

# Church News

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## From Peter



My Dears,

Here we are with another Lenten issue of Church News. It's only because I know so much has happened that I can believe all that time has gone since the Christmas edition.

There have been important changes to the parish ministry team, and there are more to come soon. Lesley McLean's retirement came into effect last month, but Wendy Pullin and Sonya Paterson have both been very active in the team as our Associate Priest and Minister in Training respectively for some months now. In addition, Chris Pullin has kindly agreed to be an Honorary Associate Priest, and Rob Paterson has equally gener-

ously agreed to remain on Council, and stay on our communications team. We are deeply blessed in these two wonderful ministry couples!

Another change is happening soon in the office. Judith Simons gave notice before Christmas that she wouldn't be able to continue running the office after Easter this year. I have been particularly grateful for the generosity and professionalism Judith has brought to the job—and the cheerful way she has coped with my vagaries during the past years. I doubt that any of us fully comprehends what she has done for us. Thank you Judith! You've been wonderful to work with. And it's great that you, Paul, Daniel and Jacob stay on as treasured parishioners.

The generous notice Judith gave the parish has enabled us to look carefully for a successor to fill this

very sensitive position. We are delighted to announce that Katrina Matthews has accepted the job. Katrina will join Judith in the office between March 10th and Easter to learn the ropes. Then she'll be on deck solo after Easter. Katrina is currently music director at St Michael's, Bridgewater, and also sings with Kapelle. Her husband Peter, also very musical, is always among the singers at the Aldgate Christmas Crib Service, and their children, Alex and Elle are stalwarts at Kids' Club. We are very blessed in this appointment; we look forward to everyone getting to know you better, Katrina.

The Treble Choir is going through a growth spurt! First there were the twins, Angelina and Bianca, then Ruby's brother Fred arrived at about the same time as Martha; and Maggie has just joined us as well. This is a great community of friends; they are fun-filled, caring and extraordinarily gifted young people.

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## Diary Dates (See adverts inside)

**The Messiah**  
Palm Sunday  
28<sup>th</sup> March 2.30 pm  
St Peter's Cathedral

**Easter Services**  
28<sup>th</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Parish Markets**  
Saturday 3rd April  
And following 1st Saturdays of each month (check closer to date) 10 am–2.00 pm  
St Michael's, Bridgewater.

**A Harpist's Garden**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
Epiphany, Crafers

**Women's Brunch**  
Sat June 12<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am  
Epiphany, Crafers

## From Wendy

JUST CRUISE'n— There's nothing like a great holiday! Fresh from two weeks onboard a luxury cruise ship I still have that holiday feeling. Kind seas and warm sun, great

food and entertainment, new places, new people and time for fun made it a lovely time.

I enjoyed meeting people, sharing the day with them over dinner and hearing something of their life and I marveled at the capacity of 2000 people to shop and shop and shop some more during our shore stopovers and at our on board shops.

The crew touched my life too. Young, multicultural and hard working, their good service, generous hospitality, vitality and good humor were wonderful gifts. They worked hard and for long hours. Many of them were on ten month contracts; ten months away from country, family and life on shore. The sacrifice, they said, was worth it. It brought rewards of security, education for their children and a more certain

future. I wondered what they thought of our holiday self indulgence.

Now I'm home and it's Lent again. The rhythm of the liturgical year is turning my thoughts from the celebrations of Christmas, Epiphany and Summer holidays to a different, more interior journey.

I like the mood of Lent. Its challenge to be a little more introspective about life, listen attentively to the scriptures and respond to them, try to get the "work/rest balance" right and respond with generosity to the needs of others is an ongoing challenge. Lent always seems like an opportunity to get "back to basics" and live more simply.

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## From Wendy continued from page 1

One of things I'll treasure this Lent is the memory of a beautiful New Zealand morning.

The waters of Milford Sound were deep and still. Fur seals lay on the rocks as the ship glided past. The high, craggy mountains were intersected by mist and high cloud. Snow capped some of the

peaks. As the sun rose and the colours of morning emerged the landscape constantly changed. Standing in a quiet place at the stern of the ship, it was a retreat sort of experience; an unexpected and beautiful reminder of the loveliness of the earth and the peace and renewal that is God's precious gift to us.

Somehow, "holiday" became "holy-day," a precious and unexpected gift to be pondered and treasured.

May you discover on your own Lenten journey, times of refreshment, "holy-day", renewal and peace.

With every blessing

*Wendy.*

## From Peter continued from page 1

I deeply appreciate the pastoral care Colin offers them and their families, together with Libby and a group of generous, dedicated Choir Mums. We are extraordinarily blessed to have this wonderful group of singers. Nowadays, there are fewer and fewer churches where children receive such deep musical and spiritual formation, exercise such a beautiful ministry and enjoy each other's company as much as our choir members do.

Our buildings have been getting a major face-lift too. Aldgate is basking in the delight of a new hall roof (a great team effort) and, finally, a sign that is visible from the road. Bridgewater has a new carpet and looks wonderful. And Crafers has a freshly painted hall and kitchen interior thanks to countless hours of dedicated work from Jill Wotton, ably assisted by David. Peter Wadham who started the hall work with Jill has now spurned the scaffold in favour of a cherry picker as he completes the upper reaches of the Epiphany exterior paintwork. Another Herculean worker, our Peter! We are so blessed to have them all giving so freely of their time and talents. Many thanks!

Lenten studies are happening with people and groups around the parish working through the diocesan studies on the book of Jonah. As we read this Church News, I think we'll be up to the part where we count ribs from the inside. Many others are attending the Wednesday evening Eucharists and soup suppers (6.30 Eucharist then 7.00 to 8.30 Soup Supper & speakers). Their over-arching theme is ministry across cultures, and the special focus is our call to hear the voice of Australia's Aboriginal people. These will continue through to the final gathering on 24/3.

A wonderful festival in Lent is Mothering Sunday which we will observe in all three Sunday services on 14/3. Do come along—pick flowers from the roadside on your way here, and see what it's all about. Then shortly afterwards, we enter Holy Week. A few pages in you'll find out when and where all the services are happening.

Do come and join in; beginning on March 28th with the Palm Sunday procession and the reading of Luke's Passion Gospel. Then on April 1st Maundy Thursday, explore the night of the Last Supper either in the family-focussed 'Seder-like' meal together at Bridgewater, or in a more traditional observance at Crafers. After the service at Crafers, some people may wish to keep vigil in preparation for Good Friday.

Then on the Saturday night, the first three parts of the great Easter liturgy will be observed at Aldgate. There will be the new fire and lighting of the Paschal Candle, the renewal of our baptismal promises and then the recitation of salvation history. The ser-

vice this year will include a very special sermon looking at the Akedah (the binding of Isaac). Our guest preacher is Tanya Wittwer, and she should not be missed!

On Easter Morn, Bridgewater and Crafers will both have very early starts (6.00am) with the New Fire and Dawn Mass—children and the young at heart find this just magic. Then at all centres, there are joyous Easter celebrations at the regular service times.

Our Mission Action Plan is finally in place, and you'll be able to read all about it in Michael's report. This parish really has a head of steam up—our signs should all read Watch Out! God at Work!

So, here we go! I look forward to seeing you all, and sharing the great events of our faith together.

Blessin's *Peter.*

## World Day of Prayer 2010



Sonya in Cameroon Headress

The World Day of Prayer is organised by women from over 170 countries. This year millions joined together to pray for and with the country of Cameroon in West Africa.

On Friday 5th March, about 50 people from a number of hills churches gathered at St Michael and Angels, Bridgewater. Rosemary Thompson ably coordinated the day and led the service, Betty Argent and Sonya Paterson together gave

an excellent message for reflection, and Peter B got to bring his guitar out of retirement!

The theme chosen by Cameroon – Let Everything that has Breath Praise God (Psalm 150) gave us a hopeful context as we learned about the challenges facing Cameroon and reflected on these in the light of Scripture, liturgy, music, prayers and Betty & Sonya's talk.

Praise in all circumstances is particularly valued by Christians in Cameroon, where people face the significant challenges of poverty, malaria, HIV/AIDS and human trafficking. Cameroon played a significant part in the historic slave trade, and increasing poverty in recent years has contributed to the return of modern forms of slavery.

The service gave us an opportunity to be enriched by the faith of people in Cameroon, to share their burdens and pray for them, and to widen our vision and understanding of our sisters and brothers around the world.

## OUR PARISH'S MISSION

### There is a great deal of positive news to report on the Mission Action Plan (MAP).

After six months of data collection, submissions and consultation, the MAP group has identified **9 possible areas for mission and outreach** both within the Adelaide Hills area and on a wider basis. In Brief, they are:

**1 - A part-time youth worker** for the Parish and the wider Hills community – this will need re-sourcing from outside the Parish Budget, so if you're interested in joining other parishioners in contributing to this, please let one of the MAP group know (our contact details are in the Parish Directory)

**2 - Development of the Bridge-water block** – this is moving along slowly and we're still listening to new ideas

**3 - Free meditation classes**, open to the public, led by Garry and Sandie Coff – we expect this start very soon in the Aldgate Hall

**4 - Opening up existing Parish programs to the wider community** – an evolutionary process. If you're a member of a Parish group and have some ideas about broadening your reach, please talk to one of us in the MAP group or drop one of us a line

**5 - Providing active practical and financial support to indigenous ministry in SA** commencing with talks with Grant Hay (an indigenous minister) when he visits the Parish in April

**6 - Linking up with a parish or school in one of the fast-growing, outer metropolitan areas** with high social needs and limited resources (possibly in

northern Adelaide area) – this is in its early stages.

**7 - providing practical support to a rural region that is facing challenges, such as the Riverland**, possibly in partnership with a local church

**8 - Becoming strongly engaged in the effort to understand and act on the deeply entrenched problems facing indigenous Australians in rural and remote Australia.**

We are in the process of inviting one or more leading thinkers on indigenous issues to talk to us in the Parish and perhaps also with community and business leaders in SA

**9 - An overseas mission or aid project** - most likely in collaboration with local service clubs or schools etc. However this is somewhat on the backburner at

the moment as we focus on initiatives nearer to home.

These initiatives were summarised and presented first to the Annual Vestry meeting on 14 February and then to Parish Council on 25 February for endorsement to proceed. There is keen interest in all of them and we will be proceeding enthusiastically with practical planning and implementation in the months ahead.

If anyone would like more information please do not hesitate to contact one of us (refer Parish Directory).

The MAP team is David & Jill Wotton; Roy & Barbara Woodall; Libby Parkin; Garry & Sandie Coff; Michael & Wendy Forwood together with Kim Read (Parish Treasurer) and the Ministry Team and partners.

*Michael Forwood*

### Notes from Crafers

A very busy Festive Season brought with it a very moving evening of Carols and Readings and our Christmas services, which once again attracted large congregations. On each occasion we were treated to the magnificent singing of the augmented choirs under Colin Curtis's leadership.

The Feast of Title Day service in early January was once again well attended and a very friendly luncheon followed in the Memorial Garden. This occasion also provided the opportunity to welcome both Wendy and Christopher Pullin to our Parish. We have seen many wonderful baptisms, weddings and sadly, there have been a number of funerals, including that of Dr Peter Brummitt, who served our church so well in many different capacities.

January and February have seen much activity around our church, hall and garden. Once the Christmas festivities were over, and our choir was in recess, work began on preparing the hall for painting which continued throughout January and early February. Our thanks to Jill Wotton and Peter Wadham for the magnificent effort they put into the various painting projects. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Jill commenced painting in the kitchen, new blinds have been donated and installed in the hall, and new lighting is in place.

Peter Wadham must receive special thanks for the superb job that he, with the aid of a cherry picker, has done to complete the exterior painting of the church windows and high woodwork at the eastern end of the church. Fortunately, the weather was good for this intensive five day program, and was a mighty job, ensuring that the exterior windows etcetera will not need painting again for many years to come.

Rosie Perrott and her small team of workers have continued to do wonderful things in the Memorial Garden, despite difficult weather conditions. A hand rail has been installed to assist people approaching the lower sections of the garden, further work has been carried out in the pond and various other tasks carried out. Our thanks to Malcolm Abbott and Philippa Wadham for the work that they are doing in taking care of interments in the Memorial Garden.

There are many people who quietly go about their various tasks, which in turn support our church. One such person is Richard Kwiatek who collects our recyclable bottles etc. and transports them to the depot in support of one of our overseas projects.

A very special thank you to Peter, Wendy and Sonya for the wonderful leadership that they continue to provide, for the sacristans who prepare the altar, for those who arrange the flowers, those who prepare the rosters and for all those who serve on them, for those who assist with catering, cleaning and for the many other jobs and responsibilities that have not been mentioned. Thank you to everyone.

*David Wotton.  
Warden*



'Up a Cherry Picker'; Peter Wadham doing a great exterior paint job!

## Report from our Parish Council Chair

One of the outcomes of a very well attended and informative Vestry meeting last month was the election of our wardens, and the appointment of other representatives, who will make up our Parish Council for 2010. At this stage we have only one new face, new to Parish Council that is, that person being Libby Parkin. Libby has involved herself in so many facets of church life but has not sat on Parish Council previously.

Our first meeting for the year saw some robust debate regarding the structure of our monthly meetings. In the more recent past considerable time has been spent on verbal detailed reports covering matters relating to each of our centres and other activities. While it is important that Council is kept informed of such matters it is generally felt that there are other activities that we need to be considering and involving ourselves with also. Council has therefore determined that part of our meetings should be set aside to hear from those involved in other areas important to the working of our Parish. One of those areas, for example, being that of Pastoral Care

The consideration of recommendations that come to Council regarding our Mission Action Plan will have an important place on our

agenda. Michael Forwood is doing a superb job in leading the Parish MAP task group in this vitally important area. He has been reporting to Council at recent meetings and we realize that more time will be required in considering, in more detail, the issues that the group will be bringing to Council for consideration.

It was wonderful to have Peter, Wendy and Sonya present at our first meeting for the year. While we realise that it is not always possible for the three of them to attend every meeting we certainly welcome their input when they are able to be present.

Our March meeting will see the election of office bearers for the coming year. Along with other positions, and with Vee Noble stepping down from the role of fundraising, we will be looking for someone, or some people, to take on this task which is vital to the future of the Parish.

Finally, may I remind you all that Parish Council meetings are open to any of our parishioners to attend and we will certainly do our best to make you feel welcome. We meet in the Church of Ascension Hall, Aldgate on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7.45pm.

*David Wotton*

## Notes from Aldgate

Although Christmas was months ago now, and we are in the season of Lent, this report must start with Aldgate's 2009 Advent commitments. It is tradition now for the Aldgate congregation to make a collection in Advent for a worthy cause within the state.

We decided to collect for Grant Hay's reconciliation ministries. A sizable cheque was sent to him at Christmas.

A Christmas tree was erected in the church at the beginning of Advent and each week members of the congregation brought socks of all shapes and sizes to hang on it. After Christmas we had over 70 pairs to send to Anglicare!

Led by Denis Noble, an intrepid band of parishioners re roofed the hall in December, adding insulation in the ceiling space. Many thanks to all who helped.

Now we are about to alter the approach to the church entrance with a ramp instead of steps. This will make it much safer and easier for young and old and keep pedestrians and vehicles separated on the driveway.

We have launched our 'Talents and Dollars' project again this year. Until Ascension Day members of the congregation will see how much they can turn an initial investment of \$10 into. It is not a competition and no individual results will be announced, but it is a challenge and an opportunity to raise funds beyond the parish.

At the vestry meeting Terry Hemmings retired as warden. We thank him for his dedication and concern for our congregation. His tireless efforts and enthusiasm saw many projects achieved. We are now recycling Vee in his place!

*Rosalind and Vee*

## Notes from Bridgewater

Over the past few months we have welcomed with open arms and hearts the Revd. Wendy Pullin and her husband Christopher to our church and feel lucky that she will have a special commitment to St. Michael's. Wendy's sermons richly combine scripture with personal anecdote from a special Christmas gift from her daughter which proved to have hidden delights within, to comment on the private problems of Tiger Woods and more recently the power of love in all its manifestations. Positioning her preaching within a current context provides thoughtful consideration for parishioners during our Chats sessions after services.

Church maintenance has taken a front seat with the leaking roof now no longer a threat with sudden heavy, if infrequent, downpours accompanied by telltale signs on the floor. We have also replaced the carpet with an attractive taupe coloured one providing a much needed lift to the church's interior. Thanks to the many parishioners and, in particular Inez Johnson, for their kind and generous donations to make this a reality.

With the new year starting we have resumed our popular Friday afternoon Kids Klub, and EfM sessions began in early February with a spirited group of people from the three centres ably mentored in the capable hands of Vee Noble and Libby Parkin. We were also delighted that

parishioner Holly Richter was awarded the Tennyson Medal for her year 12 English.

Michael has continued to canvass comment within the parish for the Mission Action Plan which was presented in draft form from the planning committee to the February Vestry Meeting. It was heartening to hear much positive comment on its progress with promises for more affirmative insight and input to follow.

Sunday Markets remain popular and carrying on from the successful Fete last year, St Michael's is planning to hold monthly market stalls. The first one held in December proved to be very worthwhile and helped to raise the parish's fundraising coffers.

Harvest Thanksgiving was a wonderful occasion with bountiful fresh produce provided by the congregation and a chance to reflect on the meaning of the first offerings that should be shared. During Advent we continued to support the work of Grant Hay. The World Day of Prayer was held at St. Michael's this on March the 5th. We look forward to Mothering Sunday with Simnel Cake made by some of the male parishioners, and the Easter period after Lent with plans for several celebrations of this important event on our church calendar.

*Helen and Michael*



## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF STIRLING EASTER SERVICES 2010

### The Church of the Ascension 2 Arkaba Rd, Aldgate

Passion/Palm Sunday (28 March)  
8.30 am Sung Eucharist  
Wednesday (31 March)  
10.00 am Holy Communion  
Good Friday (2 April)  
8.30 am Liturgy of the Day  
Easter Eve (3 April)  
8.00 pm New Fire and Recitation of the Story of Salvation  
Easter Day (4 April)  
8.30 am Festal Sung Eucharist



### The Church of St Michael & All Angels 435 Mount Barker Rd, Bridgewater

Passion/Palm Sunday (28 March)  
9.30 am All Age Eucharist  
Maundy Thursday (1 April)  
6.00 pm Seder, Footwashing and Commemoration of the Last Supper  
Good Friday (2 April)  
9.30 am Good Friday Reflection  
Easter Day (4 April)  
6.00 am New Fire & Dawn Eucharist followed by Orange Juice and Baked Fish Breakfast  
9.30 am Family Holy Communion

### The Church of the Epiphany Epiphany Place, Crafers

Passion/Palm Sunday (28 March)  
10.00 am Choral Eucharist  
Maundy Thursday (1 April)  
7.30pm Commemoration of the Last Supper and foot washing ceremony  
Good Friday (2 April)  
10.00 am Good Friday Choral Liturgy  
Easter Day (4 April)  
6.00 am Lighting of the Paschal Flame and Dawn Mass  
10.00 am Festive Choral Eucharist

**8**So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

**9**Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

Matt 28; 8,9 NRSV



### Harp and Voice Recital by Emma Horwood A Harpist's Garden

Sunday 11 April 2010 at 2.30 pm  
Church of the Epiphany Epiphany Place Crafers

Join acclaimed Adelaide soprano and harpist Emma Horwood for an enchanting afternoon of music celebrating the beauty of gardens.

A Harpist's Garden will feature French and English music about gardens, including themes of birds, flowers, forests and fields, with classical and celtic vocal repertoire and harp solos. Works by Frederic Chopin, Marcel Tournier,

Benjamin Britten, Christina Sonnemann, Helen Cartrige and Sting with a new harp and voice arrangement by Adelaide composer Quentin Grant of his stunning Irish Songs.

Adults \$20 Concession \$15  
Includes refreshments at interval.

Tickets at the door or book with Libby on 8339 3839 or zintaba@bigpond.com



Your Wedding  
The Church of the Epiphany, Crafers  
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## From the Registers

### BAPTISM

*United with Christ in his death, and in his resurrection*

Melissa Catherine BENTON  
 Torrie Melissa Tillie WILKIN  
 Sienna Jane READER  
 Lilli Louise Seymour MATTHEWS  
 Alexander Owen DWYER  
 Lily Ameya McDONALD  
 Louis Marie Jacques BIZOT  
 Reilly BOWDEN  
 Caitlin Rae HODGSON  
 Matilda Clare ELGAR

### MARRIAGES

*United in love by the grace of God*

Sean CUNNINGHAM and Katherine Grace COE  
 David Laurence McWILLIAMS and Joanne Mary BRITT  
 Christopher Matthew GANN and Emily Victoria PITCHER  
 Joshua Daniel IND and Kelda Elisabeth PRICE  
 David Ronald HIGHET and Amanda Lea McSHANE

### BURIALS

*May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory*

Peter Elliott BRUMMITT  
 Peter Colebrook ABBOTT-YOUNG  
 Edna HALL  
 Phoebe Kathleen MacDONALD  
 Cynthia Barbara MITCHELL  
 David William KENWORTHY



## WOMEN'S BRUNCH

**Saturday June 12th**

(confirm closer to date)

**10.15 am**

**\$12 per person**

**Speaker: Sonya Paterson**

**RSVP 4th June Rosalind Welsh**



## KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club meets at the Church of St Michael and All Angels after school from 3:15 pm on Fridays, finishing at 6pm.



We enjoy a variety of sports, games, art, crafts and food, as well as learning about different aspects of our faith together.

**Term 1 Dates:**  
 March 19, March 26

**Term 2 Dates:**  
 April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25

## THE MESSIAH

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Palm Sunday, 28th. March 2010 at 2.30 pm.

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Adults \$25 Concession \$20  
 Children 14 and under Free.

Bookings through BASS  
 or tickets available from Colin Curtis.



Cruisin' together; our beloved Chris & Wendy Pullin

## Crafers Memorial Garden 2009-10

Have you walked through the Garden recently?

It may look like a quiet, peaceful area of winding paths, shady trees and spring flowering shrubs, but it is also brimming with activity.

The number of interments has increased to eight during the last 12 months. All interments are now conducted by the priest, with Malcolm Abbott and Peter Wadham assisting in the interment process. Philippa Wadham is the very competent treasurer for the garden.

The Highways Department has very kindly replaced the old fence it with a strong new one.

We have had a hand rail installed on the central steps. This will enable anyone unsure of their balance to safely walk down to the lower garden. There have been a few helpers in the Garden, including a passer-by who kindly cut the lawns. The lawns are cut regularly by members of the lawn mowing roster and a new mower has been purchased for them.

The water restrictions and heat last summer caused some damage to the lawns and less hardy shrubs, but the shrubs have been replaced and extra care given to new plantings. We have received donations of a magnolia, and fertilizer.

The irrigation system keeps the garden alive in summer, but needs constant surveillance by John Harris. The tranquillity of the Garden is enhanced by the fountain. There have been some problems with the pumps, however Rosemary and Dene Perrott have persevered in restoration of the fountain, and waterfall.

Suckers from the large tree in the top garden have been a problem, and Peter Balabanski has spent a great deal of energy tugging them out and allowing the lawn to regrow. Many loads of garden rubbish have been carted away in canvas bags funded by Margie Rymill.

Rosemary Perrott, as Garden coordinator, spends many hours working in the Garden, coordinating tradespeople and gardeners, making the Garden the delightful place it continues to be.

The Congregation enjoyed lunch in the Garden on the Feast of the Epiphany in January, and many wedding guests have refreshments served there following wedding ceremonies

**New helpers are urgently needed for the Garden**, please contact Rosemary Tel 8339 3361. Enquiries regarding booking sites in the Memorial Garden can be made with Philippa Wadham, Tel 83396759.

*Fay and Malcolm Abbott*



## PARISH MONTHLY MARKETS

### A new spin on fundraising and interacting with our local community!

Let's face it; there are quite a few of us in the parish who can't resist a good stall; either buying or selling from it.

So, instead of a bi-annual fete we have decided to have a much lower key market on the first Saturday of each month.

We set up a number of stalls outside the Bridgewater church on Saturday 6th March from 9.00am to 12.30pm to see how it would go. It went very well!!! Rain threatened but held off. We offered free tea and coffee, which went down very well with the helpers, as well as a sausage sizzle to tempt everyone. We had a steady trickle of people throughout the morning and ended up with a profit of \$569.20 after we had taken out expenses for the signs and sausages of \$266.50. We all had fun and our customers will come back next month.

### This is where you come in!!!

You may have some veggies that you have grown, eggs the chooks have laid, or a cake you've baked. Perhaps you made an extra bottle of quince jelly or you've read a good novel but don't want to keep it, potted a petunia or a made a posy. Perhaps you've outgrown a pretty top? What's on offer will vary from month to month. Our next market will be on Easter Saturday, 3rd April, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. If it rains we go inside!

If you can help by donating or selling talk to the following people, and we'd love to see you on the 3rd April..

#### STALLS

- Sausage sizzle – David Wotton
- Craft – Betty Stewart, Rosie Cord-Udy & Valerie Pullan
- Cakes – Jeanie Clayton
- 2nd Hand Clothes – Susanne Sarre & Pat Richter. 2nd Hand Books – Gaye Moran
- Plants & Produce – Jane De Ath
- Bric-a-brac, including Children's items – Jill Wotton



**Some of the stalls at the March market**

*Vee Noble - convenor*



# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF STIRLING

✠ LIVING AS A FAITH COMMUNITY  
✠ REACHING OUT WITH THE GOSPEL  
✠ ACTIVE IN THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE

## OUR CHURCHES and SERVICES

### Aldgate, Church of The Ascension

2 Arkaba Rd: Sun 8:30 am Sung Eucharist, Wed 10.00am Eucharist, Fri 5.30 pm Evening Prayer

### Bridgewater, Church of St Michael & All Angels

435 Mt Barker Rd: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 9:30 am Family Eucharist  
2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 am Intergenerational Eucharist

### Crafers, Church of the Epiphany

Epiphany Place, 10:00 am Choral Eucharist

Crafers Treble Choir sings Choral Eucharist during school term under the direction of Colin Curtis

Children's Programs at Bridgewater at 9:30 am and Crafers at 10:00 am

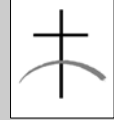
Kids Club at Bridgewater — Fridays 3.45 to 6.00 pm during term time.

### Weekday Eucharist

Aldgate: 10:00 am Wednesday 6:00 pm Saturday

Hillside Lodge: 11.00 am Fortnightly

Home Communion: 10.00 am 1st Friday of the month



*The Parish of Stirling  
has been a centre of  
continuous worship  
since 1878*

Congregations started  
at Crafers in 1878,  
Aldgate in 1898 and  
Bridgewater in 1893.

We are as enthusiastic  
today about worship-  
ping and serving God  
as the remarkable  
women and men who  
established our parish.

If you are interested in  
Parish history, see the  
book: *Pattern of Faith,  
a history of the Angli-  
can Parish of Stirling*  
by Keith Bull (1998).

## Clergy & Parish Office

### Parish Priest

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Mondays) email: peter.balabanski@internode.on.net

### Associate Priest (part Time)

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