



WHITEHORSE UNITING CHURCH

The Monthly — AUGUST-2023.

August Catch up.

Its hard to believe, but we are now more than half way through the year, and this is the sixth issue of The Monthly!

I can't speak for everyone within the WUCA congregation, but I certainly feel that I know more about the Councillors and those who are responsible for the various groups within the different venues, and I must give thanks to all those who have responded and written about themselves or their role or anything else for that matter.

Of course while all this is happening, behind the scenes many people are toiling away so hard on various work groups within the congregation, some of which Rev. Tina wrote about in the last issue, and addressed during worship services recently.

In this issue we will learn more about another Church Councillor, (there can't be many we don't know about now!), the new Congregation Chairman, and among other items hear about how the Luncheons for Eight were appreciated, so once again there is much to read and ponder.

Don't forget that if there is something you believe should be shared don't hesitate to contact me with details, and don't forget to think about your Dads and what they meant in your lives, then let me know.

Best wishes,

HEATHER BRAIN. Editor.

Have you ever wondered what to do with those pesky 5cent pieces? Wonder no more!

There is a group called Fellowship of the Least Coin- It is an Ecumenical Fellowship committee to work for justice, peace and reconciliation for women and girls and communities all over the world.

So, whenever worship is at Forest Hill please bring your coins along and put them in the collection box.

It's amazing how much can be achieved.

MARION GOLDSMITH.

CHURCH LUNCHEONS.

I heard that fifty nine people from the three Whitehorse UCA venues ,responded to luncheon invitations . They attended at eight different venues , and from comments made it appears that good times were had by all. Along with this many met previously unknown people, and certainly tried new and interesting food. Some comments follow ---

“ Although I have known most of the group for some time it's amazing how much we learn from one another if we take the time to sit and listen.

“ *The food set up looked beautiful, rather like a good Asian restaurant, and a shame to eat. ”*

”Great way to get to know new friends?

“ Very much looking forward to the next one. ”

” Loved eating different food to what we are used to. ”

Very appreciative of the folk who opened their homes to us.

“ Good to eat delicious food in a happy and relaxed atmosphere. ”

“As hosts we really appreciated getting to know several people we had only smiled at previously.”

“Wasn't it good that Forest Hill decided to have shared meals all those years ago?”



SUITS—SUITS—SUITS!!!!

WHITEHORSE UC. OP SHOP FOREST HILL
IS HAVING A SUIT SALE!

DO YOU NEED A SUIT FOR
A WEDDING,
A FORMAL OCCASION
OR EVEN A FUNERAL?
THE OP SHOP
HAS BRAND NEW AND PRE WORN SUITS
IN VARIOUS SIZES.
ALL ARE BARGAINS
AT \$10 EACH!!!



I HAVE HEARD THAT A MENS' WEAR SHOP
HAS DONATED SEVERAL
BRAND NEW GARMENTS.

THEY ARE CHEAPER THAN
THE THREE PIECE SUIT
RECENTLY PURCHASED BY A
SARTORIALLY ELEGANT YOUNG MAN
KNOWN TO US,
WHO PAID \$29!!
AT HIS LOCAL OP SHOP.

PERHAPS IF
TIM MENGER
IN THE ARTICLE
AT THE RIGHT WENT TO THE
OP SHOP SALE
HE WOULDN'T NEED TO BE KNOWN
AS THE MAN IN THE SHORTS!!!

\$10 FOR A SUIT!!!

NEW CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRMAN— -Tim Menger.



Hello to Whitehorse UCA.

Thank you for electing me as your new Congregational Chairperson. For those of you who aren't sure, I'm the guy who is always wearing shorts. I was previously Chair of Mountview for the last ten years and I'm involved in the multimedia side of service also.

Over the past few years I have commenced a lay leadership course that continues at a very slow pace, but I have received very encouraging feedback for what I have submitted so far. Jo and I have just celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary and are the proud parents of Neo, Tarragon and Jubilee. Neo is navigating the joys of years 11 and 12, Tarragon has started high school this year and Jubilee is enjoying primary school, while Jo works as a psychologist and has just completed a Ph.D.

I have been a chef for just on thirty years now and work at Entrecôte in Prahran. It's a One hat restaurant and occupies a lot of time, but I enjoy that team I work with and the food we produce.

As Chairperson I like to have meetings that are constructive and to the point. As I said in my introductory comments on July 16th, I encourage you to be well informed of what is happening in the coming meetings. I also ask that when you speak to something to ask yourself "Am I contributing or complaining? How is my point improving the Whitehorse congregation? Has someone already raised this matter?" in short, come prepared.

Sometimes, after reading the reports or agenda you will have questions. I also encourage you to approach the authors of those reports and see if your question can be answered before hand.

As a congregation we will be making some hard decisions over the next few meetings. I encourage you to prayerfully consider what is before us, and wonder what the legacy of the Whitehorse congregation is going to be?

TIM MENGER..

**FATHER'S DAY
IS COMING IN
SEPTEMBER,
SO IT WOULD BE GOOD TO SHARE
MEMORIES OF YOUR DADS,
GOOD OR BAD,
SERIOUS OR FUNNY.
PLEASE SEND FOR
INCLUSION
IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF
*THE MONTHLY.***

MID YEAR STUDIES 2023.

This year's mid year study includes movies about aboriginal issues, with communities and individuals who inspire hope for others.

The studies will be held at Forest Hill UCA at 333A Canterbury Road, Forest Hill at 4.00pm each Sunday in August.

Come and join us for a most enjoyable study. Previous Lenten and Advent studies have been popular with a great response, fun and discussions. Once again we will have discussions and pizza following the movies. Please bring a plate for salad or dessert (if you can)

Our movies are—

Sunday, August 6th, 2023,

TOP END WEDDING.— a good humoured story about love, family and identity.

Sunday, August 13th, 2023.

MY NAME IS GULPILLI - a memoir.

Sunday, August 20th, 2023.

THE SAPPHIRES—a feel good comedy and inspirational story set in the '60s, about four talented singers from a remote Aboriginal mission.

Sunday August 27th, 2023.

either

THE NEW BOY (if available) or

RABBIT PROOF

FENCE.— both about the stolen generation.

Please contact Rev. Tina for further details call

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PASTORAL CARE IN OUR CONGREGATION.

While our Ministry Team continues to play an important role in pastoral ministry in our congregation, it is obvious that they cannot do it alone. All Christians are given the gifts of the Spirit and that includes pastoral care. The quality of care in a congregation does not depend on having a great system of carers, but on each of us having the desire to look out for each other, offering the ministry of Christ freely and naturally. The commandment 'to love one another' is the heart of pastoral care. The care of the church is always needed and how we offer that care is our challenge.

Within our Whitehorse UCA we have many informal ways in which people care or 'look out' for each other. There are currently three 'formal' systems: 'Pastoral Partners' at Mitcham, 'Circles of Care' at Nunawading, and 'Visitors' at Forest Hill. Each of these seeks to provide ways for people to connect with another.

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team is made up of convenors of each group, plus our ministers: Colleen Rowe and Robin Cox from Pastoral Partners, Glenys Coates and Judy Marsh from Forest Hill Visitors, Barbara Wandoch from Nunawading's Circles of Care and Julie Hawkey as Convenor. We are working towards including all our congregation in one system. However, this is an evolving process. It is important to recognize the importance of one-to-one relationships that have developed, sometimes over many years.

Our ministers have a pastoral programme across the congregation. There is ongoing communication as the convenors (or anyone) advise them of any concern or needs that may require their wisdom or skills.

It is apparent that there are many overlaps in the geographical areas where congregation members reside. Historical 'allegiances' and moves have not meant a change from one to another of our former congregations. For instance, members living in Blackburn may be under Mitcham, Forest Hill or Nunawading care, or if living in Vermont under Mitcham or Forest Hill care.

What is important now if for all of us to ensure that every member experiences care by others whether in informal groups or in the current pastoral structures. Is there someone who used to attend worship that you haven't seen for a while? Have they been missed or overlooked? Is there someone who is now isolated because of illness or mobility issues?

The words and example of Jesus are echoed in the words of psychiatrist, Karl Menninger, "Love curses people, the ones who receive it, and the ones who give it too."

JULIE HAWKEY.

GUIDE TO ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS IN



THE REFERENDUM.

Permission granted to use the edited extract from **The Voice to Parliament Handbook** by Thomas Mayo and Kerry O'Brien, published by Hardie Grant Explore.

What is the Voice to Parliament?

The Voice would be a group of Indigenous representatives chosen by Indigenous peoples from around the nation who may make representation to the Executive Government and Parliament on matters that affect them.

What is the proposed referendum question?

A proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognize the First peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

DO YOU APPROVE THIS PROPOSED ALTERATION?

Why vote 'Yes'?

A Yes vote would give constitutional recognition to Australia's First Nations people in the form proposed in the Uluru Statement from the Heart—by establishing the principle that Australian and Torres Strait islanders peoples will have a say about the laws and policies that affect their communities through the Voice to Parliament.

This would be a unifying nation-building act of reconciliation. It would showcase Australia's unique place in the world with over 60,000 years of unbroken heritage and culture.

What would the Voice look like and how would it function?

The proposed alteration to the Constitution establishes the principle that Indigenous peoples should have a say through a Voice.

If the referendum is successful, the elected members of the Parliament will then work out the composition, powers, functions, and procedures of the Voice with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Voice would be based on the following design principles that are drawn from the Langton and Calma Indigenous Voice Co-design Process and what Indigenous peoples said in the Uluru Dialogues. These principles have been finessed by the Referendum Working Group to help Australians understand how the Voice will work.

Would the Voice be able to interfere in matters that aren't obviously affecting Indigenous peoples?

The Voice will focus on matters that affect the health and well being of Indigenous peoples across the length and breadth of Australia.

What powers would a Voice be able to exercise?

The Voice's influence would only be as strong as the quality of its advice based on the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the length and breadth of Australia.

Under this constitutional amendment, future parliaments would be able to make changes to how the Voice would operate, hopefully to improve the relevance and efficiency, as any institution should be able to do. The Parliament could not abolish the Voice, or seriously diminish its ability to make representations on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, because its existence would be enshrined in the Constitution.



ALEX ADAM
(More questions will follow next month.)

BRIAN HEAD—Church Councillor.

Brian was born and raised in Geelong, where the Cats played within walking distance of home every fortnight in winter, and trained also. He was trained as a civil engineer at the Geelong Gordon Institute, where out of the fifteen who qualified nine were from South East Asia (no racism there in our lot)

Brian's working life was with Vic Roads, firstly in Benalla, then in Melbourne, where he worked on road and bridge construction for thirty five years. After that he joined Habitat for Humanity, where he volunteered as a registered builder for the following twenty years, where he assisted by completing fifty houses for low income families.

Brian and his wife Elaine have four sons and seven grandsons, and they are still waiting to be presented with grand daughters in law!

Brian's interests are swimming, skiing, cycling, music building maintenance and fire safety.



BRIAN HEAD.

MEN OF NUNAWADING.

(NOW MEN OF WHITEHORSE)

Like many things, MON's beginnings are shrouded in the mists of time, but it can be recalled that in the 1980s several men parishioners travelled to work in the city by train, and eventually one, Allan Galagher, (husband of recently deceased Val) retired. The other gentlemen got together and held a special luncheon to mark the occasion.

Further lunches were held as one after another, other train travelling parishioners retired, and during one of these lunches it was decided that meeting together should be extended to all men of the church,; who were 'by then chafing at the bit', as they still had to work and they were missing out on both food and fellowship!

Then someone amongst the group had a brilliant idea!

What about an evening meal, and add an interesting speaker?

This idea became an instant success with Rev. Allan Searle and other committed men preparing and cooking the meals, and everyone having a happy and stimulating evening. About thirty men usually attended.

As the years rolled by the occasion eventually became catered for, and then purchased from local shops, but all good things eventually come to an end, or change, and fortunately Men of Nunawading didn't end, but changed.!

For several years now those who could have met at the Mitcham Hotel on the first Monday of the month, and in recent times, as the three local Uniting churches have come together Men of Nunawading has become Men of Whitehorse. For a while there some women attended also, but it has mainly been gentlemen predominating.

Those who go enjoy themselves, and the Mitcham hotel puts on a meal that is reasonably priced, so maybe its about time that if you are able you consider attending, as you would be welcomed warmly, and as we read in another food related article it is a great way of putting names to faces, and getting to know the person behind the name and the face.



JOHN BAKER. 98734491
FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

**PRESBYTERIAN REARRANGED IS
BEST IN PRAYER.
DESPARATION REARRANGED IS
A ROPE ENDS IT.
THE EYES REARRANGED IS THEY SEE.**

Pastoral Care Tips– Reflections on Psalm 23.

Psalm 23 begins with the statement: *I shall not want*. Most people long for a sense of deep gladness, belonging, stability, and here is a psalm which speaks of all these feelings.



Most of the time we live a life where there are ordinary patterns of daily activities, with a few surprises and challenges along the way. We may wonder from time to time what it's like to not want. Most of us know what it feels like to feel satisfied and grateful for family, life, God, church. It offers us a glimpse of this deep sense of contentment.

I grew up with sheep and am fascinated with their behavior. When I visited Iona, Scotland, I stayed at the community house and one afternoon I had the room to myself and time to sit and look out the window at the scenery; a large paddock, with hills in the distance. I had noticed a flock of sheep sheltering from the wind by gathering behind the hills, the previous night. Now they were in the middle of the paddock, and the lead sheep was walking backwards and forwards along the small creek calling out constantly looking for a narrow bridge or bit of land where they could all cross to the other side which was closer to the house, and where there were green pastures.

My friends returned and we watched as the lead sheep found the right spot to jump over to the other side, and all the others followed. Later that day the lead sheep went through the same process to find the way back again, and was followed by the flock. Then the lead sheep led them back to the hill for the night, to shelter from the wind. That was the pattern of their day and they seemed content.

For most of us, our lives follow a pattern that includes ordinary daily living and routine, where sometimes. there are important and profound moments For those of us who follow Jesus, we need our church community, and to be led by Jesus and his teachings, where each of us contributes and makes a difference, where we bless others.

There are also times when we need to feel safe when travelling through dark valleys and to know the Lord is near us. Times when we feel afraid, anxious or overwhelmed. It is good to know Jesus is there with us restoring our souls so we can find the courage to keep on following him.

It is reassuring to know that in the midst of challenges God offers us a banquet of choices and blessings that feed our souls, such as green pastures, and the overflowing cup of goodness and blessings and deep stillness within our souls.

REV.TINA.



News from Sammy Stamp.

By mid-July, the Stamp Fund sales had reached some \$12,000. The latest grant was given to the Mission Liaison Group to assist in shipping costs for sending goods to several Pacific Island countries.

An appreciative letter has been received from the Vanuatu Blindness Prevention Project for the \$2,000 they received from Sammy Stamp. This money covered the much needed funds to repair the roof of their clinic which was badly damaged in recent cyclones. See the photo above.

Medical Centres, Surgeries, Businesses and Offices can be a good source for stamps. If you or a family member are able to collect these stamps—either as complete envelopes or torn off stamps - please leave them in the box at your church. This would be most appreciated.

Thanks. JAN SEARLE.

TEN STRESS REDUCING COMMANDMENTS.

Thou shalt not be perfect, nor even try to be.

Thou shalt not be all things to all people.

Thou shalt leave things undone that ought to be done.

Thou shalt not spread thyself too thin.

Thou shalt learn to say "NO!"

Thou shalt schedule time for thyself, and thy network

Thou shalt switch off and do nothing regularly.

Thou shalt be boring, untidy, inelegant and unattractive sometimes.

Thou shalt not even feel guilty.

Especially, thou shalt not be thine own worst enemy, but thy best friend.

LEARNING FRENCH.

Tina, writing about the proposed French lessons reminded me of my adventures in French in 1994, prior to heading overseas.

I rolled up for a short course at Box Hill TAFE with several others, and to say it was nothing like any of us expected was an understatement. We received a text book, and began at about chapter 6, which was where we started and where we finished, and all I recall is that Lyon is an industrial city!

We did no preparation with numbers, money, names or anything one would need when travelling, and when I asked could we have pictures of objects with the French noun beneath, (as one would do for five year olds learning English, which was really our equivalent) the teacher said that was babyish, as was lolly prizes for correct answers.

When we read orally it was the same paragraph repeated by each student, (not even reading in pairs) and we were all as bad as each other, which was actually quite funny.. The teacher, while pleasant, was unsympathetic, and told us we should be doing more homework, which infuriated the woman next to me, who lived far away, had four kids and worked full time!

On the last night of the eight week course we were given an exam, which were marked by swapping with one's neighbor, and we all failed dismally!

I wasn't surprised at all, but it did take time, and we had been promised dinner which was booked at a local French restaurant, so when we arrived we were at least an hour late. By then our appetites had diminished, so we only ordered light dishes!

"Not good enough" yelled the chef, brandishing two sharp knives!

"Three course meals or no service!"

As it was getting late, another woman and I bravely said we would call it quits, then snuck off into the night.

That's when I witnessed the chef!

A few years later I thought I recognized a



woman in the toilets at Hamer Hall, and when we worked out how we knew each other, it was from our amazing French course, which almost reduced the pair of us to tears of mirth! Great fun, but as a learning experience, totally useless, and of

course like most people I spoke English as I wandered France.

HEATHER BRAIN.

Notes from CC meeting 22 July 2023.

Good news.

- * **Code of Conduct Training** was completed for sixteen of our dedicated leaders.
- * Synod PART has granted **financial approval for action** regarding hall roofs at Forest Hill and dangerous trees.
- * Stage 3 Workshops and Signposts: Members of the Steering group are John Gerrand, Julie Hawkey, Lynne Rosenthal, Rob Jackson and Romesh Nagarajah, will meet for an All-Day Workshop on August 13th, facilitated by Phil McCreddon.
- * **Administrative matters:**
 - * The Income and Expenditure Statements for June 2023 were received and the payments as listed were approved by consensus.
 - * The 2023 Budget was approved by consensus and is to be circulated with "The Weekly" newsletter prior to the Congregational meeting on 16th July.
 - * **The Administrative Assistant** has been given responsibility for
 - managing access to the membership database.
 - acting as tenancy liaison which includes tenancy agreements, insurance, bookings at the three sites and other associated tasks.
 - * Joy Williams will collate tasks done at the three sites to create a centralized Working with Children check Database.

* **The Ministry Team:** Study during August that will focus on raising awareness and gaining insights into issues that affect Australian First Nation peoples. The studies will take place over four Sundays of August at 4.00pm, at Forest Hill with films, discussion and pizza.

* **Ministry Groups.** Reported on progress with Terms of Reference, which must contain the responsibilities that the CC is asking the Group to act on. Confirmation of Convenors and Members of the MGs were noted.

* **Facilities Management Ministry Group** can authorize budget up to \$10,000 for essential repairs and incidental expenses.

* **Mission and Justice** There was support for a modified version of Tear Fund's Rubbish Campaign involving "living simply together" lunch at Mitcham following a worship service in October or November.

* **"Together Yes"** 2x2 hour home discussions with ten invitees on 3rd and 10th September. Starlight Foundation chosen as the charity to benefit from the Australian Childrens' Chori concert.

* **Faith Development:** A study group is proposed to meet to discuss and share faith issues.

* **Other items:** Fundraising concert featuring the **Australian Childrens' Choir** proposed for Sunday 17th September.

* **Tongan Choir** and congregation will be guests on 30th July, with hospitality being provided.

* **Congregational meeting** is planned for Sunday 16th July.

* **Next CC meeting** will be held on 9th August 2023.

TREVOR THOMAS.

Secretary, Whitehorse Church Council

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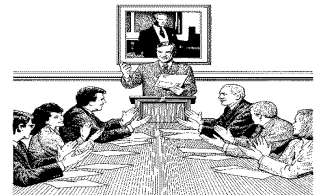
Chairperson of the congregation elected at the 16th July meeting. He is Mr. Tim Menger, who you can meet in his article in this magazine.

Anne Smith took minutes of the meeting, but no Congregational Secretary was appointed.

Lunches for Eight involved eight host homes and fifty three guests. As I am writing this on 19th July (Trevor) I cannot tell you how good the food was, but I am sure new friendships were formed.

Ps. The food was delicious (Trevor on 25th July).

See further luncheon comments on the front page of *The Monthly*.



COMING EVENTS.

AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

This group will be performing for us on 17th September 2023 at 12.00pm. at Mitcham UC. More details will follow.



STUDY ON STATEMENT OF THE HEART AND THE VOICE.

Four Sundays in August at Forest Hill at 4.00pm, with movies, pizza and the study, with questions for discussion.

(6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th August, 2023.) Further details will follow regarding the movies.

REV TINA.

ANIMOSITY REARRANGED IS IS NO AMENITY.

ELEVEN PLUS TWO REARRANGED IS

TWELVE PLUS ONE.

SLOT MACHINES REARRANGED IS

CASH IS LOST IN ME.



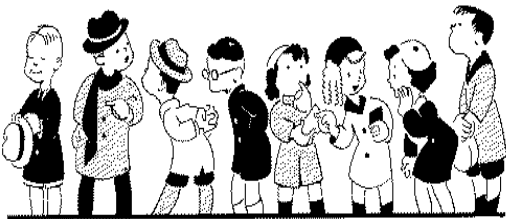
KIDS HOPE STORIES

Burwood Heights PS is wonderful in so many ways. As a Kids Hope mentor I am made so welcome by both teaching and office staff, and my 'mentee' child.

One child always starts our session with a joke or two, telling me he wants to be a comedian one day. He calls "Friday the best day of the week" and calls me the "Fun Queen", and I call him "King of Kindness" so we have made crowns, then paper planes and newspaper "Bangers", and we laugh a lot.

Sometimes it takes time to connect with a new child, but once we do we can have such special times together, and who knows what they may remember about those special times, the conversations, and how our friendship may steer them to good choices in life!

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About fourteen years ago I was a barrister at Knox City Myer café, and one day a customer told me about Kids Hope and how rewarding mentoring was, saying "You must become a Kids Hope mentor when you retire", so a couple of years later Corry was appointed Kids Hope Coordinator at Burwood Heights PS, after being a Kids Hope volunteer through World Vision for some years, and I trained as a mentor.

This has been one of the most rewarding, and at times the most challenging thing I have ever done. And believe me I have done many things in my life! Burwood Heights principal and staff are most supportive, with Mrs. Esther Wood, the principal being heard many times saying that Kids Hope is the best programme in her school.

Many kids are in desperate need and crying out to connect to a supportive friend. Burwood Heights PS could use many more mentors than we have ever been able to provide. No qualifications are necessary. Just a heart for kids who are doing it tough. Kids Hope Australia provides this vehicle and the training, through our Coordinator.

GEOFF.

THANKS TO CORRY FOR COORDINATING TWO MENTORS.

HEATHER McLIESH —WCC ADMIN. ASSISTANT.

Hello, my name is Heather, and I was born in Geelong, but grew up in Surrey Hills and Balwyn, where I attended Surrey Hills PS, and MLC.



I grew up in a family that were always highly involved in the church. In Geelong my parents played an integral part in starting up a new Presbyterian church in Highton, but they were keen to move back to Balwyn.... back to the suburb where they both lived when they met. We attended my father's family church, St. Columba's UCA, where they held many leadership positions.

I played netball and tennis in the church teams, where both courts were situated. Eventually St. Columba's combined with Koonung Heights and Brenbeal St to form the Balwyn Heights Parish. Koonung Heights had an active youth group which put on a gospel musical production, and once I joined I found a real joy in singing, so I was part of this group for many years. It was here that my close friendship with Helen and Rob Jackson began.

I studied Science at Monash Uni. doing my honours in Microbiology, and then I met and subsequently married a Ph.D student, David Cramo. We went to USA, and it was there that Darren our eldest son was born. We attended Bethel United Methodist church, where we made many friends, who are still friends today. They guided us on how to survive the cold winters. of which our first was six consecutive weeks where the temperature never reached freezing point. Everyone was so excited when the thermometer finally reached 32degrees F. It felt so warm.... we even went outside for a walk! To assist family finances I babysat other children in my home, but after two and a half years we decided to return home, and it was then I found out that the boy I minded was the son of Madonna's cousin!

Once back in Australia we initially lived with my parents before moving to Blackburn, and I managed to get a job with the Red Cross Blood service. Our other three sons, Bradley, Stuart and Mark were born in Blackburn, however as they grew we realized that we needed a bigger house and moved to Vermont South, and then followed Rob and Helen to Mountview UCA. We made many friends; I became church Treasurer and David joined the Church Council, and we were fortunate to travel to many parts of the world with David's work. My favorite places were Turkey, Israel and Cyprus.

Eventually we separated, and I needed a job closer to home.. I was fortunate in getting a job at Monash Uni. doing research on blood type methodologies. Gradually the boys grew and moved out, and I needed to downsize, so I moved to my current home in Croydon Hills with my dog Pedro, the blue roan Cocker Spaniel.

During Covid my research changed to adapt the blood typing technology to a Covid test, which made international news and my photo has been shown around the world, linked to this test. However, thanks to Covid and the University being under extreme financial pressure, I lost my job. At the same time I found that I needed to care for my mother, so she moved in with me for a few years.

Mum is now in care and I am back in the workforce.....in the office of Whitehorse UCA.

Now, I am the mum of four sons, and four grandsons, and trying to learn Japanese, so I can talk to two of my grandsons in Japan. Fortunately, my other two grandsons live much closer, and I love to see them on a regular basis.

HEATHER McLIESH.



Date <small>Sundays unless stated</small>	Venue: ForestHill	Venue: Mitcham	Venue: Nunawading	Day + Colour	
2 nd Jul			Together @ 10 ^C	Pentecost 5	G
9 th Jul	Together @ 10			Pentecost 6	G
16 th Jul		Together @ 10		Pentecost 7	G
23 rd Jul			Together @ 10	Pentecost 8	G
27 th Jul (Thu)	Together @ 2 ^C				G
30 th Jul	5SG @ 10 tba			Pentecost 9	G
6 th Aug	Together @ 10 ^C			Pentecost 10	G
13 th Aug		Together @ 10 ^L		Pentecost 11	G
20 th Aug			Together @ 10	Pentecost 12	G
24 th Aug (Thu)	Together @ 2 ^C				G
27 th Aug	Together @ 10			Pentecost 13	G
3 rd Sep		Together @ 10 ^C		Pentecost 14	G
10 th Sep			Together @ 10	Pentecost 15	G
17 th Sep	Together @ 10			Pentecost 16	G
24 th Sep		Together @ 10		Pentecost 17	G
28 th Sep (Thu)	Together @ 2 ^C				G

Whitehorse Uniting Church Venues

Forest Hill: 333A Canterbury Road, Forest Hill
 Mitcham: 559 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham
 Nunawading: 355 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading

Whitehorse Uniting Church Online Links

Worship Resources: <https://www.mountviewuca.org/worship.html>
 YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@whitehorseunitingchurch4335/streams>
 Church Calendar: <https://www.mountviewuca.org/calendar.html>

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