

Parents with teenagers

When I was fourteen I thought my parents were stupid but, when I reached twenty-one, I was surprised at how much they had learnt.
Oscar Wilde

A journey to the edge of nowhere



That was how one of the group described our seniors bus trip to the geographical centre of New South Wales, staying in West Wyalong and visiting Temora, Condobolin and Lake Cargelligo. An exciting 40kms along a dirt road meeting cattle driven along the way and a “plague of locusts” which impaled themselves on the front of the bus were additional events which contributed to a lovely holiday. Our warmest thanks to Mary Avern, Sandi Herbert, Irene Milne and all those who helped in various ways to make it a most memorable trip.

Photo: Seniors inspecting the aircraft at Temora Aviation Museum

Sing a new song to the Lord

We celebrated St Andrew’s Day on the last Sunday in November with one service which combined all of the usual Sunday services and the musical accompaniment was provided by musicians who usually play at those services. We all probably learnt something new from that experience, perhaps a new tune or a different rhythm. Music groups which combine the efforts of the musicians in a church are not a new phenomenon.

When the First Fleet arrived in Australia the first service of worship was held on 3 February 1788 and it would have been accompanied by the regimental band - probably consisting of fifes and drums. The congregation would have sung metrical psalms with each line sung by a cantor before the congregation repeated it. The singing of hymns was controversial at that time and not officially permitted in the Anglican Church until 1820; other denominations did not hold services until their ministers arrived from 1818 onwards bringing Non-Conformist and Catholic traditions.



Until organs and other keyboard instruments started to arrive from around 1830 the musical accompaniment was provided by a variety of other instruments - especially bassoons! - depending on the ability of the players. So a wide variety of musical accompaniment depending on what was available existed for at least the first fifty years and, in many places, for much longer.

Much earlier evidence of musical variety in worship can be found in the Old Testament:

Praise him with harps and lyres
Praise him with drums and dancing
Praise him with harps and flutes
Praise him with cymbals
Praise the Lord! *(Psalm 150)*

So, in our time and place, we offer worship using whatever talents God has given us. We hope that we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

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Notes From the Library

I hope you are all enjoying the great selection of books we have in the library. In the past several months we have been able to purchase some fresh titles and have also received some interesting donations so we now have a greater choice. Please remember the books out on the table each week are quite a small selection of what is available and anyone is welcome to browse the entire collection kept in the vestry at present. Also if you feel you or your group would benefit from a particular book or DVD please ask and will see what we can do.

Our lending policy is very flexible but some books have now been out for 6 to 9 months so could everyone have a browse through their bookcase or bedside cupboards in search of "the lost".

Two wonderful books, "Hospital by the River" by Catherine Hamlyn and "A friend like Henry" by Nuala Gardner have gone missing, card and all. It would be sad to lose them so I trust this may jog a memory.

*Yours in Gods service
Beryl and Lesley*

Lent Event Thank You

On behalf of the many people who will benefit from your sacrifice I want to thank you for your participation in Lent Event. Every dollar you have saved will help fund life changing development projects. Please take the opportunity to reflect on what those dollars mean in the lives of others by considering that the \$25 saved from one forsaken family takeaway pays for clean underground drinking water for a villager for life in Sudan.

Lent Event supports projects that bring the greatest possible benefits to communities who are very poor. The activities of the projects are sustainable in the long term and are in response to needs expressed by the communities being assisted. Where possible, Lent Event supports projects for at least three years to provide continuity and stability for the project coordinators and stakeholders.

Dulcie Butler

THANK YOU to all the readers, musicians and helpers for the Easter services and to those who acted the part of the disciples on Maundy Thursday. **THANK YOU** also to those who helped with the Childrens' Sewing Classes. I don't know what I would have done if the twelve ladies who came to help had not been there. Sixteen young folk made pyjamas or a soft toy; some helped with the sewing and others helped with morning tea and the lunch and all the clearing up afterwards. We had a lovely day and all credit to our helpers.

Sandi Herbert

Worship Planner for May 2010

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6pm	Remarks
2 May (Easter 5)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	LentEvent Closure
9 May (Easter 6)	Juliana Nkrumah	Juliana Nkrumah	Je-Kon Oh (or mum(s))	Mother's Day
16 May (Easter 7)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh	JK's Study Leave: 18-20, 22 May (To be confirmed)
23 May (Pentecost)	Geoff Brown	Geoff Brown	Geoff Brown	
30 May (Trinity)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (Baptism)	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	National Day of Thanksgiving (29 May)

* Note: This plan can be changed at any time.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	31 9.30 Playtime					1
2 8.30/9.45 Worship Kid's Sunday begins <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	3 9.30 Playtime	4 7.30 Church Council	5	6 9.30 Fellowship	7 7.00 Youth Group	8
9 Mothers' Day 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	10 9.30 Playtime	11	12 9.45 M.O.P.S.	13 10.00 Coffee 'n Chat	14	15
16 8.30/9.45 Worship Cong. Meeting <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	17 9.30 Playtime	18	19 7.30 Presbytery Meeting North Rocks UC	20	21 7.00 Youth Group	22
23 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	24 9.30 StA Singers 9.30 Playtime	25	26 9.45 M.O.P.S.	27 12 Seniors' Lunch	28	29





Because of the danger to members and visitors with an allergy to nuts, the church premises are declared to be NUT FREE. Please do not bring nuts in any form.

WHAT'S ON DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAYS

Paddlers – Age 3 to Kinder: 9.45-11.00am (Heather Fairhall 4571 1019)
Kids Sunday – Years 1-5: 9.45-11.00am (Robyn Duignan 4572 7517)
GWU – Junior High Youth Years 7-9: 9.45-11.00am (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

MONDAYS

Playtime – 9.30am-11.30am – Parents and preschoolers (Michelle Dacey 4574 1312)
Andy's Hands-on-Help – 9.00am to 1.00pm – Maintenance and Fellowship (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)

TUESDAYS

Church Council – 7.30pm 1st Tuesday in odd-numbered month (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)
Pastoral Leaders Team – 7.30pm 1st Tuesday even numbered month (Je-Kon Oh)

WEDNESDAYS

MOPS – 9.45-11.45am Fortnightly in school terms for Mums and preschoolers (Michelle Dacey 4574 1312)

THURSDAYS

1st Thursday: Adult Fellowship (Irene Milne 4578 1482)
2nd Thursday: Coffee 'n Chat – 10am (
3rd Thursday: Seniors All Together – 10am – 12 noon (Crafts)
4th Thursday: Seniors Lunch 12 – 1.45pm
Senior's Bible Study – 12 noon-1.30pm Bible Study (except 4th Thursday)
(for info on Thursday seniors activities contact Sandi Herbert (4573 1517))

FRIDAYS

Op Shop – 9.00am – 12.00 – clothes and wares (Carmel Hagedoorn Phone 4567 7448)
Open Church Prayer – 9.30am - 10.30am and more (Margaret and Keith Bailey 4776 1487)
Youth Group (Years 6-10) 7pm every fortnight during school term (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)

SATURDAYS

Blokes 'N Sheds –Breakfast bi-monthly (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)

SMALL/HOME GROUPS are a valuable and integral part of St Andrew's ministry. We encourage all members to join a group. For further information please speak to our Minister Rev. Je-Kon Oh - phone 4578 3421 (Home)