



Northsider



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REJOICE * the Lord is risen!



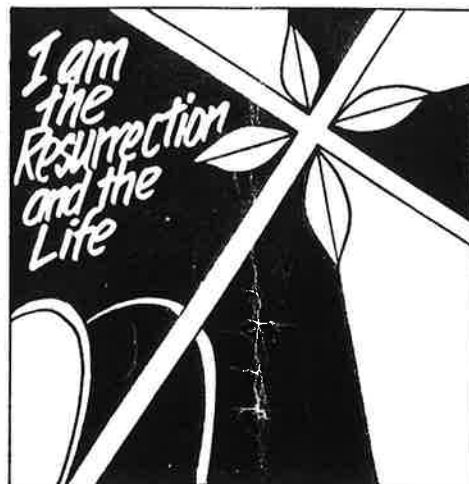
he was gently swinging at the end of the ropes.

Eyes shut, relaxed and drifting,
she listened to the murmur of the breeze that sang a lullaby
as it swayed her back and forth.

And minutes floated away to the rhythm of the swing.

So, Lord, I walk through the city as through a vast country fair,
and see people drifting, blown by the breezes of life.
Some smile, and yield to passing pleasures.
Others with taut faces curse the wind that shakes them
and knocks them into one another.

Lord, I want them to stand up on their swings,
I want them to grasp the cords that you hold out to them.
I want them to harden their muscles
and brace their vigorous bodies,
and stamp on their lives
the direction they have chosen.
For you do not want your children to drift,
But to live.





Northside Parish

The Uniting Church in Australia

serving the suburbs of
Crows Nest, Milsons Point, North Sydney,
St Leonards, Waverton and Wollstonecraft
with churches at
Shirley Road (& Nicholson Street), Crows Nest
and 6 Holtermann Street, Crows Nest.

Worship Services:

SUNDAY (with Sunday School)

(Holy Communion is celebrated on the first
Sunday of the month and on major festival days)

9.00 am 6 Holtermann Street

10.30 am cnr Shirley Rd & Nicholson St
Last Thursday

2.30 pm James Milson Home

1st & 3rd Wednesday

10.15 am Georgian House

Groups:

Home Group

SUN 7.30 pm 1st & 2nd 19 Lithgow St
3rd & 4th 1 Eastview St
(John Lee/Linda McDonald...438 2626
or Allan/Judith Watts...439 1861)

Shirley Road Women's Fellowship

2nd Wed 1.30 pm Shirley Road
(Margaret Sangster...439 2602)

Holtermann Street Women's Fellowship

4th Wed 10.00 am Georgian House
(Mavis Thornton... 955 8540)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH?

50th Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations and God's blessing on Allan and Daphne Clarke - they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 1st March. It was difficult to control one's feelings as they walked down the aisle hand in hand at the morning service on 24th February, to receive blessings and renew their vows. The Rev. Tom Plaizier spoke very sincerely of their life together over the fifty years and the oneness of their lives. As Allan and Daphne knelt we gave thanks for their lives together and prayers for God's presence in the future years. As they shared the Peace with the congregation, Sue, at the organ, played *O Perfect Love*, this giving the 'Amen' to Tom's words.

It was good to have Rob and Gail, son and daughter-in-law, present and proudly watching their parents. Also Marie Griffiths, Daphne's brother's wife. Marie is no stranger to Holtermann Street, having worshipped there many years ago.

Of course the day would not be complete without morning tea. A beautiful anniversary cake was made by Rhonda Barker. This was cut by Allan and Daphne with the wishes of those present.

As Allan and Daphne enjoy their morning and afternoon tea or coffee, two mugs were given, one blue and one pink flowered, in love and appreciation of their loyal support. We hope they enjoy their "cuppas" for many more years.

Mavis Thornton

Minister's Residence

The new minister's residence in Lamont Street was virtually paid for by the sale of the Selwyn Street property last year. A short-fall of \$55,000 was covered by parish funds due to expert budgeting and management by Rob Fisher. What will we do without him!

Day care for the elderly

North Sydney Council had directed that the parish adhere to zoning regulations for the Walker Street property owned by the parish. This had been rented commercially. The house is to be converted to day-long care for the elderly. Georgian House is enthusiastic.

Ordination of Beverley Cameron

Beverley, member of Northside Parish since 1985, has accepted a call to the Beecroft parish for work with the WestPennant Hills ('Bethlehem') congregation. As we go to print the following arrangements are subject to change, but it is planned that she will be ordained by the Presbytery of Sydney North in Shirley Road Church on Thursday, 11 April, and inducted into Bethlehem congregation by the Presbytery of Kuringai shortly afterwards. The parish wishes her God's blessing as she takes up her vocation.



WANT TO KNOW WHAT I LEARNED AT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING HYPOCHITE?

LETTERS



**A Thank
you note**

Please find enclosed the current birthday list. We are ever so grateful for your birthday gifts to the patients.

Marg. Witford

Diversional Therapy

Lynvale Nursing Home

News & Notes

Kim Jin Yeop deported

Uniting Church missionary, Dr Kim Jin Yeop, was released from his Korean gaol and deported to Australia on 25 February. His mother flew from Los Angeles to meet him and was joined by a large crowd of Koreans at Sydney Airport. He thanked the many hundreds of Uniting Church people who wrote or sent cards, and included him in prayers while he was in prison.

Conversations with Muslims

On 9th March the Uniting Church's Assembly Working Group on Relations with other Faiths established their first official conversations with representatives of the Muslim faith. Major focus of the conversations was on community relationships within Australia.

Interns share their stories

A new publication from Uniting Church World Mission tells of the thoughts, stories and images of three women and one man - participants in the 1989 Uniting Church Interns in Mission program. Called *There is another story... Voices of people in the struggle for justice*, it sells for \$4.00 (plus \$1.50 p&p) from Uniting Church World Mission, PO Box E266, St James NSW 2000

Studies in the environment

The Assembly Social Responsibility and Justice Commission is encouraging parishes to study and act in regard to environmental issues - green-house effect, soil erosion, maintaining forests, pollutions, etc. A good reading and study resource is the Committee's *Healing the earth: an Australian christian reflection on the renewal of creation* - \$3.50 from the Commission office.

Seeking new relationships in Southern Africa

Two Uniting Church Assembly staff, the Rev. Chris Budden and Graham Brookes, have flown to Southern Africa to begin discussions with churches and ecumenical groups in the hope of establishing new mission relations between them and the Uniting Church in Australia.

Substance abuse

Use of the following substances among US young people (in percentages) is noteworthy:

	1979	1989
Marijuana	47	17
Cocaine	6.2	2.8
Alcohol	72	60
Cigarettes	29	29

- *The Christian Ministry*

Uniting Ministry with Ageing

New Director of this new organization is Mr Les MacDonald, former General Manager of the NSW Maritime Services Board and member at Balmain church. Associate directors have been appointed in Finance & Administration (Wayne Newell), Nursing Standards & Quality Assurance (Susan Hartley), and Research/Planning/Education (Robyn Draper).

A Woman of Egypt

by Jehan Sadat.

Simon & Schuster Inc. New York 1987

What a woman! Wife of President Anwar el-Sadat of Egypt who was assassinated for his efforts to bring Egypt out of its feudal past into modern democracy, Jehan Sadat is also a powerful personality in her own right. She shows those of us who would like to introduce social change - especially in relation to improving the position of women - how to do it with tact, charm and yet total dedication.

Jehan speaks simply and sincerely of her marriage to Anwar Sadat and the reader is left in no doubt that it was a relationship of passion and mutual respect even though Sadat came from a traditional Muslim peasant background and held traditional Muslim views of women, at least at the start of his marriage to Jehan. Jehan, however, came from a privileged middle class background and right from her earliest years had strong ideas about social justice and improving the lot of women. In the book, we see how she handles the doubts and objections of her husband, finally bringing him around to her point of view while she accomplishes extraordinary changes in the lives of many Egyptian women.

We also gain a rich understanding of the nation of Egypt and the Middle East during the period of Jehan's life [she was born in 1933] and of Sadat's role in bringing about peace between Egypt and Israel. Thus, the book is very timely at this present period of history when the Gulf War is just over and

the Middle East and its political problems loom large on the world stage. From it we gain a comprehensive and easily digested understanding of Middle Eastern ways of thinking and the relationships the different middle eastern nations and their leaders have with each other. We get the inside story on personalities like Golda Meir, the Shah of Persia and his lovely wife, Farah Diba and Colonel Gaddafi of Libya because Jehan Sadat knew them all personally.

Finally, of particular interest to those who would know more about the faith of Islam and how it relates to Christianity and Judaism is Jehan Sadat's simple and straightforward

description not only of her own faith and what it means to her, but also her broad understanding of the meaning of Islam [“Islam” means submission; a Muslim is one who



submits]. She shows how the Koran keeps believers in strict submission where it is conservatively interpreted and how such an interpretation serves the purposes of men. But she also shows that when it is understood more liberally - which is the way she views it - there is room for change. Her description of her pilgrimage to Mecca gives the reader an idea of the centrality of worship to the lives of Muslims and provides a stimulating contrast to the more inhibited forms of Western Christian worship that we are familiar with.

I can recommend this fascinating book without reservation to all who are interested in political history, comparative religion, feminism, romance and drama. Don't miss it!

-Beverley Cameron



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>You know you are getting older when... your knees buckle and your belt won't.</i></p>	<p>OPEN our hearts and minds to receive you, O Lord!</p> 	<p>THANK God for those who bring the message of Christ's resurrection.</p>	<p>MAY your Spirit unite us in worship of you, Lord God.</p>	<p>PRAY for loved family and friends, especially those in particular need.</p>	<p>PRAY for greater understanding among members of different world faiths.</p>	<p>SHOW us how we may guide and encourage those new to our faith.</p>
<p>Easter 2 Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31</p> <p>White</p>			<p>• 10:15 am Worship - Georgian House</p>	<p>PRAY for the mellow warmth of autumn, we feel the warmth of your love for us, and we give $\uparrow\uparrow$ thanks.</p>	<p>HELP us to love our enemies and those we cannot understand.</p>	<p>PRAY that those in the electronic and print media will not abuse their power.</p>
<p>PRAY for those who suffer in third world nations.</p>	<p>DEAR LORD, show us how to be your disciples.</p>	<p>MAY our lives reflect our love of you both at home and in our public life.</p>	<p>WE REJOICE that you love us as we are and pray that we may become more like you.</p>	<p>IN the mellow warmth of autumn, we feel the warmth of your love for us, and we give $\uparrow\uparrow$ thanks.</p>	<p>HELP us to love our enemies and those we cannot understand.</p>	<p>PRAY that those in the electronic and print media will not abuse their power.</p>
<p>Easter 3 Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:35-48 1 John 3:1-7</p> <p>White</p>			<p>• 10:15 am Worship - Georgian House • 7:15 pm Parish Elders Council</p>	<p>THANK you for the WCC. May it grow in wisdom, love and influence.</p>	<p>THANK you for artists whose creativity gives us a greater vision of love and life.</p>	<p>PRAY for the lost and lonely.</p>
<p>PRAY for balance between nations who starve and nations who stockpile food.</p>	<p>PRAY for little children growing up into a complex and confusing world.</p>	<p>PRAY for integrity in our political leaders.</p>	<p>WE DELIGHT in your Word and pray that we may find ourselves in it.</p>	<p>THANK you for the WCC. May it grow in wisdom, love and influence.</p>	<p>THANK you for artists whose creativity gives us a greater vision of love and life.</p>	<p>PRAY for the lost and lonely.</p>
<p>Easter 4 Acts 4:8-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:18-24 John 10:11-18</p> <p>White</p>			<p>• 10:00 am Fellowship - Georgian House Miss McWilliam will talk on the assistance given to her by Squire from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf THANKS for old people who suffer \uparrow deeply and remain \uparrow optimistic.</p> 	<p>ANZAC DAY • ANZAC breakfast at Lorna Bassett's</p>	<p>THANK you for those whose lives demonstrate the meaning of discipleship.</p>	<p>WE REJOICE that your Spirit is with us at every moment!</p>
<p>PRAY that governments and people will co-operate to preserve the natural environment.</p>	<p>PRAY that government and people will co-operate to circumvent an increase in the suffering of economic recession.</p>	<p>THANKS for the energy and idealism of young people. Help us who are older to listen and learn from them.</p>		<p>PRAY for families touched by the Gulf War.</p>	<p>THANK you for those whose lives demonstrate the meaning of discipleship.</p>	<p>WE REJOICE that your Spirit is with us at every moment!</p>
<p>Easter 5 Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-12 John 15:1-8</p> <p>White</p>			<p>9:00 (Holtermann St) Vestry Lindy Armstrong Communion Mavis Thornton & Joy Fletcher Door Daphne & Alan Clarke</p>	<p>10:30 (Shirley Rd) Vestry John Lee Door Eunice McKay & Chris Milne</p>	<p>Readers 9:00 7th Carole Fawcett 14th Mavis Thornton 21st Joy Fletcher 28th Jim Croft</p>	<p>10:30 Elizabeth Humphries Stephen Brand Elaire Smith Erica Wylie</p>
<p>PRAY for prisoners and captives of all kinds.</p>	<p>PRAY for those suffering in the rural recession.</p>	<p>THANK you for the joy of studying your Word.</p>				