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Murrumbeena Uniting Church



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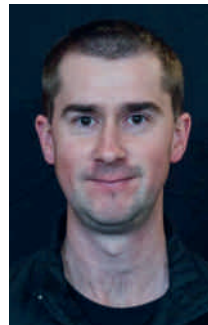


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USEFUL LINKS ON THE INTERNET

As well as our own website at <https://www.murrumbeenauniting.org.au/> you might find the following links of interest (if you haven't already).

Live stream of 10:00am Worship and Service:

facebook.com/murrumbeenauniting/

Recorded Service (view anytime on YouTube)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-v0xIBPkGfZJcOl062yCjg/>

ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

Community Garden

Knitting and Craft Circle

Murrumbeena Connect

Adult Fellowship

Friendship Fellas (Men's Group)

LIFT (Women's Group)

THE CHURCH

Adult Bible Studies

Pastoral Care

Worship Band

Lending Library

YOUNG ADULTS (18-35)

Sonder Collective

Sunday Brunch

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Countdown to Christmas

FEAST (Families Eating And Sharing Together)

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Greetings, dear Reader, and welcome to this edition of the *MUC MAG*. Thank you for pausing for a moment to cast your eyes over this humble editorial.

2023 is now well under way; January is over and so much has happened already. Our experiment with a Cafe Church format evolved over the five Sundays and, by all accounts, was a very successful experiment. I expect that the format will be used again in the future. Although we weren't able to stream, we were still able to produce a video record of each service.

Also during January, we had our "Blessing of the Backpacks" service, which included a formal farewell to Zak Hanyan as he moves on to a new chapter in his life.

In her "From the Minister" column, Jay has outlined what is planned for the next couple of months, into Lent and up to Easter, with our Neighbour Day in March and our Easter Services at the beginning of April. What is missing are articles and contributions from you, dear Readers. We no longer have information about YAYA (Youth and Young Adults) following the departure of Kelly, nor do we have the sharing that Zak provided on his Children's and Families' work. As I mentioned in the last *MUC MAG*, the only proviso on your contributions is that you either own the copyright or have permission to use any third party works (photos, etc.) that are incorporated into your article.

On page 9, I have included a couple of Post-it Notes that were passed onto me by Venora Fidler, who has provided me with quite a few "space fillers" during the past couple of years. One Post-it Note states, *"God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called."* I mention this because the back cover of this edition does not have the rosters for these two months of February and March. Why? Put simply, not enough people have offered to help with all the duties during this time. If the reasons you have for not volunteering are because you think you might not be good at the particular duty, like reading the Bible, helping with serving morning tea, or welcoming people as they arrive, put those thoughts behind you and think of the philosophy of the Post-it Note. You *can* do it! While on this topic, I would like to thank and congratulate Sharon Lee, one of our newer members, who has volunteered to be our Church's Culture of Safety contact person, a role that has been vacant since Glenda Leigh moved to the country.

No doubt you will be interested to read about the development and completion of our pseudo Stained Glass Window in our courtyard, thanks to Jay for the story and the photos. Geoff Edwards also sent me a number of photos from the Festival and stalls that was held on 11th December, in conjunction with the Countdown 2 Christmas activities. Once again, Christina Linforth-Barker has provided us with a Cryptic Crossword and a Wordsearch Puzzle to keep our brains active. I decided to make a change this time, and include the solutions in this edition as well, rather than a subsequent edition. Of course, I have included the solution to the Wordsearch puzzle that appeared in the December/January edition so that you can check your answers.

A couple of people have asked me about my visit to Scotland and the 11 weeks I spent there. Having a bit of space on this page, I thought I'd share a photo of one place, which is very aptly called the "Rest and Be Thankful Viewpoint".

Blessings,

*Roger
McCowan*



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triumphguru@gmail.com, or
hand them to Roger on a
Sunday, preferably no later
than 19th March.

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FROM THE MINISTER

Rev Jay Robinson

Welcome to our first edition of the MUC Mag for 2023! As usual I thank Roger for all the work he does around this, gathering stories and articles and trying to fit them in the right number of pages for us. We did miss the MUC Mag whilst Roger was overseas.

We did have a little issue with our June/July edition with one of the photos used found to have copyright on it. Please, when you are submitting photos for the MUC Mag make sure that either you own (or have taken) the photo or have purchased the rights to use it.

As we journey through 2023 there will be some things that are different and probably some things that will be changing. Different events and gathering will be happening for our families and youth and young adults. Our monthly FEAST events will be returning as will a monthly young adult gathering.

Murrumbeena Connect will continue to explore and experiment where it fits within our mission and this will be helped with conversations amongst ourselves, the presbytery, and a local community development worker. I hope that we will develop some events that are more than just our current Friday Program, but we'll see.

One of these events is Neighbour Day. This will take place again on Sunday 26th March at 2pm. There will be all the usual, stalls, music, activities, and opportunities to welcome our neighbours onto our property to enjoy our buildings and the Community Garden as well as each other. Watch your emails for more details about this and your invitation to get involved.

There is a lot for us to be reflecting on this year. We've had some major changes in our numbers returning to in person worship, our ministry team, as well as groups changing or disbanding. We'll get opportunities to reflect on our pastoral care practices with the introduction of the Pastoral Partners Program and the opportunity to expand our group of Elders and pastoral carers.

With all that is before us it has been great to have a quieter January. I believe our Café Church services have been really well received and people are loving being able to have a decent conversation with different people each week. We've adjusted the content and order as we've needed to, and we've been fortunate that so far (at least as far as I'm writing this) the weather has not been too hot forcing us to move from the foyer. It's also been great to have Steph home and spending time as a family together. It will be a shame when she heads back to Ireland at the beginning of February, but she has to get that thesis in by the end of September!

Our collaboration with Coatesville and Leighmoor UC will continue throughout 2023 and Graham, Heeyoung and myself are meeting in the last week of January to get some dates sorted out.

Looking forward to experiencing 2023 with you all!



Neighbour Day 2023

Sunday 26 March
2-5pm

Join us.....

As we celebrate being neighbours



Join us.....

For music, activities, market stalls, time to just sit and chat - All activities free

Join us....

Again for 2023 as we meet each other, gather and have fun.

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READINGS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

I know it feels that Christmas is still around, but February sees us entering the time of Lent on the pathway to Easter.

To begin with we will be continuing with our "Living..." series as we explore what it is like to live as though the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. We'll also do some exploring of what it is like to be living in the community around us, how we connect, respond and act within that community and how we can be the best that we have been created for.

As we start our Lenten journey we are reminded again of the events, and actions that culminated in that first Easter Sunday. We will be reading that journey through the gospel of Matthew's eyes and thoughts and might even throw a few sounds into those reflections as well.

Rev Jay Robinson

5 February	Living the Golden Rule	Matt 7:1-14, 24-29
12 February	Living in the Kingdom	Matt 13:24-43
19 February	Living in Denial	Matt 16:24 - 17:8
22 February	Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent	Matt 18:1-9
26 February	Loose Kingdom - Lent 1	Matt 18:15-35
5 March	Unleashed Generosity - Lent 2	Matt 20:1-6
12 March	Cutting the Cloth - Lent 3	Matt 22:1-14
19 March	Missing the Moments - Lent 4	Matt 25:1-13
26 March	Sifting and Sorting - Lent 5	Matt 25:31-46
2 April	Turning the Tables - Palm Sunday	Matt 21:1-17

CONTACTS FOR GROUPS

On page 2 is the list of current organisations and groups, whilst on the back page is a calendar of events, many of which involve these groups. Listed below are the contact details for the facilitators of each of these organisations and groups. Contact them if you would like to know more about the events.

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Knitting and Craft Circle Glynis Ramsay 0407 506 662	LIFT Mary-Lou Keur 0409 937 727 Roz Franklin 0403 762 695	Murrumbeena Connect Jay Robinson 0410 465 836
Lending Library Anne Don 9578 4217	Murrumbeena Uniting Afternoon Fellowship Group Anne Don 9578 4217	Women's Bible Study Alison Campbell Rate 0438 569 690

Easter Services

Sunday 2 April - 10am Palm Sunday

Mon - Wed 3-5 April- 7.30pm Holy Week
Reflections

Thursday 6 April - 7.30pm Maundy
Thursday Remembering

Friday 7 April - 9.30am Good Friday
Service

Saturday 8 April - 3pm Reflection space

Sunday 9 April - 10am Easter Sunday
Celebration



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OUR COURTYARD "STAINED GLASS WINDOW"

Jay Robinson

Well, it may have taken just under 12 months to complete, but complete our courtyard mural is!

Thanks to Kelly Skilton for the idea, the design and the final touches to finish it all up mid-January.

There have been many members of the MUC community and broader community who have helped complete this work of art. Inspired by our stained-glass windows the mural was first drawn up to coincide with Neighbour Day 2022. Drawn and then colour coded so that anyone with any level of skill (or none) could be part of this project.

Community members who joined us for Neighbour Day began the project, our young adults gave a couple of blocks of time to painting as did some of our congregational members and members of the community garden group. Kelly and Jared finished it off and we are ready to head into 2023 with a great splash of colour in our courtyard!

Thank you to all involved!



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD – SCHOOL

ACROSS

1. The head of the school sounds like the main one.
3. Large gathering to put together with no energy but a positive response.
6. Matthew initially has shakes in numbers class.
8. Beginning of lunar chorus brings midday break.
12. A group of students containing 100 next to a girl.
13. Peggy Hoar is out of order in class studying the world.
14. A school employee is in my tea, Cherie.
16. Different communications have languid beginning leading to final stages.
18. Physical activity expressed in hope.
19. Barry Li muddled up where the books are.
21. Competitive exercise in street containing heads of Parks or Recreation.
22. Must start with end of picnic to create beautiful sounds.

DOWN

1. A place to frolic with a small weight of circular shape.
2. Creative subject had rat mixed up.
4. One to rule over? That's a distinct field of study.
5. The alarm tone is almost beautiful in French.



7. That UK conservative belongs to him? All in the past!
9. Repeat the backwards trope with someone amusing to get assessment (6, 4)
10. Break even in Prue's cheeses.
11. Activity hall located in the boggy marsh.
15. Shingle out of place leads to one of the core subjects.
17. Aurally reduce a teaching session.
20. Ray's going back with 500 in the outside area.

SMILE A WHILE

HOSPITAL BILL

You don't have to be Catholic to appreciate this one!!

A man suffered a serious heart attack while shopping in a store. The store clerks called an ambulance when they saw him collapse to the floor.

The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked.

He replied in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank."

"Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

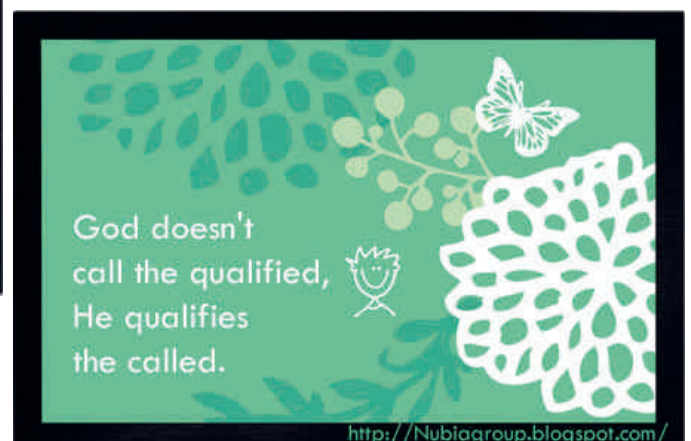
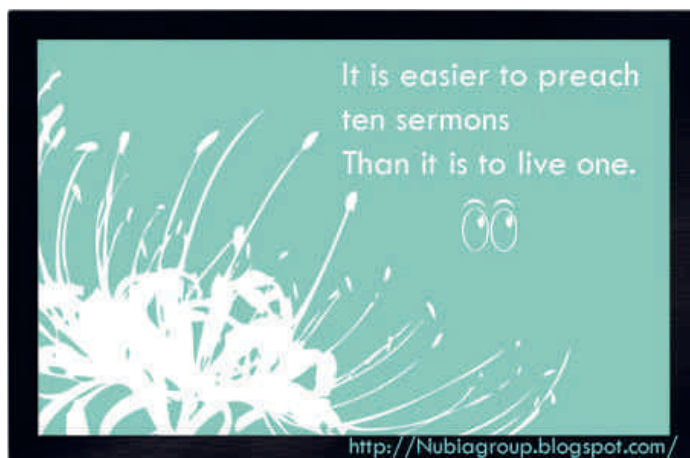
WORDSEARCH PUZZLE – GAMES

Find the following words, which may be horizontal (left to right and right to left), vertical (going down and going up), or diagonal. The leftover letters form a sentence.

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BACKGAMMON
 BATTLESHIP
 BOGGLE
 BRIDGE
 CHECKERS
 CHESS
 CLUE
 CONNECT FOUR
 CRANIUM
 CRIBBAGE
 FAMILY FEUD
 GAME OF LIFE
 GIN RUMMY
 GUESS WHO
 HUNGRY HUNGRY HIPPOS
 JENGA
 JIGSAW
 LUDO\$
 MONOPOLY
 MOUSETRAP
 OPERATION
 PASSWORD
 Pictionary
 PIE FACE
 RISK
 RUMMIKUB
 SCATTERGORIES
 SCRABBLE
 SNAKES AND LADDERS
 SNAP
 SOLITAIRE
 TRIVIAL PURSUIT
 TROUBLE
 TWISTER
 UNO
 YAHTZEE

PHILOSOPHY



FESTIVAL & COUNTDOWN 2 CHRISTMAS

On Sunday 11th December, MUC ran a Festival and its Countdown 2 Christmas program and Geoff Edwards took a number of photos to record the event. A selection of these are shown here.



CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Date	Time	Event
Thu, 2 Feb	10:30am - 11:30am	Worship Service at Regis
Fri, 3 Feb	10:00am - 11:30am	Murrumbeena Connect Friday Program
Sat, 4 Feb	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Knitting and Craft Group
Sun, 5 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	Worship (Holy Communion)
Wed, 8 Feb	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Church Council
Thu, 9 Feb	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Bible Study
Fri, 10 Feb	10:00am - 11:30am	Murrumbeena Connect Friday Program
Sat, 11 Feb	8:00am - 9:00am	Friendship Fellas' Breakfast
Sun, 12 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	Worship
Tue, 14 Feb	10:15am - 11:15am	Women's Bible Study
Thu, 16 Feb	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Bible Study
Fri, 17 Feb	10:00am - 11:30am	Murrumbeena Connect Friday Program
Sun, 19 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	Worship
Wed, 22 Feb	All day	Ash Wednesday
	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Elders Meeting
Thu, 23 Feb	All day	Beginning of Lent
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Bible Study
Fri, 24 Feb	10:30am - 11:30am	Murrumbeena Connect Friday Program
Sat, 25 Feb	9:00am - 10:30am	LIFT Women's Breakfast
Sun, 26 Feb	10:00am - 11:00am	Worship
	11:15am - 12:00pm	Library and Special Morning Tea
Tue, 28 Feb	5:30pm - 7:00pm	Friendship Fellas' Dinner
Thu, 2 Mar	10:30am - 11:30am	Worship Service at Regis
	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Bible Study
Fri, 3 Mar	10:30am - 11:30am	Murrumbeena Connect Friday Program
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	Deadline for submission of articles for MUC Mag	
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Sun, 26 Mar	10:00am - 11:00am	Worship
	11:15am - 12:00pm	Library and Special Morning Tea
	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Neighbour Day
Tue, 28 Mar	10:15am - 11:15am	Women's Bible Study
	5:30pm - 7:00pm	Friendship Fellas' Dinner
Wed, 29 Mar	7:30pm - 8:30pm	Elders Meeting
Thu, 30 Mar	7:30pm - 9:00pm	Bible Study
Fri, 31 Mar	10:30am - 11:30am	Murrumbeena Connect Friday Program
Sat, 1 Apr	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Knitting and Craft Group
Sun, 2 Apr	Daylight Savings Ends	
	10:00am - 11:00am	Worship

SEARCHWORD SOLUTION

Did you try the MUSIC Word Search in the previous edition of the MUC MAG? You can check your answers here. Thanks to Christina for creating the puzzle.

The solution phrase is "The true essence of music is enjoyment, developed mathematically."



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

Did you try the SCHOOL Crossword page 8 of this MUC MAG? You can check your answers here. Thanks to Christina for creating the puzzle.



SEARCHWORD SOLUTION

Did you try the GAMES Word Search on page 9 of this MUC MAG? You can check your answers here. Thanks to Christina for creating the puzzle.

The solution phrase is "In your presence there is fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore."

