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# Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

# Newsletter

Welcome to the October 2017 edition of our Monthly Newsletter. It is our prayer that this publication will provide news of the Cherry Church along with information about the many activities and events in the life of the small but vibrant congregation of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church.

This Church has been a place of constant Christian worship and witness since the first service took place back in March 1849. As current members of the congregation we are committed to maintaining a place of worship and an outreach within the local Cherry Gardens community.

**From the Pastor:**

## Sharing a Smile

"It was only a sunny smile,  
and little it cost in the giving,  
But like morning light  
It scattered the night  
and made the day worth living."

*F. Scott Fitzgerald*

There are only three references to "a smile" in the Bible, and all are found in the Old Testament book of Job. Job writes of the things that used to happen before his life turned upside down: "When I smiled at them, they scarcely believed it; the light of my face was precious to them." (Job 29:24)

Perhaps we can take a lesson from Job; if we see someone without a smile, we can give them one of ours – it may brighten their day, and will certainly gladden our hearts.

With God's richest blessings,

*Margaret*

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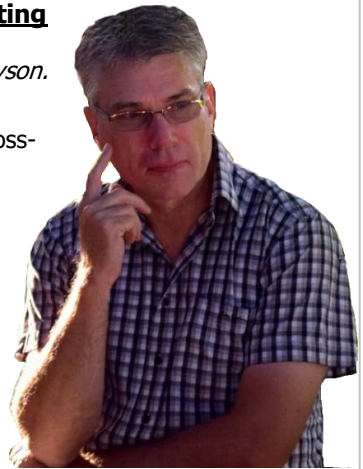


# News around the Church

## **Scott Litchfield recently visited Cherry Gardens Uniting Church**

*An article by Darryl Dyson.*

Scott Litchfield and his wife, Rachael, have been involved in cross-cultural ministry for over 25 years in Australia, Thailand and Cambodia. When leading our worship at Cherry Gardens a few weeks ago on Sunday the 10th September Scott (unfortunately Rachel wasn't able to join him this time) shared some their story and of the work of Interserve. He told us that they now serve together within the *Interserve* Australia National Office as Personnel Directors. Their roles involve working with prospective partners, current and returned partners. Cherry Gardens Uniting Church is humbled to know that our ongoing financial and prayer support has been vital to enable Rachael and Scott continue their ministry work for many years.



*Interserve* partners are a global community of ordinary Christians taking action in faith. They live and work among the most marginalised peoples of the Arab world and Asia, both in their home countries and among others in Australia. They are involved in bringing tangible love, social change and spiritual transformation to lives and communities.

The work of *Interserve* began in 1852 when two women were sent from the United Kingdom to establish a teacher training school in Kolkata, India. The school's purpose was to train Indian Christian women to go into the secluded Zenanas (women's quarters) and teach reading and writing and in so doing, share the gospel. This simple, needs based, Gospel driven, relational approach to mission is the enduring characteristic of *Interserve*.

Scott (*picture right and above right*) was the *Interserve* Country Team Leader for Cambodia and Rachael was on the Country leadership team. The multicultural team now has over 40 adult partners and many other staff. The leader-ship role involved mentoring, pastoral care, team and strategy development, placement negotiation and networking with local partner organisations and churches.



Rachael (*pictured left*) worked part-time as a physiotherapist at a holistic Christian medical clinic, that provided loving care and quality treatment to patients who were poor and unable to access other health care options. She also tutored Cambodian physiotherapists with the hope of passing on some skills and knowledge together with an understanding of God's compassion for the sick and vulnerable.

Their sons, Tennyson and Elliot, are now at university in Adelaide.

Scott cites Ephesians 2:10. "For we are God's workmanship. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."

## *Thought for EVERY Day.*

**A smile costs nothing but gives so much. It enriches those who receive it, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he cannot get along without it; and none is so poor that he cannot be made rich by it. Yet a smile cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.**

*Author Unknown*



### *Let Us Pray*

Lord we bring before you the needs of those in our own church family, as well as others known to us personally. We pray especially for:-

- . *John & Elaine Penberthy* as John continues to recover from his recent heart surgery;
- . *Alex McFarlane* as he recovers from knee replacement surgery – pray for patience and healing;
- . *Alan & Prim Dubé* as they work through their respective long term health issues;
- . *Ralph Stephens* and give thanks that he has been approved for a guide dog and that the process of training will go smoothly ;
- . *Laurel and Bill Jared* (from Clarendon) as they work through the insurance process following their house fire; we give thanks that they have a house to rent while the process of rebuilding happens .

Lord, for these and all others known to us, we pray for your hand of healing and comfort to be on each and every situation. We pray that your hand of grace, mercy and comfort will be with all in their time of need.

We pray for your people in every corner of the world. For those who suffer from natural disasters, terrorism, accidents and all forms of war or violence. We pray that your hand rest on world leaders. As the people of the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church we pray that you will help us to stay vigilant to the needs of others at all times and prepare us to be ready to help when called upon. Continue to give us the inspiration, guidance and strength to do your will here in this place - and beyond. Amen

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

### Sunday 1st October

**Paul Crayton** from Clarendon UCA leads our worship and we share Holy Communion.

### Sunday 8th October

We welcome **Geoff Russell**, a lay-preacher from Coromandel Baptist Church, to lead us in worship today. Geoff has an Associate Degree in Theology along with numerous other degrees and qualifications in engineering. He lectures at Flinders University.

### Sunday 15th October

**Alan Light** will be leading us in worship as we look at some of Charles Wesley's great hymns.

### Sunday 15th October - Ironbank Faith Community

6pm Shared tea followed by the 7pm service led by a team from **Coromandel Baptist Church**.

### Sunday 22nd October

Our own pastor, **Margaret Seyfang** will lead our worship service.

### Sunday 29th October - No Service at Cherry Gardens Today

We will join the congregation of the **Eden Hills Uniting Church** for their **9:30am worship** at 16 Willora Rd, Eden Hills

## SOME MORE DATES TO PUT IN THE DIARY

**Sat 4th Nov. "Car Boot Sale"** at Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall. Sellers' spaces available – please ring Terry Whittle 8270-2232 for more details;

**Tues 19th Dec. Community Carols**, Cherry Gardens Memorial Hall.

## DATES FOR THE CHURCH SOCIAL CALENDAR

**Sunday 12th November – 12.30pm:**

**A Church Family Picnic**

**We are having a picnic lunch together on the lawns of the oval adjacent to Joan's Pantry in Hawthorndene;**  
*more details to follow.*



*"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the Pastor at the beginning of the church service.*

*After the service, the group gathered at the back of church for the announced meeting. However, there was a stranger in their midst. He was a visitor who had never attended their church before.*

*"My friend," asked Pastor, "did you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"*

*"Oh, yes," came the reply from the visitor, "and after that sermon, I'm about as bored as you can get."*



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