



Induction of Revd Yangrae Son



Mr Ian Lawrence, Presbytery Chairperson
and Revd Yangrae Son



Lovely flower arrangements by Hannah Kim

On November 17th the congregation was joined by members of the Presbytery, friends from Lindfield Uniting Church, from the Killara Seoul Uniting Church, and the wider Uniting Church for Yangrae's induction as Minister of our Church.

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**From the Editor**

There has been more than our usual gap between issues, and much has happened since July.

David Gill concluded his interim ministry on November 10th – and photos of his farewell morning tea, plus a final letter from David are included in this issue.

Our new minister, Yangrae Son, was inducted on 17th November and, having already experienced his warm personality, we look forward to getting to know him and Michelle better. However, a minister comes as more than a good friend: Yangrae said to some of us, ‘The ministry is not a job, it is a vocation’.

Perhaps because I am a former librarian, I think of a minister being ‘lent’ to us for the work of the Kingdom. It is a sobering thought – and shifts our perspective to what is important in Heaven’s sight. Because of this, I thought it good to include an abridged version of the prayer June Wait offered at Yangrae’s Induction. Both June’s prayer and the responses of the Induction service make clear that we, the congregation, must work with Yangrae in corporate Christian worship and growth as disciples of Christ.

The past year has seen the passing of many loved members of our church. It has not been possible to give each the space they deserve, but in mentioning them we honour their memories.

Julie Sekhon



Farewell Letter from David

October 2019

(I asked David to write this letter prior to changing the issuing date of Killara Connection, hence the allusions to the Induction still being in the future-Ed)

Ian Pearson concluded his ministry here at the end of October 2018. Your Church Council asked if I would serve as the supply preacher, leading Sunday worship for what Julie's letter thought would be "some months" until a new minister arrived. We decided it would be an act of kindness not to trouble the Presbytery of Sydney Central Coast by seeking its approval.

Well, the "some months" stretched, as sometimes my unwritten job description has too. Soon I was being treated as the interim pastor of Killara. And you found yourselves lumbered with the seemingly endless ministry of an uninvited, unappointed, canonically illegitimate, part-time geriatric.

The time draws nigh to conclude the arrangement. Like you, I am looking forward very much to the arrival of my friend Yangrae Son and his induction, on Sunday 17 November. You are about to receive an outstanding pastor.

For me, it has been a very special year-and-a-bit. This is a congregation that knows how to worship, isn't afraid to think and has seemingly endless patience with what it hears from the pulpit. In the generous offering of friendship, care and mutual support, you are matchless.

So thank you, Killara Uniting Church, for being you! And for the privilege you've given me, during this time, of being part of you.

God bless you all.

David Gill



Letter from Yangrae

*if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation ... We implore you on Christ's behalf: **Be reconciled to God.***
[2 Corinthians 5:16-21]

My work for the presbytery often gives me the privileges to visit some congregations and observe how they serve the church. Most congregations wish to attract younger families and see 'flourishing' Sunday School. Younger people with Sunday School along with vibrant church activities are on their top-wish list. It seems that entrepreneurial and managerial skills (plus event-organising talent) will be essential requirements for church minister's job descriptions in the near future, alas.

The ageing congregations with dwindling church membership have been a source of disappointment, and despair of many church people to such an extent that the church has lost its sole raison d'être, which is the Body of Jesus Christ, a 'contrasting-society' in the middle of cruel consumerism and post-modern society without a moral compass. In addition to all these adversities, the churches in our land - surely most churches around the world - have to bear the reputational damages in the wake of various misconducts by clergy.

Having seen the church losing its members and becoming demoralised, I desire that I may pray with the faithful in Killara Fiveways, and strive with you to find ways to revive the church and grow in faith. My theological learning and ministry experience teach me that **worship service** and **pastoral care** are the undergirding strength for renewal and growth.

The Apostle Paul summed up his ministry in 2 Corinthians 5, which all ministers and the churches in every context should follow. The church of Jesus Christ has been given its ultimate reason to exist: it is to provide God's people with new perspectives emerging from God's reconciling plans. **Be reconciled to God.** In doing so, we can renew the church and grow in faith. When we move towards God, we are closer to one another. It is my prayer that our congregation may grow in the knowledge that we are interconnected in the Body of Christ. The 4th century monastic Dorotheos of Gaza described this interconnectedness: 'To move toward God (at the centre) we move from the circumference along the various radii of the circle to the centre. But at the same time, the closer they are to God, the closer they come to one another; and the closer they are to one another, the closer they become to God.'



A prayer for a new beginning:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you with a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving for the appointment of the Rev Yangrae Son as our Minister of the Word, our pastor and our spiritual guide. We thank you for his life of dedication, his unique set of spiritual gifts, his strong faith and his willingness to serve here in Killara Uniting Church.

Lord of life, we pray that you will equip Yangrae with everything good for doing your will, and may you work in him what is pleasing to you. As the mantle of the leadership of our church falls upon Yangrae, we take him and his family into our hearts, accepting them as a part of our community, to be loved, respected, supported and encouraged in every way. We uphold them in prayer, we extend to them the hand of friendship and we include them in the warmth of our community.

Dear Lord, we pray also for Killara Fiveways congregation,

We thank you for, and ask your blessing on, the many people whose leadership roles within our church make it the special place which we know it to be. We thank you for their faithfulness and willingness to serve you.

We pray for all the families and friends of our church with whom we worship and those who make our community a place of love and prayer.

We pray especially for those in our congregation who at this time are in special need of a comforting word, a supportive arm and the reassuring knowledge of your abiding presence. Only you, Lord, know the often silent prayers of an aching heart.

May our hands be open to receive, our hearts be open to give,

May our minds long to learn and our souls be ever-ready to reach out to you.

Lord, may our prayers bind together Yangrae, Michelle and their family with our congregation so that together we will be joyful and productive for many years to come to the glory and honour of Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Lord of love, make us strong, we who to Christ belong. Amen

*(from the prayer
delivered by June Wait
at the Induction of Revd
Yangrae Son as Minister
of Killara Uniting
Church, 17th November)*



Introducing the new Minister of Killara Seoul Uniting Church

(Rev. T H Kim, who has led the Killara Seoul Uniting Church during the time their Church has been at Killara, is on long-service leave, preparatory to retirement. Rev. Hun Gin (Chris) Jung is as present leading their congregation and will take over from Mr Kim)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, It is my honour and a great pleasure to introduce myself and my wife Juliana and three children, Serene (10), Juan (8) and Irene (6) to Killara Uniting Church.

I am thankful, first of all, to our almighty Father who allowed me to be part of the work of God at Killara and bringing me to Killara Seoul Church in his infallible plan.

Killara Seoul Church was my first church when I came to Australia 20 years ago as an overseas student. God had dramatically led me to come over to Australia from where I was born and raised (South Korea) after I dedicated my life to God to be a servant of His church and, Killara Seoul Church was where I spent my teenage years.

After graduating the University of Sydney in Economics and Human Resource Management, I went to the United States for my studies in theology to follow God's calling. With Master of Divinity at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Master of Theology at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, I went back to South Korea and did another M.A in Chongshin Theological Seminary to follow Korean spiritual roots and footsteps in Christianity. All these years of studies and ministry experiences brought me to experience and yearn for God's love and grace.

I can only confess how immeasurable God's grace and plan is. I never have imagined back then that I would minister the church in which I grew up. God's plans are unpredictable and I anticipate with great joy and expectation for the blessings God will bring to our churches in coming years. I look forward to work with Killara Uniting Church closely and be each other's good companions in seeing God's work and blessings. I wish our churches will become good allies, walking together to build God's kingdom.

Wishing you peace and grace,

Rev. Hun Gin (Chris) Jung



Dementia Café – a dementia club to be known as a DCaf

Starting 6th February 2020 on Thursday mornings each week a DCafe will be using our church hall. It will provide a friendly sociable informal meeting place where neighbourhood people with dementia, their friends and families drop in, spend time together, engage in various activities including simple exercise, music, art, and whatever else emerges as an interest and share fun and refreshments together. The DCaf is jointly sponsored by our Killara Uniting Church's Dementia Group and Rotary. Over the past year or so similar DCafs have been established by Rotary in St Ives, Waitara, West Pymble, Galston and Ryde. All, including this newest one are staffed entirely by volunteers and everyone is welcome. If you would like to become involved, we would welcome your participation and would love to hear from you. Julie Sekhon is coordinating the KUC DCaf and her contact number is 9416 3330 or 0400 631 739 Email: margaret_sekhon@bigpond.com
Rotary Programme coordinator: Fiona Jenkins Email: feeshal@optusnet.com.au

Faith Gibson



Stamp Trimmers – you are to be encouraged!

The Stamp Committee of the Uniting Church (NSW & ACT) has sold stamps to the value of **\$31,500 to date in 2019**. Our stamps (together with contributions throughout NSW and ACT) have made possible this big contribution to the work of the Uniting Church.

Farewell to David

David Gill, who has lifted our hearts in worship with his inspiring services over 13 ½ months, was thanked and farewelled at morning tea on November 10th. He has given much to our congregation over that time: we remember his leading of the congregation in worship with the reverence and awe due to our God and we thank him.





Janet Elaine Bryant **6th June 1930-28th June 2019**

One of four children of Anne and Harry Lew, Jane was born in Hamilton, Newcastle. Her parents had a strong faith themselves, and Janet in adulthood showed the same unwavering faith.

Janet immersed herself in the life of the church: at various times she was on the Board of Wesley Mission, participated in the Women's World Day of Prayer, taught in Sunday School and at Killara High, was at one time an elder and for a longer time both informally and formally a pastoral carer.

Janet married Allan Bryant and their loving relationship lasted 65 years, during which they brought up three children: Anne, Peter and Richard. Janet delighted in her family, protected her children and accepted all with love. They in turn found her fun to be with.

Janet was a woman of prayer. As her health and sight decreased her praying for others increased. When I said to her, 'We prayed for you at Church today' her response was 'Who will I put on my prayer list?'

I had the privilege of regular conversations with her over the last ten years of her life. We talked of our families, of our dreams, our concerns and wonderings, then moved to the church community and further afield to politics and social justice. She was like a soul-mate: she gave unconditional love, was never judgmental but was discerning and had an amazing understanding of others.

What an amazing legacy to leave! I miss her deeply and will always have her in my heart with warm love and fun memories.

Jan Smith

Francis Ross Hornibrook **1934-2019**

Ross Hornibrook, who died on 30th October, was the only son of one of the Hornibrook brothers. (the family were structural engineers who built bridges in Queensland and did work on the Opera House.)

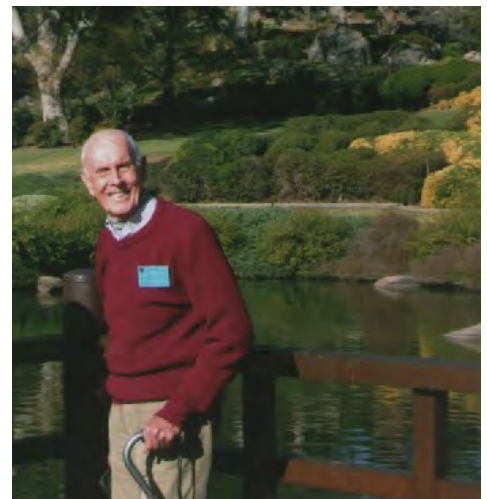
Ross attended primary school in Ryde and, when his family moved to Pymble, secondary school at Knox College. He did his National Service Training in the Army, and later attended the University of Sydney.

Ross did not join the engineering firm but became a 'male model', working in Australia and the USA. He later joined the ABC and was their organiser of sets for the TV studios obtaining appropriate items from various sources in Sydney. Ross had a great interest in art paintings and frequented Sydney auction houses.

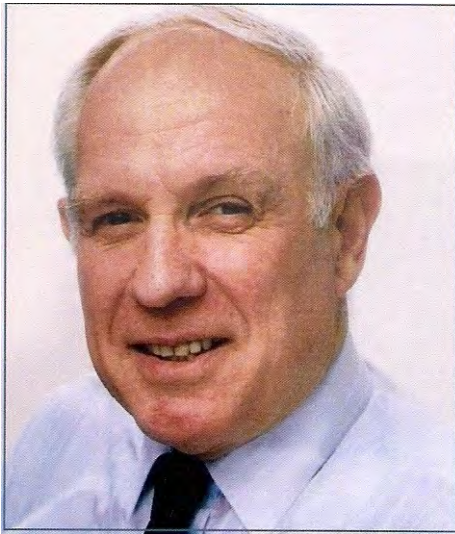
In 2004 he sold the Pymble family home and moved into a garden unit at Hadley Wood Killara.

Ross was a member of East Killara Uniting Church and after the closure joined Killara Uniting. He was a kind, gentle man who loved to travel, and had many friends.

Jeff Newman



Peter Rehn (1940-2019)



We remember Peter as an unassuming man, a wonderful organist and Chairperson of Lindara Executive Committee (Lindfield and Killara Homelessness Project). He was also greatly loved by Gail, his wife, and his family.

Peter's career was in information technology, but his real love was music. He was for many years organist of Tryon Road, Lindfield Uniting Church but on transferring to Killara Uniting Church, which already had an organist, Peter was content to 'take a back seat'. Never one to push himself forward, Peter was nevertheless a highly intelligent man and an inspiration to his family. He wanted to help others less fortunate than himself, and took up the Chairperson of the Lindara Homelessness Project, the charity established and supported by the Uniting Churches of Lindfield and

Killara. As such, he actively and wisely administered the charity, maintaining links with supporters, but protecting the identity of beneficiaries. He will be missed, both by his family and by our church

Enid Fleming

16/10/24 – 1/7/2019

Enid and her late husband Doug were long time members of Killara Uniting Church, although age-related problems have made it difficult to get to Church in recent years.

Born in India, Enid lived on the family tea estate in Travancore until she was sent to School in Sydney at the age of 6. She then lived with her grandmother and older sister until World War 2 broke out, when they were joined by her mother and younger sisters: her father remained in India, managing the estate.



In 1948, Enid married young architect, Doug Fleming, and over the next years a son and a daughter (Philippa) were born. Enid was a great support to Doug in his business, and also involved herself in her children's school life as they grew. Family was always very important to Enid, and it was a great pleasure to her that her granddaughter, Jennifer Mills, was married earlier this year, *in FiveWays Church!*

A wonderful cook, and lover of family and friends, it is for her friendliness and hospitality that many will remember her.

Induction of Revd Yangrae Son

Rob Floyd



On November 17th the congregation was joined by members of the Presbytery, friends from Lindfield Uniting Church, from the Killara Seoul Uniting Church, and the wider Uniting Church for Yangrae's induction as Minister of our Church. Rob Floyd, as Chairperson of Killara Congregation, welcomed guests, including Hon Paul Fletcher, MP, Mr Peter Kelly, Ku-ring-gai Councillor and ministers of other Christian denominations.

The church looked at its most beautiful, with lovely flower arrangements by Hannah Kim.

The service was led by Mr Ian Lawrence, Presbytery Chairperson and Revd David Gill gave the message. The service then moved through significant questions and responses.

Ian challenged Yangrae, 'You will take Christ the Good Shepherd as your example, caring for his people and serving with them in their witness to the world.'

Members of the congregation brought their appeals to Yangrae, to administer the sacraments and to share our concern for groups within the congregation: for members in need, for dementia sufferers, for youth who look for guidance and authentic faith.



Revd Hun Gin Jung of Killara Seoul congregation offered the hand of fellowship in the Gospel.



When the prayer of induction was given, Yangrae knelt and there was a solemn laying on of hands in blessing on Yangrae.

The solos by Carolynn Everett and Rina Oh contributed to the beauty of the service. After the service, all were invited to a delicious afternoon tea.





Yangrae Son's Induction
17 November, 2019



Some special birthdays:

Judith Williams recently celebrated her 94th birthday. She is seen here with her sister-in-law, Dot. (Dot was Judith's employer at Red Cross during the second World War – and introduced Judith to Peter!)

.... and an even bigger birthday! Joan Young, now living at Bowral, but still with a strong attachment to Killara Church – celebrated her 100th birthday on October 19th. A celebratory article on Joan says *She saw advances in everything from transport to medical science that nobody could have imagined. She travelled, she drove fast cars. She married the love of her life, David, in 1945 and gave birth to her only son, John, in 1949. Asked the secret to her long life, she said 'I've always been a people person. And I've always been interested in what's going on in the world around me.'*

(the Neridah Joan Times)



Churches need to be safe places

In November Julie Sekhon and Jacqui Floyd attended a Safe Church Awareness Workshop at Turrumurra Uniting Church. The National Council of Churches in Australia provides training and resources to ensure that churches, church organisations and Christian faith communities are safe environments, with a particular focus on the safety, protection and care of vulnerable people and especially of children.

The workshop covered four areas:

1. Framework for a safe church
2. Safe people
3. Safe Leaders
4. Safe Environments



The range of situations where safe church principles apply is broad – ranging from recognition of a code of conduct applicable to those in paid or volunteer employment to occupational health and safety considerations. A 'tool-kit' of helpful resources, e.g. checklists, guidelines etc – is available from www.nswact.uca.org.au/shared-resources/

All people in positions of leadership in the Church are recommended to attend a Safe Church Awareness Workshop.

Julie Sekhon is the designated Safe Church Contact person for Killara Uniting Church. Feel free to contact her if you have any concerns or questions.

John Peter Addley 10/4/47-3/11/19

John was a warm friend and one who gave wholehearted commitment to causes he believed in. We remember his love of the Australian environment and his dedication to its preservation. He also involved himself in issues relating to Aboriginal justice: he was on the committee for the Myall Creek Massacre memorial.

John was a devoted family man and reaped the rich reward of being loved by his family. He also loved the Church – and our Church in particular – and certainly gave much in commitment during the time when he was still living close by. He was for a time Secretary of the Church Council and also organised fellowship meetings for the former GT (Get Together) Group. More recently he was part of our Dementia Support Group and chaired several meetings for it.

We share the sadness of John's family (see below) and remember him in his passion for God's creation and his loyal friendship.



Losing Dad.

I love writing rhymes but they're not normally sad
This one will be... cause I'm losing my dad

When I heard the news on that awful Wednesday
I feel like I knew it was bad straight away
We sit by your bed thinking you must be coming back
How could this happen - I hate you heart attack

You're here – but you're not and I don't know what to do
I'm trying to help my sisters but I'm really missing you
My thoughts are kind of wobbly and all over the place
My dad, pop John a man with many mates.

Surely it's a mistake, or a dream... YOU can't go away
We need to travel, hang out, watch the little ones play
10 more years, or 20,..... right now we'd take 1 day

We wait, watch and hug and cry – but the news doesn't get better
Then we find your '*in case of misadventure*' letter
We knew how much you loved us as you said in your writing
You always told us, and your friends, and we're all here fighting
We're fighting to hang on to any hope you're in there
But it seems that we've lost you and it's completely unfair

So we turn to remembering you and how special you are
I'll move past any regrets while you watch from afar
Our memories and stories reflect our fortunate life
We're here first of all because you scored mum as your wife

I am proud to be your son, and my kids loved their pop
We will live fully - while missing you... and the sadness
will kind of stop
I wish I could speak these words, I am sorry I cannot

Your son, Dave





JEAN BRIERLEY.

23.8.29 - 25.10.19

On 20 October Jean's family and friends gathered at Camellia Chapel, North Ryde to commemorate the life of their much loved and inspiring mother, grandmother & friend.

Jean was a member of Killara Women's Bowling Club for over 30 years. She was a Champion Bowler, Umpire, Coach, and President, and was honoured with Life Membership in 2007.

As a Justice of the Peace she carried out her duties with enthusiasm on Saturdays at Hornsby Library for many years until her health failed.

Socially Jean enjoyed regular Bridge Days in friend's homes. Tea & Symphony concerts at the Opera House with her sister. She loved just walking, always stopping to greet dog owners and asking "May I talk to your dog" She always owned dogs until her move into a unit. She was a generous, caring friend.

At Five Ways Jean found a welcoming and very caring congregation. She found friendship in attending the Knitting Group regularly and contributed to the beautiful handcraft.

The music and hymns were special as she had always loved singing. She worshipped regularly at Five Ways even after moving to Waitara, and no longer driving, until her move to Wahroonga House.



Sara Christian Fewtrell (Sally) 22/1/37-30/10/19

Sally was married at Killara Uniting Church, and attended our church when her health allowed. She and David had four children who were the centre of her life.

She unfortunately developed Motor Neurone Disease later in life. This she approached with a courage and tenacity which was an example to us all.
She will be missed.



STORM DAMAGE TO MANSE & HALL

We're thinking of all in the area who lost power (for up to a week) and sustained damage after the storm that hit on Tuesday 26 November.

Manse roof & garden >



Church Secretary's Ceiling ∨



We have submitted an insurance claim though there is a \$750 excess on this and it may take a time to restore to their original condition.

Manse roof & garden ∨

Church Hall roof ∨

