



Parishioners will be sad to farewell Rev Peter Daugaard when he relinquishes his role as locum tenens on 15th November.

Peter followed on from Rev Ian Harris in this role in July this year. Although he has only been with us for such a short time, Peter endeared himself to everyone by his caring manner and great people skills. Peter has a special way of making people feel they mattered and his humor and approachability will definitely be missed. We all wish him and Rosalie all the best for wherever the future takes them. Thank you Peter.



‘Hot raisin toast with butter not just scrapped over, but lavishly applied’. This is how Reverend Avriel Green described the abundant love of Jesus, extravagantly and lavishly given.

Avriel was the principal speaker at our Ladies Encouragement Day on 29th August. It was a great day when sixty ladies enjoyed the fellowship, great speakers and luncheon and morning tea served up by the menfolk of the parish.

In her address titled ‘Love Beyond All Measure’, Avriel spoke on the languages of love. Two Workshops were also offered. Dr Carolyn Russell spoke on ‘Being a Love Receiver’ and Rev Marilyn Cullen on how ‘To be Instruments of God’s Love’.

As a professional doctor and counselor Dr Carolyn Russell is a well respected speaker in areas of mental and spiritual health. In her workshop Carolyn encouraged us to place our focus on Jesus to enable us to function well and experience God’s peace in our lives. She gave us a visual tool by drawing a circle, outside of which she placed seven key areas of our lives. Focusing on these areas, she told us, places our personality in control, with all the accompanying stress and conflicts. If, however we turn our focus to the centre of the circle which is Christ, then He is in control and His peace and strength will enable us to function in the way He had intended for us.

Reverend Marilyn Cullen’s led us to a time of reflection. She encouraged us to be still and enjoy being with God and meditating on the way he has shown us His unconditional love and forgiveness. She also gave us a visual of a heart divided into four sections representing our family, our friends, our community and the world. In the centre was the cross which depicted God as the focus and centre point of our heart.

The day ended with a Liturgy and a presentation to show appreciation to our excellent speakers. It was a great day.

Wednesday 14th October was a red letter day for two of the senior members of St John' parish. On this day Reverend Peter Daugaard organized a special Thanksgiving Service to celebrate 50 years membership of Mothers' Union, (now known as MU Australia) by Jean Wright and Joan Mouritz

Past and present members of MU Dalby came to acknowledge their commitment and the role that these ladies had played within the organization.

Shirley Beale, the Diocesan President of MU presenting Jean and Joan with their badges and Certificate. Afterwards an afternoon tea was served in their honour.

