



Photographic Competition

On Sunday 13 March The Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP, Member for Davidson, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly announced the winners of the Killara Uniting Church 2021 Photographic Competition.

The occasion was celebrated with our **'first' morning tea** this year. A big thank you to Richard and Sayaka Son, who provided the morning tea with some finger food. Richard and Sayaka are very grateful for the congregation's support and love toward Julian.



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**From the Editor**

In this issue, there is again some looking back –to the life of Ina Harrison, and that of Richard Udy, former Minister of Lindfield (Tryon Road) Uniting Church and father of Chris, who ministered to Killara Uniting Church. We also look back to those whose names should not be forgotten: those who worked to get Lindara on a viable footing.

By the time this issue is published, the photos in our Photographic Competition will have been viewed again and judged. The captions prompt reflection. Each is a thought distilled from that person's experience and the emotions which impinged on their vision. There is the joy of viewing loved children, the greeting of beauty in the exquisite profile of a bird rising from its own reflection, the recognition of hope in seeing life reborn after a calamity and the shafts of life heralding a new day as yet untouched by good or evil.

These words were part of the liturgy of a recent Sunday service:
'For the beauty of heaven
May your love prepare us'

We are not talking about earthly beauty here, of course...
but maybe something which grows unseen within us.

Julie Sekhon**Easter Services**

Tenebrae/Maundy Thursday service
14th April, 2022
7.30 pm at Lindfield Uniting Church

Good Friday
15th April 2022
9.30 at Killara Uniting Church

Easter Sunday
17th April 2022

9.30 am at Killara Uniting Church;
10 am at Lindfield Uniting Church



From the Minister's Desk.

Isaiah 44:5 (GNT) "One by one, people will say, 'I am the LORD's.' They will come to join the people of Israel. They each will mark the name of the LORD on their arms and call themselves one of God's people."

This year's Lent marks two years since the first COVID lockdown. Palm branches were displayed in front of the locked church doors. Easter service was offered through Zoom. We missed the Holy Communion for few months.



From the first Sunday of this year's Lent, at last we started 'freely' singing hymns, being allowed to remove face masks in the church. But we are still in the midst of the pandemic induced uncertainty and anxiety. We are still emerging from the pandemic captivity and waiting to see what the 'new' world would look like.

People started reflecting on what we have learnt during the 'captivity'. Even though we opened doors to people beyond our postcodes as going online, we did miss the 'real' church very much, and realised the importance of gathering in person in a physical church. While we were in 'exile', our love and commitment to our local church Killara were deepened.

Tough times pose big questions of church's existence, the meaning of life, our responsibility to others, the inter-connectedness of people, the nature of freedom, and so on. What are the most important things for us communally as the church to discern as we prepare for the 'new normals'? The isolation and lockdown during the pandemic helps us resonate with the biblical stories about the Israelites' exile.

To God's people in the Babylonian captivity, God provides an inspiring and hopeful picture of the new era to come. Through the prophet Isaiah God reminds the people of their origins, that they have been formed in the womb and blessed, and that God's chosen people will return to God with their arms marked, 'The Lord's'. The election of Israel refers primarily to a communal calling rather than to us as individuals. One could confess the God of Israel as one's Lord, only when one takes place among the people who serve the same God. It is this fellowship and community in which we find ourselves today. God's particular choice is not confined to a particular 'group'. We look to a broader cosmic framework: the universality of God's love. Being a part of God's chosen people bestows blessings upon us, but comes with the responsibility to witness, to proclaim, and to declare that individuals are free from self-centred preoccupation and inspired to emulate Christ's sacrificial love for others.

Triune God, help us realise that our Killara FiveWays church is the 'embodiment in one place of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church'.

Yangrae Son [Minister of the Word]

Names which should not be forgotten

Julie Sekhon

I have been sorting through old Lindara documents and found my memories stirred, bringing to mind stalwart Christian men and women who worked to establish Lindara and month by month met to put it on a sustainable footing. Audrey Marshall, Vernon Prowse and Brian Mowbray played a part.

The Homelessness Committee worked to answer questions – ‘Whom do we hope to reach?’ and ‘What is within our capability?’ The names of Michiel Groenewegen and Mark Tweeddale recur over many years as they chaired meetings and worked out draft agreements with umbrella bodies which would provide administrative support. Pam Marsh as Secretary wrote many letters:

[Dear Removalist, May I introduce Lindara... Do you think you could offer one free move each year?...]

Ron Webb provided financial updates and budgets month by month in his neat hand, and he was followed by Ron Strange with the same commitment. Jan Langley worked in various capacities, Mair Hrouda and Peter Marston took their places on the Management Committee. ... and all along Di and Wally Knowles worked with their team to run the markets.

Then there were the employed case workers: Lexie Robards and Kathy Moran, who visited Lindara families, helping them to cope, putting them in touch with helping agencies and providing a pillar of support.

Current Lindara Treasurer, Rod Henriks, estimates that around 1200 families, involving almost 2000 children have been given care under Lindara from 2005 until mid-2021, and that doesn't take in before and after that period.

...and now there is another team: thank you, Rod Henriks and Philip Crawford; thank you, Malcolm and Noella Allerding and your market team! The work of Lindara continues.



Drawing the raffle for Lindara

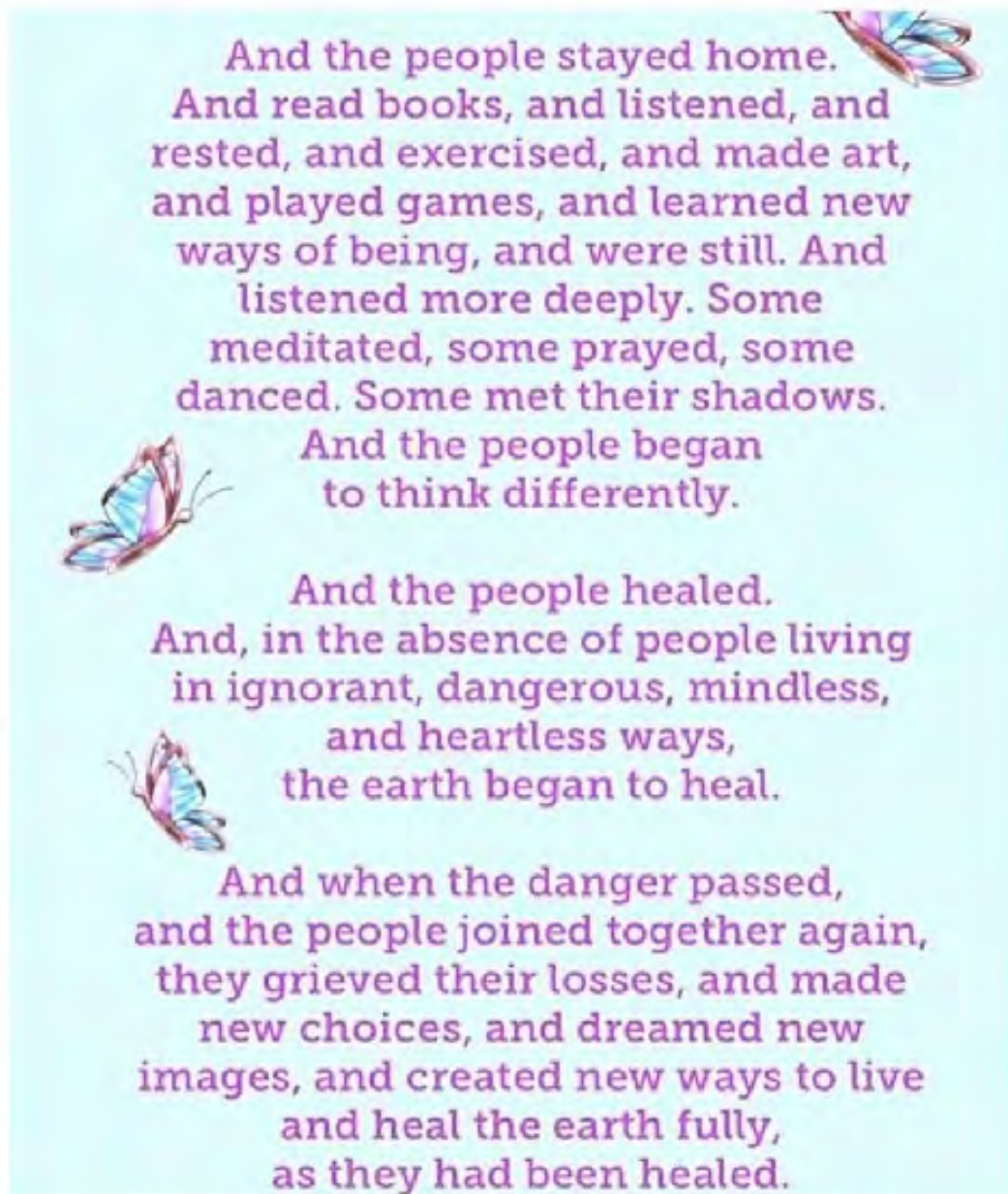


Michiel Groenewegen



Mark Tweeddale

— Kitty O'Meara *And The People Stayed Home*



A poem about growth in times of despair, and intense despair as something that forces us to realize and hopefully fix the more latent despairs inside us and create new worlds from it.

Lindara Market Saturday 26th March

Lindara Markets are held at Lindfield Uniting, 454 Pacific Highway Lindfield, on a Saturday three times each year. The Markets Open to the public at 8:00am. and Close at 1:00pm.

The Lindara Markets are conducted by volunteers, drawn from congregational members of Lindfield UCA, Killara UCA, other local church groups, and the community.

Volunteer help is always welcomed – please contact us.

Ina (Jamesina) Harrison
Died 25th August 2021, aged 104.



Lorraine Prowse

Ina was a much loved and valued member of Lindfield Uniting Church who regularly attended worship services.

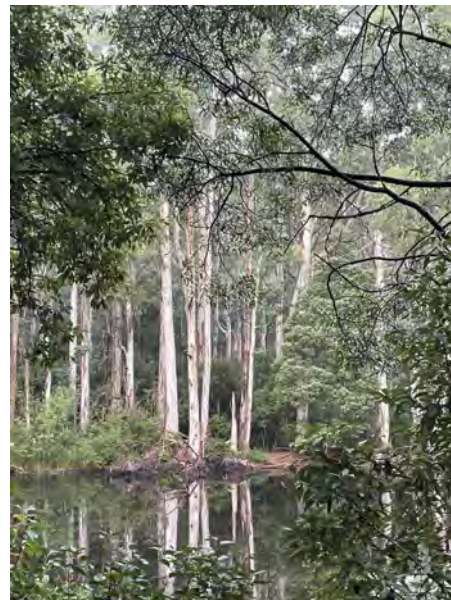
Her participation went back to the time of the ministry of Rev Aubrey McNaught when family groups were established. They shared meals and Ina was a gracious hostess to members of her family group. More recently, when her legs were bad and she was unable to attend services, and during the Covid lockdowns when we could not have services face to face, one of our members would take the orders of service around to her. She was always very welcoming, offering cups of tea and a biscuit. I know, as I was the recipient on a number of occasions.

Two things stand out for me. Ina was a regular attender at our twice-monthly Open House meetings where we would usually have a speaker, or a time of sharing. People always liked to sit with Ina as you could always have an interesting conversation with her. For a number of years Ina made the sandwiches which were served for lunch. I remember her speaking at Open House on a couple of occasions—once, just after her 100th birthday she spoke on the ‘Changes in the 100 years of my life’ and more recently she spoke on ‘Lindfield Revisited’

Another thing that was special about Ina was her cooking. Due to Covid we could not have a cake stall at the Lindara Markets for some time, but in April 2021, the cake stall was back, and Ina made some Anzac biscuits for the stall. The customers who purchased these were delighted and most impressed when they were told that they had been made by a lady who was nearly 104.

When Ina went to Horton House for respite care, Heather and I were able to visit her on 2 or 3 occasions, before Covid prevented us from doing so, and usually found her reading a book: she was a great reader.

Ina is greatly missed by members of Lindfield Uniting Church and we give thanks to God for her life and the wonderful person she was.



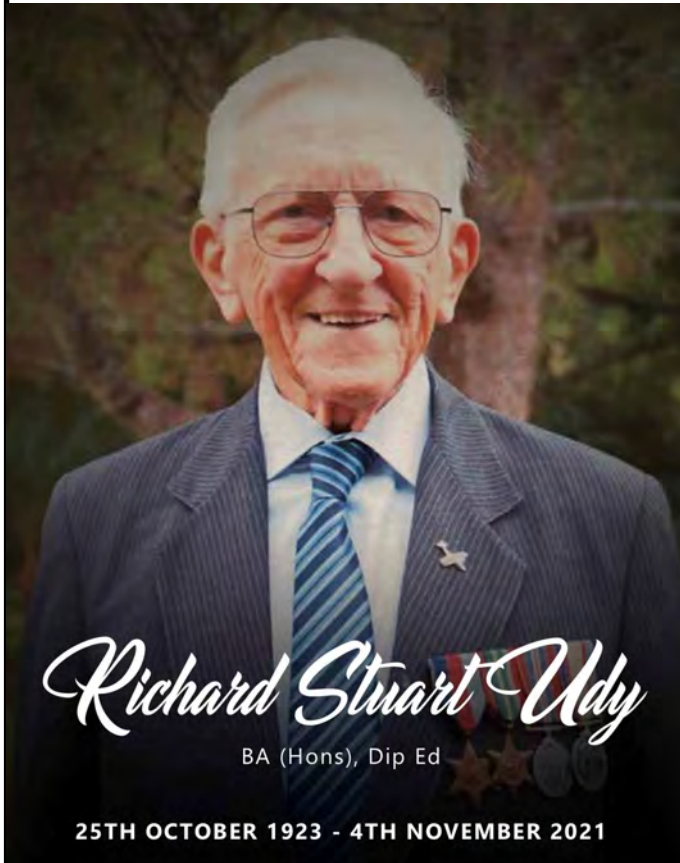
Your Favourite Hymns

Save the date: Sunday 1st May!

Morning worship will start at 9.30am with 15 minutes of hymns, when we can let our spirits rise! A short Communion service will follow, leaving plenty of time to chat over a relaxed morning tea. There will be tasty treats served at your table – and no rush to finish.

It is planned that similar services will occur bi-monthly, on the first Sunday – Communion Sunday – of the month.

Richard Stuart Udy



The death of Richard (Dick) Udy occurred on November 4th, 2021. The lives of Dick Udy and of his son Chris have touched both Lindfield (Tryon Road) and Killara Uniting Churches. Dick Udy clearly had qualities of bringing people together in harmony and of building up churches which the Methodist, and later, Uniting Church used in the many positions to which Dick was appointed.

Before his ordination as Minister, Dick Udy had significant war experience in the RAAF, and, on discharge, was a secondary school teacher. This was followed by a period from 1954-59 as Principal of Lelean Memorial School, Fiji. It is apparent from his subsequent appointments and activities that Dick was open to the possibilities and issues of each sphere where he was placed. Dick was Minister of Lindfield Methodist Church (later Lindfield Uniting Church,

Tryon Road) from 1975 until his appointment in 1980 as Associate Secretary of the Northern Synod of UCA, based in Darwin. Dick had already involved himself in issues relating to First Nations people, and would go on to become Acting Principal of Nungalinga College in Darwin.

Those to whom Dick Udy ministered retained a strong affection for him. The story told by Norma Smithers, below, reflects the truly giving nature of Dick, and of his wife, Enid.

Dick Udy – an adaptable man!

Norma Smithers

One of the adventures Keith and I took, with a group of friends -16 in all – was to Western Australia via Darwin. On the way we picked up a Canadian man, Ken, who was hitchhiking through to Perth. We contacted Dick and Enid, and the invitation came for us to camp under their elevated house.

We arrived on a Saturday, and set up our air beds: Dick was there, but Enid had gone to Sydney on some family matter. That night, Dick was called to an attempted suicide and did not return home until the early hours of the morning.

On Sunday we went with Dick to a school at Humpty Doo, where Communion was celebrated with raspberry cordial. As a 'thank you' we took Dick to *Top of the Town* restaurant which had a lovely view over Darwin. Our friend Ken had no appropriate clothes, but Dick was able to kit him out for the dinner. *(I don't think we were the best dressed in the restaurant that night!)*

Walking group update

On 14th December our bushwalkers (or is that bus/walkers?) caught the local 565 bus up hill and then walked down hill through some lesser known parks around West Lindfield. If you can arrange any walks which take under 90 minutes and end at a café please let Liz Giles know elizzieg51@gmail.com



**NEXT WALK Monday 21
March 2022 Departing
from Artarmon
Post Office at 10am**



News and Snippets

Items in the news recently are of interest :

Journey of Understanding



University Honour for Rev Dr Manas Ghosh

Our warmest congratulations to Rev Manas who was installed as a "Fellow" of the Western Sydney University on 16 December in a graduation ceremony, in recognition of his career-long contributions to social justice, interfaith, communal harmony and peace building works.

He was also honoured to be asked to give the keynote address which according to the audience was *"outstanding, passionate and inspirational."*

All thanks, glory and praise be to God.

SCCP News 27th January 2022

Dr Manas Ghosh is a former Minister of Lindfield Uniting Church. He was recently honoured for his work to increase inter-cultural and religious understanding.

A new pathway



Ku-ring-gai Council has poured a new pathway alongside our Church.



Taking a New Road

Derek Stanwell, son of Ian and Jan, was previously a member Killara Uniting Church and part of our youth fellowship. Derek Stanwell was recently appointed as a non-executive Director to the NRMA Board. It is a great pleasure to see his successes.

Photographic competition “Life’s Blessings”

The winners of the 2021 Photographic competition are:

1 st Prize	Communing with mummy	Richard Son
2 nd Prize	Beautiful Monet’s Garden	Fiona Zwart
3 rd Prize	Searching Eyes	Peter Son

People’s Choice

Baby Tawny Frogmouth	Carol Field
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Highly Commended

Recharging with God’s Sunshine	Rod Henriks
Painted Sunrise	Fiona Zwart
Family Fishing	June Wait



Michelle Son collected Peter’s prize





Recharging with God's Sunshine



Painted Sunrise



Family Fishing





Old fabric backing was getting Tattered and torn

Spruced up Badge Holder

Many thanks to Norma Smithers who organised and paid for new fabric panels to insert into the badge holder, giving it a whole new lease on life. Thank you Peter Gibbs for installing.



New panels made to measure

Lenten Services

The Roseville, Lindfield, Killara Interchurch fellowship is holding three Lenten services:
Tue, 8th March at Lindfield Uniting Church at 7:45pm with Revd Chris Goringe as the preacher
Tue, 22nd March at Holy Family Catholic Church Lindfield at 7:45pm with Yangrae as the preacher-
Tue, 5th April at Roseville Uniting Church at 7:45pm with Fr Colin Blayney as the preacher

Trivia at Roseville

ROSEVILLE
Asylum Seeker and Refugee Support Group

Refugee Advice & Casework Service
Thank You for your Support

Roseville Uniting Church's Raffle for Refugee Advice & Casework Service has now closed

Raffle Winners

1ST PRIZE WINNER
Ticket Number: #712
From NSW

2ND PRIZE WINNER
Ticket Number: #54
From NSW

3RD PRIZE WINNER
Ticket Number: #61
From NSW

4TH PRIZE WINNER
Ticket Number: #55

Proudly Supporting
RACS
REFUGEE ADVICE & CASEWORK SERVICE

On 5th March the Roseville Uniting Church held an informative trivia evening. Money **\$8,4490** raised from the event went to **Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS)** and the new initiative: Community Refugee Sponsorship. Raffle raised \$2714, Silent auction \$1385, as well as entry fees and private tax deductible donations \$1000 direct to RACS. 17 groups enjoyed an online event with one group joining in from South Africa. They had a handicap not seeing ABC tv 'Muster Dogs' but did recognise Boerewors .

Congratulations to the winning teams

1st

Haute Quizine

and Equal 2nd **Arkadia** and the **Goldfishes**