

Church News



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Church of the Ascension Aldgate
St Michael and All Angels Bridgewater
Church of the Epiphany Crafers

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From Peter



My Dears, There are times in the life of a church community when it's clear to everyone that the Holy Spirit is on the move and guiding us to something new and special. This is one of those times for the Parish of Stirling.

Exciting and astonishing things have been happening since the last *Church News*. In that Easter edition, you'll have read Michael Forwood's report on p.3 about our *Mission Action Plan (MAP)*; the call we've discerned together as a parish to act on a number of new mission initiatives. Two of those are ministry with young families in the parish and our district, and ministry with Aboriginal people

both in our local area and in rural and remote communities. (You can read it again in full on the parish website—look down the bottom of this page <http://www.stirlinganglican.org.au/news.htm>)

Exciting and astonishing things? Let me tell you the story of the last few months and see what you make of it.

Back at our March Parish Council meeting, the Lenten soup suppers had just finished the night before and we were very excited by what we'd heard from many speakers about their experience of ministry alongside Aboriginal people (and also by Maddy Broadbridge's report on her work with missions in India).

Council's initial surprise at proposals from many parishioners for our MAP "that we engage in ministry alongside Aboriginal people" was well and truly replaced with excitement about the

nuts and bolts of getting on with it. Grant Hay, *Indigenous Anglican chaplain to Aboriginal prisoners and their families, and Chaplain to Point Pearce Aboriginal Community on the Yorke Peninsula* was coming to preach on Sunday April 11th. So we resolved that we'd ask him to guide us as we embarked on this new and unexpected course; in the meantime, we'd wait, pray and see.

Discussion at that March meeting then moved on to other elements of the MAP. We talked about the proposal for a family worker in the parish. Who would be suitable? As it happened, the week before I had been on the short-listing panel looking at applicants for a new Christian Pastoral Support Worker (Chaplain) at Heathfield High School. One of the applicants was a Katy Walker, who was soon to move from Alice Springs into our district.

I told Council about some difficulties
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Diary Dates (See adverts inside)

**The Kapelle Singers
Choral Highlights**
Sunday 5th September
2.30pm

Women's brunch
Saturday 11th September
10:15

Back to Church Sunday
12th September

Kid's Club
From 3:15 pm on Fridays,
finishing at 6pm
Term 3 Dates
23, 30th July
6, 13, 20, 27th August
3, 10, 17th September

**Monthly Market
Bridgewater**
Saturday 7th August:
Saturday 4th September:
Saturday 2nd October:
10.00am—2pm

From Wendy

Winter!

There's nothing quite like a Winter Sunday morning; bare trees just visible in the mist, crackling frosty grass, and the warm breath of a whole congregation wafting through the church as the first hymn sounds. Rugged up in gloves and scarves and winter jackets, we're a resilient and determined lot on icy mornings gathering for worship and time together. There's great warmth in those gatherings; the warmth of welcoming and listening, the warmth of laughter and conversation, the warmth of kindness and concern for one another.

Winter is a great time for dreaming, thinking and planning. It's a time of looking forward with anticipation and a great time for reflection. In the parish there's much to dream about as we move forward, strength-



ening our bonds with indigenous people and putting in the hard work of planning that will enable us to work together in partnership with them. Our parish dream to help educate, mentor and support young indigenous people as they study and learn will only come to pass if we all commit ourselves to it. We can already be thankful for all the opportunities we've been given to meet people, share ideas and help in practical ways.

Winter weather is also a great time to create, knit, sort out the cupboards, give away our surplus or specially shop for those who have few resources. Grant Hay's prison ministry and work at Point Pearce gives us many opportunities to be active and generous in this way. It's also a challenge for the knitters amongst us who are surely record breakers when it comes to the number of beanies that are being rapidly and beautifully produced. We also haven't forgotten the ministry at the Magdalene Centre and the needs of people there for warm food and winter clothes.

We are, I think, in exciting times as the Spirit leads us into new areas of ministry and work. There is such en-

ergy, unity of purpose and real joy in the things that are happening around us. It's as if our talents and skills, our hopes and dreams are being gathered together in a quite extraordinary way and focused on a whole new work that with God's continued blessing, guidance and help will really make a difference in individual lives and in the wider community.

As he began his ministry, Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

What a privilege we are being given to continue this extraordinary work.

With WARM good wishes and every blessing

Wendy.

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getting Katy's NT youth work accreditation recognised in time by the *Schools Ministry Group* here, so there was a faint possibility she might not be able to take up the post at Heathfield. If that happened, I wanted Council to know that she had the best CV for a parish family worker I could imagine. So we decided we'd wait, pray and see about that as well.

Grant and Kim Hay and their kids came, and quite simply, Grant's preaching galvanised the parish into action. The result has been that we've embarked on a partnership with Grant in his prison ministry and also in his chaplaincy at Point Pearce. We are his prayer partners, and the parish has already donated a few truckloads (literally) of household goods and clothing, many scores of beanies we've knitted, and something close to \$2000, which has been given to support Grant's work with families of prisoners who need to give their children birthday and Christmas presents. This is ongoing; it has tremendous momentum and is being coordinated by Betty Argent (Aldgate) who is now also our *Bush Church Aid (BCA)* parish contact person. Many years ago, Betty believed she was called to ministry with Aboriginal communities, but nothing seemed to come of it until now, several decades later. Denis and Vee are visiting Point Pearce as I write.

Our next galvanising experience was the visit of Alison Anderson and Nicolas Rothwell to the parish. Roy and Barbara Woodall had known Nicolas decades before, in the Warburton Ranges, and having shared his articles in *The Australian* about the plight of Aboriginal people in the NT, Council asked Roy to invite Nicolas to come and speak to us. But better still, Nicolas came with his partner Alison Anderson (Indigenous, independent MP in the NT), and they gave a lecture at the Hawke Centre—Uni SA, spoke with faculty at Flinders University, and spoke in the Crafers parish hall and at Roy and Barbara's home. There are recordings of their lecture and talks on the same page of our parish website as above.

The aspect of their talks that the parish particularly took on board was the need for quality education for young aboriginal people. Roy and Barbara prayed about this and felt moved to propose to Council that they offer Wonnaminta House next year to accommodate some promising young Aboriginal schoolchildren from remote communities, and house parents that the parish provide to care for them.

The idea was that these children would attend quality schools in our area as a stopgap while we waited for the federal government to honour its pledge to build quality boarding schools in the NT.

This was a stunning offer, and we decided to explore it carefully. Parish Council asked me to contact a social worker to talk about if, and how, such a venture might happen. So I contacted a local social worker, Peter Bleby, and he suggested that I speak to a colleague of his, an Aboriginal social worker called Liz Tongerie who's a specialist in this field. Liz asked me if I had made contact with Waverley Stanley. Who?! Waverley is an Aboriginal man, who runs an organisation in Oxenford, Queensland called *Yalari*; you can read the story at www.yalari.org. With the Governor General as patron, and support from many major companies, government departments and private donors around Australia, *Yalari* currently sponsors 180 secondary-aged Aboriginal children studying in thirty-four of the nation's top boarding schools; in Adelaide, at Scotch, Saint Peter's and Annesley.

Our proposal concerns primary-aged children; too young for boarding school. Waverley was certainly somebody we needed to meet! But how? I relayed this information in an e-mail to Council and was astounded to receive a reply from Wendy Pullin to say she was off the next week to see her brother in Queensland. He was undergoing surgery and, as it happened, the route south from Brisbane to his hospital took her straight through Oxenford, past the front door of *Yalari* headquarters. She'd already rung Waverley, and he was available to meet her.

Waverley told Wendy he is positive about our proposal, and particularly positive about Alison Anderson's involvement in it. He will be in Adelaide in September, and has agreed to discuss it with us further. He recommends in the meantime that we contact the Peramangk (local Aboriginal) people to discuss matters with them. I've just sent an e-mail to Isobelle Campbell, the Peramangk Custodian, to open up that channel of communication.

Vicky and I were also keen to discuss this proposal with a friend of ours from Alice Springs, Rev. Tracy Spencer, who's worked for several years with the Uniting Church's *Frontier Ministries*; their equivalent of *BCA*. In recent years she's been running a major government programme working with Aboriginal children. We wondered what she'd think about the Woodalls' proposal.

Tracy visited us last month and during the conversation, said she knew somebody she'd worked with in Alice Springs who would be per-

fect as a house mother for Aboriginal students; Katy Walker! She'd just bumped into Katy shopping in Mount Barker that day. She told Tracy she hadn't got the Heathfield position.

So we were now free to talk with Katy. Council got me to contact her to ask what she'd think of the family worker idea and the Woodall's proposal. I did, and Katy sent me the part of her CV that hadn't been relevant to the Heathfield position. Katy grew up in Ernabella (Pukatja), daughter of missionary Bible translators. One of her recent jobs was working in Alice Springs for Anglicare as a house-mother to ten Aboriginal children of primary school age! She and Ben and their girls Lane (6 yrs) and Kayla (7 mths) moved to SA for Ben's studies and to be closer to extended family. But the biggest wrench for Katy was, she writes, having to "...leave her work with young Indigenous people. The possibility to continue in this work is overwhelming, and I find myself in awe of God's blessings once again."

We have since talked to Alison again and she believes that the idea of bringing young students down here is a good one. She already knows Katy from Alice Springs and thinks very highly of her. But she won't agree to Roy and Barbara making this sacrifice. We have to find another house—rent or buy one. She'll ask if there are any funds available from the NT Land Council.

This has been a long story, and I assure you, only the barest summary. But I tell it to you because I believe we are being firmly led by the Spirit to work with families in the district, and to work alongside Aboriginal people. I believe we can and should respond.

You should know that the *MAP* group has collated and presented your proposals to us in our *Mission Action Plan* to us as **new initiatives**—which means there isn't a budget line for them. They require new funding if they are to happen.

In my time in this parish I have often felt that there are people who have been watching from the sidelines to see whether we were going to do anything outward looking and worthwhile. I think people have been watching and waiting to decide whether to throw in their hat more fully or not. I'm telling you this story in the hope that some of you who read it might be those very people, and that you might catch the vision and get involved. We in the *MAP* group and Council believe God wants us to do these things. Do you too? If you do, what part do you want to play?

Blessin's,
Peter

Mission Action Plan

Special Vestry Meeting Update Sunday 1st August 2010 at Crafers

On 14th February 2010 approximately 80 members of the Parish, from across our three wonderful worshipping congregations, received and debated the first Mission Action Plan Report at the Annual Vestry Meeting. The Report identified nine possible areas for mission and outreach both within and outside our local Hills area (refer March 2010 Church News at www.stirlinganglican.org.au under Recent News/Newsletters). These were discussed in a lively and constructive manner and referred back to Parish Council for further action. This has mainly occurred in the areas of Indigenous ministry, a Parish youth/family worker, and meditation classes.

Indigenous Ministry: The amazing story of our journey so far is outlined by Peter in this Church News. It is quite extraordinary how many people in our Parish have a deep interest in indigenous issues and connections with indigenous communities and it is thrilling (a not very Anglican word) to be involved in this rapidly evolving process.

Come to the Special Vestry Meeting and hear more!

Parish youth/family worker: Over the past 10 years or so the Parish has had a number of outstanding Parish workers including Tracy Gracey, Fiona O'Neill and Sonya Patterson, all from our own midst. During their terms of office youth and family ministry thrived. Since Sonya moved on to a different (I dare not say a "higher") calling we have been watching and praying for a replacement. This is happening.

Come to the Special Vestry Meeting and hear more!

Meditation Classes: Aldgate worshippers Garry & Sandie Coff have experienced the benefits of meditation on health, spiritual growth and

meaning in their lives. Having studied and practised meditation for over four years Sandie felt the need to give this gift to people in the Community who might otherwise not have access to it. The first round of meditation classes was positively acknowledged and the second round is about to begin. Progress in Meditation is measured by the fruits of the spirit being apparent in your life. In this way lives are transformed.

Come to the Special Vestry Meeting and hear more!

My wife Wendy and I settled in the Parish of Stirling in 1976 immediately after we were married. We have enjoyed wonderful years of worship and fellowship in all three centre's. We have seen the range of Parish programs and activities - spiritual, educational and social - expand and grow. However, with a great many others we have been praying and patiently waiting for God to lead the Parish into a wider, more outward-looking mission program.

Without doubt, this is now happening. And is rapidly gaining momentum. Everyone has a role to play, a contribution to make.

So come along to the Special Vestry Meeting at 11.30 am on Sunday 1st August at Crafers and hear more! and then stick around for a mug of soup and light refreshments (ie an early lunch).

Michael Forwood



Notes from Crafers



From week to week Crafers is a vibrant and active place. On a daily basis there are parishioners and visitors to the office, church and garden. We thank those who represent the parish when working in the office. Katrina Matthews took over the reins during Lent, the Church calendar's busiest period. It's a pleasure to welcome her good-humoured approach to a job that demands a lot of knowledge about the workings of the parish and its people. Mondays in the office have been shared for a number of years collectively, by volunteers Vee Noble, Libby Parkin and Jill Wotton who perform extra tasks. Jill is unable to continue in this role. We have benefitted from the ideas she initiated and the implementation of many sensible improvements around the hall and church. A big thank you Jill.

While on the subject of the Hall, there has been an increase in its use to name some occasions the regular delightful Womens brunches on Saturday mornings [really interesting talks from Di

Smith and Sonya Paterson respectively], Wednesday evening soup suppers over Lent, the informative parish dinner at which Alison Anderson and Nicholas Rothwell spoke about the Aboriginal situation in the N.T. In addition, the hall is increasingly used for refreshments following funeral services, baptisms and even 21st birthdays [Anna B's looked like great fun]. These functions put a great deal of strain on the crowded conditions in the kitchen so we are investigating the purchase of a commercial dishwasher.

Another thank you is due here to those previously mentioned volunteers who have also cleaned the hall weekly and latterly to Bob Dalby and now Dr. Sing Ting who have kindly offered to help clean on a regu-

lar basis. Sing has generously donated a new vacuum cleaner for the hall too.

The parish in its M.A.P. is committed to making contact with and helping under-privileged Aboriginal people. Grant Hay spoke to us in April and since then we have donated household goods and useful items to his parish community at Point Pearce.

An unbelievably generous offer from Roy and Barbara Woodall was made that involved making their home, Wonnamintha House, available to Aboriginal children from the N.T. to live, under the supervision of house parents, while being educated here. Much planning has to be done before this becomes a reality.

Services are invariably stimulating with Peter's thoughtful sermons leading us via the biblical texts towards some understanding of the plight of indigenous people. Sonya has given some well thought out sermons and her interactive talks to the young, the twice monthly healing ministries offered during the service by the Dalbys and Miriam Sampson and the usual presence of some littlies in the Kids Corner are part of our regular worship. On Palm Sunday the Gospel narrative involved the whole congregation taking parts and Easter was a joyful flower-filled celebration. There have been happy baptisms and just recently a Confirmation service to which we were pleased to welcome the Archbishop. On a sad note, the church overflowed for the recent funeral service of the popular and positive Jim Giles who contributed in so many ways to our church community over many years.

The Crafers Treble Choir is riding high with enthusiastic young singers and some lovely voices emerging. We are lucky to benefit in our worship from their dedication and that of Colin Curtis. They remain a close-knit group and thanks [again] to the Woodalls for hosting the choir lunch for the families.

We are grateful to the parishioner who polishes the parquetry floor twice yearly to its mellow appearance; it now has a delineating edging of tape in line with O.H. and S. requirements.

Barbara Brummitt has done a lot of work behind the scenes lately. In her role of caring for the Parish Archives she has been making multiple

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Report from our Parish Council Chair

As chairman of our Parish Council I welcome the opportunity, once again, to report on the outcome of our monthly meetings. Members of Council appreciate very much the spiritual guidance provided by both Peter and Wendy and their valuable input into the working of Council. I am indebted to Vee who has chaired the last two meetings in my absence and again, our sincere thanks to Robyn Wescombe our minute secretary.

The appointment of officers for this year resulted in Vee Noble continuing on as Deputy Chair, Kim Read as treasurer, Jeannie Clayton reporting on the Pastoral Care Commission, Rob Paterson helping out with communications, Helen Martin advising us on the work of the HCCC, Dennis Noble advising us on building and maintenance issues and yours truly continuing on as Chairman. Michael Forwood is leading us through the ongoing process in the development of our Mission Action Plan which has taken an important place on our monthly agenda. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in finding someone to take on the overall responsibilities of fundraising, however, Vee has kindly agreed to continue to co-ordinate our very successful monthly markets.

Council was sorry when Judith advised us that she would be leaving the position of Parish Secretary. We were very pleased, however, to welcome Katrina Matthews into the position and pleased also when Judith agreed, recently, to act as assistant treasurer when Kim is away and to assist Katrina for a few hours a week with the complex financial responsibilities. I would like to again express Council's gratitude to Vee and Libby for the voluntary contribution that they continue to make in the office on Mondays.

Council was very pleased to welcome Archdeacon Paul Mitchell to our April meeting. Matters discussed included those relating to our Mission

Action Plan and the need for our Parish to engage with other sections of the Diocese.

Some of the actions taken by Council have included the decision to approve expenditure for the installation of gutter guard for the rectory and the trimming of large trees in the rectory garden. To assist with our finances a decision was made to support a monthly market at St Michaels and All Angels at Bridgewater. These markets are proving to be very successful as a result of the hard work and support provided by parishioners. Approval was given for new signs to be purchased to better advertise the markets. More recently a decision has been made to investigate the purchase of a commercial dishwasher to assist those involved in catering of various functions in the Crafers Church Hall. All of the above do not take into account the incredible support provided by parishioners and friends for work carried out and various actions taken in each of the centres.

Very successful and well attended Parish dinners have been arranged firstly with Dr Lyn Arnold CEO of Anglicare and secondly with Nicolas Rothwell and Alison Anderson as guest speakers. Council is also aware of the very successful Women's Branches, the Lenten Soup Suppers and the many other activities which play a very important part in the life of our Parish.

Council is extremely indebted to Jane De Ath for the wonderful work she is doing with our Parish website and we would encourage all of our parishioners and friends to use this form of communication to keep up to date with the things that are happening in the Stirling Parish. Finally, may I remind you all once again that our Parish Council meetings are open to any of our parishioners to attend and further information on any of the above matters can be provided by your church wardens.

David Wotton
Chairman

Notes from Aldgate

What a contrast the weather is for this report. We are enjoying soup and scones or toast after church for 4 Sundays as a fundraiser. Delicious and warming.

The Easter celebrations were led very movingly by Peter with a Good Friday service of prayers and readings, a Saturday vigil with an inspiring sermon by Tanya Wittwer and a large congregation proclaiming the risen Lord on Sunday, followed by a shared breakfast in the hall.

Sandie and Garry Coff have successfully conducted their first series of meditation classes. People interested in participating in another series can contact them. The Coff's have organized a raffle to pay for extra changeable lettering on our sign to advertise events such as this. The prizes include a bottle of Grange Hermitage and a painting by Denis Noble. Tickets are still available from the Coff's.

Grant Hay came with his family to church in April and gave a stirring talk about his work with indigenous prisoners and the people at Point Pearce Community. Betty Argent is now our liaison person for all the

donations of clothing and furniture that have been pouring in. Grant is rehousing young folk to give them a chance to live a life without drugs and alcohol abuse. More household goods are needed for this worthy cause.

Our feast of title was celebrated on 13th May. We welcomed 3 visitors from the Verdun Uniting Church congregation, plus Colin Curtis and the choir, who sang like angels. They joined us for a feast of pizza, shared food and cream cake in the hall afterwards.

Our 'Talents and Dollars' project was successful again this year. We have raised \$605.00, which will go towards the ramp at the front door of the church. This will make access easier and safer. We are now seeking prices from 2 contractors to build it.

We continue to share a wonderfully warm fellowship at Aldgate and welcome visitors and newcomers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our dear friends who are not well.

Rosalind Welsh and Vee Noble
Wardens

Notes from Crafers (continued from page 3)

copies of all the precious church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths, not only at Crafers but Bridgewater and Aldgate as well. She also collated an excellent display and exhibition at Epiphany for History Week in May, which was greatly enjoyed by the visitors.

Fundraising is a fact of church life. But we try to make this as painless as we can ... even fun. For instance, take the shoe party, the Midwinter dinner at Ming's Palace, the monthly markets at Bridgewater all these and more are supported by Crafers congregation. And they're fun as well! Thanks to all involved.

Since the last edition, our web site has been creatively designed by the hard-working Jane De Ath, a relatively new parishioner. If you see her taking photos at church occasions, chances are that they may appear on the frequently updated site. A really good job, thank you Jane. She, along with others from Crafers, are being inspired by Vee and Libby in the E.F.M. course.

This is but a small picture of happenings at Crafers. We all contribute in some way to the running of this very busy parish. Thank you everyone.

Barb and David



More Photos From Of Our Parish Life



Archie & Miriam assist **Peter** at the Altar.
(Miriam's looking for the ant nest in the gable).



Chester, newest member of the Balabanski home poses for a formal portrait!



Lynn Arnold was speaker at the April Parish dinner

WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Saturday 11th Sept
10.15 am

(confirm closer to date)



\$12 per person

Speaker: Libby Parkin on her Epic tour

RSVP 4th June
Rosalind Welsh 8398 0715 or
Denny Wilson 8339 5752

KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club meets at the Church of St Michael and All Angels after school

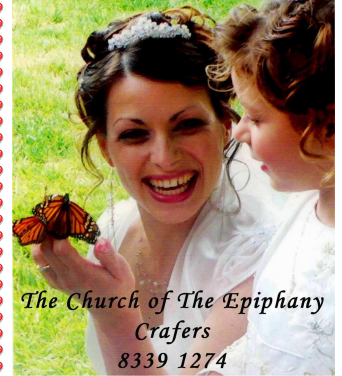


from 3:15 pm on Fridays, finishing at 6pm.

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

Term 3 Dates
July 23, 30th,
August 6, 13, 20, 27th

Weddings



The Church of The Epiphany
Crafers
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Notes from Bridgewater

With the cooler weather upon us activities still continue to flourish at St. Michael's. After a busy Easter period we have enjoyed Pentecost and celebrating Trinity Sunday with a new appreciation of its scriptural meaning. With Anzac Day on a Sunday this year, the fourth Sunday after Easter, it was time to reflect in our prayers all those who have fought and died in wars and those continuing to serve in countries away from home and loved ones.

On Mother's Day we thanked all mothers far and wide and those no longer with us. Thanks to Jill Read and others for providing beautiful flowers for these special occasions.

At last we have Pastoral Care Representatives from Bridgewater. Thanks go to Annie Mann, Lyn Wuttke and Fiona Stafford agreeing to jointly fill this important role.

In Outreach areas, Helen was involved with the Hills Combined Christian Churches Gratitude Service held at the Bridgewater Oval on 2nd May. Feedback has been very positive and attendees agreed this was a successful event with promises to consider holding an annual

recognition of the work by our emergency services volunteers in the Hills.

We have been thrilled with the developments to the Parish Mission Action Plan taking positive steps to assist in Indigenous areas of need. Overall, though congregation numbers have dropped slightly because of the weather and people being away on holidays, there continue to be positive contributions to life at St Michael's ably supported by our clergy and parishioners.

Helen and Michael
Wardens

Peter, Wendy, Chris with Mario & Rosalie (Catholic Parish) at the recent Gratitude Service



From the Registers

BAPTISM

United with Christ in his death, and in his resurrection

Polly Lucinda GRATTON
Jonathan Peter POLE
Sophie Lillian FEEGRADE
Ellie Rose RICHARDSON
Harry Jack EYRES
Georgie Margaret EYRES
Zara Victoria EYRES
Darcy Brae SANDOW
Erin Kendra SEABROOK
Jasmine Elise GUNTNER
Zachary Ethan BATES

Jessica Marie BOWERS
Jakoda Madison TROTT
Xavier Campbell TROTT
Jane Emma De ATH
Luke Alexander David RADFORD
Matthew Douglas SHAW
Christopher John SHAW
Polly Sokann SHAW
Joshua William HEWITT
Darby Fletcher BURVILL
Janice Mary FLETCHER

RECEPTION

into the Anglican Communion

Fiona STAFFORD

ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christopher SHAW
Polly SHAW
Maggie CARTER

CONFIRMATION

Of Baptismal Promises

Jane De ATH
Patrick MEYER
Luke RADFORD
Matthew SHAW
Eliza STAFFORD
Michael STAFFORD

MARRIAGES

United in love by the grace of God

Matthew John BUDD and Kerridwen Bette BARBER

BURIALS

May they rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory

Garth Lorimore ZERBE
Grant Lewis MASLEN
Alwyn HUNT
Laurence Thomas GLEN
James Ramsey (Jim) GILES AM
David Daniel John CUSACK



He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

1 Kings 19 11-13 (NRSV Bible)



Archbishop Jeffery Driver with Luke, Eliza, Michael, Matthew, Paddy, Christopher and Polly. As providence would have it, Fiona and Jane chose this moment to disappear, and Maggie had processed out with the Choir! We'll find them yet!

The Kapelle Singers

present
Choral Highlights

Christ Church, North Adelaide

Sunday 5th September 2.30pm

Contact Colin Curtis for tickets

Parish Website and Church News

If you have not visited our [parish website](http://www.stirlinganglican.org.au) recently you are missing some great photos, interesting links, articles and sermons by our clergy as well as audio recordings of talks.

Have a look at

www.stirlinganglican.org.au !

You can contact Jane De Ath, our excellent web designer and manager at jane@oakwebdesign.com.au.

On the subject of **email**, emailing is becoming the norm for newsletter communication and we encourage you to receive Church News by email to save on natural resources (trees, fuel, time) and funds. We are also starting up a shorter **Monthly Church News Update** for the months *without* a full 8 page Church News. This will be sent out via email (with some hard copies available for collection).



There are often a number of people in each household who may be interested in the Church News. If we don't have each person's address in your household (or far flung family or friends) **we encourage each of them who would like to receive Church News Emails to send an email to epiphany@internode.on.net** with the Subject Line: "Church News Email Contact" so that the News can reach each person wherever they are!

PARISH MONTHLY MARKETS

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

We have now had four parish markets so far this year, in March, April, May and June. We had to implement our 'wet weather plan', ie go in the church, for the June market but our profit was not much reduced. The quality of the goods offered for sale is very high and there is a lot of variety.

I think it is fair to say that the parish market is here to stay for a while! Look for us at the Bridgewater Church, Mt Barker Road, Bridgewater on the first Saturday of the month, 10.00am to 2.00pm. We are gaining a loyal following!

The three centres are well represented by stall convenors, helpers, suppliers and customers. Although we hold the market at St. Michael's I think it is now understood that it is a *Parish* market, quite separate from the Sunday markets held at each centre.

We have a lot of fun staffing the stalls so feel free to join us. It is good to have extra helpers for when the regulars are unable to come. You might become a 'regular'! A lovely lady who is not even a parishioner offered to look after the 2nd hand clothes stall in June while Susanne was away. She and her friend turned the church foyer into a charming boutique!

In the future the stallholders would like to have a storage area for books, bric-a-brac, clothes etc. at Bridgewater. A large, secure, lined and floored shed at the back of the church somewhere would be ideal. Can you offer such a beast that is surplus to your requirements?

An electric BBQ is another item that would be handy to have. It is less etc., 2nd Hand Clothes, 2nd Hand Books, Plants & Produce and Bric-a-brac, including Children's items.

Please help by spreading the word and the workload. Bright ideas welcome!!

Vee Noble

Convenor, Parish markets

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



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF STIRLING

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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

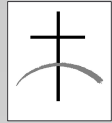
Children's Programs at Bridgewater at 9:30 am and Crafers at 10:00 am
Kids Club at Bridgewater — Fridays 3.45 to 6.00 pm during term time.

Weekday Eucharist

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

Hillside Lodge: 11.00 am Fortnightly

Home Communions: 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).

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