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Busy builders working on Church

You will notice wooden panels in place of some lead light windows in Church and scaffolding around the hall.

There will also be a roofer, gutterer, plumber and painter to follow.

Below are some before and after photos of the first of the windows and one of the many hall roof beams requiring replacement.



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**From the Editor**

Reflecting on the past ... and drawing guidance from it for the future: this is something we humans do, although often not as frequently as we might. At present our congregation is asked to reflect on the life of our Church, by filling in the questionnaire which is part of the Listening Phase of the Life and Witness Consultation.

In this issue we do our part of reflecting: reflecting on the lives of Gwen Sales and Hazel Gamble. In Hazel's long life she experienced both the iconic country Aussie childhood: mateship, enduring friendships, unquestioned loyalties – but she also adapted to modern life in our city. SDN also reflects on eight years of Aboriginal preschool scholarships, and the benefit they have brought.

Lastly, we rejoice in the admission of Sydney Seoul Church into the uniting Church, and the fellowship we enjoy with this congregation. We might reflect on where we go from here to build on that happy fellowship.

Julie Sekhon

HSC LOCKIN

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8TH - 12TH OCTOBER
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From our Minister Rev Ian Pearson

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As I go out the door

Dear Killara Members and Friends,

Concluding Parish ministry for the fifth time again awakens for me the twin griefs of sober evaluation of my ministry here and pain as I prepare to leave behind cherished relationships transacted deeply with people I shall miss.

Reflecting on 5 ½ years of ministry within Five Ways I am conscious of countless pastoral intimacies shared at points both of wonder and deep distress. Many of these moments have been filled with a sense of God. In these moments shared, I have been shaped in my own journey with God for which I am eternally grateful to you.

Thank you also to those many Five Ways people who have cared for Helen and me during our own times of joy and need.

A particular pleasure has been the countless conversations about faith in transition, both from within and from beyond our Killara Church family.

It has been a joy these 5 ½ years to welcome 45 new people who call Five Ways their church home. How wonderful it has been to welcome a little under half that number from our former East Killara Church. It is a delight also that 7 of those 'newcomers' have taken up leadership roles among us.

How wonderful also that our Korean church family have now become a sister Congregation in our Uniting Church. Church Council has worked hard to urge Presbytery to admit them to our denomination and to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding which will enable us to work together as sisters and brothers rather than tenant and landlord.

Our Dementia Awareness Planning Group is serving not only the needs sorely experienced by some of our own Church members but also the increasing need of the wider communities within which we live.

Our suite of buildings has received a lot a needed attention in recent years from our property committee and significantly financed by grants applied for successfully by Linda Brown. These repairs and renovations have enhanced our buildings as a tool of ministry for years ahead.

At the heart of our community our worship has enlarged our range of hymn singing while retaining many of our old favourites. It has been wonderful to have our young people leading us in worship on special occasions. Our worship has often focused towards the leading edge of the current reformation of theology for the 21st century.

As I wind up my full time vocation at the end of this month and contemplate retirement, I am conscious of the Canberra City Parish which experienced the wet behind my ears, the Burwood-Croydon Parish which taught me so much about the wonders of multicultural ministry, the St Ives Parish which taught me about conflict resolution, the Pitt St Parish which taught me about the importance of reforming church life and now Killara where welcome and hospitality are so generously lived.

I am deeply grateful to Helen who has borne some significant personal costs of ministry along with our daughters. We will soon be stepping back 36 years in our relationship to occupy the same pew during our worship of God: the God who sustains in each of us a sense of service and wonder in life lived to the full!

With blessings for your future and warm regards for the journey,

Ian

Wonderful news

The Minister of Veterans' Affairs wrote to Killara Uniting Church in July, advising that we had been given a grant to go towards the expensive task of restoring our stained glass windows. Like cleaning out cupboards, there will be an interim period where things look worse before they get better. Dean Bennet of Bennett leadlight has started work and initially removed a singular window to determine the scope of the project.

Early in the year a very generous member of the Congregation gave a significant gift of \$10,000 to go towards the window restoration. I do want to acknowledge that person and the project may well exceed the \$17,000 quoted as work progresses. I was surprised at both the complexity of each single panel (over 100 pieces) and the corroded condition of the window.



I wish to thank our Federal Member the Hon Paul Fletcher for extending the invitation to apply for the DVA grant. I also want to thank the Department of Veterans' Affairs for supporting us. We are hoping that the majority of the work will be finished in time to hold a special memorial event on the Armistice Centenary. Your thoughts about that would be appreciated.

We're NOT there yet.....

It is wonderful to get Government support to assist in making sure our Church and Hall are kept in the best of condition for community use. No grants will give money for maintenance and tradespeople like plumbers, electricians and painters.

Below is a photo of the sewer pipe that goes under the Church Hall. Access and repair of this pipe has been nominally quoted at \$8,246. This quote is using pipe lining. Some people would suggest that it would cost more and give better longevity if the pipes were replaced altogether rather than repaired. These repairs (like the hall window frames, battens in roof are invisible to most people and they are very expensive. I hope that getting the grant doesn't allow people to feel that there is no need to contribute generously and regularly for the upkeep of Killara Uniting Church.

There are many wonderful people who donate generously of their time and expertise. Thank you to all those volunteers. We also need cash for those tasks that are outsourced. **Please keep giving.**

Linda Brown

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Date: 16th July 2018
Site: 9 Karranage Avenue, Killara





The Hon Darren Chester MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel
Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC

MS18-000484

4 - JUL 2018

Ms Linda Brown
Property Committee Secretary
The Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust
PO Box 345
KILLARA NSW 2071

Dear Ms Brown

I am pleased to advise that I have approved a grant of \$12,728 under the Armistice Centenary Grants Program (ACGP) to the Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust to restore historic stained glass windows in the Church.

The ACGP is a one-off electorate-based grants program with funding of up to \$50,000 available for each Federal Member of Parliament to support community commemorative projects in their electorate commemorating the end of the First World War.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) will send the relevant grant documentation shortly for you to complete to formally accept this offer.

If you have any queries, please contact the ACGP Team in DVA's Canberra office on freecall 1800 555 254 or email commemorativegrants@dva.gov.au (quoting reference number 1800774).

I wish you every success with your planned commemorations for the culmination of the Anzac Centenary.

Yours sincerely

DARREN CHESTER
Encl

Sydney Seoul Church – *a uniting church!*

The Sydney Seoul Presbyterian Church has formally joined the Uniting Church. This had been preceded by an anticipatory celebration on June 24th when members of the Sydney Seoul Church affirmed their desire to enter the Uniting Church and members of the Five Ways Killara Uniting Church welcomed them wholeheartedly.

The June service was led by Revd Tae Hyun Kim and SCC Presbytery Minister Revd Graham Perry and SCC Presbytery Deputy Chair Yangrae Son participated. It was a high point in the service when first, the Korean church members and then the Five Ways congregation stood and affirmed their vows – on the one hand to join the Uniting Church and on the other, to welcome our new sister church.



In his sermon, Revd Ian Pearson said that our world is made up of diversity, from the colours of a rainbow to the diverse pixels which make up a photo – but these unite to make a whole. Unity does not mean uniformity.

Diversity is part of God's creation!

Following the service, all were treated to a wonderful meal, featuring the best that our Korean friends could provide, and a cake was cut by Revs T.H. Kim and Ian Pearson. (There were **not** 12 baskets left over!)

... and on 15th August

Following testimony from Graham Perry and Greg Carmock (Sydney Seoul Church) of the good standing, practical Christianity and generosity of the Sydney Seoul Church the Sydney Central Coast Presbytery welcomed the Korean church into the Uniting Church and a formal admission took place.

Another time of joyful celebration!



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Islam in the Modern World

Friday 26 October 7.30pm



Speaker: Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp is a theologian, author & academic, & founding director of the Centre for Islamic Studies & Civilisation (CISAC) at CSU; founder of ISRA Aust providing educational services on Islam & Muslims; & a co-founder of Affinity Intercultural Foundation in 2000, fostering interfaith harmony in Aust.

*'Question Time' * Supper provided afterwards
Entry by 2 x gold coins donation * Everyone welcome
RSVP appreciated for seating numbers & refreshments*

Hosted by Lindfield Uniting Church, 454 Pacific Highway Lindfield

Contact: LUC Office (Jane) 9416 2106 or Malcolm & Noella 9498 8105

Hazel Eva Grace Gamble

24 December 1915 - 15 August 2018

Hazel Gamble (nee Hunter), a faithful member of Tryon Road Uniting Church and afterwards of Killara Uniting Church, was a country girl, growing up initially in Come by Chance in northern NSW, in a lifestyle once considered iconic Australian:

I believe I had a happy childhood; memories are clear, very real, mystic, almost enchantment-like, a tender time of innocence.

Her ambition was to become a teacher, which she achieved, teaching in a number of small country schools where she made lasting friendships.

Hazel met and fell in love with Ted Gamble, but the war intervened and they were not married until 1942. After the war they moved to Sydney for Ted's work and built a house at 5 Manning Road Killara, where they raised their 4 children.

In the '60s, Hazel answered an advertisement for a teacher at the Sunshine Home for disabled children at Gore Hill. Once employed, it was in Hazel's nature that she researched ways of helping her pupils reach their full potential. After a time as teacher, Hazel was appointed Headmistress of the Home, a post she held for 14 years. She valued these years at the Sunshine Home.

Ted died in 1976, but Hazel took joy in the careers of her children, *'I am so proud of you all, and I can see these talents are being carried on in each of your families – what a wonderful gift.'* Sadly, her son Kim – a talented artist – predeceased her.

In recent years Hazel has been physically limited and lived in the Mowll Village at Castle Hill. We remember her as a woman of faith and a lover of nature in all its aspects.

Some memories of Hazel:

"Hazel loved her garden at West Killara and offered it to the church for fundraising garden parties. It was a natural garden with winding dirt paths and surprises around each corner. The plants were mostly native and attracted the birds from king parrots to wrens."

Lynne Eastwood

"I always think of Hazel when I walk up to her lookout overlooking Roseville Bridge. Hazel persuaded Council to have a seat placed there and when living at Lindfield Gardens enjoyed it herself"

Val Cansick

*All I ask
If I can feel God's sunshine
And watch the flowers grow
Or see the sky at sunset
Contentment I shall know*

*As long as I'll see rainbows
And hear a bird that sings
I know that I'll be thankful
For life's many blessed things*



Charlotte York, 'Golden Hours' quoted in Hazel's book 'I heard the Curlew Call'

Goodbye to Gwen (Gwen Sales)

On Tuesday, July 10th 2018 it was our sad privilege to be part of Gwen Sales' farewell service at Macquarie Park.

Gwen was 92 years old and had been married to Len for 68 years. They have three children all of which spoke in glowing terms of their wonderful multi-skilled and loving mother. We travelled with them through the word pictures they painted of Gwen. They were supplemented by a feast of photographs taking us through their family life with six grandchildren being added to the Sales clan.

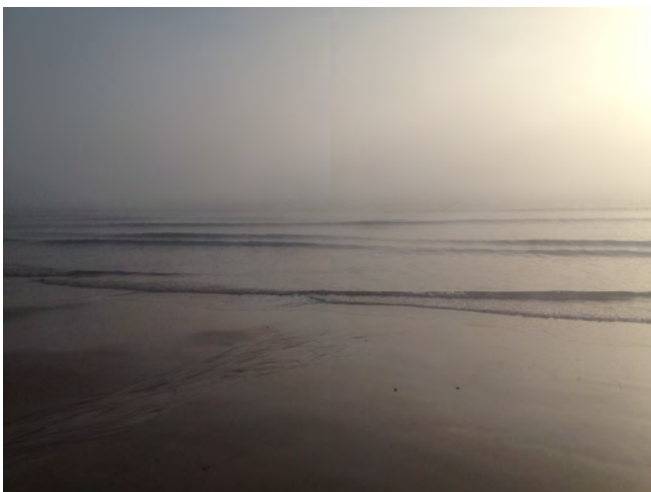


Gwen was secretary of a company marketing silk and textiles before meeting the young Len who was flying with Malaysian Airlines based in Singapore. Len flew as Navigator and First Officer in a range of aircraft from propeller-driven DC3's and Constellations to 707 and 747 Boeing jetliners.

When Len's flying days were over, he tutored pilots in their basic training and ongoing compulsory skill checks in the A380 simulator at Mascot. Len's commitment to flying meant frequent periods of separation from Gwen, so his off duty time became even more precious.

Gwen and Len have been regular attendees at Killara Uniting Church until her advancing years made walking progressively more difficult. You have had a wonderful life, Gwen, and it has been a privilege to share a small part of it. To you, Len, and to your extended family, we give our deepest sympathy.

Ray Hollings



Lindara Market, 4th August**Malcolm Allering**

Good heavens, that's good! A record amount of money from the last market is now available for assistance to the people who need assistance from the Lindara Family Program.

Did we have more people attending market? Did they spend more money? Did we price out goods higher? Did we have a wider variety of goods? Did we do a fabulous presentation job? We also had a garden plants sale: we had a raffle ... But we ran out of sausages and out of morning tea scones and pikelets and had to borrow (? *take!*) cakes from the jams and cakes table! We did have a large team of helpers – before market day, actual market day, and clean-up after market. Noella noted a total of 45 volunteer helpers for this market. We come from many local churches – and from everywhere: we had four young helpers from Pittwater House College and more senior helpers from far away Tenterfield.

And it seems that most of our buyers seem to know that the money spent does all go to a worthy 'homeless family' cause. It is a kind of community event.

A tall fella, a regular, spent quite some time looking around, collected and brought a very large bag of goods to the checkout. Our cashier carefully went through the items, confirming the prices, adding progressively - \$36, \$38, and \$43...\$47.50... He said, "Looks like \$50". The cashier agreed. On the way out the door he grinned, saying "Now I've got to carry it home, 'n sort it, 'n decide where to put it, until I don't need it!" Perhaps there is joy in just the shopping. Did you notice the great supply of cleaned, ironed, well presented napery items? See the results of the stalls below, and *remark the incredible amount raised by the jewellery team!*

4 August 2018 Market

Pre-market sales	\$ 740.75
Morning teas	350.50
Jewellery	2,755.00
Cakes & jams	753.05
Carport goods	1,108.35
BBQ	263.45
Plants	163.35
Bric-a-brac, napery, books	1,906.65
Donation	73.00



NEXT LINDARA MARKET

Saturday 1st December, 2018

8am – 1pm

Where: Lindfield Uniting Church
(Cnr Pacific Highway & Provincial Road)

Books, jewellery, linen, cakes, jams, bric-a-brac, artworks, morning tea/coffee, BBQ, & much more.



All funds raised by Lindara market activities go to the Lindara Homeless Family Program, administered through Centacare, providing positive lifestyle changes for families, early intervention and crisis assistance.

Helpers always needed.

Details: Noella & Malcolm Allering 94988105.
Office 9416 2106 Thurs & Fri 9am-3pm.



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Memorandum to Members and Friends of the Church:

Ian Pearson's final service

Dear Members and Friends

Sunday 30th September will be the last service conducted by Revd Ian Pearson before he retires. The Church Council has decided to hold a joint service with the Korean Congregation (the Sydney Seoul Church). Ian has fostered close relations between the Koreans and our own congregation, and in turn, they have appreciated Ian's advocacy and wish to be part of the commemoration.

As on a previous occasion, the service will commence at 11am and will be preceded by morning tea at 10am.

The two congregations will join for luncheon afterwards.

You may wish to contribute to a gift for our minister, cash or cheques can be given to the Treasurer, Ian Neilson, or you can deposit money into the bank account whose details are given below. Please designate it 'gift for Ian Pearson'.

For catering purposes, please indicate on the attached sheet if you wish to come to the luncheon on September 30th.

On behalf of the Church Council,

Julie Sekhon

Secretary

Account for direct deposit: BSB 032-086 Account 177056 Details: IPearson gift



I intend to come to the joint Korean/FiveWays luncheon on 30th September.

Name: (please print).....

No of persons.....

Please return to Julie Sekhon or Church Office

Killara Uniting Church Scholarship

On 21 September SDN will be holding a celebration morning tea in the Gathering Room at SDN Linthorpe Street to award the latest Killara Uniting Church Scholarship.

With the generous support of the congregation of Killara Uniting Church over the last eight years, SDN has now been able to award 23 children an SDN Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship. These scholarships enable children who would not normally be able to access early education due to financial barriers to attend an SDN centre during the crucial year before school...

“Quality early education can set a child up for life, allowing them to develop to their full potential. As such, ensuring all children have the best possible start is one of the most valuable investments a country can make.” (A quote from **State of Early learning in Australia Report 2017**). Thanks to the congregation of Killara Uniting Church, 23 children have had the opportunity of this best possible start.



End of Life Issues

Many people are uncomfortable thinking or talking about death — - the one certainty in life — and are very reluctant to plan ahead or consider related issues that may arise at any age, not just in late life.

The Dementia Group is planning an open community-wide meeting on **Wednesday evening the 14th of November at 7.30pm** to explore some of the legal, medical, social and ethical issues around end of life. Although such concerns become starker and more urgent in connection with dementia and other life threatening conditions, they are general concerns and apply to us all. This meeting therefore is relevant to people of all ages, not just old people and not just ill people. The subject concerns us all and everyone is invited to attend and bring their friends and family members.

What's On, the weekly news sheet will provide further information as arrangements are finalized.

