



WHITEHORSE UNITING CHURCH

The Monthly — JULY 2023.

KIDS HOPE CHAMPION AWARD.

On June 27th, New Hope Baptist church was the venue for the Celebration morning tea for all Kids Hope Aus. Mentors and Co-ordinators, as a gesture of gratitude for their work, and five mentors from Forest Hill UCA were able to attend. This is the twelfth year that we have provided mentors to Burwood Heights PS, and we have mentored over 30 children in that time.

After our lovely morning tea we spoke to people from other churches and denominations, listening to their experiences and methods, and then, after a couple of short speeches about some remarkable people and their Kids Hope work, we heard from Rev. Tim Costello, patron and long time supporter, about the enormous benefits of the time spent with vulnerable children.

Champions awards were then given, one to Mt. Waverly UCA, and the other to Forest Hill UCA, both in recognition of the monetary donations to Kids Hope, Aus.

Unfortunately, Don Sinclair, chair of our Op Shop committee, was overseas, so it was accepted on behalf of the committee by Heather Bremner.

The Forest Hill Op shop which has gradually developed and expanded since its 2007 beginnings, has willingly donated a considerable amount of money regularly to Kids Hope, in order for programmes to be started in other schools and for more children to attend school camps, participate in swimming lessons and even paid for the food at our annual Pizza lunch. This is something to which the children look forward to each year, and to which we invite parents as well. Other members of the church provide home made biscuits which are kept in the staff room, and are given to children without lunch.

We have a remarkable relationship with all the Burwood Heights staff, and in particular with the great Principal who actually was awarded "Principal of the Year" a few years back. She has remarked several times publicly, that "Kids Hope is the best Programme in her school", and she would willingly accept many more mentors.

The trophy will be proudly displayed in the Op shop, and should you purchase things there you will know that this is one of the wonderful charities being supported by the funds raised.

HEATHER BREMNER.



Centre 81 pays tribute to Maureen Thomson.

In early April, Maureen, one of our much-loved clients passed away.

She had been a very regular visitor for many years, her only needs being a cup of coffee/biscuit, companionship and support.

She used to love chatting about all manner of subjects to anyone who was listening, the receptionists on duty, other visitors, and anyone else who called.

This was her place of comfort and safety.

Maureen suffered with anxiety, and Covid greatly exacerbated her suffering, as she was not able to get out for her regular chats.

As her husband Peter says—"And then came Covid, and her world slowly changed".

We never saw Maureen again following our Lockdown.

Her Thanksgiving Service was held at the Mitcham (Mounview) Church on April 28 April, 2023, where some of our Receptionists were in attendance.

Last Sunday, June 18, 2023, during our Worship Service at Forest Hill, Tina read a letter from Peter, expressing the sentiments which I have just outlined, about Maureen's love for Centre 81.

In that Letter, a cheque for \$1000.00 was attached, made payable to Centre 81.

We thank you Peter, and we assure you that something good will come from Maureen's and your association with Centre 81 and Mounview.

We hope that times gone by, and now going into the future, Centre 81 has been, and will continue to be, a place where anyone who walks through our front door finds a place of refuge, a listening ear, companionship, and support.

We ask God's blessing on our continuing work in being there for others.

Jill Kidd for Centre 81.



CENTRE 81



Whitehorse friends for Reconciliation

hosted a movie night at Nunawading UC on Friday May 26th, National Sorry day, which acknowledged the sad experience of indigenous Australians taken from their families known as the “Stolen Generation”

“Wash my Soul in the River’s Flow” is a beautifully edited film that features renowned musician Archie Roach, and his wife Ruby Hunter. It is a feast of songs by the pair which shows interviews and rehearsal moments, as well as footage of their 2004 Hamer Hall concert, “Kura Tungar-Songs from the River” The soulful and powerful messages of Archie and Ruby’s songs are magnified by the talented arrangements of Paul Grabowsky’s Australian Arts Orchestra.

The concert scenes and interviews are interspersed with panoramic scenes of “home” country and amazing Australian landscapes.

Filmgoers braving the cold night helped to



raise \$125 with gold coin donations and were able to network over supper to learn more about the need for reconciliation.

BARBARA WANDOCH.

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGES ARE SOME CHURCH NOTICES THAT SEEMED TO COME OUT WRONG!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE MANY WHO ARE SICK OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND SMILE AT SOMEONE WHO IS HARD TO LOVE.



LYNNE ROSENTHAL

I was born in Mitcham, and, apart from a few years living elsewhere from time to time this area is still my home. My husband, Bob and I live in Vermont South, and our two adult children, Luke and Jules, also live in the eastern suburbs.

My family owned a bakery in Mitcham, started by my grandparents, so I have great childhood memories of the bakery, stables, horses and carts, all housed on the block where the Britannia Mall is now. My church connection began at birth and I can remember Dad making beautiful, big, plaited loaves of bread to add to the Harvest Festival Sunday displays at the Mitcham Methodist church, then in Mitcham Road.

After attending Mitcham PS, and MLC, my first job was working as a stenographer for a shipping company, intent on earning enough to fund an overseas working holiday, so aged nineteen, I sailed to UK, and what a fabulous two years that was! I lived in London, bought a motor cycle (as you do) and began working hard for a temporary employment agency, which allowed me take time off for trips all over England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland as funds allowed. Later on, with a group I travelled around Europe in a van, and absolutely loved that too. However, inevitably, funds run low and it was time to return home.

Then came family life with Bob, the children’s births and those busy years of involvement in their activities while trying to maintain some of our own. When the children were settled into primary school I returned to part time work, beginning my second stint of working life. I’m sure there was guidance from above for me, as both jobs until retirement were in independent schools, MLC and Loreto, Toorak, where the spirit of God was never far away. It was a blessing for me.

We are encouraged to use our talents to do God’s work, and enhance the lives of others. By doing some tasks for our congregation, I’m trying to contribute in some small way to the progress and vision of our congregation and community. We don’t know exactly what lies ahead but we’ll figure it out and try our best. How boring life would be without a challenge. I’m a great believer in stepping outside the box, stretching my ideas and abilities. Having a go! That’s one reason I ride my motor bike. It’s challenging, exciting and exhilarating, all at once! I love it. I’m still playing netball, and I love to be out walking. I’d like to spend more time in the garden, I love cooking and I dearly love time with my lovely family and friends.

So, that’s it in a nutshell, and I’m thankful every day that I’m still here and enjoying life.

LYNNE ROSENTHAL.

LORNA SWYER'S STORY.



Lorna Grieve was born in Preston in 1930, and attended Bell St. PS. The family moved to Moreland, and Lorna attended West Coburg PS, then secondary school in Essendon, leaving at the end of Year 9, while attending West Coburg Methodist Church. She began

work at Georges, Collins St, where she learnt dressmaking and sewed for the shop and for individual clients.

Our father was District Commissioner for Scouts in Coburg, and Lorna became a Cub Master, aged about nine teen. She met her future husband, Cedric Swyer, also a Cub Master, through Scouting, and they married in 1952.

Lorna and Cedric (Ric) had purchased a block of land in Evandale Ave, Nunawading, when the Wright family subdivided their extensive pear orchard. Both families provided weekend labour for the build—the first house in the street. After their marriage they moved into the house before completion, but fortunately it was finished when Lorna, unexpectedly, and two months prematurely, gave birth to twin girls, Robyn and Susan. A son, Ian was born three years later.

As more houses were built in the area some families joined together for Sunday services in the garage of the Ridell family home on the corner of Springfield Rd, and Mardian Drive. The Swyers, Allisons and Hardings all attended. The Wright family had donated their home and blocks of land to the Presbyterian Church for a church and tennis court, to be built in Mountainview Rd. and set aside land for the shops between Mountainview Rd. and Evandale Ave.

In 1957 a hall was built and Church services commenced, led by Alex Adam, then a Home Missioner. A Women's Group was formed and when the twins went to school Lorna became President. She later joined the Church Council and was also a Craft Group member, also enjoying knitting for children in need, through the Women of the University Fund, who met monthly in the grounds of Government House.

Prior to the joining together of the North Blackburn and Nunawading UC congregations, Lorna was instrumental in the move to join both the Women's Groups together, and friendships had already formed before the move to the Nunawading site.

When the Presbyterians and Methodists joined Lorna became a rostered volunteer for Morning Tea, Teller and Greeter, along with being a Church Council member,

then Kithen Ordinator and purchaser for our morning tea needs.

Cedric had already become involved in Scouting in the Nunawading area, so when the

twins were eight years of age they joined the Guides as Brownies. Lorna then quickly became involved with Guides, leading eventually to becoming District Leader for five, years with ten units to oversee. This led to becoming Division Leader, then Regional Leader and on to a total of fifty years involvement, for which she has received official recognition.

Lorna also formed a group for women who have been involved in Guiding in the Nunawading District, but no longer held a warrant for Working with children, and this was named Acacia Trefoil.

Cedric died in 1998, and Lorna continued living in the Evandale Ave. house until very recently. She had six loving grandchildren, along with thirteen great grandchildren.

Lorna is now a resident at Warrina Aged Care, 176 Station St. New Gisborne, Vic. 3438, nearer to family, and her mobile phone is 0434 903 299.

The Wright house and the Mountainview Rd. hall went on to be used as a community centre, known as "The House", providing classes and activities, and living in the area by this time Lorna and I attended Leatherwork and Yoga classes in the early 1970s. The Wright house still stands, and it is now owned by Whitehorse

Lunches for Eight.

You will have read in your newsletter recently that Lunches for Eight are coming up again. The idea began as Dinners for Eight at Forest Hill thirty odd years ago, and has always been a popular event on our church calendar. For practical reasons it has now become Lunch for Eight. Last year we held the first one with all three congregations and those who attended enjoyed the experience. Now we are ONE CONGREGATION we are hoping for more participation. They are great fun and a good way to get to know more people. July 23rd is the date to put in your diaries for the lunch, and registrations and more information are available at church now. Replies should be in by July 9th please.



MARION GOLDSMITH.



DAVID ROWE.

Committee Man- EPISODE 2.

Recently a test scam was conducted to see how individuals with authorized access to the system responded to a scam message, with the results enabling focus to be directed to particular training in some areas.

I am one of the three Congregational reps. on the Presbytery. All serving Ministers in the Presbytery are also members, meeting seven times annually, four of these on a Saturday and three by Zoom. I try to give a brief summary of the items presented back to the Congregation on the Sunday following our meeting. There is usually a presentation of an issue wider than Presbytery, then business and activities. Sometimes this will include presentations of Candidates for Ministry, and there is always a Standing Committee report which may include any congregational recommendations, along with Presbytery subcommittee reports.

Presbytery has its own Resources and Property Committee (RPC) which looks at resources, (eg. Finance), and Property. Forms which Congregations complete relating to property, sale, lease, purchase, repairs, Money for Mission—are reviewed by the group prior to being passed to Synod. This ensures that if any items or detail are missing, they are corrected prior to sending on. It is also a method of Presbytery exercising its oversight of what is happening in its Congregations. We also evaluate the five year budgets which Congregations prepare as part of seeking a new Minister, and forward an option on whether that Congregation can afford to pay for the proposed Minister for that time. Members are also assigned to work with Congregations on major building works. Generally, one or two members will be nominated to serve on the Project Control Group (PCG) where the estimated cost exceeds \$1million. Projects I have been involved with are the Synod Offices and Wesley church, and Bergundy Street, Banyule upgrade to the building facilities. PCG has congregational and Synod representation, so we get to meet a wider circle of church members and gain an appreciation of what other churches are doing. RPC meets monthly except December, and PCGs generally meet monthly or depending on what is happening with the building project.

I also serve on Whitehorse Church Council and a number of its subcommittees, and am the Convenor of the Facilities Management Committee where I am trying to combine the three property committees from the former congregations, while also seeking volunteers with an interest in property management to join this group.

In conclusion let me add that the Uniting Church lives from its volunteers. There are many who serve with me, but new faces are always sought and most welcome.

KIDS HOPE CORNER.

Over twelve years that our Kids Hope programme has been mentoring at Burwood Heights PS, I have been conscious of God's hand in the process of matching each child with their mentor. The Principal nominates children the school staff see as needing a caring adult in their lives. I am given a general background as to why each child was chosen, so I can prayerfully consider which mentor would work best with each circumstance. It always amazed me how right, in the long term, each match proves to be. "Being there" for kids who find themselves unable to cope with things their life throws at them, is not always easy at the start. But a faithful one hour per week does make a difference over time, as the relationship grows and trust develops.



For more than six years our Kids Hope programme supported three kids from one family in real need. During those years this already disadvantaged family lived through more significant trauma, when the dad became a paraplegic and spend months in rehab. The kids' mentors at this time (at the invitation of adult family members and with the school's knowledge and blessing) were able to find ways to assist beyond mentoring at the school. That family still keep in touch with one mentor who developed a particularly close bond. In this case, a male mentor was particularly significant, and God had laid Kids Hope on the heart of just the right person

The impact of Kids Hope mentoring reaches beyond one hour per week with one child. We may never know just how far reaching.... for the child ; for the family, for the teachers and even for our society down the track. But Dr. Ruby Paine Ph.D. who has written books on the impact of poverty in the school environment, says "Individuals who make it out of poverty usually cite an individual who made the significant difference for them" I'm sure many of our Kids Hope kids (35 since 2012) will hold a special memory of their time with their mentor. Maybe we will have been one of the individuals who made a significant difference for their future choices, because we believed in them.

CORRY SKILBECK.

From left.

new faces are always sought, and most welcome. Don't wait to be asked, VOLUNTEER!

AND if you want me to do something, don't ask in the third week of the month, because that is when I am trying to get my head around the POC papers before Thursday evening!

DAVID ROWE

NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE AUDITIONS FOR THE CHOIR. THEY NEED ALL THE HELP THEY CAN GET.

Notes from WCC June meeting.

*EFTPOS is now available at the Op shop, with volunteer staff training completed.

*Form 3H application for funding of Forest Hill roof works, architectural services and dangerous trees removal, submitted to Presbytery and Synod PART .

*A steering group has been formed to consider “Sign Posts” and to have further discussions about our future with Phil McCredden.

*Code of Conduct training for Church land potential leaders took place at Nunawading on June 24th, and was attended by sixteen people.

*Heather McLeish, our admin. Assistant, has been tasked to work eight hours per week instead of six to handle work with tenants at all three venues.

***Logistics for Congregational Meeting on Sunday July 16th at Mitcham.**

***Ministry team Report recommendations.**

*Australian Children’s Choir will perform on Sunday, Sep. 17th, at Mitcham at 12.00pm.

Won’t conflict with “Together @ 10” service.

*5th Sunday returns to TBA on the roster, with Worship Group choosing the venue.

*We explore offering hospitality to the Canterbury UC and Community Tongan choir when they join us in fellowship on July 30th.

*CC subgroups have as part of their Terms of Reference that:

*members observe the Code of Conduct, Safe Church Practises, Manual for Meetings and Regulations

*The Worship and Faith Development groups are drafting Terms of Reference.

***Recommendations from Ministry groups.**

*Technical upgrades to improve sound quality.

*Stewards/Greeters:

We need a “Greeter from each venue each Sunday to identify visitors and members from each former group.

*Name tags:

Opportunity to order new name tags.

*One co-ordinate Whitehorse Church roster be drafted

for Sunday services.

*This will allocate rotation of stewards, Bible reader, Prayers for others/Tea/ Flower roster, AV/Livestream and other assistance.

***Mission and Justice recommendations.**

*The CC endorse the purchase of three banners to display “Yes Voice” at our three venues.

*First Sunday offerings: June and July offerings to the Uniting Winter Appeal and August offerings to Frontier Services.

*Four Sunday discussion groups on **The Voice** in August at 4.00pm.

*Kids Hope Co-ordinator is a Church appointment. Unless a new Co-ordinator is appointed and trained by Kids’ Hope Aus., our mentors will no longer be able to work at Burwood Heights PS.

*“Lunches for Eight” scheduled for Sunday July 23rd. Marion Goldsmith and Jenny Wood are co-ordinating.

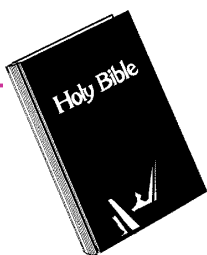
*What do we see as our relationship with Whitehorse Churches Care other than financial?

How do we promote their activities.
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TREVOR THOMAS.
SECRETARY, WCC.



After church a lady came to me and said she loved the last issue of The Monthly, with the cartoon about the loaves and fishes really resonating with her. She told me that she loves entertaining her grandchildren, but sometimes it is difficult, as one is vegan, one is a carnivore, one has allergies, and the other is Muslim!!



THE CONDENSED BIBLE.

GOD MADE	ADAM BIT	NOAH ARKED.	ABRAHAM SPLIT
JOSEPH RULED	PHAROAH PLAGUED	JACOB FOOLED	BUSH TALKED
TABLETS GUIDED	PROMISE LANDED	PEOPLE WALKED	MOSES BAULKED
PROPHETS WARNED	JESUS BORN	SAUL FREAKED	DAVID PEEKED
ANGER CRUCIFIED	HOPE DIED	GOD WALKED	LOVE TALKED
		LOVE ROSE	SPIRIT FLAMED
		GOD REMAINED.	WORD SPREAD

LINC WHITEHORSE.

Linc (Love in the name of Christ) is a voluntary organization within the Whitehorse Council Community.

ORDINARY PEOPLE doing ORDINARY THINGS, making an EXTRAORDINARY DIFFERENCE in our community

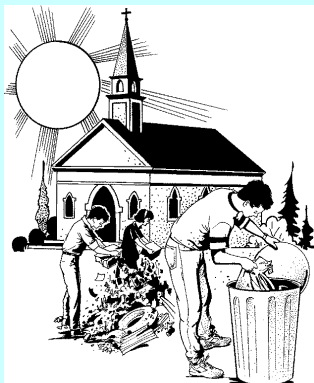
It's an organization with volunteers from various Christian churches within the area, Uniting, Anglican and Baptist at present to assist people with practical short or medium term needs.

The aim is to meet practical needs which are not met by existing community welfare agencies, to those in need, regardless of their belief, gender or ethnic background. The clients can be self referred, or from an agency.

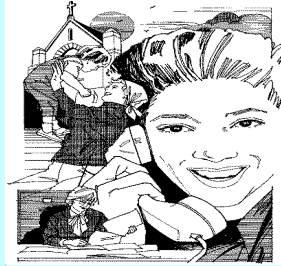
The Referral Centre is located at the Mitcham office This centre is operated by two members, each Monday and Thursday mornings, from 9-12am. There is an answering machine to leave messages that come during the rest of the week, and these are dealt with the next time the office is open. The messages could be from an agency or individual.. All volunteers are trained to help clients with care, compassion and without discrimination, respecting the client's confidentiality at all times.

All volunteers have police checks, and most have working with children checks. Services offered are visiting/friendship, home help, transport to appointments and shopping, mowing and garden maintenance, (not weeding) minor home repairs, and shopping assistance are the requests most needed at present. Linc supports families in need or difficulty, elderly and infirm, single parents, people with disabilities, and those confined to home.

A recently started service is Linc Call, for shut ins, those who are lonely or anxious or not able to get out of home, who would like a weekly phone call to hear from another person. All volunteers are specially trained for this, and people are matched up with someone who has similar interests, so the call is a positive one. There have been many members in the Mountview congregation who have been volunteers for over 22 years, but unfortunately there are only two of us at present. Eddie Short, who now only assesses larger jobs and myself, and I most work in the Referral centre on alternate Thursdays.



Linc can be called on 9873 2293 at any time, and if there is no one there a message may be left on the answering machine.



We are looking for more volunteers, so if anyone is interested, please speak to Eddie Short or myself for more information.

MARGARET SWAIN
0412 222 925

A thought provoking item from a parishioner.

“Youth is a gift of nature
Age is a work of art!”

Elinor Morison forgot what she needed to tell me, but then remembered a far more important fact—

THE NORTH BLACKBURN BOWLING CLUB HAS
THEIR FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT!
Congratulations to Margaret Leuring on this
outstanding achievement.

*I have in my hand two boxes,
God has given me to hold.
He said "Put your sorrows in the black ,
your joys into the gold"
I heeded His word, in two boxes
my joys and sorrows I stored,
While the gold got heavier each day,
the black was light as before.
With great curiosity I opened the black.
I wanted to find out why
And I saw in the base of the box a hole,
which my sorrows had fallen out by.
I showed the hole to God and mused,
"I wonder where the sorrows can be?"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're here with me."
I asked God why he gave me the boxes,
The gold and the black with a hole?
"The gold is for counting blessings,
the black is for you to let go!"
All of our friends are the joy of our lives,
tell this to a friend today.
Think of them as you 'member the boxes,
and the message that they have to say.*



FROM THE MINISTER.

“Love in action” is one of the values of the Faith Development Group, along with being Christ centred, and the values of respect, diversity and inclusion. This group has begun working on new initiatives such as Bible studies, studies for newcomers, and a study on The Voice for four Sundays in August, (4pm at Forest Hill) and a French Appreciation group.

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French Appreciation.

Our congregation is multicultural and new members have been joining us with fresh ideas, gifts and a hunger for Bible studies. One newcomer has lived and studied in Paris, and is hoping to find members who are interested in setting up a French appreciation group of the French culture, language and food. She is qualified to teach French and can offer French conversational classes for those wanting to improve their French. Having been to Paris I appreciate the culture, food and landscapes, so please contact me if you are interested in forming a French Appreciation group. You will need to have or organize a WWCC. If the group forms and plans on going to a French restaurant for dinner, count me in!

Prayers for newcomers.

Another new member has suggested finding ways of welcoming new members. We have begun praying for new members and creating a culture that helps people find a home amongst us with welcomers from each church at services, activities such as studies for newcomers, and supporting and encouraging them to contribute to the life of our congregation with their ideas, passions, gifts and experiences.

Believe exciting and new things are happening to our church and join with everyone in praying this prayer, every day for new members. Let’s give it a go, try something new and see how God abundantly blesses our community.

Dear Lord, send new members to our church to bless us and equip us to bless them Help all of us to create a culture that supports and encourages new members. Bless all of us to grow in our faith and gifts. Amen.

Recycling

Please join the recycling revolution that is taking hold of communities throughout the world and share what you know about recycling initiatives with one another.

I have heard about Bread tags for Wheelchairs and have collected almost fifty over the past few months.

<https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>



The little writing asks for old batteries and mobile phones for recycling.

All of us, ministers, Church Council, Groups and congregations need to join together in embracing the recycling revolution. I have been in touch with Just Act and they are very helpful. Contact Just Act and our Mission and Justice Group for more details.

We have come a long way in a short time. Celebrate this and embrace doing things in a new way. Believe we have a future.

REV. TINA LYDON NG.

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.



THE TONGAN CHOIR

This group will be performing for us on 30th July 2023 at our fifth Sunday Service. Rev. Salesi Faupula and members of the Canterbury UC will be joining us for fellowship. We will be offering hospitality, and 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

THE CHURCH LADIES HAVE CAST OFF CLOTHING OF EVERY KIND. THEY MAY BE SEEN IN THE BASEMENT ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS.



OUR ALASKAN AND MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE.

Since boarding the expedition ship “Raoul Amundsen” on May 15th, Alaska provided a spectacular range of scenery and experiences. We’ve explored fjords, icy inlets and glaciers from Zodiacs and visited small towns along the coast as we cruised north through the inside passage. Marine biologists and naturalists guided our learning of the wonders of the land and sea, flora and fauna. Sightings of whales, sea otters, seals and sea lions were the feature of the day cruise around the Kenai Peninsula after we left our ship. Train and coaches took us inland where we spent time in Denali National Park, enjoying walking in the forest and spotting Mumma Moose and her twins by the lake.

From Fairbanks in central Alaska we travelled north through rolling hills, forests, mountains and tundra, staying at construction camps inside the Arctic Circle at Coldfoot and Deadhorse, and finally reaching the Arctic Ocean at Prudhoe Bay. We reneged on dipping in the Arctic ocean, but as it

was still mainly frozen, chose to walk on it instead. What a feeling, to know that we were 72 degrees north! This trip has given us much to consider—the native peoples’ culture and history, survival and subsistence, ecological care, the scale of the land and its beauty, as well as the animals and birds that we were always looking out for, and the people who choose to live there.

A small plane flight brought us back to Fairbanks —4 degrees to 24 degrees, flying over the great river systems and magnificent mountains that we had previously driven through.

Another flight brought us back to Vancouver, where we began our Rocky Mountain adventure. As anyone who has visited the Rocky Mountains in Canada will tell you —there’s a WOW factor at every turn. Stunning, majestic mountains, waterfalls with immense beauty and power, incredible gorges carved out by ice and water, and lakes of unbelievable colours. Add to this the fun of spotting wildlife—the black bear and her cubs, that just wandered across the road near our car, the elk grazing beside the highway, a fleeting view of a coyote running swiftly to cover and a chipmunk skittling among rocks by the mountain path.

We love our unique Australian naïve animals, but it’s fascinating identifying those of another continent. How fortunate we were to have this opportunity to visit new places and revel in the experience of ice, snow, water in all its moods, brooding mountains and snowcapped mountains bursting with light in the sun.

JULIE AND DARYL HAWKEY.



THE FASTING AND PRAYER MEETING
WILL INCLUDE MEALS.



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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