



THE VOICE



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MINISTER'S MUSINGS



The Season of Lent

As you receive your copy of the Voice we have just begun the season of Lent. Lent is the season that the Church has set aside to prepare for Easter. The early Church had various practices which encouraged people to have a time of fasting and prayer as they looked forward to the celebration of the resurrection. From about the fourth century it became common to hold the period of preparation for forty days prior to Easter. In the Northern hemisphere Lent coincided with the end of Winter and the beginning of Spring. So it was probably a Christian overlay on the natural seasons of the year.

Why and how it all started is not as important as the invitation to use this time as a time to ponder deeply the meaning of Jesus death on the cross and his resurrection.

We might choose to observe Lent in a fairly traditional way going without a particular type of food during Lent or having certain fast days, Friday or Wednesday. On these days we might choose to go without food all day or just go without one or two meals.

A 21st century fast which may even be harder is going without electronic screens except for work during Lent. If you are accustomed to spending two or three hours a day watching TV, in front of the computer or on Play station, giving up these things may be a great expression of Lent. Use the time to visit a friend or spend time with the family.

Our Fast may be a choice to give rather than to give up. Perhaps you could start giving blood to the Blood Bank or money to Red Cross, or to World Vision or review your giving to the Church. We might begin a habit of more regular worship or participating in one of the Home Groups.

By making Lent a more intentional preparation for Easter the liturgies of Easter will come alive in a special way. Join with us this coming Easter as we move from the Passover meal to the Garden and Jesus' arrest on Thursday the 9th of April. On Good Friday join us to meditate on the passion and death of Jesus. Finally celebrate with us the joy of the resurrection on Saturday evening or on Easter morning. See our Web page www.apwb.net for more details of these events.

SHORT PRAYERS FOR LENT

Heavenly Father, I am called to walk by the light of Christ, your Son, and to trust in his wisdom. Father during Lent, help me to submit myself to him more and more and to believe in him with all my heart. Lord, I pray that as I enter on this path of repentance I might die to self so I might rise to new life. Amen.

Lord Jesus, you spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humankind the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death you endured. I love you and joyfully bear the name 'Christian.' Teach me to follow your example. Increase my faith, hope and love so that I may struggle to turn hatred to love and conflict to peace. Amen.

Loving Redeemer through your passion, teach me self-denial, strengthen me against evil and adversity and so make me ready to celebrate your Resurrection. Amen.

Healer of body and soul, cure the sickness in my spirit so that I may grow in holiness through your constant care. Forgive my sins against the unity of your family; make me love, as you loved me. Amen.



APWB WEBSITE

In the early part of Fr Nicholas Whereat's incumbency, it was identified that the parish should have a web presence. One of the parishioners, James Farrow, kindly gifted a site on his domain and developed a web-site accordingly. Due to an increasingly heavy workload at his place of employment, plus the additions to the family, it became more and more difficult for James to maintain both the website and the parishes PC network.

In early 2008, Stephen Sharry became the Publicity and Communications Director of the parish and undertook a re-development of the website. The site was based on an existing one in Clayfield parish and using similar software, Stephen energetically prepared additional user requirements and developed the shell for the website. With the global economic downturn increasing throughout the year, Stephen was forced to divert his time to his business and the development stagnated.

The parish Workshop entitled "Going for Growth" identified, within the several outcomes, a need for a parish website re-development.

Upon the timely arrival of new parishioners in September; whose business is website development, it was appropriate to revive the topic of a new website.

At a meeting called on October to further this, Damien and Renee Buckley agreed to undertake the development. Ian Carr undertook to coordinate the content and provide project management as required. Stephen kindly offered to fund the recommended photo gallery software and Fr Nicholas supported the entire concept.

Key requirements of the project were:

- There must be a team of parishioners responsible for the provision of content Authoring of the sections of the site;
- There must be a group of parishioners responsible for Editing the content prepared by the Authors (this principle ensures a level of



- consistency and also provides accountability);
- The system must not allow any Author to promote directly into "live" production; it must be edited;
- A photo gallery should be included;
- There must be more than one person trained to perform any aspect of the web-site; whether development, authoring or editing.
- There must be a common calendar of events so that all parish activities may be viewed on-line by anyone;
- The site must be appealing and provide a comprehensive cover of parish life and activity; and
- It was stated as desirable for a "member log-on" page to be developed for rosters and parish council business (future).

With the exception of the login page, all other aspects have been realized (including rosters) and the site went into production on Sunday 8th February 2009.

Additional training is planned for Authors and Editors in the next couple of months and then "the rest is history" as they say.

Sincere thanks goes to all who have played any part in this (and there are many). I could not close this report without expressing; on behalf of the entire parish, our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to Damien and Renee of Propeller Graphic Design. With the elegance of the site and the cleanness of development, it is no wonder they were the Winners of the 2008 McFarlane Prize, for "Excellence in Australian Web Design".

Our God is so amazing to enable all this to come together so well isn't He?

All are encouraged to use this website as a point of reference for all parish activities.

*APWB Website: www.apwb.net
(Tip: Use the "Search" feature at the top right of the page for any topic in which you are interested.)*

By Ian Carr

MORNING TEAS ARE SPECIAL



One of the features of the Worship Services at church is the cup of tea or coffee in the hall following the service.

The tea/coffee break is an opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet newcomers discuss the weather, the economy and the sermon or when required celebrate a birthday or special event.

For many years, Morning Tea at St Georges has begun when Coral Venz opened the hall before the service and set out the cups, tea/ coffee etc.

Coral was a special friend and all who knew her have been touched by her strong faith and her deep knowledge and understanding of the Bible. This faith and knowledge was developed over many years – a result of her father's example

and teaching which led to her acceptance of Jesus as her personal Saviour in her early adult life.

Early in December, 2008 it was realised that Coral would be celebrating her birthday and so a group of friends organised a "surprise" morning tea and make it special for her.

After Coral had taken her place in church that morning the friends arrived with a birthday cake, flowers and other goodies. Morning Tea on 14th December was extra special as the congregation celebrated Coral's 69 years. Responding to the surprise Coral was able to say "I am deeply touched"

Approximately 12 months ago Coral was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Following her diagnosis, Coral fought bravely against the disease that had entered her body. In mid January, a few weeks after the birthday party, Coral's disease had progressed and she was admitted to hospital where she was lovingly cared for by the doctors and nursing staff. In the evening of 10th February Coral slipped quietly and peacefully to be with the Lord she knew and loved. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family as they grieve her passing. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.

By Don Allen

VERA BUDDERY'S FAREWELL

On Sunday 14 December 2008 a farewell supper was held in St. George's church hall to farewell Vera Buddery. A delicious supper including a farewell cake was enjoyed by all. Vera was presented with a gift cheque contributed by friends.

Vera and her husband Cliff came to the Redlands in 1982, built a home and settled in the then new estate of St James's Park. They became active members of the Parish worshipping at both St. Georges and St. James. Vera was a founding member of the Bethany group started by Barbara Abbott wife of the then serving rector John Abbott. Bethany was a pastoral care support group for women using their caring and craft abilities to help others. Vera cared for older members of the group until it eventually folded. Vera also researched a history of St Georges. In later years she became a member of the ladies Guild at St James.

Sadly Cliff died in 2007. At the end of the following year Vera made the decision to move to Tasmania to be near her daughter, Jane and husband James'. She has left behind many friends not only in the church community but throughout the Redlands where she belonged to the Probus Club, pottery organizations and groups. Her skillfully crafted individual hand made figures of people, animals and sea creatures often depicting her sense of humour can be found in many homes.

She is greatly missed. We hope she settles well in her new surroundings near family and can soon find another welcoming church, our loss will be their gain.

By Coral Brycker



A COMEDY OF ERRORS...

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS and typos) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?'
Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church.

Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10 AM. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B. S. is done.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'



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MEN'S BREAKFAST BAR

The Parish of Waterloo Bay has been providing regular informative sessions for men from the parish, and many visitors alike, in the form of men's breakfasts.

On Saturday, February 21, Dr Michael Gillman from the Cleveland Men's Health Clinic spoke to 40 men on the topic of Men's Reproductive Health. This session proved to be so popular that question time was curbed after running overtime. All participants who attended thoroughly enjoyed the information given on this vital topic.

The breakfast itself has provided a social context for men along with a hearty (and

relatively healthy) meal. Juice, cereals, yoghurt, fruit are followed by a cooked meal of sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, hash browns and baked beans. Accompanied by toast and spreads, tea and coffee, no-one left with an empty stomach. A team of parish ladies enthusiastically prepare and serve the food.

The next Men's Breakfast is actually a dinner, with a theme emanating from days gone by when cattle were manually driven by stockmen. Entitled "The Stockman's Supper - A Stockroute Story - the saga of Billiluna", the story of the creation in 1962 of a cattle stock route 800 kilometers long, through the Tanami Desert from Billiluna Station in Western Australia to Alice Springs, traversing 400 kilometers of waterless desert. Jim Richardson, a parishioner, was one of the

stock agents involved in this journey and will be the guest speaker. As it is not a breakfast, but a dinner, the meal will be a 'steak and mash' etc meal. Cost will be \$15 and will include dinner and drinks.

The date for this event is Saturday, March 28 and will commence at 6.30pm.

Any enquiries to Marg Carr (3207 3262) or to the parish office (3822 1110).

Looking forward to breaking the attendance record for this one!

By Marg Carr

Stockman's Supper A Stockroute Story...



The story of the creation in 1962 of a cattle stock route 800 kilometers long, through the Tanami Desert from Billiluna Station in Western Australia to Alice Springs, traversing 400 kilometers of waterless desert.

Date: Saturday, March 28

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: St George's Hall, Thorne Road, Birkdale.

Guest Speaker: Jim Richardson

Cost: \$15



**9 February 2009
Greetings from Windhoek,
Namibia.**

PO Box 20754,
Windhoek 9000, Namibia
SMS my usual number

Greetings Friends,

As I write this I am conscious that back home in Australia the nation is in shock and grief with the tragedy of the fires in the South-East. I and many here are praying for you all there in this time of sorrow, especially for victims and families, and for those who are giving so much in many ways at this time. May God's hand of comfort and strength be felt by all at this difficult time.

Life has settled back to the usual many things each day, plus all the unusual ones that suddenly appear. We have had frustrations with computers in the office, on which we are just as reliant as anywhere else these days. Thanks to a gift from a church in UK, we have bought a new one, but getting it up and running is taking a while. Today I took it back to the supplier and informed them it must be sorted, and I'm now told its ready and it will be back at 8am, working. Now there's a test of my faith in people! Our IT friend who works in our building, Kip, has given many hours, and still plans to pull the old bits together and make another computer for the schools workers. Give thanks for people like Kip – the Rocco of Namibia – (SU Qld knows what that means).

The SU Bible guides sell easily when people see them. The challenge is getting people to take them to their churches. My gentle cajoling is bringing only small response, which is disappointing, when we have such a good product, and only A\$10 for the whole year. Many here can easily afford

that, though I am conscious too that not all can. Another challenge.

This past few days I went to Gaborone, capital of Botswana – get out your maps. Friday I spent 11 hours on the bus, Saturday 8 hours at SU Botswana's 40th anniversary event, and Sunday 13 hours on the bus back. Why 2 hours different? The return bus was packed, so 65 people instead of 15 to get fed and watered at each stop, and go through 2 immigrations at the border. Soon adds up. The road is the Trans-Kalihar Hwy. Do you have visions of endless scorching plains of sand and stones, in searing heat? It's more like a drive from Brisbane to Charleville in spring – green all the way (late wet season) with wild flowers at times, excellent road, and service stations with a shop and loos every hour or two. And people chatting on their mobiles at all the stops. All very civilized. This is modern southern Africa. But the bus had 5 seats across, and they don't recline. It has self-adjustable aircon – open a window. I've been on worse. The Sleepers to Cape Town are much better but they don't go to Gaborone. Gabs, as it's commonly called, is much the population of here, but flat and more sprawling, and nowhere is as clean as Windhoek – anywhere.

Thanks for your prayer for rain. We are getting it nicely across most of the country now, but the south and north-west could use some more prayer. Thanks.

FOR YOUR PRAYER

10th Feb Standing Committee meeting

14th First Shalom Camp Centre Work Day for the year

15th 2pm I meet with some SU leaders in Erongo Region, 2.5 hours away, then go on to Swakopmund on the coast for the night, 2 hours further. Probably back next afternoon

21st Volunteers Training Day, followed by braai (BBQ) and swim at my place

22nd Preaching at my church, Central Methodist

27th We start Student Leaders Training Camp for 3 days

28th SU Reunion Dinner – postponed from 31st January

7th March Teachers breakfast.

11th March or so Adam and I head north for a week or two to look into developing SU work there, as 70% of Namibia's population lives there.

And please pray for preparation of these events, me for some, and Adam and Vikki for training and camp events, as they also ramp-up school groups for the year. Also that invites get out widely for all events, and people respond in good numbers for all. And wisdom in planning the north trip. The finances for SU remain a concern. Pray on for local regular supporters, both churches and individuals.

FOR ME:

Coming back here after Christmas to my flat, church and more familiar life has been good. I feel more settled now than last year. The Aussie missoes from Maitland moved in upstairs, and they are excellent company and friends. Things like last night I arrived home 2 hours later than expected, Simon met me at the bus, and when I got home, Margie walked out with a hot dinner on a plate ready to eat – fantastic. We all meet in the pool many days after work and school. Even the dog has a swim.

My church here a month ago started toward gathering a truckload of food to go the Zimbabwe. God has blessed this hugely – 7.5 tonnes of food will go over this week, to an

area identified by the Methodist Church of Zimbabwe as very needy, and not too far inside the country, so we don't need to refuel in Zim (if it can be found anyway). The response was so good that a smaller truck will go again in a month or so.

Thanks for all the Christmas cards. They mostly arrived through January, so are staying up for February. Many have great Aussie scenes too. Thanks folks.

Finally, the SU Namibia Committee has asked me to thank you all for your support for me and SU here in 2008. They hugely appreciate you all who pray, and enable me to be here, and who have given special gifts to help support growth here.

Time for bed, once I send this. Blessings to you. Graeme

(Bed called first. The computer arrived at 11, after another phone call, but it looks good.)

Graeme

Graeme's updates are also posted on the website, along with the activities of other missions our parish supports. Log onto www.apwb.net for further articles.

LENT WORD SEARCH

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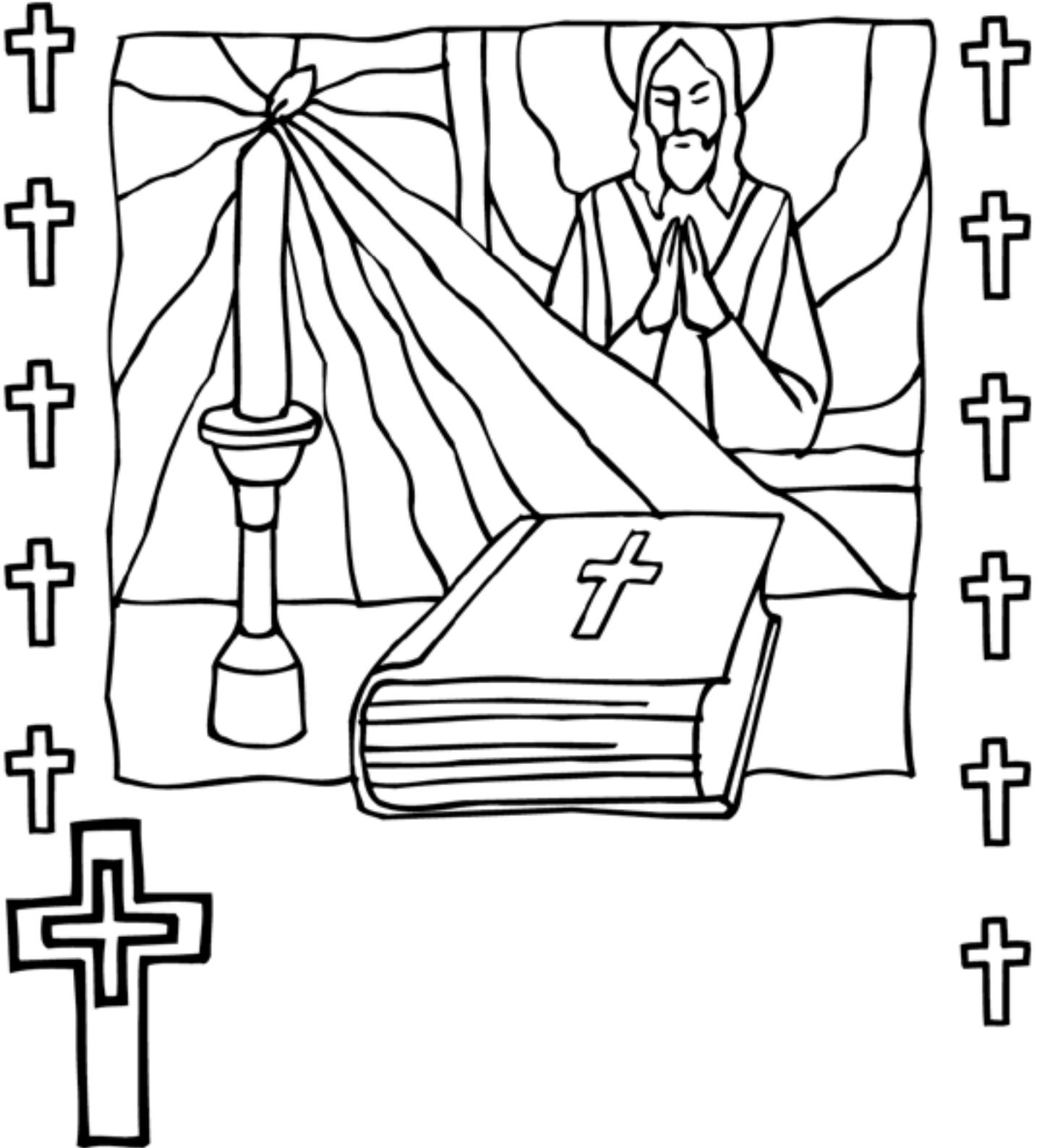
The above is a photo taken at the Christmas Luncheon for the Stroke Association on the 15th December. The event was attended by over 40 of their members, to celebrate the festive season. This was the second time the ladies of St. George's Church had been asked to cater for the event.

We valued the company of such a resourceful, witty group of survivors and their families, who had a great time and considered the luncheon to be very successful, so much so that we understand they plan to continue the tradition again next year.

Thanks to all the parishioners who, in so many ways, helped to make this luncheon a success for these wonderful people.

Marianne Ross

EASTER



FAMILY ACTIVITIES :
EASTER STORY COOKIES

To be made the evening before Easter.

Ingredients:

- 1 c. whole pecans
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- Pinch salt
- 1 c. sugar
- Zipper baggy
- Wooden spoon
- Tape
- Bible

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F Place pecans in zipper baggy and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested the Roman soldiers beat him. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1-tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1-c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read ISA.1: 18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.

GO TO BED! Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt. 28:1-9.

HE HAS RISEN!



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VISIT TO VIETNAM

In the last edition of The Voice, we printed Joy's article on her trip to Cambodia. This time she shares with us her wonderful visit to Vietnam - If anyone else would like to share their travel stories, please send them in, we'd love to read them...

Following our visit to Cambodia, we flew to Hanoi in the north of Vietnam. A big city, very crowded, lots and lots of motor scooters, so very difficult to cross the roads. Wherever we travelled, our personal transport was seven seater (for three of us), air conditioned, with driver and guide.

We saw the body of Ho Chi Minh in a large glass coffin, inside a magnificent mausoleum, closely guarded by military personnel (with rifles!) in their crisp white uniforms stationed every few metres. Not allowed – hats, bags, cameras, sunnies, clenched hands, built up shoes – security very tight indeed.



We nervously agreed to a one hour cyclo tour of the “Grand Bazaar” (that’s my daughter ahead) which was a real experience! In the evening, we sat in the front row to enjoy a “Water Puppets” show – a remarkable art form that combines traditional music, fireworks, underwater puppeteers and elaborate puppets floating gracefully over water.

The next day we enjoyed a long drive through very scenic country (lots of rice paddies), to arrive at World Heritage Listed Halong Bay. Here we were thoroughly spoilt with a 30 seater boat all to ourselves for a four hour cruise through the limestone cliffs and emerald waters, including a fresh seafood lunch

on board. There were many “fish farms” floating on the waters with a large variety of fish in separate tanks. After a lovely cruise, we had the long drive back to Hanoi amongst increasingly chaotic traffic. The methods of transporting goods were many and varied – women with the long pole with baskets at each end; motor scooters with huge loads, even towing small trailers; even saw a live cow with the legs tied together perched perilously across the back seat of a motor scooter, head on one side, legs on the other!!

We flew to Hue the next day where there are many World Heritage Monuments (pagodas, tombs, etc) and we saw every one of them! The guides are knowledgeable and very proud of these monuments and we heard all the history but sadly remembered little. We visited family businesses where the output is conical hats, beautiful lanterns, and enormous array of pottery. The next day we were enthralled with a three hour drive along the spectacular coastline and over the dramatic Hai Van Mountain Pass, finally arriving in Hoi An. This is a quaint old town, with a really interesting riverside market, selling – among other things – barbecued snakes – not for us thanks! We did manage to buy a few keepsakes though.

A visit the next day to another World Heritage Site – My Son – formerly the centre of the Cham Kingdom centuries ago and still with some well preserved monuments.

Our last internal flight was to Saigon (now preferably known as Ho Chi Minh City) and if we thought the traffic in the north was bad – that was peaceful compared to Saigon. Our hotel even had Tourist Traffic Guides to help tourists cross the road – advice – close your eyes and walk slowly – no one wants to injure a tourist! Surprisingly this seemed to work!

A very scenic drive the next day to the Cu Chi tunnels, built by the Viet Cong guerrillas. The tunnels are very narrow

and quite low, and we found it necessary to hunch our shoulders and bend our backs in order to travel through some of them. The tunnels and the area are now a major tourist spot despite their tragic history. In the afternoon we visited some of the city’s tourist spots, Palace, Cathedral, lovely old Post Office arcade, and of course the Markets!

Our last full day in Vietnam was spent mainly on a boat trip along the Mekong Delta where so many people live and work on the waterways. Although there is obvious poverty in Vietnam, it did not seem as prevalent as we had seen in Cambodia. The combination of the two countries gave us a wonderful insight into this region and makes us realise just how lucky we are to live in this wonderful country. Well – my daughter does live in New Zealand, but she is an Aussie!

By Joy Edmestone



Above: The colourful markets

Below: Saigon traffic was a force to be reckoned with



CHRISTENING OF ELLIOT HENRY ANDREW BRYCKER

On December 28 2008 our family were blessed to be given the opportunity to have our grandson Elliot christened into the family of God at St George's. Elliot resides in Sweden with his parents Jenny & James Brycker and siblings Bianca & Benjamin.

What a joy it was to have him christened in the church where his father and Godmother Tanya attended Sunday School, were confirmed and assisted as Servers. The Godfather James Geary was a childhood friend of James.

Present also were Jenny's parents Eva & Leif here with the family from Sweden for Christmas. As a contribution Jenny sang a Swedish christening song. The Swedish family were impressed by the relaxed friendliness and beauty of the service and thankful for the opportunity to be part of this special occasion.

Praise and thanks to God, Father Nicholas and members of the congregation for this blessing.

From Coral Brycker



Below are some thoughts that Jim Stahlhut recently shared during our segment "What is God doing in your life?"

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING - SORRY DAY

Many years ago the people of Britain, India, Sri Lanka, Germany, Israel, Argentina, New Zealand, to name a few, elected a woman to lead their nations. Australia has appointed a woman as head of State, as has Ireland. In my mind and opinion, In so doing, they showed that bigotry and prejudice based on gender was anathema to a civilized people.

Last year the people of the Unites States elected an man of colour to be their President.

In my mind and opinion, In so doing they showed that racial prejudice, based on fear, ignorance and intolerance was anathema to a civilized people.

This year President Obama asked Bishop Gene Robinson to offer prayer at the National Cathedral.

In my mind and opinion, In so doing he showed that prejudice and bigotry, based on sexual orientation, is a manifestation of ignorance, and anathema to a civilized people.

Two years ago, we celebrated the bi centenary of the anti slave act, passed in 1807, mostly by the efforts of William Wilberforce, an Evangelical Christian.

In my mind and opinion, In so doing, Wilberforce showed that slavery is evil, and anathema to a civilized people.

As I have participated in belittling women, I am sorry.

As I have participated in belittling people of colour, I am sorry.

As I have participated in belittling homosexual people, I am sorry.

As I have not spoken out concerning the sexual slavery of women and men in today's world, I am sorry.

By Jim Stahlhut



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