

Spicer *Matters*



Preparation for Spicer Fair

September 2017

From Judi



Dear Friends

Over the past 5½ years at Spicer we have said goodbye to some old friends, and we have met some new ones. We have enjoyed social activities, with church dinners, bbq's, coffee and dessert evenings, car rallies, and quiz nights to name a few.

We now enjoy our beautiful up to date facilities thanks to the generosity and hard work of many. We have engaged in mission activities with the local community through Carols in the Amphitheatre, Messy Church, work with East Adelaide Primary School and the Adelaide Day Centre. Other missional activities have continued – Easter Sights and Sounds, Community Lunch and Playgroup.

Adrian and I love this congregation. You are a wonderful group of people – warm, generous and caring. Last Sunday I announced that I would be leaving Spicer at the end of January to spend more time caring for our grandchildren as our daughters and sons in law juggle work and family. This decision was not taken lightly but reached after a lot of prayer and discernment (and as you noticed – many tears).

Please know that I still care very deeply for you all and it is a privilege to be your minister.

Church Council has already begun the process of calling a new minister. This can be an exciting time as God prepares the heart of your new minister as well as prepares the congregation for the future. I pray that you will richly experience God's love, care, and guidance in this time.

Blessings

Judi



jams &
cakes

Spring Fair

Saturday
21 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

A Trip Down Memory Lane



In July we had a magnificent lunch which was very much oversupplied because of the anticipated swelling of numbers through the attendance of our 12 guests, THE CWA SINGERS led by our very own Joan Atkinson. Incidentally, this group follows a tradition going back 50 years. For those who do not know, CWA stands for the 'Country Women's Association', an organisation which has promoted the interests of country women for

many decades. One of the benefits which they have provided to country women and their families is the maintenance of rental holiday homes in many popular seaside resorts.

Smartly dressed in pink and black, and accompanied by Betty on the piano, the choir began with an old favourite – 'In an English Country Garden'. They then moved on to some familiar tunes with a Jamaican theme such as 'Island in the Sun' and 'Jamaican Farewell'. Then followed some famous songs from Rogers and Hammerstein – 'If I Loved You' and then 'This Nearly was Mine'. It must be said that the clear diction of the group overcame the many deficiencies in the acoustics of the Spicer Hall.

The Singers then revived for us the dead art of Community Singing, which we oldies remember was very popular at community events before the advent of television. We were led in the singing of 'The Road to Gundagai', 'Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Own Kitbag' (from World War I), 'Cruising Down the River', and 'Always'.

We are very much indebted to Joan and her CWA singers, as well as to the usual stalwarts – Roslyn, Ann, Margaret, Marilyn, Susan, Teresita, Chris, Darien and Malcolm. As usual, we are also grateful to all those who helped clean up afterwards.

Cruising the Mediterranean with the Mays

Our August lunch featured Chris and Cheryl May who described and illustrated their Mediterranean cruise with Holland America starting in Venice, in northern Italy. After savouring the delights of this historic jewel which included the Piazza San Marco, Basilica di San Marco etc., they embarked with 1900 other passengers, including 450 Australians, with the first port of call being in Albania where they saw many depressing relics of the former communist regime.

Then on to Greece where a guided tour took them to the ruins of Katakolon, where the torch for every Olympiad is lit. Other highlights of Greece included the statues of Hermes (340 BC), the Acropolis theatre which seated 5000 persons, the Parthenon, the temple of Zeus, the Agora Temple (400 BC), the windmills of Mykonos, and the white and blue roofs of Santorini which is appreciated from the height of a cable car. Unfortunately, many of these precious monuments are scarred by the modern scourge of graffiti which is more durable than the ancient variety!



The next destination was southern Italy where they visited Sorrento and Naples. From these cities they visited the victim of Mt Vesuvius - the ruins of Pompeii which contains mummified bodies and original tiled roofs and murals, all preserved in volcanic ash. On to Rome where they marvelled at the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, St Peter's Basilica, the huge Vittoriano Monument, which commemorates the uniting of Italy as a nation, built between 1885 and 1911, and the Coliseum Amphitheatre.

Then followed a tour from Livorno which visited Cinque Terre on the Italian Riviera and Maranola, and then the cathedral in Monaco where Grace Kelly and her Prince Rainier were wed and are now interred. Another highlight was a visit to the sumptuous summer villa of the Rothschild family. And then on to the island of Corsica, the birthplace of Napoleon.

Before their final destination – Barcelona in Spain – the cruise visited the French port of Marseilles from where they were shown a lavender farm, a quarry which mines ochre, and the Sete Canals.

Barcelona's famous constructions include a monument to Christopher Columbus and the Sagrada Familia cathedral designed by the famous architect Antoni Gaudi. [Its full name is: Basilica i Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia.]

The enormity of its construction is shown by the fact that it began in 1882 and is not scheduled to be completed until 2026! The significance of this cathedral to Barcelona and Spain is shown by the fact that it was chosen by Spain's royal family as the site to mourn the death of the victims of the recent terrorist attack in its main street, La Rambla, Barcelona's most popular tourist spot.



In conclusion, the Mays hope to repeat their cruising experience in this part of the world, because of its fascinating sights, and the opportunity to meet on board ship and on tours so many interesting people from all over the world.



For your September calendar

Sat 2	Music Night	7.30 pm
Sun 3	Messy Church	4.30 pm
Tues 5	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
	Movie Group	
Wed 6	Just COS (extra session)	10 am
Sat 9	Eat Pray Care	10 am
Sun 10	Congregational Meeting	After church
Mon 11	Soup making	7 pm
Tues 12	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 13	Just COS	10 am
Mon 18	RAD	7.30 pm
Tues 19	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 20	Church Council	7.30 pm
Thurs 21	Community Lunch	12 noon
Tues 26	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 27	Just COS	10 am

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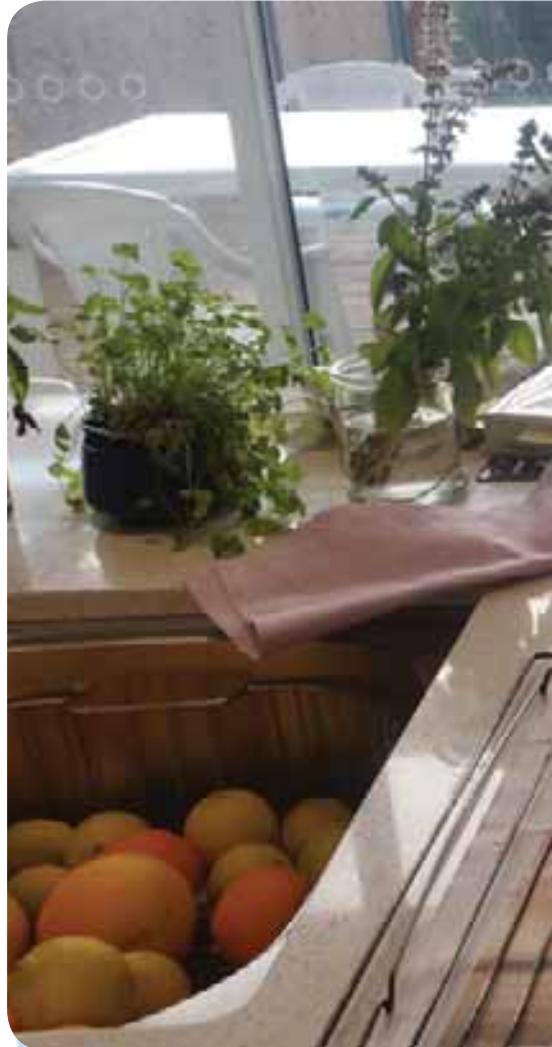
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