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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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	SERVICE TIMES
Sunday of the Month	10.30 am
1st	Worship Service with Communion (Includes Sunday School)
2nd,3rd	Worship Service (Includes Sunday School)
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 Reid9704 9195

Pam Cowley..... 0429 932 111

USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

<i>Sundays</i>	10:30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas except childcare office and nursery
<i>Monday</i>	morning	Play Group “Treasure Trove”	Narthex and/or Nursery
	afternoon	Montessori	All childcare areas
<i>Tuesday – Friday</i>	all day	Montessori	All childcare areas
<i>Tuesday</i>	7:30-9 pm	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room (1 st and 3 rd Tues)
<i>Wednesday</i>	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Property & Finance Committee Group	Meeting Room (4 th Wed.)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Meeting Room (2 nd Wed)
<i>Thursday</i>	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
	<i>Outside Montessori hours</i>	For Church Use	All areas (except childcare office and nursery)

Please Note:

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

EASTER SERVICES

24TH MARCH 2016: MAUNDY THURSDAY
@EHUC @ 7.00PM

25TH MARCH 2016: GOOD FRIDAY@ EHUC
@10.30AM

27TH MARCH 2016: EASTER SUNDAY @
EHUC @ 10.30AM



PANCAKE DAY

Thank you to all who participated and donated. You raised \$146.35.

Thanks to our wonderful cooks: Chris Summers

Rachael Kimber

Melissa (Rachel's German friend)

Andrea Mayes: (gluten free pancakes)

Helper: Lucy Mayes

Cheryl Doddrell & Ursula Ebert :

(donation of pancake mixes)

Thanks to those who supplied lemons and to Mary Mehl for cutting them.

Thanks also to those that helped with cleaning on the day and the extra money donations.

Money raised will go to UnitingCare to help with their many causes.

Thank you,

Heather Kimber

Endeavour Hills UnitingCare Neighbourhood Centre

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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



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

Various people take turns in organising it.

Check the Notice sheet on the Sunday prior to lunch for the name and contact details of the Organiser and the venue for lunch.

Contact the Organiser by 5pm on the Wednesday preceding the lunch if you can come.

Prayer and Share group

This group meets Friday @8.30am. Contact Cheryl Doddrell for details. PH: 9700 1674.

Notice Board

Lawn Mowing and Gardening

MANSE – ongoing maintenance of garden until the manse is occupied – volunteers see anyone from Property and finance.

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

Any help appreciated.

Please contact Bruce Hansen

Phone: 9706 0585.

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.

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. Please consider helping if you can. PH:9700 7551

Email: judy.inehills@bigpond.com

Fundraisers....

Paper Collection & Packing

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

Trading Table

**Next trading table will be
13th March.**

Please keep buying and donating .
This supports the Kids Hope
program.

Feb Takings: \$81.30

Contact Heather Kimber.

PH:9796 8154

The Andrews Centre

Thank you to everyone that has donated non perishable goods.

There is a strong need in the community for this service. Keep up the good work. It is most needed and appreciated.



Playgroup
For Under 5s

Treasure Trove

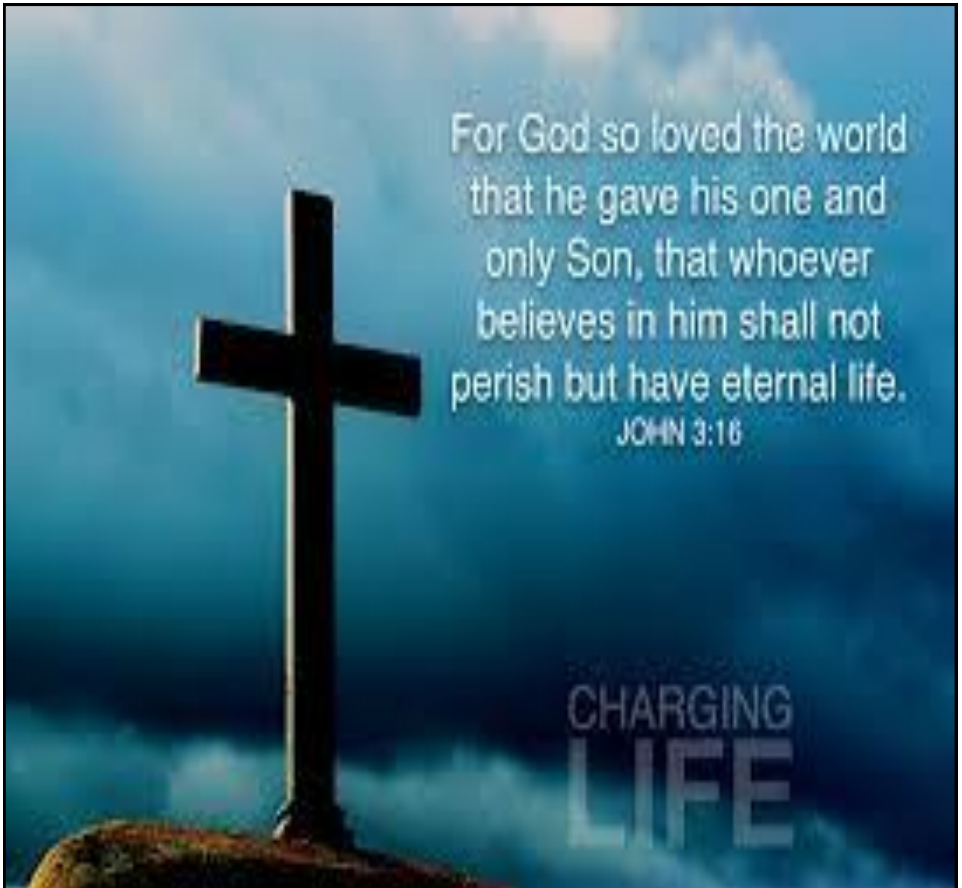
A place to play, explore, discover, enjoy,
journey, adventure, & share!



Endeavour Hills Uniting Church
Corner Raymond McMahon Boulevard and Hellyer Way
Mondays 10am - 12 noon during School Term



For enquiries or to link in please call Stephen on 0408 684 366

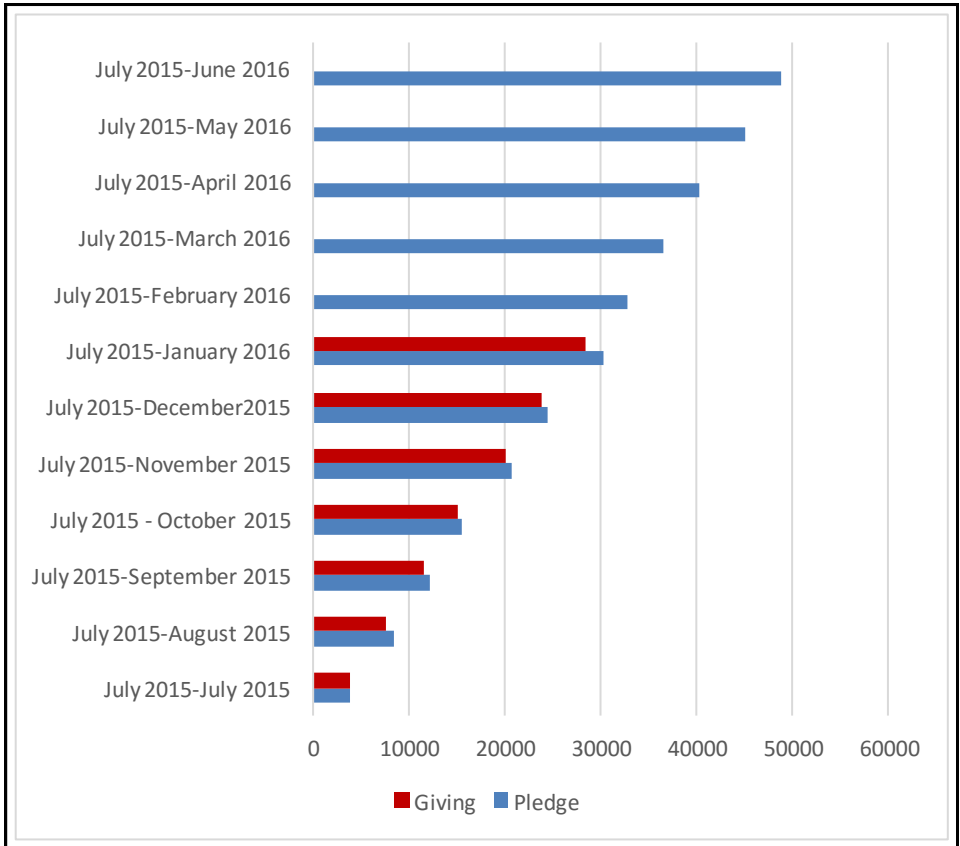


Clean up Australia Day on Sunday 6th March

Come and help pick up rubbish as a way of expressing your care for creation and our local community. Bring your own lunch or a plate of food to share. Plastic bags will be provided. Contact Andrea Mayes 9700 7396 with any questions.



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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10th February 2016

Those who were able attended the Ash Wednesday service as our devotions time.

Robin Yang attended the meeting briefly and thanked us for the privilege of serving as our minister and for our support during that time. For many years Olive Morland has set up the worship area each Sunday but is unable to continue with this. A letter of appreciation has been sent to Olive. Cheryl is willing to take on this duty but at times will need other elders to do this.

Palm Sunday is to be an “Alive” service instead of having “Alive” on the last Sunday in March which is Easter Sunday. Rev. Bruce Monro will start as our supply minister on the first Sunday in March. Some members will remember Bruce as he has been our supply minister many years ago.

As the manse has been empty for some time it is important that it should be rented out as soon as possible.

Treasure Trove playgroup has recommenced and has several new families. The group has received a \$700 grant from Great Start Community Playgroups. A letter of thanks was sent to Stephen Mayes for doing the application for this grant.

Pastoral care visiting at Dandenong hospital has recommenced for the year and the Neighbourhood Centre has also reopened.

The children with adult supervision will take part on Clean up Australia Day on 6th March after church. Andrea Mayes will organise this.

Judy Hopkins

Secretary.



LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

<p>March 6, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Joshua 5:9-12</p>	<p>Psalm 32</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 5:16-21</p>	<p>Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32</p>
<p>Fifth Sunday in Lent March 13, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Isaiah 43:16-21</p>	<p>Psalm 126</p>	<p>Philippians 3:4b-14</p>	<p>John 12:1-8</p>
<p>Liturgy of the Palms March 20, 2016 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER</p>		<p>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</p>		<p>Luke 19:28-40</p>
<p>Liturgy of the Passion March 20, 2016 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9a</p>	<p>Psalm 31:9-16</p>	<p>Philippians 2:5-11</p>	<p>Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49</p>





LECTIONARY FOR HOLY WEEK

March 21, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Tuesday of Holy Week March 22, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Wednesday of Holy Week March 23, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Maundy Thursday March 24, 2016 <i>Holy Thursday</i> ART -- PRAYER	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Good Friday March 25, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Holy Saturday March 26, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
March 27, 2016 Easter Day ART -- PRAYER	* Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12
Easter Evening March 27, 2016 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49



LECTIONARY FOR APRIL

<p>April 3, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 5:27-32</p>	<p>Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150</p>	<p>Revelation 1:4-8</p>	<p>John 20:19-31</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Easter April 10, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)</p>	<p>Psalm 30</p>	<p>Revelation 5:11-14</p>	<p>John 21:1-19</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter April 17, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 9:36-43</p>	<p>Psalm 23</p>	<p>Revelation 7:9-17</p>	<p>John 10:22-30</p>
<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter April 24, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>*Acts 11:1-18</p>	<p>Psalm 148</p>	<p>Revelation 21:1-6</p>	<p>John 13:31-35</p>



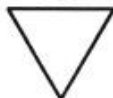
FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



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Obeying the Rules

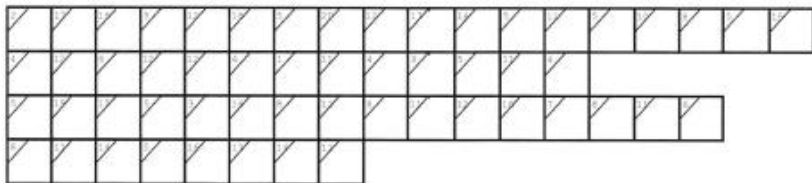
Obeying the rules is part of good citizenship. Here are some signs you might need to obey when riding your bike. Draw lines to match the sign to the same shape.



Decode the Message

Decode the message that we find in Luke 6:35.

1=A 2=B 3=C 4=D 5=E 6=G 7=H 8=I 9=L 10=M 11=N 12=O 13=P 14=R
15=S 16=T 17=U 18=V 19=X 20=Y



Write the words below

Answers: But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

March 2016

ROSTERS FOR MARCH

March 2016	6	13	20 Palm Sunday	25 Good Friday	27 Easter Sunday
Bible Reading	Colin Wilhelms Gavin	The Smith Family	YOUTH	Diane Hall Mary Mehl	Edith John Elke Beecher
Communion Preparation	Delilah Spencer Elizabeth Moore				Heather Kimber Christine Summers
Communion Servers	Pam Cowley Diane Hall				Judy Hopkins Pam Cowley Elke Beecher Diane Hall
Communion Steward	Brian Greenstreet				
Counting of Offering	Lynne Bryan Brian Hall	Sandra Cox Grant Allison	Brian Hall David Garnepudi		Pam Cowley Bruce Hansen
Door/Offering	Andrew Moore	Sandra Cox	Christine Summers	Stan Ashley	Grant Allison
Early Word		Michelle Smith	Stephen Mayes	Rev. Bruce Monro	Pam Cowley
Flowers	Lynda Greenstreet	Artificial Flowers	Artificial Flowers	Artificial Flowers	Anne Williams
Kitchen	The Gonsalves Family	Sue & Stan Ashley	Delilah Spencer Elizabeth		Jacqui Gacutan Delilah Spencer
Organist/ Pianist	Edith John	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Edith John	Olive Morland
PowerPoint	Rufane Smith	Andrew Moore	Andrew Moore	Rufane Smith	Ursula Ebert
Duty Elder	Pam Cowley	Cheryl Doddrell	Judy Hopkins	Diane Hall	Pam Cowley
Preacher	Rev. Bruce Monro	Rev. Bruce Monro	Rev. Bruce Monro	Rev. Bruce Monro	AliveTeam/ Rev. Bruce
Public Address	Geoff Lacey	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Colin Wilhelms	Geoff Lacey	Gavin Bartholomeusz

ROSTERS FOR APRIL

April 2016	3	10	17	24
Bible Reading	Brian & Diane Hall	Lynda & Brian Greenstreet	Elke Beecher Pam Cowley	Youth
Communion Preparation	Pam Cowley Sandra Cox			
Communion Servers	Pam Cowley Judy Hopkins			
Communion Steward	Brian Hall			
Counting of Offering	Lynne Bryan Wes Porch	Brian Greenstreet Sandra Cox	Catherine Gonsalves Brian Hall	Bruce Hansen David Garnepudi
Door/Offering	Andrew Moore	Grant Allison	Sandra Cox	Christine Summers
Early Word		Elke Beecher	Stephen Mayes	Lynda Greenstreet
Flowers	Mary Mehl	Artificial Flowers	Cheryl Doddrell/ Edith John	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Smith Family	Heather Kimber Pam Cowley	Joan Hansen Sandra Neal
Organist/Pianist	Edith John	Olive Morland	Edith John	BAND
PowerPoint	Rufane Smith	Andrew Moore	Ursula Ebert	Rufane Smith
Duty Elder	Judy Hopkins	Diane Hall	Pam Cowley	Cheryl Doddrell
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EASTER EGGS

Easter eggs are specially decorated eggs given out to celebrate the Easter festival. The custom of the Easter egg originated in the early Christian community of [Mesopotamia](#), who stained eggs red in memory of the [blood of Christ](#), shed at his crucifixion. As such, for Christians, the Easter egg is a symbol of the [empty tomb](#). The oldest tradition is to use dyed [chicken eggs](#), but a modern custom is to substitute eggs made from chocolate, or plastic eggs filled with candy such as jellybeans.



EASTER SUNDAY

After Jesus was crucified on the Friday (now known as Good Friday), his body was taken down from the cross, and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman Soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance, so that no-one could steal the body.

On the Sunday, Mary Magdalene, followed later by some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb and found that the stone had been moved, and that Jesus' body had gone.

Jesus himself was seen that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people. His followers realised that God had raised Jesus from the dead. We call this the Resurrection.



THE THRONE OF GRACE

Do we quietly bow our heads in reverence when we step into our church? Have we become a generation rapidly losing all sense of divine sacredness when there is a lack of reverence in our worship? If it is true, it is a clear indication we doubt God's presence in our church. The absence of a feeling of awe or deep respect and veneration and losing the awareness of God in our midst in the church is a terrible loss in our worship of our Creator.

If worldly secularism and its growing acceptance is much more appealing and anything goes is our attitude in our church, then we will not be hungering or thirsting for the spiritual life that pleases God. Do we secularise God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ at the expense of true worship? We need true worship (John 4: 21-2). It is wonderful to delight in the adoring worship of God and meet Him in a personal, spiritual experience with much intimacy. We examine ourselves whether we have received the new birth the power from on high through the Holy Spirit of God. 2 Cor. 5:17. Discouraged Christians do not believe in God's Sovereignty. That is why Christ came into this world to re - build the alienation of God and man. Old theologians and Biblical scholars called it theanthropism — the doctrine of the union of the divine and human natures in Christ. The manifestation of God as man in Christ. In Greek the word Theos means God, anthropos means man and ism is English. Therefore THEANTHROPISM is the mystery of God and man united in one Person, not two persons but two natures. The nature of God and the nature of man are united. This one Person is our Lord Jesus Christ. All that is God and all that is man are in Christ fused eternally and extricably. The deity and the humanity never parted. When we kneel before Him and say 'my Lord and my God, Thy throne, O God is for ever and ever, we are talking to God. The meekness and the majesty of Jesus and the majesty and meekness of Him united. Meekness was His humanity, the majesty was His Deity. Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord and King. If there is to be true and blessed worship, some things in our lives must be destroyed and

eliminated. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is certainly positive and constructive. It is destructive in some areas, dealing with and wiping out certain elements that cannot remain in a life pleasing to God. (2 Peter 1:4). God tells us to make a sanctuary of our thoughts in which He can dwell. We are indwelt by God through His Holy Spirit, a mystery wrapped in an enigma, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. His Deity and our humanity. "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever - the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. John 14: 16 & 17.

Jesus the Great High Priest..... "Therefore, since we have a Great High Priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have One who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin." Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4: 14-16

We need to engage in fervent, importunate prayer, that our love for Christ be converted into deeds in our lives and make us doers of His Word. Our Christian love should be transparent and not be antagonistic or hostile towards other Christians or unbelievers. It should be expressed in steadfast living, loving ways that pleases our Lord. Again, let us approach the Throne of grace with reverence in our hearts, to renew, transform and humble our whole being to worship Him alone eternally.

Lakshman Pethiyagoda



QUOTES

TRUE LOVE'S THE GIFT THAT GOD HAS GIVEN
TO MAN ALONE BENEATH THE HEAVEN:
IT IS NOT FANTASY'S HOT FIRE,
WHOSE WISHES SOON AS GRANTED FLY;
IT LIVETH NOT IN FIERCE DESIRE,
WITH DEAD DESIRE IT DOTHT NOT DIE;
IT IS THE SECRET SYMPATHY,
THE SILVER LINK, THE SILKEN TIE,
WHICH HEART TO HEART AND MIND TO MIND
IN BODY AND IN SOUL CAN BIND.

SIR WALTER SCOTT

IF YOU WOULD BE LOVED, LOVE AND BE LOVABLE.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



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