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Church in Worship, Celebration and Fellowship ANZAC DAY

The past quarter began with Easter, the high point of our Church year, and then came Anzac Day, when we remembered servicemen and women of Lindfield and Killara Uniting Churches, not forgetting those of the former Lindfield (Tryon Rd) Church. Revd David Gill led that service and John Middleton led our Remembrance, with poignant contributions by Cameron Hogan as bugler and Alan Watts as piper.

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> Ron Leckie & Pipe Major Alan Watts

John Middleton & Cameron Hogan V



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From the Editor

Fellowship plays a big part in our life in the Church, and also beyond its walls. Fellowship is a joy: chatting with friends over a cup of coffee, sharing experiences. It also plays a larger part in the Church in confirming the reality of our Christian experience and in recognising our gifts and contribution. The company of others in worship lifts our own words and thoughts towards God. The words of the Wesley hymn strike a key for us:

‘To serve this present age
My calling to fulfil...’
and we need others to assure us that our lives and
contribution are worthwhile.

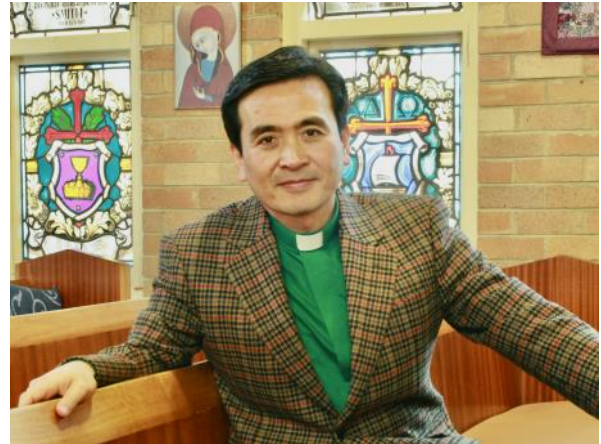
Fellowship includes sharing pleasures such as the satisfaction of achievement (of the Knitting Group and Property Committee), absorbing the beauty of nature and a measure of health (Walking Group), sharing ideas (Book Group) and working together for a common cause (Biggest Morning Tea)

Thanks be for all who share fellowship with us, in our Church and in our daily life.

Julie Sekhon

From the Minister's Desk.

. “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.” *(Acts 2:1-3)*



Playing with my grandson, I can find my son (his dad) in the little life: his stubbornness and fussy eating resembles his dad. I am often amazed by the similarities found among family members. I'm more shocked to note similitudes across races, cultures, and languages. We human beings are all very much the same, sharing 99.9 percent of our DNA in our genetic makeup with any other person, anywhere.

Not only among humans, but also more astonishing is to know that our DNA only differs by 1.3 percent from that of a chimpanzee. According to scientific reports, we share 90 percent of our genes with cats, 82 percent with dogs, 80 percent with cows, about 60 percent with both chickens and fruit flies, and even 50 percent with a banana. Now, that's bananas!

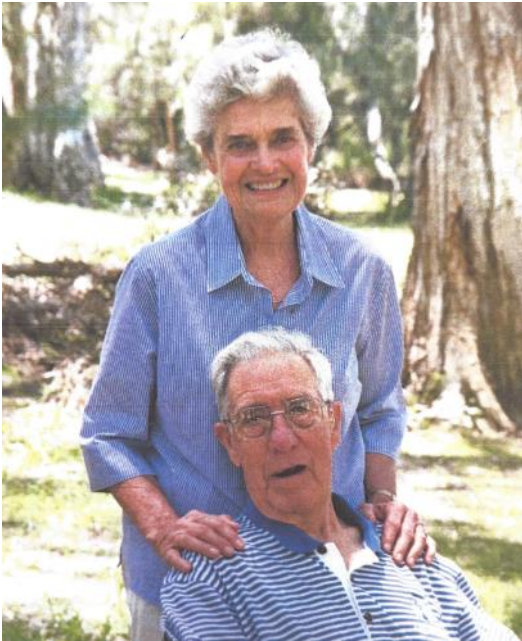
Since the Babel Tower story in the Book of Genesis, the Bible tells us, people have been separated by geography, national boundaries, and even languages. In Pentecost, that Babel Tower story is overturned; the Holy Spirit brings people to Christ Jesus, and draws them together in unity, communion, and communication. In light of the biblical light, and scientific perspective of genetic commonality, the way we still hold onto geographical territories, and our fanatic justification of linguistic and cultural divides, seems to start looking a little strange, and non-missional. An important goal of being a church is to live together in Christ, in whom we are united and given a new identity in new language, language of love. Whether from one post code to another, one generation to another, or even one species to another, we are all a part of God's grand and beautiful creation, and it is through the grace of Christ, that we continue uniting.

Yangrae Son [Minister of the Word]



Jean Himmelhoch

26 November 1927-22 March 2023



Jean Himmelhoch lived a life of service to others, and her commitment to our Church over many years was notable. We acknowledge her life with gratitude.

Jean Constance Andrews was born in Wahroonga and attended Abbotsleigh School. She lost her mother when only 7 years of age, and life was not always easy for the young Jean. Nevertheless, Jean seems to have chosen a caring role early, as at University she chose to specialise in Social Studies as part of her Arts degree.

In her early 20's, Jean went to the UK on a working holiday, and there met up with Albert Himmelhoch, who was then studying paediatrics in London - whom she already knew.

They fell in love and were married in 1954 by Revd Leonard Small, later to be Moderator of the Church of Scotland. This was the beginning of a continuing association with Dr Small which benefited Killara Uniting Church as Dr Small preached at our Church on a number of occasions. His sermons were much appreciated. Jean was a long term elder and church councillor and acted as pastoral carer before there was such a position recognised within the church. She was alert to need and ready to provide support, whether it be to the Minister or a member of the congregation and did not flinch from supporting those grievously ill. Revd Chris Udy, who, as Minister valued Jean's caring role, states:

... Jean's natural gift for empathy, as well as her life experience working alongside Albert in medical practice, meant she could see, and reinforce, the necessary boundary between a sharing of concerns for thoughtful planning, and simply telling stories or spreading gossip.

Jean always spoke carefully, and sparingly, and she modelled that quiet, creative, redemptive love we see in the life of Jesus.

Jean was always a wonderful companion. She was intelligent, well-informed, able to make honest observations and creative suggestions ... She was also generous, and when she set high standards it was to make sure her family, and her friends, and all she welcomed into her hospitality and care would know that they were valued and respected.

Jean Himmelhoch

Hon. Peter Graham writes:

'She was a most elegant lady with a deep Christian faith, who lived every day as Christ would have wished...

Albert and Jean's contribution to Fiveways was of great significance. They were always welcoming, delighted to see you and go the second mile – very special people. Jean had a deep respect for my late mother, Mavis, who died when 100, in 2011. The feeling was mutual. They never spoke ill of others and were always thinking of what they could do for them...

Our memories of Jean, a beautiful person and very special lady, will live with us for ever. Her beautiful blue eyes were always sparkling.'

Jean's concerns extended beyond our Church also: she was an active member of the Pymble Branch of 'Save the Children' and she also played a 'mothering' role to young doctors who were part of Albert's training course for general practitioners. She was a fully rounded personality and in leisure moments, enjoyed outdoor activities together: sailing, bushwalks and golf. Family was very important and brought much pleasure to Jean.

Our sympathy extends to Jean's children: Jane, Margaret, Anne and Peter.



Bushwalk 4 April

The walk on 4th April was on a bushfire trail in East Killara and was followed by coffee at East Killara shops.



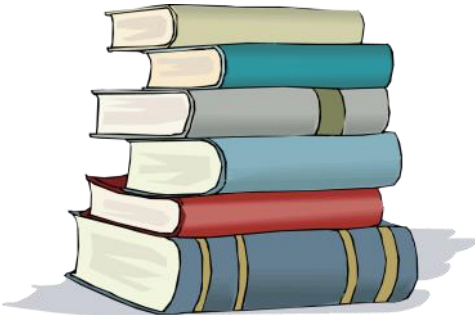
Church in Worship, Celebration and Fellowship

The past quarter began with **Easter**, the high point of our Church year.

In May, we welcomed Yangrae and Michelle back from a three week break and began a busy month of celebrations!

Book Club

The KUC Book Club continues month by month. To date members have read 151 books since it began.



Congratulations to Jessica!

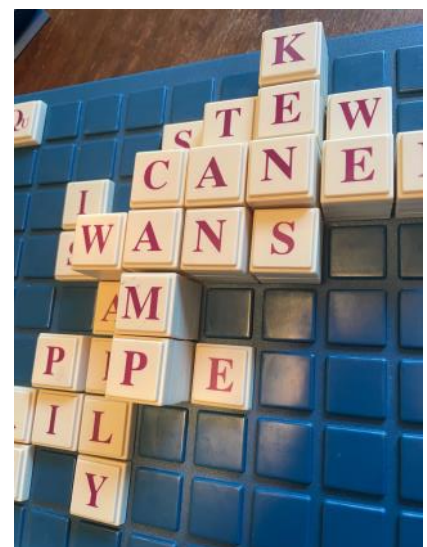
Jessica Henriks, daughter of Paul and Anne-Marie and granddaughter of Jill and Rod, won **First Prize** for her decorated cake at the 2023 Royal Easter Show. The prize was for ‘Most creative [themed] Miniature Cake’ by people aged 14 to under 20 years of age. Jessica’s theme was ‘Shaun the Sheep’. What a wonderful achievement!

Fun and Games on a Sunday!

23 July

After the morning service, there will be activities for all ages, quiz, party games followed by a light lunch.

11:00am—1:30pm



Cantrice

On May 28th we welcomed the lovely voices of Cantrice who also brought joy.



Hall Painting

In April the Kindergarten room and toilet ceilings were painted. The Deck and outside seats were also oiled. This was a huge improvement. Please consider regular giving to maintain our beautiful church and hall.



Church in Worship, Celebration and Fellowship



Mother's Day was a special service, with young people paying tribute to their mothers. Families of babies and toddlers were not forgotten, as we honoured each mother. We rejoiced in the presence of some of these young families.



Alicha & Nalani



Sayaka
Julian & Sophia



Ashleigh & Miles



Sarah & Oliver



Akiko & Amelie



Lian
Sophie & Angus



Frances
Zack & Madeleine



Claire
Adelaide & Aston



Jane
Heather, Kaylee
& Nathan

Church in Worship, Celebration and Fellowship

A young guitar duo of **visiting musicians** Jonathan Moran and Josh McLellan contributed to our service on May 7th.

Bev Hollings celebrates a Birthday



We celebrated the big birthdays of Bev Hollings (April) and Rosalind Hobbes (May). These two ladies have a special place in our Church and in our affection.



Happy 90th Birthday Rosalind Hobbes

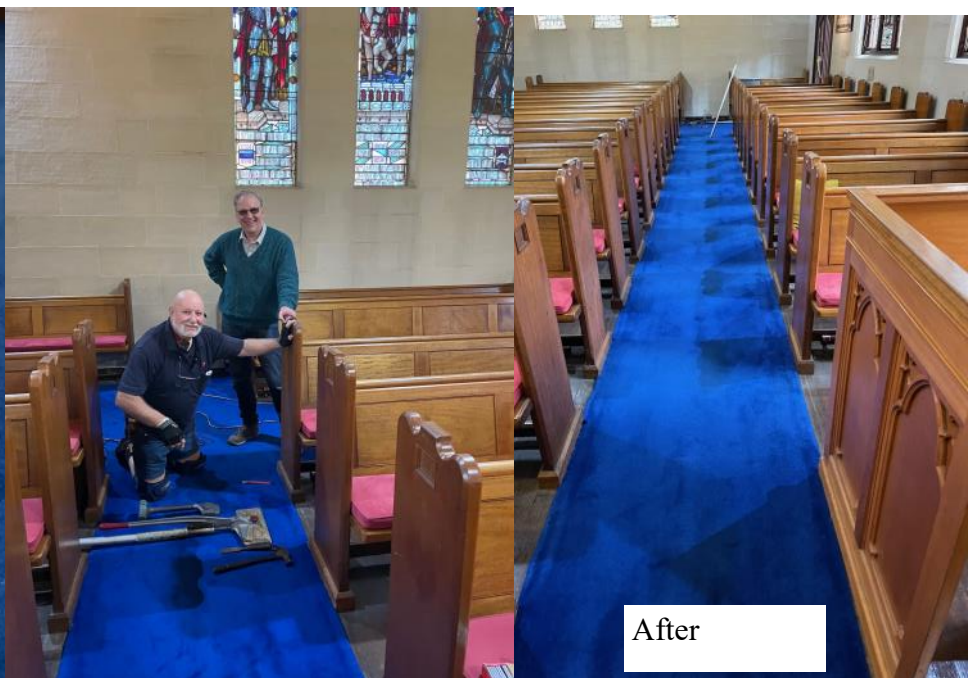


Carpet Stretching and Cleaning

The carpet was becoming a trip hazard and Paul from Apple Carpet Cleaning Company spent over 5 days carefully stretching the carpet throughout the church to give it an extended lease on life.



Before



After

Biggest Morning Tea 2023

On 11th May, Killara Uniting Church again hosted a Biggest Morning Tea in aid of the Cancer Council. There was a huge array of raffle prizes, for which we thank the many generous businesses and individuals.

Margaret Bell, a qualified nurse and midwife, spoke of her work with Medecins sans Frontieres, in places where facilities were basic or lacking – but where rewards were immense as was the gratitude of the people helped.

Jacqui Greenfield of the Cancer Council described the ways in which it used the funds raised:

For research: \$19.8 million given for this purpose last year

Support for cancer sufferers, information resources, advice on financial issues

Community awareness of cancer risks (e.g. skin cancer risk of golfers)

Lobbying to change laws and policies by publicizing risks of practices
(e.g. of solariums and of vaping)

This year's effort raised \$16,300, and over the 13 years that Susan Mitchell has been organising the event, approximately \$103,500 has been raised for the Cancer Council, a very significant amount. Sue thanks the team helping her, but the greatest thanks must go to Sue herself for her drive and enthusiasm in directing the event.

Lastly, but not least, we thank Gregory and Carr, Funeral Directors, who have supported our event and provided the delicious morning tea.





Success for Young Cricketers!

The grandchildren of Jan Stanwell have been achieving success in cricket - and so have Zack and Madeleine Winslow.



Nick Stanwell collected two prestigious cricket awards at Knox Grammar, and so did Zack!



The girls' cricket team which won the U15 North Shore premiership was coached by Derek Stanwell (son of Jan and Ian) he is at the end on the right and in the winning team you can see Maddie Winslow (4th from right) and Annie Stanwell (5th from right). **Well done to all!**



Friday Coffee Catchups

Date: Final Friday of each month from 10am

Venue: Café Sado in Chatswood Chase

Friday 30th June at 10am will be the first catch up

A chance to sit and chat over a cup of coffee with other members of the congregation in a relaxed informal setting



Australian
Human Rights
Commission

1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374)

I am **treated** with **respect** by family and friends

I **know** how my **money** is being spent

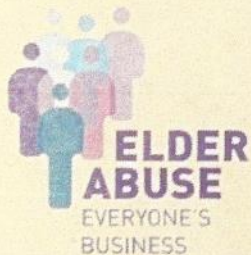
I **choose** what happens in my **home**

Decisions about my life are in my **best interest**

My will reflects **my own wishes**

I **know** where my **medication** is

If you answered **'no'** to any of these statements, you may wish to **talk to someone you can trust.**



If you experience, witness, or suspect elder abuse, call the **free and confidential** National Elder Abuse phone line for information, support and referrals.
In an emergency, contact **000.**

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A Safe Church

We would like to maintain Killara Uniting Church as a safe place to visit and worship.

Following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and in line with other community institutions, Australian churches are forming procedures to avoid risk of abuse such as has happened in the past within institutions, including churches. Abuse can take various forms, including bullying and neglect, and is not limited to that directed towards children, but extends to anyone in a vulnerable situation.

If you believe that someone within our church has acted wrongly towards you, whether it be harassment, bullying or more serious abuse, the procedure is:

Inform one of our Church's Safe Church Contact people. Safe Church contacts are:

Revd Yangrae Son (0412 031 921),
Rosalind Hobbes (0408 499 029),
Dr Andrew Wines (0409 437 401)
and Julie Sekhon (0400 631 739).

He/she will discuss the situation with you and the process to move forward.
Action may involve counselling, changing church structures, or further referral.

If the abuse was serious, and subject to Government legislation, our Church is obliged to report it to the appropriate authorities. Reporting is mandatory.

There is a yellow Safe Church folder in the Church Office. This includes a document entitled 'Information and Referral Services' which can be consulted by any Church member at any time.



The Knitting Group spreads warmth abroad

In May, Paul and June Wait delivered these donations to Ann Beck who accepted them for Missionvale in South Africa. It's been a few years since the Knitting Group were able to make this possible so they are delighted to get going again. Illustrated are 12 blankets of differing sizes and 6 jumpers.

In addition, donated blankets raised about \$350 for the Cancer Council at their Biggest Morning Tea.

The beanies will be donated to a charity for homeless people, as has been done in the past.

Many thanks and congratulations, as always, to all involved.

June Wait



Bushwalk 16 May

Fellowship continues within – and outside - the four walls of our physical church.

Liz and John Giles organise monthly walks which give pleasure to our eyes and lungs and exercise to our legs! In May we enjoyed seeing the lovely trees in three of Turrumurra's parks.

NEXT WALK 23 June at 10am

The next walk will be meeting at 10am. We will walk beside the water in the Davidson Park Picnic Area (near the Roseville Bridge). Please contact Liz or John Giles if you are interested.



July Walk around the Gallery 13th July @ 10:30am

This will take the form of a walk around the Art Gallery of NSW led by Sue Mitchell. Sue has kindly volunteered to guide us through the 2023 Archibald, Wynne and Sulman exhibitions. You don't have to be a regular member of the Walking Group to come along and hear Sue's expert commentary. Contact Sue for more details.

