

# INTERACT

THE MAGAZINE OF THE ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CHURCH

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church Mission Statement

The Endeavour Hills Uniting Church...  
a worshipping, nurturing, learning community...  
an open door, reaching out to show Christ's face to all.  
'Together We Grow'



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# Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

## Service Times

Sunday of the Month	10.30 am
1st	Worship Service with Communion
2nd,3rd	Worship Service
4th(where Applicable)	Worship Service
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH	Contemporary-Style Worship Service (February to November)

## Prayer Chain

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church is fortunate in having an active Prayer Chain. If you have any Prayer Requests, please contact any member of the Prayer Chain listed below:

Mary Mehl..... 9791 5442

Judy Hopkins ..... 9700 7551

Sue Reid ..... 9704 9195

Pam Cowley..... 9793 5997

## Mark 16:1-8

*When the Sabbath was over, [Mary Magdalene](#), Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"*

*But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.*

*"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "*

*Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*



### **Please Note:**

**The views in the articles included in this publication are not necessarily those held by the Endeavour Hills Uniting Church.**

# USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

<b><i>Sundays</i></b>	10:30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas
	2—3 pm	Jesuran Computer Classes	Hall
	3-6:30 pm	Jesuran Worship Service	Church
<b><i>Tuesdays</i></b>	7:30-9 pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday)	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room
	7:30 - 9 pm (4th Tuesday)	Property & Finance Committee	Meeting Room
<b><i>Wednesday</i></b>	10-12 noon (except School Holidays)	Bible Study	Meeting Room
	7-9 pm	Jesuran Music Group (6-8 People)	Hall
	7:30 – 9:30 pm (2nd Wed.)	Church Council	Meeting Room
<b><i>Thursday</i></b>	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
<b><i>Saturdays</i></b>	9.30 am – 2:30 pm	Jesuran Worship	Hall and Church
Other areas for meetings as necessary			
<b>ALL GROUPS will have access to toilets and kitchen.</b> <b>“Hall” = old pre-school area</b>			

Once upon a time, twin boys were conceived in the same womb. Weeks passed, and the twins developed. As their awareness grew, they laughed for joy, “Isn’t it great that we were conceived? Isn’t it great to be alive?”

Together the twins explored their world. When they found their mother’s cord that gave them life they sang for joy, “How great is our mother’s love that she shares her own life with us.”

As the weeks stretched into months the twins noticed how much each was changing. “What does this mean?”, asked the one. “It means that our stay in this world is drawing to an end”, said the other one.

“But I don’t want to go”, said the one, “I want to stay here always”. “We have no choice”, said the other, “but maybe there is life after birth!”

“But how can it be?” responded the one. “We will shed our life cord, and how is life possible without it? Besides, we have seen evidence that others were here before us and none of them have returned to tell us that there is life after birth.”

And so the one fell into deep despair saying, “If conception ends with birth, what is the purpose of life in the womb? It’s meaningless! Maybe there is no mother at all.”

“But there has to be”, protested the other. “How else did we get here? How do we remain alive?”

“Have you ever seen our mother?”, said the one. “Maybe she lives in our minds. Maybe we made her up because the idea made us feel good.”

And so the last days in the womb were filled with deep questioning and fear and finally the moment of birth arrived. When the twins had passed from their world, they opened their eyes and cried, for what they saw exceeded their fondest dreams.

*‘Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it so much as dawned on people what God has prepared for those who love Him.’*

Read more at [Stories | Jesus Christ Wallpapers | Christian Songs Online http://www.turnbacktogod.com/category/stories/#ixzz3UycNe4uJ](http://www.turnbacktogod.com/category/stories/#ixzz3UycNe4uJ)



# HOLY WEEK



## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Venue
<b>Monday 30th March</b>	7 pm	Narre Warren North Uniting Church, Tom Jones Court Narre Warren North.
<b>Tuesday 31st March</b>	7 pm	
<b>Wednesday 1st April</b>	7 pm	
<b>Maundy Thursday 2nd April</b> There will be a meal as part of the service to commemorate The Last Supper, which will be followed by Communion.	6 pm	
<b>Good Friday 3rd April</b>	10.30 am	Endeavour Hills Uniting Church, Hellyer Way Endeavour Hills
<b>Easter Sunday 5th April</b>	10.30am	

# **THE ANDREWS CENTRE**

## **ENDEAVOUR MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

The website for the above ministry is [www.andrewscentre.org.au](http://www.andrewscentre.org.au)  
If you have time-check it out. It is very interesting and our church was very much part of this ministry, especially the Opportunity Shop, in the early years.

Judy Martin, from The Andrews Centre, will be giving the address in our worship service on the 12th April to let the newer members of our congregation know what the Centre is all about and bringing the rest of us up to date on what they are doing in the community now.

The Andrews Centre is where we take the food donated by you and dedicated at worship on Sundays.

Perhaps it's time for a reminder –any non perishable food is greatly appreciated.

*Jean Lacey*

### **ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITINGCARE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

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# Notice Board

## Lawn Mowing and Gardening

Anyone who enjoys gardening – look on the church garden as your second home!

Thank you to all our gardeners who try to tame the weeds.

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## SAMMY STAMP

Please save your used stamps for Sammy Stamp Appeal –this has raised more than \$600,000 for needy causes since it began.

There is a box marked \*Stamps\*  
On the table in the Narthex.

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## Trading Table

The next Trading Tables will be on

**Sunday April 11th**

Again thank you to those that have contributed throughout 2014.

Please contact Heather Kimber  
Phone: 9796 8154

## Fundraisers....

### Paper Collection & Packing

Keep collecting newspapers, details regarding packing of paper will be in the weekly notices or Interact.

## The Andrews Centre

**Please keep donating non perishable food thank you!**

Just bring along a couple of cans or whatever you can spare on Sundays and these are delivered during the week and appreciatively received. There are many in our community in need.

## Casseroles

For many years Judy Hopkins has been organising meals for people in our congregation going through sickness etc. If you would like to help please leave your details with Judy and she will contact you when needed.

Phone: 9700 7551

Email: judy.inehills@bigpond.com



# Group News

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

The group meets at the Church from 10.00 am, (except during school holidays). Everyone is welcome.

## Beta: Ladies' Bible Study Group

The group meets at 7.30 pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month (except during school holidays) at the Church.

Please contact Mary Mehl: Phone 9791 5442.

## Coffee Break

This informal group gathers at 10am on Friday mornings (except on the 1st Friday of the month). We meet at Muffin Break in the Food Court, Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre.



Everyone is welcome, so if you are in the vicinity on a Friday morning around that time, please feel free to come and join in. You will be very welcome. No need to book!

Just come and have a chat over a cup of coffee. See you there!

## First Friday Lunch



**NEXT**

**First Friday Outing  
Friday 1st May**

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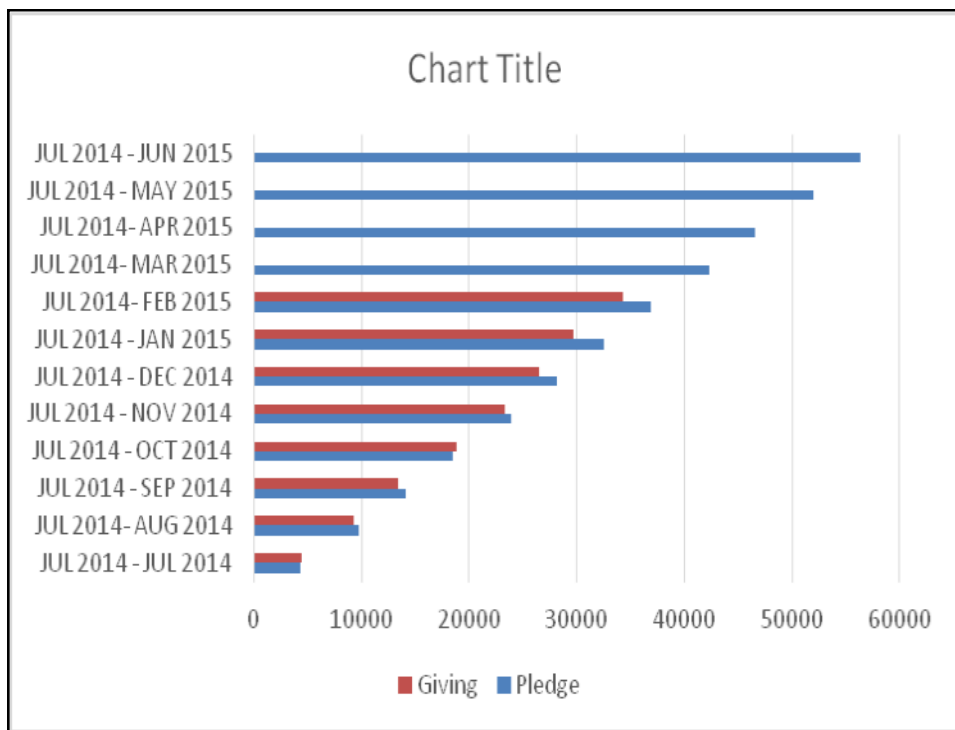
**12.30pm**

This informal lunch is held on the first Friday of every month throughout the year. It is open to everyone to attend.

Details will be available in the weekly Notice Sheet.

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# PLANNED GIVING



## DIRECT DEBIT:

Could people who elect to give to Planned Giving through direct debit, please advise the Finance Committee, so that these details can be noted.

# CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

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11<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Devotions led by Cheryl.

Cheryl welcomed David Garnepudi who may join church council.

Business arising. Following the visit of Tim Smith from Kids Hope several people have expressed interest in being involved. Lynda Greenstreet and possibly Stephen Mayes are interested in being co-ordinators. They will have to wait till June for the co-ordinators training. We may be able to start this program in term 3. Thomas Mitchell primary school has been contacted.

Cheryl discussed the gathering where a cheque for \$1450 was presented to the bishop from the Philippines to be used to assist in Tacloban village.

Business arising from correspondence. Judy Martin from Endeavour Ministries has been contacted and will speak at our service on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Andrea Mayes has written to request permission to use the church for her Spiritual directions program. Andrea to be invited to speak to church council about this program.

Ministers Report. Kharis reported that Rev. Ineke Gyles will be available to do communion on Easter Sunday.

Worship report. Kharis will not be with us on April 26<sup>th</sup> which will be our "Alive service."

Property and Finance. Some church members have been helping at the manse by dismantling Kitchen and cleaning up inside and out. Tiles for the kitchen and laundry are to be chosen.

Music. Singing group currently in recess. Praise Time singing to be discontinued at end of March and replaced by reflective music. This decision was made as fewer people are able to do Praise Time and this puts a load on the few who can.

Sunday school/youth. There will be a family Ten Pin Bowling night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Andrea Mayes and Cheryl will run a "Frozen at Easter" school holiday program on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at the church.

General Business. Diane Hall's nomination for J.N.C. to be presented for approval at General Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Several members to be re-elected to church council or elder and church council.

Judy Hopkins.

# APRIL ROSTERS

April 2015	3	5	12	19	26
<b>Bible Reading</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Cheryl Doddrell Geoff Lacey	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Diane and Brian Hall	<b>Sue &amp; Stan Ashley</b>	<b>David Garnepudi Jean Lacey</b>	Joan Hansen Mary Mehl
<b>Communion Prep</b>		Heather Kimber Christine Summers			
<b>Communion Servers</b>		Diane Hall, Judy Hopkins Cheryl Doddrell			
<b>Counting of Offering</b>		Patricia Matthys David Garnepudi	Warren Ward <b>Brian Hall</b>	Sandra Cox Pam Cowley	Bruce Hansen Grant Allison
<b>Door/ Offering</b>	Christine Summers	Andrew Moore	Grant Allison	Murray John	Sandra Cox
<b>Early Word</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	Michelle Smith	Steve Mayes	Sue Reid
<b>Flowers</b>		Elizabeth Kapitany	Artificial Flowers	Edith John Cheryl Doddrell	Artificial Flowers
<b>Kitchen</b>		Delilah Spencer Elizabeth Moore	<b>Sue &amp; Stan Ashley</b>	<b>Smith Family</b>	Mathy Watkins Jacqui Gacutan
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	<b>Edith John</b>	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	<b>Edith John</b>	Band
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Jean Lacey	Ursula Ebert	Andrew Moore	Patricia Matthys	Marion Ward
<b>Preacher/ Duty Elder</b>	Kharis Susilawati Cheryl Doddrell	Kharis Susilawati Diane Hall Rev Ineke Gyles  Communion	Judy Martin / The Andrews Centre <b>Pam Cowley Cheryl Doddrell</b>	Kharis Susilawati  Judy Hopkins Rev Ineke Gyles (Baptism)	<b>Pam Cowley and Alive Team Diane Hall</b>
<b>Public Address</b>	<b>Paul Watkins</b>	<b>Geoff Lacey</b>	<b>Gavin Bartholomeusz</b>	<b>Geoff Lacey</b>	<b>Warren Ward</b>

# MAY ROSTERS

May 2015	3	10	17	24	31
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Judy Hopkins Catherine Gonsalves	Smith Family	Pam Cowley Heather Kimber	Warren & Marion Ward	Sue Reid Catherine Gonsalves
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Sandra Cox Delilah Spencer				
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Elke Beecher Judy Hopkins				
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Brian Greenstreet				
<b>Counting of Offering</b>	David Garnepudi Warren Ward	Brian Hall Patricia Matthys	Sandra Cox Lynne Bryan	Catherine Gonsalves Grant Allison	Pam Cowley Bruce Hansen
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<b>Early Word</b>		Michelle Smith	Steve Mayes	Pam Cowley	Sue Reid
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<b>Kitchen</b>	Delilah Spencer Elizabeth Moore	Gonsalves Family	Joan Hansen Sandra Neal	Mathy Watkins Jacqui Gacutan	Heather Kimber Pam Cowley
<b>Organist/ Pianist</b>	Edith John	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Olive Morland (Pentecost)	Band
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Andrew Moore	Ursula Ebert	Marion Ward	Jean Lacey	Patricia Matthys
<b>Preacher/ Duty Elder</b>	Kharis Susilawati Judy Hopkins	Kharis Susilawati Diane Hall	Kharis Susilawati Pam Cowley	Kharis Susilawati Judy Hopkins	Kharis Susilawati  Diane Hall
<b>Public Address</b>	Geoff Lacey	Paul Watkins	Warren Ward	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Geoff Lacey



# LECTIONARY FOR EASTER

Easter Year B	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<a href="#">Easter Vigil</a> April 5, 2015 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<b>Old Testament Readings and Psalms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26</li> <li>• Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46</li> <li>• Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16</li> <li>• Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18</li> <li>• Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6</li> <li>• Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19</li> <li>• Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43</li> <li>• Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143</li> <li>• Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98</li> </ul> <b>New Testament Reading and Psalm</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114</li> </ul> <b>Gospel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark 16:1-8</li> </ul>			
<a href="#">Resurrection of the Lord</a> April 5, 2015 <i>Easter Day</i> <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	* <a href="#">Acts 10:34-43</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Isaiah 25:6-9</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 15:1-11</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Acts 10:34-43</a>	<a href="#">John 20:1-18</a> <b>or</b> <a href="#">Mark 16:1-8</a>
<a href="#">Easter Evening</a> April 5, 2015 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Isaiah 25:6-9</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 114</a>	<a href="#">1 Corinthians 5:6b-8</a>	<a href="#">Luke 24:13-49</a>



# LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

<p>Second Sunday</p> <p>Of Easter</p> <p>April 12, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 4:32-35</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 133</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 John 1:1-2:2</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 20:19-31</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Third Sunday of Easter</a></p> <p>April 19, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 3:12-19</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 4</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 John 3:1-7</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 24:36b-48</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Fourth Sunday of Easter</a></p> <p>April 26, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 4:5-12</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 23</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 John 3:16-24</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 10:11-18</a></p>





# LECTIONARY FOR MAY

<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter</p> <p>May 3, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 8:26-40</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 22:25-31</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 John 4:7-21</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 15:1-8</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">Sixth Sunday of Easter</a></b></p> <p>May 10, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 10:44-48</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 98</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 John 5:1-6</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 15:9-17</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">Ascension of the Lord</a></b></p> <p>May 14, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 1:1-11</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 47</a> or <a href="#">Psalm 93</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Ephesians 1:15-23</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Luke 24:44-53</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">Seventh Sunday of Easter</a></b></p> <p>May 17, 2015 (If Ascension not observed here)</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 1</a></p>	<p><a href="#">1 John 5:9-13</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 17:6-19</a></p>
<p><b><a href="#">Day of Pentecost</a></b></p> <p>May 24, 2015</p> <p><a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a></p>	<p><a href="#">*Acts 2:1-21</a> or <a href="#">Ezekiel 37:1-14</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Romans 8:22-27</a> or <a href="#">Acts 2:1-21</a></p>	<p><a href="#">John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</a></p>





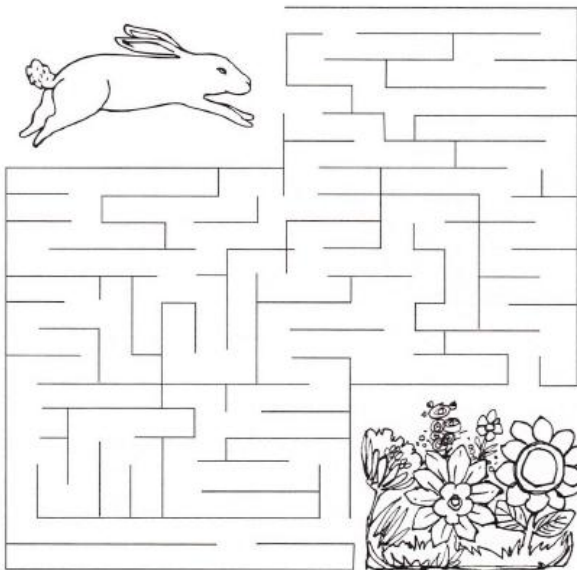
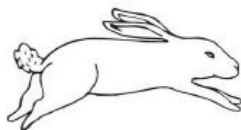
# FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



## K I D S' C L I P S

### Find the way

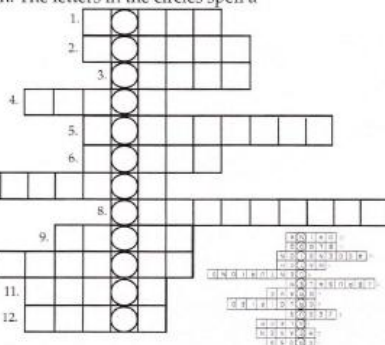
Help the bunny find his way to the flower patch



### Celebrate Easter

Fill in the blanks with the words relating to Jesus' death. The letters in the circles spell a

- Jesus died on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus went to \_\_\_\_\_ after he left this earth.
- The disciples got tired and went to \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross that he carried.
- After he died Jesus was placed in a \_\_\_\_\_, another word for a tomb.
- The last week of Jesus' life was spent in or near the city of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The soldiers that guarded the cross were called \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus asked his disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ and pray when he went to the garden.
- Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven took place after his resurrection.
- Jesus shed his \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.
- Jesus was given vinegar to \_\_\_\_\_ when he was on the cross.



April 2015

## **“Grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” 2 Peter 3:18**

Committed, true Christians always examine themselves with questions like ‘do we grow in grace?’ ‘Do we get on in our religion?’ ‘Do we make progress?’ To a formal Christian the inquiry seems to be worthless, nonsensical. For them it is nothing more than Sunday religion, their Christianity is like the Sunday clothes, to be put on once a week and set aside. Is Sunday worship a mere formality and nothing more? Do we recognize and greet only those we are familiar with who are our friends and ignore others in the church and outside? They are ignorant of growth and cannot be expected to grow in grace. Growing in grace is foolishness to them (1Cor.2:14; Romans 8:9 and Jude 19. The Spirit filled Christians care about their souls and their growth in grace as an absolute necessity of true holiness.

(1 Cor.2:15)

There are three aspects of spiritual growth

- a) The reality of spiritual growth
- b) Marks of spiritual growth
- c ) Means of spiritual growth

Growing in grace is inseparably connected with the question of sanctification.

- a) The reality of spiritual growth

It means the increase in the degree, size, strength, vigour and power of the graces, which the Holy Spirit plants in a believer's heart. Faith, hope, love, courage, humility, repentance, zeal etc., may be little or great, strong or weak, vigorous or feeble and may vary in the same person, at various stages in the believer's life. When we speak of growing in grace, it simply means that our sense of sin becomes deeper, our faith stronger, our hope brighter, our love spreads wider and our godliness in our hearts.

We manifest more of it in our lives. We travel from strength to strength, from faith to faith and from grace to grace. Colossians 1:10.

Biblical knowledge is not only to know the facts. Knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the Bible must be practical, with holy living, a life lived worthy of the Lord. Eph.4:15; Phil.1:9; I Thes.4:10; 2 Thes. 1:3

b) The marks of Spiritual growth

- 1) We grow in grace with increased humility. Our souls grow with feelings of our own sinfulness and unworthiness.
- 2) We grow in grace with increased faith towards our Lord Jesus Christ, with increased holiness of life and conversation.
- 3) We grow in grace with increased charity.
- 4) The increase of zeal and diligence in doing good to others.

c) The means of spiritual growth

Saint James spoke well of our spiritual growth. James 1:17 “Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows”. But we need to be aware that God is pleased to work by means as well as ends, because He has ordained both.

Essential factors for growth:

- a) Diligence in the use of private means of growth. They are private prayer, private reading of the Scriptures, private meditation and self-examination. To remember the absolute necessity of making time to commune with our hearts before God and be still. Ps.4:4. Consistent reading of the Bible and to be alone with God to the point that there is no will of our own, by submitting completely our being to Him in prayer.

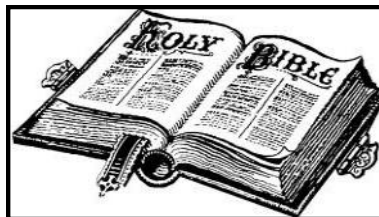
To be careful in the use of public means of grace such as Sunday worship, corporate prayer and praise, listening to the Word of God and the Lord's Supper. Eccles.9:10; Col.3:23

- c) Watchfulness over our conduct in matters of everyday life, our temper, our tongues, our behaviour and use of time.
- d) We need to be cautious about the company we keep and the friendships we form that affect our character.
- e) Regular and habitual communion with our Lord Jesus Christ.

In serving pleasure and money it is easy to go too far. In the name of religion men of cloth preach in crystal cathedrals for the affluent congregations while drug addicts, destitutes and beggars squatter down below. It was reported last week a preacher said he needs a 50 million dollar Gulf Stream luxury plane as a necessity to preach the Word. Such people can drive away new Christians and unbelievers by bringing Christianity into disrepute.

In following everything that makes up true religion and serving Christ, there can be no extreme. There is no such thing as a fanatic Christian, because we were created to worship Him with our body, mind and soul to our one and only Creator, the Sovereign Lord of all creation.

LAKSMAN PETHIYAGODA





## LENTEN OFFERING 2015

# Congregational Guide

### INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to provide resource information to help you promote the 2015 Lenten Offering.

The Offering is an important part of the life of our Synod and we encourage you to promote it as widely as possible in your congregation.

**Support** the Offering by arranging to have members of your congregation read a project story each week. Some of the stories could be printed in your newsletter and are available electronically.

**Send** donations that are placed in the offering bowl to: Share - Lenten Offering, PO Box 24154, Melbourne, 3001.

### PROMOTIONAL AIDS

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| <b>Poster</b>           | Display on your noticeboard  |
| <b>Appeal brochures</b> | Hand one to each family or place along the pews.<br><br>Use the information inside the appeal brochures to promote the projects. |

### SUGGESTED PLAN OF ACTION

**Check** that you have received enough copies of the promotional materials already listed. Additional copies can be obtained free of charge. Simply contact us: Share, 130 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, 3000. Telephone: (03) 9251 5251, email: [shareinfo@victas.uca.org.au](mailto:shareinfo@victas.uca.org.au)

**Display** the posters supplied

**Arrange** for the door greeters, or a special person, to distribute the appeal brochures to every family.

**Publicise** the Offering each week during Lent. There is a project summary below that can be included in your pew sheets or weekly newsletter. Contact us if you would like an electronic version.

### THE 2015 LENTEN OFFERING WILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

- Clean drinking water for students with disabilities and their teachers at the Gamela School of Excellence in Zambia.
- Free access to a range of allied health professionals, including dental and optical services, for disadvantaged and vulnerable people in Doveton, an area of significant disadvantage in Victoria.
- 'Hand Made with Pride', a sewing design and production project which helps incarcerated women develop skills and attitudes which transform their lives whilst at the same time supporting the Tasmanian community.
- The development of a community support framework to assist and encourage disadvantaged Vietnamese families who are struggling to make the cultural transition.

### For further information contact:

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## PROVERBS TO MAKE YOU THINK

**Proverbs 10:1 (NRSV).**

*A wise child makes glad a father, but a foolish child is a mother's grief.*

Some questions generated by this proverb are:

How is a child wise?

How does a child 'get' to be wise?

Why does a wise child 'make glad a father'?

How do you even recognize a wise child when you see one?

Regarding a 'foolish' child, some questions may include:

How is a child foolish?

How does a child 'get' to be foolish?

Why does a 'foolish' child become 'a mother's grief'?

How do you even recognize a foolish child when you see one?

Some further questions to consider:

Does a wise child grow into a wise adult?

Does a foolish child grow into a foolish adult?

What goes wrong when a child is killed by a parent?

What goes wrong when a child kills a parent?

How does a parent let a child down?

Who is the victim in a parent/child power struggle?

Where is God in this picture?

In reflecting on some of these questions, in conjunction with others you may have thought of yourself, the thing to remember is that – the child wasn't born wise or foolish! They are clay in the parent's hands.

If this is of interest to you, these are some of the ideas discussed and explored during Wednesday morning Bible Study Group at 10am during school terms. If you are interested in what makes the world go round, come and join us. We also discuss Old Testament narratives, pray and sing to the Lord. What more could you want? Yes, we have morning tea as well! See you there.

God bless

Elke Beecher/ Group Leader.

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2. Leave in the blue Interact folder which is located on the stand to the right of the kitchen window.

Your articles, notices, goods & services for sale etc. are very welcome. Please include your name, phone number & email address in case it is necessary to contact you.

**Material should be submitted by 12pm on the deadline dates indicated below:**

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June	May 31st	June 7th
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