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The Next Step

Canberra Christian Fellowship
(in the Methodist Tradition)



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Ever since the events that led to the formation of the Canberra Christian Fellowship (in the Methodist tradition), we have been looking to God to take us forward with our next step in our faith journey and our service to Him.

That journey has proved enriching for us and enabled us to be a small but vital part of the worldwide Church.



As our numbers have reduced in recent months, we have continued to trust in God's leading for our next step.

The difficulties in arranging services, finding preachers and setup each Sunday led us to think and pray about the future. An invitation to a special service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Forrest focussed our minds on the possibility of joining with their congregation. As a number of our people were due to be absent for some weeks due to holidays, medical procedures or



providing support to friends, it seemed God was truly taking us in a new direction.

For some weeks now we have not held services of our own but attended St. Andrew's. We have been able to step forward confidently believing we are on God's path.

We intend to hold one final service of thanksgiving for the nineteen years God has used Canberra Christian Fellowship in His service.

CCF
Final Service
Sunday, 17 September, 5pm

Join us to celebrate 19 years
of worship and service.

Valda CLARKE



Irene Valda CLARKE passed from this life in early August at the age of 94.

Daughter of a Peter's Icecream worker she was a Sydney girl, the youngest of 1 boy and 2 girls and grew up close to Sydney Harbour eventually becoming a dental nurse. Howard, the dentist, was not just her boss but became her husband as well.

Early in their marriage they moved for a while to Norfolk Island where Howard continued his dental practice. Having returned from the island they made Canberra home in around 1960, living at first in Lyneham before moving to Campbell and later to Isaacs.

While Valda cared for their home and young family (2 boys and a girl) Howard worked as a school dentist, moving between schools and providing dental care to children.

Once Howard retired he and Valda toured through Europe.

Valda was a friendly, quiet and generous lady who preferred to stay out of the spotlight. She was interested in craft work



and used her needlework, china painting and other skills to create various pieces.

She liked to keep her house spotless with everything in it's place and her garden too displayed her constant attention.

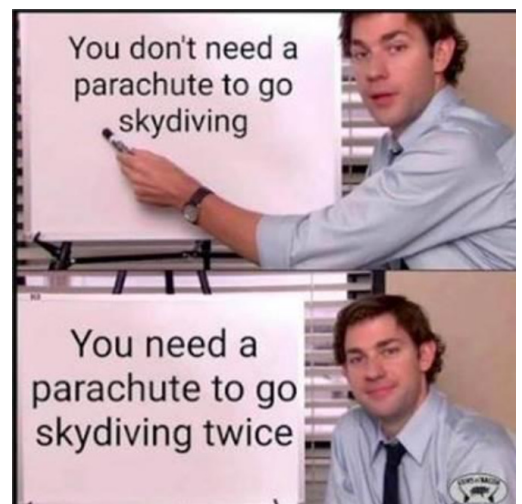
In Canberra she attended St. Columba's Presbyterian Church, Braddon and then our Canberra Christian Fellowship from it's beginning.

Valda's family arranged a private, family cremation for her.

Several people have since asked if there would be an opportunity for her friends to get together to remember and celebrate her life. We hope to arrange an afternoon tea for that purpose.

Let us know if you would like to be a part of that.

My Guardian Angel
when they got
assigned to me:



Over a number of years we well when at first he came occasions his father preached regularly and contributed to

More recently he has been his primary church home, visit us occasionally.



have come to know Caleb Dallos along to our services on the for us. He subsequently attended our worship in various ways.

closely involved in the worship of Crossroads, and so only able to

This year he has been a part of Crossroads' Ministry Trainee program and we have been glad to provide some financial support to help him undertake that training.

On Sunday, 2 July Caleb preached his first sermon at Crossroads. His subject was Jonah.

I felt that Caleb passed on God's message clearly and effectively and that he will prove to be an enthusiastic and committed servant of our God like his father.

Birthdays have a habit of sneaking up on people and accumulating almost unnoticed until an unexpectedly large number insists on being noticed.

Rev. Peter Nelson has recently experienced this phenomenon.

His eightieth birthday was an occasion for celebration and Chris Sloane and the Aboriginal Church made it a time to remember.



There was food, plenty of it. There was music reflecting the relaxed and happy atmosphere. There were kids playing together, There was cake - with a cricketer taking guard depicted on it. There were candles indicating 80 years and there was a crowd of well wishers there to celebrate with Peter.



Coming Services

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



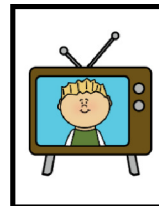
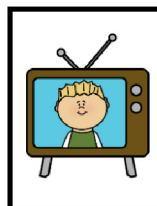
**Rev. Peter
Nelson**

Sunday, **17th September** at 5pm – **Rev. Peter Nelson** (Final Service)

Services over recent weeks have included the following:



**Mr. Mark
Warren**



**Mr. Roy
Dallos**

Sunday **28th May** – **Mr. Mark Warren** (19th Anniversary)

Sunday **4th June** – **Video sermon** - Dr. David Jeremiah

Sunday **11th June** – **Video sermon** - Dr. David Jeremiah

Sunday **25th June** – no service of our own

Sunday **25th June** – **Mr. Roy Dallos**

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.



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CCF services are ending however the Church of which CCF is only a very small part continues with worship of God and service to Him taking place in a multitude of places and in countless ways.

Most CCF members intend to make their new church home St. Andrew's Presbyterian. The 9-30am service there is a traditional style service similar to our own and we have been made very welcome.

God is our creator, He loves us and is deserving of our praise, worship and service.

Whether you come with us to St. Andrew's or not, we urge you to join with other Christians somewhere to worship our Lord and Saviour.