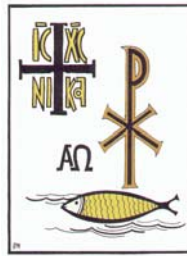


# Church News



The Anglican Parish of Stirling  
Church of the Ascension, Aldgate  
St Michael and All Angels, Bridgewater  
Church of the Epiphany, Crafers  
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## From Peter

Issue 477 December 2011

Dear Friends,

What an exhilarating parish to belong to! There's never a moment where, somewhere in this parish family, plans aren't being carried out or new ones hatched for loving service and deepening our life in Christ. All this life and enthusiasm is nurtured in the prayer and praise we share together and our commitment to God's priorities of loving service, delight in creation and abundant blessing.

Now our plans and busyness are about Christmas. You'll find all the dates and times of our celebrations on page 3 in this final *Church News* for 2011.

*But for now let's look back at some of our recent highlights.*

The reverberations of the recent ordinations are sounding through the diocese, and in this parish particularly. On Sunday Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Tim Harris was ordained Bishop for Mission and Evangelism. Formerly rector of St Matthew's, Kensington, then for four years, Dean of a theological college in Nelson, NZ, Bishop Tim is a faithful and energetic pastor who will help bring renewal to this diocese. So let's pray with him for an exciting future.

On the following Saturday, the diocesan ordination service took place with our Sonya and Sue among the ordinands. Sue and Sonya were both priested. As there were a few school chaplains being ordained, two schools sent musicians to help us celebrate. Pulteney, where Sonya is Senior School Chaplain, sent their drum band and they played a thundering recessional. Sue's husband Greg was heard to comment later of his wicked pleasure at seeing all the clergy being drummed out of the cathedral! Thanks Greg. We had a tremendous celebration of this event afterwards at St Michael's Bridgewater.

### Coming Events (See adverts inside)

#### The Kapelle Singers

*Carols Around the World*  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 8.30 pm  
St Peter's Cathedral

#### Festival of Readings and Carols Celebrating Advent & Christmas

The Church of the Epiphany, Crafers  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 8.00 pm

#### Aldgate Crib Service

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm  
Church of the Ascension, Aldgate

#### The Feast of The Epiphany

will be celebrated on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 2012, 10.00 am at Crafers

#### Adam Biggs Music

3 pm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012

## Around the centres

**Aldgate** continues to be incredibly busy and lively. There was great joy and a sense of homecoming there with the wedding of former parishioner Belinda Reed to Nicholas Roberts. The flowers were exquisite, the music joyous and the grounds did us proud. John (former warden) and Barbara Reed sent us a lovely letter with some photos which will go on the notice board soon.

The various services and meetings—the Stirling Parish Women's Fellowship, the Meditation Classes, AA, the Theological Reflection Group, Wednesday Eucharists and Friday evening prayer—all in addition to Sunday Eucharists combine to make Ascension quite a hive of life.

Ascension is also at the heart of our ministry partnership with Grant Hay. Coordinated by Betty Argent (we call her Bishop Betty), this flourishing ministry is now entering a new phase as we partner with BCA and Anglicare to support Grant and Kim's vital ministry to Aboriginal prisoners and their families, and to the Point Pearce Aboriginal Community on the Yorke Peninsula.

**Bridgewater** continues to be the home of several more vital ministries of this parish too. Apart from being the centre which has this year nurtured Sue in her journey to the priesthood (this is becoming a Bridgie tradition), St Michael's is also home to Kids' Club; one of the parish's great treasures. The kids are growing up learning the Stories, getting to know each other well and playing and eating together. New kids keep joining and a number of adults give of their time and talents to make sure it goes well. St Michael's is also home to EfM—a fabulous learning programme with a wonderful bunch of people involved. This is a significant part of the ministry of discipling which this parish offers.



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## Our Parish's Newest Priests

On Saturday, November 26, a huge Stirling Parish contingent gathered at St Peter's Cathedral with people from parishes and schools across the diocese for our ordination along with four other priests and two deacons.

It was such a thrill to have so many of our treasures in the Cathedral with us, and to know we were also being upheld in prayer by many who couldn't make it to the service, and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses as well. Particular highlights included 'the scrum' of priests laying hands on us, standing together with our brothers and sisters at the Eucharist, being drummed out of the cathedral and then mobbed for blessings on the steps.

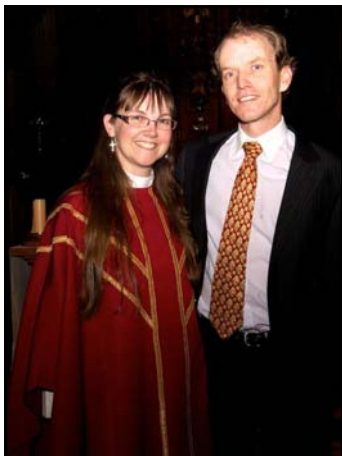
The parish party that evening was a fabulous informal gathering, in which we were warmly enfolded in the love of the parish. This enfolding love continued through our services on Advent Sunday, making the whole weekend full of precious memories that are sure to carry us through both good and difficult times in our ministry.

It is a great privilege to grow in ministry in the context of a rich and vibrant community of faith. You have played a pivotal role in our formation as deacons, and we are honoured to be able to continue to journey with you as priests.

Our heartfelt thanks to Peter for his gentle sensitivity, loving care and support, understanding and wise counsel, comprehensive and meticulous training, encouragement, good humour and friendship; to our families for their longsuffering and patient endurance, for listening, encouraging, inspiring and challenging us, and for their faithful love and support which has carried us thus far and will continue through the years; and to all of you who have journeyed with us in mutual ministry, letting us into your lives and giving us so much love, encouragement, assistance, feedback, guidance, inspiration, friendship and prayer. We thank God for you, and we pray that you may see the fruits of your ministry to us as we continue to grow in this wonderful parish.

Love and blessings

*Sonya & Sue*



## The Kapelle Singers present *Carols Around the World*

Candlelight procession & audience participation.

**Organist - Shirley Gale**

**Featuring Brass Ensemble**

**Friday 16 December—8.30 pm**

**St Peter's Cathedral**

Adults - \$25 Conc. - \$20

Children under 14 Free

**Bookings** - Contact Colin Curtis or  
Katrina at Parish Office, Ph 8339 1274  
or through BASS (Ph: 131 246)

*From Peter (continued from page 1)*

The Bridgie congregation itself is lively and full of fun, with its range of younger families through to grandparents and low-key style giving an extended family feel. This is great as it's also the home congregation of the Ashenden Matthews family—and so, Shekayla's usual home-away-from-home church.

And how would we run our parish markets without Bridgie? The Christmas market raised just over \$2,000 underlining the fact that our monthly markets with their small, hard-working band of volunteers, are the backbone of our parish fundraising effort. 'More volunteers welcome to help prevent backache please'—says Vee! (Well, she's a little more forthright, actually). My thanks to you all!

**Crafers** continues to be a beautiful, warm community which is developing a pronounced tendency to receive visitors who then seem to return again and again. The liturgy is formal and devotional, but with a family feel. Outbursts of thunderous activity in the children's corner sometimes threaten the concentration of our angelic choir. But what parish wouldn't hand over their title deeds to have either. And we have both, praise God! The choir's musicianship is glowing—yes, gLowing. Their sound is more like burnished silver every day. They are enjoying a new RSCM Psalter with lovely new chants and a far more singable translation of the Psalms. It keeps the rest of us on our toes comparing translations—a credit to our choir to have such diction as to enable this. Thank you Colin and Choir!

The healing ministry in the peace chapel has developed wonderfully and is now offered every week as communion is administered. There are several laypeople at the heart of this ministry; it's great to see their spiritual gift being exercised and received.

The grounds continue to have lots of loving volunteer care for which we are all very thankful; it is an exquisite place to be. But more and more, we are having to get paid help in to maintain such a big garden.

*Some whole parish events*

We were delighted to have a visit from Morris and Larruwa (Shekayla's foster parents from Papunya). Roy and Barbara have written about the experience of having them stay. Larruwa (whom we also know as Patricia) and Morris also spent a day at Shekayla's school where they taught in all the classes. The Trust APSPC Ltd (*Anglican Parish of Stirling Papunya Community Trust Ltd*) has finally been registered and we've had our first directors' meeting. We are working closely with Anglicare and others to ensure that Shekayla and the Ashenden-Matthews family have every possible support in place to sustain this complex, cross-cultural foster-care arrangement. The BBQ at Wonnaminta was wonderful!

We observed the feast of All Souls at Crafers, and did something very special. After the Eucharist, we didn't say the post communion prayer straight away. Instead, we took the remaining consecrated wine and bread to the votive altar and placed them in the middle of the sand. Then we lit votive tapers from the paschal candle in memory of our loved ones and said their names aloud as we placed our tapers in the sand around the chalice and paten. Thus again, we remembered how they gather with us at the Eucharistic Feast—the Church invisible gathered with us. Only then did we say the post-communion prayer and share the blessing—all together.

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## Festival of Readings and Carols Celebrating Advent & Christmas

featuring

**The Crafers Treble Choir  
Kapelle Singers  
Epiphany Singers  
Organist, Shirley Gale  
Cellist, Kim Worley  
Director of Music, Colin Curtis**

**The Church of the Epiphany,  
Crafers  
Sunday 18 December 8.00 pm**

*The Anglican Parish of Stirling*

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2011****Christmas Eve***Saturday 24 December***6.30 pm CHILDREN'S CRIB SERVICE**

on the lawns of the Church of the Ascension, 2  
Arkaba Rd. Aldgate

**11.00 pm MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST**

Church of the Ascension, Aldgate

**11.00 pm MIDNIGHT FESTIVE CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Church of the Epiphany,  
Epiphany Place, Crafers

**Christmas Day***Sunday 25 December***8.30 am SUNG EUCHARIST**

Church of the Ascension, Aldgate

**9.00 am ALL AGE EUCHARIST**

Church of St Michael & All Angels, 435 Mt Barker  
Rd. Bridgewater

**10.00 am CHORAL EUCHARIST**

Church of the Epiphany Crafers



## GRANT HAY'S ABORIGINAL MINISTRY.

Our work with this ministry has grown abundantly, sharing lovingly with our aboriginal friends some of our abundance of goods and those received with thanks from the Balhanna Op Shop. Many loads of furniture, household linen, kitchenware, crockery, clothing, and etc have gone to Pt. Pearce, Port Augusta and other areas where Grant finds the need.

To make this easier both by volume and the changeable weather, donors in the Parish and especially the Womens Fellowship, gave the money for a brand new shiny blue covered furniture trailer, which is proving to be most useful.

Recently, the Aboriginal Church in Port Augusta told Grant they were going to open an Op Shop, and did he know where they could get clothing to sell. Grant knew when in doubt to ask his loyal supporters in Stirling Parish.

So it is that with our assistance and the large number of bags of clothing we had accumulated, the shop is open and flourishing. Last October, Rosalind Welsh, Betty Stewart and I made our Annual visit, by invitation, to the Pt. Pearce Outreach Day and had a wonderful time, meeting old friends and new and the Christian bike riders, who gave the children rides on their shining, big motorcycles. We heard that they look forward to our visit and the boxes of fruit which we take for them.

This Ministry gives so much joy to them and to us. Please keep sorting through your cupboards and enjoy the space you create.

With heartfelt thanks,

*Betty Argent.*

Parish Co-ordinator for this Ministry.

*From Peter (continued from page 3)*

The Spring feast and Melbourne Cup Luncheon were fabulous occasions—fun, fellowship, food and not a little fund-raising. Many thanks to the organisers! Thanks again too to that faithful band of Magdalene Centre food-providers, now approaching thirty years of faithful, gourmet service. You are wonderful!

So much going on. But that's all I have space for

The Balabanski household has seen one daughter matriculate and the other complete her 5<sup>th</sup> year Medical 'Barrier' Exams. This photo was taken after Laura's final exam—all smiling again. So we wish you all a happy, holy, healthy Christmas, and God's blessing in the new year.

### Postscript

It is with sadness that I let you know our beloved Peggy Walton died last Monday night. You couldn't meet Peg without being transported by her whole-hearted joy and enthusiasm. A major parish thanksgiving for Peggy's life will happen on Friday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2012: Church of the Epiphany at 11.00am followed by the interment of her ashes in the memorial garden.

After that, we'll stay in the garden for a shared picnic lunch. In Peggy's honour, please wear your hats and pearls. She wouldn't be seen in anything less!

*Peter*



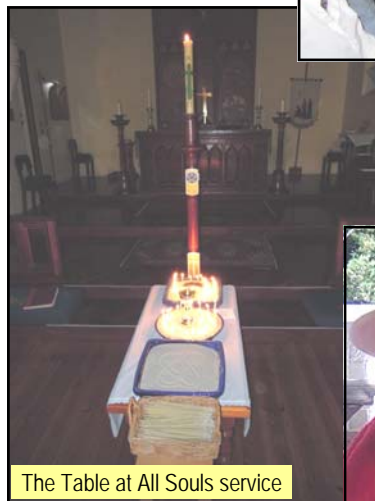
Grant Hay, his friend Chris, and Vince Monterola as they finish loading a van full of donated furniture destined for Point Pearce and Davenport .



The Brand new trailer half financed by amazing work from the Stirling Parish Women's Fellowship



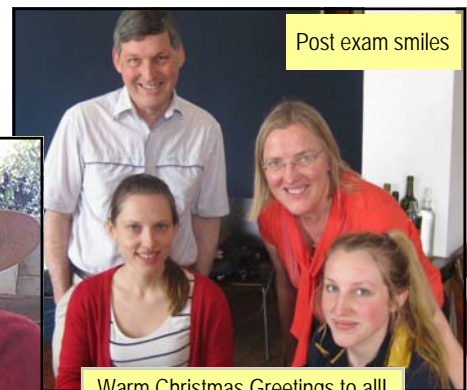
Spring Feast!



The Table at All Souls service



Dear Peggy



Post exam smiles

Warm Christmas Greetings to all!

**CHRISTMAS HAMPERS**  
 Please help the Magdalene Centre  
 by adding a little Christmas cheer  
 to the grocery baskets at church for the  
 next few weeks.  
 Christmas cakes, puddings, tinned hams,

***The Annual Christmas Bowl Appeal***

Envelopes are available from the back of your church. Please use these to make your donation to the work of the National Council of Churches of Australia. Cash donations can be made through the collection plate.

Cheque or credit card donations can be made direct to the mailing address provided.

Donations will be collected up until the end of January. If you require a receipt, please supply your name and address.

**ADVANCE NOTICE**  
**PARISH FUNDRAISER**

*Mark your Diaries now*

**ADAM BIGGS, M.Mus.**  
 PIANIST FROM UK

*former Choir Boy and Parish Youth Worker*

*playing his jazz arrangements of classic hymns*

**3pm SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2012**

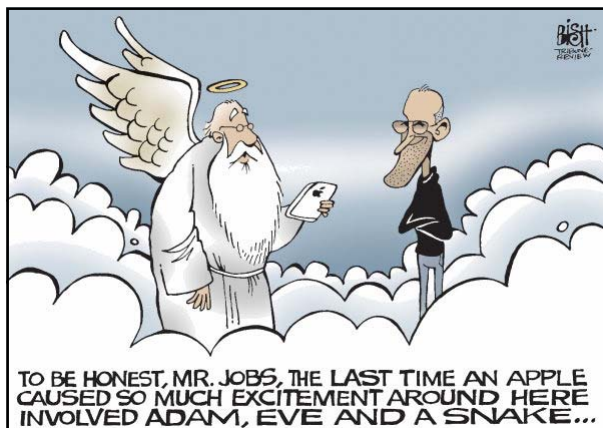
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**2012 Lectionaries**

*If you would like to have a lectionary for home devotions, please place your order with Katrina in the Parish Office.*

*The cost is around \$10 each.*



**STEVE JOBS 1955 - 2011**

## Boys Taught to Hide from Hurt

Persistently those blokes in pain deny  
 Escape good sense mistakes once made ignored  
 Some deeds undone seem dreams unseen that ought  
 By hiding feelings learn boys to not confide

Undeeds undone undoes all self-respect  
 Amount men's lives at end to count of nought  
 Shaped life betrayed frayed nerves stretch jangling taut  
 Where plot forgot their care seems just neglect

Striding past grief guys sidle off to hide  
 Unbounded tongue foreboding future wreck  
 Chaps curse those calls expressing deep regret  
 Once tightly bound men never ever cry

Go moments great unseen in passing time

My grief unchanged yet unsustained by rhyme  
 By Graham Wolf



Grant and Kim Hay, Viv Bleby (BCA) Peter B, Jeff Oake and Peter Burke (Anglicare) set up a partnership between them, our parish, BCA and Anglicare.



Sue, Joan & Jim at Bridgewater

### Aldgate Crib Service

**Christmas Eve, 6.30pm**

*Church of the Ascension, Aldgate, on the lawns.*

**Carols, Nativity and Communion.**

**All children invited to dress up as angels and shepherds!**

**If you or your child would like to join in the singing or music making, please contact Katrina ph 8339 1274**

### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

**will be celebrated on Sunday 8 January 2012 10.00 am at Crafers**

**All parishioners, their families and friends are invited to further celebrate with a BYO everything Lunch to share after the service at Crafers at 12.00pm**

### *Morris & Patricia's (Larruwna) Visit October 13 to October 18*

Having Morris and Larruwa (Patricia) as our house guests at Wonnaminta for 5 days gave us much joy. That is not to say that it was easy, but it was a time of learning and understanding not only for us, but for our guests. The fact that Shekayla was also with us gave us an insight into the invaluable parent/child relationship, and an understanding of how to manage an exuberant and at times very wilful child. We were five happy people.

The Saturday barbeque using six Webers with heat-beads was a great success. Morris and Larruwa sat by a blazing brazier surrounded by parishioners who changed places from time to time. When not eating a sausage, Shekayla played hide-and-seek with our grandchildren as happy as any child could be.

On a visit to Cleland Park for lunch we were very thrilled with Shekayla's manners and behaviour; in fact she shone in comparison to the many other older and younger children, whose behaviour in the cafe left much to be desired. She is apt to talk very loud, and when we explained that those around us did not really want to hear our conversation her reply was, as she softened her voice, "I understand I'm just talking to you".

After Day 1 our three guests managed their own breakfasts. Shekayla behaved as if she loved our home and our many pretty things, but she touched nothing! At times Shekayla corrected her mother when she forgot to say "Please" or "Thank you" and at times her mother and father reminded her very firmly to eat up her meal.

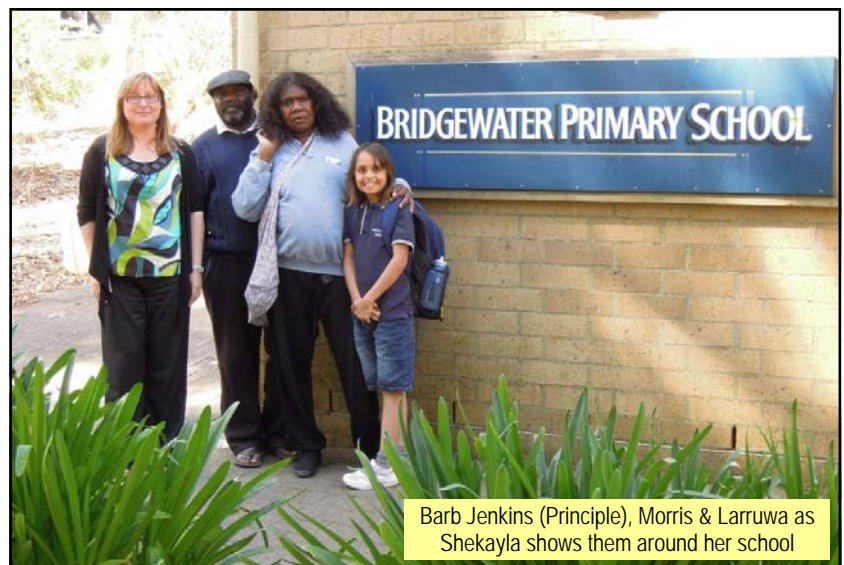
Our greatest hope is that we won't be the only people in the Parish who have similar experiences. As members of the Parish family we urge you to take ownership of the Papunya project and find ways to enjoy the love and friendships of Papunya families. It was obvious that Morris and Larruwa

are a stabilising force in Shekayla's life. To see all three snuggled up in bed together says it all: a little girl in need of love.

*Barbara & Roy Woodal*



Morris, Larruwa, Shekayla & Katrina



Barb Jenkins (Principle), Morris & Larruwa as Shekayla shows them around her school

**<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.  
<sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.**

**<sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

*Gospel of John Ch1: 6-9*



**OUR CHURCHES and SERVICES**

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**Aldgate, Church of the Ascension**

2 Arkaba Rd Aldgate 5154:  
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 5155:  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays 9:30 am Family Eucharist  
2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30 am Intergenerational Eucharist

**Crafers, Church of the Epiphany,**

Epiphany Place Crafers 5152,  
Sunday 10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
Crafers Treble Choir sings Choral Eucharist during school term, director Colin Curtis

**Sunday Children's Programs**

Aldgate 8.00 am, Bridgewater 9:30 am  
Crafers at 10:00 am

**Kids Club at Bridgewater**

Fridays 3.45 to 6.00 pm during term time.

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