



Anglican Parish of Stirling

Church of the Ascension, Aldgate

The Church of St Michael and All Angel's Bridgewater

Church of the Epiphany, Crafers

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What's Happening Around the Parish *February 2019*



Reflections

Barbara Messner

(1 Corinthians 13 - For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then we will see face to face.

Now I know only in part; then I will know fully as I have been fully known... The greatest ...is Love).

If we look to see others in dusty mirrors where we are accustomed to find our face, they are distant reflections of shapes and shadows that cannot be us, in their separate space.

Now if only we dare to release our image, and turn our regard to look face to face, then we both will be more fully known and knowing and recognize truth that we share in grace.

Then when knowing acknowledges known together, there's hope for a wisdom of deep respect; we will drink at the wellspring of faith and loving, and in that clear pool one and all reflect.

Whats ON

St Michael & All Angels Bridgewater Church

Painting and Drawing Group exhibition of paintings. Paintings will be on view and some for sale during our March and April Monthly Parish Markets. Please let your friends know!

World Day of Prayer– Slovenia

10.00am Friday 1 March Morning Tea

Sunset Rock Uniting Church 40 Spencer St, Stirling

Theme: *Come– Everything is ready* **Focus Country:** *Slovenia*

Come and hear stories and prayers from Slovenia. Especially support *Trauma Healing for women*.

If you would like to take part in the service, or know anyone from Slovenia, please let Katrina know at Parish Office.

Private Prayer

The Church of the Ascension, Aldgate

Will be open for private prayer Thursdays 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

PEACE VIGIL at Aldgate

5.30-6.00 pm 2nd Friday of the month

Evening Prayer with prayers for peace in our hearts, our homes, the world.

Parish Pancake Night at Parish Hall, Crafers

Tuesday 5 March

Please contact Sue Pike if you can help.

All Welcome

Epiphany Adult Choir 2019

The Choir will continue to sing at the Crafers service on the fourth Sunday of each month, with a rehearsal the Thursday before.

Next rehearsal– 7.30pm Thursday 21 February, Parish Hall to sing at the 10am Crafers Service on Sunday 24 February.

We will also be introducing occasional choral evensong services followed by a light meal.

Sunday 3 March: Evensong & Sausages – 6.00pm

Evensong, Church of the Epiphany, Crafers

4.30pm Adult/treble Choir rehearsal, Parish hall.

All are welcome to join.

For more information, please contact

Crafers Treble Choir Director:

Alex Roose adroose@gmail.com or 0426 117 437.

Annual Vestry Meeting

The Annual Vestry meeting of the parish will be held on Sunday 24th March 2019 at 11.30am in the Anne Jolly Hall, Crafers.

Due date for Reports for Annual Vestry covering the 2018 year is Sunday 10 March.

Please email reports to Katrina at Parish Office.

Welcome Andy and Family !



WHAT BINDS US TOGETHER?

Barbara Brummitt

While searching through old photos recently I came across a black and white one of a group of men, shovels and rakes in hand, during the building of St. Michael and All Angels at Bridgewater. One of them was Fred Ball, the warden, another was Colin Chittleborough the rector. I started thinking of other shared activities which, over the years, have bound us together.

Some activities have been changes in the way we have worshipped. On 19th October 1975 our first ever combined parish outdoor service was held at St. Michael's House, the big old house on the Summit Road then run as a training college for Anglican priests. It was a new experience for many parishioners. Several teaching missions have been conducted, introducing the new Prayer Book, or widening our horizons.

Study groups have started up, EFM, meditation and prayer groups, and Soup Suppers during Lent with speakers, while Taizé services at Bridgewater and more involvement of lay people in all three centres have, I think, encouraged a sense of team effort in our services. Nativity celebrations and Blessing of the Pets have drawn all ages together.

And sometimes we just get together to enjoy ourselves, to share morning tea after a service, to mark an occasion with a shared meal, to dress up for the Melbourne Cup, eat Chinese at a city restaurant or drink coffee in local cafés. They are all times when we can bind together and bring others into the fold.

Lastly, a plea. When you are going through your photos and papers, if there is anything pertaining to the parish which you no longer need, please pass it on to the archive.

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Christmas—Aldgate 2018