

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
A. Ruthless

Q. What do they call Pastors in Germany?
A. German Shepherds

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, “Boys and girls what do you know about God?”

A hand shot up and a kindergarten boy said, “He’s an artist!”

“How do you know that?” she asked.

“You know – Our father who does art in Heaven.”

In a way the child was right. Think of our wonderful world with its beautiful flowers, trees and colours and the glorious sunsets and sunrises – He surely is an artist.

To be continued in the next ...

Cheers Jody

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NEWSLETTER



Greetings and Salutations

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

At the end of January Pastor Charlie Greer finished his time with us. We say farewell and thank you for his help.

Now we welcome Rev Andrew Gunton and family to Oxley-Darra Uniting Church. Hopefully they will all have a happy time with us. I'm sure we will enjoy getting to know them. It is grand to have our own Minister.

Induction

NEW MINISTER AND HIS FAMILY WELCOMED TO OXLEY-DARRA

As people arrived for the Induction Service for the Reverend Andrew Gunton on Thursday evening, 29 January, they were greeted by two young men handing out orange and blue cards, usually used for signaling voting intentions in Church meetings. Some asked, "Have we got to vote tonight?"

All was revealed when the Reverend Peter Lockhart, the preacher for the Service, spoke of the cards as being a show of warmth (orange) or coolness (blue) towards a particular situation. Peter encouraged his listeners to be warm-hearted, and to welcome Andrew and his family warmly as he came to minister with us in the spread of the Gospel in Oxley and Darra.

Invited guests who were able to attend were Aunty Jean Phillips, Father Gerry Kalinowski (Corinda-Graceville Catholic priest), Pastor Jim Cameron (Riverside Christian Church) and Mrs Tarnya Smith, State member for Mount Ommaney. Fifteen members of the Presbytery of Bremer Brisbane were also in attendance. The entire congregation numbered close to 100 people.

Andrew spoke of his warmth and that of his family, in coming to Oxley-Darra, and looked forward to a time of growing the Church here.

A happy time of sharing took place over supper afterwards.



Samaritans Purse

Last year over 300,000 gift filled shoe boxes were delivered to children in Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu giving joy and laughter to many children.

Garden Lovers first meeting of the year is Thursday February 26. A gentleman from Phil's Organics is coming to tell us how to improve the soil in our gardens. He will have all sorts of organic matter to sell. You don't have to be a mad keen gardener to join us. Just come.



English Classes



The English classes for Vietnamese classes started on February 1. There were seven ladies here. It was lovely to see them again and we had lots of fun and laughter as well as hard work. We still need some helpers. Please see Nerida or me if you would like to join us.