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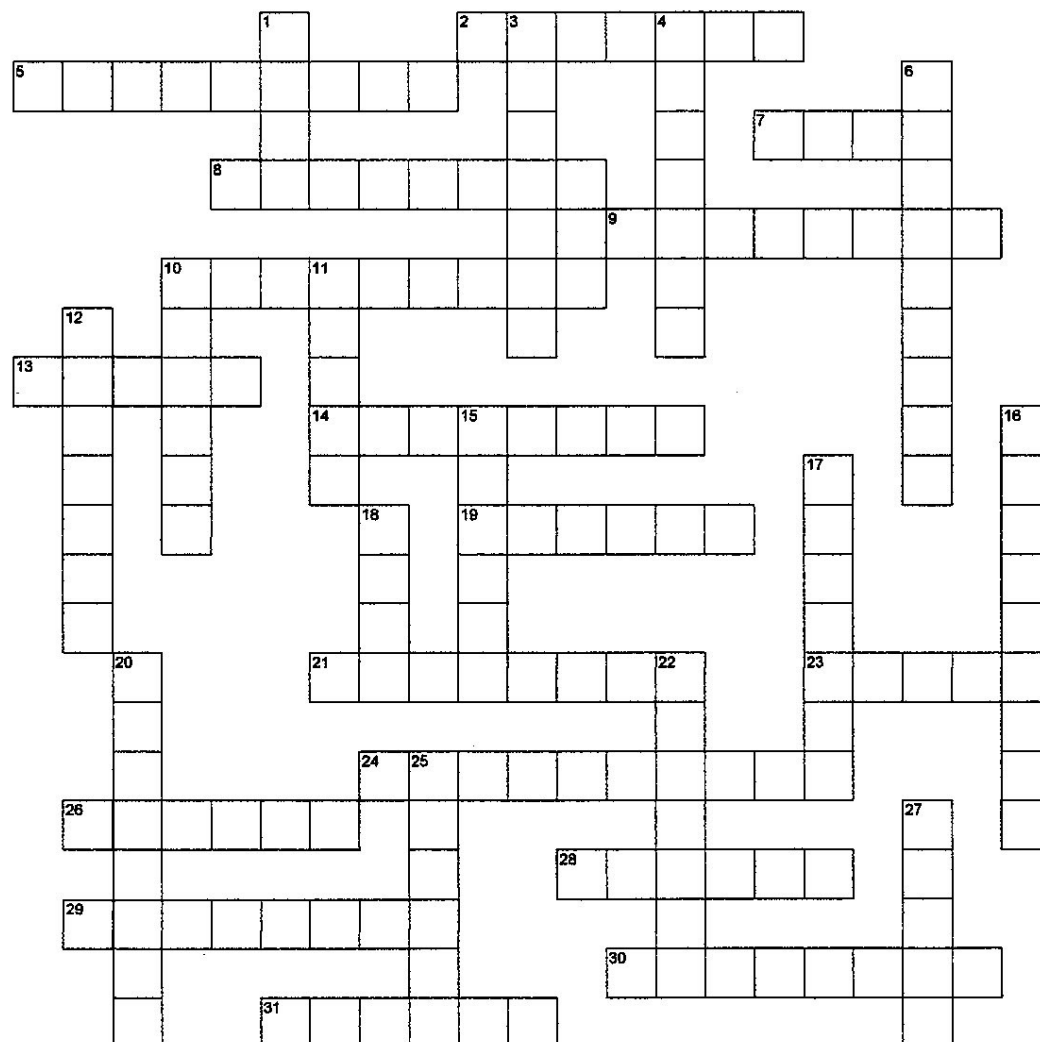


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## BIBLE CROSSWORD

For each clue, write the name of the city or region mentioned in the New Testament.  
The clues are on the next page.



EclipseCrossword.com

### Across

2. Home town of Mary, Martha and Lazarus
5. City where Jesus made his triumphal entry
7. Paul was imprisoned in this important city
8. In Revelation, the church in this city was admonished not to be lukewarm
9. The "Place of a Skull," where Jesus was hung on the cross
10. City where the centurion's servant was healed from a distance
13. Dorcas, the kind and generous seamstress, was healed here
14. Paul and Silas were miraculously freed from a prison in this city
19. Samaritan city where Jesus met a woman at the well
21. Saul was on his way to this city when he was blinded
23. Peter healed a paralytic in this town
24. Jesus prayed in this garden shortly before his crucifixion
26. Island home of the Apostle John when he wrote Revelation
28. Jesus was baptized in this river
29. The pool at Jerusalem where a man lay for 38 years
30. City built by Herod the Great, home of Cornelius
31. Saul's home town, mentioned in Acts

### Down

1. Where Jesus performed his first miracle
3. Paul's letter to the church in this city includes a passage about the full armor of God
4. Believers were first called Christians in this town
6. City where Jesus was born
10. Barnabas and Paul first sailed from Seleucia to this island
11. Country where Joseph and Mary fled with Baby Jesus to escape Herod
12. Paul wrote 2 letters to this church; one contains "the love chapter"
15. Paul healed a man had been lame from birth in this city
16. "Woe to Chorazin! Woe to \_\_\_\_!"
17. Jesus first met Peter and Andrew fishing in this Sea
18. Philip met an Ethiopian eunuch on this road
20. Where Jesus lived as a child
22. Region between Judea and Galilee where Jesus traveled
25. Village to which two disciples were walking when they met the risen Christ
27. Region containing Jerusalem and Bethlehem

Answers—see page 8

**Uniting Church Assembly decision of Marriage and Same Gender Relationships.**

The following is an extract (the first half) of an article published on the Assembly website and written by Rev Dr Ji Zhang who is the Assembly theologian in residence.

**Mutual Affirmation: A Theological Reflection on Marriage and Same Gender Relationships — written by Rev Dr Ji Zhang, Assembly theologian in residence**

In July, the Fifteenth Assembly resolved to honour the diversity of Christian belief among our members by holding two equal and distinct statements of belief on marriage. This decision will now allow Ministers and celebrants authorised by the Uniting Church the freedom to conduct, or to refuse to conduct, same-gender marriages. Church Councils also have the right to determine whether marriage services take place on their premises.

I have been listening to many different voices across the life of the UCA, both in the lead-up to the Assembly and since. For many people this is a good decision that reflects the openness of UCA and allows our diversity to exist within our communities. I have also engaged various UCA communities and leaders, including CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) leaders and Chinese communities. For many of them, the Assembly decision is pastorally difficult.

As I have listened, one question has kept emerging. How do we hold together two equal and distinct statements of belief? It is like holding a family together through difficult times – not easy.

First of all, the existing statement of belief has been retained.

“Marriage for Christians is the freely given consent and commitment in public and before God of a man and a woman to live together for life”.

An additional statement of belief has also been adopted.

“Marriage for Christians is the freely given consent and commitment in public and before God of two people to live together for life”.

With these two statements, the members of our Assembly have decided not to have a *unity of sameness* in which everyone agrees on a single statement. The decision essentially allows our diversity to coexist. At the heart of this decision is to uphold and celebrate who we are as the Uniting Church, namely unity in diversity.

Two key words underline the relationship between the two statements: Equal and Distinct.

“Equal” means the same amount in number or size, with the same importance and deserving the same treatment. The two statements are equally valid as they have both been affirmed by the Assembly to honour the diversity of Christian belief among our members. Therefore, the first statement cannot overwrite the second, nor can the second be held superior to the first.

“Distinct” denotes that they are not the same in kind. Each one has the right to exist with noticeable difference. Neither should be viewed by the other as incomplete. The Assembly decision has fully recognised the distinctive nature of the two statements, and the two are irreducible to each other.

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## Mutual Affirmation: A Theological Reflection on Marriage and Same Gender Relationships — *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3*

Unity of two equal and distinct statements is not about “Yes” or “No”. Political concepts like “liberal” and “conservative” are irrelevant and unhelpful. In fact, the two statements speak to a collective *unity of the Spirit* in the bond of peace, with the Spirit of God moving the UCA to fully encounter a spectrum of views. Our congregations will discern their response to the same gender marriage decision in and through many and varied pastoral circumstances.

This discernment is based on freedom of decision, and the need for careful listening it requires. These conversations are real stories of diversity within our uniting identity. And we honour these stories.

Theologically this is not the first time two distinct natures have been held as equal by the church. Christian theology first exposed the limits of reason when two natures of Christ were debated. According to Greek philosophy, unity is associated with oneness, and unity is believed to be a numerical singularity like the indivisible “1”. However, a succession of Councils rejected this *numerical unity* and affirmed Christ as fully human and fully divine through faith. This *hypostatic union of two natures* is in one person of Christ. Within the unity of Christ, humanity and divinity mutually affirm and transform each other.

What holds this unity of mutual affirmation together is not a law of sameness, but rather the person of Christ and his saving works.

Rev Dr Ji Zhanf  
14 September 2018

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### How does this impact the Glenroy and Pascoe Vale Uniting Churches?

A pastoral letter from the UCA President dated 14 July includes the following information:

“Ministers who, in good conscience, are willing to conduct same-gender marriages are able to do so. This does not compromise the rights of those ministers who, in good conscience, cannot conduct same-gender marriages—they will continue to be able to teach their belief that marriage may only be between a man and a woman, and can continue to use a marriage liturgy that reflects that conviction”.

“Church councils will have the right to determine whether marriage services take place on their premises.

For a same-gender marriage to occur in one of our churches approval would need to be given by both the conducting minister and the relevant church council. At this time, the Pascoe Vale church council, at its 25 September 2018 meeting, has determined to (i) defer making any decision at this time, (ii) ask the CoG to liaise with Glenroy to consider holding a combined three congregation discussion to consider the matter, and (iii) if, in the interim a request is received, advise that we are unable to consider the request at this time.

## THINKING CHRISTIANS



At the risk of being labelled a heretic by some Christians, I offer the following. I am not alone in these thoughts.

The Bible consists of two major parts, labelled the Old Testament and New Testament. However it is my belief after recent study they should really be named the Obsolete Testament and the Current Testament. By that I mean that Christians should not be tied to the Old Testament, its commandments and laws, because of being just that, obsolete. It is important history however, and can teach us much. Christians ought to adopt the New or Current Testament as the absolute standard for living. Jesus declared as such and Paul in particular stressed that point heavily. The Old Testament laws were applied to the old Jews as that was what they desperately needed at the time. It is basically descriptive of a vertical relationship between mankind and God with very little horizontal relationship or descriptive love between people. It is full of hard laws, harsh penalties, wars, murder, death, destruction and lessons on how not to run a nation. The New Testament is full of instruction on how to live in both vertical and horizontal relationships, and particularly the latter in love.

Jesus said "I am come not to destroy the law but fulfil it". The meaning of "fulfil" can vary. This highlights the difficulties of translation where there are often not English words that exactly equal the meaning of the original words, thus pointing out that literal interpretation of the English words may be questionable. What was intended here in Jesus' statement, as some have described, is that the old law is not destroyed or declared useless as it was absolutely useful in its time, but that Jesus came to end that old law, that is it has been fully applied and satisfied up to that time, but now is replaced by something new. Fulfil can mean filled or made complete, that is, ended. The Ten Commandments and the hundreds of Mosaic laws are replaced by two new commandments expressed by Jesus: "Love the Lord your God... and love your neighbour as yourself." Those two cover all living requirements of a Christian and are superior to The Ten Commandments because they cover whole of life situations. More about that later.

The very early Christian community grappled with both clinging to the old laws and using the new, until the Jerusalem Council declared (in different words) the new laws apply. So for a period the "church" (actually a German word mistranslated from the original. It should have been assembly or congregation) was free of the old laws. The church, or The Way, expanded across the then world quite rapidly. Then, either by accident or intention (I don't know which) those old laws began to be inserted back into the church organisation, and diminished the purpose of Jesus for us to live in love for each other. The church began to stumble. Major parts of the church still hold on to those old laws (as do fundamentalist Muslims) that arguably have contributed to the decline by insisting the old laws still apply, instead of highlighting the new life giving commandments and messages of Jesus. In that way the church even to this day tends to be reduced to just another law managed organisation rather than a life-changing movement.

Wow! Can that be true? I imagine many disagree. I'll continue this discussion next time. There is much more that could be said, and include bible references. The above barely scratches the surface.

My comments were both inspired and reinforced by a book titled "Inspirational" by Andy Stanley, a USA Pastor much respected for his interpretation (although criticised by some), and ability to explain the depths of the Bible in simple language. He has many very listenable DVDs on a huge range of subjects covering Christian living.

Peace

Graham Manson



## ALF CARTER OF MUNRO STREET CHURCH

In reference to “Joan’s Jottings” in the recent winter edition of this magazine, one name was familiar to me, Alf Carter—who was once a very popular guest at many Sunday School anniversaries. I have fond memories of his stories and talks at Oakover Methodist Church in West Preston in the 40s. One I remember was Paul Gallico’s tale, “The Snowgoose”, which was my brother Geoff’s favourite.

On one occasion when I was about 8, Alf asked us which long word was in his chosen text. The correct answer was “whatsoever”. I raised my hand and said the long word was “perfect”, to my embarrassment as the congregation laughed!

I heard the same stories by Alf Carter at my cousin Gwenda’s anniversary at East Brunswick Methodist in Nicholson Street, known as “Little Nicky”. My dad, Ern, taught separate girls and boys gymnasium classes in earlier years, where he met my mother, Elsie.

Oakover Methodist, now also gone, derived its name from Oakover Road, West Preston—which was the nearest road in the wide open spaces in the 20s on the Oakover Estate. Sometimes in later years, guest speakers would miss their way to the church on the corner of Goodwin and Robeson Streets.

The original house, “Oakover Hall” in Stafford Street was a farm and is the oldest house in Preston, built of bluestone by Abraham Booth in 1863. My house was in Matlock Street and was built in 1926 by two Foster brothers (fathers of Merv and Mary).

We have seen our church mission undergo vast change since Alf Carter’s day, but we have a new call to reach out to a vastly changed society—with the same message but in new ways. That is our challenge.

Judith Faulds

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## KENT ROAD NEWS .....

Glad to see Spring is in the air and it is starting to get warmer and our thoughts will soon be turning to Christmas and all the blessings this season brings.



After church on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, a D.V.D. was played, showing East Timor students in Jakarta, Indonesia protesting in the 1990s about the conditions in East Timor and demanding Human Rights and Independence. Verna Attwater has had an interest in East Timor for many years and has spent many hours collecting gifts to make their lives easier and they have been extremely grateful for all that she has done. Well done Verna.

Over \$700 was collected by the three churches for drought relief and this has been forwarded via Rev. Judy Rigby at Airport West Uniting Church to send on. Great effort by all.

Our church was filled to capacity when a funeral to celebrate the life of Heather Cox was held in September. Heather was the daughter of Ev. Inness, one of our dearly loved members years ago. Rev. Lynden Broadstock conducted the service.

Special thanks to Helen and Les Stewart for all the music that they provide each Sunday and for the young ones who are now playing with them at our services, really appreciated by all.

Sadly our Paddy's Market will not be held this October and many will be disappointed to hear this as it has always been held in high regard in this area and was always well attended by friends and neighbours.

Safe travels to Kay and Robert Norris as they drive north for warmer days, and to Shirley and Merv, Foster as they look forward to cruising north, and to Rev. Lynden as he has a well earned break.

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**Once a man was asked** 'what did you gain by regularly praying to God'? The man replied 'nothing, but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity and fear of death'. Sometimes the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain.

## UCAF FELLOWSHIP GROUP.....

President: Jean Kyte  
Secretary: Marj Sproat



Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1.00 pm at the Pascoe Vale South Church, with speakers from 1.30 pm. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Our speaker in July was Rev Deac Peter Batten who told us of his association with Beach Missions. In August, Shirley Foster entertained us with the story of tea towels including several verses from the Bible talking about tea towels. In September, Rev Ian Collings and his pianist, Heather, spoke to us about hymns, including a couple he had written himself, and their origin.

We will be having our annual church service on Sunday 7 October at 10.30 am at PVS led by Rev Deac Jenny Preston and our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 October at 1.00 pm. On Tuesday 13 November we will be enjoying lunch at 12 noon at the Pascoe Vale RSL, and we will wrap up the year with a 2019 planning meeting over a BYO lunch in December.

**Marj Sproat**

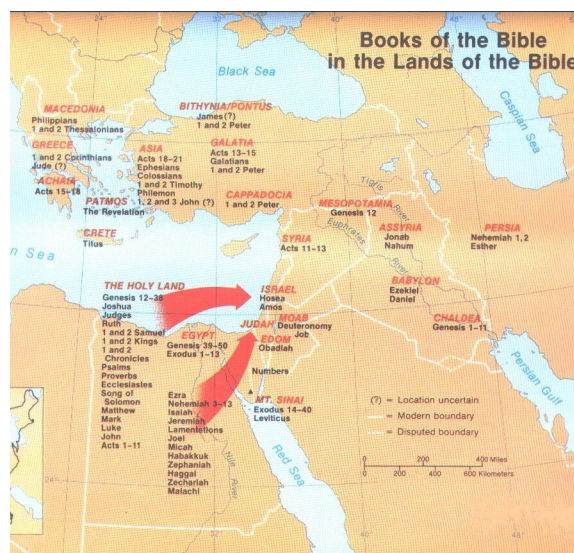
## ANSWERS TO PAGE 2 CROSSWORD.....

### Across

- 2 Bethany
- 5 Jerusalem
- 7 Rome
- 8 Laodicea
- 9 Golgotha
- 10 Capernaum
- 13 Joppa
- 14 Philippi
- 19 Sychar
- 21 Damascus
- 23 Lydda
- 24 Gethsemane
- 26 Patmos
- 28 Jordan
- 29 Bethesda
- 30 Caesarea
- 31 Tarsus

### Down

- 1 Cana
- 3 Ephesus
- 4 Antioch
- 6 Bethlehem
- 10 Cyprus
- 11 Egypt
- 12 Corinth
- 15 Lystra
- 16 Bethsaida
- 17 Galilee
- 18 Gaza
- 20 Nazareth
- 22 Samaria
- 25 Emmaus
- 27 Judea





## SOUTHERN SNIPPETS

Winter seems to have passed quickly and our church life has continued on. The Pascoe Vale South members who assist at the monthly Dorothy Impey Home Communion service are very grateful for the support of our ministers enabling us to continue this well received outreach—and it is a great opportunity to catch up with our many members who are now resident there.

Westgate Flicks is proving as popular as ever with good numbers still attending each month. For anyone who hasn't yet joined us, this is a great—and free—afternoon activity with refreshments available before, during and after the movie and Vic's unique style of entertainment including all the history and gossip about the movies shown! To celebrate the state-wide Seniors Festival in October we will be starting 30 minutes earlier at 12.30 pm and invite everyone for a finger food lunch before the movie (which is *The King and I*, starring Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr, commencing as usual at 1.30 pm). Please come along—and invite anyone you know who may be interested...



Our Harvest Festival service on 5 August provided two full tables of foodstuffs, etc for Uniting (Lentara, Broadmeadows) to pass on to those in need. Many thanks to everyone who contributed and also to Rev Barbara Gayler for another of her thoughtful and customised services—we hope she and her husband, Chris, are enjoying a well earned holiday in Europe at this time.

On Sunday 26 August we held our annual Boys' Club service—this was well attended by the club and they put on a magnificent display afterwards in the hall, with a BBQ lunch to follow.

As always, we are thankful to our ministers for their leadership and friendship but also—Rev Deac Peter Batten for his work leading us through the IIM (Intentional Interim Ministry) process (which will help us to determine the way forward for our churches)—and Rev Lynden Broadstock for his much appreciated and tireless pastoral work.

We unfortunately were unable to conduct our quarterly service at the BUPA Home in September but have assured them we will be there in December 'with bells on' (for a Christmas Carols Service)!

***Jean T***

**OUR NEXT HYMN SING-ALONG IS AT 2.00 PM ON SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER....**



## HYMN SING-ALONG

**When: Sunday 28 October 2018 at 2.00 pm**

**Where: Pascoe Vale South Uniting Church  
10 Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale South Vic 3044**

**Compere: Rev Ian Collings    Organist: Geoffrey Anderson**

Please come along—and bring your friends—to our Hymn Sing-along!  
We will enjoy an afternoon of favourite hymn singing—with background information on the hymn-writers, etc courtesy of Rev Ian Collings and music by organist, Geoff Anderson—and Afternoon Tea to follow...

Hoping to see you there!

## THINKING OF JOINING A BOOK CLUB?



CAE Book Groups is Australia's largest book club and has been delivering books and reading guides since 1947.

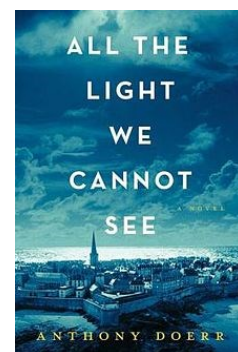
They have over a thousand titles in their catalogue, with everything from the latest prize winners and bestselling contemporary fiction, to classics, biography, memoir, travel writing and art – there's sure to be something you want to read!

The 'Pascoe Vale 1' CAE Book Club has been operating for as long as any of the members can remember. We are a small friendly group of "mostly" Pascoe Vale church people, meeting on the first Monday evening each month for discussion and supper.

Annual CAE membership costs \$99 per year for concession, \$135 for seniors and \$149 for others—for this you get 11 books over the year complete with discussion notes (and a good time at the meetings)! If transport is a problem, don't worry as we usually carpool.

If you think you'd like to join us, **contact Shirley Foster on 9355 7988 or email [smfos3@gmail.com](mailto:smfos3@gmail.com)**

Our group recently read the novel 'All the Light We Cannot See' by Anthony Doerr—this was much enjoyed by everyone, the story set in occupied France during WW2 centres on a blind French girl and a German boy with an aptitude for radio circuitry, whose paths eventually cross. The following is an extract from the book and highlights one of the incredible mysteries of God's creation.



*An old man is talking to a small boy as they sit in front of a warming coal fire ---*

"Consider a single piece glowing in your family's stove. See it, child? That chunk of coal was once a green plant, a fern or reed that lived one millions years ago, or maybe two million, or maybe one hundred million. Can you imagine one hundred million years? Every summer for the whole life of that plant, its leaves caught what light they could and transformed the sun's energy into itself. Into bark, twigs, stems. Because plants eat light, in much the way we eat food. But then the plant died and fell, probably into water, and decayed into peat, and the peat was folded inside the earth for years upon years -- eons in which something like a month or a decade or even your whole life was just a puff of air, a snap of two fingers. And eventually the peat dried and became like stone, and someone dug it up, and the coal man brought it to your house, and maybe you yourself carried it to the stove, and now that sunlight -- sunlight one hundred million years old -- is heating your home tonight --"

## JOAN'S JOTTINGS .....

Just back from a week at Mooloolaba on the Queensland Sunshine Coast. Weather 25-27 °C each day. I went with my niece Jennifer and her husband Ian. Ian was playing cricket with the Victorian Veterans Cricket Association. They won three of their four matches. (Ian is 71 and there were others much older).

I watched cricket for four days at various venues, it is the only sport I like watching.

On Saturday we went for a drive to Mary Cairncross Park. I sat and had a coffee while the others went for a walk in the rainforest. On Sunday we went to church at Caloundra, which is where I went each year while on holidays. Ian had a Sat Nav in the hire car but don't believe everything the voice tells you. When we came to an intersection it said to turn left, whilst I said to turn right. Ian turned left and after a while the voice said we had reached our destination, it was a vacant block of land. When we went back to the intersection and turned right, not far along was the church.

Another man in the cricket team had the same problem. He wanted a Presbyterian Church in Maroochydore. By the time he eventually found the church and went in, they were singing the last hymn.

On the last day Ian again followed the voice message to get onto the motorway to go to the airport—the voice said to turn left, whereas I said right. Ian again turned left ... That would have been alright if we had been going to Brisbane airport about 80 kms away, wrong again, it was right for the Sunshine Coast airport.

I was looked after very well at the airports. Once the walker is taken away as luggage I had a wheelchair. People in wheelchairs are first on the plane. That's good, only they are last off. I was taken up to the plane in a lift and coming home, after the lift again, Jennifer, Ian and the wheelchair were waiting for me.

I had a favourite café in Caloundra. We went there on the Sunday and the lady remembered me and said "you didn't drive up again" and I assured her I hadn't.

Even I had realised it would have been too much for me. I think my long driving trips are well and truly over.

Had a wonderful time and was well looked after by Jennifer and Ian.

To conclude—a short poem and a couple of short stories:

Now that I'm over eighty  
I feel I'm not so spry,  
For I just like to sit and watch  
The turtles—whizzing by.

An anonymous Beatitude: "Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night".

A few church members were talking together recently about sermons and one of the group commented about the length of sermons in a certain church. He said he preferred the curate's sermons because he says "finally" and finishes, but the vicar says "lastly" and lasts.

A small boy was sitting with his father in church one Sunday and as the collection plate was passed around he was heard to whisper, "you don't have to pay for me daddy, I'm under five".

**Joan T**



## SOME OF THE LIGHT HUMOUR SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION....

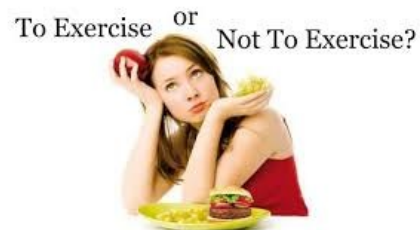
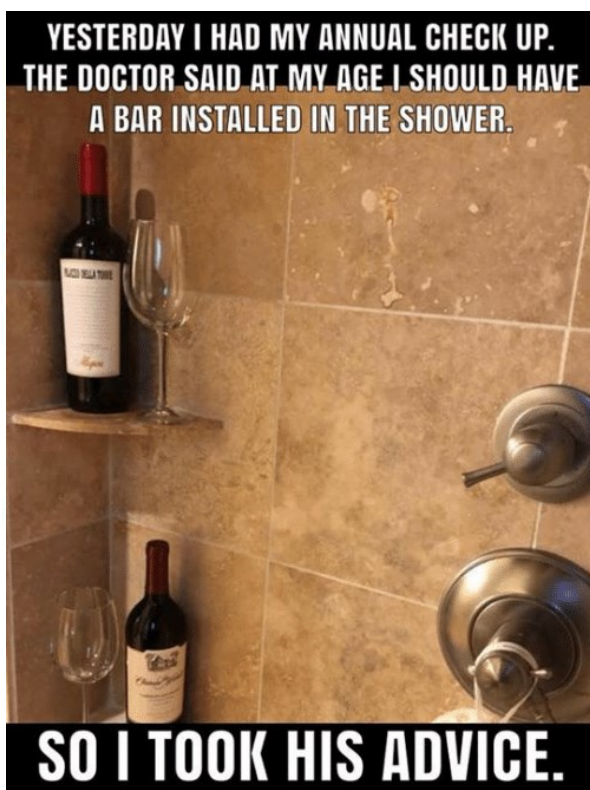
I'M SURE SOME WILL RELATE TO THIS  
 I remember the cheese of my childhood,  
 And the bread that we cut with a knife,  
 When the children helped with the housework,  
 And the men went to work not the wife.  
 The cheese never needed a fridge,  
 And the bread was so crusty and hot  
 The children were seldom unhappy  
 And the wife was content with her lot.  
 I remember the milk from the bottle,  
 With the yummy cream on the top,  
 Our dinner came hot from the oven,  
 And not from the fridge; in the shop.  
 The kids were a lot more contented,  
 They didn't need money for kicks,  
 Just a game with their mates in the road,  
 And sometimes the Saturday flicks.  
 I remember the shop on the corner,  
 Where a pen'orth of sweets was sold  
 Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic?  
 Or is it...I'm just getting old?

## WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
 But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
 One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
 Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
 You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
 Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
 Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
 If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
 And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
 If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
 Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those,  
 Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
 And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
 We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
 But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
 Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
 But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!



1. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.

2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, only drinks water and is fat.

3. A rabbit only eats vegetables, runs and hops all day long and only lives 5 years.

4. A tortoise doesn't run and does nothing energetic, yet it lives for 450 years.

And you tell me to exercise! I don't think so

## ST ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASCOE VALE SOUTH 1911-1977

*(continuing on from the article included in the June 2018 publication)*

I consider it would not be an exaggeration to suggest that, in the 1903s, the fledgling congregation had a growth mindset. Their determination to build their own church using locally raised funds and borrowings from other sources despite the ravages of the Great Depression is strong evidence of this growth mindset. This in itself resulted in the creation of a local supportive culture which in turn facilitated decision-making and inspirational leadership. Yet whilst this may help our practical understanding of the motivations of the early congregation, I believe we must attempt to understand their unswerving faith in themselves and their development as a strong faith community. From where did they come? Why were they so confident and secure in their actions? In an endeavour to address these questions we need to explore briefly our Protestant heritage.

In October last year we marked 500 years since the Roman Catholic monk Martin Luther expressed publicly his objections to practices within his church. Later he criticized publicly his superiors, including Pope Leo X, and to whom he had vowed obedience. The Reformation in European Christendom had begun. Luther proclaimed the authority of the Bible as God's Holy Word above that of popes and councils. The Bible was the basis of faith, and every individual was free to interpret Scripture for themselves. Essentially it is :

--- by God's grace alone, in Christ alone, by faith alone, that we are saved; --- not by good works.

From Luther we move briefly to the great French Reformer, John Calvin and Calvinistic theology. Around 1532 some of Luther's sermons reached the young Calvin and they may have contributed to the rise of Protestantism in France. Furious persecutions followed. Calvin and others fled to Protestant Basel in Switzerland and later they established themselves in Geneva. Here Calvin agreed with Luther that only faith in God, not good works, benefits the soul to salvation. Calvin, 25 years younger than Luther, was able to build on the initial formation of the Protestant faith to systematically and comprehensively proclaim insights into the Christian church. He gave absolute precedence to the sovereignty of God ahead of Luther's justification through faith and grace. He also gave us the controversial doctrine of predestination based upon St Paul's letter to the Romans 8: 29-30

“Those whom God has already chosen He also set apart to become like His Son, so that the Son would be the first among many brothers. And so those whom God set apart, He called, and those He called He put right with Himself, and He shared the glory with them.”

Calvin's systematic logic led to the doctrines of 'the Elect' and the 'non Elect'.

Protestantism spread north to Scandinavia, parts of eastern Europe, Spain, and eventually to Scotland where the writings of Luther were smuggled in around 1523. However calls for reform of the Roman Catholic church had commenced 100 years earlier and most perpetrators were burned, hanged or drowned. John Knox was a convert to Protestantism and was invited by fellow Pro-test-ants to be their preacher. He immediately embraced Luther's doctrine of faith alone, not good works. After being imprisoned by the French, he served as a Protestant minister in England until Mary Tudor ascended the throne. Knox fled to Calvin's Geneva which he described as :---

“ the most perfect school of Christ that ever was on earth since the days of the Apostles “.

Calvinism was a neat fit for Knox. It offered the surety of being inspired by God, surety of the ability to influence morals and manners of individuals, the community, and religious beliefs.

In 1555 Knox returned to Scotland to organize Protestant congregations and by 1560 the Scottish Parliament ordered him to write a “Confession of Faith”, “The First Book of Discipline” and “The Book of Common Order”. The Protestant faith in Scotland became distinctly Calvinistic and Presbyterian.

It is this faithful background that influenced the pioneering Presbyterians of Pascoe Vale.

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## BibleWise

### Prayer Puzzle

### Matthew 6: 5-15

Jesus taught us how to pray. He wants our prayers to be humble, meaningful, and sincerely addressed to God in heaven. Pray a quiet prayer asking God to guide your life. Read Matthew 6:5-15 and do the crossword puzzle.

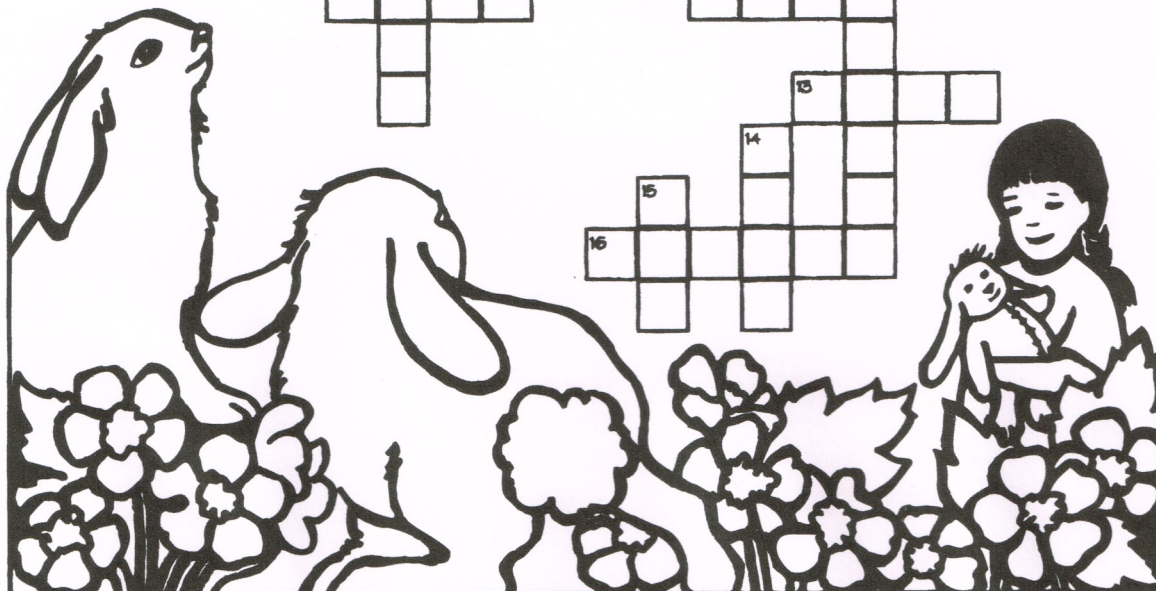
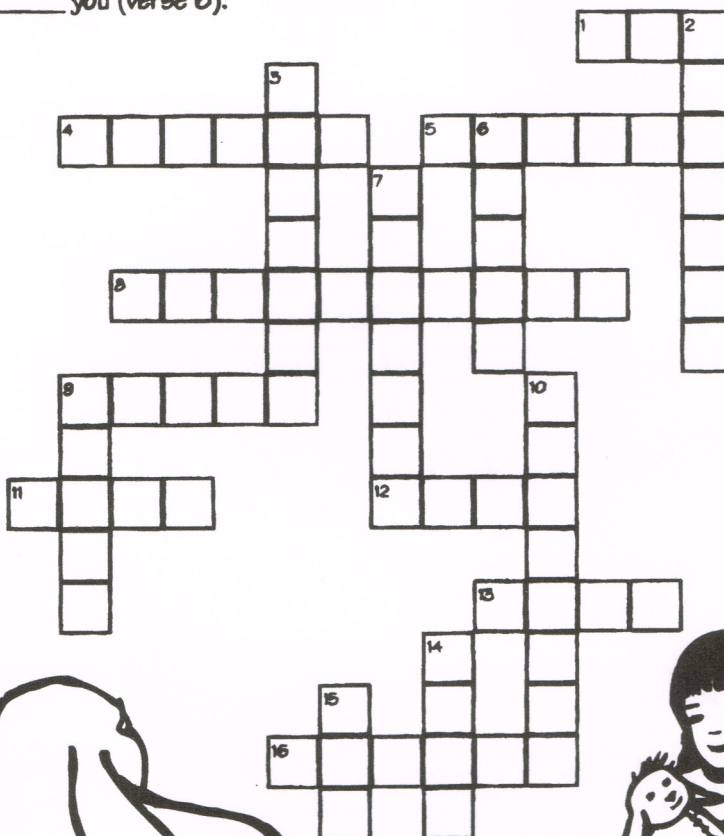
#### Across

1. God the Father knows what you need before you \_\_\_\_\_ him (verse 8).
4. Pray to God our heavenly \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6).
5. Our Father is in \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9).
8. We should not be like the \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 5).
9. Forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 12).
11. Pray that God's \_\_\_\_\_ be done (verse 10).
12. Deliver us from \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 13).
13. When praying, go into your room and shut the \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 6).
16. God the Father will \_\_\_\_\_ you (verse 6).

#### Down

2. God's \_\_\_\_\_ come (verse 10).
3. We need to forgive our \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 12).
6. On \_\_\_\_\_ as it is in heaven (verse 10).
7. If you do not \_\_\_\_\_ men, God the Father will not forgive your sins (verse 15).
9. Give us our \_\_\_\_\_ bread (verse 11).
10. God's name should be revered and \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 9).
14. Do not repeat useless phrases and words when you \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 7).
15. Forgive \_\_\_\_\_ when they do wrong (verse 14).

Answers can be found  
at the bottom of page  
16 (Preaching Plan)



# **GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES WORSHIP LOCATIONS**

**70 WHEATSHEAF RD  
GLENROY**

**CNR OF KENT RD &  
CORNWALL RD,  
PASCOE VALE**

**CNR OF CUMBERLAND RD &  
WESTGATE ST,**

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***Supply Ministers:*  
Rev Deac Peter Batten  
0419 255 585**

**Rev Lynden Broadstock  
0466 336 687**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Tue 2 Oct	Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 4 Oct	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Sun 7 Oct	UCAF Annual Service at PVS at 10.30 am
Tue 9 Oct	UCAF Annual Meeting at PVS at 1.00 pm
Wed 17 Oct	Westgate Flicks—The King and I—this month only meet at 12.30 pm for finger food lunch (movie starts at 1.30pm )
Sun 28 Oct	Hymn Sing-along at PVS at 2.00 pm
Thu 1 Nov	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Tue 13 Nov	UCAF Lunch Out at PVS RSL at 12 noon Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Tue 20 Nov	Church Council Meeting at PVS at 7.45 pm
Wed 21Nov	Westgate Flicks screening The Dancing Years 1.00 pm (for a 1.30 pm start)
Sun 25 Nov	PVS Annual Congregation Meeting at approx. 11.30 am
Tue 4 Dec	UCAF 2019 Planning Meeting with BYO lunch at PVS at 1.00pm Men's Dinner at Pascoe Vale RSL at 6.00 pm—contact Robert Norris
Thu 6 Dec	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2.00 pm
Wed 12 Dec	Westgate Flicks screening Come to the Stable 1.00 pm (for a 1.30 pm start)
Thu 13 Dec	Qtrly worship service at BUPA Home, Coburg at 11.00 am
Tue 25 Dec	Combined KRd/PVS service at Kent Road at 9.00 am

### **Please note—dates not yet finalized for:**

Countdown to Christmas children's program at PVS  
Blue Christmas Service  
Kent Road BBQ and Carol Service

## **STANDARD WORSHIP TIMES & SERVICES**

### **Glenroy**

**Sundays at 9.00 am—Contact Faye Woods on 9306 6104**

### **Kent Road\***

**Sundays at 9.15 am—Contact Shirley Foster on 9355 7988**

### **Pascoe Vale South (PVS)\***

**Sundays at 10.30 am—Contact Jean Taylor on 9354 6689**

**\*Please Note:** The Kent Road and Pascoe Vale South congregations are currently holding a combined service on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting at 10.00 am. Services will be held alternately at each church location as follows:

**October Kent Road**

**November PVS**

**December Kent Road**



**GLENROY & PASCOE VALE UNITING CHURCHES*****Preaching Plan October to December 2018***

Day	Date	Details	9.00 am Glenroy	9.15 am Kent Road	10.30 am Pascoe Vale South
Thu	4-Oct-18	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2 pm			
Sun	7-Oct-18	Communion at Kent Rd & PVS	Rev Deac Peter Batten	Rev Iose Tuigamala (C)	Rev Deac Jenny Preston
Sun	14-Oct-18		Lay Team	Mr Neil Ritchie	Mr Paul Gilbertson
Sun	21-Oct-18	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Combined KRd/PVS service at KENT ROAD at 10 am Rev Deac Peter Batten	
Sun	28-Oct-18	Hymn Sing-along at PVS at 2.00 pm	Rev Lynden Broadstock	TBA	Rev Lynden Broadstock
Thu	1-Nov-18	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2 pm			
Sun	4-Nov-18		Rev Deac Peter Batten	TBA	Rev Barbara Gayler
Sun	11-Nov-18	Communion at Kent Rd & PVS	Lay Team	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)
Sun	18-Nov-18	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Combined KRd/PVS service at PVS at 10 am Rev Deac Peter Batten	
Sun	25-Nov-18		Rev Lynden Broadstock	Helen Stewart	Rev Lynden Broadstock
Sun	2-Dec-18	Communion at Kent Rd	Rev Deac Peter Batten	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Lynden Broadstock
Thu	6-Dec-18	Communion Service at Dorothy Impey Home at 2 pm			
Sun	9-Dec-18	Communion at PVS	Lay Team	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)
Thu	13-Dec-18	Worship Service at BUPA Home at 11 am			
Sun	16-Dec-18	Communion at Glenroy	Rev Lynden Broadstock (C)	Combined KRd/PVS service at PVS at 10 am Rev Deac Peter Batten	
Sun	23-Dec-18		Rev Lynden Broadstock	TBA	Rev Lynden Broadstock
Tue	25-Dec-18	Christmas Day	TBA	Combined KRd/PVS service at KENT ROAD at 9 am Led by TBA	
Sun	30-Dec-18	5th Sunday - Glenroy/KentRd/PVS Combined Service at 10.00 am at PVS Rev Lynden Broadstock			

Please Note - dates for Blue Christmas service and KRd Carol service not yet confirmed and leadership for Christmas Day services not yet confirmed

***Answers to Children's Page Crossword:***Across

- 1 Ask  
4 Father  
5 Heaven  
8 Hypocrites  
9 Debts  
11 Will  
12 Evil  
13 Door  
16 Reward

Down

- 2 Kingdom  
3 Debtors  
6 Earth  
7 Forgive  
9 Daily  
10 Hallowed  
14 Pray  
15 Men