



Light in the

Hills

In Christ – growing – caring – sharing

A publication of the Anglican Parish of Mt Dandenong October/November 2010

FIRE PROTECTION



There are more ways to prepare for this summer's fire season than clearing the gutters and cutting the grass.

The Prayer for the Hills service is an opportunity for you to join with others in praying for our CFA volunteers, and seeking God's protection and guidance for us all during the fire season.

An initiative of the combined churches of Olinda, Kalorama and Mt. Dandenong

Everyone is welcome to attend this hour-long, non-denominational service of prayer and music.

Sunday October 24th 2010

3.30pm

St. Clare's Catholic Church

Corner of Selwyn Rd and Mt. Dandenong Tourist Rd

PARISH ANNUAL MEETINGS

Sunday 14th November

Only one service will be held in the Parish on that day at 10.00am at St Michael's

Separate Annual Meetings for St Michael's and St Matthew's will follow at about 11.15am.

Then we will come together for combined Parish reports and business

Then a 'BRING AND SHARE' LUNCH



St Michael's Cup Day Fair

Tuesday 2nd November

A Fun Day for All!

A great range of plants, trash & treasure, preserves & produce, second hand books, second hand clothes, craft, refreshments and children's activities

Donations of goods are still needed:

Second hand clothes (on hangers please)
New or near new items for the Dutch Auction
Food items suitable for the Hamper (to Joy Spencer please)
Jams and cakes on the day.

Stall Help: If you would like to help on a stall, please check the clipboards at each church.



ARCHBISHOP FREIER

is to visit Mt Dandenong Parish

Sunday 28th November

In celebration of

- The 70th Anniversary of the opening of St Michael's
- The launch of the second edition of Henry Speagle's history of the Parish, *A Light in the Hills*

St Matthew's 9.30am

St Michael's 11.00am

Followed by lunch in St Michael's Hall

1.30pm at Farndon's Hall the launch of the second edition of Henry Speagle's history of the Parish *A Light in the Hills*

MARK THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW

HERE & THERE with Carolyn Clark



For many people the month of September means the FAFL Final Series and the last Saturday in September is Grand Final Day; for us here at St. Matthew's and St. Michael's, the last Friday in September means "Parish Dinner". The Patronal Festivals of the two Churches fall on the last two Sundays in September, and Parish friends join together over a meal in St. Michael's Hall to celebrate these special days.

This year unfortunately some of our folk were missing due to illness and other commitments, however the 40 odd who gathered enjoyed fine food, warm fellowship and an interesting talk by **Dave Fuller**. Dave, an ordained Anglican Priest, is currently the Coordinator of Religious Chaplaincy at Ridley Melbourne and is himself a part time School Chaplain. Ridley is celebrating its Centenary this year and Dave was well equipped to draw our attention to its Centenary Appeal. Prior to his current position he directed the Ridley College Centre for Youth and Children's Ministry and his passion for Evangelism and Mission was evident in his message to us. Dave is a life member of the God's Squad Christian Motorcycle Club – no wonder he lists motorcycles as one of his hobbies!

- Also celebrating its Centenary this year is Farndon's Hall in Falls Road, Kalorama. A Thanksgiving Service was held there on Sunday September 26th, led by Stephen, which was also the 11.00am Service for St. Michael's, and its Patronal Festival. This was most appropriate as, soon after Farndon's Hall was built, it became home to the early congregation of St. Michael and All Angels. It was sold to the Church in 1920 and was its home until 1940 when the current Church was built. The Hall was then sold to the Country Women's Association.
- There seems to be an element of relocating in our Parish at the moment – **Margaret Moy** and **Louise and Mark Roberts**, with **Haven, Quinn, Eden and Darcy**, have moved to new homes locally. **Dorothy and Jim Kirwin** and **Joyce and George Coughlan** are about to move to Croydon but we are delighted that they will continue to worship "on the Mountain". Our best wishes are with them all in their new homes. Going further afield is **David Eyres** who plans to move to Geelong after nearly 20 years in Kalorama. During this time he has been a wonderful contributor to the life of St. Michael's

as Organist, Vestry Member (including Secretary to Vestry), Book Fair Coordinator and friend. We will miss him and offer our best wishes to him also. Perhaps he will visit sometime?

- **Jeni Nathanielsz** emigrated to Australia from Sri Lanka with her family in 1960 and decided that after 50 years she deserved a trip back "home". This she has found to be a very moving experience including worshipping at St. Francis of Assisi, Mt. Lavinia, where she was confirmed 52 years ago. The exciting thing for Jeni is that she has met a special person, Krishan, and they are to be married in December in Sri Lanka. We wish them every happiness in their future together.

Grandad was babysitting when he heard his little grand-daughter muttering the alphabet over in hushed tones. "What are you doing?" he asked her. "I'm praying," she replied. "I can't think of the right words so I just say all the letters. God will put them together for me 'cos He knows what I'm thinking."



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OUR PARISH TASK GROUPS are looking for new members who can contribute to the life of the Parish in a particular area. At present four such Task Groups are functioning:

- The Prayer and Worship Task Group
- The Pastoral Care Group,
- The Children and Families' Task Group
- The Outreach Group.

Meetings are friendly and interesting and the shared tasks are not onerous. New members would be warmly welcomed! Can you help? If so please contact Stephen on 9728 6353 or sj_may3@bigpond.com

From the Vicar

As you'll see from the notices on the front page of this *Light Ain the Hills* we have some really significant events in the coming 2 months. Each event is significant in its own way and deserving of our support.



- Next Sunday at 3.30pm at St. Clare's Catholic Church will be the second of our Prayer for the Hills services which we are conducting with the other churches in our area. Last year over 60 people attended and there was a great sense of unity and prayerfulness as we committed our community to God's care for the forthcoming Fire Season. While we may feel the Hills are moist and that fires are a long way away, we only need to have a month of dry hot weather and the ground will be dry again and the fire danger high. This service is both an essential part of our trust in God and also a great declaration of unity among our churches.
- St. Michael's Cup Day Fair is nearly upon us and plans are well advanced. While this is the major St. Michael's fundraiser for the year, it is also a day where we as a whole parish work together to make the day a success. If you would like to help in some way please let me know and I'm sure we can find a place for you. Likewise please make sure you can find some time between 9am and 2pm to come along and enjoy the day.

- Our Annual Meetings will take place on Sunday November 14th. Only one service will be held in the Parish at 10am at St. Michael's. At about 11.15 we will conduct separate Annual Meetings for St. Matthew's and St. Michael's and then we will come together and deal with the combined parish reports and other business. Apart from being an important business meeting this is also an important opportunity for us to meet as a parish as a whole. A 'bring and share' lunch will follow at the conclusion of our meeting

- Finally and possibly most importantly, we will be having a visit from our Archbishop on Sunday November 28th. This coincides with the 70th Anniversary of the opening of St. Michael's and the launch of the second edition of Henry Speagle's book '*A Light in the Hills*'. The archbishop will attend St. Matthew's at 9.30am and then St. Michael's at 11.00am before joining us for lunch in St. Michael's Hall. The book launch will take place at Farndon's Hall at 1.30pm. It is a privilege to have the archbishop visit us, and I hope you can set aside this date in your diaries.

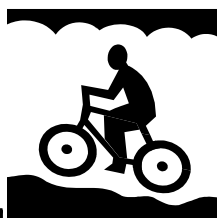
The importance of these events is that they all help us to build our sense of community as a parish. Please pray that God will use each of these days for the building up of his church and for His glory

Stephen

Tackling the second largest killer in East Timor

Hanne Chenhall writes:

I have been very privileged to have returned from a second trip this year to Timor Leste [East Timor].



I went to keep Louise, my daughter in law, and the children company while Antony took part in the Tour de Timor mountain bike race — he was in the Master section being over 40. Antony's team was called *Tim San* [originally *Tour de Toilet*] and there were 12 in their team, nine guys and three girls, ranging in age from 26-47. Their aim was to raise money to help improve sanitation within local communities.

The second largest killer in East Timor is diarrhoea which kills 3 children every day and is strongly linked to poor sanitation. The total sanitation program is a community based approach to encourage people to adopt sanitary

behaviour and stop open defecation [build and use latrines all the time.]

The tour was a five day event covering 410 kilometres through East Timor. Day two was particularly gruelling being very mountainous.

Louise, Owen 7, Iris 5, Elsa 20 months and I went to watch the riders come in on day 4, to a country town about 60 ks from Dili. Due to road conditions it took us several hours to drive there. We had great fun meeting with other race widows and cheering in the riders, especially any we knew.

The team are very happy and grateful for all the donations they have received, so far \$13,603.50 US. which is matched dollar for dollar by their sponsor, *International Development Support Services*.

East Timor is a beautiful country with wonderful scenery and great beaches, many with coral reefs very close to shore. The people are very friendly and full of fun. A great place for a holiday!

Hanne Chenhall

Love is a choice... 'for better, for worse'

Rob Parsons of *Care for the Family* writes

I am waiting for the wedding to start. The bride is five minutes late; her mother is already crying. The best man has been checking for the past ten minutes that he still has the ring. The groom is trying to look cool, as if he does this most days of the week, and is sweating profusely. But suddenly the music starts and we are asked to stand.

I don't recall exactly how many weddings I've been to, but I can't remember one bride who did not look amazing, or a single groom who did not, at least, look better than he's ever looked. We sing a hymn: "Love divine, all loves excelling. Joy of heaven to earth come down". Women turn and whisper to their husbands, "This was one of our wedding hymns." The men smile and nod - it seems the safest thing to do.

But then come the vows and it strikes me that these promises dare to invade this idyllic day with warnings of more difficult times. He says, "I will love you if we are rich"; the vow whispers, "But what if you are poor?" She promises, "I will love you for better... and for worse." He says, "I will love you if you are well and... in sickness too."

Will those vows they will - but know that now.



ever be called in? Yes, the couple do not And then something

from the Bible is read: "Love is patient, love is kind ... Love is not self-seeking ... Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes ... Love is..." Yes, love is all those things. But the young couple do not know that yet either. On this most perfect of days they cannot know yet that love is not just a feeling, but a daily commitment to love in action - to love sometimes not just with the heart but with the will.

A terrible wasting disease

But David knows it. He was married to Beth for almost thirty years, the last ten of them watching her die slowly with a terrible wasting disease. He has lifted her, washed her, and fed her; he has kissed her and held her all through those long years of sickness. It was not what he expected when he made his vows, all those years ago.

Yes, David had feelings of love for his wife, but this love was deeper than feeling. This was sacrificial love that decided to love when at times it seemed too great a burden to go on loving. This was love that in some ways laid down its life for another.

"I don't feel in love any more"

I spoke recently with a man who was leaving his wife and two young children for somebody younger who he said would better fulfil his needs. I asked, "Why are you leaving?" He said, "I don't feel in love anymore."

I treated him with dignity and with care, knowing full well the frailty of my own heart. But even as he was speaking,

there was, in the back of my mind, an image of a man carefully feeding his wife and gently wiping the spilt food from her lips.



From BBC News, September.

'Jesus' Easter egg launched in UK

Some 80 million Easter eggs are sold each year in the UK. The Church of England is launching its own Easter eggs to explain the Christian understanding of Easter.



The Real Easter Egg, said to be the first egg to mention Jesus on the packaging, will go on sale next year. It will be made from Fairtrade chocolate and donations from its profits will be made to two charities, Baby Lifeline and Traidcraft.

Nearly 8,000 church schools are being encouraged to place orders for the eggs before 1 December. Its creators hope teaching staff will use the eggs early to teach about citizenship, the meaning of Easter, the role of Fairtrade and the place of charitable giving.

The Bishop of Manchester, the Right Reverend Nigel McCulloch, said: "I believe there will be widespread support for the product from the faith community with many others likely to be interested. We hope that all our supermarkets will stock the first and only Easter egg in the UK that explains the significance of Easter and, through the charitable donation, brings to light the Easter themes of hope and new life."

Over 80 million chocolate Easter eggs are sold each year in the UK. Traditionally, eggs were used to symbolise rebirth and new life. The Real Easter Egg has been developed by Manchester-based *The Meaningful Chocolate Company*, working in consultation with a number of churches and dioceses.



A Prayer before Exams:

Dear Lord, I thank you that when I pray you always listen. As exams approach keep me from fear and give me your peace. Help me to think clearly, remember what I've learned, use the time well, do my best, and not worry about the outcome because I know that my future is in your hands. **Amen**



CONSIDER the BIRDS

By Nancy Wallace

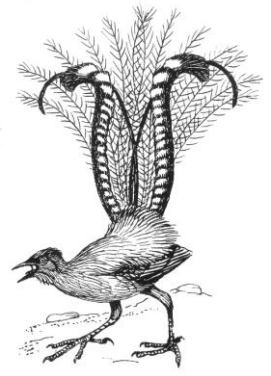
It was so unexpected!

I was sitting on a log in Sherbrooke Forest, well off the beaten track, when to my amazement a tiny bird hopped onto my boot, from there to my knee, then to my thumb and began to demolish the biscuit I was just about to eat. Such cold little feet and such bright, darting eyes merely inches from my face! A wild bird? Yes, but it must have sensed, "Here be friends". For this was at "The Lunch Log" where members of the Sherbrooke (Lyrebird) Survey Group often sat for refreshment after hours of patient observation in their lyrebird study area. I had become a member of that group in 1971.

Alarm bells had rung years ago for Ralph Kenyon, an amateur ornithologist, when he learned that even more native forest was soon to become pine plantation in Sherbrooke. Would the lyrebirds survive? No-one really knew. So in 1958 a small group of concerned ornithologists not only lobbied the government and the Forests Commission to call a halt to the planting, but formed the Sherbrooke Survey Group to study the life history and ecology of the lyrebird with particular reference to its survival in Sherbrooke Forest Park. Chicks were to be banded; mounds and territories monitored; behavior studied and records kept.

Not far from "The Lunch Log" a male lyrebird's penetrating call rang through the dense undergrowth as he raked over a display mound with powerful claws. Then the performance began in earnest. "Blick, blick, tiggerah, tiggerah" (the lyrebird's own call) interspersed with amazing mimicry of other forest birds: the rich, melodious notes of the Grey Shrike-thrush, the crack of a whipbird, the squeal of a Yellow-tailed Black-Cockatoo and the laugh of a kookaburra all in quick succession. Then came the chattering of a flock of Crimson Rosellas and the far-carrying notes of the Pilotbird. He changed to his own mechanical twanging, then a long series of clicks and the intimate notes of a White Browed Scrubwren (my bird in the hand). He was courting now in earnest with tail thrown over his

head in a shimmering, silver curtain, his feet moving to the rhythm. Surely the female lyrebird watching nearby had been impressed!



Lyrebird

Image by Pearson Scott Foreman, wikipediacommons

That was all a long time ago. In 1980s lyrebird numbers dwindled alarmingly. Foxes were seen attacking birds and sad piles of feathers told the story. Domestic cats and dogs were found hunting deep in the forest, even after new local by-laws were passed requiring responsible pet ownership. In 1980 the Friends of Sherbrooke Forest began an enormous task of weed eradication; and most importantly National Park status was declared in 1987. The battles were waged on many fronts by many people. Pine plantations gradually returned to lyrebird habitat as they were harvested and re-seeded with Mountain Ash. Lyrebirds and other fauna are now thriving while a fox control program continues – of necessity.

My close encounters with birds in their natural habitat have been enriching, humbling and salutary. They have made me consider so many facets of our stewardship of this amazing world we share.



White Browed Scrubwren

— illustration by N W Cayley, Australian National Botanic Gardens

In the days of His earthly ministry, only those could speak to Him who came where He was. If He was in Galilee, men could not find Him in Jerusalem; if He was in Jerusalem, men could not find Him in Galilee. But His Ascension means that He is perfectly united with God; we are with Him wherever we are present to God; and this is everywhere and always.

William Temple



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy...", the young boy replied excitedly. "It means 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment, and replied: "Only the Ten Commandments."

Morning

There are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

The Two Hikers

Two hikers wake up at their campsite and see a grizzly bear approaching. One hiker pulls a pair of sneakers out of his haversack. As he takes off his boots to put them on, his companion says, "You know you can't outrun a grizzly." "I know," his companion replies, "I just have to outrun you!"

Way to go!

My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 62. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he ventured: "Did you start at One?"

You've got your shoes on the wrong feet!

No, these are the only feet I've got.

What is hot and greasy and makes you feel bad?

A chip on your shoulder.

What kinds of lights did Noah have on the Ark?

Floodlights.

A traveller nearing a great city asked an old man seated by the road, "What are the people like in this city?" The man replied, "What were they like where you came from?" "A terrible lot," the traveller replied, "mean, untrustworthy, quite detestable." "Ah," said the old man, "You'll find them the same in the city ahead!"

Scarcely had the first traveller gone on his way when another stopped to enquire about the people in the city before him. Again the old man asked about the people in the place the traveller had just left. "They were fine people, honest, industrious and generous to a fault. I was sorry to leave." Declared the second traveller. The wise old man responded, "So you will find them in the city ahead!"



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

I CAN SERVE LIKE JESUS!

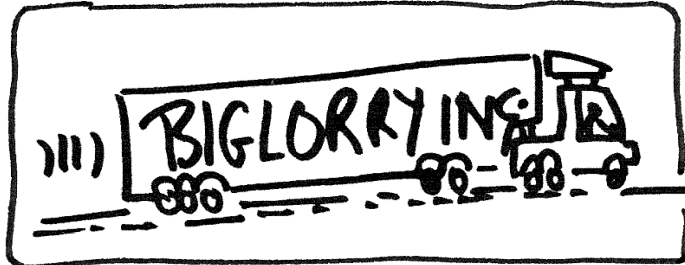
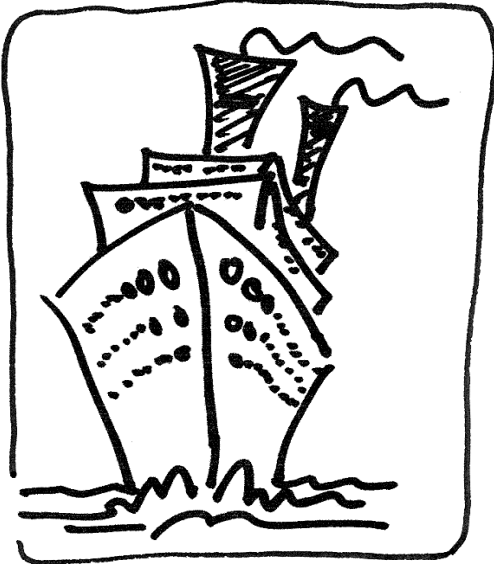
All the words listed below are in the puzzle, left, right, up, down, or diagonally. Circle the letters of the words you find. The left over letters, in the correct order, form the mystery answer.

Bible, Care, Disciple, Follower, Help, Jesus, Lord, Love, Peter, Servant, Serve, Teacher.

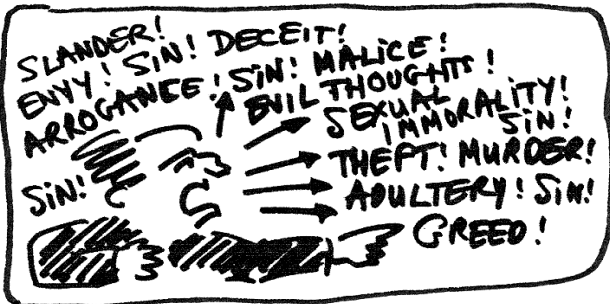
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Bible Sketchbook

Watch your tongue!



Our tongues are far more powerful than we imagine. They are like the steering wheels of huge trucks or massive ships. Tiny as they are they can make huge things happen. They reveal the sin and dirt in our hearts causing massive damage if left unchecked. Only Jesus can bring lasting change. If we turn to him and are "joined" to him we become "new" people. Have you done this? If so your body is a "temple" for the Holy Spirit and can be used for God's glory! Read more in James 3 and Mark 7.



The Anglican Parish of Mt Dandenong, Diocese of Melbourne

We meet for Prayer & Praise at

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

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

St Matthew's, Monash Ave., Olinda

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

Tuesdays: 5.30pm – 6.00pm Prayer for the Hills

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

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You will be warmly welcomed at any of the following:

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

MARMADUKES - Playgroup for pre-school children, friendship for mums — at St Matthew's Hall 10.00am Tuesdays

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

BIBLE STUDY HOME GROUP led by Dick Wallace –7.45pm Thursdays, 1/1502 Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd, Olinda

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL – St Matthew's, 9.30am Sundays

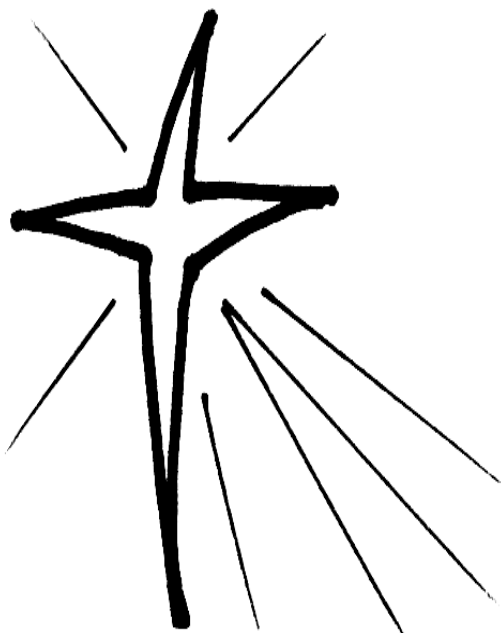
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Children are welcome at all services

Light in the Hills – Contributions welcome

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*Death is not
extinguishing the
light; it is putting
out the lamp
because the dawn
has come.*