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FAMILY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE: 9.30am Sunday

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Thursday at noon

Who is leading Worship on

22nd Nov 2009

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R Williams

PROJECTION:

R Park

CHURCH PRAYER:

J Wilson

READING:

COMMUNION PREP:

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SERVERS:

R Anson, B Clarke

TEA & COFFEE:

S Hutchings, R Williams

SOUND:

W&K Riessen

GREETER:

T Scafidi

FLOWERS:

K Leek

OFFERING:

J Fuller, P Megson

CLEANING:

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SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sandy & Cheryl

THE GRAPEVINE 15th Nov '09

HAPPY VALLEY



SHARING JESUS LIGHT

As I come into the Café, Gretel is sitting, reading and smiles as I sit. We chat as Gretel clears her head. I'm tempted again to want to do something for Gretel! But I've realised Gretel doesn't visit for that...just wants to sit and chat... so we reminisce about her early years, where she is living now! She is on the street again after being in a boarding house. She reminds me how important is relationship, a smile, keeping one's promise to be a friend, a companion on the journey.

That Gretel is without a home is a crucial justice issue. People with mental health issues don't have much. Government has been shutting down the big places and houses that provided reprieve from the elements and danger. There's a great need for affordable, safe, secure homes. It's crucial we, with a voice advocate for.

Meanwhile together we share Jesus' light in one another, we smile, we're warmed. I am reminded of the One who was born and placed by his mama in a manger cradle, carried by his refugee parents fleeing persecution, who said "I have no place to lay my head". He encountered the darkness in the world, and came to be Light, a companion on the journey.

In our Christmas celebrations may we seek those people without a Home place, needing a friend, a companion on the journey. We can give practical help and donations through Careworks and our church. Meanwhile, as well as presents we give presence. Shining Jesus' Light into another person, and receiving Jesus' Light through them.

Thank you Gretel for shining into me!

Grace and Peace
Julie Simpson