

# CONNECTIONS

A heart-warming story from a Parishioner.

## A Letter With No Stamp

**There was a letter in our mailbox.** It said "Dear Neighbour, we are so sorry about our new dog barking in the night. I hope you can forgive us, from your neighbours next door. PS. His name is Hunter."

This letter was written by four young children, aged 5 to 11 yrs. old. These children, with their parents were house sitting while their grandparents were on holidays in Queensland. The dog, just a young-ish pup had never disturbed us, actually, we have never heard him. We sleep very soundly.

To receive such a letter was quite heart-warming. To think that four young children could be so kind and caring was a real revelation. They, probably quite unaware, seemed to raise the bar to a slightly higher level of consideration for others.

### FOLLOWING FATHER'S EXAMPLE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. EPHESIANS 5:1-2 NIV

We hear them playing and laughing in the back yard. Their laughter is infectious. The little voices saying "thank you" when we throw their tennis balls and football back to them.

Children become the leaders of tomorrow. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have future leaders of the calibre of the children next door? Receiving such a letter of consideration from these young ones during this time of lockdown and restrictions certainly helps to raise the spirit. That to me is the best sort of fodder for the soul. Children are special.

## MOTHERS UNION.

The next meeting will be held at **Ken and Lois Pritchards** on **Wednesday November 10th**. We will meet at the church at **1.15 pm** (note time). Bring something associated with roses.



Remember to keep this date. **Mothers Union Special Christmas Service will be held on Wednesday 8 December at 1.30pm. Val McKenzie 0427 522 209**



*Boaz exchanges his sandal, legitimising the transfer of the property of Naomi and Ruth, and taking Ruth as his wife. (Ruth 4:7)*



## Parish of St Andrews Anglican Church – Kyabram

**Service times:** 9am in the Church. 11am, family service in the Hall – 7 November 2021

**Rev. Graham Snell with us this morning.**

A warm welcome everyone. It's a blessing to have you with us each week.

*"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."*

**Readings Today: Ruth 3.1–5; 4.13–17, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9.(19–22) 23–28 Mark 12.38–44**

Next Week's Readings: [Daniel 12.1–3 Psalm 16] 1 Samuel 1.4–20 1 Samuel 2.1–8 Hebrews 10.11–14 (15–18) 19–25 Mark 13.1–11

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Oh God,  
whose blessed Son came into the world,  
that he might destroy the works of evil  
and make us your children and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that, having this hope,  
we may purify ourselves as he is pure;  
that, when he comes again with power and great glory,  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



**Keep in Mind** - St Augustine's College is hiring the hall for VCE exams until Monday 15 November using both the parish centre and hall. The hall will remain set up until the exams are over. If you are around the church at all, quiet would be appreciated. Keep the students in your prayers too. It is often a stressful time for them. 11 am service is as usual.

### Prayer Group re-starting (following the end of St Aug's exams).

We are planning to re-start the weekly meeting for prayer at a suitable time for everyone. So far, we have had a suggestion for 2 pm on a Monday or Tuesday. Please let me know if you are interested and what time you prefer. The Prayer chain still is in operation. Don't hesitate to phone or text either Phyl Stokes, on **0417 621 330**) or myself, on **0418 511 330** if you have any requests. Blessings, Patti Harrison.



- Pray for the Parish finances, we are not meeting current commitments.
- for our new ministry team, Jacob and Sarah and little Theodore.
- for wisdom for those in leadership
- for those suffering with co-vid, war or famine.
- for those in the health care system under pressure.,
- wisdom for Bishop Matt and family
- for assistants at 11am service to step up
- for the Beth Hartin, Dorothy Nurse and their families

Do you have a story to tell? I need one for next week's Connections. Otherwise, there might be a large blank space on the page. Thank you to all our previous contributors, the stories keep us in touch with one another. Send your offering to [irenekyv@bigppond.com](mailto:irenekyv@bigppond.com) or give me a call Mob: 0429 0149 246 IreneL.