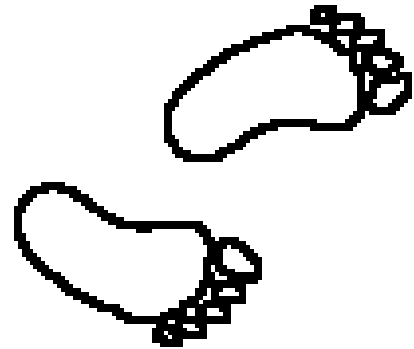


The Next Step



Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)

Sunday, 12th March – Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan – Fish



Fish receive quite a few mentions in the Bible including in the story of creation, Psalm 8, the story of Jonah, Israelite complaints that in Egypt they were able to eat fish [Numbers] and several mentions associated with the Sea of Galilee (a thriving fishing location). Seven of the twelve disciples were fishermen.

Campbell mentioned five themes involving fish.

- Judgement will be a bit like a dragnet. Everyone will be caught up in it like fish in a net. The righteous will be kept safe but the wicked thrown out just as good fish are kept but worthless fish discarded [Matthew 13: 47-50].
- Jesus used 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed around 5,000 people. Some believe that divine power enabled that food to be increased enough to feed everyone, while others suggest that the initial sharing of the food encouraged others to share sufficiently for all to be fed. Whatever the case, it was a miracle that so many ended up fed from so little food to start with and it showed Jesus' care for the people [John 6: 1-14].
- Seven of Jesus' disciples went fishing but caught nothing. In the morning Jesus called to them and suggested they throw their net out on the other side of the boat. They did and caught a large haul of fish - 153. Despite the large catch they were able to drag in the net and fish without damaging the net [John 21: 1-14]. The Church is to spread the 'gospel net'. It will not break. There is room for all.
- The greek word for fish is ΙΧΘΥΣ (Ichthys). In the early church, that word was used as a coded message so believers could identify each other in safety. The word is an acrostic for the phrase which in English reads 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour'. The fish is still a symbol of Christianity.
- Jesus called Simon Peter and Andrew saying 'Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of men'. [Matthew 4: 18-20]. It is our number one task - to make disciples for Jesus. Evangelism is important and we neglect it to our folly.

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Lil

It is over 6 months since Lil Starr last came to speak to us about Compassion.

On contacting her to see if she'd come again we discovered she is currently on maternity leave with a baby due in just a few weeks.

She sends her greetings to our fellowship.

Good news from Korea



Eden Cho
Born Friday, 10-3-2017, 6:13pm
49cm, 3.42kg
Parents: Ashley and Daniel

Ashley wrote on Saturday 11/3.

I had great time in Korea and the baby was born yesterday. His due date was 8/3, but he didn't give me any sign that he is ready to go out, and my hubby has to go back at least Tuesday. So we decided to induced labor and it was successful.

The tiny baby's name is Eden Cho.
Thank you for your praying.

<<<< Eden Cho at 1 day old

Eden Cho at 6 days old >>>>

Ashley wrote on Thursday 16/3.

Because of you prayers , Eden and I are really good. He grows day by day, and my body recovers step by step.

Eden has that facial expression when he feels hunger. When he makes his mouth 'O', he is always hungry. It is his 6th day in the world and he and I will arrive at Australia on his 100th day.



A Scottish mother visits her son in his Sydney apartment and asks, "How do you find the Aussies, Donald?"

"Mother," says Donald, "they're such noisy people. One neighbour won't stop banging his head against the wall, while the other screams and screams all night long."

"Oh, Donald! How do you manage to put up with them?"

"What can I do? I just lie in bed quietly, playing my bagpipes."

Chaplains

Rev. Phil Anderson - Army & A.C.T. Emergency Services chaplaincies

Rev. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy

Rev. Steve Lindner - Campbell High School chaplaincy

Rev. David McDonald - A.C.T. Brumbies Rugby Union team chaplaincy

Please remember Phil, Owen, Steve, Dave and their chaplaincy work in your prayers.



Money talks... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

Shirley TWYFORD 1923-2017

(Compiled by Coral, June, and Norma from knowledge gained from the time Shirley came in to the area.)



Shirley Twyford was born in Sri Lanka in 1923, where her father worked. They returned to Australia when Shirley was an infant and settled in Western Australia. She was an only child.

In her late teens she moved to Sydney where she eventually married. She had a son and three daughters. Shirley had a strong faith which she instilled into her children.

In later years she married Jack Twyford and Jack's family became part of Shirley's family as well. It was a very happy marriage.

Shirley and Jack loved native trees and plants and Jack was involved in a

nursery in Sydney.

They moved around and eventually bought a property on Gooramons Ponds Road, near Canberra.

They became dedicated members of the Wattle Park Methodist Church where Shirley was involved in the choir, an active member of the Women's Fellowship, did lots of sewing and was gifted at arranging flowers in the church. She was involved in a Tai Chi group and many great drama nights were enjoyed by all.

Many trees and plants were grown on Shirley and Jack's property.

They both loved animals, Jack loved horses and Shirley loved dogs, especially Labradors.

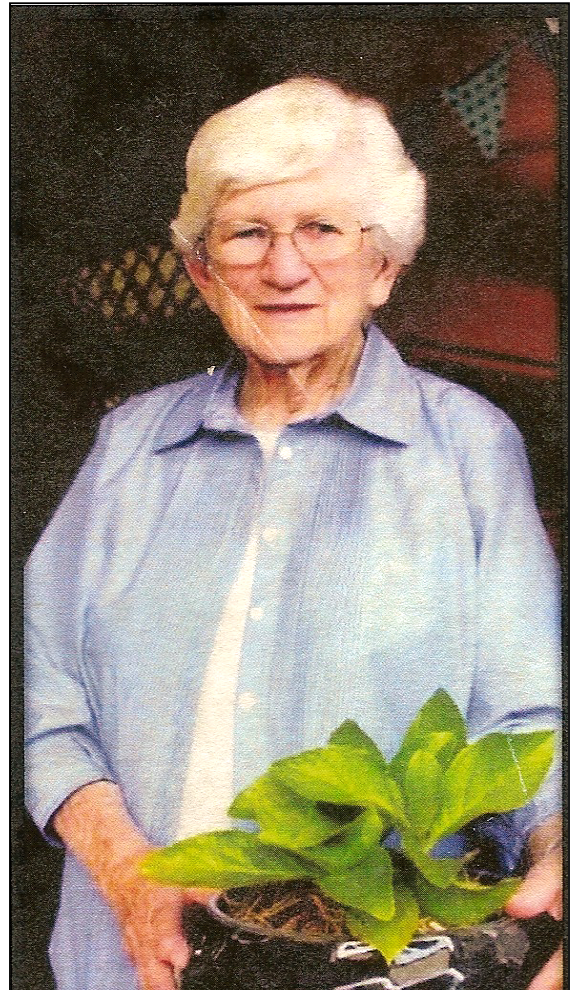
In latter years they moved to Spence where they worshipped with the Canberra Christian Fellowship for some years, and at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Shirley and Jack both wrote poems, and were very gifted in that area.

Shirley had a very happy nature and was a real giggler.

She still had her plants to enjoy even after moving to the Nursing Home, and loved occasional visits to the arboretum.

'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'



Sunday, 19th March – Mr. Roy Dallos

The 10 Words of God, part 5: The Sabbath, The Lord's Day



Hebrews 13: 8 tells us "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.*"

God never changes and his law, his moral code remain constant too.

Some people argue that we "*are not under the law, but under grace.*" [Romans 6: 14]. True we are freed from the consequences of sin but God's law remains intact. Romans 6: 15 continues "*Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!*"

The fourth commandment reads "*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.*" [Exodus 20: 8-11]

In Mark 2: 27 we read "*The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.*" It was given to us as a time of rest but not without a purpose - a time when our souls can be restored and a time for us to get to know our Lord God better. God also made it holy, or set apart for Himself.

Society has changed. Once shops were shut on Sundays and sports were played on Saturdays, but not Sundays. Now it seems anything goes on Sundays. Christian influence on society is diminished whereas society's influence on christians is hard to resist.

We should look for answers from God. Our opinions on Sunday activity don't matter unless they are based on Biblical truth.

Our first priority should always be God and our lives should be structured around Him.

We should be willing to show our commitment to Him. We will never bring someone to Jesus by putting them before Him.

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Sunday, 26th March – Rev. Paul Tabulutu – Witnessing God's glory brings transformation

Paul used Isaiah 6: 1-13 for the text on which he based his sermon.

When Uzziah, King of Judah died, Isaiah saw the Lord in all His glory.

Uzziah had been a good God fearing king, but the people had focussed on his actions rather than on God. 'Things' distract us from seeing God's glory.

- We should look to God and His glory.

On seeing God, Isaiah became very aware of his sinfulness.

- The glory of God will fill us with awe and make us realise our sinful nature.

Isaiah admitted his sinfulness and an angel touched his mouth with a hot coal and told him his guilt was taken away and his sin atoned for.

- God's salvation comes to those who recognise their sin and ask forgiveness.

Isaiah's response to God's call "Whom shall I send?" was "Here am I. Send me!"

We are saved not to be idle.

- God's salvation will motivate us to serve in His Kingdom.



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Services over recent weeks have included the following:



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Mr. Roy Dallos



Rev. Paul Tabulutu

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Excerpts from The Purdey Pages, March 2016

Ian and Adele Purdey (Jimmy, Edward & Josiah) serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) on Elcho Island Arnhem Land NT



Unfortunately this year has been marked already by some distressing events. Aircraft across Arnhem Land are being 'targeted' for overnight fuel theft. The fuel is then being sniffed by children and adolescents, sometimes in quite large groups. MAF have decided to temporarily remove our aircraft from two of our bases here where the problem is rife, this protects our aircraft (and pilots) as well as removes the source of the trouble, our AVGAS fuel. The issues around this are complex and not easily solved. Please join with us in praying for the communities and individuals involved as sniffing can have life-long effects.



Each year in March a weekend is set aside to celebrate the Revival of 1979. This year several hundred people turned out each of the four nights to worship, sing, dance and share, in thanks to God. The Thursday and Friday nights were especially powerful as they were led by youth who had been baptised late last year and are still going strong in their faith. It was beautiful to watch young men and women dancing to worship songs under the night sky.

Church has been meeting again, in a shed space between two buildings while the church building is being fixed. It usually starts between 10.30 and 11.30am and can go for up to 3 hours, most of which is in local languages.

Sometimes we have short visits from Yolngu we know, but we were incredibly touched the other day as a lady we hadn't met before came to our gate to relate a dream she'd had. In her dream she and her son were being chased by men with clay covered faces. She ran up our road and more men jumped out, wanting to kill her. Suddenly our house was lit up in white and God told her to go to it as the people there would help her. She did and we welcomed her in and she and her son were safe.

Table for Communion

Up until now, we have used whatever small table was available for Communion, often an uneven metal table on wheels.

We now have an attractive wooden table for that purpose donated by Laurie and Norma.



Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm. - In Christmas / New Year recess

All welcome - contact Joyce for more information
Studying John

Prayer Meeting

3rd Monday of each month at **2-30 pm**, usually at Marie's.
All welcome

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Coming Services

We meet at **Holy Trinity Finnish Lutheran Church, Cnr. Gould and Watson Streets, Turner**



Mr. George Huang



Rev. Owen Chadwick



Easter Hymns



Mr. Roy Dallos



Rev. Peter Nelson



Rev. Owen Chadwick



Rev. Janne Pekkarinen



Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. Mark Warren



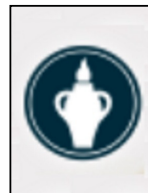
Rev. Dr. Murray Earl



Rev. Ron Reeson



Mr. Roy Dallos



Gideons



Mr. Roy Dallos



Rev. Michael Pailthorpe



Rev. Peter Nelson

Sunday **2nd April** at 5pm – **Mr. George Huang**
Sunday **9th April** at 5pm – **Rev. Owen Chadwick**
Sunday **16th April** at 5pm – **Easter Hymns** (Easter)
Sunday **23rd April** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **30th April** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson**
Sunday **7th May** at 5pm – **Rev. Owen Chadwick**
Sunday **14th May** at 5pm – **Rev. Janne Pekkarinen**
Sunday **21st May** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **28th May** at 5pm – **Mr. Mark Warren**
Sunday **4th June** at 5pm – **Rev. Dr. Murray Earl** (13th Anniversary)
Sunday **11th June** at 5pm – **Rev. Ron Reeson**
Sunday **18th June** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
Sunday **25th June** at 5pm – **Gideons**
Sunday **2nd July** at 5pm – details later
Sunday **9th July** at 5pm – details later
Sunday **16th July** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**
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