

# HALO

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## *From the Minister*

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October Judith Jackson spoke about her normal week of youth ministry in the Taiwan city of Tainan. Judith has been in Taiwan as an OMF missionary for 20 years after first being a teacher in New Zealand and then going to Bible College where we met her. From there she worked for Scripture Union in Schools before finally achieving her dream of working in Asia. Serving God in another country sounds like a fun adventure but Judith opened our eyes to the difficulties of learning another language, of different value systems (students working more than 12 hours a day to get into a good university), of only 3% Christians in a Buddhist/animist society....

The chosen readings for the day happened to be the parable of the wedding banquet from Luke 14:15-24, which reminded us that God wanted his house full of guests, and that we were to "compel people to come in". Further reflection on that passage made me think we are like those first invited – so many of our peers who were also invited don't turn up to participate in all the king offers. And we have heard their excuses – sport, work, church is too boring/irrelevant.... But, God still wants his house full, so we are to invite the poor, the lame and blind, and as there is still room, to go to the furthest regions, and not just the main roads, but even the little rural lanes, side streets and back alleys...

The Presbyterian Church is often described as a settler church. That means its reason for existence was to minister to the Scottish or Presbyterian settlers who migrated to New Zealand. But the Presbyterian Church is now recognising that we need to be a Mission Church, not solely focused on those already present, but looking outwards. The theme at this year's General Assembly was "Disciples-making disciples-disciples". Convinced that God wants his banquet hall filled he sends us out to the poor and lame, but even further than that; to the furthest country lanes. This year we have sent a missionary to the Hawksbill Turtles of the Solomon Islands in Garry King (working with VSA) but we have never sent a team of people to minister to people far away. We may send a few dollars to the Whitestone Chapel in Zimbabwe or to Matthew Raymond, in Zambia at his Cedric School, but maybe we need to send ourselves out to highways and byways.

When Mark and Jeni Seek were in Nelson, they worked with BMX riders – their church funded a BMX track built on church land to offer to the community, and then held regular BMX jams (events) to connect with the local kids. Earlier they had worked on the streets of Nelson, offering hot chocolate and food to those out all night as a response to both the growing and negative effects of alcohol and drug addiction (plus counselling and awareness education). I wondered what a church full of BMX riders, and ex drug users would look like, and whether our nice Presbyterians would cope with the differences.

Jesus' parable challenges us all to be missionaries – to recognise that God wants his house full, and that means everybody is invited – even the forgotten ones, the ones that have trouble making it in the door, the ones from the furthest corners of the world. Interestingly, there is a parallel in Acts 1:8. When Jesus tells the church to wait for the Holy Spirit, he says – "when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be my witnesses, first in Judea (those first invited), then in Judea (those nearby - but slightly different - the poor, lame, blind...) and finally to the ends of the earth (the country roads and lanes.)

Like Judith, we may need to learn a new language and cope with listening to different music. We will have to learn to recognise and appreciate the different values people hold, and always to stay focused on our purpose; to invite people to come to the banquet of the king, or as the older Bible versions say to "compel them to come in."

Blessings to you all, *Brett*

Material for December Halo in by 11 a.m. Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010 please

## *General Assembly, 2010*

Mary-Jane and Rachel Judge (nee Paulin) send their greetings to you all. It was lovely to catch up with both of them.

As some of you will know, General Assembly was held at St Andrew's College in Christchurch 30<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010. I left Napier at 6.40 am and arrived at 8.10 am. I had been there one hour before we experienced the first earthquake, a 4.8 so it was a reasonable shake. However, I had no fear as one of the little boys from the holiday programme told me he would pray for me that God would keep me safe.

For those of you who don't know what General Assembly is, the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand meets every two years and has a hierarchy of governing bodies - Church Councils / Session which is local, Presbytery, which is regional and Assembly which is national. Assembly is the top governing body of the Church. All parishes in New Zealand are entitled to send a representative. The Commissioners discuss and vote on the recommendations and proposals brought to Assembly. The participation of decision-making is a feature of the Presbyterian Church.

The Assembly opened with a Powhiri, and we then moved inside where the new Moderator, Rev. Peter Cheyne, was installed. He then addressed Assembly with the theme of Disciples - making disciples - disciples. After welcoming overseas guests, and remembering those who have passed away, we had lunch. We resumed at 2.20 pm and the fun began. Recommendations were moved, seconded, opened for questions then discussed and, after some time, were moved and carried. One or two of the recommendations took so long to get to the vote one almost forgot what the recommendation was! One of the bigger issues facing the presbyteries is the combining of several presbyteries into one. I think the idea is that there will be five presbyteries throughout the whole country. There was much discussion, and it was recommended that the various presbyteries would work together to have it finalised by 2012. I believe most presbyteries have already amalgamated but Hawke's Bay Poverty Bay is still working through the issues as we would combine with Taranaki, Manawatu, Wairarapa and Wellington.

There was one other contentious issue, which took most of the day, and then meant that the next day we worked through the business from 8.30 am until 10.30 pm that night. It was interesting to look around and see how many people were nodding off.

One of the recommendations was about the use of inclusive language. Assembly encourages all churches to be sensitive and careful in the use of language in our life and worship. Some women responded by saying they agreed with that recommendation because they feel left out and unworthy when the word 'man' is referred to throughout the Bible. Another man stood up and said that since women got the vote the world had gone haywire. Of course this sparked even more debate, as a woman we all know, spoke about the hymn we have just sung Holy, Holy, Holy where it says 'though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see.' Funnily enough there was no more discussion!!

Among the overseas guest were two Korean ministers who presented the Moderator of the Canterbury Presbytery with a \$35 thousand American dollar cheque for the people of Christchurch. This was a very emotional moment for many people.

During the course of the four days, I attended two workshops and two dialogue groups. The workshops I attended were, 'Love your Neighbour' and 'Changing the DNA of your Church'. I don't have time to tell you all about those, but they were interesting and thought-provoking.

On Sunday morning, many people were invited to attend local churches to offer support and prayers. The new Moderator took the service at St Andrew's and his theme was Disciples-making Disciples-Disciples. He said, "Because we are students of Jesus we should look at how Jesus made disciples and seek to imitate him. Discovering his approach will be the key to being effective."

"Well", he said, "it's pretty obvious isn't it? Disciple making requires that we wear sandals, grow beards, select 12 men and live together for three years in Israel." .../

## *General Assembly, 2010* cont...

Well it probably wouldn't work in this day and age. Many of us have never been intentionally disciplined. We haven't experienced it, and so we fear we don't know how to do it. It is like asking people who didn't have good parents to be good parents. But, we can learn from Jesus. We can start a new cycle of making disciples - making disciples. It will take commitment. It will take real disciples - disciples utterly committed to Jesus, to do it. It will always be challenging. It will attract criticism, and it will have its disappointments, but it is also the one thing worth doing. There is nothing more worth devoting our lives to, than making disciples of Jesus Christ, committed disciples of Jesus Christ, mature trained disciples of Jesus Christ who will also make disciples of Jesus Christ. The service ended with prayer and worship.

The worship time was a highlight for me. A group of people from the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Gore led the worship. They had three guitars, a drummer, a flutist, a keyboard and some wonderful singers. We sang hymns and worship songs, some I knew and many I didn't. The music was so good and so worshipful it gave me goose bumps. To be part of a congregation of 400 singing together is so uplifting. I came away thinking how great it would be to have such a group in our Church. Anyone who can play an instrument should come and join our worship group.

The other highlight for me was listening to the guest speaker, Mick Duncan. Mick is a part time Baptist pastor who spends much of his time speaking to groups of people. After being converted out of a drug-cultured gang, he spent two years training at a Bible College in Melbourne. He returned to New Zealand where he pastored a growing church in Dunedin before responding to the needs of the third world. He, his wife Ruby and their two children, relocated to the Philippines and moved into the heart of the third world squatter community. For many years, they lived and worked alongside the poorest of the poor. Their concern was to bring about holistic transformation, develop social justice, evangelism and Church planting. After nine years they returned to New Zealand. Mick has been a guest speaker in many countries of the world. He has a wonderful gift of communicating. His passion is speaking, calling people and groups to be all that they were created to be, and do. He encouraged and spoke strongly to us about being Disciples - making Disciples - Disciples. Brett has downloaded his four talks onto a disc and after I have used them with our house group, if you would like to listen to them please ask.

I met some wonderful people; I roomed with a lady from outside of Gore. She was a great example of a Disciple-making disciples-disciples. She told me she prays every morning for God to bring someone across her path with whom she can share the Gospel.

I found it to be a very friendly, well-organised Assembly. The food was amazing, the beds very comfortable and the venue was excellent. I am very grateful for having the opportunity to attend.

Back here on Monday morning, I turned up at the Holiday Programme. I was enthusiastically telling the kids some of things I had learned, and how great our God is, and how much he loves us all, and to remember to pray to Him. The little boy who said he would pray for me said "Pam, I knew you would be safe because I prayed and asked God to keep you safe and when I heard that there had been some more earthquakes I knew you wouldn't be scared".

Is he a Disciple – making disciples – disciples? I think so.

*Pam Thrupp* – Session Clerk.

### Reading and Prayer

**Reading:** "Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us and we belong to him; we are his people, we are his flock. The Lord is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever." Psalm 100:3 and 5



**Prayer:** Our Father we thank you for your love and faithfulness to each one of us. May we be given by your Spirit a sharing of your love to those we come in contact with, so your love can be shared. Amen

## For the Children

"Not the shed please Mum," pleaded Jamie.

"Yes, the shed Jamie," said his mother.

"But it's dirty and there are spiders and 'things' in there."

"I know, but a promise is a promise, remember."

"Okay then," said Jamie reluctantly. "I will do it."

"Don't be so reluctant Jamie," scolded his mother. "You wanted to go to the game. The conditions were that we would take you and pay for you if you did certain things. One of those 'things' was to clean the shed. Therefore, if you want to go to the game, you have to do the shed. Those are the rules young man."

*Does that sound like your Mum or Dad?*

Many years ago in a place called Syria, the head of the king's army was a soldier called Naaman. He was a very brave and clever man. He won many battles for his king and country. Because of that, the king liked him very much. There was one problem though. Naaman had leprosy. As you know, a leper has terrible sores over his face and body.

In one of his battles, Naaman captured a young Israelite girl. He gave her to his wife as a slave. The girl knew of an Israelite prophet named Elisha. She told her mistress that if Naaman went to Elisha then he would be able to cure him of his leprosy because he was a prophet of the one true God. Naaman's wife told him what the slave girl had said. Naaman told his king, who told him to go and see Elisha. Naaman took a lot of gold and silver with him, and went and found Elisha. He told Elisha's servants that he wanted to see Elisha and be cured of leprosy. He promised to do whatever Elisha told him to do. They told Elisha that Naaman was waiting to see him. Elisha told his servants to tell Naaman to go and wash seven times in the Jordan River and he would be cured.

Naaman got angry and sulky. He was sulky because Elisha had not come out to see him but had only sent his servants to tell him what to do. He was angry because the Jordan River was dirty and if he had to wash in a river, he would rather do it in one of Syria's clean rivers. His servants calmed him down and asked him to do as he was told. Still sulky and angry, he went and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan River. Immediately he was cured. All the sores disappeared and his skin was as smooth as a baby's skin.

Naaman went back to Elisha and tried to give him gold and silver to pay for the cure. He said to Naaman that he now knew that the Israelite God was the one and only true God in the whole world. Naaman would not take any money as he said that he was only God's servant.

So, you see, no matter how yukky a thing is to do, when you make a promise to do it, then you should keep your promise, and do whatever you are told to do. That way you will get what you need. A promise is a very important thing. God has made many promises and you can find them in the Bible. One of those promises is that if you obey and love your Mum and Dad, then you will live a long and happy life. God will keep that promise and all his others if you keep yours.

*Written by Jim Payton*

*In the word chart, find the following words that appeared in the story about Naaman.*

**Jordan, Syria, Naaman, Seven, Elisha, Leper, Soldier, King, Prophet, Cured, River, Servant.**

*Some of the words may be spelt backwards or up and down or sideways, or at an angle.*

## Introducing Mark and Jeni Seek

Mark and Jeni Seek recently relocated from Nelson to Taradale Napier City. Mark has replaced Wim Slooten as the St Columba's Parish Assistant (youth focussed).

Mark has over 20 years of youth work experience beginning with prison ministry in a Turangi youth facility, through to youth ministry with street kids in Nelson during the 1980's, and also Top of the South Coordinator for DRUG-ARM, a Christian Drug Education/Mentoring programme. More recently, Mark was the Youth Pastor in Rural Tasman where some of his time was spent as a school chaplain serving many Rural Primary Schools.

When Mark isn't busy with youth work, he and wife Jeni enjoy their Harley Davidson motorcycle. Mark was educated at Havelock North High School, and did his apprenticeship in upholstery at JA Townsend's (Hastings). Both Mark and Jeni have three grown up children: Holli-Kate, Mitchel and Benjamin all currently living in the South Island.

Nelson was the home of the WORLD OF WEARABLE ARTS. Mark was one of the many prop designers and also entered several Avant Garde garments in 2004. Mark also has a Diploma in Costume Design and many of Mark's freelance illustration work is due to be published in 2011 (Waiatarua Publishing Company Auckland).

Mark would like to thank the Family at St Columba's for welcoming both he and Jeni. Mark has a sense of a specific calling on his life. One of those callings is in the future to pastor a congregation, meanwhile he is keen to spend time with the youth of this community and meet the families that make up St Columba's.

Mark says, "I hope that people will support both Jeni and I in our role here. I love to encourage others to see their potential in God, and at times you may wonder what I am up to, but be assured that I am a very committed person and will be working away in the background where I believe God wishes me to be".

May God Bless you

*Mark and Jeni Seek*

*Serving God and His People*



Testing Mark's craft skills



Jeni on the Harley Davidson

## Disappointment at May 2010 'From the Minister'

The comments on the front page of the May HALO disappointed me. The Minister chose to be controversial and asked parishioners where their loyalties lay – church or Anzac celebrations. Brett asked the question, presumably because some of his parishioners were not at church, and may have chosen instead, to honour our debt to the nation's armed forces.

The following expressions were regrettable; 'the romanticisation of war', 'baptizing the ugliness of war' and 'our own lives lack the radical discipline necessary to be heroic in our own generation'. If one attends an Anzac service, one is not romanticising war, nor is one glamorising the ugliness of war, and many people do have the necessary discipline to be heroic today.

Taking up arms was not an option as it was compulsory for most men, and they did it (at the same age as the Minister's sons) because there was a job to be done, however distasteful and potentially lethal it was.

As one person who has attended fifty or so Anzac parades in NZ and also made a "pilgrimage" to Gallipoli, the attendance at these occasions is always sad when one remembers the loss of life and the effect on each family who had a son, brother, or father killed or maimed. Anzac parade attendees do not glamorise war, nor do they romanticise war, nor do we celebrate the victory over tyranny, but we pay homage and respect to those who fought for our freedom so that we can still today speak English, and not the language of our then enemies.

Anzac Day is about respect and the Minister's comments show a lack of understanding of the true meaning of this important day.

*Harry Renfree*

### Reply

Thanks Harry for re-reading an old Halo and giving me a chance to reply to your response.

I wrote that article to make people think, and to ask questions of themselves about how we apply our Christian values to all aspects of life, including Anzac day, and more generally to the state. All the phrases you find "regrettable" are in sentences that are asking questions – i.e. what do you think? Is this true, for you, or maybe for some others? I am sure you know that I have attended, and helped lead, many Anzac services myself, but I still wonder what are the causes of the swelling attendances, and why Anzac Day is more sacred to many than Easter Sunday (you won't find any garden centres open on Anzac morning). So many questions – so few answers!

Thanks for your response.

*Brett*

### *From the Archives*

When did the Board of Managers begin at St Columba's Taradale?

From the information available, we are unable to detail it prior to 1905. I quote from 'Looking Backward Down the Years' by R S Munro, regarding the removal of the church to a new site in Gloucester Street.

*'Unfortunately, on account of a fire at the house of Mr Elbourne, the records of the congregation were destroyed and no information can be gained of what transpired at the congregational meeting that was held to determine this weighty matter since the earliest minute book of the Board of Managers available, commences with the record of an ordinary meeting held on Wednesday, October 11, 1905.'*

*Nancye Munro*

*The following article is written by Whitney T Kuniholm, a contributor to the American Scripture Union Bible Reading notes, and author of the E100 Bible Reading Challenge.*

## Laughing with God

Scripture Union is all about helping people meet God every day. But, how do we really know when it happens, especially when we can't actually see God? A few years ago, I got an insight into that question while playing golf.

My wife Carol and I had just dropped off our youngest daughter for her freshman year in college and had planned to stop for a few days on the way home to mark the beginning of our empty nest phase. We also agreed to use one day for separate activities; Carol went bird watching, while I played golf.

I reserved a tee time at the nearby Maumee Bay Golf Course in northern Ohio. It had rained all morning, with more rain predicted for the afternoon, so when I got to the course it was deserted. I decided to walk and spent the time between shots looking into the sky and praying aloud, thanking God for his goodness to Carol, our family, and me over the years.

Then I came to the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, a 195-yard par three with a sand trap and pond on the left. I took out my 5 wood and aimed away from the trouble. I pulled the shot, and the ball landed on the front fringe, rolled in a big arch towards the back of the green and then... disappeared into the cup. After 45 years of playing golf, my first hole in one!

As I walked onto the green, it suddenly hit me that the only one who saw what happened was God. When I took the ball out of the cup, I looked into the sky again, started to chuckle and honestly sensed the presence of God. I felt as though God and I were laughing together.

Did I actually meet God on the golf course? I know the answer is yes; I was there. The problem comes when I try too hard to prove it. As the Apostle Paul said, "there's nothing to be gained" by pressing the issue with others; that only leads to boasting (2 Cor. 12:1-10). I've learned that because God is the creator of heaven and earth, he is everywhere, and he surprises us with opportunities to encounter him; sometimes to convict, sometimes to guide and sometimes to let us know he loves us. The more we train ourselves to look for him, the more we'll experience the joy of meeting him.

As Brother Lawrence said in his classic little book, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, "There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it".

That's true, whether you ever get a hole in one or not.

*Thanks Anne Lanigan*

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## View From Under the Pew by Church Mouse

As you know, I always enjoy a little bit of gossip. I know, I know, I shouldn't be gossiping, but then neither should you humans. Whom do you think we got it from? Most of it is harmless stuff, as far as what I have heard is concerned, but the odd bit is naughty. What really gets me though, is the lack of belief and faith that so many of you have. Our God, and he is mine as well as yours, is so mighty but given little credit. Have you read Genesis? Who made the world? Who created the heavens? Who created us? Duh! God did. Have you read the New Testament? Who turned water into wine? Who gave the blind man sight? Who brought the dead back to life? Duh! God's son Jesus.

Our God is a mighty God. We do not believe in him enough. He does still do miracles. If you do not believe what it says in the Bible about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit then perhaps you should belong to some other club, or better still, start taking Christianity seriously and believe in Christ before it is too late for you.

Sorry, but sometimes you lot really do need a bit of a rev up.

## *The Good Samaritan – A Study*

John Darley and Daniel Batson decided to replicate the story of the good Samaritan with seminary students. The students were first interviewed and asked why they wanted to go into ministry. There were a variety of responses, but the vast majority said they went into ministry to help people. Then they were asked to prepare a short sermon - half of them on the story of the Good Samaritan and the other half on other topics. Finally, they were told to go over to a building on campus to present their sermons.

Along the way, the researchers had strategically positioned an actor in an alley to play the part of the man who was mugged in Jesus' story. He was slumped over and groaning loud enough for passersby to hear.

The researchers hypothesized that those who said they went into ministry to help people and those who had just prepared the sermon on the Good Samaritan would be the most likely to stop and help. That wasn't the case. The reason is the final variable introduced by the researchers. Just before the seminarians left to give their sermon, the researcher looked at his watch and said one of two things. To some seminarians, the researcher said, "You're late. They were expecting you a few minutes ago. You'd better hurry."

To others, the researcher said, "You're early. They aren't expecting you for a few minutes, but why don't you start heading over there?"

Interested in the results? Only 10 percent of the seminary students who were in a hurry stopped to help, while 63 percent of those who weren't in a hurry stopped to help. In several cases, a seminary student going to give his talk on the parable of the Good Samaritan literally stepped over the victim as he hurried on his way!

Darley and Batson concluded that it didn't matter whether someone wanted to help people or whether someone had just read and was preparing to preach on the parable of the Good Samaritan. The only thing that mattered was whether or not they were in a hurry. They concluded, "The words, 'You're late,' had the effect of making someone who was ordinarily compassionate into someone who was indifferent to suffering."

*Taken from - Wild Goose Chase: Reclaim the Adventure of Pursuing God (Mark Batterson)*

Thanks Brett

### **Halo - World Famous in Australia**

St Columba's recently received an e-mail from Australia. For your interest, we publish a portion of it, the bit minus the private stuff.

**TO:** Mr. Jim Payton,  
The *Halo* Editor,

Due to the vagaries of 'Google' I somehow landed on an edition of your Church's journal. I read the piece from Ian McLeod ('*Profile of a Baby Boomer*') on page 4 of that issue with a great deal of interest as I believe that we were at school together.

If it is both possible, and appropriate to do so, I would appreciate it if you are able to forward the following message to Ian for me.

Yours sincerely,  
Jim Ellis.  
Armidale. NSW.  
AUSTRALIA.

*It was possible, and we did. We are advised this is the second occasion this has happened. Want to get in touch with your overseas friends (?) contribute an article to Halo.* Editor

# Church and Family News

## CRADLE ROLL

Aimee Argent	14 <sup>th</sup> November	4 years
Zachary Hayton	21 <sup>st</sup> November	5 years
Eli Hayton	21 <sup>st</sup> November	5 years



**THANK YOU** I would like to thank you, the Church Family, for the visits, prayers and caring shown to me while in hospital for so long. Special thanks to Brett, Elaine and John Pledger, Robin Arnold and Marjory Yelverton. *Anne Le Quesne*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Wilma Ennor for winning the Sport Hawke's Bay Volunteer Coach of the year in the Lifetime Coach category. Also Wilma, was there not a swimming award as well? Well done Wilma.

## What's on in September

Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	11 a.m.	H B Presbyterial meeting in the lounge, followed by lunch in Fish Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 p.m.	Board of Managers monthly meeting in the lounge
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	1.45 p.m.	Missionary Guild
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	7.30 p.m.	Women's Fellowship
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 a.m.	Mid Week Service
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 p.m.	Session meeting in the church lounge
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 a.m.	Celebration of Holy Communion
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 p.m.	Girl Guides Carol Service in church
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	11.30 a.m.	Mid week Communion service

## Regular events

Mondays	House Group 7.00 p.m. (fortnightly) Contact: Pam Thrupp 835 5785
Tuesdays	Op Shop open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 Prayer Group 11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. Contact: Marjory Yelverton 843 5331 House Group 7.30 - 9 p.m. Contacts: Wim & Inger Slooten 844 9070 Women's Fellowship meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month
Wednesdays	Mainly Music 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Contact: Margaret de la Haye 843 2272 Op Shop open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 'Now We're Talking' discussion group 7 - 9 p.m. Contact: Mark Seek 027 289 8580 Board of Managers meet at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge on the third Wednesday
Thursdays	Mainly Music 9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. Contact: Karen Jensen 843 9447 Op Shop open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Verna Gillum 844 8265 Missionary Guild meets on the third Thursday of the month Session meet at 7.30 p.m. in the church lounge on the fourth Thursday
Fridays	'Massive' Youth Group 7 - 9 p.m. Contact: Mark Seek 027 289 8580

"To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did." When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something else. Concentrate on this sentence. "The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you." *Thanks Inger*

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."  
*Robert Louis Stevenson*

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**Services** – Sunday 9.30 am morning worship

**Communion** is celebrated on the first Sunday of March, September and December and the second Sunday of June, plus Easter and World Communion Day. On the Wednesday following, a Communion service will be held at 11.30 a.m., followed by lunch.



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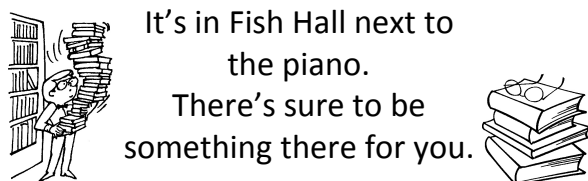
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