeding cloth into sewing machines and eyes lighting up as the Scriptures are opened to Jesus' treatment of women and girls; pigs and goats tended with care.

These gifts are evidence of Christ's kingdom coming in and through God's people. These gifts prevent diseases that kill. They send girls to school who might otherwise be married at fifteen, and they change the attitudes that lead to family violence. They stop hunger.

And we know these gifts matter to you too. We've seen your passion for a world where people live with dignity and hope. During the year our team visited you in your congregations from the north coast



to the mountains, in inner city Sydney suburbs and out on the plains. You told us that even as you sometimes struggle to meet your own needs, you still believe you have enough to share – at home and abroad. You told us that your love for our farmers in the outback makes you even more aware of life for farmers in Zimbabwe, tackling disease and corruption on top of drought. Connecting with God's people and God's work around the world brings you life, here and now. It always has, and it always will.

On the coast at Corrimal we watched certificates handed out to members of Adult Fellowships who've hit milestones of 80 and 90 years of age – lifelong supporters who've prayed, cooked, gardened, knitted, stood for countless hours in the sun at BBQs, read and listened – joining their lives with people they've never met who are also working hard for a better life. In particular, they've raised thousands of dollars so that people like Lima, the first female theological lecturer in the Solomon Islands, can prepare the way for others.

In Bowral, where this year's Everything in Common Gift Catalogue video was made, we're seeing families start conversations with their children about why the birth of Jesus connects us to children in Vanuatu, South Sudan and Sri Lanka. We're seeing what happens when people decide to live out the call to God's world made new – across borders, among neighbours near and far. 🌱

Cath Taylor



TOP: THE EARL FAMILY FROM BOWRAL ENJOYING GIFTS FROM UNITINGWORLD'S EVERYTHING IN COMMON GIFT CATALOGUE. PHOTO BY ALEX BAKER.

BOTTOM: REV LIMA TURA (CENTRE) WITH PASTOR DOROTHY FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN VANUATU (LEFT) AND MALISI HONOLULU, SECRETARY FOR THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OF THE TUVALU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. PHOTO BY NATASHA HOLLAND.

Thank you for another year beside us sharing what we have with God's people.

We invite you to reclaim Christmas for good and keep giving through UnitingWorld's Everything in Common gift catalogue – gifts that fight poverty and build hope as they honour the people you love.

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ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PASCOE VALE SOUTH 1911-1977

(continuation from previous articles)

The first permanent building was a weatherboard structure despite consistent planning by the Board of Management for a brick building. That had to await the opening of the current building in 1959. Back in 1933 the fledgling congregation was suddenly responsible for two weatherboard buildings on the Cumberland Road—Westgate Street site: the new church and the portable hall from Wills Street. In addition, the number of communicants had increased and the Presbytery of Melbourne West granted Session status to Pascoe Vale in a letter to the Rev John Sinclair dated 7 February 1934. No longer was Pascoe Vale deemed a Home Mission station served by lay preachers, students and exits students, but now it would have an ordained minister and the congregation needed to establish the Session with locally elected elders. To appreciate the significance of this development it is necessary to understand governance and belief in the Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterians, like all reformed churches, believe in the sovereignty of God, the authority of the Scriptures, and growth in grace through faith in Christ. The title minister had special meaning. He or she was not a priest but was considered the first amongst equals. Ministers were expected to have studied the Bible extensively in order to interpret scripture in relation to current socials and moral challenges; preside at the two sacraments of communion and baptism, offer pastoral care to their flock, and leadership both to the church and the local community. Elders were elected by the congregation for life to assist ministers in government of the church via Session which, together with Presbytery and the State Assembly, accounted for the governance structure of the church. Presbyterians held that elders were called and appointed by God; they were examples to others; they offered leadership, and exercised general spiritual oversight of the congregation. These presbyters distributed communion cards, assisted with quarterly communion, maintained the Communion Roll, and, together with the minister, formed the Session. Conversations within Session remained confidential. An interim Session comprising the Rev John Sinclair and two elders from neighbouring churches, Messrs Jamieson and Black, met on 1 March 1934. Mr and Mrs Hossack from the Coburg Church also attended. The immediate business was the election of elders and managers for the Board of Management. These tasks were completed by late March 1934 and as far as I can ascertain, the first elders were Messrs Hossack, Oatley, Smith and H. Taylor. On Sunday 29 April 1934 the Session Minute Book recorded the following:

“Five years after the opening of this Church the first Session was duly Ordained and Inducted by the Superintendent Minister assisted by the Sessions of North Essendon, Queens Park, Moonee Ponds and Coburg.”

Signed: John Sinclair, B.A. Minister, Robert Walter Jamieson, Percy Charles Gibbons, Ernest Thomas Jones, James Forbes Irvine, George Thomas Blair, David Douglas, Roderick McKenzie, George Esson Harding, Archibald Black - - - Acting Session Clerk.

At the conclusion of that meeting Mr H. Taylor became the first Session Clerk at St Andrew's Pascoe Vale and Mr George Hossack was nominated to represent Pascoe Vale, Queens Park and North Essendon at the Assembly Hall.

St Andrew's rapidly became a centre for the local community and this was to be expected with two buildings on site and no public hall in a sparsely settled area. There was increased demand for use of both the church and church hall by clubs attached to St Andrew's as well as outside organizations. Now by the mid 1930s the hall was used regularly by the Board of Management, Presbyterian Girls' Friendly Society, Ladies' Guild, Sunday School, Men's Club and the 1934 creations of the Choir, Cricket Club and Boys'

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Club (as distinct from the Boys' Gymnasium Class which commenced in March 1931). Other organizations which competed for user of church facilities included Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs, Scouts, Orange Lodge, as well as special events such as the Annual Bazaar (fete), Flower Show, and display by the Balmoral Avenue Methodist Church Gymnasium Club.

The new Charge, of Pascoe Vale, was blossoming but it was not long before the new Session exercised its power and solution to a looming issue with the congregation. In August 1935 the Ladies' Guild requested use of Church property to hold a social dance. Session dutifully responded by referring the Guild to:

“a rule of the Church that they did not think it advisable to conduct dancing for Church funds, although functions in private homes may continue as usual”.

Seven years later this ruling was relaxed for Girl Guides conducting a dance in the hall provided dancing ceased by 11.30 pm on Saturday nights. Yet to my mind it was inevitable that the blossoming and enthusiasm led to some loss of perspective and reverence by some User Groups which led Session to record a very Presbyterian Minute 1 January 1943:

“Session was concerned about tendency of some who attend Church to treat the Church building as a common hall with the resultant and regrettable absence of a spirit of solemn worship. It now enacts that in future the Church shall be used only for divine worship, Sabbath School and congregational meetings—excluding completely any social or entertainment function. And every effort be made to beautify and adjust the building as a Church worthy of the Worship of God”.

The relatively new Session of the relatively new Church was doing its job.

Acknowledgment

I am grateful to Jean Kyte who confirmed the existence of the weatherboard buildings on the Cumberland Road - Westgate Street site.

Some Historical Notes

7 June 1934—The issue of forming a Boys' Club (in lieu of Boys' Gymnasium Class) was left to the Moderator and Session Clerk. By August Messrs Oakley and Rogers had agreed to assist and Mr Amos was appointed Acting Leader.

10 June 1934—Session agreed to formation of a Choir and Mr Brown appointed as Leader.

1 October 1934—Balmoral Ladies' Guild sent a letter to the Board enclosing a £1.00 donation requesting permission to use the Church hall in November. The Board granted permission and returned 10/- [ten shillings] “as an act of courtesy to a sister church.”

3 November 1934—The Boys' Club was granted permission to use the Board room on the third Monday of every month.

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22 November 1934—Special Meeting of Church organizations and their representatives to plan activities for 1935:

Session: Messrs Hossack and Taylor
 Sunday School: Messrs Rogers and Smith
 Choir: Mr Mitchell
 PGF: Miss Dripps and Miss Smith
 Girl Guides: Miss Connan and Mrs Rogers
 Ladies' Guild: Mrs McNeill and Mrs Webb
 Flower Show: Mrs Dawes
 Cricket Club: E Chubb and L Chubb
 Brownies: Miss Smith
 Boys' Club: Messrs Rogers and Smith

8 April 1935—Board again objected to Coburg City Council re use of Council buildings and reserves being used for Sunday sport.

3 June 1935—The Board approved a six month trial of offerings by envelopes. Funds raised were to flow to "St Andrew's Church Fund Monthly Collection".

8 December 1935—48 parishioners attended the quarterly communion service.

References:

Minutes of St Andrew's Pascoe Vale (a) Session, (b) Board of Management.

R.M.

GENEROSITY

Several men were in the locker room at their local gym. A mobile phone on the bench rang and one of them answered it and spoke using the hands-free option.

"Hello."

"Hi Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

"Yes"

"I'm at the shops and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$2,000. Should I buy it?"

"Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

"I also stopped by the Lexus dealership and saw the new models. I saw one I really liked."

"How much?"

"\$90,000."

"OK, but for that price you'd want it with all the options."

"Great! Oh, and one more thing... I was just to talking to Jane and found out that the house I wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$980,000 for it."

"Well then, I'd go ahead and make an offer of \$900,000. They'll probably take it but if not you may have to go the extra eighty thousand, if that's what you really want."

"OK. Thanks. I love you so much."

The man hung up. The other men in the locker room stared at him in astonishment, mouths wide open. He turned and asked "anyone know whose phone this is?"



A Page-full of Humour

Lots of cartoons and funny stories, etc are forwarded for possible inclusion in this magazine — here are some of the items sent this year...

Paraprosdokians



First time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you ...but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up -- we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge, is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of an emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
11. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
12. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
13. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
14. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
15. You're never too old to learn something stupid.

LIFE
IS BETTER
WHEN
YOU'RE
LAUGHING



The plumber said: "Why haven't you paid the bill for the work I did last Friday"

Paddy replied: "Well it was not what you quoted"

The plumber said: "I didn't give you a quote?"

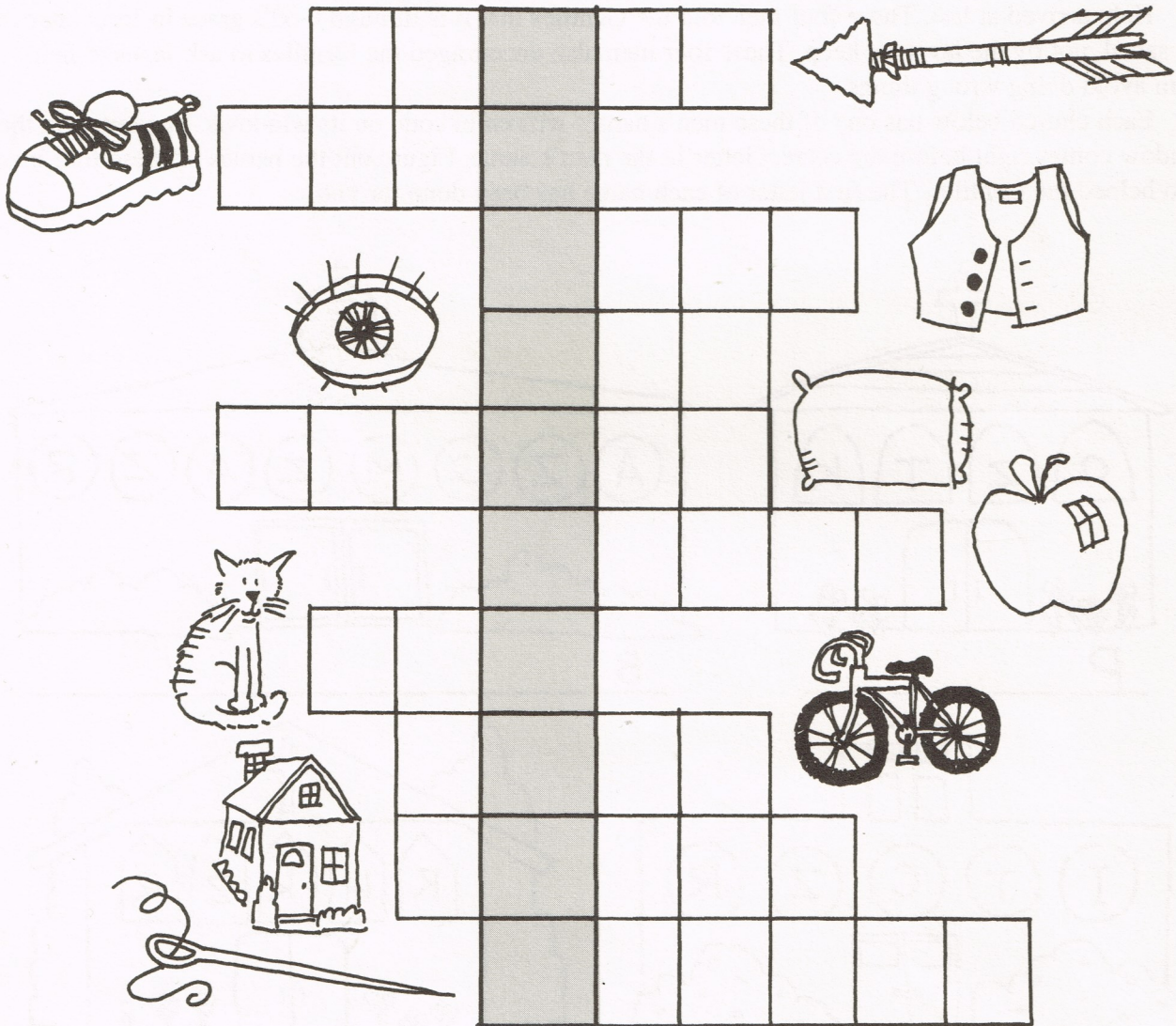
Paddy replied, "Yes you did! When I asked what day you could come? You said, you were free on Friday"



CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Book about the Future

One book in the Bible, written by John, tells us what will happen in the future. It describes what will happen when God comes to judge the world and take those who believe in Him to heaven. To discover the name of the book, write the name of the pictured item in the boxes next to it. Then read the letters in the outlined boxes, starting at the top.



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UNITING CHURCHES
WORSHIP LOCATIONS**

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GLENROY**

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CORNWALL RD,
PASCOE VALE**

**CNR OF CUMBERLAND RD &
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Supply Minister:

**Rev Lynden Broadstock
0466 336 687**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed 25 Dec	Christmas Day combined service at 9.00 am at Kent Rd
Sun 29 Dec	Combined Glenroy/Pascoe Vale worship service at GLENROY at 10.00 am
Tue 21 Jan	Pascoe Vale Church Council Meeting including Annual Meeting at 7.30 pm at Kent Rd
Mon 27 Jan	Public Holiday for Australia Day
Tue 28 Jan	Schools commence Term 1 2020
Tue 4 Feb	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 6 Feb	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 11 Feb	UCAF Dedication Service at 11.00 am at PVS
Wed 19 Feb	Westgate Flicks screening 'Harvey' starring James Stewart Refreshments from 12.30 pm (for a 1.30pm movie start)
Tue 3 Mar	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 5 Mar	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Mon 9 Mar	Public Holiday for Labour Day
Tue 10 Mar	UCAF Meeting at 1.00 pm at PVS
Wed 18 Mar	Westgate Flicks screening 'The Desert Song' starring Kathryn Grayson and Gordon MacRae. Refreshments from 12.30 pm (for a 1.30pm movie start)
Tue 24 Mar	Pascoe Vale Church Council Meeting at 7.45 pm at PVS
Fri 27 Mar	Schools end Term 1 2020
Sun 29 Mar	Combined Glenroy/Pascoe Vale worship service at KENT ROAD at 10.00 am
Fri 10 Apr	Good Friday
Tue 14 Apr	Schools commence Term 2 2020

Annual Congregation Meetings and Pancake Day Fundraiser usually held in first quarter of each year... Dates to be advised

**STANDARD WORSHIP TIMES & SERVICES
FOR 2019**

Glenroy

Sundays at 9.00 am—Contact Faye on 9306 6104

Kent Road

1st & 3rd Sundays only at 10.30 am—Contact Shirley on 9355 7988

Pascoe Vale South (PVS)

2nd & 4th Sundays only at 10.30 am—Contact Chris on 0408 649 055



GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES

Preaching Plan - December 2019 to March 2020

Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	10.30 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South
				Note: From 1 Jan 2019, the Kent Rd and Pascoe Vale South congregations will hold Combined Services EVERY SUNDAY (with the 1st and 3rd Sundays held at Kent Road and the 2nd and 4th Sundays held at Pascoe Vale South) Each of these services will begin at 10.30 am	
Sun	22-Dec-19		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	29-Dec-19	5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/PVS Combined Service at 10.00 am at GLENROY Service to be led by Rev Lynden Broadstock			
Sun	5-Jan-20	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	12-Jan-20	Communion at PVS	Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	19-Jan-20	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	26-Jan-20		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	2-Feb-20	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Thur	6-Feb-20	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home 2.00 pm - Rev Lynden Broadstock			
Sun	9-Feb-20	Communion at PVS	Lay Team		Rev Barbara Gayler
Tue	11-Feb-20	UCAF Dedication Service at 11.00 am at PVS			
Sun	16-Feb-20	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	23-Feb-20		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	1-Mar-20	Communion at Kent Road	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Thur	5-Mar-20	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home 2.00 pm - Rev Lynden Broadstock			
Sun	8-Mar-20	Communion at PVS	Lay Team		Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	15-Mar-20	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock	Rev Lynden Broadstock	
Sun	22-Mar-20		Rev Lynden Broadstock		Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	29-Mar-20	5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/PVS Combined Service at 10.00 am at KENT ROAD Service to be led by Rev Lynden Broadstock			

Please Note: Easter in 2020 occurs on the 2nd weekend in April