

# Finding the Stillpoints

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## A MESSAGE FROM ANN

It is a privilege to be working in the Stillpoint Centre again, filling in while Gary takes long service and study leave. There is a sense of community and of the rhythm of the hours here, as people gather on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a time of meditation, Holy Communion and shared lunch. The sense of community is also present in the quietness of Stillpoint services and in the gathering in the house for coffee afterwards. You are welcome to join us for these and other events!

I had a salutary reminder about living contemplatively recently. Racing across the park near my home to get some documents in the post by 5 pm - and feeling stressed after a busy day - I saw some children playing and heard one of them call out "Look."

Deciding I was much too busy I ignored it but the voice came, more insistently this time. "Excuse me." The young boy was pointing to the tree tops and there floating in the sunshine were beautiful,

colourful bubbles they had just blown. I looked, and still got to the post box on time, and concluded that God is determined to slow us down and get our attention.

May your days be gentle.  
Ann

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### BENEDICTINE DAYS

7.30 - 4.30pm Stillpoint House  
6 July, 3 August. 7 September

### BE STILL AND KNOW

1pm - 2.45pm Stillpoint House  
9 July 13 August. 10 September

### STILLPOINT FAITH COMMUNITY CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

6.30pm in Nunyara Chapel  
5 Burnell Rd Belair  
14 & 28 July, 11 & 25 August  
6.30pm at Lefevre UC  
63 Gedville Rd, Taperoo

### MID-WEEK MEDITATION & COMMUNION

Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.30am - 12.15pm  
Stillpoint House



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*The ministry of Stillpoint offers you a place where you can "come away...and rest awhile, a place to nurture your deeper self and deepen your relationship with God.*

# What's been happening?



## Nunyara Chapel 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On the afternoon of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June, people gathered to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nunyara Chapel.

The earliest days of planning and construction were recalled. Hymns and speeches celebrated significant times in the history of the chapel, including camps and conferences held in the 60s, and the experimental worship group that met weekly in the 70s.

The final 10 minutes of the service were given over to Stillpoint, in recognition of our worship in the chapel, and the continuing use of the chapel during retreat type experiences of church and school groups.

The Stillpoint section, titled "Becoming" included a Taizé chant and reflection questions inviting people to recall times when the chapel had been "holy ground" for them in the past and to consider what this might mean for each of them in the present and moving into the future.

For the people who attended it was a time of revisiting old memories and catching up with some of those who had shared them. with others who had gathered.

Their enjoyment was obvious, both before the service, during the service as they responded to words and songs, and at the afternoon tea, as they met and mingled

I was pleased to be involved in the leadership of this event, which was organised by Malcolm McArthur .

**Denise Griffen**



## Urban Mission Network

Stillpoint is part of the Urban Mission Network within the Uniting Church.

The Churches associated with the Network were invited to an Expo which provided an opportunity for congregations to encourage each other in ministry and mission, share resources and provide mutual support.

Through this Expo we were able to remind congregations about Stillpoint and the resources available to them in matters of Spirituality, Prayer, Spiritual Direction, Contemplation and Reflection.

**Denise and Judy**



# All Welcome



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