Watoto Choir Performance
Saturday 6 June 2015

What a terrific performance last week! St Mary in the Valley hosted the Watoto Choir’s “Oh what love!” concert with over 200 people attending.

Cathy Beauchamp (Tour Coordinator, Watoto Child Care Ministries, Australia & New Zealand) wrote:
We were so blessed to work with you in sharing the inspiring stories from Choir 72 and the message of God’s amazing hope and love with your community.

Thank you for partnering with us in hosting this performance for your community. We cannot do what we do for these vulnerable children and women without you and we are so very grateful for your amazing support!

We pray God’s richest blessings over you as you continue on the journey of spreading this message of God’s amazing hope and love!

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In February I joined Rod and Christene Oldfield for their commissioning service in Cloncurry, Western Queensland. The mercury was over 100 degrees in the old scale and the humidity wasn’t that short of three figures either. It was a far cry from the temperate breezes of the Oldfields’ previous home on King Island in Bass Strait.

The Oldfields have also served with BCA on Norfolk Island and Coober Pedy. Imagine all the changes they’ve experienced in those moves – everything from the weather and the size and type of community through to whether they live above or below ground!

What hasn’t changed in any of those locations is the Oldfields’ commitment to serving Christ and making Him known. Even more importantly, God’s commitment to them hasn’t wavered or faltered. So it was most appropriate that at their commissioning we read these precious words from Jesus that conclude Matthew’s gospel – “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

In this edition of The Real Australian you’ll read a number of stories that highlight God’s faithfulness in seasons of change and challenge. Life rarely stands still for any of our Field Staff. There are always new relationships to be established and new opportunities to share Christ’s love and truth. As an organisation we are always looking for new ways to communicate and express the mission that God has placed on our heart. In just four years, should the Lord delay, we will celebrate a century of reaching Australia for Christ. Thank God, we have an eternity to celebrate His faithfulness to us!
“What do you think of that, Steve?” We stared up at the roof together. I tried to work out the implications of what we saw. None of them were good.

We were looking at the ceiling of St Stephen's Anglican Church in Emu Creek. It had been standing for one hundred and twenty five years. We were focused on a particular section, high above the pulpit and the Lord's Table.

Lesley had found bits of the wood scattered on the floor next to the table as she was setting up for Communion. Above our heads, we could see damaged timber and a panel of the ceiling slightly displaced. As we later discovered, the ceiling was affected by termites and shifting timbers within the roof space.

I knew even then that we were facing an abrupt season of change. I wanted to cry. I wanted to say how unfair this was. But I had a service to lead in fifteen minutes and we needed the members of St Stephen's to see the area of concern so they were all 'in the loop' for the discussions to follow.

I did cry – after the engineer had completed a visual inspection of the building and declared that the building was not fit for public gatherings. I did say how unfair it was – to the LORD in the quietness of my study in the weeks and months afterward and in my heart when the Bishop read out the notice of deconsecration, seven months later.

By the time the Emu Creek site was sold, we were in the midst of complex negotiations. Our new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Uniting and Anglican Churches had to be completed, including new governance and identity for our partnership. A new life was beginning, but we still grieved for the loss of St Stephen's.

The Strathfieldsaye Ministry has experienced dramatic changes since the end of 2013. Some changes had been planned due to the upcoming conclusion of our initial MoU on December 31st, 2014. Others, like the loss of St Stephen's as a venue for worship, were definitely unplanned.

Through all of these changes, our eyes have been lifted up beyond church ceilings, beyond denominational negotiations, beyond the daily and seasonal rhythms of worship, to the One who has remained steadfastly faithful throughout. The LORD's promises have been an anchor to us especially when it felt like we were in troubled waters. Whatever happened, we were God's people still and His love is constant. Buildings, and ministers, come and go.
We now have a new name and logo, a new autonomous identity with a new combined Church Council. At the same time, we remain in relationship with local Anglican and Uniting Churches. We are focussed on the future, but we will never forget our heritage.

In the mid-nineteenth century there was one Protestant Christian community in our district. In the 1870s this separated into the Church of England (Emu Creek) and Methodist Church (Sheep Wash Creek, now called Strathfieldsaye). God in His faithfulness has kept His Church alive in the district, and as tough as the last year has been, He has continued to work through His people here to this day. We are excited to see what He has in store for us in the next one hundred and twenty five years.

Coober Pedy, 100 Years since the discovery of opal

The town organised a huge weekend of festival events. The local Catacomb Church, headed by BCA’s Geoff and Tracey Piggott and members of the church, along with a mission team from the Camden Haven (Laurieton NSW) Anglican Parish were at the forefront of events. The church had a float in the street parade (featuring BCA’s past and present involvement in Coober Pedy for almost 70 years), craft activities for the children in the festival and organised a Combined Easter Sunrise service at the Big Winch and a Combined Easter Sunday Thanksgiving Service on the School Oval with a former BCA Missioner Kerry Medway speaking on Willie’s Discovery. As well as these, Geoff and Tracey opened their underground home and the Catacomb Church for visitors to tour and discover some of the stories of BCA’s commitment to Coober Pedy for over 69 years.

BCA’s first touch with the frontier opal mining community was in 1946, when the BCA Flying Medical Service flew in for evacuations and medical clinics. In the 1960s two BCA Nurses came and a Medical Centre was established. Sisters Heather Heaver and Pat Darby were the first nurses and they had to be tactful in recording medical records with many miners living in Coober Pedy under assumed names. One BCA nursing sister won a medal for bravery; Sister Anne Dau went down a mine shaft to examine a miner who had fallen over 50 metres. She was awarded a Certificate of Merit from the Royal Humane Society for her bravery and compassion. The Medical Centre became a centre of local care and assistance with BCA Sisters Carol Allen and Michelle Blundell assisted by local community nurse Sister Vicki McCormack (a member of the Catacomb Church along with her mining husband, Albert). The

BCA’s commitment to Coober Pedy was on full view to the local community through the Catacomb Church’s float

By Kerry Medway - Author and Former BCA Missioner

The Easter weekend (April 3-6, 2015) saw Coober Pedy celebrating 100 years since the discovery of opal.
Sisters were granted a special licence to take X-rays and were often called upon to act as vets and treat wounded pets (outside at the back of the hospital). The Sisters also taught Sunday School and reached hundreds of children for Christ.

The first BCA Missioner, who made frequent patrol visits to Coober Pedy and held church services, was The Revd Brian Carter, based at Tarcoola and the Trans Line Mission. The Revd Barry and Mrs Jenny Rainsford were the first BCA Missioners to live in Coober Pedy and establish a church in the early 1970s – the mission that still impacts the community today through the Catacomb Church. Barry also began to patrol up into the Pitjantjara lands to Ernabella and south to Andamooka, Kingoonya, Tarcoola and west to Cook on the Nullabour. Other BCA Missioners to follow were The Revd Martin and Mrs Vivien Bleby (Vivien has recently retired as BCA Regional Officer for South Australia and the Northern Territory), The Revd Capt Rod and Mrs Christene Oldfield (now BCA Missioners at Cloncurry Qld), The Revd Peter and Mrs Joy Palmer (now fly-in, fly-out BCA Missioners based in Adelaide), The Revd Ian Robinson, The Revd Bill Ostling, The Revd Bob Rothwell and The Revd Ian Bednall, to mention a few who served in Coober Pedy.

One of the highlights of BCA’s history in Coober Pedy, was the opening of the Catacomb Church in 1977 by the Archbishop of Sydney and Anglican Primate of Australia, The Most Revd Sir Marcus Loane, assisted by the BCA Federal Secretary, The Revd Theo Hayman and the Bishop of the Diocese of Willochra, The Rt Revd Bruce Rosier. Members of the church had worked for several years digging, and gouging out the church complex from the ground and leaving their blood, sweat and tears in the walls and foundations. What a joyful occasion the opening was for locals and visitors!

Today, The Revd Geoff and Tracey Piggott are still waving the BCA flag in Coober Pedy after 69 years and ministering in the community. They are greatly appreciated by the locals and are seeking to win many lost opal miners and their families and tourists for Christ.

**Trusting God through Cyclone Olwyn**

*Lydia and Eli Nicol explore tree branches in the aftermath of Cyclone Olwyn*

*By Frank Nicol - BCA Field Staff, Exmouth WA.*

After eight years of living in a cyclone prone area as an adult and many cyclone alerts, Frank Nicol shares what it was like to experience severe tropical cyclone Olwyn, which hit Exmouth and the coastal Pilbara in mid-March:

I used to look forward to these massive weather events coming because it’s a different way of living – you have to pack up your house, you get phenomenal amounts of rain and a day off work because you’re
not allowed to leave the house and usually nothing happens. Out of about ten red alerts that I’ve been through, this is the first cyclone that has actually hit us on the head and I’m not sure I’ll be excited for cyclones anymore because it was a scary experience.

The morning was spent packing up our house and the houses of people from church who were away. Then we planned what supplies to collect and what we might cook over the next few days. When we checked the surf at about 4 o’clock in the afternoon, it was raining but the surf was pumping and there was a lot of excitement. At around 6 o’clock, it started to get very, very windy, even though the cyclone was still five hours away. Outside our house, we realised some things weren’t going to cope so made a few last-minute changes. Then the SES rocked up and I thought they were going to ask us to evacuate, but fortunately they just needed some bedding supplies for their staff, so we were able to loan them a whole bunch of sheets and pillows. After that, we put the kids to bed and just got ready. The kids basically slept the whole night, but we stayed up due to the noise. We lost power at about 9 o’clock at night and it didn’t come on for another 48 hours. The wind kept getting stronger and stronger and at about 11 o’clock, our house was really getting pounded. Water was being pushed in through the windows and doors.

It’s very much an event that is out of your control and you need to just sit and wait, and trust God that whatever happens, happens. At about midnight, we prayed again because I didn’t know if the house would stand up or not. The windows were flexing and one of our cyclone-rated fence panels got punched out and was flapping and looking like it might hit the house near my daughter’s room, so we moved her and then just had to trust God while it passed.

It was a great joy when at around two o’clock in the morning, the wind changed direction and the house was less stressed. We no longer had a water feature in our bedroom through the window and we could finally get a couple of hours sleep before we woke in the morning to see all the carnage.

In the end, there wasn’t a whole lot of damage to our house, but it certainly made us realise that these things are a lot more serious than we’d thought in the past – the difference between getting glanced by a cyclone and getting hit by one is dramatic. One of our church members had their sliding door pop out and smash, so it brought the 190km/h winds into their house and they had to sit in the toilet for four hours. It definitely is a moment where you realise that you are not in control; you can strap everything down, but you just have to sit and wait and see what happens.

We are thankful that we can say God was faithful in protection in the cyclone, but I think He was also faithful in that He can use a scary moment of your life to grow you and provide opportunities for you to serve Him. There were lots of opportunities for our church to come together and serve, at the church and in other people’s houses – chopping up trees, lending chain saws, cleaning up and trying to fix things where they could. Once the power came back on, there were also opportunities for the people with power to be hospitable to those without.

So it’s not as though God says ‘I’ve left you and here is a cyclone.’ He provides amazing
opportunities to serve and show Christian love in your community and I think He is faithful, even in the midst of adversity.

Reaching Families on Kangaroo Island

By Melinda Law

In the time that Brad and Joh Henley, and their girls Jemima and Gabriella, have been on Kangaroo Island, there has been encouraging growth in the church, but not among the population of young families and single people.

In 2013, Brad and Joh launched a Mainly Music programme from KI Anglican in Kingscote, the largest town on Kangaroo Island, but God showed them that there was a need to provide a church service more tailored to families. Brad explains, “The current services by any church in Kingscote weren’t providing a friendly or suitable environment for families and children. Most people are accustomed to a more reflective service and parents struggled in those services when they did occasionally visit.”

And so under God’s guidance, Brad and his team launched Family Church on February 1, 2015. Calling it a “family-friendly and seeker-sensitive” service, Brad says it’s a different church service that has brought people together across all generations. “We made it clear a number of times in the lead up that it’s not a service for families, but at the service we are family, so everybody is welcome,” Brad says. “But also, people are aware that it’s different to the traditional services so I think that’s broken down one of the barriers and enabled some more people to check it out.”

And check it out they did. The first service had 55 people in attendance, including approximately 20 people who did not have a current connection with a church on the Island. “Praise God for that!” Brad exclaims. “There were a good number who might have had a Sunday School connection way in the past or they might have had parents or grandparents praying for them for a long time, but they’ve finally started to explore Jesus.”

Family Church begins with everyone – including kids – in the service together to sing and pray together as a community. “We give the kids some instruments and some of the songs have actions. Everyone gets involved!” Brad says with a smile. Singing time is followed up by a time of prayer in smaller, often family-based, groups within the congregation. The children then head over to the church halls to hear their talk, while the adults hear a sermon. After the service ends, everyone is encouraged to stay for dinner. “Having a meal together has been really great for continuing to go a bit deeper with people after each service,” Brad reflects.

And the feedback so far has been very positive. “People have expressed a desire to continue on at Family Church and some
have made it back to subsequent services,“ Brad says.

Please join us in praying for Kangaroo Island’s Family Church as it continues to grow.

For more information and news from Bush Church Aid, please visit their website: www.bushchurchaid.com.au

ST MARK’S NATIONAL THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Did you know that St Mark’s provides training for priests and deacons in this Diocese?

Please consider make a tax-deductible donating to either of these funds to help St Mark’s continue its mission of transforming lives and communities for Jesus Christ.

Burgmann Foundation Fund

St Mark’s Council established the Burgmann Foundation to secure the life, work and growth of St Mark’s mission through maintaining and building the site.

Recently, this fund has helped build the Pam and Graham Garrett Building in 2009 at the cost of about $850,000. This much needed facility houses St Mark’s academic staff.

St Mark’s Council is faced with the challenge of having 60-year-old teaching spaces. Recently electricity cables had to be replaced and there are still ongoing maintenance issues, such as cracked windows that need to be replaced.

The Council is also considering how best to support distance students who travel to Canberra for residential classes without any onsite accommodation options.

Your donation to the Burgmann Foundation will help St Mark’s to maintain and develop the site.

Friends of St Mark’s

Since St Mark’s National Memorial Library was established in 1957 by Bishop Ernest Burgmann, it has grown to house 100,000 books.

It costs about $280,000 annually to maintain and staff St Mark’s library. Recently a fire warning system has been installed and air-conditioning replaced.

Your donation to the Friends of St Mark’s Fund will help sustain Bishop Burgmann’s vision to provide a place for serious theological scholarship in a publicly accessible theological library.


Revd Dr Andrew Cameron
St Mark’s Director

REFUGEE WEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Refugee Week 2015 -
To mark Refugee Week 2015 the Faith-Based Working Group of the ACT Refugee Action Committee will be hosting a Service of Prayer and Reflection to raise awareness and generate support for those seeking asylum in our community.

Sister Jane Keogh will be speaking to us from her extensive experience in advocating for refugees and asylum seekers, and providing some updates on current issues.

There will then be a time for questions, reflection and prayer. The service will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome.

Contact: Dr Rosamund Dalziell
rjdalziell@gmail.com
5:30-6:30pm 15th June 2015 @ Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

2015 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD LAUNCH

June 19th (Friday)
7 pm at Lyons Church of Christ

Hi Friends, the 2015 collection season for Operation Christmas Child is coming up fast. The year is flying by. This year’s launch event for the ACT/STH NSW team will be held at Lyons Church of Christ where our office is based, On Friday 19th June. 2 Marrawah Street, Lyons, from 7pm to 9pm. Supper will be served.

Everyone is invited to attend, volunteers, shoe box donors, pastors, leaders and
people who are only hearing about OCC for the first time.

It is an opportunity to hear about how the project will be run this year and meet Rowan Armstrong, OCC National Manager Australia and New Zealand.

Jason Potter, OCC Assistant National Manager Australia and New Zealand Will update you on all the latest OCC news locally and worldwide.

Come and meet our Official guest Mr. Alistair Coe, Honorable MLA and Deputy Leader of the Opposition of the ACT Government, Mr. Coe has been a longtime supporter and participator in OCC.

We will have brochures, posters and pre-printed shoe boxes for collection.

We will also have some items like skipping ropes made by one of Samaritan’s Purse ministries, the Agape Children’s Home available for people to put into shoeboxes for a small donation. So by the time you leave you will be well and truly equipped for your OCC year.

For further information, please call Deepa on 0410 559 197 or email deepao@samaritanspurse.org.au

Sat June 20th at 2pm at Uniting Church, Rutledge St, Queanbeyan
Sunday June 21st at 2pm at St Thomas More Primary School's Holy Faith Hall, White St, Campbell
Tickets at the door Adults: $15; concession: $10

MU OVERSEAS DAY

Members and friends are invited to the MU Overseas Day, to be held on 2 July 2015 at Holy Cross Hackett. There will be a service at 10am, followed by a speaker, then a $10 lunch of soup, sandwiches and slice, to raise funds for one of our new Overseas Links in the Wave of Prayer. There will be an opportunity to give more is you are able.

For catering purposes please RSVP Dorothy Mackenzie, 6248 9281, by Friday 26 June. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

“WITH GOD IN MIND”
A CONCERT OF SACRED CHORAL MUSIC AND POETRY

Featuring Louise Page (soprano) with Janene Broer (mezzo), Rosemary Shepherd (flute), Pauline Sweeney (piano)
Kaleidoscope Singers.
Radford College is hosting the annual student led Dirrum Dirrum conference. Dirrum Dirrum, which is the sound of red in Ngunnawal, seeks to foster a greater humanity around three activities: the development of humble leadership; creating a climate of inspiration; fostering a cycle of responsibility. It seeks to help secondary students understand how they can act with compassion and walk humbly together upon the earth and with our God.

See [www.anglicancg.org.au/events.php](http://www.anglicancg.org.au/events.php) for more information or to download the brochure.

The Revd Susanna Pain is hosting a Winter Quiet Day at St Mark’s National Theological Centre on Saturday 15 August 2015 from 9.30am - 4pm. Bring your own lunch to eat at your leisure. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

15 Blackall Street, Barton

Cost: $30. RSVP essential to Susanna on 0418 637 469 or by email to susanna.pain@gmail.com

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**ST MARY IN THE VALLEY EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Film Buffs, Saturday 20 June 2015
- Parish Council Saturday 4 July, 8am
- 7th – 14th July NAIDOC Week (advised by Archdeacon Karen Kime)
- Film Buffs Saturday 18 July 2015
- “Winter Warmer” social night Friday 7 August 2015, 6.30pm.
- Film Buffs Saturday 15 August 2015
- Patronal Festival & lunch, Sunday 16 August 2015
- Creating Safe Ministries workshop Monday 31 August, 9.30 am -3.30 pm.
- Creating Safe Ministries refresher course Tuesday 1 September, 6.30 – 9.30 pm
- Parish Council Saturday 5 September, 8am
- Parish Working Bee Saturday 5 September 2015
- Women’s Breakfast Saturday 12 September 2015, 8am.
- Film Buffs Saturday 19 September 2015
- Saturday 19 September, 10am to 4pm: Leading Worship Course, registrations close 7th September. Morning or afternoon tea are provided. Please bring your own lunch. Cost $50. The Diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry & Mission. Registration Forms available from smiv@smiv.org.
- St Michael and All the Angels, Tuesday 29 September 2015
- Film Buffs Saturday 17 October 2015
- Saturday 24 October, 10am to 4pm: Listening & Visiting Sick & Bereaved Course, Registrations close 5th October. Morning or afternoon tea are provided. Please bring your own lunch. Cost $50. The Diocesan Centre for Lay Ministry & Mission. Registration Forms available from smiv@smiv.org.
• All Saints Sunday 1 November 2015, Connect 2 Church, and Welcome Lunch
• Parish Council Saturday 7 November, 8am
• Parish Working Bee 14 November 2015
• Church Picnic and walk Sunday 15 November 2015
• St Edmund’s Day 20 November 2015 (St Edmund’s Tharwa regular Sunday service 22 November).
• Community Fair 2015 21 November
• Christmas Decorating, Friday 27 November 2015.
• Parish Council Saturday 5 December, 8am
• Thank you morning tea for volunteers Sunday 6 December
• Sunday Kid’s Club graduation Sunday 13 December 2015
• Parish Centre anniversary and carols Sunday 13 or 20 December 2015
• Calwell Community Carols, Friday 18 December 2015, 6pm?

ALSO CHECK REGULAR SCHEDULED EVENTS
(SEE PEW SHEET)

Would you like to book in an event?
Please fill out an Event Risk Management Declaration Form (to be found under the health and safety notice board) and it will go to Parish Council for approval.

Thank you for your support in this prayer ministry for St Mary in the Valley.

Give thanks that God has called us to be a part of SMIV, the Tuggeranong Valley Community, St Edmunds Tharwa and the ministry that we have to each other.

Give thanks for all who are involved in parish ministry and pray:
that more people will volunteer their time to assist in the various ministries,
share their gifts of hospitality,
Give thanks for those:
gifted with their hands and maintain the building, grounds and gardens,
care for us,
facilitate worship, teach our young, lead or assist in groups, and
the Parish Council and uphold the wardens and council praying for wisdom and guidance.

Pray that through the Holy Spirit, God will continue to share His vision for this parish and that He will continue to provide all of the resources we need for the growth and administration of SMIV, including people and financial resources.

You may also wish to select eg 10 families per week from the Parish Roll and pray for them.

Sunday
Pray and give thanks for:
➢ The community of SMIV for freedom to worship God openly and for the calling to be a beacon to others in the Valley.
➢ Sunday worship, for all who are involved in setting up for the services, the ushers, servers, lay readers.
➢ The ministry we have to each other.
➢ The ministry to the sick and dying.
For those who are studying to improve their relationship with the community of faith.

Those attending church today that all will be blessed, in a way that they will know can only be of God.

Pray for companionship for the lonely, comfort for the sorrowing and relief for those in pain. Increase in us a spirit of compassion, that we may not add to the suffering of others, but comfort and befriend those who are in need.

**Monday**

Pray for:
the Diocese, Bishop Stuart, as he leads us. and Assistant Bishops Trevor and Genieve., for protection and refreshment.
the people of St Edmunds Tharwa countries experiencing and recovering from natural disaster and the peoples particularly for the people of Nepal who have lost loved ones and incomes.
For those people who have fled persecution, praying for their safety and rescue by the international community.
Sunday Club activities, upholding and giving thanks for the teachers and assistants and for the children and the blessing they are to us. Pray for that God will raise up new people during the year to offer their gifts and talents in this important for Stephen as Chaplain to Caroline Chisholm High school.
For the Kingdom Kids the leaders, the children and their families
  • Youth Group – Praying for increased membership.
  • We pray for peace in Gaza, for an end to the violence and bloodshed. for the Palestinian people, who suffer from injustice and the difficulty of everyday life, do not lose hope in your justice and mercy. We pray that they do not give in to despair and continue to place their hope for a better future in the strength of your hope.

Those involved in pastoral care and ministry to the sick, pray that God will raise up others who want to share in this ministry.

**Tuesday**

Members of the parish with surnames beginning with A - F
Pray for the world situation particularly for the Australian servicemen and women serving overseas and for their families.
Ask God to raise up leaders who will seek peace.
Give thanks for and pray that God will strengthen and protect those who work for peace, for those who care for the widows and the orphans, for those who seek to eliminate poverty and those who work to reduce the suffering in the world.
  • Pray for the world that needless destruction of our rainforests will cease.
  • Continue to pray for rain in those areas that have had little.
  • Pray for those who support and minister to the farmers and their families as they recover from this period of drought.
  • Pray for outreach programs such as Alpha, and for new ways of sharing our faith for the organisers and for their safety, pray that God will raise up those necessary for the task.
  • The Christians of in all areas of conflict will know the close presence of Jesus, the guidance of the Spirit and the protection of the Father. Humanitarian
assistance would reach all who are in need.

Wednesday
Pray for:

- Members of the parish with surnames beginning with G - K

Give thanks for and uphold the:

✓ Pray for musicians have a heart for music will continue to offer their services.
✓ Worship, praying that we will continue to be open to the touch of the Spirit especially as they prepare the services for services.
✓ Give thanks for the newcomers and pray that they will find warmth and refreshment with SMIV.
✓ For the leaders of all the nations, looking for ways to work together beyond fear and suspicion,
  For people of goodwill, responding generously to the needs of suffering communities,
  For the Australians who have friends and family involved in areas of conflict and disaster,
  For communities that are terrified by missiles, snipers, vigilantes or death squads,
  For the vulnerable and defenceless in conflict zones, for the children, the elderly, the disabled, the sick:

Thursday
Pray and give thanks for:

- that our parish will be encouraged and strengthened through the vision of the Mission Plan.
- Pray for all either returning or coming to SMIV for the first time that they will want to “press-in” and seek the heart of God.

- For the West Africans affected by the Ebola virus and for an international response, and
- For the easing of tensions in the Ukraine, Crimea for peace and stability in these communities.

Members of the parish with surnames beginning with L - Q
Pray for those with depression and eating disorders, especially our children. Pray for doctors and specialists who treat them, that they will be able find effective solutions and reverse the damage. Pray also for individuals who suffer may they also come to understand the damage and gain the will to want to change.

Friday
Members of the parish with surnames beginning with R - Z
Give thanks to the Lord for all he has provided to us, praying that we will be responsible stewards of those gifts and also pray that He will continue lead us and provide those resources we need to fulfil His will.

Pray for those returning to school and for those attending for the first time, may they all be blessed and kept safe. Pray for an effective solution to bullying in our schools; for the victims and the bullies. May the bullies have their hearts changed and come to know the hurt this causes.

Give thanks for Roberta, praying that her day off will be one of refreshment and enjoyment.

Saturday
Pray and give thanks for:

✓ Roberta, as she prepares for Sunday
✓ Our Sunday worship and for all involved in the worship.
Pray that all who attend church tomorrow will be blessed in a special way by God.

Uphold the Wednesday services and for blessing of all attending.

Uphold the parish prayer ministry, praying that more people will seek to be involved.

Gracious God, We pray for peace in our communities this day. We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions, And those who work to uphold law and justice. We pray for an end to fear, for comfort and support to those who suffer. For calm in our streets and cities, that people may go about their lives in safety and peace. We uphold our Muslim sisters and brothers as they feel victimised, praying that they will recognise that not all in the community are against them.

Pray for the families affected by the recent storms, for those who mourn loved ones, for those who have lost homes and livelihoods, pray for the community coming together to support these people.

for the people of Nepal and for an international response to aid in their recovery,

Prayers of the People for Reconciliation 2015
Pray that we be open to a renewed relationship with Father through Jesus. Praying also that we will give thanks for His provision, for His creation and the care that we need to preserve the environment. Praying further that we look for Jesus in all those we meet.

For the Sick
Continue to pray for those we know are sick, giving thanks for healing.

Ephesians 6: 18 “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

I pray that you will feel so moved to respond to my plea. May God richly bless you in all you are doing in His name.

Any others known to us: (personal list)

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Reflection: Psalm 62: 5, 6
“Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken.”

If you have any specific prayer requests or any event you would like to be included in the prayer diary please contact Graham Bartlett on 6291 8570 or bartmgt@iinet.net.au.
Philosophy

My aim is to midwife the transformation of individuals and communities in good times and in bad, through change and transition; to create space where people can rest and feel safe with challenges and successes.

I value inclusiveness, grace, beauty and fun, as well as relationship and silence. I shape ritual and space that speaks to hearts and minds and also points beyond the immediate to the divine within, between and beyond.

I listen,
I enable,
I inspire,
I am a midwife of transformation.
All my midwifery is undergirded by prayer.

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- Spiritual Direction
- Pastoral Supervision
- InterPlay
- peer support
- retreats and quiet days
- remedial massage
- Silent meditation
- Rituals for times of transition and change

- one to one sessions, small groups
- 1/2 day workshops
- 1 day workshops
- 1-5 day retreats...

Outcomes

People who attend workshops, spiritual direction and/or retreats have found themselves awakening and becoming more:

- alive
- decisive
- clear
- playful
- confident
- peaceful
- creative

Awaken offers...
Creativity - InterPlay

I offer playful workshops and retreats to explore the Wisdom of the Body, to build community, to unlock potential, to build confidence and to tap into your creativity.

I will open up the space for transformation using the tools of InterPlay.

- Spiritual Direction

You might come to spiritual direction for a variety of reasons. You could desire to:

- Identify and trust your own experiences of God
- Integrate spirituality into your daily life
- Discern and make difficult choices
- Share your hopes, struggles and losses
- Develop a sensitivity for justice and concern for the poor

As Spiritual Director, I journey with you in a confidential one to one session as you reflect deeply on the experiences of your daily life. Gradually, as you contemplate, you may begin to recognise God’s presence and grace in your life.

Spiritual direction is really not about being “directed”. Rather, it is very much about being encouraged to draw closer to God, listening to your own wisdom.

- Massage

Remedial, pregnancy, lymph drainage, reiki, and relaxation massage in a beautiful peaceful setting.

Awaken provides...
Pastoral Supervision

I provide one on one pastoral supervision for clergy, chaplains, Pastoral Care workers, and Community Workers

A speciality I offer is peer supervision using the creative process of collage, masks, dancing and drawing.

Quietness - Retreats and Quiet Days

- give you time for replenishment, rest, refreshment, prayer, silent meditation.
- space to retreat in daily life

Enjoy creative quiet days in the gardens, at the gallery, in the bush and in the desert.
Who needs help?

In 2015, the Outback Fund will be offering funds to the dioceses of

- Northern Territory
- North West Western Australia
- Willochra
- Riverina
- North Queensland

The monies will be used in various ways:

- Ministry Development Officers
- Establishing new ministries
- Aboriginal ministries
- Patrol ministries to remote areas.

Why these ministries need help.

The Church is also trying to ‘close the gap’ in aboriginal communities. Domestic violence, poor health, little education, unemployment, and lack of hope create very sad communities. The Church is there bringing empowerment of local people and hope for change.

In outback mining areas there have recently been redundancies and major shifts in population. Fly-in fly-out workers need pastoral support, as do residents.

In small towns, lay leaders are trained, resourced and supported. Patrol ministries offer care and worship to townspeople and to those who live on grazing properties. Children and adults sometimes hear the good news of Jesus for the first time.

Yunta Rural School,

Please help.
Outback Australia
has a special place in the hearts of Australians. But life can be hard in the bush. Scattered people and small towns, limited services, and harsh physical conditions can make life hard.

The Church is there in rural and remote parts of Australia, bringing the good news of Jesus, teaching and healing, encouraging and caring. Church life can be hard too.

Some dioceses need special help for vital ministries which cannot be self-supporting.

Anglicans across the continent from cities and towns, and in more prosperous and densely settled areas, are invited by NHMF to help their brothers and sisters through The Outback Fund.

You can share in ministry and mission in the Australian Outback by prayer and support.

Please visit our website
www.anglicanoutbackfund.org

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OR
Send contributions to
Anglican Outback Fund
c/- The Anglican Centre
209 Flinders Lane
Melbourne 3000

The Diocese of the Northern Territory
has been the major recipient of grants in recent years.
The Church serves Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in remote, rural and urban communities across the vast Northern Territory.

Please support the new Bishop, Dr Greg Anderson, as he strives to find the financial resources to support clergy and lay ministry development courses, in-service training of aboriginal clergy, and other programs in isolated places.

A joyful ordination
Contemplative Quiet Day with Art
930am - 4pm
Saturday 25th July

Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time.
Thomas Merton

The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls.
Pablo Picasso

Lose yourself and find yourself on a quiet day at the gallery

9 for 930am meet at The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton
for introduction and reflection, before proceeding to the Australian National Gallery for a time of contemplation
1230pm creative sharing, then byo or buy lunch
2pm meditation
330 closing session

Led by Susanna Pain, spiritual companion, retreat leader, priest.

Open to all!

Cost: $30
bookings essential
to register: susanna.pain@gmail.com  mobile: 0418637469
A Winter Quiet Day
Saturday 15 August
930am - 4pm
@ St Mark's

Winter invites curling up and dreaming, warm soup, stories, cherishing the heart.

Come, be warm, rest, reflect, be refreshed, let your soul rekindle.

Bring your own lunch to eat at your leisure. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

The day will be led by Susanna Pain, Anglican priest, spiritual director and Retreat leader

St Mark's National Theological Centre
15 Blackall St Barton
donation: $30 RSVP essential: Susanna Pain ph 0418 637 469
email: susanna.pain@gmail.com
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Australia's First Afghan-born surf life savel, Imtyaz 'Minty' Saberi (right), and Hassan Ali at a training day at Edithvale Surf Life Saving Club, Victoria.

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