

# *St. Andrew's Uniting Church News*

**October 2018**

## ***Mission Statement:***

**To bring the Gospel of Christ to  
the People of the Hawkesbury.**



## **Sunday Services**

**8:30am** (Church)

Traditional worship followed by morning tea & fellowship

**10:00am** (Church)

In conjunction with our Kids' Sunday program.

A family celebration including programs from three years old to Yr 6.

Morning tea and fellowship follows.

**6:00pm Sundays@Six** (Auditorium)

A friendly & relaxed creative service held in the auditorium with great music, followed by light refreshments.

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## I'm Fine

There's nothing whatever the matter with me,  
I'm just as healthy as I can be,  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, my blood is thin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

I think my liver is out of whack,  
And I have a terrible pain in my back.  
My hearing is poor, my sight is dim,  
Most everything seems to be out of trim.  
The way I stagger sure is a crime,  
I'm likely to fall most any time,  
But all things considered I'm feeling fine.

Arch supports I have on both feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to walk down the street.  
My fingers are ugly, stiff in the joints,  
My nails are impossible to keep in points.  
My complexion is bad, due to my dry skin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Now the moral is—as the tale we unfold,  
That for you and me—that are growing old,  
It's better to say I'm fine, with a grin,  
Than to tell everyone of the shape we're in.

*(Read by Lorraine Taylor as part of the Devotion at U4F on Sept. 6th)*

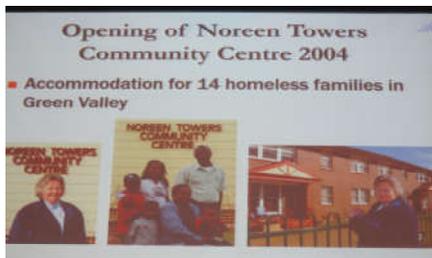
## U4F—September Meeting

The meeting began with morning tea, after which Lorraine welcomed everyone, read the Notices and gave the Devotion which included the *"I'm Fine"* poem.

Rev. Noreen Towers then spoke to us about her 50 years of Ministry and 40 years of working with the Homeless. Noreen told us about her calling to the Ministry from a young age and the various services and facilities she has set up and run for the homeless during the time with her work for Wesley Mission.

This included initiating a church service for homeless people, the opening of a day care centre, a hostel to accommodate both men and women, and establishing 'Serenity Farm' where homeless people could stay to recover from addictions away from the temptations of city life. Noreen told us about the challenging times she had faced and also the rewarding times, illustrating her talk with a very informative PowerPoint and many stories of the people involved in her various projects.

She set up a supported accommodation program to house homeless people in the community in 1982 and was involved in establishing the NSW Association of Homeless Persons Services in 1984(now Homelessness NSW). Wesley Mission named the accommodation Noreen had set up for fourteen homeless families "Wesley Noreen Towers" in recognition of her dedicated work over many years.



## Jobs Unseen ...Things Don't Just Happen

*Maggie  
Scott*



*Judith  
Brown*

### Maggie Scott—co-ordinates the Frozen Meals

Frozen meals came about in 2004 when Laurie Thompson was our Minister and it was a pastoral initiative for members, friends and the wider Community who were struggling with health or wellbeing and needed a little assistance.

I cannot remember and neither can Sandra Brown, who was at the first meeting. Myself, Sandra and Susie Christie were certainly there. Susie was working in Catering at the time and helped us out with choosing meals that would be suitable for families or older folk and also suitable to freeze. She also helped us get the sauces for the meals at a discount price. Another thing she went through with us was hygiene and what needed to be put on the labels (ingredients and use by dates).

Sandra then handed the reins to me to carry on this project.

I then made up a folder that contained the recipe, food handling and cleanliness sheet, labels and how many containers would be needed for large or small meals and saying that this is a gift to you from the people of St Andrew's Church.

I have kept a book from day one with a list of names of friends in the church that have been willing to cook a meal when called upon , usually three to six months apart. Of course this list has evolved and changed over the years as have the meals that we now cook but with the same principles. Many thanks to these women who have given their time, effort and donations of ingredients to help me put together these meals which are then distributed by anyone that knows someone that is in need of assistance.

Thank you Maggie for this unseen job and the other jobs you undertake at St Andrew's.

### Judith Dennis—co-ordinates the Pantry

To complement the frozen 'Ready Meals cooked by Maggie Scott and her team a pantry of non-perishable groceries and some toiletries was started soon after. In consultation, Mary Avern and Sandi Herbert began to collect and distribute these groceries. The success of this initiative is a result of the generosity of all members of our congregation. It was developed over the years by Alison Darke providing foods for individuals and families for those in need. When Alison Darke moved to Alstonville in 2001 and left St Andrew's, Judith Dennis has continued to oversee this collection.

Needs in our community do vary—there could be a need due to illness or unemployment within a family, or even as a result of homelessness. Whether it is with frozen meals, non perishable goods and toiletries or a voucher to enable people to purchase fresh foods, our opportunities to support others is always there. The regular donations of goods and cash help us to ensure that there is plenty in stock to fulfil this mission.

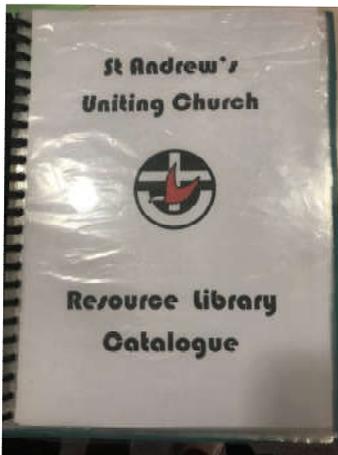
Thank you Judith for this unseen job and other tasks you undertake at St. Andrew's.

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: Since I started the 'Unseen Jobs' feature, I am amazed at the amount of work  
: that goes on behind the scenes at St. Andrew's.  
: God bless you as you carry out these tasks in the name of the Lord.  
: A.W.  
: .....

## Library News

Some new books have now been added to the Library and a whole new section for Youth and Young Adults. This section takes up the bottom two shelves on one side of our mobile Library. This does not mean that only Youth and Young Adults can read these books, the young at heart may also enjoy them.

Manga is a very popular format of reading from Japan. These are similar to graphic novels or comic strips but tell whole stories, using the animal illustrations and black and white print. This does fortunately read by Western format of left to right not the normal Japanese Manga format of right to left.

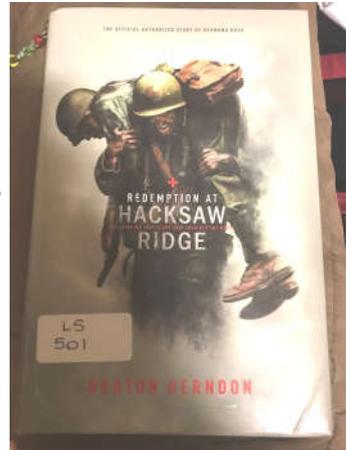


This is the new Library Catalogue list, it is found on the front table as you enter the Auditorium, near where the mobile library normally sits before we move it into the Auditorium on Sundays. Feel free to have a flick through if there is a specific book you are looking for.

And finally ...The book *Redemption at Hacksaw Ridge* is finally out. I am half way through it and it is as amazing as the movie—But giving just a bit more depth to Desmond Doss’s commitment to Christ in the decisions he made and how he conducted himself throughout his life as well as his service during WW2. You may have to try to beat Lester to it when I’m finished though!!

**Happy Reading!**

*Bronwyn Bailey*



## Messy Church

The theme for September’s Messy Church was “I am the Good Shepherd.” As seen in the pictures below the activities included making sheep and shepherds and a game where “sheep” (balloons) were herded into pens with a racquet. Looks like fun!!



## Sundays@Six

On Father's Day, Sunday 2nd September 2018, the very enthusiastic youth from Sundays @Six led the Service as they had on Mother's Day this year.

Being a very eager and talented young group, they covered a variety of roles within the Service. In Praise and Worship, Eleanor, Imogen and Ella led vocals, Eleanor also played the piano, while Imogen played the violin for 'Amazing Grace' and Oliver played Justin's cajon drum box.

Oliver gave the Bible reading and Imogen prayed for us. In preparation for the Service, Oliver had also selected the PowerPoint and added meaningful photographs, Bible passages and quotes for us to reflect upon.

It was wonderful to give this opportunity and responsibility to such a remarkable group of young people, ranging in age from 8 years through to 14 years. We are excited to give them more opportunity to lead throughout the coming years. They really are the future, of not only our church but also the wider church of Jesus followers.

*Eleanor, Imogen, Oliver and Ella*



*Oliver reading the Bible*



In the song 'Hosanna' (which we sing regularly here at St. Andrew's) Brooke Ligertwood writes,

*'I see a generation  
rising up to take their place  
with selfless faith  
with selfless faith ..'*

This is my prayer for the youth of our church. That with our love, encouragement and support they will rise up in Jesus' name to bring Him the honour love and glory He is due. I pray that they will go out and shine their light and be caring representatives of His kingdom here on earth.

In Mark 10:14 Jesus said,  
*'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'*

If you ever feel like coming along to encourage and support our amazing youth, we would love to see you at S@S. We are here every Sunday at 6pm in the Auditorium.

*Rosie Harriott (Sundays@Six)*

Imogen  
and Ella



I would like to express how fortunate we are to be able to attend the Sundays@Six Service, This is an inspirational Service. One is always felt so welcome, the hymns are beautiful, and there is always a special message to think upon. The dedication of the people who co-ordinate this service is exceptional. One can feel God's presence.  
Thank you. (Robin Schmid)

## WINTER PIE DRIVE



St. Andrew's Church recently completed the Winter Pie Drive. A big thank you to all of those who supported this fund raiser. I have had many positive comments about the pies, with a good selection of savoury and fruit pies and biscuits. The bakery we used this year was Early Rise Bakery Co. from Dubbo, so not only did we support a country bakery but got excellent, and in some cases award winning pies. This was another successful fundraiser which resulted in our church making \$442. Now that we have all seen how good the pies are I'm sure next year's Pie Drive will be even bigger.

Kerryn

## Worship Planner for October 2018

Date	8:30am		10am	6pm
7 October	Je-Kon Oh	<b>Cong AGM</b>	Je-Kon Oh	Je-Kon Oh DVD (Louie Giglio)
14 October	Je-Kon Oh		Je-Kon Oh	Café Church DVD (Louie Giglio)
21 October	Gail Hinton		Gail Hinton	Je-Kon Oh
28 October	Je-Kon Oh (HC)		Je-Kon Oh (HC)	Je-Kon Oh Experiencing God (Henry & Richard Blackaby)

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

## October Activities 2018

Tues	2	PLT Meeting	7.00	Thurs	18	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00
Thurs	4	U4F	10.00	Thurs	18	Patchwork	1.30pm
Fri	5	Time for Prayer	9.00	Fri	19	Time for Prayer	9.00
Fri	5	IDA Service	10.30	Fri	19	Youth Group	7pm
Fri	5	Tech Gurus	1pm	Mon	22	Playtime	9.30
Sun	7	Cong. AGM	9.15	Mon	22	St And. Singers	11.00
Thurs	11	Cuppa4Seniors	10.00	Weds	24	TOFMS	9.45
Fri	12	Time for Prayer	9.00	Thurs	25	Seniors' Lunch	12.00
Sun	14	Cong. Mtg	9.15	Fri	26	Time for Prayer	9.00
Mon	15	Playtime	9.30	Fri	26	Youth Group	7pm
				Mon	29	Playtime	9.30

# **HAPPENINGS DURING THE WEEK**

- MONDAYS**            **Playtime:** 9.30am-11.30am parents & pre-schoolers (Sarah Jones 4577 5353)  
**Andy's Hands-on-Help:** 9.00-1pm maintenance & fellowship (Bob Thuaux 4578 2309)
- TUESDAYS**            **Church Council:** 7.30pm 1st Tuesday odd number month (Greg Inskip 4573 1002)  
**Pastoral Leaders Team:** 7.00pm 1st Tuesday even month (Je-Kon Oh)
- WEDNESDAYS**        **Time Out For Mums:** 9.45-11.15am Fortnightly school terms for mums & pre-schoolers (Sandra Brown 4589 3008)
- THURSDAYS**            **1st: Uniting 4 Fellowship 10.00am**  
(Beryl Hedges 4571 2087)  
**2nd & 3rd: Cuppa 4 Seniors:** 10.00am-12 noon  
**3rd Thursday:** Patchwork with Thelma 1.30 pm  
**4th: Seniors' Lunch:** 12 noon-1.45pm  
**Seniors' Bible Study:** 12 noon-1.30pm (1st, 3rd & 5th)  
(Sandi Herbert 4573 1517)
- FRIDAYS**                **Prayer Meeting:** 9am-10am (Margaret Bailey)  
**1st: IDA Service:** 10.30am  
**Youth Group:** 7pm (Yrs 5 and up during school term)  
(Evelynn Inskip 0447119020)

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