



November 2009

St Andrew's Uniting Church

A congregation of the Uniting Church in Australia
25 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW

St Andrew's has something for everyone of all ages, as we follow our mission to Seniors, Young Families and Young Adults in our community. Please contact a member of the Ministry Team or an Elder for any needs or support. Our Elders' names and phone numbers are listed in the Foyer (near the clock).

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Do you have any OLD GLASSES? We collect these and they are sent to people in underdeveloped countries; It can make all the difference to people being able to see and doesn't cost us anything.

Irene Milne

Accommodation (no meals) required by teacher Can you help? Please contact Carolyn Gladwin, Evans High School, Blacktown Ph: 0405 987 492

Blokes and Sheds Breakfast will be on the 14th November in the foyer at 7.30am. It will be called Christmas in November. Tickets will be \$5.ea.(See Bob Thuaux).

Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for Ted's Recovery. We know that we are here because of Our Father's Love & Healing. Praise God!

In Christian Friendship, Radiancance and Ted Potgieter



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

**8.30 am
Church**

Traditional worship followed by morning tea and fellowship

**9.45 am
Church**

In conjunction with our Kids' Sunday program.

A family celebration, including programs for children from 3 years of age up to Secondary Year 9. Morning tea and fellowship follows.

**6.00 pm
Sundays@6.00
Auditorium**

Modern worship with singers, drama and band, plus supper to follow.

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of the Assembly of
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Ron James concludes his story of life during World War II - Evacuation

A couple of weeks after returning home from Gran's we were standing in the Edmonton bus depot together with about thirty other children each of us carrying a gas mask, our ration book, identity card (mine was number XIAC484, Brian's was XIAC486) and a bag of clothes. Two teachers were escorting us to a school in Amersham, Buckinghamshire 25 miles north-west of London where the headmistress, Mrs Lee, had arranged for local families to meet us and decide who they would take home.

We were there by late morning and soon afterwards ladies began to arrive. They would walk around chatting to us and then point to a child that they would like to take. Mrs Lee would nod and note their names and addresses. When any of them pointed to Brian or me she would shake her head and tell them that we had to stay together.

By the end of the afternoon we were the only ones left! So she shrugged her shoulders and said "You will have to come with me". We followed her out to her car, a Ford sedan (registered number PP 996!). Just a couple of miles away in the village of Little Chalfont we turned into the driveway of "Red Cottage", a nice two-storey house. She led us into the house and upstairs to a room with two single beds that had been shared by her two sons, Pat and David. Pat, the eldest, was a Spitfire pilot in the RAF and had just been awarded the DFC. David was away at Merchant Taylors College. Mr Lee welcomed us when he came home from work.

During the war, due to the shortage of males, many men like Mr Lee were made 'Special Constables' only to be called upon in time of need. He would sometimes clean his police pistol on the kitchen table while we watched most impressed! They were strict but very kind people. On Monday we were taken to the little village of Chenies to join the local school that consisted of just one classroom in a small church hall. I can still see the "Pot Belly" stove in the middle of the room where we sat in a semi-circle of desks. Mrs Shea, the only teacher, did a great job of looking after us children of all ages in one class. She would take us outside sometimes to look at something and then back to the classroom to write about it. The time I remember best was when we went to look at a nearby oak tree, planted by Queen Elizabeth I who lost her diamond ring while doing it!

One Saturday afternoon Brian and I caught the bus into Amersham and went to the cinema. In the interval a lady in the row behind us tapped me on the shoulder and passed me some chocolates, at the same time pointing along her row to Mrs Shea, our teacher, who smiled and said "You are behaving very well"!

The local countryside consisted entirely of farms between villages and it was a pleasant walk to school. One Saturday afternoon Brian and I caught the bus into Amersham and went to the cinema. In the interval a lady in the row behind us tapped me on the shoulder and passed me some chocolates, at the same time pointing along her row to Mrs Shea, our teacher, who smiled and said "You are behaving very well"! There was a large pond in the field on the corner of Lodge Lane that we passed on the way to school. We would 'skip' pebbles across the surface in summer and, when it was well frozen over in winter, we would run on to it and slide and slide.

We were with the Lee family for eighteen months and had only one air raid; a German bomber was chased away from London and dropped its bombs near us to lighten its load and increase speed. Mrs Lee had sheltered us in the big cupboard under the stairs while this was going on. On our way to school next morning we passed a mass of craters and blown-up vegetables, everything covered in oil. They were the 'oil' bombs that "Jerry" dropped on existing fires to keep them burning. Not long after this the bomber attacks on London ceased and we returned home. Then the 'Doodle Bugs' (flying bombs) and the V2 Rockets started coming over!

At the ELEVENTH hour on the ELEVENTH day of the ELEVENTH month we will remember them. The Armistice which brought World War I to an end was signed at 11am on 11 November 1918 and, since that day, many nations worldwide remember those who sacrificed their lives while on active service in the armed forces. This year we shall remember, in particular, those who have died recently in Afghanistan and the families and friends who grieve their loss.

Brief Finance Update

1. Offerings.

Our offerings for the July-September quarter are a little below budget, but we're working hard!!

	Received	Budget
8.30am Service	9 965	10 909
9.45am Service	4 347	4 364
Sunday@Six	3 342	3 750
Giving Direct	4 407	6 000
TOTALS	22 061	25 023

2. Yellow Envelope Appeal

I know many people are putting money aside regularly into their Yellow Envelope, and they are going to bring it in with a "significant amount". There is no rush, but please collect another Yellow Envelope from the Foyer if you mislaid the first one or if you'd like to start filling a second one.

Totals received to date:

Front Hall Upgrading	\$200
Pastoral Care	\$170
Play Area	\$610

3. For the Needy

Our special envelopes on the "First Sunday" each month have received **\$449** for the July to September quarter.

4. Friday Shop

During the quarter, our Friday Shop has recorded an income of **\$5 947**. Our thanks to our great coordinator Carmel, team leader Betty and the loyal band of helpers for this great result!

Thank you to everyone who has ensured that our vital programs continue, and please: Keep up the effort.

Bruce Fairhall, Treasurer

The Third Element of Democracy – Fraternity.

I have been reading articles recently which seek to explain changes in the political ideas of democracy and one typical one goes as follows – “The central argument between social democracy and neo-liberalism turned on the different emphasis placed on the values of liberty and equality”.

What I found interesting was how the third tenet of French Revolution claims about democracy, namely, Fraternity, was missing. Perhaps the notion of Fraternity is included in what we tend to call Social Justice – social justice for the poor, dispossessed, refugees, Aborigines and any other disadvantaged people.

This might be so to an extent. We have community organisations like the Red Cross and Medicin Sans Frontieres and church groups like Wesley Mission and St Vinnies doing social justice. But Fraternity itself is more than social justice. Perhaps it is a fault of our tendency to privacy – my home being my castle, and the ideology of individualism that society has become less fraternal.

I might contribute financially to Fraternity by supporting the Christmas Bowl or sponsoring a child through World Vision. But this removes me personally from my duty of Fraternity. What if I did Parenting from a distance – as is becoming increasingly the case with divorce and the impact on children?

Which brings me around to the local scene. Hospitality month was such a blessing to me because I went into another home and other people came into my home. The tragedy of the way we live as a society in high rise and how we meet on third party neutral places like the coffee shop or club, has bred out of our consciousness the spontaneity of just dropping in on one's neighbour for a chat for instance. This and the high mobility by regular changes of address and shift work have contributed to the passing by of Fraternity.

The ultimate tragedy is that people may die alone in their flat without being missed by anyone. This would not happen if we had a sense of Fraternity beyond social justice. Hospitality month as such a good way to start reclaiming Fraternity as a value. I loved how Jesus just used to drop in on Mary and Martha.

Geoff Anderson.

Worship Planner for November 2009

Date	8:30am	9:45am	6pm	Remarks
1 November (Ordinary Sunday 31)	Geoff Brown (HC)	Geoff Brown	Geoff Brown	Je-Kon Study Leave
8 November (Ordinary Sunday 32)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	2pm Remember Service
15 November (Ordinary Sunday 33)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Graham Knight	
22 November (Christ the King)	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh	End of Year (Church Calendar)
29 November (Advent 1)	11am St. Andrew's Sunday Celebration			Reception of new members

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	2 9.30 Playtime	3 7.00 Planning	4 9.30 Fellowship 9.45 M.O.P.S.	5	6	7
8 8.30/9.45 Worship 11.15 Cong Mtg 2.00 Remembrance <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	9 9.30 Playtime	10 7.30 Church Council	11	12 10.00 Coffee 'n Chat	13	14 7.30 Blokes 'n Sheds
15 8.30/9.45 Worship 2010 Calendars <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	16 9.30 Playtime	17 7.30 Elders	18 9.45 M.O.P.S.	19	20	21
22 8.30/9.45 Worship <i>Sundays@6.00</i>	23 9.30 StA Singers 9.30 Playtime	24	25	26 12 Seniors' Lunch	27	28
29 ADVENT 1 St Andrew's Sunday 11.00 Worship ONLY Membership Sunday	30 St Andrew's Day 9.30 Playtime					





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

eMT Youth – 3.15pm-4.15pm (During school term time) (Glenda Christie 02 9913 8626)
Church Council – 7.30pm – Quarterly Meetings (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)
Elders – 7.30pm – 1st Tuesday each month (Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)

WEDNESDAYS

MOPS – 9.45-11.45am Fortnightly in school terms for Mums and preschoolers (Michelle Dacey 4574 1312)
Adult Fellowship – 10am – 1st Wednesdays – Friends, food, fun (Irene Milne 4578 1482)

THURSDAYS

Coffee 'n Chat – 10am (2nd Thursday each month:
All Together – 10am - 12noon; Crafts and fun
(for info on Thursday seniors' activities contact Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)
Senior's Bible Study – 12 noon-1.30pm Bible Study (except 4th Thursday)
(Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)
Seniors' Luncheon – 12noon - 1.45pm (4th Thursday each month)

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)

SATURDAYS

Blokes 'N Sheds – 8am Working Bee & Lunch – 2nd Saturdays each month (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)*