



ARMCHAIR TO PERU

We had fun as we travelled via our armchairs to Peru! Red and white outfits and hats suited the theme, as we were immersed in Peru's culture and magnificent scenery. Can you find yourself?







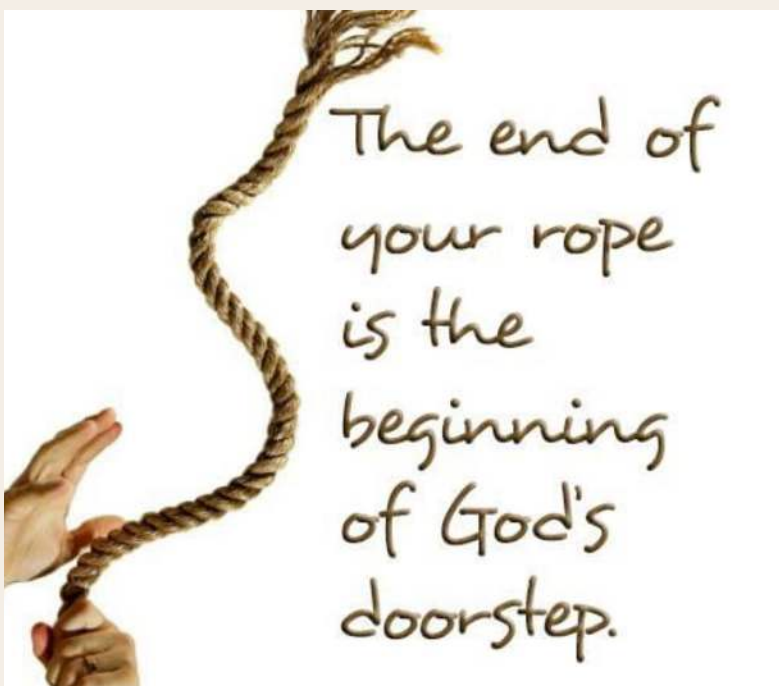
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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ELVIS

In September we held an outreach entitled "The Gospel According to Elvis." Gavin Chattelier, sang well known Gospel songs and hymns to an audience of 70 people. This was followed by a special afternoon tea.



LESSONS FROM THE ANT

"Lessons from the ant" taught us many unknown facts about these tiny creatures mentioned in Proverbs. We were encouraged to be like the Honey Ant- exuding sweetness, rather than the Yellow Crazy Ant that spits acid.






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**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN
SARAH JOHNSON**

School Chaplain Sarah Johnson brought us insights into her childhood living through the sectarian violence of the Irish Civil War. Her subsequent conversion to Christ was inspiring.

"The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specialises in the impossible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love."

Corrie Ten Boom

FRIENDSHIP GROUP



2nd and 4th Wednesday
of each month.

1:30PM - 4:00PM

446 Centre Road, Berwick, Vic, 3806



**THE MASTER
ILLUSIONIST**

"The Master Illusionist" Russell John amazed us with his sleight of hand and had us intrigued and involved with his tricks. It was such a fun afternoon!



2024 COMES TO A CLOSE

What a wonderful year we have enjoyed – so much fun, laughter, learning and drawing close to God together. We have been blessed to welcome a number of new members and have farewelled others into the arms of Jesus as their life's journey ends. The fellowship we share is so special, each person giving and receiving of themselves, encouraging and building each other up. We look forward to many more happy times as 2025 unfolds!



Sharon & Larry Edwards



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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MAT



Life is often shaped by the seasons, from the seasons we cycle through each year—summer, Autumn, Winter, and Spring—to the seasons of childhood and schooling and our teens, and we adapt our lives accordingly.

You will all be aware that my season at Berwick has come to an end. I have loved my 19.5 years here, the last eight plus on staff, after serving as an elder and as a volunteer leader in Alpha, GTM, Prayer Ministry, and Life Group. God has blessed me to have known so many wonderful people and seen so many come to faith, gain freedom, and discover their true identity and purpose.

This season at Berwick has also seen loss as well as gain. I have bought and recently sold a business. I have had two sons but lost a child through miscarriage. I have enjoyed the wonderful experience of marriage and the pain of divorce, and now God has stirred my heart for a new challenge and opportunity.

Christmas is upon us, and like all seasons, the most important thing is the mindset and heart we adopt to ensure we make the most of the opportunities it brings. How can you honour God, love your family and friends, share the good news, and meet the needs of others?

It can help to establish some small and perhaps some larger goals for Christmas. These could be anything from explaining the significance of Jesus' birth to grandchildren or reconciling with siblings after a falling out in past years. Whatever the goal is for you, it will give you a sense of purpose and help you make the most of the opportunity Christmas brings. Could you invite your neighbours to the Carols service at Berwick?

My boys and I wish you a Merry Christmas and bid you farewell. This is not goodbye but see you later. Who knows, wherever I land, our paths may cross, and when they do, I will be thrilled to see you, my friends, again.

God bless you

Pastor Mat Daniels

