



What's News — January 2021

L'Arche Hobart

Beni-Abbes Community

Mini
newsletter

What a hoot the Community Christmas barbecue was! It was so good to be able to catch up with so many friends on a lovely day with great food. There is such a lovely energy when we get together like this and the Nativity Play and music are just "not to be missed" events. I love it when John plays because he pitches the music low enough for even me to have a good go at "Hark, the herald angels sing"!

I must thank everyone who gave so much to make it such a wonderful day. Some people gave of their creative talents, others did practical things and others gave their presence.

Everyone gave of themselves and what they could give and that's what makes it so fantastic, so thank you to all of you. It was a wonderfully inspiring and enjoyable way to end the year.

During the day, I found myself musing on what next year's Christmas barbecue might be like. We have been weathering a storm for some months now, but recent decisions by the Board and

Community Council mean our little L'Arche boat now has the storm sails set and we are on our course into calmer waters.



It's through being together in community that our L'Arche spirit really shines. Our little boat needs all hands on deck at present, so we all need to be active in supporting the community and activities. If you're in two minds as to whether to attend something or not, go with the mind that says you ought to be there.

Our new Acting Community Leader commences work on 1st February, so, at the time of writing, I am in my last week as Community Coordinator. It has been

a huge learning curve and I feel greatly blessed at having had the opportunity to see more deeply into this community and to come to know, and have the support of, such a wonderful group of people. To see the Spirit of L'Arche shining in the eyes, lives and actions of all sorts of people who contribute all sorts of things. Thanks to you, I have learned more about myself, what I value and what I am being called to do.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all as we regrow our community. To quote a friend, we have been pruned and now the new shoots will burst into life.

I hope this new year brings you peace and joy and that some of your dreams come true!

Leigh Delaney
Community Coordinator

Events!

Feb 2 – Solidarity Night, 6-8pm, 40 Pirie St, New Town

Feb 17 – Coffee Night, 7-8.30 pm, 40 Pirie St

Mar 2 – Solidarity Night, 6-8 pm, 40 Pirie St

Mar 17 – Cafe L'Arche, 7-8.30 pm, St Therese's School Hall, Hopkins St, Moonah

Mar 27 – Community Gathering, 5-8 pm, barbecue and formal welcome for Stewart Betts, new Acting Community Leader, 40 Pirie Street

All welcome



appointed an Acting Community Leader.

Stewart Betts will start in this very important role on 1 February. Stewart

On behalf of the Board of Management and Community Council of L'Arche Hobart I am very pleased to announce that we have

has been an important part of the leadership team in the L'Arche Canberra Community of Gennesaret.

Stewart is a Tasmanian who went to the mainland to further his career. He found L'Arche eight years ago and has since worked his way into various leadership roles. He brings experience of L'Arche and of the NDIS. Stewart is on his way to re-settle in Tasmania with his wife Mel and their two young children.

Stewart will have a crucial role in the rebuilding of our Hobart Community.

He brings passion and joy and an excitement to join us in this crucial time in the history of our Community.

We look forward to welcoming Stewart and his family in an event to be held soon.

Brendan Sullivan
Chairperson
L'Arche Beni-Abbes Community Inc

Christmas 2020

Happy New Year! This edition is a mini newsletter but the February edition looks like being a bumper one. I hope your year has started well. Cheers, *Claire*



Master chefs John, Rowan and Leigh.



Some of those who gathered to celebrate Christmas and community.



Shepherd Adrian overseeing preparations.



Garry made a fine Saint Joseph.



Helen and Judy lighting the community candle.



"No room at the inn, but you can stay in the stable," said innkeeper Raphael.



Mary and Joseph (Leanne and Garry) and wise people Meg and Peter admiring the new baby.



A mischievous shepherd had the angels in stitches.



The wise people brought some unusual gifts, placed at Mary's feet.

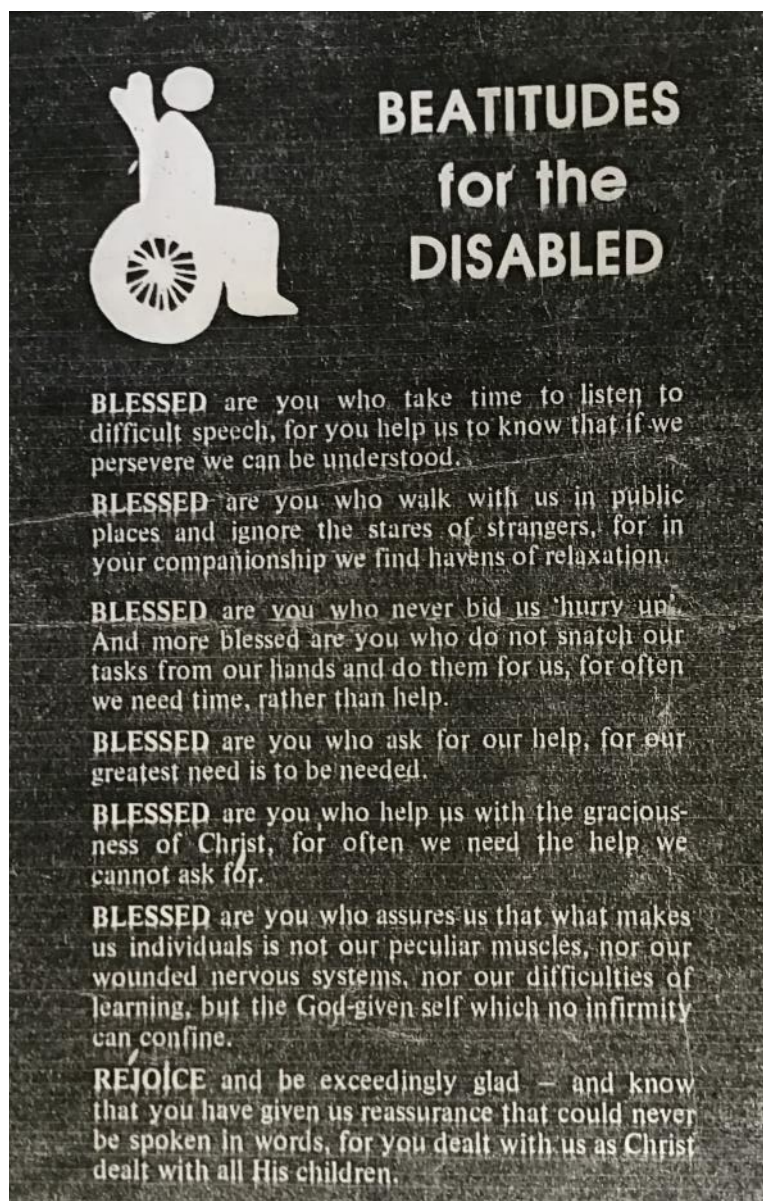


We are so lucky to have many talented musicians in our community who are happy to share their gifts with us. Thank you to Scott, Arbie, Garry, John, Peter, Angie and David.

And it looks like Arren might be preparing to join their ranks.



Bits and pieces



Thank to you to Adrian Dean for submitting these Beatitudes.
Some excellent food for thought.



Garry went to the cricket to support the Hurricanes.



Rosey and Louise had dinner at Claire M's.



On 2 January about a dozen people took part in a gardening bee at Peter Ramsden's home and then enjoyed a well earned barbecue.



Willie and Hannah exploring YouTube.




January 2021



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 24 | 25 | 26  | 27 Angie Clarke's birthday | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |

February 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Solidarity 6-8 pm, 40 Pirie St | 3 | 4 | 5 Deadline for February <i>What's News</i> | 6 |
| 7 | 8 - Regatta Day  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Stella Treanor's birthday |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Alex Treanor's birthday | 17 [Ash Wed] Coffee Night 7-8.30 pm, 40 Pirie St Sean McKeown's birthday | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Ash Kaur's birthday | 23 | 24 Cheryl Burles' birthday | 25 Sue Whitaker's birthday | 26 Deadline for March <i>What's News</i> | 27 |
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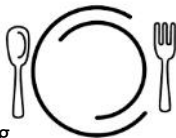
Hannah Shackcloth – 11 years – 2010

March 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 Solidarity 6-8 pm, 40 Pirie St Rennie Jaurigue's birthday | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 - Eight Hour Day  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Cafe L'Arche 7-8.30 pm, St Therese's Hall | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Deadline for April <i>What's News</i> | 27 Community Gathering, 5-8 pm, BBQ and welcome Stewart, 40 Pirie St |
| 28 Palm Sunday | 29 | 30 | 31 Geoff Whittaker's birthday | [Holy Thursday] | [Good Friday] | [Easter Vigil] |

What's Solidarity?

Once a month (usually the first Tuesday) we gather for a simple evening meal and make a small donation that goes to help support L'Arche Zimbabwe. After dinner we have an activity of some kind, sing a song or two, hear about upcoming events, and have a short period of prayer and reflection, always finishing with a song. It's always fun and links us to the world-wide L'Arche family.



What are Coffee Night and Café L'Arche?

Cafe L'Arche evolved from Coffee Night.

Both are evenings of music and socialising.



Café L'Arche is held in a bigger venue and traditionally has a wider range of musicians and more of a café atmosphere. They're both joyful occasions and guaranteed to get your toes tapping. Bring your guitar, your singing voice, your friends and family and have some fun. (And refreshments.)

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