



# Light in the

# Hills

*In Christ – growing – caring – sharing*

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**Anzac Day  
Commemoration Service  
at the Ellis Reserve Memorial  
Fiveways, Kalorama  
9.00 am Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Sponsored by the Dandenong Ranges RSL  
and the Anglican Parish of Mt Dandenong  
All Welcome**

*Refreshments will be available after the service  
at the Viewpoint Café*



## SLEEP and Your Child

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, the parish hosted a seminar and Q&A session on Sleep and Your Child. It was presented by Dr Jon Quach from the Murdoch Institute at the Royal Children's hospital, (also known as Stephen and Kathryn's son-in-law). It was well attended by around 25 local mothers, fathers and grandparents, all of whom were really grateful to have the opportunity to get some help and advice on a range of issues they are having with their children sleeping. Some of the key areas Jon spoke about included:

- how long children should sleep for at various ages
- the importance of routine
- techniques to try to solve existing sleep issues
- the importance of sleep to brain development

There was lots of opportunity for people to ask questions in the group, and then again over a hot drink after the session formally concluded. Our immense gratitude goes to Jon for travelling up and giving his time to our families.  
*Janet Rowe*

## Celebrating EASTER!



**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7.30pm Last Supper Remembrance St Matthew's

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
9.30am St Matthew's, Olinda.  
11.00am St Michael's, Kalorama.

**EASTER DAY**  
6.00am St Clare's, Mt Dandenong., Dawn Easter Vigil followed by breakfast. All welcome.  
8.00am & 11.00am St Michael's, Holy Communion  
9.30am St Matthew's, Holy Communion

## Halleluia!



*St  
Matthew's  
Olinda*

**was looking resplendent for the Autumn Fair on 14<sup>th</sup> March, thanks to weeks of painstaking, voluntary labour by parishioner Terry Taylor.**

The Parish is indebted to Terry who singlehandedly repainted the whole exterior of the historic structure. Terry, who works as a geologist at remote mining sites in WA, used some of his precious home time for the project.

**Our warm thanks to you Terry!**

# HERE & THERE

with Carolyn Clark



*We all have times in our lives when things just seem to get out of control and nothing goes the way you want it to go, some days more so than others.*

I had such a day this past week when everything seemed to go “pear shaped” as they say. My skills as a Granny were tested to the hilt and fell well short of the mark and tasks which I felt I would complete were still undone at the end of the day. Frustration set in which didn’t help the situation in any way, then I remembered the following verse which had helped me in the past. I’d like to share it with you.

## **The Difference** [Author unknown]

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn’t have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,  
And heavier came each task:  
“Why doesn’t God help me?” I wondered.  
He answered, “You didn’t ask.”

I wanted to see joy and beauty,  
But the day toiled on grey and bleak,  
I wondered why God didn’t show me,  
He said, “But you didn’t seek.”

I tried to come into God’s presence;  
I used all my keys in the lock.  
God gently and lovingly chided,  
“My child, you didn’t knock.”

I woke up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

From the C of E Prayer Site:

## **A Prayer for Schoolchildren for the Royal Wedding**

Dear Jesus,  
We pray for Prince William and Catherine Middleton  
as they get ready for their wedding day.  
Keep them safe  
Make them happy  
And help them to look after each other always.

*Amen*

*Light in the Hills*

## **John & Jill Morshead** our link missionaries Serving the Lord in Tanzania

**Lotta Sophie Morshead** was born 28th March 2011, to Joshua & Annika Morshead, our first grandchild and so precious. Our Tanzanian friends were full of congratulations. Officially being grandparents in this society is a great honour and status symbol. It’s now six weeks since we returned to Tanzania. In spite of the debilitating heat, humidity and harsh living conditions of Dar es Salaam, it’s good to be “home”. Greetings were the order of the day for the first two weeks...such important things cannot be hurried. St Marks’ University College has grown and developed in leaps and bounds under the continued wise leadership of Prof. Frank Chiteji. Currently, 900 students are enrolled, which will rise to more than 1,050 next year.

The “pecking order” in this society...comprising white people, 4th and 5th generation Indians/Arabs and the indigenous Tanzanians...is evident. Intentionally and unintentionally, there is injustice and disrespect shown towards the last of these people groups.

This inspired Jill to introduce a week’s intensive on “Cross Cultural Training and Basic Swahili” at Muhimbili University Hospital, for visiting Norwegian students. There are approximately forty such students coming for three months each year for electives. There is still no training course in ultra-sound here, although we have been making some steady progress towards introducing a one year course at Muhimbili National University Hospital. We have now been offered very suitable premises to set up training, and we are awaiting official accreditation before we launch this exciting new enterprise.

John has also been asked to assist a private Muslim institution known as the “A3 Institute of Professional Studies” to prepare a Curriculum and Syllabus for a new Radiography Degree course they would like to introduce. This would be a first for Tanzania, and considering the great shortage of graduates, it can only be seen as a good thing.



# Easter and Anzac Day

'No-one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' John 15: 13.



**W**ith Easter being so late this year we have the coincidence of Anzac day and Easter being celebrated on the same weekend.

This brings into stark reality Jesus words, 'No-one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' (John 15: 13). These words have been used in remembrance services throughout the ages in reflecting upon the amazing sacrifices made by young men in particular on the battle fields of the various wars.

Yet Jesus was referring to his own death which would be to die for us, so that sin would be dealt with, and that we could live free from the guilt and condemnation of our sins. Soldiers die for the freedom of countries. Jesus died to free us from the bondage of sin.

However, there is a quantum of difference between Jesus death and the deaths of soldiers. Jesus mightily and uniquely rose from the grave on Easter morn. His death and resurrection, move us from our own death, to our own immortality. Death is defeated, and eternal life becomes a reality that can be grasped.

We can be, and are, profoundly grateful for those who gave their lives in the service of our country. But, we can respond in a personal way to Jesus death and resurrection. As He gave his life totally for us, we can give our lives totally for Him. As he rose from the dead, we can call out to Him and entrust ourselves into his hands knowing that he has conquered death. We have eternal life through our trust in Him.

**May we all have a really happy, thankful Easter. May we live in the power and love of the risen Christ. May we also remember with great thankfulness all those who gave their lives in the Service of our country.**

*Stephen*



## William Shakespeare's GLOBE THEATRE

will mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible with a cover-to-cover reading between Palm Sunday and Easter Monday.

**T**wenty actors will take part in the reading, which is scheduled to take 69 hours over eight days. They will recite all 1189 chapters of the historic Bible in the London theatre built as a replica of the place that saw many of Shakespeare's greatest plays.

"Four hundred years ago, a set of church scholars sat in Stationer's Hall by St. Paul's Cathedral and put the finishing touches to the King James Bible. Across the river, a set of playwrights, Shakespeare foremost amongst them, entertained a town," artistic director Dominic Dromgoole told ENInews.

"The playwrights listened to the clerics in church, the clerics sneaked in to listen to the plays in the theatre.

Between the two of them they generated an energy, a fire and wit in the English language."

The theatre's 2011 season will also include the story of the creation of the King James Bible in the play "Anne Boleyn," by Howard Brenton.

The story looks at the legacy of King Henry VIII's second wife, who conspires with the exiled William Tyndale to make England Protestant forever. Starting 70 years after her death, the play examines how King James united England's religious factions with a common Bible, and the debt he owed to Anne

*(Jo Siedlecka Huffington Post Religion News Service)*

# Boxing with Jesus

One of life's little quirks is the name of the gold rush town Bendigo. Like many places in Australia it was given several names until 1891, when the official name of Sandhurst was changed back to the pre-gold rush name: Bendigo.

"Bendigo" is not an aboriginal word as some have thought but refers to a local shepherd who was famous for boxing. His real name is not known; Bendigo was the nickname given to him for his similarity to the famous British boxer William Thompson.

William Thompson was born in Nottingham in 1811, the youngest of triplet boys. They were given the biblical nicknames of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – the three young Jewish men in Babylon who would not bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's golden image and so were thrown into the fiery furnace. It was by the name 'Abednego' that William Thompson started his career as a professional bare-knuckle fighter. The name was shortened and changed by a process called metathesis to Bendigo.

## Champion boxer

William Thompson was the Mohammed Ali of his day. He was a clown who drew a crowd and was crowned a champion. He was particularly fast and athletic, a man of great jest and constant talk. He was very acrobatic, dancing around his opponents, baiting them with a steady stream of taunts and insults. He was a crowd pleaser always showing off and even doing somersaults in the ring during a fight. But all this covered a highly skilled pugilist – a southpaw who was technically ahead of his time. In the early 19th century he was the biggest draw card in the, then illegal, bare-knuckle boxing world with crowds of over ten thousand following him. He was crowned as the Champion Prize Fighter of All England. His fame spread throughout the empire, even to the sleepy farming area in central Victoria where a local shepherd's fighting earned him the nickname Bendigo.

Bendigo Thompson, like many other poor men, found in boxing a fame and fortune that would normally have been denied somebody who grew up in the poorhouse. Prior to the 20th century pension systems, the poorhouses of Britain, such as the one in Nottingham to which his widowed mother had to resort, were not much better than the prisons. Boxing was a way to make fast money and get out of poverty, but it came at a dreadful cost. It was illegal for very good reasons. It is a sport designed to injure and damage the contestant. The promoters make money, the gamblers exchange money and the crowd is entertained by violence – but the boxers lose. Their careers are short and their health is often destroyed. One of Bendigo's famous fights with his great rival Ben Caunt, went for 96 rounds,

lasting over two hours. His last fight (of a mere 49 rounds!) was when he was 39.

## Retirement conversion

But what do retired boxers do? He went fishing and won some All England Fishing awards. He became a coach in Oxford but that didn't last. When his mother died he turned to alcohol and political violence. It was a time of great unrest and the 'Nottingham Lambs' of which he was a part, used violence to protest the unjust and appalling living standards of the city of Nottingham. But his hopeless drunken behaviour brought him to the attention of the magistrates and 28 times he was imprisoned for drunken disorderliness. Two decades after his last fight, small children were seen mocking the once great athlete as he descended into habitual drunkenness.

This could have been the sad, all too common end of another extraordinarily talented boxer but God had other plans and other purposes for him. In a manner that astonished all who knew of him, especially the magistrates and the Nottingham Lambs, Bendigo was transformed by the gospel. At a revivalist meeting conducted by a converted miner, Richard Weaver, he gave his heart to God and was a changed man from that time on.

At the age of 60 he became a preacher. His preaching was not literary or learned. He was literally illiterate and so couldn't read the Bible. His preaching was of the obvious character of a transformed life. Drawing huge crowds because of his fame, he told people: "I wish I could read out of this Blessed Book, so's I could talk to you better - but I never learnt to read proper. It's two years since King Jesus came to me an' had a bout wi' me - an' he licked me in the first round." He would often point to his trophies and say 'See them belts; see them cups; I used to fight for those, but now I fight for Christ!'

At 69 years of age he died - not knowing that he would indirectly give his name to a city in Victoria – just as many of its citizens to this day remain ignorant of him and his troubled life. But Bendigo was a man of Nottingham. He was born there, raised there, fought for it and fought in it. In a short poem chastising educated people's ignorance of him, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle called him "the pride of Nottingham". It was only fitting that Bendigo would be buried in Nottingham. Thousands attended his funeral, the procession being more than a mile long. Even The Times printed an obituary of him, though he was a humble and poor man whose tumultuous life was full of toil and trouble.

But it is his tomb's epitaph that records his transformed life and his real home city. "In life always brave, fighting like a lion: in death like a lamb, tranquil in Zion."

*Phillip Jensen*





# CHURCH and Community

## A new local project

KIDS HOPE AUS. is a World Vision mentoring program aimed at creating a positive impact in the lives of Australian children. The model is built on a long-term partnership between local churches

and primary schools, where a caring adult from the church spends one hour each week with a child. The results can change lives.

Mentors are security checked and must complete a training program which includes child protection policies, understanding children's needs and developmental stages.

The program

- Focuses on primary school children because these are the formative years in a child's life. This is the time when self-esteem and values are learned and critical academic skills are acquired.
- Empowers churches to recruit, screen, train, match, supervise and evaluate their members for ongoing mentoring relationships with children who need additional support.
- Churches identify a prayer partner to support each mentor in their mentoring relationship.

Kids Hope offers an effective and compassionate way for a local church to reach out into the community as well as build a long term relationship with a local school.

It is a great privilege for our Parish to join with Ranges Community Church to bring the Kids Hope Aus. Program to Ferny Creek Primary School.

As soon as the interview process is completed and the mentors have identified their prayer partner, the school is ready for us to start.

If you would like to be involved contact Yo Heading: 9751 1639



## The Late Vera Muspratt

We have only recently heard that Vera Muspratt, wife of the vicar who was responsible for building St Michael's in 1940, died in her nursing home in Brecon, Wales, almost a year ago. The manager of her home told us that she died peacefully.

Her death severs the last human link with the building of St Michael's during the grim, early years of the Second World War. In fact, the dedication of the church to St Michael and All Angels has been attributed to two basic ideas: the church on top of a mountain and the church witnessing the Battle of Britain, reflecting cataclysmic events such as appear in the Book of Revelation.

Vera was Oscar's second wife. His first wife Margaret, die at Penn in 1976. Vera had for many years been a sturdy contributor to the parish and was a wonderful help to Oscar in his fourteen years as a widower. He visited us in 1980 and again in 1990 for what was his honeymoon with Vera. They were married just before their departure for Australia.

Several parishioners visited Vera and Oscar over the years, including the late Tom and Mary Venn and Jean Speagle in the 1880s. Oscar regarded the building of St Michael's the greatest achievement of his long ministry and he and Vera named their home in Brecon 'Kalorama'. It said it all.

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## The Parish Picnic

As the day was wet, the Parish Picnic was held in Farndon's Hall, rather than Silvan Dam. A small but merry company enjoyed lunch together. The weekend coincided with the birthdays of three members of the parish, Stephen May, David Spencer and Mac Job, so Wendy Berry kindly provided a cake for the occasion!



*The Lord is Risen !*

*He is Risen indeed!*



## Why your children need Snow White and Sleeping Beauty

**'When it comes to Snow White, Cinderella, The Ugly Duckling, and Sleeping Beauty, don't worry about whether they are politically correct or not. Reading them will do your children far more good than harm.'**

**S**o says a child development expert, Sally Goddard Blythe, who argues that fairy tales can play a crucial role in a child's moral development. She says they nurture moral behaviour and show youngsters the strengths and weaknesses inherent in human nature. A fairy tale contrasts good and evil, rich and poor, vanity and valour.

She argues that fairy tales tackle difficult issues, such as life after the death of parents (Cinderella), and also enlist 'children's innate wish for good to triumph.'

A recent poll by the TheBabyWebsite.com found that a quarter of mothers reject some fairy tales because they deem them too frightening and not politically correct. But Mrs Goddard Blyth, director of the Institute for Neuro-Physiological Psychology in Chester, urges: "When you don't give children these stereotypes, you don't give them a moral code on which to develop their own lives." So – what do fairy tales teach?

**Cinderella:** humility, generosity, love, kindness and obedience are good; but greed, envy, deceit, cruelty and neglect are bad.

**The Ugly Duckling:** endurance, hope, maturity and being true to oneself are good; but fear, enforced conformity and discrimination are bad.

**Snow White:** celebrates diversity and teaches that generosity, kindness and hope are good; while vanity and jealousy are bad.

**Sleeping Beauty:** love and bravery are good; but envy and pride are bad.

**Of course, Christian parents also have a deep wealth of stories with which to introduce their children to a moral and social view of the world: the stories of the Bible. There are a number of excellent Bible story books for children.**

### The Positive Side of Life

- Living on Earth is expensive but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.
- How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.
- Birthdays are good for you! The more you have, the longer you live.
- Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.
- Ever notice that the people who are late are often jollier than the people who have to wait for them?
- Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside us.
- If K-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is ever free?
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- You may be only one person in the world but you may also be the world to one person.
- Don't cry because it's over! Smile because it happened.
- We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names and all are different colours . . . yet they all exist very nicely in the same box.

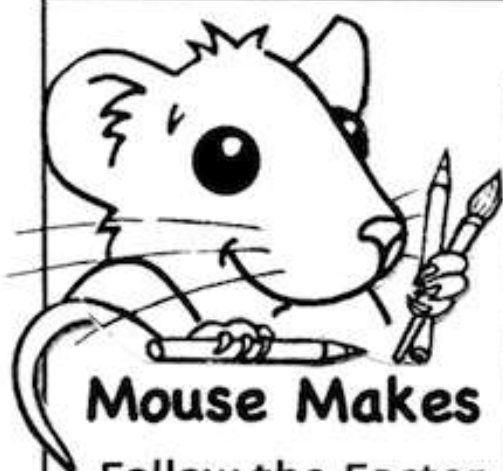


### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

- **A plateau is a high form of flattery**
- **When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.**
- **Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.**
- **You get stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.**
- **Every calendar's days are numbered.**
- **What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.**
- **When an actress saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.**



To you be the glory, risen  
conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory, over  
death you've won!



## Mouse Makes

Follow the Easter story using the Bible references, then look for the words in the wordsearch puzzle



*read Matthew 21:1-11*

DONKEY • ROAD  
BRANCHES • PALMS  
KING • HOSANNA

## Last Supper

*read Matthew 26:17-30*

PASSOVER • ROOM  
BREAD • WINE  
BODY • BLOOD  
CUP • MEAL

## Betrayal and Death

*read Matthew 26:36 - 27:56*

KISS • MESSIAH  
CHRIST • SON  
CRUCIFY • JESUS  
CROWN • THORNS  
ROBE • TREE  
NAILS • CROSS  
DARKNESS • QUAKE  
DEATH • LOTS

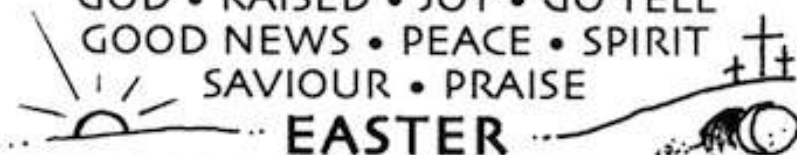
## Easter Wordsearch

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## Burial and Resurrection

*read Matthew 27:57 - 28:20*

TOMB • STONE • LINEN • BODY  
BURY • THREE DAYS • MORNING  
MARY • ANGEL • HEAVEN  
GOD • RAISED • JOY • GO TELL  
GOOD NEWS • PEACE • SPIRIT  
SAVIOUR • PRAISE



**EASTER**

## The Anglican Parish of Mt Dandenong, Diocese of Melbourne

St Michael & All Angels', Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd., Kalorama

Sundays: 8.00am Holy Communion  
11.00am : 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Morning Service 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Holy Communion

St Matthew's, Monash Ave., Olinda

Sundays: 9.30am : 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Morning Service & Sunday School  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Holy Communion & Sunday school

Tuesdays: 5.30pm – 6.00pm Prayer for the Hills

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

Vicar: Archdeacon Stephen May, BSc, Dip Ed, Bth. DipMin.  
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Postal Address: PO Box 148, Kalorama 3766 Email: [www.lightinthehills.com](http://www.lightinthehills.com)

Children are welcome at all services

TABLE TENNIS: in St Michael's Hall, 8.00pm Mondays

MARMADUKES: Playgroup for pre-school children — St Matthew's Hall 10.00am Tuesdays

CRAZY WHIST: St Matthew's Hall – 1.00pm Wednesdays

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUPS: 7.45pm Thursdays, 1/1502 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Olinda (led by Dick Wallace)

7.00pm Wednesdays, at the home of George and Joyce Coughlan – contact David Spencer 9728 1106

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 2.00pm – 4.00pm at St Michael's, led by Valerie Barras

CRAFT GROUP: 1.30pm, second Monday of the month, St Matthew's Hall. Convenor: Hilary Mellis, Tel: 9751 1886



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** St Matthew's, 9.30am Sundays

Supervisor: Mrs Yo Heading Tel 9751 1639

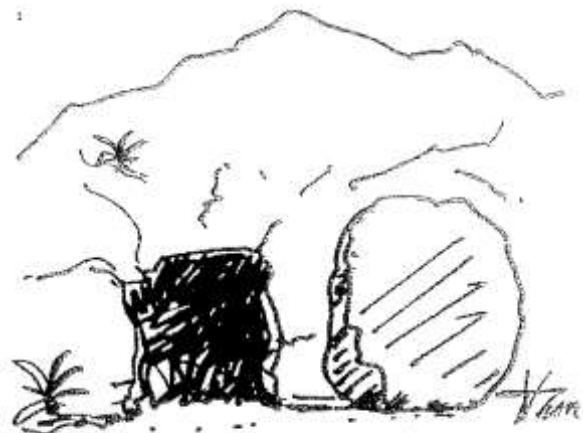
*Light in the Hills* – Contributions welcome E-mail: [dragon@rabbit.com.au](mailto:dragon@rabbit.com.au) Tel: 9751 0412

## Happy Easter!

A happy and blessed Easter to you!  
Easter is the most joyful day of the year for Christians. Christ has died for our sins. We are forgiven. Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! We are redeemed! We can look forward to an eternity in his joy! Hallelujah!

The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message so simple that you can explain it to someone in a few minutes. It is so profound that for the rest of their lives they will be still be 'growing' in their Christian walk with God.

Man's way leads to a  
hopeless end – God's way  
leads to an endless hope!



The tomb was empty