

Spicer

Matters



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From Judi



On the radio this morning there was a story about Robert Downey Junior: Alex, who is 7 years old, was born with a partially developed right arm. His hero is Tony Starke (Iron Man) played by Robert Downey Junior. Alex was about to receive a bionic arm, built and donated by a college student (a great act of kindness). This student contacted Robert Downey Junior to have him deliver Alex's new arm in the character of Tony Starke. This happened and made Alex's day to have his hero don Iron Man's arm and give him his new arm.

We hear about the random acts of kindness from celebrities but there are many acts of kindness which happen each day. They help make the world a nicer place. They enhance the lives of the giver as well as the receiver. They do not have to be big gestures – little things can mean a lot also: letting someone go before you in the checkout if they seem to be in a hurry, picking some flowers and giving them to someone who seems a bit down (and staying for a visit), including someone who is lonely in an outing or event. I am sure you will be able to think of many others.

Jesus, in talking about the last days, says:

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

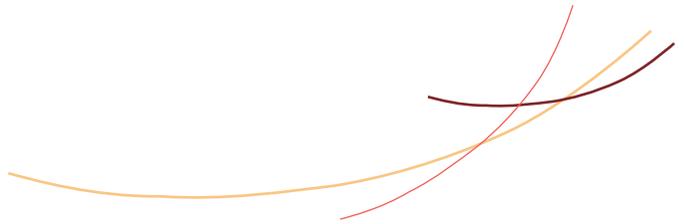
“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

(Matthew 25:31–40)

Random acts of kindness mean so much. I encourage you to practice these – you may never know the difference you may make in someone’s day or life. But we do know how Christ feels about it. “Whatever we do for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me.”

Blessings,

Judi



For Your Diary

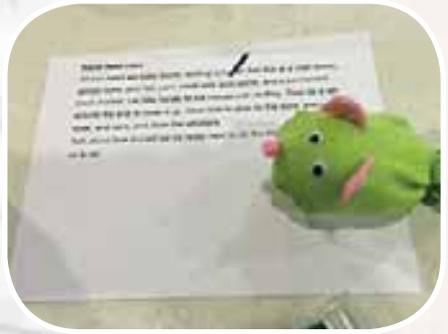
Please keep in mind the following upcoming events.

Babysitters Night Sat 21 May

Talents Dinner Fri 24, Sat 25 and Sun 26 June
Fri 1, Sat 2 and Sun 3 July

Music Night Sat 20 August





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Dinner

"Come dine with us" excited the interest of all 77 who enjoyed a night of wonderful food and fellowship on Saturday 16 April.



April nights are too cool to have the long table experience outside, so starting with dips and punch or bubbles in the Atrium we then moved into the hall for dinner in the "U". Joining the tables into a giant "U" meant that everyone had dinner companions and gave a great sense of occasion to the night. The hall looked lovely, with candle light and beautiful flower arrangements.

Wonderful roast meats, or Spanokapita for the non-meat eaters, (unfortunately more non-meat eaters bobbed up on the night, so we ran out. PLEASE next year tell us when you or your guests are non-meat eaters) fabulous fresh salads were enjoyed by all.

Whilst the mains were cleared up, Steve led us through the travel pics contributed by many at the dinner. From beautiful grandson on Popeye to underwater in the Arctic circle, shoot outs between "loving brothers", action shots of waterslides, summiting St Mary's peak or mountain climbing in Nepal, amazing motor cycle acrobatics in Adelaide and who smiles at the crocodile, it was fun to hear the stories behind the pics on the slide show.

And the parents of small children were very grateful for Jacinta's impromptu care for them.





Spicer desserts are always amazing. But what is more amazing is the wonderful contributions by so many:

Ian, up at 6.00 am to set up the power point, with bleary eyed Steve; Jon and Malcolm moving tables to get the perfect combination, then table setting, Margaret and Teresita providing the beautiful flowers.

The fabulous salad makers, Carmen, Jane C, Pam and Ros; dip maker extraordinaire, Steve; roast cooks Chris and Cheryl, Susie Lee, Karen; bubbles and punch pourers Karen and Mike; shoppers/planners/promoters Karen and Pam; Jacinta for looking after the little ones so beautifully, and all of you who chipped in on the night and helped clear up and clean up. And those of you who have taken tablecloths home to launder.

Thank you, it was fun, and Helen will let us know the amount we raised for Spicer.



Beetroot dip

I boiled 8 good sized beetroots (this produces an enormous amount of dip – I have 2 large containers left after the church dinner!).

I left them to cool and then peeled them.

I chopped them into sixths.

Into the food processor with a jar of Newman's horseradish and 300g crème fraiche (you can use sour cream).

It needed more horseradish. And more cream. So I added those.

I chopped dill tops very finely and some walnuts coarsely. Chuck those in and stir through.

Voilà!



Spanakopita

(from "Vefa's Kitchen")

Line baking dish with about 8 layers of Filo, brushing oil between each layer.

Then roughly chop about 1 kilo of silver beet (washed) and steam until cooked. (I used 2 bunches.)

Mix with 1 bunch sliced spring onions, generous amount of finely chopped dill (nearly whole pack from Silver bowl greengrocer), generous amount of chopped parsley, 1½ blocks of small-diced Lemno whole cream feta, 4 tablespoons milk, 4 eggs lightly beaten, Salt & Pepper.

Pile this on top of the pastry. Squish down to level.

Place 8 more layers of filo with oil in between each layer.

Score into serving sizes.

Bake at 180°, or 160° in fan forced oven, for about 1 hour, having scattered some water on top.

Cook until golden brown.

For your May calendar

Sun 1	Messy Church	4.30 pm
Tues 3	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
	Movie Group	TBA
Wed 4	Stained Glass Window Tour in Church	10 am
Mon 9	Soup making in Kitchen	7 pm
Tues 10	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 11	Just COS	10 am
Sat 14	Eat Pray Care	10 am
Mon 16	RAD	7.30 pm
Tues 17	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 18	Church Council	7.30 pm
Thurs 19	Spicer Community Lunch	12 noon
Sat 21	Babysitting Night	TBA
Sun 22	History Talk in Church (Jim Everett)	2 pm
Tues 24	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 25	Just COS	10 am
Tues 31	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am

Spicer Community Lunch



The event began with a light lunch for 24 and the celebration of two birthdays – Bill Russell, and June Littleford, the mother of Barry who all will remember. We then progressed as a group of 17 to the Botanic Garden for a tour led by June herself who is a member of the Friends of the Botanic Garden.

We inspected a variety of plants, all of which have biblical significance.

An obvious example is the Olive, its oil being used for cooking, anointing and lighting lamps.

The Rock Rose is a source of the perfume, Myrrh, which is still harvested in the traditional way. Legend has it that Joseph's brothers brought processed Myrrh to Egypt to pay for food. We were also shown the Crown of Thorns bush, the thorns of which played an important role in the Crucifixion.

The Judas Tree is so called because it is rumoured that Judas hanged himself from it.

The Mulberry Fig or Sycamore has durable timber which was used for mummy chests and coffins. The diminutive Zacchaeus climbed such a tree in order to gain the attention of Jesus.

The form of the Pomegranate (apple with grains) was regarded as beautiful, and its image was used in many forms of decoration in Solomon's Temple and his Crown, and in the coins of Jerusalem before the time of Jesus.

The Cedar (of Lebanon fame) was used for burning animals offered for sacrifice.

The Cinnamon tree originated from East and South East Asia. In the lands of the Bible its bark was (and still is) used as a spice and perfume.

These are just a few of the plants recognised in the Bible which can be found in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. You are invited to explore them for yourself. We are grateful to June and Judy (a friend of Margaret Barrows) who guided us through the tour, as well as those who assisted in transport and meal preparation and cleaning up after the meal.



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