

Congratulations to **Tanya Champion** on her excellent year 12 results.

Stan and Nona Graham recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary with their daughter Anne and her family who have moved back to Melbourne from Perth.

Betty Terrell hasn't let a broken ankle stop her from enjoying a walking holiday.

Yvonne Smith is back from a trip to central Australia.

Welcome back to others who have enjoyed a time of relaxation and refreshment. The '**Cornwall**' committee has already held its first meeting for 1999.

Easter celebrations. Keep free **Palm Sunday** (28 March) for another splendid presentation of Stainer's **Crucifixion** by **The Melbourne Singers**.

Pastoral concerns include Betty Just, Dorothy Garnett, Edyth Rawson (St Josephs), Tom Steel, Mary Crosbie and Ivy Duggan (MECWA Prahran), Frances Summons, Kath McIver, Ruth Sambell, Shirley Bolduan, Mabel Robinson (Mont Calm), Rev. Gerritt Peterschlingmann. We record with sadness the death of Mr Lin Collie on 29 November 1998. Lin was a wonderful treasurer of the 'Cornwall' committee for over twenty years and a good friend to the residents.



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The Meaning of History. Recently I was reminded of Henry Ford's quip that 'history is bunk'. A survey has found that most Australians are ignorant of their historical roots. Perhaps a reason for this is that we live in a society that focuses on the instant satisfaction of personal needs or desires. For the 'self' has come to be seen as the centre of all meaning so that, if something is not immediately of interest 'to me', it can be disregarded.

I began to think about the effects of this type of thinking about on faith. Perhaps here, too, we think that God is irrelevant if he does not meet our needs immediately. We may think that, because the present is of ultimate importance, 'God of the past' can have nothing to say to modern people. What may or may not have happened in the past cannot help us to live now.

Questions about the meaning of history, however, cannot be ignored so easily, especially in the light of the Church's faith in the providential purpose and destiny of

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