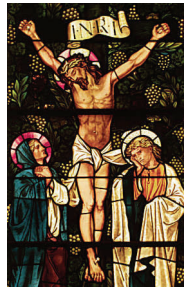


Church News



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From Rev'd Peter Balabanski

Lent Issue 475 March 2011

Dear Friends,
 Once again, a huge amount has happened since the last issue of Church News, and of course, more exciting times lie ahead. I trust this finds you all well, and I pray that Lent is a time for us all to raise our eyes anew to see our Lord more clearly, respond to his costly love and follow ever more closely in his Way.



It is with great delight that we have now welcomed **Sue Burgess** and her husband Greg Young to the Parish. Sue was ordained a deacon in November last year, and has come to us from the Parish of Plympton. Her principal pastoral role here is with the congregation at Bridgewater, but Aldgate and Crafers will see her on the third Sunday of each month as well. Sue spoke very engagingly at the first Lenten soup supper. If you missed it, her talk was recorded, and you can hear what Sue is

passionate about on the Parish website. www.stirlinganglican.org.au Greg is also someone we will all enjoy getting to know over the coming months and years. If he tells his story, you'll be the first to hear it! It's also great that Sonya (recently commissioned as chaplain to the senior school at Pulteney Grammar) remains with us on Sundays, and Wendy and Chris will often be seen here as locums too.

At Vestry on February 20th, we elected our **new Parish Council** for 2011. You will find their contact details on page 8, and on the website. Should you wish to follow the proceedings of that Vestry meeting, the minutes and reports are available on our website, and even a sound recording of the whole meeting.

So, welcome to our new and continuing wardens and councillors!

<i>Aldgate</i>	
Priests' warden	Robyn Wescombe (new)
People's warden	Vee Noble (continuing)
Councillor	Libby Parkin (continuing)
Councillor	Barbara Riches (new)

<i>Bridgewater</i>	
Priests' warden	Helen Martin (continuing)
People's warden	Michael Forwood (continuing)
Councillor	Lyn Boyd (new)
Councillor	Lyn Wuttke (new)
<i>Crafers</i>	
Priests' warden	David Wotton (continuing)
People's warden	Bev Kosahiw (new)
Councillor	Jane Bodley (continuing)
Councillor	Tim Sandow (continuing)

Kim Read remains on council as Treasurer.

Rob Paterson will join council from time to time in his role as Communications Person.

I am grateful to them all for being willing to take on their very significant roles as guides and leaders in the Parish. As we work together to discern God's purposes for this parish, and to design and implement strategies for guiding parish life in response to God's call, I pray that we will each be blessed with clarity of vision, a great team spirit and

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Coming Events (See adverts inside)

Parish Council Meetings
 Thursday 24 March 7.45pm
 St Michael's, Bridgewater

Thursday 26 May 7.45pm
 St Michael's, Bridgewater

Parish Market
 Saturday 2 April 10am - 2pm
 St Michael's, Bridgewater

Saturday 7 May 10am - 2pm
 St Michael's, Bridgewater

Sunday 10 April
 Parish Picnic at Bridgewater BYO everything

Saturday 9 April
 Stirling Service at St Mary Magdalenes

Sunday 10 April
 Grant Hay visit to Bridgewater and Crafers Services

Sunday 17 April (Palm Sunday)
 2.30pm Kapelle Singers present
 'Seven Last Words of Our Saviour' at
 St Peters Cathedral

Building peace and community in busy times

May of us live very busy lives, with seemingly little time to be still. It is also sometimes hard to find time to sit and chat with other people (I'm not including Facebook one-liners in that!). We often find to our surprise that things don't fall apart when we make time to spend time in relaxed conversation with God & others. Some of problems that currently face the hills, such as binge drinking by youth and increasing levels of loneliness and depression can be helped by each of us taking time reconnect with God & others in our community.

A quote by Oscar Romero, the Assassinated El Salvadorian Bishop helps us remember that we are not alone in getting things done:

"We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, And to do it very well. It may be incomplete but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

Another helpful quote from the Bible is ,
"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)

Rob Paterson

From Peter continued from page 1

much delight in our work and its outcomes. I ask everyone to communicate with our Parish Council, both to ask questions, and to let Council know what it needs to know to provide effective leadership. And please pray for us too.

Holy Week and Easter times and services are listed on page 3, and also on our website. I strongly encourage everyone to attend the whole sequence of services from Palm Sunday to Easter Day—essentially a week-long walk on the Way of the Cross, and then release into the freedom of God's all-embracing love, shown most deeply on Good Friday, and gratefully celebrated on Easter Day.

Pastoral Care Update The Bridgewater congregation has re-formed its Pastoral Clusters into something more like home-groups, and this is proving very successful. The Pastoral Care Commission is working on how this development might be replicated in the other centres. We hope to improve the way our pastoral care network meets needs, and to ensure people don't fall through the net.

You may wish to belong to a group, but not know what groups are available to join. You may belong to a group and not be aware that you already do. Any queries or opinions, please contact the Pastoral Care Commission. Its members are listed every week in the Pewsheets at the end of the section entitled, *For you to remember in your daily prayers*. You'll find the most recent Pewsheets

on the parish website each week.

Papunya Project Update

As you may be aware, we had significant teething problems with the early stages of the Papunya education project.

Shekayla settled in well, and her relationship with Bridgewater School and the Ashenden-Matthews family are positive. But things didn't work out as we'd hoped with Tobias.

Eventually, and with wretched sadness for me and many others in the Parish, Alison Anderson, Sue (Papunya School Principal) and I agreed that Tobias must return to Papunya. He left on Saturday February 26th after a farewell at Kids' Club the previous afternoon.

There is a chance that Tobias may be able to return, and we are doing all we can to make that possible for him. I've had a number of conversations with Ian Arnold, acting principal at Papunya and with Barb Jenkins, principal here at Bridgewater. Barb and Ian are setting up a video link over the internet between the schools to keep Tobias in touch with friends at Bridgewater, and Shekayla in touch with friends at Papunya School, and their teachers liaising with each other. They are very keen that a close partnership develop between the two schools.

Ian tells me that Tobias has been attending school very regularly at Papunya. This is an encouraging development.

In the meantime, Keith Smith has almost got everything in place for the *Anglican Parish of Stirling Papunya Community Trust*. Once the Trust is registered, all dealings with the Papunya Project will be managed by the Trust from then on.

Denis Noble tells me the various building approvals for the extension to Peter and Katrina's house are only a couple of days away. The donors are still committed to funding the room, and in spite of what they've been through, Peter and Katrina remain open to the possibility of another child coming down to live with them once the room is built. So, as I said at Vestry, we may well have three children down here later this year. Of course, this and any further steps will see the Anglicare training and support in place *before* any children's arrival. Please continue in prayer for this project, and for the two other vibrant expressions of our new Mission in Action, the *Meditation Project*, and the *Grant Hay / BCA Partnership*. (See the website for more details—often!)

Isn't it wonderful to belong to all this?! God is very good to us!

Blessin's

Peter

Linking Papunya School, Bridgewater School & Our Parish Kids Club.

Rob Paterson

Tobias is currently continuing his schooling in Papunya. At last report he has been to school there every day – an improved attendance record for him!

Because Tobias has made good friends here, work is underway to develop a video chat link between Bridgewater and Papunya primary schools. Delays due to the heavy rains still deluging central Australia should be overcome soon!

Parishioners, especially Tobias' friends from Kids Club and school, are strongly encouraged to write a letter or card to him ("snail mail" at this stage!). Please contact the church office to get the address of contact person at the Papunya School.

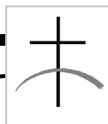


Tobias & Declan, his best friend from Bridgewater School



Kids at morning assembly at the Papunya Primary School. Sue Sifa, the principal, is on the far right.

Sue's passionate commitment to the school has borne very important fruit. Sue is currently on extended study leave.



Anglican Parish of Stirling HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2011

Sunday 17th April—Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
Liturgy of the Palms, Procession and Memorial of the Passion

8.30 am at Aldgate—Sung Eucharist
9.30 am at Bridgewater—Sung Eucharist
10.00 am at Crafers—Choral Eucharist

Wednesday 20th April 10.00 am at Aldgate—Holy Communion

Thursday 21st April—Maundy Thursday

7.30 pm at Crafers

Commemoration of the Last Supper,
of Jesus washing his disciples' feet,
and his giving us the New Commandment

Friday 22nd April—Good Friday

8.30 am at Aldgate—Good Friday Liturgy
9.30 am at Bridgewater—Stations of the Cross
10.00 am at Crafers—Choral Liturgy

Saturday 23rd April—Easter Vigil

6.00 pm—at Aldgate Lighting of the Paschal Flame,
Renewal of Baptismal Promises
and the Recitation of the Story of Salvation

Sunday 24th April—Easter Day

6.00 am at Crafers—Lighting of the Paschal Flame and Dawn Mass

Urgent Prayers Needed

As you may know our beloved Deacon Sue Burgess is to undergo urgent surgery and will be recovering for about 6+ weeks. Please let our prayers be with her and Greg, let her be safe and know that our love is with her.



ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUBLICATION OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE IN 1611.

*From The Dust Jacket of "In The Beginning - The Story of the KJV Bible"
By Alister McGrath - Hodder & Stoughton 2001.*

The King James Bible was a landmark in the history of the English language, and an inspiration to poets, dramatists, artists and politicians. Without the King James Bible there would have been no Paradise Lost, no Pilgrims progress, no Handel's Messiah, no Negroe spirituals, no Gettysburg Address. The culture of the English-speaking world would have been immeasurably impoverished. Yet more than a literary- even more than a religious- influence, it was seen as a social, economic and political text. Those seeking to overthrow the English monarchy and those wanting to retain it both sought support from the same Bible. The Bible came to be seen as the foundation of every aspect of English culture, linking monarch and church, time and eternity.

So how does how did this remarkable translation come to be written? To answer this question is to throw open the doors of a lost world - a world which was being transformed by the new technology of printing. In reading about the greatest English text ever produced we must close our eyes to our own world in which books are plentiful and readily available and enter another, very different universe ...

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesday March 30

Dean Sarah Macneil

Vicar-General & Administrator of the Diocese

Wednesday April 6

Tony Stimson & Jan Baker

Representing Community Action for People with Disabilities in Africa (CAPDA)

Wednesday April 13

Gerald O'Callaghan

Convenor Spirituality in the Pub for 10 years

These evenings commence with the Eucharist service in the Church of the Epiphany at 6.30pm (6.15pm on Ash Wednesday).

This is followed by a light supper (\$5 per head) consisting of soup, bread, fruit and cheese with tea and coffee, starting at 7.00pm.

Catering is by volunteer parishioners so it is most important to let us know if you are coming—either by using the form from the back of the church or by phoning Katrina in the Parish Office on 8339 1274 or email epiphany@internode.on.net

A PRECIOUS GIFT

Earlier this year Katrina was contacted by Richard Davies from an address in Sydney to say that he had found among his late father's possessions the trowel used by Mrs. Henry Scott to lay the Foundation Stone of the Church of the Epiphany in 1893, and he asked "Would we like it?" You can imagine that the answer was "Yes, please"

It turns out that Richard's Great Great Grandfather was E.J. Woods, the architect for the Church, whose daughter Alice married L.A. Wells, a S.A. explorer. Mrs. Scott was Alice's god-mother, and I think it probable that as Henry and Emily Scott had no children, she gave the trowel to Alice.

The next email from Richard Davies came from Canteen Creek, N.T. I looked up a Pastoral Leases map – no success – so googled Canteen Creek, and it turns out to be an Aboriginal community some 200-300 kms east of Tennant Creek, has a successful school with 123 students, and last year had two who completed Year 12. The school has the support of the parents, a mainstream curriculum which tackles algebra and novels in English, and a 75% regular attendance.

Richard and Sue Davies are missionaries who work with the Alyawarr Warlpiri and Warrumungu people around the Tennant Creek area, and are part of Australian Indigenous Ministries.

As for the Scotts – Henry was a merchant, woolbroker, grazier, Mayor of Adelaide, politician, director of the Bank of Adelaide, married to Emily, née Gooch, and they lived at Boode House, Mt. Lofty, now Shurdington, and Benacre, Glen Osmond.

Barbara Brummitt



From Crafers

The new year commenced, as usual, with the celebrating of our special Feast Day which included a well attended morning service followed by a lovely lunch in the Memorial Garden on a perfect summer's day, an occasion enjoyed by all.

Our hard working treasurer Kim joined us at the conclusion of a service in January to bring us up to date with our parish finances and parishioners took the opportunity to raise questions with Kim over coffee which followed.

Barb Field has stepped down from the position as warden after three years and we thank her most sincerely for the way in which she has carried out her responsibilities. Bev Kosahiw's nomination to replace Barb as one of the two wardens, the other being David Wotton who will continue, was accepted at the annual Vestry meeting. Jane Bodley and Tim Sandow will also continue to represent the Crafers congregation on Parish Council.

A luncheon in the hall, following the Vestry meeting, provided us with an opportunity to welcome Sue Burgess and her husband Greg and to thank Wendy Pullin and Christopher for their wonderful ministry within the Parish. We are delighted that Wendy will be continuing on as a locum and we look forward to working with Sue and Greg.

For sometime we have recognized the need to check the fire equipment as it relates both to the church and to the rectory and also to

have a proper fire plan, should it be required in an emergency. We are very grateful that Vince Monterola along with Tom Fairbrother and a couple of Stirling CFS personal were prepared to spend some time checking out our equipment and also that Vince was able to assist us with the preparation of a very comprehensive fire plan. Alex Kosahiw, within a matter of days, had carried out work recommended at the inspection and we thank him for that. While recognizing it as a Parish responsibility there has been concern expressed, over a period of time, regarding the state of the outside of the hall. As a result John Hales arranged to have an inspection carried out and we are now awaiting a quote for work needed.

Finally, a huge thank you to all of those who assist in so many ways with the day to day running of our church.

Bev Kosahiw & David Wotton

From Bridgewater

It's hard to believe that Christmas has been and gone. We had our usual Christmas Day service at St Michael's which was well attended. St Michael's has also been ringing in the changes with exciting plans for this year. The Rev'ds. Wendy and Christopher Pullin have said a 'Claytons' goodbye as fortunately they are not lost completely to our congregation and will be conducting various services throughout the year. On Rev'd. Peter Balabanski's initiative we were invited to suggest various services we would like to have this year to accommodate our two new Deacons, Wendy's involvement, lay-led services and also Peter celebrating during the coming months.

We feel very blessed to have two new deacons installed in the Parish: The Rev'd. Sue Burgess with her special role with us at St Michaels, and The Rev'd. Sonya Paterson, a long time worshipper at our church with her family. We'll also be seeing Sonya regularly at Bridgewater. Sue has conducted several services now which have been warmly received and we've also enjoyed getting to know her husband, Greg. On the Parish Council we now have two new representatives in Lyn Boyd and Lyn Wuttke while Antony Cox is representing the Parish on the Hills Combined Christian Churches Committee. Jill Read and Inez Johnson represented St Michael's at the recent World Day of Prayer held at the St Michael's Catholic Church this year.

Shekayla and Tobias came to live with Katrina Matthews and her family and while Shekayla has settled well into home life and Bridgewater Primary, Tobias has decided to return home at this time.

With natural disasters uppermost in people's minds Peter gave an insightful sermon about where God is in all these events where it is easy to forget Christian spirit and play blame games. We were also given a copy of an inspiring article by the Revd. Dr. Andrew Dutney, a theologian and Principal of the Uniting College in Adelaide under the title of 'Does God hate Queensland?' in response to recent floods ravaging that state. A measured and well researched paper concluded that events such as these are 'not the end of us..... that we are in this together and (that) God is with us.' And to reply to the question, the short

answer is a definitive No! Certainly food for thought. More food for thought will be when we celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving, always a joyous occasion with the bountiful produce that we are lucky to have in our Hills communities.

Helen and Michael

Do you know of anyone facing a challenge?
If you do, please contact a member of the

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Luke Ch 23 v 44 to Ch 24 v 12 (NIV 2011)



The Death of Jesus

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Burial of Jesus

Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Jesus Has Risen

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Rob Paterson



Saturday 2 April 10am - 2pm St Michael's, Bridgewater

Saturday 7 May 10am - 2pm St Michael's, Bridgewater





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Aldgate, Church of the Ascension
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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 Bridgewater 9:30 am
Crafers at 10:00 am
Kids Club at Bridgewater
Fridays 3.45 to 6.00 pm during term time.

Weekday Eucharists

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

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