

## Around our churches

**Gospel life blessing our churches.**, 4 new Bible study groups have started up at **Kingscote**, where just hearing Scripture read and explained brought a visitor to faith and membership in the church. There are also similar accounts of the living Word of Christ in Scripture creating faith and adding believers in the church at **Minlaton** and also at **Lameroo**. "Faith comes by hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ".

HopeNet field pastor **Grant Jewel** leading confirmation service at **Lameroo** of five young people. Bianca and Matthew were baptized, and affirmed for Jeffrey, Sarah and Benjamin followed by Confirmation . Baptismal water was presented by Lameroo's Pastoral visitors John and Rose Benke with the reading of John 4. The new members served communion the elements to the congregation .



**Kangarilla is moving ahead** after a season of searching out their future. After nearly a year they met again in the chapel for an evening Gospel service with 30-40 folk attending and hearing a strong Gospel message. The Word of Christ conquers. Press on in God! We are thankful for Rex Griswood's back-up pastoral work along with local team.

**Congratulations to Jesse Size** who was received for ordination to be a deacon and continues ministry at Port Augusta. Also to **Mark Schultz** who will be ordained to Minister of the Word and will continue his work at Glenunga. Both these brothers are pastors at heart ,are anchored in the word of God and we thank God for their effective ministry in two of our HopeNet congregations.

**Sermons from Bible teachers in HN** . Jesus followers need clear understanding on standing in and for the truth.. Here are a couple on the often misunderstood , 'should [Christians not judge.](#)' Check out sermons from HopeNet pastors.

**Tom Joyce Wandearah HopeNet** rep and Bianca hosted the church for an after service 1 year old for son Elijah. Great day like most Sundays with our HN saints relishing the Gospel and living in the truth of it.



**God Says Yes...**to marriage between a man and woman for life! God says yes to them having children, giving them the gifts of fatherhood and motherhood, shaping their lives according to His truth and good will. God says yes to families serving the wider community in love, so that humanity may be redeemed and made whole.

God the Father says yes to true marriage uniquely reflecting the ultimate Marriage, between His Son, Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, and the human race who love Him, the Church, His Bride. God says yes to them being married forever as a part of His family.

God says yes to the redemption of broken lives, marriages and families through the grace of the Bridegroom Christ.

God says no to all that contradicts His good will and purpose in creation and redemption. God says no to any false pathway that leads His dear children away from this, and prevents them knowing His full grace and blessing in life. God says yes to abundant life; *choose life!* (Jn 10:10; Deut 30:19) [Jonathan, HN Exec and Golden Grove minister](#)

[Thank you to all who worked to write letters to Synod to reinforce the importance of upholding our UCA received doctrine.](#) Read a summary of our participation in the November Synod and outcomes, on marriage [here](#). You all did well and we will ensure your statements are forwarded with your approval to Assembly standing committee. Also see [HopeNet latest report](#) to Synod [here](#).

### **And Beyond**

'[Faith ,mighty faith the promise sees'](#); Remember the small church shooting in rural Texas last month? Joe Holcombe, 86, and his wife Claryce lost nine family members during Sunday's stunning mass murder at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, but get what their faith in God did with this. [Read here](#).

[Pro-life testimony from an SA woman.](#) "A lot of the women who have gone to the abortion clinic that I have witnessed, I would say a good 90 percent do not want to have an abortion to kill their child." Interview with [Robyn Grace](#).

**Quotes:** "And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle." George Washington

"The fact is, no one has taken marriage from the true church . There is no such thing as same sex marriage .It can never exist except as a fake post-modern social construct. This provides an open door of opportunity to re-take the true character of marriage."

David vanGend, from Tawoomba demonstrates the evil of changing the Marriage Act, [check here](#) ,but be warned. What did Jesus say about the causes of sin! "We have always said that same-sex couples are free to live as they choose and love whom they will. (the yes vote prevailing) LGBTI activists will have achieved the recognition of same-sex marriage, they will have gained official affirmation from society, . .but they cannot have the minds of our children or the voices of our pastors. That line they cannot cross." Van Gend

"If we insist on keeping Hell, we shall not see Heaven: if we accept Heaven, we shall not be able to retain even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of Hell." C S Lewis

“Immanuel. Immanuel, God with us in our nature, in our sorrow, in our lifework, in our punishment, in our grave, and now with us, or rather we with Him, in resurrection, ascension, triumph, and Second Advent splendour.” Charles H. Spurgeon

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