



News Letter

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"I'm still overwhelmed" said Margaret Walker a day after a special morning tea last Sunday to celebrate her forthcoming 90th birthday. When I asked if she had any particular thoughts about a lifetime of service to the church, she was immediately able to recall the words she delivered on the occasion of our last service at Mentone in 2013 -

"I am humbled to have been asked to add my personal welcome to all who are gathered today, to celebrate 130 years of worship at what was the Mentone Davies Memorial Presbyterian Church, then the Mentone Uniting Church and now the Cheltenham Mentone Uniting Church in Australia. Please don't think that I have been attending this church for those 130 years!

My late parents and I commenced worship here in 1963 having moved from our home in Hawthorn East coming to live in Parkdale and subsequently in Mentone. I have continued to worship and enjoy the fellowship of the people of this congregation and the members of the Cheltenham Mentone cluster since then. I have particularly liked the pipe organ and its music.

Throughout my 50 years ministers have come and gone and I can recall their names - the Rev Ray Smith, Alan Heggie, John Hasey, Don Marks, Bill Wakefield, Alistair Orton, Keith Whittle, Alan Crawford (*who used to fondly refer to this church as the 'little cathedral'*), Claire Tanner and Craig de Vos.

My faith did not come like a bolt from the blue, It has always been with me as I was blessed as being born to Christian parents, not evangelical but believers who led by example. Church was always a part of our family life. and I can say that my faith has always been strong throughout anxiety and uncertainty and in sadness and grief. And I trust that it will always be so. Proverbs 3: 5-6 was the source of reinforcement of this faith.

**"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."**



Photo: Joan Lum





CROSSLIGHT is available on the internet - click on the following link or the CROSSLIGHT image to view online. www.crosslight.org.au

Print copies of CROSSLIGHT are available at the entrance of the Black Rock Uniting Church.

Prayers of the People



We pray for all in need especially -

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| Members of the Royal Family | Stuart as he struggles with addiction | Bronwyn |
| Rosemary | Jenny, Janine and June | Gloria, Samson & Family |
| Helen Cole | Bartholomeusz | Barb Loosemore and brother |
| Joyce Curnow | Margaret's neighbour Joan | Isobel Churchward |
| Hala | Anita and Kingsley | Gemma and Teresa |
| Virginia (Nan's friend) | Rosemary & Bob | Sybil Bond |
| Betty Kneen | Susan Bartell | Grace Fairbank |
| Pete, Christine, Ben, Bruce & Valda (Jo-ann & David's friends) | | |

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Envelopes: If you wish your offering to be specifically for Cheltenham, please place it in an envelope marked "Cheltenham" and place it in the offering bowl at church.

Direct Debit: Cheltenham / Mentone members note that direct payments can now be made to our new Westpac account at Southland, **BSB number is 033 358, Account Number is 664 881**

Payee "Uniting Church in Australia Cheltenham Mentone Parish Council"

The former Commonwealth Bank - BSB 06 3119, Account Number 1014 1206 - is still active for the time being.

Cheltenham-Mentone Members: Please bear in mind that although we are worshipping at Black Rock, the expenses of electricity, water, insurance, maintenance and Minister's stipend are still ongoing at Cheltenham.

SOCIAL COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them (Graeme & Joan Wood) on 9555 0462

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to collect items if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale. **Donations in an envelope marked EMERGE may be left in the collection plate.**



OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL:

Follow this link or click on the YouTube logo https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH-y4pZ_f_lezegzNZi6nnQ to view a selection of **over 50** sermons and service preludes



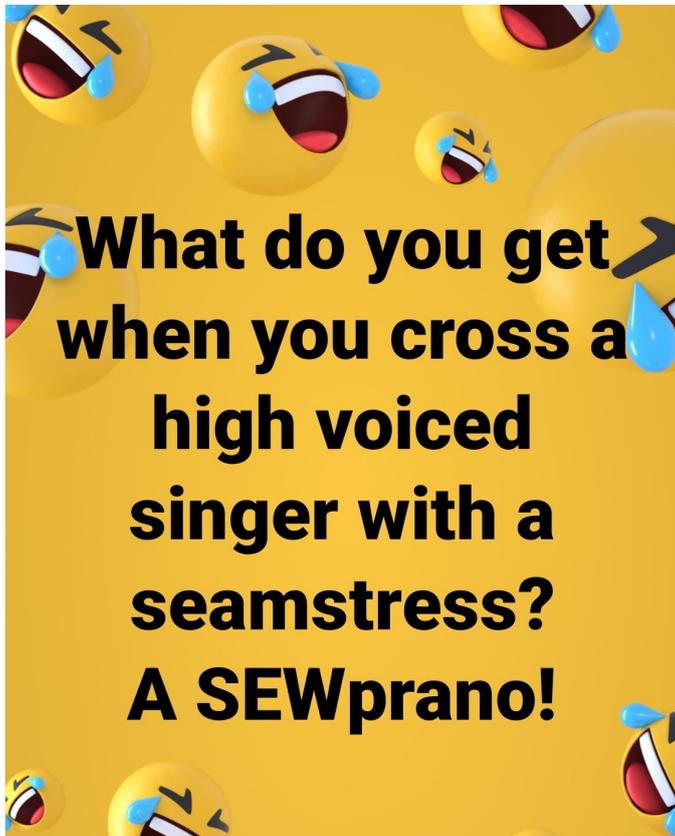
Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (virtual doors open 9:45 am)



If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click on <https://zoom.us/support/download> Then click on this link below or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>

Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230 Passcode: 836844** You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** and entering the above meeting details.





I visited a monastery and as I walked past the kitchen I saw a man frying chips. I asked him "Are you the friar?" He replied "No, I'm the chip monk..."

