

# THE DAWN Y WAWR

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Mac Harries looking very dapper at 99!



# MINISTER'S MESSAGE

BY SIÔN GOUGH HUGHES

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we had to go back online only as COVID again reared its head at church. At 9:45pm on the Saturday night we had to make the decision not to hold church in person as the caretakers had come down with COVID and we didn't have time to do a deep clean of the church. Thank you to everyone who made it so easy to make the transition from in person to online.

It made me realise just how quickly things can change - everything was ready for the morning. Organist prepared, sermon written, prayers prepared, all ready to go and then, in one phone call, everything had to be re-thought. The organist shouldn't come in and so the music needed to be done, the slides for worship had to be re-written, all the congregation had to be alerted and that was just the start.

Text message and phone calls were made; old music found and inserted into the service; the elders began to alert everyone; the Ministry Team decided how the service should go and who should come in and who stay away.

Everything worked! We moved, almost seamlessly, to an online service.

How quickly things can change - but not everything. In all of this uncertainty, in all of this change I turn to two pieces of Scripture - Malachi 3 v. 6 and Hebrews 13 v. 8.

The book of Malachi was written to address social and religious issues in Jerusalem and includes some promises and prophecies about the Messiah.



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**“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”**



One of the greatest promises is this verse from chapter 3 -

“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.”

The Epistle to the Hebrews is written in a time of huge upheaval for the new ‘church’. The audience is (probably) a group of people who have begun to question who Jesus really was. This verse is sent as a reassurance to them but speaks just as much to us in COVID-riddled Melbourne.

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Throughout the long lockdown, and at times like last Sunday, I turned to these verses. They make me realise that no matter what is happening in my little part of the world the bigger picture is unchanging. In all the upside down-ness of things, when everything that you have planned can be completely overhauled by one phone call, it is reassuring to know that, “I the Lord do not change” and that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Yes the way we worship changes, yes the method of delivering the sermon alters, yes online is not always the best way to sing hymns and say our prayers but (and it’s a big BUT) the one whom we worship, the one we preach about and sing to and pray to does not change! We can be reassured that, “I the Lord do not change” and that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

I have taken much strength and comfort from these words over the past few years and even that past few days, I hope you can too.

No matter what changes or when it changes, no matter what life throws at us we can stand in the strength of the promises. It may not be easy for us to understand or grasp at times, we may not even believe it at some points but that doesn’t change the fact that these promises are true -

“I the Lord do not change” and that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”

Believe them!  
Yours, in his service,

Siôn.

# PRESENCE MINISTER'S MESSAGE

BY PETER WHITEFIELD

God go with us as we go into the difficult places and offer hope. Jesus, who has travelled the narrow and dangerous road and been to the difficult places make us brave as we go.

Spirit who gives freedom, freedom to go and offer hope and spread the good news along the narrow road, go before us on the narrow road to the difficult places, Amen.

With the much ugliness of human behaviour we hear day after day, it is good to enjoy the beauty we also see around us.



These paintings are of my hand and Ruth's feet. You may wonder why we chose these as subjects for the artist? These represent what we bring to our journey of faith. They represent where we walk and what we offer as we both experience the presence of the Divine in ourselves and in those we meet, and share this journey of doubt, grace, fear or as one person put it Faith, Hope and Carnage.







No hands, no feet on earth  
but yours. Yours are the eyes  
through which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Yours are the feet with  
which he walks to do good  
- Teresa of Àvila

May you awaken to the mystery of being here  
And enter the quiet immensity of your own  
presence.  
May you have joy and peace in the temple of your  
senses.  
May you receive great encouragement when new  
frontiers beckon.  
May you respond to the call of your gift  
And find the courage to follow its path.  
May the flame of anger free you from falsity.  
May warmth of heart keep your presence aflame  
and anxiety never linger about you.  
May your outer dignity mirror an inner dignity of  
soul.  
May you take time to celebrate the quiet miracles  
that seek no attention.  
May you be consoled in the secret symmetry of  
your soul.  
May you experience each day as a sacred gift,  
Woven around the heart of wonder.

Source: O'Donoghue, J., (1998). *Eternal Echoes. Exploring our  
hunger to belong.* London,

We do not live in isolation. We are part of  
something much bigger, and our quest for God  
must go hand in hand with our quest to live in a  
right relationship with creation; a relationship not  
of estrangement, but of union, communion, and  
harmony. Open your eyes to see the beauty of the  
world around you, and, in nature,

# MAY IN PICTURES

MAC HARRIES' 99TH BIRTHDAY



Mac & Brad Harries



Mac with Loris & daughter Gayle





# MAY IN PICTURES



Some of the packages put together for Thinking of you.

The next packing event is on 20th June @ 10:30 am in the church office.

Have a picture or two from this month to share?  
Send them to [melbwelshchurch@bigpond.com](mailto:melbwelshchurch@bigpond.com)

# WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

THURS	1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Chat in Church @ 10:30am</li></ul>
SUN	4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communion Service @ 11am</li></ul>
TUES	6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• D-Day Commemoration @ The Shrine, 11am</li><li>• Online Church Quiz @ 6pm</li></ul>
WED	7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Bible Study @ 10am</li></ul>
THURS	8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Chat @ Forage (Boronia) 10:30am</li></ul>
SUN	11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service @ 11am</li></ul>
TUES	13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Church Quiz @ 6pm</li></ul>
WED	14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Bible Study @ 10am</li></ul>
THURS	15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Chat @ Olive Tree (Heidelberg) 10:30am</li></ul>
SUN	18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service @ 11am</li></ul>
TUES	20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thinking of You Packages Meeting in Church @ 10:30am</li><li>• Online Church Quiz @ 6pm</li></ul>
WED	21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Bible Study @ 10am</li><li>• Elders' Meeting in Church @ 6:30pm</li></ul>
THURS	22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Chat @ Olive Tree (Heidelberg) 10:30am</li></ul>
SUN	25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worship Service with Peter @ 11am</li><li>• Welsh Language Service @ 2pm</li></ul>
TUES	27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Church Quiz @ 6pm</li></ul>
WED	28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Online Bible Study @ 10am</li></ul>
THURS	29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee Chat in Church @ 10:30am</li></ul>





# WHAT'S ALSO ON IN JUNE

The Australian Welsh Male Choir  
present  
*Bold as Brass*  
A musical celebration of all things Welsh  
together with  
The Darebin City Brass Band  
Saturday 24th June  
7.30pm at The Edge, Fed Square  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/australian-welsh-male-choir-present-bold-as-brass-tickets-633696602597>

The Australian Welsh Male Choir who practice regularly in our Church will be performing at The Edge in Federation Square on Saturday 24th June at 7.30pm. together with the Darebin Brass Band. This premier male choir is renowned for their beautiful harmonies and stirring performances. Together with the Darebin City Brass Band this celebration of all things Welsh is sure to leave a lasting impression.

Tickets \$40 Concession \$35

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## BIRTHDAYS



8th Wayne Gardiner  
12th Lloyd Berry  
12th Duncan Gardiner  
15th Robert Gardiner  
15th Olivia Stainsby  
17th Lara Boomsma  
19th Jane Griffiths  
24th Anne Morris  
25th Ruth Whitefield  
26th Fred Boomsma

## ANNIVERSARIES

9th Debbie & Mark Gardiner  
12th Jane & Geraint Griffiths



# SAVE THE DATE...



The Geelong Welsh Ladies Choir

25th Anniversary Concert  
featuring a fabulous quartet Mixed Signals

**30th July 2023**

A bus will be going from the Melbourne Welsh Church to this concert where we will meet up with folk from "Carmel". Seating is limited.

We will leave the church at about 11 am or so (early Morning Service!) and have lunch on the way to the afternoon concert.

Please send expressions of interest to church admin ([melbwelshchurch@bigpond.com](mailto:melbwelshchurch@bigpond.com)) and David Rees 0437 561 080





# AROUND THE CHURCH



In your prayers this month please remember:

All the sick, scared, sad, hungry, lonely and vulnerable in our community and beyond at this particularly anxious time.

There are others who need our prayers; take this time to bring them before the Lord. If you do know of anyone who needs a visit, a call, or our prayers, please let Siôn or Peter know.

Thank you John & Olwyn  
for sharing this bit of wisdom.



For all the promises of God  
are "Yes" in Christ....



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**11** “For I know the plans I have for you,”  
says the Lord. “They are plans for good  
and not for disaster, to give you a future  
and a hope.” - Jer 29

# AROUND THE CHURCH

Laughter is a gift from God





# AROUND THE CHURCH

## A little Welsh...

Found on the internet...

### Being Welsh



Welsh is not a place.  
It is not something you can become or can buy or inherit,  
It is something that you are,  
From the moment you are born.  
It lives deep inside your soul,  
It is there with every breath you take  
And every emotion that you feel.  
With every tear that you shed and  
Every rage that you roar,  
It is your pride and your passion,  
It is your home that you will never leave  
No matter how far you might roam.  
I am Welsh and proud to tell the whole world  
There is no place like the "Land of Song",  
"The home of the Dragon",  
The place that I call home!

### Learning Welsh?

The next Welsh conversation group will meet **17th June @ 9:30am - 1:30pm** at the church office

The group provides a forum for independent Welsh learners to get together, speak some Welsh, cover off some areas of grammar, learn more about the culture and, generally, to make people feel part of the Welsh community in Melbourne.

# BRAIN FOOD

Matthew 25:29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance...  
Let's keep our minds active!



**Sudoku #1363 (Easy)**

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						8	
5						6	
3				9			
			3	1		2	9
6			2	8			5
2		1	9				8
	6			5			
	8			6			7 2

**Sudoku #1357 (Hard)**

9				7	6			8
	2							
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## May Dawn Answers

Amazed, Anointed, Baptized, Believers, Bewildered, Bread, Brethren, Crowd, Determined, Devotion, Endowed, Faithful, Filled, Fire, Galileans, Healing, Jerusalem, Language, Miracles, Multitude, Perplexed, Power, Preaching, Prophecy, Salvation, Sermon, Signs, Sins, Teachings, Thousands, Together, Upper Room, Witness



# CHRISTINE'S CULINARY CORNER

This month's recipe from Bubba...



## PETER'S ALMOST FAMOUS SAUSAGE ROLL

### Ingredients

- Equal parts beef and pork mince
- Diced shallots (sweat and cool)
- White pepper
- Salt
- Fennel seeds
- Home made or pre-made puff pastry

### Method

1. Mix the meat, shallots and spices
2. Cut the sheets of pastry into two or 3 equal strips according to the size you want
3. Place filling in middle and brush the edges with egg wash and join together. Cut to desired length.
4. Bake until pastry is golden brown.



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Got a favourite recipe to share with the church?  
Get in touch with Christine!

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Zoom Meeting ID: 870 2223 5766  
Password: 055742

- not sure of something?

- need a little more information?

- want a lift to church or a Drop-In?

Call Peter or Sion and let them know how they can help you.