



### Celebrating Christmas

Celebrations began with lighting the Advent candles.  
Kids' Church again brought us a pageant: this time celebrating the *Coming of the Good News* to the north of England...

*King Edwin said that our lives are like a bird which goes out into the dark night:*

*'Where do we go? If this new religion can tell us of a place of joy, we should follow the way of Jesus.'*



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**From the Editor**

Again, it is Lent- the bitter-sweet time when we anticipate the passion of our Lord and take the opportunity to reflect on its significance for us. We cherish this season and look forward to Yangrae's reflections each Sunday as he leads us through Lent. We, as a local church, have many bitter-sweet times, particularly when we face the loss of loved members – but we cherish what was good and lovely in their lives. We remember some of these in this issue. The sweet memory of Allan and Janet Bryant is also brought to mind by an enhancement of their gift. There have been times of joy also: the children's Christmas Pageant and the Lessons and Carols service which prepared our hearts for Christmas. We rejoice with Noella and Malcolm Allerding on their award as Senior Citizens of the Year, and take time to assess the good that Lindara has done, and is doing. We also share Margaret and John Middleton's happiness in reaching their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Ian Neilson reminds us that this Church is our responsibility: to maintain for our spiritual nourishment and as an instrument for outreach. Killara Connection reflects the many facets of our Church life.

**Julie Sekhon**

**COMMUNITY CAFE THURSDAYS**  
10-12

**KILLARA UNTING CHURCH HALL**  
**CORNER ARNOLD & KARRANGA STS**

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## From the Minister's Desk.

'... parochial chumminess is not enough. That is not why I go to church. This small community, however inadequate, is how in Christ I belong to the whole of Christ's body, the community of the living and the dead, of saints and sinners, throughout space and time, indeed to the whole of humanity.'

[Timothy Radcliffe, Why Go to Church?]

Every Sunday we gather as a church with the expectation to experience something divine, or at least an up-lifting event during our worship service. However, we hear more often about the stories of the 'cross' rather than the stories of the joys of 'resurrection'. We often feel that we are carrying heavy crosses. We are exposed to not only the gloomy aspects of the church but also throughout our daily life stories – starting from bushfires, storms, coronavirus, as people stock-up toilet paper and rip them off the supermarket shelves.

Some sad church announcements about funerals barely help us experience the uplifting joy of being a church. But it would be a comfort to know that the life-changing event of the Gospel in the church works in our lives in ways that are profound but often hardly noticeable.



Some do experience the life-changing event of the gospel in subtle ways. Some go further and express the joy of encountering God's grace in more tangible ways. On our journey with God transforming the world, we are inevitably transformed by God. For the last few months' ministry in this congregation, I have learnt that our transformation by God's grace is a slow business, and that the church to which we belong is not limited to this place and time; we belong to the community of the living and the dead, of saints and sinners.

Yangrae (Ray) Son,  
Minister of the **Word**

## Middletons renew wedding vows



John and Margaret celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 13th and on the previous day, Sunday 12th, they renewed their marriage vows before Revd Yangrae Son and the congregation.

## Malcolm and Noella Allerding Honoured

### Jill Henriks

This year the Kur-ring-gai Senior Citizens Award was awarded to Noella and Malcolm Allerding, of UCA Lindfield, and who have generously given their time and support to the local community over many years.

Noella and Malcolm's main area of support and time is given to the Lindara Markets, raising funds for the Homeless, families in crisis and domestic violence on the North Shore of Sydney, and operating since 1989. Noella and Malcolm undertook the overseeing of the market in 2008. The market is now held three times a year, and also forms part of Fiveways outreach.

Their commitment to the Lindara charity has meant undertaking many hours of voluntary work.



The tasks Noella & Malcolm undertake for the Lindara Market are:-

1. Checking donated goods 3 times weekly and storing valuable items in a store room at Lindfield Uniting Church.
2. Noella organising the set-up & volunteers varying in numbers of 10 to 20 to clean, sort and price for four Fridays before the markets. Malcolm repairs many donated goods and, when required, collects large donated goods in a trailer.
3. Noella arranges for leaflets to be printed with market date and details. Malcolm places many market day advertising signs around the community, collecting them immediately post the market.
4. Both organising people to set up trestles and bring out boxes of stored goods the Thursday evening before the market.
5. Noella organises the roster of people to sell on the day of the market.
6. Both Noella and Malcom arrive very early market day to do last minute set up. They both work tirelessly the whole duration of the market and are always last to leave on the day overseeing, packing goods away, sorting to distribute goods to other charities and cleaning the hall.

### **Other tasks Noella & Malcolm undertake to give time and support to the local community**

Noella also gives her time as a Volunteer Pastoral Carer at the San Hospital and has fulfilled this role **every Tuesday for over 10 years.**



Both Noella and Malcolm are active & supporting member of Lindfield Uniting Church. Both are involved in arranging the International Day of Peace service at the church featuring community choirs, youth groups & dignitaries including the Mayor of Ku-ring-gai. Malcolm gives his time freely to many handyman repair tasks required at the Church. He also plays the organ for many of the Church services. He also organises a hymn singing group to perform at Whitehall Aged Care Facility in Tryon Road Lindfield.

Noella and Malcolm are hosts for Frontier Services and hold regular BBQ's for Outback families at their home. They recently held a fundraiser for farmers affected by drought.

**Congratulations to Noella and Malcolm on a well-deserved acknowledgement of their community spirit!**



## **LINDARA MARKETS – our own charity!**

Co jointly with Centacare Family Services, the aim of the Lindara Family Program is to facilitate a positive lifestyle changes for families in need or crisis, with long term benefits for family cohesion and sustainability and to extent possible, minimising the likelihood of homelessness and maximising the likely positive outcomes of the children involved. Families are referred to the program through the NSW Department of Family and Community Services and similar welfare agencies.

The markets held have been very successful not only financially, but as a community outreach. Volunteers are local people coming from congregations of the local churches. There is great comradery between the volunteers as they sort, clean and price donated goods. Many volunteers are local senior citizens who give their time freely and enjoy giving to the Ku-ring-gai community.

The Markets are held on Saturdays 8am -1pm. **Dates for this year are 28<sup>th</sup> March, 25 July and 28<sup>th</sup> Nov.** If you have items to donate please drop them off at Lindfield Uniting Church Carport in the month prior to the next market, for sorting and pricing.

If you wish to donate monetary this can be done by:-

: Electronic Funds Transfer to Lindara Family Program (Account Number 100034008) at Uniting NSW/ACT Financial Services (BSB 634-634) The reference/description should contain your name to facilitate issue of a receipt by Uniting finance.

: By cheque – payable to Lindara Family Program and mailed to :-

Uniting NSW.ACT  
Attention Accounts Receivable  
Locked Bag 5013  
PARAMATTA NSW 2124

**100 per cent of the donation goes to the Lindara Family Program cause.**

**Additionally, all Donations are Tax Deductable.**



### **Remembering Allan and Janet Bryant**



Janet Bryant's daughter, Anne Jobson, has donated an inscribed plate from the family to put on the money box sitting in the Vestry in memory of both Allan and Janet.

Jan Smith and I did just that – and our links with the Bryant family continue: Jan has continued to meet with the Bryant family since Janet's death and it has turned out that Anne lives only about 100 yards away from our new place in one of the apartments on Killeaton Street at the front of our Villas!

Jennifer Neilson.



## News from the Waits:

June and Paul have visited Machu Picchu in Peru: they write, We finally made the climb- three months at the gym paid off!! Altitude sickness certainly leaves you breathless and faintly nauseous- but absolutely worth it! And the photos don't do it justice!





## The Christmas Chorale

The Chorale, led by Paul Wait inspired us with a program of Lessons and Carols. This has become an annual event which must not be missed as we prepare to celebrate our Saviour's coming into the world.



## A word from Ian Neilson

Christmas is over and it is time to reassess our Church finances. As you are probably aware over the 2018/9 financial years, we have spent over \$200,000 in extensive rebuilding and acoustic treatment of the hall and to a lesser extent the Church. This work was funded by a few generous donors, also support from State and Federal Government grants plus around \$50,000 was provided by our Korean brothers.

While these investments have resulted in a marginal increase to our property income, they have severely depleted our reserves. Our plan, as of the Annual General Meeting in September, was to rebuild our reserves to the previous level before some other unseen expense emerges.

This rebuilding philosophy was soon overturned with major outlays of some \$20,000 for floor upgrades and sewerage draining [not anticipated] as well as other general maintenance for the Manse [anticipated]. The unforeseen outlays do not end there. Yangrae has requested a larger screen to enhance each weekly message. Unfortunately, this means a new projector and electronic support as well as wiring and installation. The current estimate is around \$20,000. Others have requested an upgrade of the acoustic treatment in the Church; also unfunded.

We are committed also to our outreach for the Community Café. To be successful this also needs our support. We have many volunteers; but we need financial backing for the programme to fund their exercise class and other services. We would also like to continue upgrading the garden surrounds. For the past 14 months we have enjoyed the financial benefit, and wisdom, of a supply minister. Now we are fully operational with a new Minister that requires full funding. On top of all that we have increases in gas, power and other services.

We love our Church community and would like it to remain viable. We invite you to reconsider your finances and, if possible, update your contribution. This can be for a specific project that we record in our accounts separately, or for general finances. Even a 5% increase will help.

Remember, any parishioner can have access to our detailed accounts should you want to see where the monies go.

Jennifer and I will be guided by your support.

**Ian Neilson**  
Joint Treasurer

If you wish to make a direct deposit to fund our Church operations, there are two ways: the general Operating Account or the Privacy Account.

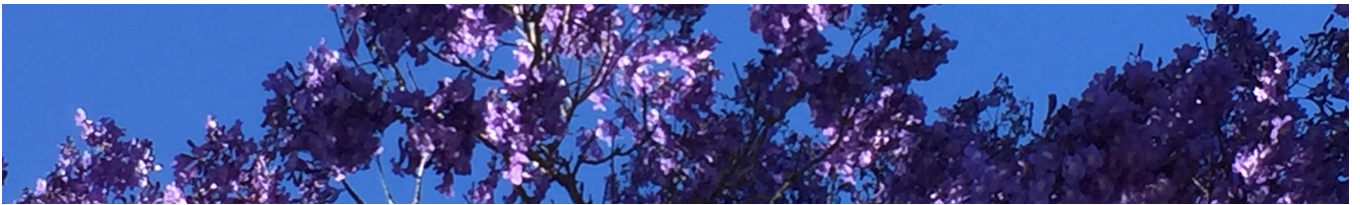
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## Amelie Graduates!



Amelie Drulik graduated from Konomi Kindergarten International at the end of 2019. She is seen here at the ceremony and celebrations. This year, - along with Nathan Zhou and Ethan Dong – she starts her Aussie schooling.



## Jan Margaret Taylor 31 January 1941 - 2nd March 2020

Jan was a highly valued and deeply committed member of Lindfield Uniting Church: Treasurer, Church Council member, Presbytery representative and worker for Lindara. She was also a wise counsellor and incisive thinker. A committed Christian, her faith was strongly informed by social justice issues.

Jan trained as a high school teacher and taught for some years in city and country schools, before joining the ABC. Over about ten years she produced and presented programs on religious affairs, being respected for her meticulous preparation. She also worked in Distance Education with the Department of Education.

Jan was a warm and loyal friend to many. Her friendships ranged widely over her many interests, and she maintained them over many years.

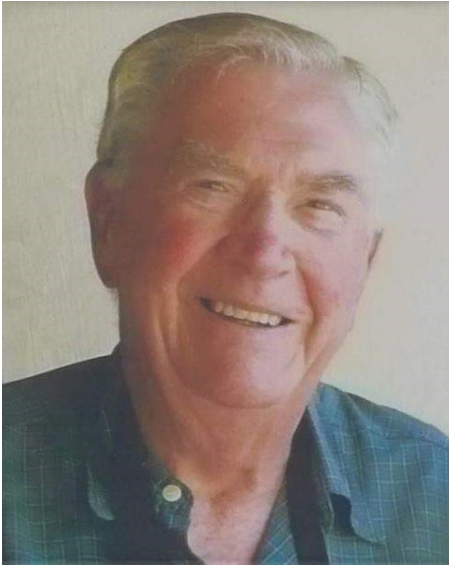
Her loss is felt deeply by her church community, by her many friends and by her family.

Jan's husband, Alan, died in 2014. Jan leaves behind a beloved daughter, Alison.



## Arthur (Art) Humphrey

18 April 1930 -6 December 2019



Devoted and dearly loved husband of Jan. Wonderful father and father-in law of Wendy & Paul, Charles & Belinda, Carol & Dave and John and Lisa. Adored Papa of James, Sarah, Ashley, Blake, Adam, Mark, Edward, Dylan and Clara, loved brother of Eth and brother-in-law of John and Caro. Uncle of Shel, Greg and Grant. Arthur, more often referred to as Art, was born on the 18th April 1930 at Barkley East in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. He, Jan and their family came to Australia from South Africa in 1977 to establish a new beginning for their family through the law, sport and church community.

It is a privilege to have known and appreciated Art and Jan's commitment to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through the Uniting Church at Roseville and Killara and for many years by their regular attendance at our monthly Church Services at Lourdes Retirement Village.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jan and her lovely family as they reflect on a wonderful man and a 62 year "Marriage Made In Heaven". Thanks be to God.

Arthur Krust

## Michael Moore

30th January 1934-14th January 2020

An unassuming man, but a quiet achiever, Michael Moore was a faithful churchman, in recent years serving both at Gordon Uniting Church and at Killara. He was also a caring man who valued his friends.

Revd Chris Udy in speaking of him said:

Those who worked with Michael most closely said Michael was the ideal team member: someone who completed every task he took on with absolute integrity, care and skill – and didn't waste time in meetings seeking praise or needing approval.

He was utterly trustworthy, and the ministers who worked with him had deep appreciation also for his pastoral care in a very sensitive role.

Chris Udy further commented on Michael's (and Barbara's) appreciation of experiences which enhance our living, saying, between them, they gave us models for lives that found a balance between a deep appreciation and thankfulness for beauty and a commitment to loving, careful, gentle service.

In his working life, Michael was a Health Inspector with Ryde Council.

Michael had the sadness of losing his talented wife Barbara, followed by years of his own ill health. He leaves behind his beloved daughter Alex, and granddaughter Amelia.







## PHILLIP ARCHDALL LANGLEY (13/11/37 - 17/2/20)

Phillip was always busy, filling his life with worthwhile activities and giving help to friends and family.

Phillip was born in Killara and went to school at Lindfield Primary School and then at Shore. He then went on to a career as a Mechanical Engineer., working at C.S.R. and later at Standards Australia.

Among his many activities, Phillip was a Scout leader at East Killara. At East Killara Uniting Church he served on the Church Council and looked after property matters. He and his wife Jan and their family were a vital part of the Congregation. Phillip loved music and helped establish a Federated Music Club at East Killara Church. He and some other members started a Men's Tennis Club on Saturday mornings. For the last few years Phillip has played tennis three times a week and was Treasurer of the Gordon Men's Tennis Club. He was a keen member of the Bushcare Group at Jindalee Place, East Killara for about 30 years and was secretary/treasurer of East Killara Neighbourhood Watch.

Also in the last few years, Phillip has organised a January holiday at Kiandra Pioneer Ski Lodge, Perisher Valley, for a group from East Killara congregation, and then for his family. Bush walking and wildflowers were among Phillip's and Jan's interests. Phillip joined the Royal Australian Astronomical Society and we were able to enjoy the beautiful skies looking through his telescope. His enjoyment of surfing led to membership of Newport Surf Lifesaving Club.

Since coming to Killara Uniting Church, Phillip has volunteered to read the Bible in Church and to be one of the Congregation's Carers'. He has been on the committee at Killara Music Club. At Gordon Park Probus Phillip has produced the monthly Newsletter, which includes news of trips and travel, and jokes. Phillip himself has enjoyed many of the trips, including to South Africa and Vietnam. It was on his last trip, to Tasmania last November, that he realised that he was ill.

Phillip and Jan had three children, David, Abby and Justin. They and their families have been a marvellous support during his illness. His four Grandchildren have been a source of great pleasure, spending time with him during his retirement. His wife, Jan died in 2011.

Phillip's death is a great loss, but memories of his Christian life and contribution to many lives will be a comfort and an inspiration.

**Rosalind Hobbes**



## Christian witness at Killara High What is happening?

Come to learn about the exciting developments  
St Alban's Church  
Cnr Tryon Rd & Lindfield Ave Lindfield  
Sunday 22 March at 2pm  
followed by  
Annual General Meeting  
3.15pm  
Supporting Christian ministry at Killara High



**Killara District Christian  
Education Association Inc**

## Bushfires by Bruce Prewer (Abridged)

The terrible bushfires of last summer are still in our minds. David Eastwood has contributed a prayer by Bruce Prewer which was written in the immediate aftermath of bushfires. Although our bushfires are now in the past, the adjustment and hardship will continue for many. I have abridged the prayers so that its immediacy is no longer front of mind, but the prayer is still relevant. Ed.

Loving God,

We pray for all who lost their homes:

Comfort them as they grieve the loss of very special personal possessions, treasured photos or letters,

gifts, heirlooms, or mementos

which held a host of precious memories.

Let there be joy,

let there be peace, *let there be hope, let there be love.*

We pray for the firemen who mourn dead comrades: Be with them in their distress.

Bless their dedication and courage,

and stir our society to make sure they are provided with the best facilities and safety equipment

for their vocation. Let there be joy, let there be peace, *let there be hope, let there be love.*

We pray for all those working for the rehabilitation of the victims:

The government, Red Cross, the church,

telephonists, social workers, pastors,

and a host of friends, neighbours, and generous citizens.

Give us the grace to help in ways which will respect human dignity, speed recovery, and restore hope.

Let there be joy, let there be peace, *let there be hope, let there be love.*

These prayers we ask through the One

Whose Spirit inspires our compassion, Jesus our Lord.

