

Are these dates in your diary?

Sunday 11th October.

We welcome Rev Dr. Cheryl Wilson to lead our service. Cheryl was ordained in January 2013 as a Uniting Church minister and took up her first appointment as Chaplain with Eldercare at Maitland and Stansbury on Yorke's Peninsula. A GP for about 20 years prior to her ordination and move to Yorke Peninsula, Cheryl, her husband Bronte and teenage children moved from Mt Gambier. We value the support and mentoring Cheryl freely gives to our Pastor, Margaret.

Sunday 18th October.

We welcome Rev. Richard Miller who is preaching. Some might remember many, many years ago when Richard then as student minister first came to the Cherry Church. At that time he had Pastoral responsibility for the Cherry Gardens, Coromandel Valley and Flagstaff Hill churches! Even though he was supported by his lovely & talented wife, Judy, it was still a tall order for someone studying! Originally a mechanic/truck driver he has achieved much to give thanks for during his life including in his latter years the important position as national Chair of Uniting Care. He is a long time friend to some of members of our congregation and we look forward to having him back with us. Please make him welcome.

(Editor's Note : Richard helped the Dubés move from Coromandel Valley to Cherry Gardens.)

Sunday 25th of October

Our Pastor, Margaret Seyfang, will baptise her granddaughter Maddison Anne Smith at our church. This is a wonderful milestone for Margaret and her family. Please pray for, and support, this special event.

Sunday 1st November

Rev. David Houston will be leading us in worship and we will share Holy Communion together. We will also farewell Joan Button. Please put this special date in you diary and remember - it is a shared luncheon.

Sunday 8th November

We welcome back Scott and Rachel Litchfield to take our service that day. They will talk about their mission work and, as usual, their message will be inspiring and their visit shouldn't be missed. After the service we will share lunch together - so don't forget to bring a plate.



Mary and her hubby, Eric, were both retired and were lying in bed one morning. Mary turned over and said to her husband. "Eric, what are you going to do today, dear?" Eric says "Nothing." Mary exclaims, "But you did nothing yesterday!" Eric nonchalantly replies, "Yes, that's true, but I didn't finish it."

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Cherry Church

An Active Witness to Jesus Christ in Cherry Gardens

Newsletter

Welcome to our new 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. As you know the church has been a place of constant Christian worship and witness since the first service back in March 1849. The current members of the congregation are committed to maintaining a place of worship and an outreach within the local Cherry Gardens community. We hope you enjoy reading the Newsletter and look forward to hearing from you with any feedback or contribution.

Joan Button. Thank You and Farewell.

Next month, Joan, a much loved and valued member of our church will be leaving us to live in Maitland. Since joining the Cherry Gardens Uniting Church congregation in 2000, Joan, and her late husband Bob, have been significant contributors to our church. During their time here they have been active in many parts of our church. If there was a job to be done - they were in there doing it. Joan was a willing servant and served her Lord in any way she could including: Church Secretary; looking after the church history collection; working in the church garden. She took her turn as a worship Leader, church cleaner and arranged the flowers. Husband Bob helped Ron Williamson in modifying the concrete path to the church and was significant in helping Ron build the church Lych Gate, even though he was suffering with the cancer that would finally end his life.

For many years, Joan has followed her interest in birds and in 1990 she over 7000 other Australian atlasers who contributed to the "New Atlas of Australian Birds" which was published in 2003. Her task was to record the birds who inhabited the two hectare area around our church. The following are some of the less-recognized birds Joan identified: White-faced Heron; Black-shouldered Kite; Yellow-tailed black Cockatoo; Red-rumped Parrot; Horsfield's bronze Cuckoo; Southern Boobook; Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike, Clamorous reed Warbler, Inland thornbill and the Striated Pardalote. Along with the other more common bird species brought it to 38 bird species near the church. It was a treat when Joan would tell us the birdcall we were hearing and sometimes mimicked the call for us. We thank her for her contribution and pray she has a happy future in Maitland.

Please pray for: Jim Richardson who has had a slight stroke and is currently in rehabilitation at the Repatriation Hospital, Daw Park. Bill Bennett is not well and Margaret is due to have her second knee operation on the 8th of October. We pray that these people, their families and any others that are known to us have an acute sense of God's ever present love in their lives.

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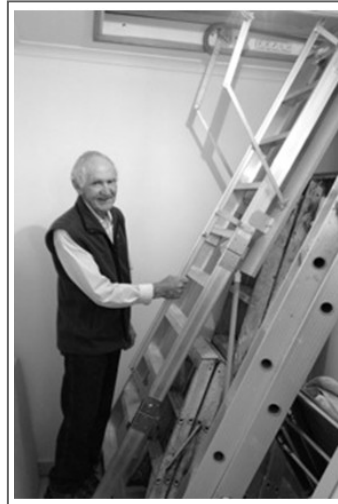


The New Meeting Room A Project Update by Alan Dubé

Getting to the Top!!

Have you seen the new stairway? As part of the ongoing *New Meeting Room* Project a new addition was recently installed. Ron (our resident Mr Fix-it) with the help of his son, Grant and Michael (Wilson) fitted a fold-down stair to gain safer access to the loft. Thanks boys. Another job well done.

PS Any one using the new stairs still needs to be careful.



Painting

As you may recall, the Building Committee contracted a painter to finish the painting on the new meeting Room. This decision was to take some pressure off the small team of volunteers and also to keep the project moving along. The painter has not completed the contract because he has been hampered by the 'flu and an operation. You'd agree that where the work has had two coats it looks good.

Floor Covering

The Building Committee is currently exploring a range of suitable floor coverings for the new Meeting Room which, it is anticipated, will soon be installed. High on the list of important attributes is durability and 'cleanability'. Without understating the importance of dampening the noise & reverberation currently experienced in the room, it is also important to make a sound economic and practical choice.

Some Other Church Property News

Are you up for a working Bee or can you do a job in your own time? There are quite a number of jobs needing attention around the Church property (other than the Building Project). Having a Working Bee when we work together is best, because we can get lots done and have fun doing it together. But can we settle on a date that suits most people? Setting a date may be more of an effort than doing the work!! In recent weeks we have had too many other things to discuss after church but we need to move on this as the church grounds look a little neglected. This is my list of jobs to be done. You may have others.

- . Weeding in and around the Donnell grave.
- . Cut low branches off the Cotoneasters.
- . Cut growth of olive behind the old toilet and paint stumps with Glyphosate.
- . Stones on the paving below the deck to be placed under the deck.
- . Paving in that area to be repaired.
- . Clean out barn.
- . Remove soil touching the base of the fence of the Jacob's grave.
- . Chairs to be put in the loft.
- . Paint the out door setting.
- . Unclutter the history room.
- . Finish the retaining wall and install the new gate.

by Alan Dubé

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER - Community Carols

We have once again been blessed to receive a Grant from the City of Onkaparinga to offset the cost of staging the annual Community Carols event. While the amount is less than we hoped for, it will once again enable the wider Cherry Gardens community to come together to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. This major outreach event by the church continues to be well attended by locals, their families, friends and visitors alike.

To be held at the Memorial Hall on **Friday the 18th of December** commencing at 6.30 pm when the children they can come along to pat and hold the animals from "Old Mac Donald's small animal farm". The pace steps up at 7.30pm when we join together to sing our favourite carols. We always try to showcase local talent and this year we are very fortunate to have the highly acclaimed Country and Gospel group "The Sherrahs" performing for us. This local group continue to receive rave reviews here and interstate. Crowd favourites the Cherry Gardens Men's Poetry group will perform along with members of our church. City of Onkaparinga Mayor, Lorraine Rosenberg, will give a Christmas greeting to the Community along with our own Paster, Margaret Seyfang. Everyone looks forward to this free, family fun night - including our famous country-style supper - so share this special community event with family, friends & neighbours to make this another night to remember. We will need your help to run this event and to contribute to the supper. So please put the date in your diary. Don't miss it it's going to be fun!

Give Thanks

A special thank you from Dubé & Wilson families.

A thank you from the Dubé and Wilson family to Ralph and his son Warren, for finding a job opportunity for Michael (Alan & Prim's son-in-law). After 6 months receiving Government support, Michael has received some good news with some relief work in the short-term and the prospect of some ongoing employment. Many people have been involved in prayer to support Michael in his search for employment. Being a good worker, reliable, polite and honest is important - but doesn't always get you a job. So thanks to all concerned - especially Ralph and his son, Warren.

Thanks also to all those who quietly do the often unseen jobs around our church. Whether its cleaning, preparing morning tea, taking part in worship or gardening - these are all important jobs. One such person spotted recently working at the church was Michael Wilson, who has been mowing the lawns at the church. Thanks Michael. Much appreciated.