

Spicer *Matters*



March 2016

From Judi



Easter Sights and Sounds is happening on March 15–18. There are over 950 children booked in to see and experience the last week of Jesus' life. After the tour experience they will be given a biscuit and craft activities to reinforce the story. This is a huge undertaking by Spicer. It is also a huge responsibility. Many of the children, although they may go to a Christian school, will not know the story of Jesus and this is the opportunity to tell them, via a dramatic production, just what he went through – all for the love of humanity. Thank you to all who are working so hard to make this possible.

Many of you are already involved in some way with Easter Sights and Sounds. However, I would ask everybody to pray for this ministry – pray that the actors will remember their lines, that the donkey will behave and the craft will be well received. But most of all I ask you to pray that the children (and adults) who attend or participate will experience Jesus' story in a profound way and be filled with the love of God, so that this is not just a story from the past but becomes a living part of their own lives. Thank you.

Blessings

Judi



Messy
CHURCH



Spicer Community Lunch

Sojourn in Norway

Our February meeting was addressed by Carolyn MacDonald, a long time parishioner, who reported on her time spent as a volunteer labourer on an organic fruit and vegetable farm in the far north of Norway, near the city of Tromsø. Free board and lodging are provided to seven lucky people from the world over who are committed to organic farming, in return for 30 hours of work each week with 2 days off. Only 3 per cent of Norway is arable, and this farm comprises only 7 acres, remarkably producing thousands of kilograms of strawberries, potatoes and carrots each year from a short growing season. Some salad plants are also grown, together with tall rhubarb used as a windbreak.

Strawberry plants are protected with a white cloth to raise the temperature in the short growing season and local seaweed is used as fertilizer. Potatoes of various sizes are grown and stored, unwashed, in the basement.

This is a land of magic sunsets and greatly extended daylight hours in summer. The famous Northern Lights are also a feature. We were surprised to learn that there is plenty of light even in the dark days of the northern winter because the moon sheds light on the fallen snow.

Carolyn was privileged to observe a National Day parade which is marked by the wearing of expensive national costumes which have been handed down through the generations. She also noted that there are rigorous rules for displaying the national flag of Norway, unlike most other countries.

Carolyn presented pictures of interesting attractions such as 'the Arctic Cathedral', used for concerts, small man-made rock cairns near the Arctic Circle, and a region of extreme tidal flow in an area named Saltstrumen.

Finally, we were interested to learn that there are aboriginal people in Norway – the Sami. She showed pictures of their weaving, and noted that the hunting of reindeer is reserved for them exclusively, while the moose are 'fair game' for all.





Just



Just COS (Crafters of Spicer) meet twice a month on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday mornings at 10 am. We bring our craft and spend the time creating various items and talking (perhaps the most important of all!). We're open to anyone who would like to join us. If you'd like to learn a craft that we are able to teach you, we're more than happy to provide the experience if you provide the materials.

Although we officially finish at 12 noon, people may bring their lunch and stay on to finish something, or even start something new.



COS

For your March calendar

Tues 1	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
	Lenten Study (Luke room)	5 pm
	Movie Group	7.10 pm
Sun 6	Messy Church	4.30 pm
Mon 7	ESS Full Dress Rehearsal	7.30 pm
Tues 8	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
	Lenten Study (Luke room)	5 pm
Wed 9	Just COS (Mark room)	10 am
Sat 12	Eat Pray Care	10 am
Mon 14	Set up day for ESS	9 am
	RAD	7.30 pm
Tues 15	Easter Sights & Sounds	9 am
Wed 16	Easter Sights & Sounds	9 am
	Church Council	7.30 pm
Thurs 17	Easter Sights & Sounds	9 am
Fri 18	Easter Sights & Sounds	6.30 pm
Sun 20	Special Morning Tea – Farewell to Wayne & Christine Abbott	After Church
Tues 22	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Thurs 24	Maundy Thursday Service	7.30 pm
Fri 25	Good Friday Service	9 am
Sun 27	Easter Sunday Service	10 am
Tues 29	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 30	Just COS (Mark room)	10 am

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