

Parish Voice

The Anglican Parish of Broadview and Enfield

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ADVENT in the Community

Dear friends,

Advent is a time to be born again! Christ to be born again in us - and through us: a time to empty ourselves for Christ to find room in us - so to be born through us. Thus, we become the hope the world needs.... the channel of hope, peace, love, and joy of God's beloved creation on its journey to shalom. We are the Advent hope in our communities, congregations, work places, neighbourhood, and families.



The last few months have been exciting for the Parish with several special occasions such as Feast of St Francis of Assisi and Blessing of Pets, Feast of St Luke, All Saints' Day, Remembrance Day worship, St Clément's Patronal Festival, Kerala Love Feast, Harvest Thanksgiving Festival, Combined Services followed by sumptuous meals, and the Prospect Spring Fair. Knit 'n Natter, Children's ministry, and Centering Prayer headed by Pat Luke, Joshitha Mathew, and Gwyneth Ottrey respectively flourished during this period. Air-conditioning of St Philip's Church Hall and wireless projection of worship orders for all three congregations are done by the thoughtful Parish Council headed by Lynn Ward and Pamela Sherwin. The flood relief amount of \$3850 raised by the CSI Malayalam Congregation with the support of the Parish and Barnabas Theological College will be handed over this month towards rebuilding a damaged house in Kerala; and the Christmas gifts from the Parish to several places are on their way.

This has been a period of grieving also for the Parish. Rosemary Penn, who was an active member and representative to the Parish Council and Synod, is called to eternity. We also lost much beloved Raymond Thomas Harris, Stirling Ernest Casson, Joan Beatrice Thorogood, and Eleanor Annie Robson. I thank God for their lives. I pray and wish a meaningful period of Advent and a blessed 2019 for you! I am sure that you will enjoy going through the pages of this Parish Voice.

Santhosh S Kumar (Parish Priest)



Services and Parish Programs

Sundays	Sung Eucharist 8.30am St Clement's, 10.30am St Philip's CSI Malayalam Eucharist 4pm St Philip's
Tuesdays	Centering Prayer Group 10am St Philip's church
Wednesdays	Knit 'n Natter Group 2pm fortnightly alternating between St Philip's & St Clement's church halls
Fridays	Bible Study 9.30am St Philip's
Saturdays	Book Shed 9am - 12 noon St Clement's

Hospital visits, home communion, baptisms, confirmations,
weddings and funerals: by appointment with the Parish Priest.

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Our theme for this 2018 Advent edition of Parish Voice 'Advent in the Community' invited parishioners to tell us about their community involvements. You will find the contributions on page 9. You will also find some fascinating stories on those 5 parishioners we have sadly lost in the last 4 months – shining examples of community involvement! Our final *Penn Portrait* for the Parish Voice is a tribute to Rosemary herself – a happy and inspiring life! We also have some interesting parishioner writings plus a focus on Bush Church Aid Society celebrating their centenary in 2019 on page 5.

As you make your way through these pages, reflect on how rich and diverse our parish life is and what talents we can all enjoy and encourage to flourish. Let us thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed this year and pray for courage and inspiration as we approach this Christmas Season and the coming year.

Jokes Korner

Joke time! (Answers on page 23)

1. What do you call people afraid of Santa Claus?
2. What Christmas carol is a favourite of parents?
3. What do monkeys sing at Christmas?
4. What kind of music do the elves like?
5. What is the best present in the world?
6. Which of Santa's reindeer has bad manners?
7. How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?
8. What do Santa's helpers learn at school?
9. Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
10. What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a detective?

Colour & decorate this Christmas tree!



For the 'C of E's!

Three buildings in town were overrun by squirrels- the Town Hall, hardware store and the church.

The Town Hall brought in some cats but after they tore up the files, the Mayor got rid of them and soon the squirrels were back.

The hardware store humanely trapped them and set them free outside of town, but soon the squirrels were back.

Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter!

From 'The Vicar of Dibley' contributed by Mary Craggs



Christmas Gifts from the Parish

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

by Raelee Gurney



Volunteers checking Shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child (O.C.C.) is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It partners with local churches in developing nations to reach out to children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes and bringing the news of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are invited to participate in a discipleship program called "The Greatest Journey". The program gives tools to local Christians to spread the word of God. It all began in 1990 when Dave Cooke, father of four from northern Wales, was watching a T.V. news program showing images of the orphans from Ceausescu's regime in Romania.

He decided, with the help of some friends, to change the horrific conditions in which these children were living by driving an "aid wagon" full of medical supplies, beds, blankets, and clothes to Romania. The word soon spread and support grew. Local people raised money to support him. Eventually, the idea of giving a shoebox containing toiletries, clothing, educational supplies, toys and other gifts to needy children around the world emerged. In 1994 Operation Shoebox Child was amalgamated with the American charity, Samaritan's Purse. They two have been working together now for 25 years.



Volunteer Lynette Beck



The congregation of St. Clement's Church have been contributing to the O.C.C. program for a number of years. This year we filled 20 boxes with gifts of love. (This was more than last year). Cliff and I always enjoy delivering the shoeboxes to our local drop off point because we are always warmly welcomed, shown around and encouraged to ask as many questions as we wish. We were given a DVD, parts of which we showed to our friends at St. Clement's. The last section of the DVD, "Shoebox Recipient Stories"

(samaritanspurse.org/occ-videos) was particularly moving. It features young adults reflecting upon the time when they received a shoebox as a child and how it powerfully impacted upon their lives.

Operation Christmas Child has grown into the largest shoebox program in the world. In 2017 1.3 million boxes were sent to 150 countries.

The CSI Malayalam children have also contributed 14 gift-filled Christmas shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. They were coordinated and delivered by Joshitha Mathew.



Gifts for Anglicare SA Christmas Hampers



Over the years, Anglicare S.A. has provided Christmas gifts to disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the community. Once again, this year, the people of the parish have generously donated to Anglicare SA by giving a great variety of gifts to this cause.

Donations to the Magdalene Centre

The CSI Malayalam Congregation joining with members of Rotary Club of Prospect Sunrise (ceased) donated bags of toys and food in response to the appeal of the Magdalene Centre. This was coordinated by Maria Abraham who is in charge of the external activities of the Women's Fellowship of the Congregation.

Mission, Giving & Fundraising — from Pamela, Parish Treasurer

bca - going the distance

In 2019 bca is celebrating 100 years of service with 35 field staff across Australia today.

1919	BCA formed	1990s	Ministry in Tas & islands & Kangaroo Is.
1920s 1940s	Hostel and medical ministries	2000s	'New Bush' ministries across the country
1957	Expansion of ministry in NW Aust.		Drought assistance program
1970s	Church planting Northern Territory		Mining Chaplaincy
1980s	Ministry to Opal Fields	2010s	Increase in Indigenous Ministry Support

Pastoral Ministry – We are committed to sending Field Staff to plant, pastor and nurture lively Christ-centred churches across the bush, on islands and regional centres.

Indigenous Ministry – ministry to Indigenous Australians is a key part of BCA's mission.

Developing and Equipping Leaders – BCA is working to develop a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders to serve in the bush, and equip leaders already on the ground, for faithful and fruitful ministry.

School Chaplaincy and the Bush Scripture Initiative – Many of our Field Staff serve in schools as chaplains. Through the Bush Scripture Initiative, we hope to have paid SRE teachers for every state high school in rural New South Wales by 2020.

How you can help

Prayer is the most valuable way you can connect with God's work through Bush Church Aid. Please join us in asking God to work His power throughout Australia.

Donate funds via bca boxes opened May and November – speak to Pamela to obtain one (a great way to dispose of loose change).



Brad & Lucy Morgan & family on Kangaroo Island

"It is really wonderful to see Bush Church Aid's commitment to Kangaroo Island and that they are making long-term plans for ministry and influence in the community. This really has an impact on us as locals." Lucy Morgan

Parish mission giving 2018

To ABM:

Lent \$422.00, Good Friday \$70.00, Other \$278, and \$667 to our Myanmar Motor bike project (we have pledged \$1,000.00 for the project this year). Please bring in 10 cent refund containers and also used stamps (leaving a 1cm border), and place in bins/boxes provided - \$38,500 in the last 5 years from stamps sold to dealers.

To BCA:

Parishioner BCA Boxes \$66.50 and BCA drought appeal \$1,120.00 (Parish Council donated \$500 from Parish funds).

Kerala Floods in South India:

\$2,900 general, St Barnabas College \$450, Parish Council \$500 - total \$3,850 to go to South India this month.

Leukaemia Appeal:

\$100 forwarded to The Leukaemia Foundation.

Christmas Bowl: A reminder that the Christmas Bowl envelopes are now available.

The Parish Council thanks you for your generosity this year.

Fundraising:

St Philip's Books	\$55.70	St Clement's Books	\$173.65
PCCU Raffle	\$980.00	Autumn Fair	\$2,545.00
St Clement's Trading Table	\$100.00	Car Boot Sale	\$99.00
Book, Food & Toy Sale	\$909.95	Prospect Council Spring Fair 3 stalls	\$1,191.80
Grand total of \$6,055.10			

Congratulations and our thanks to all who helped in any way with our fundraisers this year!

Penn Portrait – a Tribute to Rosemary



Photo by Pat Luke

Rosemary Jean Penn OAM (16.04.40 – 8.11.18)

Rosemary's life is a shining example of a life committed to working in the community. She was born on the east coast of Essex during WWII, then moved to Oxford as her father was a scientific instrument maker for aircraft. She began singing at the age of 7 in her church choir. Her mother's siblings & families moved to Adelaide, Australia in 1949 but Rosemary's family didn't move until 1966 – she remembers the outer harbour, massive trees and the huge sun. She gained employment as a comptometer operator for a building firm, which she enjoyed.

Soon after arriving in Adelaide, Rosemary met Malcolm. He came from Forrest near WA border. When 4 years old he sustained a stick injury to his eye and spent months in Adelaide hospital and lost sight in both eyes. As an adult he studied law during which time he was read to by a team of readers, one of whom asked Rosemary to take their place – they were married in 1969 and had two sons. After his law degree Malcolm completed extra study in Theology. Rosemary remembers great family holidays through SA and Qld where she did all the driving – on one such trip after going on the Ghan to Darwin, they hired a campervan back to Adelaide – Rosemary's sister in the UK said 'make sure you get on the right road'!

Malcolm played Blind Cricket with the Royal Society for the Blind. The whole family was involved – the boys looked after their dad, and Rosemary worked on the Society's radio station. In the early years she saw an article in the Advertiser wanting readers 1 hour per day on the Uni radio 5UV on North Terrace operating out of a small house in Mile End. She helped with the cooking program, reading, and a monthly hymn program. The station expanded but without funding Rosemary and Malcolm advocated for Guide Dogs and Royal Society for the Blind and Blind Welfare for service to the blind and with that Guide Dogs picked it up. They moved to a newly built studio at Vision Australia, the station becoming 5AH, and Rosemary being the coordinator – it now has 150 volunteers.



Display at Rosemary's funeral

Rosemary and Malcolm had a vision for post-school education for students with disabilities. Through Malcolm's law contacts (and knocking on doors of all the legal profession in SA), they were able to set up the Sir Charles Bright Scholarships providing 15 per year with around \$1500 per student. Sir Charles was a judge in the Supreme Court of SA and Malcolm had been to university with his son. Sir Charles assisted Malcolm in court with a guide dog etc. One (scholarship) student has said 'Someone thinks I'm important enough to help me'. Rosemary received the Order of Australia Medal for her service to the blind (Malcolm had also received the OAM).



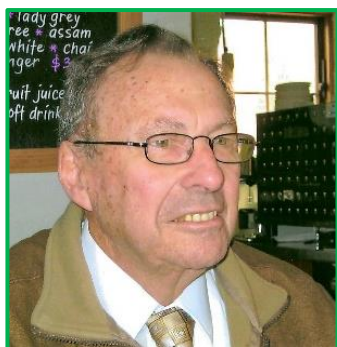
Rosemary's love of singing saw her sing with the Just for Fun Songsters (pictured here singing her favourite song 'The Hippopotamus Song' by Michael Flanders and Donald Swan, after her funeral service), and with the Retired Person's Choir of Australia.

Within the Parish Rosemary was: on Parish Council, a Synod Rep., on the Parish Voice editing committee (producing the Penn Portrait), and part of the Lectio Divina Centering Prayer and Knit 'n Natter groups. She also arranged flowers, sang in the choir and solo at many events and special services, and helped in the kitchen etc. Rosemary had the idea of the Book Shed and according to Lorraine Fransson: 'typical of her she carried the idea to fruition.... Many a cold morning was spent talking about many things. She was such an interesting person. ...and I will miss her chats and a cuppa on a Saturday morning at the Book Shed. Vale Rosemary'.

A Vision Aust. radio interview with Rosemary can be found at:

<https://varadio.podbean.com/e/guest-of-honour-rosemary-penn/> - an inspiring listen!

Obituaries



Raymond Thomas Harris (22.03.1928 – 9.08.2018)

Ray was born on 22nd March 1928 in Jamestown. When aged around 2 years old, Ray's family moved to Norwood. He went to Norwood Primary School and Norwood High. He lived in Norwood until he married and was an avid Norwood football follower.

As a young man, Ray was very caring and had a strong sense of community. After service in the army, Ray returned to Norwood in 1948 and joined the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, where he remained a volunteer for many years. Being an excellent driver, he was soon asked to drive the ambulance as well. Ray also joined the Country Emergency Fire Service as a volunteer and, after 18 months, he was appointed as Fire Control Officer at headquarters.

Ray met Joan Robinson when he commenced work at The Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme on North Tce. Joan was a shorthand typist there. They were married at St. Clement's Church, Enfield in 1950. They have one daughter, Raelee. Ray's love for working with people and taking on leadership roles led him to take up various positions at St. Clement's Church. At that time, there were lots of young families living in the housing trust area of Enfield/Blair Athol. When Ray was a Sunday school teacher and Superintendent, he would collect young children from around the area and bring them to Sunday school in his Morris Cowley Ute. Over time, most of these children became members of the St. Clement's Youth Club, of which Ray was the Youth Councillor/ Leader for 13 years. The youth group was the largest in the diocese and eventually needed to be split into Senior and Junior Youth Groups. As part of his role, Ray involved the youth in camps at Mylor, he organised beach-a-thons, Bible quizzes, discos, games evenings, hikes in the Adelaide hills and a visit to Escort House, Tennyson (which was a convalescent hospital for children). Ray used 2 weeks of his annual leave to practise a concert, which ran for 4 nights in the church hall. On a number of Christmas eves, Ray drove the youth group around on the back of a truck to sing carols to sick parishioners and others. Ray was also People's Warden for several years at St. Clement's.



Ray was interested in History and he wrote and published 2 books entitled, 'The History of St. Clement's Church, Enfield 1853-1980' and 'A History of the Anglican Parish Church of St. Clement, Enfield 1858-1998'. Ray was also a Justice of the Peace for 43 years. Despite his physical disabilities, Ray had always tried to be involved in church activities, such as morning markets, where he would spruik on the P.A. system or be cooking for the 'Sausage Sizzle'. Ray took an active involvement in helping to establish the Church Memorial Garden by installing the watering system, purchasing roses, etc. He spent countless hours assembling shelves from "handy angle" and covering boxes for storage in the church op shop. Ray lived in Enfield for 54 years but, because of ongoing health problems, in 2004 Ray and Joan shifted into The Grange Retirement Village. In October 2009, Ray went into

Westminster Aged Care Facility at Grange. Ray passed away on 9th August 2018.

Despite his long history of ill health (and over 64 times in hospital), Ray had always had a positive attitude, a great sense of humour and a love of helping others. When reflecting upon his past, Ray said he has had a full, eventful and mostly happy life!

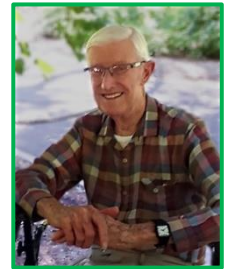


Selection of photos of Ray's life displayed at his funeral

Obituaries cont.

Stirling Ernest Casson (25.08.1923 – 17.09.2018)

A quiet, intelligent, gentle man with a very dry wit and a wide range of knowledge; a capable Mr Fixit who grew up in the depression and learned to 'make do' with whatever was to hand. In 1944 Stirling took Dorothy Laver to see Holiday Inn at the Picadilly – just before their 21st and 17th birthdays respectively! They were married on 27 March 1948, best man and brother Alick's birthday!



After a cadetship at the State Library, Stirl joined the Parliamentary Library staff in 1957, and was appointed as the Parliamentary Librarian in 1964, supporting the parliamentary process in that role until he retired in 1983. He enjoyed the research part of the job very much. He was always finding and filing interesting articles on a huge range of topics and one of these related to a guided busway – put in front of the Minister for Transport who was looking at transport for the north east corridor. Hence the O-Bahn was born.

Stirling and Dorothy were both hard working people who, all their lives, devoted much time to serving the community and church. Retirement brought tennis four times a week, secretary of both Lodge and Probus, and a life revolving around St Phillip's Church at Broadview (1975-2006), as by then home was at Marden.

A long life, very hard early years with two very significant family deaths, the recession, the war, chronic illness and a struggle to make ends meet, but with lots of happy times with Dorothy and the warm, loving happy family life they built together, giving their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren enormous benefits, for which we are all very thankful.

Joan Beatrice Thorogood (19.04.1930 – 19.09.2018)

Joan lived with her daughter, Chris in Airlie Beach for the past 12 or so years. Over the past 2-3 years, she was gradually becoming less able to look after herself due to the onset of dementia, and all the complications that arise from this particularly cruel disease. She passed away peacefully in the Proserpine Hospital in the early hours of the 19th of September 2018.



Joan was the mother of 3, grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 9. She married Roy Thorogood at Saint Augustus Church Unley on 21 May 1949 and moved to Clearview shortly after. She and the family attended St Clements for some years, where she loved being an active member.

Roy passed away in 1982 after a long illness during which period Joan nursed and cared for him and undertook volunteer work for Meals on Wheels.

Joan eventually moved to Port Lincoln to be near her daughter. While there she met a Welshman (Cyril Roberts) and eventually moved to Wales to be with him. Joan moved back to Australia in 2008, following the passing of Cyril. She spent a few months visiting family and friends and then moved in with her daughter until her death.

Eleanor Annie ('Robbie') Robson 20.06.1935 – 19.08.2018

Born in Birtley (UK), Robbie trained as a nurse at Newcastle General Hospital, marrying James Robson, her beloved Jimmy, in 1957. The family (with 3 young children, Peter, Lynn and Steven) immigrated to Australia in 1967 on board the ship *Fairsea*; making their home in Whyalla. Robbie commenced work as physiotherapy aide at Whyalla Hospital in 1975.

Robbie was a tireless volunteer in the community - sewing ballet costumes, helping with reading at school and leading a Cub scout pack when her children were young. She was happiest surrounded by family and friends - her home was a regular hangout for her children's friends and many continued to visit after they had grown and left home.



After Jimmy died in 1982, Robbie moved to Adelaide working at the Julia Farr Centre as a physiotherapy aide with people with brain injuries and retired in 2001 to be chief babysitter, outing organizer and all-round fun Nanna to Sean and Caitlin. Robbie had a gift for caring. One of her greatest joys was working with her friends at St Philip's on children's programs for Sunday school, Sunday Fundays, school holiday club and the Prospect Fair. So dearly loved, so sadly missed, Robbie showed us that love is a verb that doesn't need flowery words.

In the Community

Audrey Adair and Margaret Smith's Craft Group



Audrey and Margaret first met at Norwood Technical College around the ages of 14 and 15 and were in the same class. After school was completed, they went their separate ways and met up again about 30 years ago when Margaret began attending St Clement's. They both joined a craft group - Audrey making beaded dolls and Margaret making 'all sorts of things' including knitting teddies for the sick

children in the Women's and Children's Hospital. They go every Thursday morning to the Uniting church at Sefton Park and enjoy getting out of the house, meeting with their friends and creating their crafts.



Margaret is also a member of the CWA which meets at the Broadview Uniting Church. The CWA had become too small and is now combined with a choir.

Clifton Gurney's Bike Education

Over the last 15 years I have been teaching Junior Primary children to ride bikes safely. The lessons target children from age 5 to 8 years old. The aims of the program are to develop and build upon the skills children already have, promote a healthy lifestyle and reinforce road safety. For some children, this is the first time they have attempted to ride a bike. They have 3 sessions over 3 weeks and they learn a variety of skills depending on their age. For example, Receptions will be learning how to use the brakes, ride in a line and balancing skills. Year One's practice riding around cones, riding over small ramps, stopping at pedestrian crossings and trying to leave safe spaces between each other. Year 2 and 3 students move onto giving way to the right, hand signals, negotiating round-a-bouts and intersections, and using peripheral vision to judge distances etc.



Each year when I return to the schools, I am amazed at the progress. It's very satisfying to see a 5-year-old progress from Trainer Wheels to being able to balance and ride confidently. Also hearing from children and parents that as a result of the program, many children are riding to school with parents on a regular basis. Getting positive feedback like this from parents and children is very rewarding.

Although the 3-week program is very tiring, I am energized by the enthusiasm and participation knowing that I play a small part in their learning journey.

Angie Goddard



Angie attends 3 Adult Education Courses (ACE) in: Computing, Career Pathway and a Nature-based Gardening course which is held at the Kilburn Peace & Welcome Garden - a Community Garden.

Angie also regularly attends the Experience Cafe now at the Kilburn Community Centre for a Community lunch catching up with friends and people she knows - 'it is just a great time we all have to get together and

share a need and chat - why not come and join us! All of this came about through an ACE flyer in my letter box at the right time'.



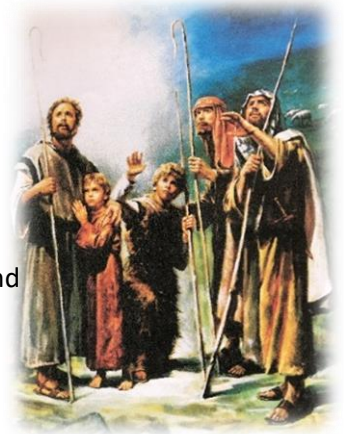
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Advent 1

by Margaret Nelson

Forced by census they travelled far to Joseph's town, beneath that star.
House hunting by light of the comet (they took some reassurance from it),
Yet they found no room, nor bed, nor table; the tavern host offered a stable.
Sharing with animals, sheep and ox, they birthed a child. Then further shocks.
Out on the hillside in threadbare coats, shepherds, guarding, sheep lambs and goats,
Alert for wolves on that star bright night, were further alarmed by a celestial sight.
Suddenly, singing, were heavenly choirs, trumpets, timbrels, tuneful lyres.
An angel spoke like a rolling drum, offering news of a Sacred Son.
A longed-for gift, the Saviour Lord; bade the shepherds accept The Word.
The terrified men crouched on the ground. They conferred. Some of their number found
Courage to seek out The Child in town, taking a bag of salt, sacrificial lamb.
Herders searched long through the night. Star-light helped track down the site.
In a stable they found the new born Child. He gazed at them. They kneeled and smiled
In the Presence. They gave explanation. Telling Joseph of declamation.
Joseph and Mary were just awed. The oxen blinked and the ass hee-hawed.
The night was filled with chimes and ringing. Caught up in Joy, they burst out singing.

Margaret Nelson © 11/2018



The Mystery of 2nd Lt. E.R. Nutting

by Grant Brindal



Interest was sparked by Garry Adair regarding the St Clement's missal stand that had been donated as a memorial to "2nd Lt. E. R. Nutting" who had been killed in action in France in 1916. Was he a former parishioner and if so, should we do something to commemorate his death? Well the answer was not quite what we expected and lead to a forgotten part of our history. Second Lieutenant Ernest Ralph Nutting was not a former member of our congregation; indeed, he had never set foot on Australian soil.

He was born in Birmingham in 1879, the seventh out of nine surviving children into a family well-known as makers of walking sticks, canes and umbrellas. He enlisted when war was declared but was killed on November 18th at the Battle of the Ancre Heights. His body, like so many others, was never recovered. So how did he connect with our little church half way around the world?

The first clue comes from "The Transcontinental" newspaper which is still published in Port Augusta. A column appeared in the December 8th, 1916 edition recounting Nutting's death and referred to the last letter he sent to the Rector of Port Augusta – his brother, Arthur!

From here we find an obituary for Mrs A. H. Nutting, formerly Miss Barbara Campbell Andrews, who was the daughter of Canon Andrews and was born at the Mitcham Rectory. In 1912 Barbara married the Rev. A. H. Nutting who was "for some years at Port Augusta, and was then for two years at Enfield". Miss Barbara has her own interesting story to be told but now the connection is discovered.

Interestingly we do not list Rev. Nutting in our church history but correspondence to the Police Commissioner's Office in November 1921 regarding "Larrikinism at Enfield" records that the complainant was indeed Rev. A. H. Nutting, St. Clement's Enfield. So our rector in 1920/21 was indeed the Rev. Arthur H. Nutting whose brother had died in the Great War and the Sunday School decided to raise some funds to purchase the missal stand as a memorial.

Parishioner Pen to Paper, Fingers to Keys cont.

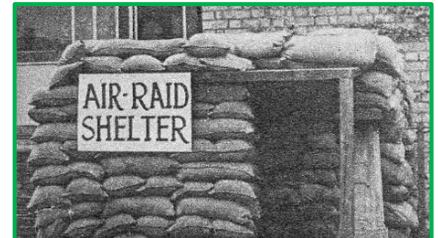
Christmas Memories

by Mary Craggs

As Christmas approaches, I find my thoughts increasingly turn to the festive days I celebrated as a child in wartime England. I recall those Christmas Days as being the best day of the year, which, in retrospect, is ironic given the hardships we all endured.

We always had a small tree placed on the sideboard and decorated with coloured paper chains. Our best white tablecloth adorned the table and perhaps a sprig of Holly. We were always hungry and our special treat for Christmas lunch would usually be Rabbit Pie. It had mouth-watering appeal for our large family. We had sisters with their own children who lived with us while their husband was away fighting. Before we ate, we all joined hands and prayed for peace and our loved ones to return home safely. It was cold outside but that didn't dampen our spirits. We were discouraged from giving presents (there were few luxuries to be found) and people were encouraged to donate to the war effort instead. Regardless, there were always a few surprises for us, such as oranges or nuts and sometimes even chocolate! It was a joyous day full of warmth and love.

Now that I am older, I marvel at how my parents managed to create so much for us when they had so little. Food rationing did not cease until 1954. Although church services continued as normal the bells could not be rung as this signified an invasion. Streetlights were turned off and no light allowed from windows or buildings. Some had to spend Christmas Day in air raid shelters or in the underground. It was easy to be glum. Three of my siblings were away fighting. Like many others, my parents had much to be anxious about.



I understand now how my parents sought to shield us from the cold realities of war, where many lives are lost and people's hearts and spirits are broken. Christmas was the one day when it seemed to me when worries were put aside for just a short time. I thank my parents for fostering the spirit of Christmas for us all those years ago.

This Christmas I will remember those who faithfully served their country in time of war. I will also thank God for the peace and security I enjoy today.

Christmas Blessings to All

Around the Parish

After Church Service Parish Fellowships



Around the Parish

Love Feast Sunday August 19 at St Philip's

The Love Feast was arranged by the CSI Malayalam Congregation. This traditional vegetarian meal was originally planned on the Carnival of Onam, the harvest festival of the Kerala State, but was dropped in view of the tragic Kerala floods, and arranged as a fellowship meal of the Parish.



Around the Parish

Love Feast cont.



Broadview & Enfield Ministers' Ecumenical Fellowship & Lunch August 20



Fathers' Day September 2nd



Around the Parish

Harvest Thanksgiving Festival organised by the CSI Malayalam Congregation on September 8 at St Philip's Church Hall



Around the Parish

Feast of St Francis of Assisi and Blessing of Pets October 7 at St Clement's Church



Deanery Meeting held at St Philip's on October 17



Annual Synod Meetings of the Diocese (October 19-21)

Below: Joshitha Mathew reading scripture in the Synod Eucharist held at St Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, Unley. Peter March, the Communication Officer of the Diocese, interviewing Carren Walker to prepare a video of the Parish for the Synod, link: https://youtu.be/mPIB26cr_vc



Around the Parish

Combined Service & Chicken 'n Chips Luncheon October 14 at St Philip's Church



Around the Parish

Prospect Spring Fair October 27 at Broadview Oval with 3 parish stalls



←CSI Malayalam stall won Best Decorated Food Stall prize



Around the Parish

Children's Ministry of the CSI Malayalam Congregation



Book shed Saturdays at St Clement's



Pastoral Visitation



Malayalam Language Classes



Neven in musical bliss!

Around the Parish

St Clement's Patronal Festival Combined Service & BBQ Luncheon November 25



Around the Parish – Ministry & Fellowship

Ministry to Oakwood and Bupa Aged Care Facilities



Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer Program



Meets at St Philip's on Tuesdays at 10am. The group has been studying the anonymous author who, in the 14th century, wrote 'The Cloud of Unknowing'. The work of this man (thought to be a monk) was discovered in a mediaeval document written in the 14th Century England, written in English. He wrote anonymously because in those times the ecclesiastical authorities were constantly alert to what they considered to be heresy, and if such writing as he was engaged upon

was not acceptable to the church, his very life might be in danger. He wrote to the ordinary believer. He wrote in common, blunt language. He gives 'advice' on what steps to follow (within a wide flexibility) in order to achieve a life of contemplation and the union with God. '...underneath the seemingly vast differences between the medieval and modern images of the universe, we find an underlying sameness of searching'... (The translator Ira Proffoff). This is my experience of the text which I find delightful and compelling. Those listening in that hour on Tuesdays are asked to comment on the reading we have studies. We enjoy ourselves enormously. I recommend 'The Cloud of Unknowing' to every reader searching their Christianity.



Friday Bible Study Group

by Patricia Gration

The opportunity to take part in Bible studies was an opportunity to look afresh at the short life of Jesus and the influence he had on the lives of those who followed him. Readings from Mark's Gospel, and others, provided good stimulus for questions and answers. There is much to look forward to when we look at Luke's Gospel in 2019.



Around the Parish

Knit 'n Natter Group

Meets Wednesdays at 2pm fortnightly, alternating between St Clement's & St Philip's church halls for fellowship, craft, games, sharing stories, recipes & hints of all kinds & of course afternoon tea! One Wednesday, a lunch was a pleasant change. Recommencing Feb 2019 - all welcome!



Searching for Wisdom

Wisdom School

by Gwyneth Ottrey

I have been asked to write about my October holiday in New Zealand when I attended a Wisdom School at the Te Moata Retreat Centre, a simple purpose-built structure in an area of wild natural beauty on a steep hillside. The land has been set aside to allow the giant kauri trees to regenerate. It is situated on the Coromandel Peninsula of the North Island, is off the grid and so dependent on solar power, works on minimal waste and all water is from a stream on the property. An established meditation or prayer of silence practice was a prerequisite for this retreat. I travelled with a friend from country NSW. Four other South Australians attended.



The Wisdom School was about deepening the process of faith formation towards "you should have in yourselves the same mind as Christ". Towards this end the rhythm of our time together followed a Benedictine balance between prayer and work. There were times for silent prayer, conscious worship, the practice of chanting, attentive listening, with optional Qigong movement at the beginning of the day and embracing the Great Silence of the monastic life at the day's end. These all combined to deepen the experience of a more conscious relationship with God and one another. For our work time we were introduced to a practice of 'remembering our feet': work could be in the kitchen/outside in the gardens/ cleaning chores, whichever it was, one was reminded to stay in the present, placing attention on the task and one's connection with the earth. All meals were delicious and vegetarian, prepared by volunteers including young international 'whoofers'.



Our teacher was Cynthia Bourgault, Episcopal priest (i.e. the Anglican Church in the USA) writer on the spiritual life, leading edge thinker, passionately committed to the recovery of the Wisdom tradition within Christianity. This was her sixth visit Down under. Cynthia is the author of "The Wisdom Way of Knowing" and "The Meaning of Mary Magdalene", books we have read during Book Studies at St Phillips. As well, Cynthia's "Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening" guides our Tuesday morning Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina group. At this Wisdom School a focus of her teaching was on the prophetic writings of Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a French Jesuit priest forbidden to publish during his lifetime: Cynthia spoke of 'Teilhard's star' as now rising powerfully heralding the dawn of an entirely new kind of Christian theology: "He is finally coming into his own as the most extraordinary mystical genius of the 20th century and the linchpin connecting scientific cosmology and Christian mystical experience on a dynamic new evolutionary ground driving the whole creation forward to that which is becoming".

Over the past nine years, as I have attended to Cynthia's written and spoken words, my faith has deepened as I've taken up spiritual practices of the wisdom path and attempted to speak about these principles and truths to others. As Cynthia says 'Wisdom is not about knowing more but knowing with more of you.'



Recipes to Relish

Hazel Price's Broccoli Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 small or 1 large broccoli head (raw tops only though I also use thin stalks) finely sliced.
- 4 sticks celery finely sliced.
- 1 red onion finely sliced – I use a small one
- 100gms roasted pine nuts
- 1/3 cup sultanas (optional)

Dressing:

- 1 cup of mayonnaise (Praise Full-cream Egg, not Light)
- 2 tbsps. brown vinegar not balsamic
- Less than ¼ cup caster sugar – don't need much
- 2+ tsps. curry powder

Add dressing to broccoli and let stand for 2 hours – even better if left overnight in the fridge!



Kay Brindal's Strawberry Trifle (sampled deliciously by many at St Clement's Patronal BBQ Lunch)

This recipe was handed down to me in 1983 by my mother-in-law Joan Brindal, a stalwart member of St Clement's for many years. It's a special, sweet treat serving up to 10 people.

Ingredients:

- 1 unfilled sponge (2 layers) – vanilla or chocolate
- 2 tins of Condensed Milk
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 1 strawberry jelly
- 1 tin of strawberries or mixed berries
- 1 punnet of strawberries
- 600mls fresh cream
- Sherry – to taste (can be omitted)

Method:

Break up the sponge and sprinkle with sherry. Beat condensed milk with lemon juice until thick. Strain tinned berries and use the juice with hot water to make the jelly. Into a large bowl, put a layer of sponge, then half of the berries and half of the milk mixture. Repeat. Pour the jelly over. Wiggle a knife down into the sponge mixture so that the jelly penetrates to the base of the bowl. Cover and put into fridge overnight. Decorate with whipped cream and fresh strawberries.



Jokes Korner - Answers

Joke time

1. Claustrophobic!
2. Silent Night!
3. Jungle bells, jungle bells!
4. Wrap music!
5. A broken drum – you just can't beat it!!
6. Rude-olf!
7. Deep pan, crisp and even!
8. The elfa-bet!
9. A mince spy!
10. Santa Clues!

Colour this Nativity Scene



Parish Diary December '18 – March '19

CSI Malayalam Sunday school Finale

4pm Sunday December 16 in St Philip's

CSI Malayalam Watch Night Service

11pm Monday December 31 at St Philip's

Pancake Day

6pm Tuesday March 5 at St Philip's

Ash Wednesday

10am March 6 at St Philip's, Imposition of Ashes service

Vestry Meeting & Lunch

Sunday March 24 at St Clement's



Christmas Services and Events

Carol Rounds

Friday & Saturday December 14 & 15 at 4pm

CSI Malayalam Carol Night

Saturday December 22, 6pm at St Philip's

9 Lessons & Carols

Sunday December 23, 5.30pm at St Clement's

Christmas Eve

Monday December 24, 11pm service at St Philip's

Christmas Day

CSI Malayalam 7am service at St Philip's

9.30am service at St Clement's



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