

# Spicer

# *Matters*



**May 2017**

# From Judi

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter services – those in front and behind the scenes. Especially thanks to all of you who collected egg shells – I was astounded and thrilled with the response to my request.

We are fortunate to have many skilled and willing people in our congregation. It takes all of us using our gifts, our skills, our time (and our monetary support) to

make things happen well. We are not all the same. If we were we would be a very bland (and probably boring) group. We have all been given different gifts to use in God's service and we are so much richer as a congregation when we all work together both within the church and in our various areas of mission.

So I thank God for the gifts given to the people of the Spicer congregation and I thank you for using those gifts.

Blessings

Judi



# Quiz night

What sport is played in the State Of Origin series?

What colour is the Channel 7 logo?

From what country do poinsettias originate?

What is the name of a single dot on a computer monitor screen?

Who is Sponge Bob Squarepants' best friend?

Who was the first British monarch to be addressed as "Your Majesty"?

Patrick  
NRL (Rugby League)  
King Henry VIII  
Mexico  
Pixel  
Red

Family ticket \$20 (4 per family)

Kids under 12 free

\$5 concession

\$10 general entry



## **Finances**

Three months into the year and Spicer's finances are tracking to budget. Our income is on target and our expenses are well under control.

The hiring of Spicer's facilities continues to be a significant source of income. Recently we lost a few of our hirers (for varying reasons). This has the potential to reduce future income, nevertheless Helen is always fielding enquires from groups interested in hiring our facilities, so hopefully any immediate shortfall in income will be short lived.

## **Maintenance and building improvements**

In the coming months, RAD plans to embark on much needed work to the outside of the church buildings. Some of the work you will be able to see, but some you won't.

The work includes replacing rotten external timber facia and painting external timber and masonry.

Funds permitting, we also plan to replace the carpet and install heating and cooling in the Matthew room this year.

## **Fundraising**

The upcoming Quiz night at 7.00 pm on Saturday 21 June is one of our major fundraisers for this year.

It will be a great night of fun so please keep this date free and start to plan now about putting a table of eight together. This is a good opportunity to ask friends and/or family to come along.

As well as the quiz there will be fun activities and a silent auction.

We are looking for prizes for our games and items for our auction so if you think you can help, please see Jill Miller, Kate and Phil Grace or Brenton Niven. Hopefully we can also call on some local businesses in the area to donate something to our night.

We hope to see everyone there.





## **Advent: 'Who are we?'**



...created  
to live  
with God

...blessed  
by God

...known  
by God

...changed  
by God

...given new  
life by God



# Spicer Community Lunch



Thirty delightful and delighted people attended the Spicer Community Lunch programme on Thursday, 20th April during the school holidays, where our own Michelle Moore presented a wonderful insight into enjoying China's national treasures, during a group tour she and her husband Phil, took in November last year.

The normal delicious shared lunch interspersed with Devotions and Birthday Celebrations was held in the hall, before moving to see the colourful Power Point presentation which included scenes from Xi'an with the Terracotta Warriors, Beijing and the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, Grand Canal, and Suzhou Lingering Gardens. Climbing along the Great Wall section of the Juyong Pass where we laughed to hear about the shop perched right at the very top. Travelling along the Yangtze River, and seeing the enormous 3 Gorge Project, including going through Locks with the water

lift of 65 feet. Stories of climbing up the 320 steps of the Red Temple, which was like climbing up a ladder. Being a passenger on the Levitation train out to the Beijing Airport travelling up to 431 kph. Stories of the Imperial Banquet with dumplings in the shape of Ducklings, Frogs and Hedgehogs, drinking green tea in the beautiful Hangzhou Village, joining in free Thai Chai exercises in a public square, and going to three different amazing Shows with dancing and scenery of wondrous design etc. etc. etc. all in the space of 16 days.

Michelle was introduced by Darien Just and thanked by Marilyn Cowley.

Our usual thanks to all the many people involved in putting this event together, and to everyone hopping in to help with the clearing up.

We look forward to the 18th May when Coralie Creevey is 'Looking at the Dutch' from her trip to the Netherlands last year. See you there!



# Mental Health

## Difficult People



The next of our mental health seminars will be led by

**Rev Mark Boyce**

**Monday 22 May**

**7.30 pm**

Mark Room

## For your May calendar

<b>Tues 2</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
	Movie Group	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Sun 7</b>	Messy Church	<b>4.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 9</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 10</b>	Just COS	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Sat 13</b>	Eat Pray Care	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Mon 15</b>	RAD	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 16</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 17</b>	Church Council	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Thurs 18</b>	Community Lunch	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Sun 21</b>	Soup making	<b>TBA</b>
	Youth Group	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Mon 22</b>	Mental Health workshop	<b>7.30 pm</b>
<b>Tues 23</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>
<b>Wed 24</b>	Just COS	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Tues 30</b>	Playgroup	<b>10 am</b>
	Lunch	<b>11.45 am</b>

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## Deadline for next issue

Please have all articles to Anne by Sun 21 May