

History

Lyndale Methodist Church –1955—1977

- 1955** Sunday School commenced in the home of Mr & Mrs Briscoe
- 1956** First service held in 'the tin shed' which had been a cowshed, a Garage and used for general storage.
- First minister was Rev John Blacker;** first members included Briscoes, Pages, Peirirs, Roberts & Mrs Rose. The Hill family joined There was a strong Youth Group and Ladies Guild.
- 1950's** **Rev Max Stansall** welcomed new people from the three major housing developments. The Parsonage was re-located, the farm buildings used as Church and activity centre and the first permanent building was erected.
- 1961** **Rev Norman Lee** dedicated **Barber Hall**—opened by **Rev. Pearce Barber** on 29th August. The Tin Shed was used for Sunday School And Scouts. Girl Guide & Scout Church Parades held in the church. Marj Smith, Una Simmons & Marie Grylls were Guide leaders. Organist was Norman Henderson and Vera Henderson was choir conductor. Grace Hill commenced cleaning the church & husband George mowed the lawns. During the 1960's fund raising continued for the building necessary for a growing congregation **Rev Len Bluff** was minister.
- 1971** **Rev. Ian McDonald** was minister. **Completed set of buildings opened in July.** During **1970's** Lyndale Methodist Church was involved in many outreach activities including Opportunity Shop in Menzies Ave , Grassmere Youth Services and Work Parties to central Australia. There was a large Sunday School and Youth Group. **1975; 'Treasure Trunk' Opportunity Shop** opened by Alice Gibson & Ineke Gyles.

St.Andrew's Presbyterian Church 1954—1977

- 1954** Christmas Service held in an empty shop in Menzies Ave
Under the umbrella of Scots Presbyterian Church Dandenong.
- 1955** Sunday School commenced.
- 1958** Hall erected at 100 James Street on land donated by Miss I.
Cameron. First congregational meet held on 30th June.
- 1961** Church building added and dedicated in November
- 1964** **Ian Brown** appointed as assistant Student Minister.
- 1966** **Edwin Hale** appointed as Assistant Student Minister
- 1967** **Rev Peter Aumann** inducted as first Ordained Minister on 8th
February.
- 1968** **New Manse** built in Easterleigh Court.
- 1971** **Rev Alan Thomson** minister. Large numbers in both Sunday
School and Youth Group.
- Ministers** associated with St. Andrews were Rev J. Finley,
Rev Alex Yule, Rev John Gardiner, Rev Wally Stratford,
Rev Leo de la Rue, Rev Ray Jones, Rev. Alex Adams &
Rev J Kerr.
- 1977** Union—St. Andrews became “St.Andrews Uniting Church”
- 1978** **November 26th** Final service at StAndrews’ church.
December 3rd. Accompanied by the bagpipes played by Scot
North, St Andrews congregation walk to Birch St to join with
Lyndale Uniting Church.
- 1979** The Coptic Orthodox church had use of the buildings.
- 1980** **Polish Seventh Day Adventist** purchased the St.Andrews
property, including the Manse in Easterleigh Court, for
\$84,00.00

Dandenong North Uniting Church 1977 - 2017

- 1977; 25TH June** Lyndale & St. Andrews became congregations of the Uniting Church in Australia.
- 1978;** The two congregations came together in December, worshipping here at Lyndale with Rev. Ian Mc Donald & Rev Alan Thomson sharing ministry until Alan's retirement in 1979
- 1981; Rev Alan Wendelken** inducted in January. New Manse built.
- 1990; Rev Bubsy Arulampalam** commenced ministry after Rev Alan Wendelken's retirement. In 1995 Rev Bubsy was called to Sydney to work for the UCA National Assembly.
- 1995; Rev Margaret Johnson (Black)** supply minister followed by Rev James Latu in 1997.
- 1998;** Samoan congregation joined & **Rev Kainano Opetia** was called to minister to both English & Samoan speaking congregations
- 2003; Rev Brian Niblock** --supply minister, commenced a weekly worship service at Regis Aged Care facility . It still continues.
- 2006; Shared ministry with Endeavour Hills U.C. . Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvia** was minister until 2014.
- 2014; Rev Barry Fletcher** supply Minister. **Rev Raja Rajakulendran** and his wife **Kala**,
- 2017; Rev., Bruce Crowle**—long term supply, with lay preachers **David Smith & Peter Woodbridge** .
- During the 1980's** the church was vibrant with a large Sunday School & Youth Group as well as many adult groups. Members of the congregation were busily engaged in activities within the church and in the wider community. U.C.A.F., Chat and Chew ,Worship planning and D.D.U.C.A have continued. The buildings are being used by seven community groups

Order of Service October 1st 2017

Introit – TIS 147/AHB 85 “To God be the Glory”

Acknowledgement of Country (Bruce)

Welcome—(Bruce)

Prayer of Adoration (Theo)

Opening Reading –Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Bruce)

Litany Of Thanksgiving- Rev Andrew Boyle, Chairperson ,Presbytery
of Port Phillip East

Blessed be the name of the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ, whose word has long been proclaimed within this place.

We give you thanks, O God

As generations have prayed and sung your praises here, your spirit has blessed countless worshippers

We give you thanks, O God

We have celebrated the Lord’s Supper and been nurtured by it through our journey of faith.

We give you thanks, O God

We have rejoiced here as believers have confessed faith in Christ

We give you thanks, O God

Here we have baptized our children and mourned our dead.

We give you thanks, O God

As new families have been created through marriage, we, our parents, and our children have vowed in this place to love, honour, and cherish always.

We give you thanks, O God

From within these walls many have gone out to serve you in the world

We give you thanks, O God

As we go now from this place into a further journey of faith

We give you thanks ,O God

and seek your continuing presence with us, through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Prayer of Confession and Word of Hope—Andrew Boyle

Musical Item Narre Warren Nth. U.C “Freedom Singers”

A Brief Outline of the History of DNUC (Marj)

Words from DNUC Church Council Chairperson—Theo Bruinsma

2nd Reading – Revelation 21:1-7 (Margaret)

Thanks be to God

3rd Reading – Philippians 1:2-6, 4:4-7 (Rowena)

Thanks be to God

Musical Item Endeavour Hills U.C

Sermon – Rev. Ineke Gyles

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(The United Church of Canada, 1998)

Hymn – (to Tune 143)

There's joy in remembrance this notable day,
When, one in the Spirit, we gather to pray:
Lord, strengthen and guide us, today as of old,
As a new age confronts us, new ventures unfold.

There's joy in salvation, God's on-going grace:
Some know they received it, the time and the place;
Some know they possess it, but cannot say when:
Blow, wind of the Spirit, revive us again!

There's joy in commitment to Christ and his Church,
In learning that faith's not the end but a search;
In strangers made welcome and talents well-used,
Where no one who needs us is shunned or refused.

Lord, grant as we work for your Kingdom's increase,
In a world that is groping for freedom and peace,
Such joy in the Gospel, such trust in your word,
Our deeds shall proclaim you Redeemer and Lord.
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Prayers of the Community --- (Shalen and Sarika)

Musical Item -- Dandenong Trinity Uniting Church.

Prayer of Approach—(Ineke)

The Communion--Bruce

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.....

..with holy men and women of every age, we proclaim your great and glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you in songs of never-ending praise.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

...The gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

Prayer After Communion--Ineke

Hymn – TIS 138/AHB 74 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

Commissioning—Rev Andrew Boyle

God is with us

Though we let go of this cherished place

God remains with us

Though we sing a new song and worship in new places

God remains with us

As we find new friends in new places

God's love remains with us

God's justice will inspire us,

God's reign will call us to action

God is eternally for you and with you.

Thanks be to God!

Blessing and Dismissal--Andrew

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen

And the blessing of God

Hymn – TIS 569/AHB 478 “Guide me O my Great Redeemer”

*The symbols of Christian life lead out the Recession—bread and wine
(Theo) water (Lorraine) and the Bible (Margaret)*

The Congregation



Kath Izzard, Grace Hill, Rev. Bruce Crowle, Beverly Hill

D.DUCA : Dandenong & District Uniting Church Auxiliary.

Commenced by the Presbyterian church in the 1960's to
Provide financial assistance particularly in the Doveton area.
Continued after Union until August this year.



L-R: Tom Hurle, Sydney Swaby, Geoff Lacey

The Last Load.

L-R: Theo Bruinsma, Stan Ashley, Geoff Lacey, Ian Longmuir, Barry Fletcher & Margaret Swaby.



Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes



Packing



Fifty-four boxes ready to go

And after the service...



June Earle, Beryl Alderton, Margaret Swaby & Kath Izzard
enjoying a time of fellowship with a 'cuppa'

Praise the Lord

Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God!
God has blessed us and brought us to this time.
God has blessed us and brought us to this place.
God has caused his name to dwell in our midst.
God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.
God has shown us his glory in his mighty word.
God has shown us the way of truth and life.
Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!
Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God!
For 61 years, God has nurtured and fed us.
For 61 years, God has shown us his grace.
For 61 years, God has given himself in Word and Sacrament.
For 61 years, God has empowered us with his Holy Spirit.
For 61 years, God has made us his witnesses in the world.
For 61 years, God has placed us in loving fellowship with one another.
Praise the Lord for 61 years! Praise God for ever more!

