

THE ECUMENICAL SERVICE

AT PENTECOST,

THIS SUNDAY, 31 MAY

UNITING CHURCH AT 10 AM

also gives us an opportunity
to meet the new Vicar,
Fr Val Rogers
& his wife, Josie.

*** Elders**

The Council is pleased to report that whilst our Minister is busy recuperating, all seems to be going well with church and congregational matters, mostly thanks to Max's superb organisational skills and thoughtful arrangements for our well-being during his absence.

We have enjoyed getting to know Rev. Warren Clarnette as our "interim minister" as he, in turn gets to know us, a much harder job (there being more of us). It has been a delight, also, to see Mrs Clarnette (Judy) coping with, and mastering, all these new names & faces! Our sincere thanks to them both.

Elders have been trying to keep up with Max's diligent visitation rounds, especially those on the "sick list", which of late has been quite lengthy.

*** Pastoral Concerns**

include Max Champion, Alex Borland (St. Vincents), Dorothy Garnett, Nona Graham, Betty Emms, Tom Steel, Mary Crosbie, Ivy Duggan, Marjorie Lade, Mabel Robinson and Edyth Rawson.

Since our last newsletter, we have been saddened by the death of Evelyn Scott on Sunday, 3 May, 98. Evelyn had battled cancer for many months, the last few weeks being spent in Bethlehem Hospital.

A moving Memorial Service to celebrate her life and service to the church was held at AUC on 6 May, led by the Moderator, Rev. Pam Kerr, & Rev. Warren Clarnette. Over 80 of her friends and family members attended.

Her family have asked that all who visited and supported Evelyn during her illness, and those who provided refreshments after the service should accept their sincere thanks and gratitude.

We, as her church family, will miss her

*** Manse Maladies!**

Current health bulletin on Max... he is home again after a very short spell in Victoria House for tests and x-rays of the offending hip. All is well and recovery assured, so keep up the good work, MaxRuth and family are soldiering on valiantly too!!

*** Snippets**

Some of our lucky people have been travelling. Bill Rush has returned from a few weeks in Europe and Frances Summons is somewhere in Italy ... Lyn & Keith Ferguson will shortly take off for two weeks, and others

have had shorter trips and holidays. Lucky things!!

*** Stainer's Crucifixion**

During the performance by The Melbourne Singers on 5 April (Palm Sunday), three beautiful banners were paraded through the church, and placed on display. These were the work of Lyn Ferguson, our talented "artist-in-residence" (so to speak). They will be used from time to time in our worship services as liturgical items.

Thank you, Lyn, for this splendid work, and to Keith too, for his contribution of a more practical nature, the stands, etc.

*** Uniting Church Fellowship**

UCF's monthly meeting is always interesting, but in April, when the topic was "Women at War" and the speaker was our own Ida Reeves, it was even more so.

Ida joined the WRANS in '43, trained at HMS Flinders, and was then seconded to the American Radio Intelligence Unit based in Melbourne, later serving with the Townsville Naval Wireless Station till "de-mobbed" in '46.

Her work involved the decoding of Japanese Naval/Military secret orders, very hush-hush and exciting work, vital to the war effort. Thank you, Ida, for sharing those memories with us.

***UCF Birthday Anniversary Lunch**

23 June at 12 noon.

The guest speaker will be Miss Barbara Hewitt, who has retired from the Diplomatic