

Parish Voice

The Anglican Parish of Broadview and Enfield

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A Fresh Start

By Reverend Sophie Relf-Christopher

A season for change

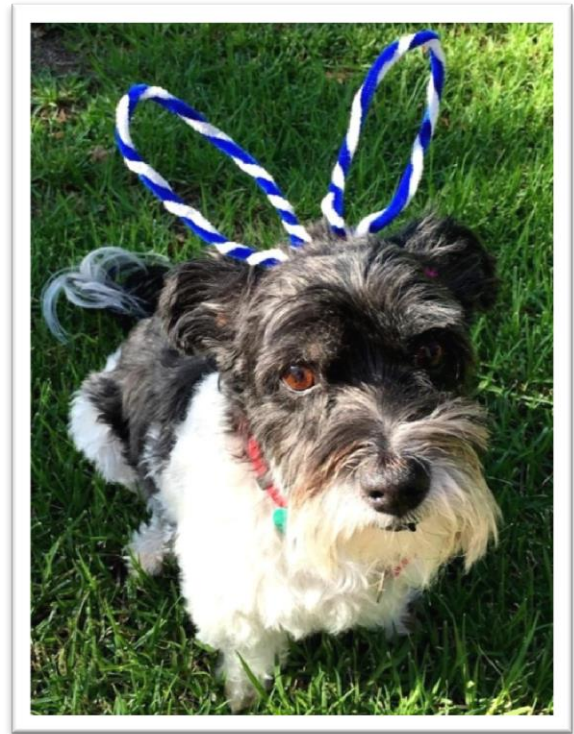
It is true that we remember each holy season in much the same way each year. There are a few cosmetic changes but we still have the sobriety of Holy Week and the relief and celebrations of Easter. While much remains the same there is also no greater time to turn our attention to rebirth and change than Easter.

Old dog/ new tricks?

There comes a point in life when we stop seeking change. We often feel it is much more pleasant to delegate choices, and always err on the side of familiarity, to settle into the idea that we will not make new friends. However, we are creatures given enormous capacity for change. The Psalmist makes the point this way "Be not like a horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with a bit and bridle" (Psalm 32.10). While that paints a pretty unflattering picture of horses it does make the point: we are better off using all our faculties to live a good and fulfilling life and not just move forward without consideration.

Your new year

During Lent we may have been working on better self-care or more care of others. Well that does not end on Easter day but continues into the season and beyond into your year.



Pictured: Imogen our old dog, looking less than thrilled with her new trick.

This This edition of your Parish Voice is all about the theme of 'a fresh start', and you will see that there are fresh starts, changes, challenges and innovations in our community all over the place. I think the scriptures encourage us to be people who change and who embrace new opportunities. May you grab with both hands every good opportunity that comes your way this Easter season, because opportunities WILL come looking for you.

Every blessing

Sophie

Weekly Services and Parish Programs

Sundays - Sung Eucharist 8.30am (St Clement's) and 10am (St Philips)

Tuesdays - Centering Prayer Group 9am (St Philip's)

Wednesdays- Monthly 11am services at Oakwood and BUPA Aged Care

Saturdays - The Book Shed - 9am - 12 noon (St Clement's)

Hospital visits, home communion, baptism, confirmation, weddings, funerals – by appointment with the parish priest.

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Easter Origins by Steve Lord

'Another year over,' sings John Lennon in one of very few Christmas songs I can remember. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. I also asked my mother why Easter fell at the time it did. Her answer ('the first Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox') satisfied me for years. When I became a man, who perhaps hasn't put away as many childish things as I ought, I wondered how this timing came to be.

Like Thomas Aquinas before her, my mother believed no explanation was necessary to one who has faith, so she couldn't help me find something she'd never thought to look for. I never thought to look for it myself until I read of the

Archbishop of Canterbury's plans for the Anglican church to join talks with Pope Francis and authorities of the Coptic church in hopes of setting a unified date for arguably the most important festival of the Christian year.

The Archbishop says 'I think the first attempt to do this was in the tenth century.' The present system by which we date Easter goes back a further six hundred years and has as much to do with astronomy as religious tradition. Easter Sunday takes place a week after what became known as the Paschal Full Moon. The intent of this placement was to maintain the same relationship to the preceding full moon as at the time of Christ's resurrection.

Whatever the date, that resurrection will remain at the sacred heart of every Easter celebration. No matter the outcome of these proposed reforms, the reason for the season was, is and ever shall be the man who gave up his life and, in doing so, overcame death so he could inspire his people to be and do the very best they can.



St Clement's Tree-scape



By Clifton Gurney

During a recent hot spell, the huge gum tree at the rear of the car park, dropped a significant branch. It was decided to get two quotes for its removal. Both Arborists pointed out that over the years the tree had lost a number of branches and there are pieces of branches remaining. These need to be trimmed back to the trunk. This enables the tree to form a protective collar around the break site, preventing damage from termites etc. As well as this, there are two branches that need to be removed to prevent possible future damage to the OP Shop and the neighbouring property. They also suggest that the tree needs to be tidied up by removing any dead wood and some re-shaping of the canopy. They have quoted for the above work and the removal of all the timber.

Pictured: The great gum in question prior to the Parish Council approved work being undertaken.

fresh words

A Fresh Start

By Gary Addair

The challenge of each fresh start,
Always does impart,
Learning; Loving; Sharing.
God's words sharing.

Lent

By Margaret Nelson

The Season of Lent is when study enhances,
(as flower arranging in the church must cease).
My house is filled with Olive branches,
Olive is a sign of Peace.
In my house the branches stay
hard, green, they sit through the day.
For me, no peace for forty nights; no peace for
forty days,
enter into study mode; Bibles, lectures, words –
a maze.
Olive dark branches, sticky leaves,
waiting, listening, to a heart that grieves.
They whisper nothing; they never shed,
yet offer something, timeless, unread.
Many weeks of Icons, soothing –
but, never, remember, a disciple dozing -
after weeks of listening to words that sway,
meditating in my garden – the “stone” is rolled away.
Holy Week sweeps rain across my desert plain -
and the church is filled with flowers again.



A Fresh Start for Rev'd Reginald & Mrs Freda Wynne

By Sophie & Freda

I was very pleased to meet and share tea with a two fabulous new additions to the parish family recently. They were worshipping at St Luke's in Modbury but needed a centre of worship closer to home. We are pleased to open our arms to them as they start afresh with us at St Philip's Broadview. Freda and Reg, as I have come to know them, are very faithful Christians who have been blessed with interesting lives. I asked Freda to make some notes about their history so I might share some with you here.



Pictured: Freda and Reg Wynne at St Phillip's 2016

Early life

Reg was born in South India under British rule. His father was a police man who was killed in a riot while Reg was only a boy. Eventually after his own schooling at Laidlaw Memorial and some teaching at Bishop Cotton Boys, he was sent to Bishop's College in Calcutta to train for ordination. He had several clerical appointments in India before extending himself in ministry by filling a Vacancy for Bishop Reed in Adelaide. Freda also lived in South India as a child, and her father owned a coffee plantation. She was sent to Sacred Heart European Girls School and then went on to a commercial college at Madras. She learned to show dogs and "acquired a prize for showing a beautiful German Shepherd". She moved to Calcutta, and it was there while Freda was convalescing after a serious illness, she was invited by a friend to a birthday party.

Love

Freda met Reginald at the party and they instantly hit it off. He called her after the party and asked her to go the movies with him. She hesitated, having been told that he was going to become a priest, but after being urged by a friend she did go with him. After that Freda says it was "plain sailing" and she went home to see her family with an engagement ring on her finger.

In Australia, after parishes in Adelaide and Keith, Reverend Reg was appointed as Chaplain and a teacher at Pulteney Grammar. He was there for 25 years, and was often called on by the Archbishop to take Sunday services in parishes around Adelaide. "The Rector is still in love with me and I am with him. My children are grown up now. A girl Ramona and a boy Michael. Both have given us grandchildren and they in turn will give us great grandchildren".

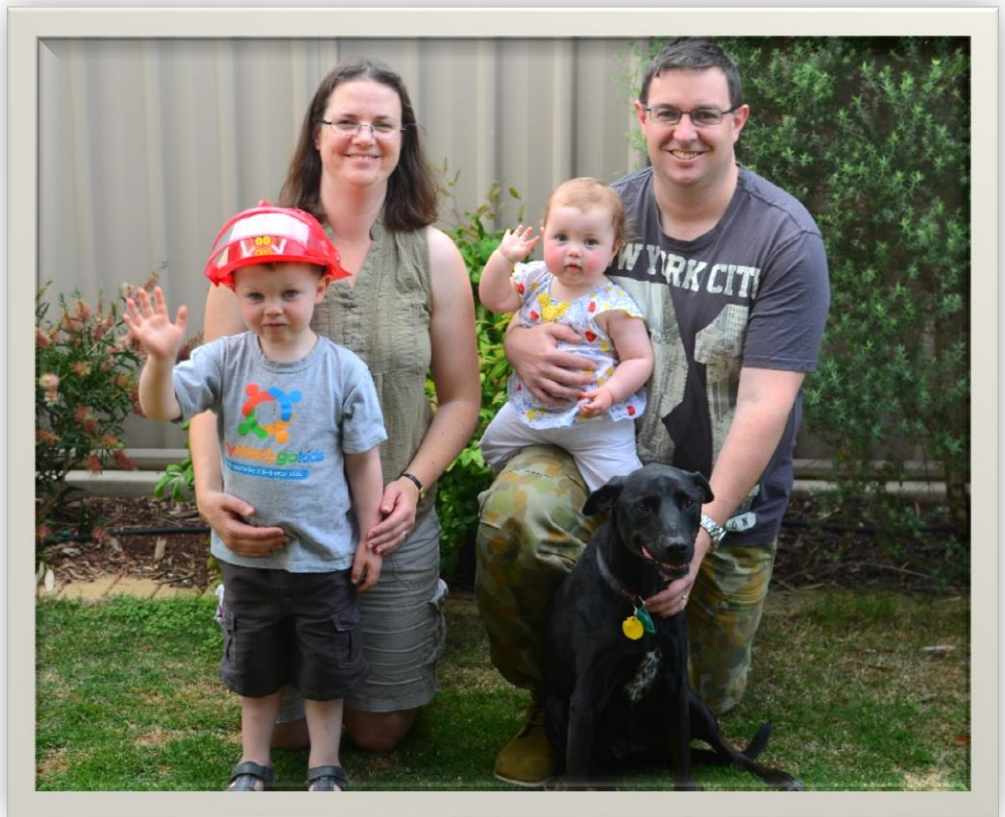
Penn Portrait: Jess Poyner

By Rosemary Penn

He places his little chair against the stand of the votive candle. Tom can just about manage this on his own now which is just as well as little sister Sophie still needs Mum's help and what about Mum!

I spent a little time with Jess Poyner over a cup of tea to get to know her a little better.

Jess was born and grew up and attended school at Macedon in Victoria. She enjoyed



Pictured: The Poyner Family

the outdoors and calls herself “a bit of a tomboy”, which answered my question as to why she chose the Military for a career. Jess reminded me that in those days the Army was much more involved in giving aid, rather than combat and it appealed to Jess to be helping people. Based in Brisbane she worked with Aboriginal Community Assistance out of Cape York, then involved in the logistics of building a rifle range on the Queensland Coast. Jess with her Air Force husband Nathan moved to the UK in order for her to do a Master's degree at Cranford University. Their Careers brought them to Adelaide. Jess now works part time superintending a Recruiting Team of Women Leaders in the Army, where these days more women are encouraged.

We at St. Philip's were so lucky that Jess and Nathan decided that we were the congregation where they felt accepted and comfortable from the first time they came.

Tom lights his candle and puts the chair back.

A Fresh Start for Betty & Harry



Pictured: Betty and Harry Bament

By Kay Brindal

For my parents, Betty and Harry Bament, the ‘fresh start’ when they moved into Oakwood Aged Care was really a case of ‘coming home’ – or close to it. They moved to Victor Harbor in 1989 when Dad retired after living in Blair Athol for over 40 years in the home they built with their own hands. As their care needs have changed in recent months because of medical complications, they have moved ‘a stone’s throw’ from their original home into Oakwood.

While such a move is certainly stressful on everyone in the family, we are all very happy, as are Mum and Dad, that they are back in the fold of the family and the community. They are being well cared for, and are just around the corner, so family and friends can visit them more often and share more with them.

One such shared and enjoyable event is the monthly Anglican Church service which Reverend Sophie provides at Oakwood. It is truly special to be able to share this worship with Mum and Dad who are enjoying their opportunity to attend a service once more. Such outreach activities help to build community spirit within Oakwood while also bringing others into Mum and Dad’s life – just one experience of many they now enjoy as part of their fresh start in the neighbourhood they know so well.

A New Start with Baby Penn



Pictured: Baby Jackson Kenneth Stephen Penn

An extra little person in the family – the first on my side of the family for 40yrs, although on his Mum's side he is part of a large loving number of aunts, uncles, and cousins, and grandparents. That is Jackson, my little grandson – I probably thought, unconsciously, it may never happen, but it has!

This new little life who cries, smiles, wriggles, kicks, expects Mum to feed him when he wants, carries out all

the usual bodily functions – causing Mum to say “Your turn to change him” has brought immeasurable joy to all his family.

It is a long time between babies in the Penn family but this perfect little person reminds us of the privilege we share in creation and God willing I hope to enjoy him for many years.

Ginger and Lemon Bars:

1 ¾ cups plain flour

125 gams Glace Ginger chopped

1 egg, lightly beaten

2/3 cup Almond Flakes.

1 cup castor sugar

185 grams Butter, melted

2 tablespoons Lemon Juice



Sift flour and sugar into a bowl, mix in ginger, cooled butter, egg and lemon juice. Press mixture evenly over the base of a well-greased lamington tin (base 16 cm x 26 cm). Press almonds on top Bake in a moderate oven for 40 mins or until golden brown, cool in tin, cut into fingers when cold.

(and the best bit of advice from Elsie – “Need to be eaten within a few days of making” – Yum !

St. Philip's Cookbook , by Elsie Hume

From around the Parish



Advent 2015:

The talented children from the St Philip's Kindergarten giving the Wednesday morning worshipers a pre-Christmas Concert in song and sign language.

Combined Community Carols (December 6, 2015)

In this new ecumenical initiative we joined with the local Uniting Church, Baptist Church and Church of Christ in the Broadview Uniting Church Hall for great music and fellowship during Advent. The evening was very well attended, especially given that it had been a scorching 40°C day. We started with a sausage sizzle and had a bouncy castle, kids' Christmas craft activities and a retelling of the Christmas story followed by carols by candlelight in the church.



Pictured: The band playing old favourites and new carols.



Pictured: Carols by battery-operated candlelight.

From Around the Parish

Farewell to Dianne Schaefer (January 10)

Dianne Schaefer now Chaplain at the Women's and Children's hospital, finished her work as parish administrative officer at the end of 2015. The parish farewelled Dianne in its time-honoured way - with a combined service and scrumptious farewell luncheon.

After speeches, Dianne was presented with champagne and a beautiful El Salvadorian cross that is similar to the one hanging near the Parish office as a token of our thanks for her many years of service.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Tea (February 9)

Parish pancake chefs were out in force cooking up a storm on Shrove Tuesday. From savoury to sweet, and with second, third and even fourth helpings, everyone went home at least a kilogram heavier. Notice the kids are nowhere to be seen (they're running off all the sugar in the church hall) while the adults polish off mountains of pancakes.

A Fresh Start – Sunday Funday

By Paul Relf-Christopher

A lot of fun was had by all at our first two *Sunday Funday*s, which are held on the first Sunday of the month in 2016. We acted out the transfiguration story with Lego people and used a crumpled paper cave-entrance stone and figures to tell the Easter story (Nikoloff family). The kids really enjoyed the excellent craft activities afterwards too with thanks to Lynn, Helen and Hazel! A big thank you to all who have contributed to the mornings and to the kids and parents who joined in. We are looking forward to next instalments presented by the Poyner and Searson families in April and May.



Pictured: Lego Transfiguration

Childhood Memories

By Mary Craggs



The aftermath of WWII represented a new era for the British people as servicemen and women returned home to loved ones. A period of rejoicing began, free from war and anxiety. People worked feverishly to rebuild and repair damaged bomb sites.

I was twelve years old at this time and inspired by this attitude around me. I decided to take on a challenge of my own, but first I needed a new bike. I begged and pleaded with my parents to buy me one but it all fell on deaf ears. I did have an old bike but a new

one would be something special. I was determined not to let this first disappointment to set me back. The adventure I had in mind involved cycling to our nearest seaside town about twenty miles away. My hunger to view the sea was paramount.

Early one Saturday morning I packed a few sandwiches, water and a puncture outfit and set out on my old bike. It was the greatest of feelings to be riding along the quiet country lanes in the stillness of early morning. I felt so invigorated. I can still recall the rushy thrill of independence that swept over me. This is how David Livingstone must have felt when he explored far away places. Anticipation and awe steered me around every corner as I rode further afield leaving behind all the familiar places.

Later, my excitement began to fade. The chain slipped from my bike again and again. The number of times I had to dismount and fix the chain gave me concern that I would never arrive at my destination. I became cross with my parents all over again for denying me a new bike. It was most unreasonable of them. I stopped noticing the birds singing in the hedgerows, the cows placidly grazing in the meadows, the beautiful willow trees and nature at its best. The bike chain became my sole focus. I could mend a puncture but fixing a slipping chain was beyond my expertise. I persevered.

By some miracle the road became sandy and the landscape changed from green to coastal. There ahead of me was the sea! It was magic and wonderful and suddenly my miserable bicycle was forgiven. I had achieved my goal and felt ecstatic. Life was beautiful. I sat on a sandy patch of grass to eat my sandwiches and watch squirrels playing around the trees. I felt overjoyed and proud of my success.

That park overlooking the sea has always remained vivid in my memory. I found out much later that I had arrived five miles short of my intended destination of Southport. But nothing could have dampened the enthusiasm I felt that day looking at the Irish Sea without a penny in my pocket!

Lord grant us wisdom to know what we must do

Your will to want to do it

The courage to undertake it

The perseverance to continue to do it

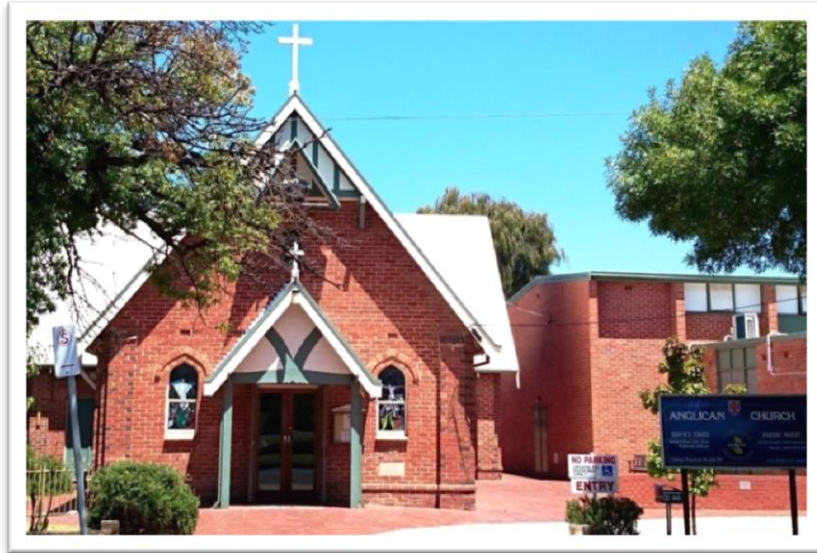
And the strength to complete it.

St Joseph's People Prayer Book

Love, Happiness and Peace be always with you. Easter Blessings. Mary Craggs

St Philip's 90th Birthday Party!

*Please help us ensure and invitation reaches everybody
with a fond connection to St Philip's Church Broadview.*



There is an important anniversary for St Philip's – we turn 90 this year!

To start the celebrations we will invite everyone on our roll to our Patronal Festival and luncheon on Sunday May 1st and we will be inviting former Parishioners. Invitations will be going out early April and we need your help to give us the names and addresses of former Parishioners not still on our roll.

There is a form at the back of St Philip's Church for names and address but you can also telephone the following people with your suggestions (if no-one answers please leave messages on the answering machines).

Hazel Price (8269 2020)

Helen Randle (8344 7897)

Pamela Sherwin (8344 7466)

Or email: epsherwin@bigpond.com



Save the Date – Parish Events



Autumn Fair – Saturday 9 April

9AM till 1PM - St Philip's Church Hall.

Come browse the stalls and grab a bargain. enjoy morning tea, a sausage sizzle, bouncy castle and free kids' activities.

St Philip's 90th Birthday Lunch – Sunday 1 May

Past and current parishioners and special friends join us to celebrate. St Philip's Hall, May 1.

See invitation in this edition.

Quiz Night - Saturday 14 May

Start swatting now and get a table of friends together or come join an existing table at St Philip's Hall.

Curry Lunch - Sunday 3 July

Feasting, fellowship and fun. St Philip's Hall.

Book Sale – Saturday 27 August

Preloved books looking for a new home – bring an empty bag and take a full one home. St Philip's Hall.

Spring Art Show – Saturday 8 October and Sunday 9 October

Third annual art show at St Philip's Hall. Artists - local and from further afield - will be exhibiting works, all for sale.

Craft Fair – Saturday 29 October

St Philip's Hall - Browse the wares, grab an early Christmas present.

Community Christmas Carols – date to be advised

Following the success of this ecumenical event in 2015, we'll be joining with local churches again for an evening of fellowship and carols during lent.

Further details on all events will be available on the parish website and in pew sheets closer to the time.

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