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CAROLS !! Sunday, 4 December, 2022 5pm



Thankyou

On her last Sunday with us before returning to Indonesia, Uti took a moment during our service to thank us for our friendship and to lead us in prayer.



After the service we took a photo of the congregation before enjoying some supper.

Uti's son Bayu arrived in Australia days before she left and was with us for her last service. He will be staying until early December.



Standing adults L to R: Mark, Joyce, Katherine, Wendy, Ian, Marie, Ann, Norman, Roy, Bayu
Children: Cassandra, Jonathan
Sitting: Ruth, Uti Photographer: Darlene

Chaplains

Rev. Bob Prior - Racecourse chaplaincy
Rev. Paul Tabulutu - N.S.W. / A.C.T. Fijian churches

Please remember Bob and Paul and their work in your prayers.



Annual General Meeting

As an association in the A.C.T. we are required to hold an Annual General Meeting each year.

That meeting will this year be held at 4-15 pm on Sunday, 27 November (before our service). We will elect office bearers for the next year.

Our Fellowship is made up of a number of people we see regularly at our services but also a considerable number who are no longer able to join us due to transport difficulties, infirmity or other factors.

Recently we saw Valda who has been unable to join us since moving into Aged Care accommodation.



Ruth, Ian and Valda

Shirley Dawn Diehm

1st February 1930 to 23rd September 2022



Dawn

Although they each attended other churches, Dawn and her friend Norm started attending our services some years ago because they enjoyed singing the old hymns that we use. We saw them regularly for a year or so until transport difficulties, health and other commitments made it impractical for them to join us although we did stay in touch.

At her funeral service some memories of her early life that Dawn wrote were shared with the congregation.

MEMORIES OF GROWING UP IN DUBBO

by Dawn Diehm

I grew up in Dubbo and had a younger sister. My mother and grandmother also grew up in Dubbo and my sister and I went to the same public school as they did. Diphtheria struck quite a few children, some did not survive. Both of us were in isolation in hospital for weeks and a long period of rest at home, later we were immunised. We had a family cocker spaniel who was given to my father at Nyngan because he chased cars. Dad bought him home on the train as he was a fireman on the railway. Like many people we had

chooks and vegies, fruit trees and grapes in our back yard and my grandparents had a nice fig tree and grapes growing.

When we were little we went to Salvation Army Sunday School, later to an Anglican one and after that to Methodist Sunday School. I was fortunate to learn tap and highland dancing – it cost one shilling a lesson and the teacher put on a few concerts. My mother made my costumes for them. My sister learned to play the piano. Highlights of the year were the Railway Picnic, the animal show and school holidays. Because my father worked for the railway, we had free travel once a year on a steam train for a holiday in Manly, where we met up with cousins. We were off to the zoo. The double decker buses, trams, escalators and cafeteria – as country children this was all very exciting. Dubbo, by comparison was very quiet and, I used to think, rather boring compared to Sydney. However, we could roam around and ride our bikes, which city kids couldn't. Dubbo was a big railway town, no-one locked their doors. My mother cooked everything on the fuel stove. We had no fridge or fans or washing machine.

Some children boarded at the Anglican Hostel as their parents were on farms. Others came to high school each day on the train and home each night on the train. We paid for our food each fortnight. When I went to the corner shop everything was written in a little book, with price alongside. I never handled money and I went to the shop everyday, with the little book.

My father came from Tenterfield. He met my mother in Enderby's Café where she was working. Kep Enderby [a former Federal Member for the A.C.T. / Canberra and Attorney General] was born while my mother was working there, she thought it an unusual name.

My father joined up and went to the Middle East and was away about 3 years. During the war years we had an Army Camp in Dubbo, and now the Dubbo Zoo is in that same place. Dubbo has grown from a little country town to a big city.

Unfortunately my mother passed away when I was 14 and my sister was 11 and we went to live in Tenterfield. I have always loved Dubbo and still have cousins living there and when we get together we talk about the good old days growing up in Dubbo.

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Other memories were shared by family members and friends.

Once Dawn's mother died, Dawn stayed with her grandmother but they moved frequently.

Dawn married when 18 but the marriage struggled and failed. Later she met and married Ted and they had a happy life together.

Dawn was described as a prayer warrior. She would pray with her daughter over the phone. She also sponsored many children.

She is remembered as an active, fun loving good cook (apple pies were given a special mention) who enjoyed knitting, craft work and hand making gifts. Roses and camellias were among her favourite flowers.

Her strong Christian faith was shown in many ways. She was very friendly and would invite people to come along to church. She was also a very generous person.

In her later years after Ted's passing, she enjoyed a friendship with Norm until he too passed on.

Her family were important to her and she had 1 great, great grandchild.

Scripture Union dinner for table hosts held on Thursday 3rd November, 2022 at the Hellenic Club



The purpose of this dinner was for the table hosts to meet each other and to inform them about the next Scripture Union Regeneration Appeal Dinner on 8th March, 2023. The table hosts were also reminded of their responsibilities at the fundraising dinner.

The M.C. for the evening was Jeff Mason. Steve Claypole introduced Romulo Nayacalevu who was the Chairman of Scripture Union in Fiji. He will be the speaker for the Dinner on 8th March, 2023.

Romulo was very impressive. At the age of 13 he went to boarding school and through Scripture Union gave his life to Jesus.

He attended Scripture Union schools in 1993 and went to Bible Study groups.

Two months ago he attended athletics competitions between PNG, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

He is now a student at the ANU doing his Doctorate as a Human Rights Lawyer for the Pacific. He trusted God for the money to go to University.

Romulo met his wife Vivian in the room the dinner was held in at the Hellenic Club in 2010.

Romulo said his calling is in the Islands where he is most useful.

His priority in life is "God's calling".


He preaches in a Fijian Church every month.

He wants to be a Human Rights lawyer in the Islands.

He said that Scripture Union is a global family. Scripture Union, A.C.T. impacts Fiji and the world.

FEATURING KEYNOTE

SPEAKER:
Romulo Nayacalevu
Chairman of Scripture Union, Fiji



OUR MC:
Heidi Silberman
Canberra based performer, director, writer, and educator



I would like to encourage everyone to hear this man of God, Romulo Nayacalevu, at the **Scripture Union Regeneration Dinner on Wednesday, 8th March 2023** and to support Scripture Union.

SU are holding Beach Missions at Tomakin Beach from 31st December to 7th January 2023 and at Merry Beach from 2nd January to 9th January 2023. A Young Adults Camp is on 13-16 January 2023.

The dinner was delicious!

Trish Orton



Coral Jean Lee

7 November 1938 – 6 October 2022

Our thoughts and prayers are with Denis and family after Coral's passing.

A brief outline of Coral's story can be found in The Next Step number 85, February 2016.

I have heard that the Aboriginal Church have recently collected food and items to assist those in need in conjunction with Mosaic Baptist Church.

Services over recent weeks have included the following:



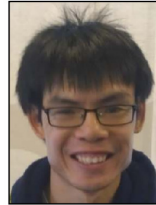
Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. Owen Chadwick



Mrs. Joyce Hall



Mr. George Huang



Mr. Mark Warren



Mr. Phillip Ng



Mr. Ian Denton



Mr. Ian Denton



Mrs. Joyce Hall



Mr. Michael Bevan

Sunday 11th September – Mr. Roy Dallos - It's all about the heart and useless Fires

Sunday 18th September – Mr. Owen Chadwick - Psalm 146

Sunday 25th September - Mrs. Joyce Hall – More treasures in our Lord Jesus

Sunday 2nd October – Mr. George Huang - The church of noble character

Sunday 9th October – Mr. Mark Warren - Receive mercy and find grace

Sunday 16th October – Mr. Phil Ng - The servant King

Sunday 23rd October – Mr. Ian Denton - The Fifth Commandment (Honour)

Sunday 30th October – Mr. Ian Denton - Don't be deceived

Sunday 6th November – Mrs. Joyce Hall - Challenged by Peter

Sunday 13th November – Mr. Michael Bevan (Gideons) - The lost son

Coming Services

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



Mr. Roy Dallos



Mr. Mark Warren



Rev. Peter Nelson

Sunday 20th November at 5pm – Mr. Roy Dallos

Sunday 27th November at 5pm – Mr. Mark Warren

Sunday 4th December at 5pm – Rev. Peter Nelson (CAROLS)



Prayer

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Bible Reading



clickbait Old Testament

What this guy said he did in less than a week will make you question everything!



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Why did this man order 300 cubits of gopher wood?

The reason will shock you!



Israelites are halted at the Red Sea. You won't believe what happens next!



Top ten commandments. No. 7 will blow your mind!

I told my wife she should embrace her mistakes...



She hugged me.

I don't procrastinate. I intentionally wait until the last minute because then I will be older, and therefore wiser.

I had the rudest, slowest and nastiest cashier today!



That's it! I'm done with using the self checkout lane!!

"Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray"

