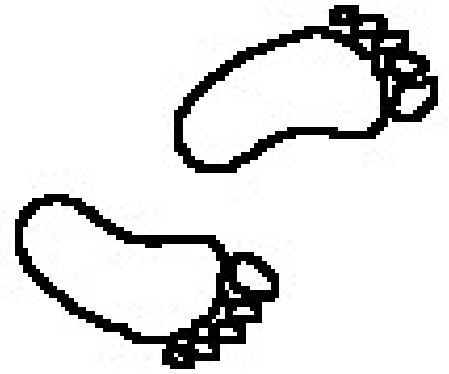

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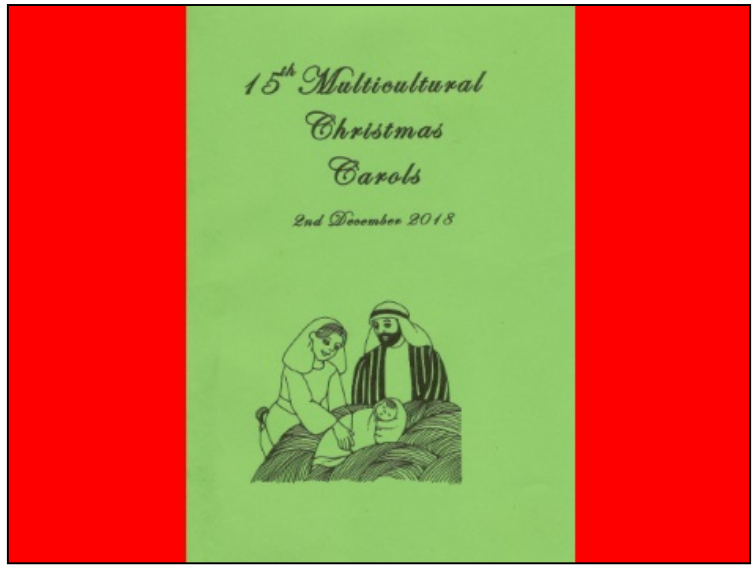
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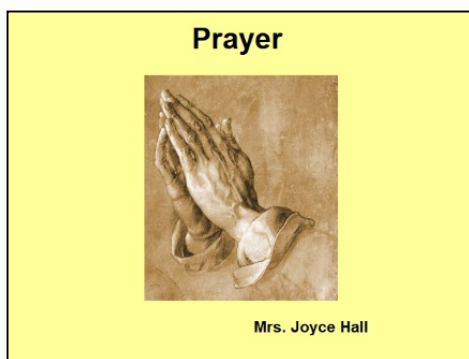


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2018

Carols





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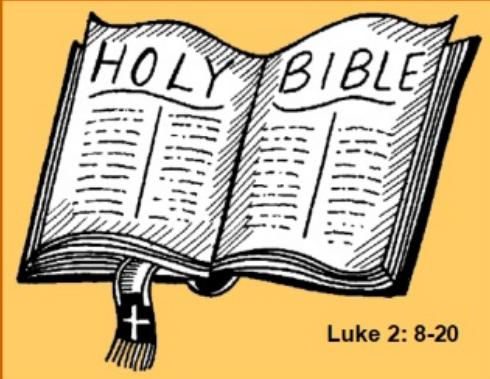
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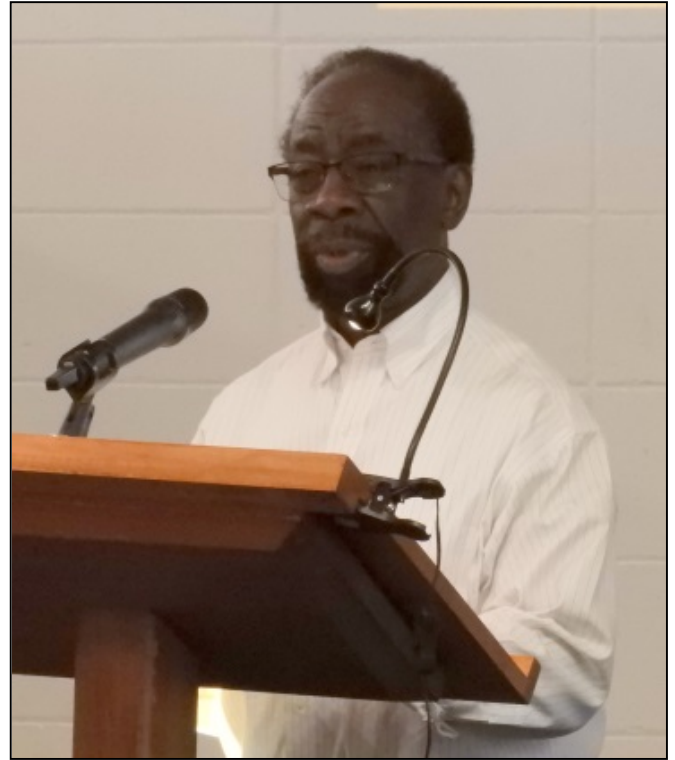


Bible Reading



Luke 2: 8-20

Dr. John Owusu



greetings

from the Finnish Lutheran Church



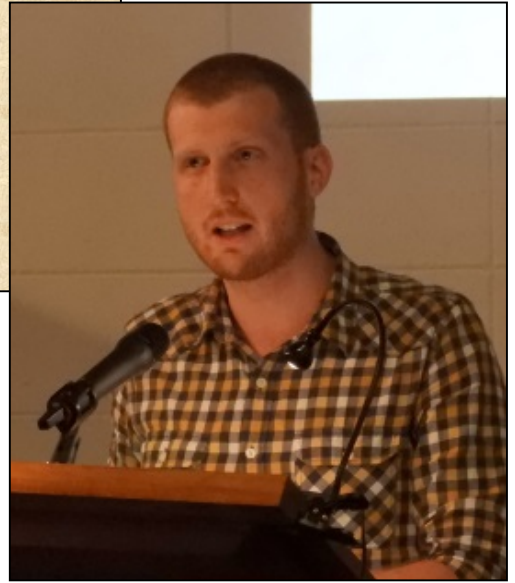
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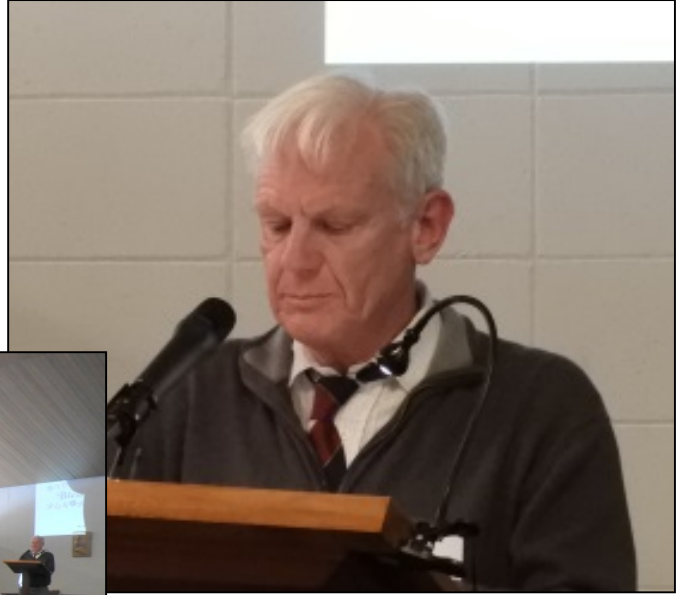
Talk



Dr. Malcolm Purdey



Blessing



Refreshments

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Elsie

Christmas is often a time when family and friends get together and our Carols offer a great opportunity to meet up with friends. This year there was an extra surprise for us.

Danny from the Chinese Methodist Church was there and we started chatting to him. He mentioned Elsie who played the piano for us before returning to China. We had been out of contact with her since then although we had tried e-mailing her without success.

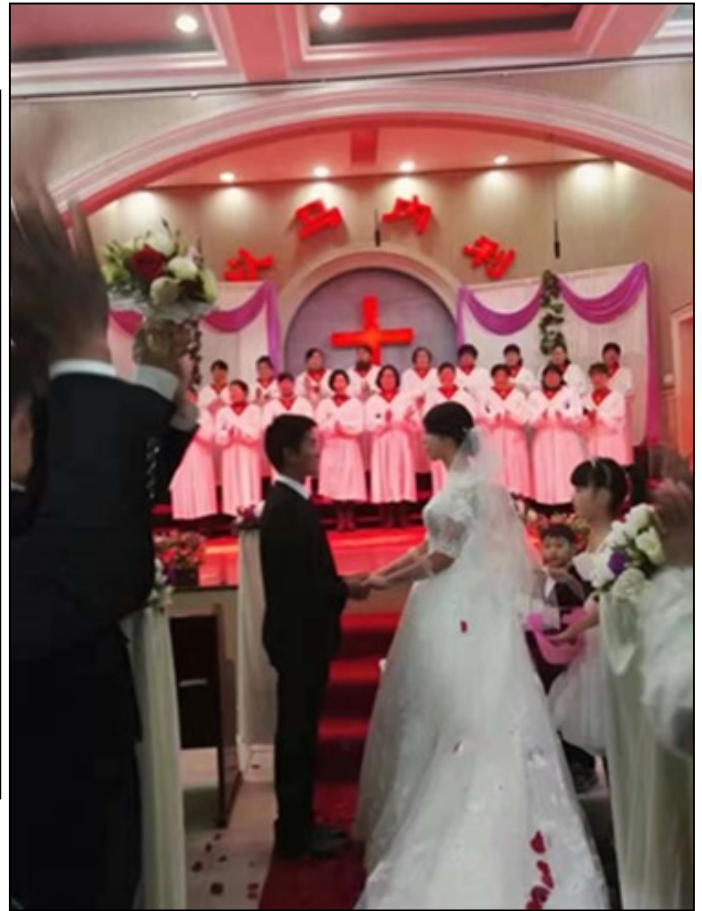
Moments later Ruth was chatting to her via a video call to her in China.

That call was only very brief however Elsie followed it up with an email with more information on what she is currently doing.

Dear Ruth,

I hope everything is all right with u and I was very happy to receive your video call through Dennis mobile yesterday. I was on the road to prepare the distribution of CHINACOAT exhibition, so it was too noisy and crowded around on the metro that I cannot communicate with u well. However, I would really like to share my life with u by writing down in this mail and show u my photos.

Here is my wedding day, Jan 18th in 2017. It was held in the church and all my friends and family blessed me and all of them also accepted blessing from God.



This is my husband, Zhi Chen, u can call him Zhi. He is a coast guard. I always talked about the days I spent in Canberra to him and he is very eager to go there and visit u.

Some time ago, he went out to see. ... he patrolled in the Xisha sea area in South China Sea.

...

I hope u can have a trip here, so I can be ur tour guide. I believe it is more attractive to enjoy the sights in ur own eyes.

Talking about my job, I'm doing with chemical coating material which is a green product call waterborne resin. This product is developed from my father's scientific research. What we produce can be used on glass, metal and wood material. From Dec 4th to 6th, our company will participate in CHINACOAT exhibition, which is national wide marketing event. Because this is the first time we do marketing so I hope everything going well. By the way, our brand name is Kelinda, here is our booth.



Finally, take good good care of yourself, may u and every church member can enjoy peace and joy everyday with abundance love from God. I welcome all of u to Guangzhou and I hope to be back to my beautiful Canberra some day.

Best regards,

Elsie

PS: Best greetings from Bingo



Facebook for Seniors!

For those of my generation who do not use and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: Two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke up,

"Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused... "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

Kaleen High Chaplain

A few Sundays ago Joan was accompanied to church by her grand-daughter Ellie. Chatting to Ellie after the service, we discovered that she is Chaplain at Kaleen High School.



Joan, Ellie and Roy Dallos (preacher)



Canberra Christian Fellowship

This is just to say thank you so much for all your prayers, kind thoughts and offers of practical help over the last few months. Thank you so much too for the lovely flowers sent to the hospital in August. We are very appreciative. The Lord is graciously answering your prayers. The Lord richly bless you.

Yours in His Name
Jan & Joyce

Services over recent weeks have included the following:



Rev. Owen
Chadwick



Mr. Roy
Dallos



Mr. Mark
Warren



Pastor
Paul Avis



Dr. Ian
Leung



Mr. Andrew
Castle



Rev. Dr.
Campbell
Egan



Dr.
Malcolm
Purdey

Sunday **14th October** – **Rev. Owen Chadwick** - Leaving full, returning empty

Sunday **21st October** – **Mr. Roy Dallos** - The Ninevites believed God, part 2

Sunday **28th October** – **Mr. Mark Warren** - 1 John 2: 28 - 3: 10

Sunday **4th November** – **Pastor Paul Avis** - Jesus crashes a wedding

Sunday **11th November** – **Dr. Ian Leung** - Naboth's vineyard

Sunday **18th November** – **Mr. Andrew Castle** (Bible Society) - John 2: 1-12

Sunday **25th November** – **Rev. Dr. Campbell Egan** - Biblical expressions in our language

Sunday **2nd December** – **Dr. Malcolm Purdey** (Carols)

Sunday, 28th October - Mr. Mark Warren - 1 John 2:28 - 3:10

In his letter, John displays an affection for his fellow Christians and encourages them to continue to follow Christ and live as He did.

We can learn from God's Word and with the Holy Spirit's help live it.

We gain new life when we follow Christ and we can look forward with confidence to a wonderful time when He returns.

Jesus' 'family' is righteous but we should not expect encouragement from the world in living as Christians because the world doesn't know Him.

This letter from John is to motivate us not to sin. Being human we will sometimes sin but as Christians our desire must be to follow God's law and turn away from sin.

It matters how we live.

Sin puts us off-side with God and in league with the devil.

Our response to all God has done for us in destroying the devil's work should be to show in our lives that it is important to us and we are committed to Christ.

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Campbell High chaplaincy

We were glad to welcome Campbell High chaplain Lee McMullan and her husband Robert to our service.

Lee told us a little of the work she has been doing, especially following the recent death of a student during a school activity.



Godspell

Every so often someone comments that it would be good for our fellowship to get together for more social activities so when we heard Godspell was showing for a short season at the Q Theatre in Queanbeyan, it seemed the perfect opportunity to get together socially.

Some of our group found parts of the performance a little loud while others were impressed by the biblical stories presented.

All in all our Godspell outing can be counted a success. Now to organise a follow up social event.



After the show

L to R: Valda, Janelle, Dawn, Solomon, Trish, Kelly, Marie, Ann, John, Elizabeth and Ian.

Sunday, 18th November - Mr. Andrew Castle - John 2: 1-12

Andrew spoke enthusiastically about the work of the Bible Society and his part in that work.

Later in the service he brought us a message based on John 2: 1-12, Jesus' first miracle, turning water at the wedding feast into wine.



Andrew with Marie

Margaret Buckley



Margaret Buckley was one of the group of people who made up our Fellowship when it first began and met in the Gospel Chapel. Eventually distance and transport difficulties meant she was no longer able to join with us.

Margaret grew up in Manly, Sydney. An early memory for her was of the Japanese mini submarines entering Sydney Harbour and the commotion they caused during the war.

Margaret started attending church during her teens and accepted Christ at a Billy Graham rally. She met and married Frank and they lived in rural towns in NSW as he worked as a Home Missionary.

They moved to Canberra in 1957 where their 3 children were born. Their family made Reid Methodist Church (later Reid Uniting Church) their

home church for approximately 40 years. Margaret opened their home up to the young people in the church, and especially enjoyed providing a great supper for youth group evenings and Bible study events. Later Wattle Park Uniting Church became their home church after they moved from inner Canberra to Gungahlin.

Margaret loved her family life and that included their many pets – dogs, birds, guinea pigs, fish. She played tennis regularly at the church tennis courts in Reid, and loved music as long as it had a good beat.

She was generous hearted and supported a number of charitable organisations; the Leprosy Mission and indigenous programs being of particular importance to her.

Despite ongoing health concerns for herself and husband Frank, Margaret would say “God has it under control”. A prayerful life brought Margaret much strength and solace throughout her life



This was compiled from Margaret's daughter Glenda's remembrance remarks at Margaret's memorial service and with help from daughter Bronwyn

Meetings

Back in early November many of us gathered at Ruth's place for a light meal followed by a General Meeting and an Annual General Meeting.

The pizza having been devoured we got down to business.

It was our pleasure to welcome three new members to our Fellowship - Solomon, Mark and Katherine - and to welcome back Dominica.

Minutes, reports and other business were dealt with with little fuss and the meetings were over quite quickly.

One item of expenditure that was agreed upon is a laptop computer to be used when projecting hymns or other graphics during services.

New and returning members



Solomon



Mark



Katherine



Dominica

Indonesian Carols

Once again this year we were pleased to be invited to join with the Indonesian Fellowship for their Carols service.

As always it was a wonderful time of celebration remembering what Christmas really is about.

The singing was joyous, the message clear and pertinent, the children's contribution entertaining as it presented the Christmas story and the meal afterwards delicious with a great variety of Indonesian dishes to choose from.

It was a very enjoyable time of fellowship as we celebrated Jesus' birth together.



Chaplains

Rev. Phil Anderson - Army chaplaincy
 Rev. Owen Chadwick - Universities chaplaincy
 Mrs. Lee McMullan - Campbell High chaplaincy
 Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy
 Please remember Phil, Owen, Lee, Bob and their chaplaincy work in your prayers.



Coming Up

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays at 2-30 pm at the church.
 Currently in **RECESS**
 All welcome - contact Joyce for more information

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**

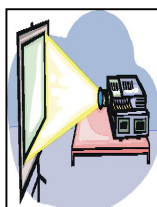


Mr. Roy Dallos



Rev. Paul Tabulutu

Opportunity to visit the Korean Church at Reid



Film

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Mr. Roy Dallos



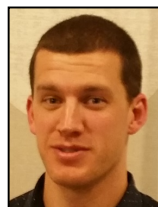
Mr. Mark Warren



Rev. Bob Prior



Gideons



Mr. Brett Hillam



Mr. Phillip Ng



Pastor Steve Prior



Rev. Phil Anderson



Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. David Turner

Sunday **9th December** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**

Sunday **16th December** at 5pm – **Rev. Paul Tabulutu**

Sunday **23rd December** – No service of our own but we are welcome to join the **Koreans at Reid at 11am**

Sunday **30th December** at 5pm – **Film on John Wesley's life**

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Sunday **6th January** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**

Sunday **13th January** at 5pm – **Mr. Mark Warren**

Sunday **20th January** at 5pm – **Rev. Bob Prior**

Sunday **27th January** at 5pm – (Gideons)

Sunday **3rd February** at 5pm – **Mr. Brett Hillam**

Sunday **10th February** at 5pm – **Mr. Phillip Ng**

Sunday **17th February** at 5pm – **Pastor Steve Prior**

Sunday **24th February** at 5pm – **Rev. Phil Anderson**

Sunday **3rd March** at 5pm – **Mr. Roy Dallos**

Sunday **10th March** at 5pm – **Mr. David Turner** (Mission Without Borders)