

# PRESBEVENTS

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**David Mather (England):** Duncan Murray's comment about a new hymn reminds me that one he wrote years ago, and which I used regularly, Duncan having given me permission several decades ago. is

**(Tune Bunessan RS 45)**

## **New Age has Broken**

Christ is now living  
 Death's reign is shaken  
 Rules no more  
 New peace is coming  
 Old wars are fading  
 Christ's way is winning  
 Shore to shore.

New love is moving,  
 Christ is the giver  
 Stone hearts are melting  
 In his love.  
 People are walking  
 Strong in the Spirit  
 People are talking  
 Of the dove.

New life is springing  
 Christ gives the power  
 His Body is rising  
 Hour by hour.  
 Mission is calling,  
 Go to the city  
 Neighbours are weeping  
 Lost in sin.

New hope is dawning,  
 In Christ we're risen  
 Sad songs are turning  
 Into Joy.  
 Praise we are giving  
 Lord of creation  
 One with us living  
 Mary's boy.

(Duncan Murray)

Sad to hear of Steve de Gruchy's death, I didn't know him but John was at Bryanston United when I went on PAT in 1973. Am I getting old or do many of us remember Francis Horner and The Leader?

**Gus and Clare Hunter (USA):** I will be going to teach in Switzerland these next two weeks. Two YWAM schools back to back. Please pray that I will be able to hear God and do all He wants of me - have energy - and be full of Father's love. The two

bases are in order... you can look see...<http://www.ywamlausanne.com/>  
<http://www.jemchatel.ch/>

**Phindile and Zodidi Nqakwana (Somerville, Tsolo):** In our congregation (SOMERVILLE) we are busy with the renovation of the church hall. What makes this project difficult is the fact that 95% of our members are pensioners who are solely dependent on government Old Age Grant. We will be glad if any good Samaritan can come forward and assist us fulfil our desire of making God's house look good. **(Contact details for Phindile: [zodo@webmail.co.za](mailto:zodo@webmail.co.za), 083.331.7818, PO Box 53, Tsolo, 5170)**

**Les Dawson (Meyerton):** Les Dawson lives in the Meyerton Old Aged Home - "Huis Meyerton" where he is one of just a handful of English-speaking residents. Les will turn 90 later this year DV, and is no longer as agile as he once was, but is still reasonably independent and "mobile", insisting that he only really uses his walking stick because Matron has told him he must! He spends a large part of his day at Huis Meyerton visiting and praying with the infirm residents, many of whom are much younger than he is (just as his mother used to do at the Ladies Christian Home in Cape Town many years ago!). He still reads, has a regular time for his devotions every morning, attends to his admin, and keeps himself busy all day.

Apart from some weakness in his legs, and a general frailty that seems to have crept up on him in the past few years, he remains in fairly good health.

He still worships regularly (= pretty well weekly!) at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Henley-on-Klip, where his daughter and son-in-law are also members, and participates in congregational activities, but has at least been excused from further involvement in Presbytery business, and no longer attends those meetings.

**PRESBEVENTS is really hungry for your news! Do please take a moment to share it with your fellow-workers in the church! And may God bless you in your ministry!**

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