

Spicer

Matters



October 2016

From Judi



Daylight savings is about to begin. The weather is getting warmer (at last) and Spring is here. We have had a very wet and to my mind very cold winter. We who are fortunate enough to have warm homes have huddled in them and made the most of the occasional sunny days to go out and about.

We, at Spicer, have a wonderful community. All the differences – different ideas, different gifts, different ways of doing things, go to make up the rich tapestry of our congregation and I thank God for each and every one of you. At Spicer everyone is important to the community and being together enriches each of us – but it can be deceptively easy to slip away gradually – we become busy and other things take the place of coming to church. Once we have been away for a while it becomes much harder to return but whenever someone is absent, we, as a community, are the poorer. I hope that you will each think of your friends here at Spicer and encourage one another to join in worshipping together. This is a place of mutual love and support and we can all do with that.

We have some exciting things coming up in the near future. On Sunday 23rd October the moderator, Dr Deidre Palmer, is preaching at Spicer. On 29th October we have our Spring fete and on 13th November we have our church picnic.

As we enjoy Spring and move towards Advent and Christmas I look forward to sharing more wonderful times of friendship, mission and worship together.

Blessings

Judi



jams &
cakes

Spring Fete

Saturday
29 October
8.30am – 1.30pm

Spicer
Uniting Church

44a Fourth Avenue
St Peters

sausage
sizzle

coffee &
devonshire
tea

plants

pre-loved
books

craft

trash &
treasure

Spicer Community Lunch

Cows for Cambodia

Following devotions, a tasty lunch and birthday celebrations, we were entertained and educated by Kellie Harrison who spoke of her recent charity visit to a number of rural villages in Cambodia. Kellie and her two young sons have recently become neighbours of the Roder-McEwin family, following her leaving Balaklava where she and her late husband grew grain. So she is familiar with the problems of rural life.

Kellie's trip was a combination of travel and work. Like other tourists, she visited the capital, Phnom Penh, and Siem Reap which documents the evils of the murderous Pol Pot regime. [Kellie pointed out that Vietnam deserves the credit for ridding Cambodia of this scourge.] She also visited the famous ancient temples of Angkor Wat and other places.

Kellie travelled with an Australian aid group named 'Cows for Cambodia'. This group provides aid to a number of rural villages. One form of aid is the donation of baby calves, the offspring of cows owned by the charity, which retains ownership of them. These calves provide a source of milk and income to the villages to which



they are donated. The group also researched and developed a form of grass which could be a source of fodder in the dry season. Other forms of aid include the building of schools from local materials, with the help of labour provided by 'tourists' such as Kellie. Bags of rice were also donated to needy villagers.

Kellie noted that these forms of private aid do have some disadvantages. Donation of rice creates a mentality of dependence. Villages who do not receive aid show some resentment. Because the aid is privately donated, as opposed to being government to government, certain projects can be blocked altogether by a refusal of charities to provide payment to government officials who control vital infrastructure such as ports. Donation of goods made in Australia is also less efficient than using the same funds to buy locally made merchandise. Kellie also thinks that fostering education and the international tourist trade is a better way to promote development than 'handouts'.



Basketball



Spicer had 3 teams in Church Basketball this winter, our U12s coached by Bevan Illman, U14s looked after by Jason West and Stuart Boast and our Open Mens team coached by Mike Whitehead. Our U12 had a tough year as half of their team was still eligible to play U10, and thus each week they conceded a significant size advantage, so their record of 12 losses and a draw from their 13 games wasn't unexpected. Nevertheless the way this team kept competing every week, the great team work they showed and the improvement they showed throughout the year augurs well for a few more wins next year.

Our U14 had another excellent season finishing 3rd in the top U14 grade, despite the majority of their team being in the younger half of their age group. The way these boys share the ball with each other and the team work they display at both ends of the court is a real credit to both their coaches and the boys themselves.



Our Open mens team had one of their most successful seasons of recent years, winning just under half of their games and being very competitive in the rest. Consequently they made it to the Grand Final of the lower half of their combined grade but unfortunately lost by a point, 29–30. Still a great effort given the injuries suffered through the year in this team, and the fact that this team has 2 father-son combinations, so sometimes struggles for fitness!

More important than the results are the friendships and community these teams engender (as well as the basketball skills learned), so by any measure this has been a successful year. Special thanks to our coaches, our umpires Taryn and Zak Moore, and our scorers and supporters who cheered us on each week, as without your support our teams couldn't play.

Mike Whitehead



GRADUATION



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On Sunday 18th September in the afternoon the Spicer Youth Group had a "Ready Steady Cook" competition. The ingredients to cook with were cold roll wrappers, rice noodles, capsicum, carrot, spinach, cucumber, tomato and sweet chilli sauce. For dessert they could use meringue, cream, instant pudding, chocolate, Tim Tams and strawberries plus what they could find in the kitchen. They had to set the tables and clean up. It was the girls versus the boys.



The scores were for creativity and appeal. The girls won 45-36.

A good time was had by all.

Soup, Glorious Soup

The “Spicer Soup-Makers” have been getting together the second Monday of every month between May and October this year, to make fresh soup to donate to the Adelaide Day Centre’s nightly “Soup Run”. This was our second season, and it has been very successful! The old saying “many hands make light work” was proved each month as ingredients were efficiently chopped up by our volunteers, and turned into yummy soup. We managed to make 40 litres of soup each time, no mean feat! I know the organisers at the ADC were grateful to receive our soup each month, we certainly helped their supply roster. More importantly, our soup not only made a difference, but also was always enjoyed by the people it was made for, those doing it tough on our city streets.

This year’s Winter was certainly cold and very, very wet. Louise (who coordinates the soup-makers at ADC) was telling me that they have been serving on average 280–300 people a week. This is amazing when you consider the van only spends half an hour at 2 locations a night, 6 nights a week. They were needing to send 50–60 litres each night. She went on to share some observations. Firstly, they noticed that the quality of the donated soup has been higher than some previous years, and they also had an increase in donations of warm clothing and blankets/sleeping bags. Secondly, the people coming to the soup van have been really appreciative. They always are appreciative, but this year there was more to it. There were always positive comments about the soup and about the warm clothing/blankets etc. The general atmosphere and chatter went better than other years.

The soup van will continue it’s nightly trips until Friday 30th September, and then the Annual Soup Run Season will officially be over for 2016. So...I would

like to thank everyone in our generous Spicer Community who helped out in all sorts of ways... with prayers, with ingredients, with money for ingredients, with time to chop/prepare/cook the soup, and clean up, with time taken to deliver the soup, with donations of warm clothes/blankets/sleeping bags, and with time donated on the Soup Run roster.



Thank you!!



KCO



This year, KCO was held at Adare Caravan Park on the 10th and 11th of September. Spicer had 7 children and 4 leaders attend, many of whom were from Messy Church. We would have had more, but unfortunately illness meant some were unable to attend at the last minute – we missed them.

The whole site was lovely, and Spicer was lucky enough to be right next to the main venue.

As Adare isn't large enough to cope with the numbers, some of the campers camped at Victor Harbor Council Beachside Caravan Park and came to Adare by bus each day.

Many of the songs sung this year were well known ones we sing at Spicer, which meant the kids knew the words and were able to join in and dance along. A technical innovation this year saw the words for the songs on screen – very successful even during the day. This is a big change from having to read from a book, which has proven difficult in the past.

The afternoon activities consisted of two groups. One group did craft (as in previous years), while the other group played beach games organised by 'Beyond Limits' – a group employed by Uniting Venues.

The main night rally was moved to 4.20 pm so the group at Beachside CP didn't have to bus back to base for tea and then to Adare for the evening program. The first part of the rally was a drama presented by Corner UC (Mark Hewitt's church). This year it was about social justice issues and how a seemingly small thing can have big consequences. The second part was a band, "Hope Downloaded", that has been put together by the Schools Ministry Group to perform in schools. Rachel Ferguson, who plays keys and vocals, is the daughter of Andrea Rowe who was in the Spicer youth group in the late 1980s.

After the afternoon main stage event, the Beachside CP campers returned to their campsites for tea and at 7.30pm both venues had night glow parties running simultaneously, where they gave everyone glow sticks and had UV lights and music.

A big thank you to everyone who cooked/provided food and those who provided and helped set up and take down tents etc.

KCO next year will be moved back to the traditional month of March and hopefully, with drier weather, there will be access to the school oval (just over the river), which means the Beachside CP won't be necessary. KCO is hoping for a dramatic increase in numbers next year as Adare will be a permanent home for the event, after moving around over the last few years.



For your October calendar

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| Tues 4 | Movie Group | TBA |
| Sat 8 | Eat Pray Care | 10 am |
| Wed 12 | Just COS | 10 am |
| Sun 16 | Youth Group | TBA |
| Mon 17 | RAD | 7.30 pm |
| Tues 18 | Playgroup | 10 am |
| | Lunch | 11.45 am |
| Wed 19 | Church Council | 7.30 pm |
| Sun 23 | Dr Deidre Palmer (Moderator) preaching | 10 am |
| Tues 25 | Playgroup | 10 am |
| | Lunch | 11.45 am |
| Wed 26 | Just COS | 10 am |
| Sat 29 | Spicer Fete | 8.30 am |

Children's Talk Chocolate Cake

Many people have asked for this recipe. Thanks Pam for giving it to us.

Put into a large stock pot

3 cups Sugar
1 teaspoon of bicarb soda
250 g of margarine or butter
4 generous tablespoons cocoa
2 cups water

Bring to boil and boil for 5 minutes. **Watch carefully as it bubbles up quickly.**

With a whisk mix in

3 cups sifted SR flour
(you should probably let the mix cool, but if you are quick enough you can mix before the eggs start cooking).
4 eggs

Line a large baking pan or 2 loaf tins with alfoil. Cook about 40 mins in moderate oven.

When cool, ice with chocolate icing flavoured with peppermint essence.

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Some thoughts on the witness of the Spicer ladies during July and August.

God provides our shelter, clothing and food.

Over the months of July and August Spicer ladies have prepared—and presented—food many times, including:

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| Morning tea after church | 9 times |
| Lunch for Tuesday play group mums and their kids | 7 times |
| Morning or afternoon tea for special events | 4 times |
| Lunch for the monthly community lunch activity | 2 times |
| Tea for messy church | 2 times |
| Soup making for Adelaide Day Care | 2 times |

Of these 26 occasions

- 9 have been for our own Spicer community (Sunday morning teas)
- 15 have supported events involving many people from outside the Spicer community.
- 2 have directly supported the Adelaide homeless (soup making)

I understand Pam has also provided soup after bible study on a number of occasions.



What a witness for God our ladies are.

Malcolm

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