

# Parish Voice

The Anglican Parish of Broadview and Enfield, Adelaide SA



## Opportunities

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From the Parish Priest

The Festive Season is over. It is hard to believe that another year has flown by already. A New Year – a year full of ‘opportunities’ – is open before us. We are beginning to write a new chapter in our book called ‘Life’ – and we are to decide what sort of story to be written there.

A difficulty you may find in writing a beautiful story there, could be the stories written in the previous chapter – ‘2022’. The new chapter, ‘2023’, needs to be its continuation – so some stories are waiting to be continued. Thus the pages are not blank.

Sometimes, some of those stories are so disastrous and sad that writing a new, beautiful chapter is hard. The beginnings are influenced by the scraps of the past. In that case, here are some options.

You have to believe that no matter how hard the past is, you can always begin again. The things you thought were impossible for you in 2022, could definitely be possible now. In 1 Samuel 18.21 we find King Saul telling David, “Now you have a second opportunity” to get what you want. His second attempt turned out to be a success. So the difference between success and failure could be trying one more time. Therefore do not live in the history of the past, but live in the dreams of the future – and make it happen.

Also, some of us may be living the same year several times over and calling it ‘life’. Break that monotony. This year, celebrate what you want to see more of. If you have an old dream that you keep postponing all the time because there is always something more important – and you are waiting for the right moment – this New Year is the right time to take action. Every day in this New Year is the best day for you to do that.

So, this New Year is full of ‘opportunities’. However, opportunities never come without challenges. In fact, all challenges are opportunities in disguise. So, as Jim Rohn says, do not wish for things to be easier – wish for them to be better. Do not wish for fewer problems – wish for more skills. Do not wish for less challenges – wish for more wisdom.

You have earned that wisdom from the past - so consider the steps you can take to master the barriers that are blocking you from achieving your goals. Many times, God does not change our situation; but God changes us so we will be better equipped to deal with the demands and challenges.

However, if something is not working for you, leave it, relax, rest and then ‘come back to it’. Celebrate the efforts – not just the results. So a worthy New Year resolution could be: Be happy. Be content. Be in the moment. Be thankful.

The Parish had a fruitful year all together. We thank God for the life of Del Chesson who has been part of St Clement’s for many years.

I close this writing by wishing you all a blessed New Year.

Santhosh S Kumar

### Parish Programs

**Sundays:** Sung Eucharist 9.00am St Clement’s, 10.30am St Philip’s, 4.00pm CSI Malayalam, St Philip’s

**Tuesdays:** Centering Prayer Group 10.00am St Philip’s Church

**Third Tuesdays:** Parish Council 7.30pm St Philip’s Church

**Wednesdays:** Knit ‘n Natter Group 2.00pm fortnightly at St Philip’s Church

**Fridays:** Badminton 6.00pm St Philip’s Church Hall

*Hospital visits, home communion, baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals*

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## Calling for Contributions

The theme for the Autumn Issue  
(No. 25) of the *Parish Voice* is:

### Warmth and Wonder

Please think about what you could contribute to our next magazine and speak with your Congregational Representative.

# From the Editor

Many people over many decades have sought to define what 'opportunity' means. Famous people like Albert Einstein suggest that "In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity." Others have anonymously pondered its meaning. For example, "Today is not just another day. It's a new opportunity, another chance, a new beginning." The common thread is that opportunity is something to embrace to better our lives and the lives of those for whom we care. There are the clearly defined opportunities which are future focussed, things that we set up to pursue ourselves, things which offer an opening to a new experience, different prospects and chances in our lives.



And then there are the opportunities we can see in hindsight – those which, at the time, we did not recognise as such; it is only with the benefit of reflection and time that we appreciate those doors which opened to us.

Thinking about this theme brought to mind one of the first Bible verses I learned in Sunday School and one of the most well known around the world.

*John 3:6 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

Surely, this is the ultimate opportunity given to us and to all.

## Opportunities

### Quotes for your consideration and contemplation

*Don't wait for the right opportunity, learn to recognise the opportunity in every situation.*

**Shiva Negi**

*Every problem is an opportunity to grow.*

**Don Santo**

*The past is your teacher. The present is your opportunity. The future is your reward.*

**Matshona Dhliway**

*Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.*

**Ralph W Emerson**

*To see an opportunity we must be open to all thoughts.*

**Catherine Pulsifer**

*I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life—and I've never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do.*

**Georgia O'Keeffe**

*I found that ultimately if you truly pour your heart into what you believe in — even if it makes you vulnerable — amazing things can and will happen.*

**Emma Watson**

## Centering Prayer



Each Tuesday morning at St Philip's Church, Santhosh leads Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina\*. We have a time of meditation and group discussion.

Santhosh has provided thought-provoking and encouraging Bible verses for our contemplation.

**Rosemary Cowley**

\*Lectio Divina is a contemplative way of reading the Bible. It dates back to the early centuries of the Christian Church...it is a way of praying the scriptures that leads us deeper into God's word.

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# Community Support

## A Treasured Opportunity

The St Clement's congregation has been involved in the Operation Shoebox Child program for a number of years now. In September this year, when making contact with Lynette (our Area Co-ordinator) I was told that there would be significant changes to the way in which the program will be run in 2022. In the past, the Operation Christmas Child Organisation (OCC) had provided a number of drop off points where, once filled, shoeboxes could be dropped ready to be transferred to venues where they were checked, mended if broken, added to if necessary and so on. Once processed, the boxes were packed into cartons and loaded onto shipping containers ready for their journey overseas.



Some drop off points were also processing hubs. In the past I had been fortunate enough to be living near a processing hub, first at Hendon and then Port Adelaide. This meant that I had the opportunity to witness first hand the amount of work and dedication that was involved behind the scenes. Whenever I walked through the door of the processing centre I felt engulfed in a hive of activity. There were shoeboxes being moved along the production line on sack trucks through various stations, many volunteers bustling about carrying out their particular tasks, and a large conveyer belt full of carton-loads of shoeboxes ready to be stacked into the large shipping container outside. It was sensory overload! Despite the fact that the centre was filled with noise, movement and a sense of purpose, a friendly worker always appeared out of the hustle and bustle of productivity to greet me. A record was taken of my name, which organisation the shoeboxes had come from, and so on. I immediately felt welcome and that our efforts (great or small) were very much appreciated. I usually saw Lynette there and we would have a friendly chat.

Apparently, as a result of COVID - 19, many issues were encountered last year. Shoeboxes from Melbourne and some parts of Sydney needed to be processed in Adelaide in 2021 and there were many logistical problems as a result. It was very difficult to find short term rent for a processing venue and getting suitable containers onto ships leaving Adelaide was (and still is) more difficult and expensive. Costs had almost tripled. Unfortunately, Adelaide could not get the shoeboxes onto shipping containers until March 2021 so the decision was made that the shoeboxes will not be processed in Adelaide ever again!



*The joy of giving: collecting goods for the boxes is a fun activity.*

In 2022, after collection, the shoeboxes were packed into cartons and put into three containers and transported to Melbourne by rail. Fortunately, this drastically reduced transport costs. Massive changes were made since the problems in 2021. From 2022 onwards Melbourne and Sydney will be the only cities where the processing will take place.

As a result of this decision, my drop off point this year was the local radio station at Hendon. It was simply a drop off point, without the processing. When I arrived at the radio station with our shoeboxes this year it was a very different atmosphere. I walked in to the foyer. It was very quiet and noticeably void of people. In the foyer was a long table with a few neatly stacked shoeboxes so I added those from St Clement's and quietly left. It seemed empty and strange. Lynette said that many of the workers and volunteers for O.C.C. felt quite sad that they would no longer be part of the task of processing.

As for me, it made me feel extremely privileged to have had the wonderful opportunity to have witnessed the processing system for all these years. It was an amazing experience that I will not witness again.

During our recent discussion, Lynette related a very relevant occurrence. At the end of last year a group of helpers from the Indian community had come to assist with the processing of shoeboxes. During morning tea time all the helpers were enjoying their break when a member of the Indian community was chatting about his experiences as a child in India. He said that, as a young boy, he had been the recipient of an OCC shoebox. All the other volunteers stopped to listen. He said he was overjoyed to receive the wonderful gift and has still kept the box as a memory of such a happy event.

So, although the year has been very different for me and the people directly involved in OCC, supporting the countries that we send to is very important and, as always, it is still an exciting year for the children who receive a shoebox filled with love, faith and hope.



*We collected a total of 21 shoeboxes this year.  
This year the shoeboxes from SA/NT will be going to the Philippines.*

**Raelee**



With the generous support of the CSI Malayalam Congregation, UniSA International Office, the Rotary Club of Regency, family and friends, we have again been able to deliver a large number of donations of food, cleaning and sanitary items to Anglicare (The Magdalene Centre), Foodbank and the Michael Rice Units (Childhood Cancer Association) just in time for the Festive Season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuous support and wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Safe and Happy New Year.

**Maria Abraham**  
CSI Women's Fellowship  
Co-ordinator, External Activities



And thanks to Anne for taking the food contributions from St Clement's parishioners into the Magdalene Centre each week in the lead up to Christmas.

**Kay B**

# Community Support (Continued)

## Christmas Gifts for Anglicare SA

There was a large amount of beautiful gifts kindly donated by the small congregation of St Clement's for Christmas 2022. The gifts catered for all ages and interests. There were soft toys, books and games, cosmetics, diaries and calendars, Christmas items and other various bits and pieces. The wonderful workers at Anglicare SA added these lovely gifts to food hampers which were given as Christmas gifts.



Joan Harris has a special place in her heart for Anglicare SA. She knits all year round in order to donate Christmas gifts. There were large bears, small bears, beanies, knitted pencils cases with pencils and colouring-in books, etc.

When packaged into groups there were 44 gifts altogether.

Our gifts were very gratefully received from Anglicare SA.



Thank you very much to all those who contributed.

Raelee

# An Opportunity to Give Back

When my daughter, Raelee, completed secondary school she knew that she would like to work in a field that involved helping people but was unsure exactly what she wanted to do. She thought Occupational Therapy or Speech Therapy would be interesting but nothing came to fruition. It wasn't meant to be.

My husband, Ray, and I were quite concerned that she couldn't find the job she was looking for. A good friend (who was a parishioner at St. Clement's at the time) worked night shifts at St. Mary's Home for Children in Daphne St., Prospect. She suggested that Raelee might like to work as a volunteer there. Raelee was quite keen and the necessary arrangements were made.

St. Mary's, built in 1968, consisted of dormitories for up to 30 children as well as other amenities. The home provided both residential care and day care. At that stage, it was run by an independent management committee that reported to the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide.

Initially, Raelee's volunteer work involved caring for a child from a non-English speaking background. The child had difficulty adjusting to the life of a children's home, did not always understand what was expected of her and frequently tried to run away. She benefitted a great deal from the 1:1 attention that Raelee provided and Raelee had a sense of satisfaction in her volunteer work.

One day Raelee was called into the matron's office and offered an interview for a job involving full time employment at St. Mary's. "As one door closes, another door opens" as the saying goes. The job involved being responsible for a group of residential kindergarten children. This required an early start, ensuring the children were out of bed, dressed, given breakfast and then walking them to the local kindergarten. When she returned to the children's home she was required to make the children's beds and do general housework until it was time to collect the kindergarten children again. After supervising lunch and playtime she had a break in the middle of the day and resumed work in time to assist the children with their evening meal, playtime and bath time and she would finish work at about 8.30pm. when the children went to bed.

After a few months Raelee was given the chance to be in charge of the "schoolies", which involved similar responsibilities but also included helping the children with their homework, etc.

During this time Ray and I were most grateful to see that Raelee really enjoyed working with children. She applied to study tertiary education in the fields of Residential Care, Pre-School Teaching and Primary School Teaching. When she was accepted into all 3 areas, Raelee chose Primary School Teaching, specialising in Junior Primary. She had not previously considered being a teacher but the kind gesture of a St. Clement's parishioner had given her the opportunity to explore a new option.



Now, at 92 years of age, I knit teddy bears, beanies, pencil cases and other Christmas gifts to donate to underprivileged children through Anglicare. As I knit, my thoughts take me back to the time when Raelee worked in a children's home (overseen by the Anglican Diocese). I feel a sense of gratitude that this opportunity provided my daughter with the chance to explore her passion for working with children and in turn, I feel that my knitting gives me the opportunity to give back to the Anglicare organisation.



# Obituary: Delma June Chesson



*In Loving Memory of*



*Delma June Chesson*  
1924 – 2022



As a young person, Del was part of the St Cuthbert's congregation at Prospect and became a member of St Clement's parish later after being married at St Cuthbert's in 1948.

She moved with her new family to Enfield Heights in 1950 and Clive and Peter were duly baptised at St Cuthbert's.

Through her married life, Del's involvement with St Clement's grew and she developed many enduring friendships. Our records show that she presented Mark for baptism at St Clement's and later confirmation along with Merv. It is thought that his late 'conversion' was because Merv realised he

had to join in with her or miss out on all the fun. Both of them became stalwarts of our congregation.

Unsurprisingly Del has outlived most of her generation of worshippers but Yvonne Buxton recalls that Del was a good friend and that she would often call in to see Yvonne for a chat and a cup of tea. Yvonne remembers when she was sick, Del baked her a quiche, and indeed, it was common for Del to visit people in the parish and bring them food when they were ill. Del was very fit and active and Yvonne also recollects Del painting the interior of the family home in Tindall Road after Merv had passed away.

Joan Harris also remembers that on a number of occasions, Del took her to different hospitals to visit her husband, Ray when he was ill. My wife Kay recalls that she regularly visited my mother, Joan at her home during her final days when she was no longer able to attend church.

Del would always try to help other members in the parish; she was indeed a very caring and helpful person. Whenever the need arose, Del was very generous with her cooking. If food was needed for a function at St Clement's such casserole evenings, progressive dinners, Morning Markets or our Sunday morning teas, Del was there to help. Joan recalls Del was always happy and she had a lot of fun during this time. She loved joining in with the singing and dancing and being a part of the entertainment the church organised.

Del was a member of the Mother's Union and Yvonne remembers the Christmas luncheons, where Del would bring her culinary delights to share. She was famous for her wonderful sponge cakes filled with jam and cream, which everyone enjoyed! In more recent years she would take these cakes to sell at the Autumn Fair at our sister church, St. Philip's, Broadview. Until 2019, Del was also a reader who regularly read bible passages during the communion service.

Each Sunday, Kay and I would follow Del in her little white Mazda as she headed up Grand Junction Road to her unit. We often remarked how well she drove even in her nineties unlike the drivers in the "Don't Lose Your License by Accident" TV ads. In fact for we 'younger' ones of the congregation, she became a role model of ageing gracefully and retaining a real zest for life.

She will forever be remembered as a truly faithful servant to God and a special member of our parish. She was and will always be in our prayers. Finally, an Irish Blessing -

*May the road rise up to meet her.*

*May the wind be always at her back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon her face; the rains fall soft upon her fields*

*and until we meet again, may God hold her in the palm of His hand.*

# Opportunities All Around

A big lesson that I've learned this year is how taking upon **opportunities** can change your life and I would like to take this **opportunity** to share my experiences with you.

Last year, in 2021, as part of St Andrew school's Year 7 project, we were given the **opportunity** to select a project of interest and bring it to life. I always had a passion for reading and writing, so I decided to write and publish my own book and donate part of the proceeds from its sale to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. After 9 months of writing, interviewing primary sources (i.e., other writers and a publisher), I've completed my book.

At the end of the project, St Andrew's School gave all Year 7 students the **opportunity** to present our work to our families and friends during an event. I still remember preparing my stall for this evening, looking at the 30 copies of my book, wondering whether anyone would be interested in buying one and what to do with the copies

left. Before the doors opened for the guests, I took few moments to compose myself, said a little prayer and felt that I was ready to give my best.

That evening I sold all the 30 copies of my book that I'd printed and even had a list with backorders. The most amazing part is that in the days following the event, I started receiving very positive comments from people, who had read my book and words of encouragement to take this **opportunity** further.

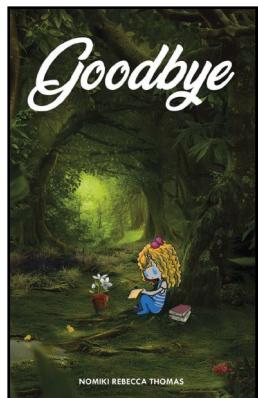
So, I decided to contact a number of local Rotary Clubs and ask for an **opportunity** to go and talk to them about my book and my fundraising efforts. Since contacting the first Rotary club back in January:

I was given the **opportunity** to present to ten Rotary clubs (Regency Park, Prospect, Mawson Lakes, Modbury, Elisabeth, St Peters, Encounter Bay, Walkerville, Magill Sunrise, Campbelltown), having travelled approximately 350kms, in between.

- ◊ I had the **opportunity** to meet some amazing people and build strong relationships
- ◊ I had the **opportunity** to raise enough money to allow me to print more copies of my book and see it been sold in local bookstores (Dillons – Norwood, Dymocks – Rundle Mall and as an eBook on Amazon):
  - \* To date I have raised \$1,125 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, through the sale of my book and kind donations and hope to continue giving children living in remote areas the **opportunity** to have access to books and literacy programs
- ◊ I was given the **opportunity** to be a speaker at the Walkerville Town Hall as part of the Town of Walkerville's Author Talks series, in July 2022
- ◊ I was invited by my old teacher and had the **opportunity** to speak to her Year 4 class at St Aloysius college, as part of their Narrative writing unit in their school curriculum
- ◊ I had the **opportunity** to be the guest speaker at the 2022 Children's Writing Competition presentation ceremony, organised by the Prospect Council, where I was delighted to be among other young people who shared the same passion for writing with me.

At a personal level, I feel that the **opportunities** I was given in the past year have helped me to build up my confidence, public speaking skills and resilience; to believe in myself and my abilities, and to learn that my voice matters.

I am now looking forward having some rest during the upcoming school holidays to recharge my batteries and I am look forward to the new **opportunities** that the new year brings along.



# An Opportune Dinner

## Dinner with the Archbishop of Canterbury

On a Saturday evening in October, five people from our parish had the opportunity to attend a special Diocesan dinner at the Entertainment Centre. This was to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese and The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and his wife Caroline were the guests of honour. Demand for seats for the event was overwhelming and necessitated a change of venue. Luckily we booked our table early and were able to share some of our seats with members of St. George's Goodwood. Rev Santhosh, Morris, Angie, Jositha and Grant joined over 700 people to enjoy a long awaited gathering and a shared meal. Over pre-dinner drinks we caught up with Bishop Denise and Rev Sophie, while Morris also chatted with his many Chaplaincy contacts.

The address by Archbishop Justin was undoubtedly the highlight of the evening. What a contrast it was to see in person the man who had so solemnly officiated at the Queen's funeral not long before. He was relaxed and at ease. He was British without the 'stiff upper lip' but with their keen self-effacing sense of humour.

"Your first bishop, 175 years ago ... Augustus Short, was a man of remarkable vision, extraordinary vision ... he sensed the call of God, and he may have been short by name but he was not short by imagination,



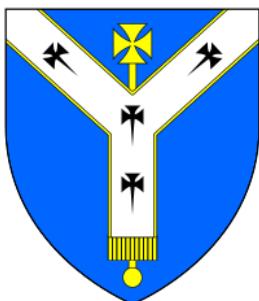
*Members of St Clement's Church Enfield, and St George's Church Goodwood at the dinner reception with The Archbishop of Canterbury.*

in contrast to the current Archbishop of Canterbury." Yes, the Archbishop is not very tall.

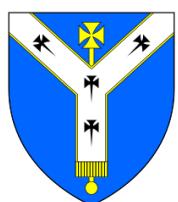
Talking about the rise of fundamentalist extremism and their view that only they have the truth which must be imposed on everyone else, Justin offered this – "Jesus did the opposite, when he was alive he was funny, most of the parables have a joke in them, we're so serious when

we read them. Think of the parable of the good shepherd who goes to find the sheep, shepherds were notoriously scummy people, bit of a, in your language, mob. Those listening would have thought here comes a joke, typical shepherd losing a sheep but how silly leaving the rest to find this one. The twist however comes when Jesus says that God is like this! Our job as Justin said is to have the imagination to say, 'God can change things, we just have to go with him and do what he tells us to'."

During the evening Archbishop Justin mingled with each table, giving us the opportunity to personally meet him and have a 'photo op'.



The dinner provided the opportunity for all present to celebrate the 'planting' of the Diocese in 1847 and to meet the spiritual leader of the Anglican Communion.



Grant Brindal

# Harvest Festival



# Celebrate

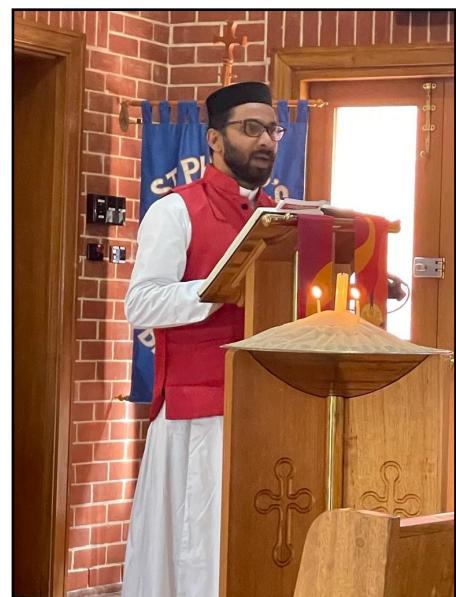
Preparations for Harvest Festival which took place the day prior to the event.



Left: Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Right: Special Guest, Fr Jinu T Joy, St Peter's and St Paul's Jacobite Church, Adelaide.

Below: Fruit and Vegetable baskets offered at the service representing the harvest.



Left: The auction begins.

Below left: Hanock, Meriya, Anna and Hanna on the Mango Lassi and soft drink stall.



Below: Angelin, Sarah and Anna on the plant stall.

Right: Bensilal in action at the auction



# Harvest Festival (Continued)



Right: Angelin and Sarah on the plant stall.

Below: Rejesh, Nevin, Sobhitharaj and others at the food stall.



Enjoying  
Shared  
Time  
Together

Left: Maria, Nomiki and Sam on the Coupon Counter.



Above: Joan and Sophia undertaking the book keeping.



Above and left: Friends celebrating together.



Breaking all previous records, the Harvest Festival held on Saturday October 15, 2022 brought a return of \$17, 002.55 in a single day!

Congratulations!

And thank you to everyone who contributed  
to the success of the event.

# Great Effort!



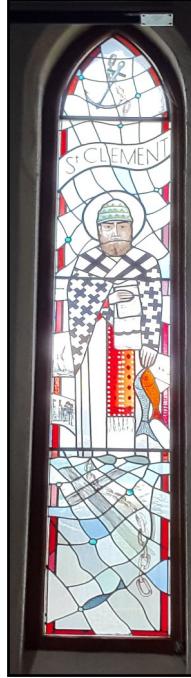
Right: Conveners  
Sophia and Seena.

# St Clement's Patronal Festival

As St Clement's Patronal Festival fell on the same day as the start of Advent this year, it was decided to recognise both calendar events at the same time. The hymns we sung were of reflection of both occasions, the first of the Advent candles were lit and we remembered St Clement during the service along with celebrating the beginning of the Advent season.

At the conclusion of the service those who attended enjoyed a shared brunch and it was lovely that Alice Hong was able to celebrate with us this year as she was visiting from Malaysia.

As you can see from the pictures below our table decorations once again recognised our church patron on this special day.



# World Sunday School Day

World Sunday School Day was celebrated on 13th November and the worship was led by children.

Children enjoyed a fun time of drawing and colouring which was arranged after the service. Each class was given a verse as topic to draw about.



*Left: Music during the service was provided by Mathew on Bass, Nevin on Keyboard, and Ajith on Drums.*



*Right: Aron Shobhitharan, the preacher for the day,*



*Left: Children leading the service  
Below left: After the service.*



*Above and below: After the service, children took part in a painting competition.*



# Sunday School Finale

The Sunday School Finale was held on November 27 this year. Mrs. Alice Mathew was the special guest for the day. Children were given certificates, prizes and Christmas gifts to commemorate a successful Sunday School year.

Sneha Mathew has serviced in the role of Children's ministry coordinator for two years 2021 and 2022. Her quality as a leader has been evident in her sincerity, hard work, dedication, and prayerful guidance. A new syllabus has been introduced – and she has also organised various activities such as collection of shoe boxes, song practices, Fathers' Day celebrations and much more.

The Parish sincerely thanks her for her service.

Sophia will take up the leadership of the Children's Ministry in 2023.



*Left: Sneha Mathew, the coordinator of Children's ministry is presenting the report for the year in the Finale.*



*Above and below: Children enacting the Parable of the Sower.*



*Left: Alice Mathew, the Special Guest, speaking to the congregation.*

*Below left: The children received Christmas gifts and certificates.*



*Above: Children thanking Sneha Mathew for her committed and meticulous ministry.*

# Carol Nite



Right:  
Malayalam  
Congregation  
singing a carol.

Below right:  
Brougham Place  
Uniting Church  
Choir: Rosemary  
Nairn conducting.



Above: Musicians of the Malayalam Congregation:  
Mathew on Bass, Nomiki on keyboard, Ajith on  
drums, Sam with electric guitar, Bensilal directing,  
(Nevin absent in this photo).



Above: St Oswald's Anglican Church Choir:  
Peter Bleby conducting.



Right: Malayalam Congregation:  
Children singing a carol.



Malayalam Congregation  
dancing: junior boys  
(far left),  
senior girls (left) and  
women (below).



Left and below:  
Nativity Show. The  
Angel announcing the  
birth of Jesus to  
Shepherds, Newborn  
Jesus with Joseph and  
Mary, the Shepherds  
and the Wise Men in  
the Manger and  
Angels also joining  
the scene on  
the Holy Night.



Left: Fr. Shibu Jacob MSFS,  
Salisbury, the Special Guest  
delivering Christmas Greetings.



# Carol Nite (Continued)



Left: Santa visits with gifts for all.



*The evening concluded with a shared, sumptuous Christmas dinner.*



## Christmas Raffle at St Philip's



Left: Raffle prizes prepared by its coordinator Rosalie Schwartz.



Below: Everyone applauding Rosalie Schwartz in appreciation of the very meticulous and thorough coordination of this project.



Some of the winners received their prizes on the day.



Winner



# Christmas Day



*Left: There is no age limit on the fun of decorating a Christmas Tree. Thanks to all the helpers big and small.*



*Left, below and below left: St Philip's at night with Christmas lights.*



*Left and right: St Philip's Christmas decorations inside the church.*



*Right: Christmas Service of the Malayalam Congregation: worshippers coming forward and placing their offerings on the table.*



*Left and right: Christmas Breakfast of the Congregation – always together after the service.*



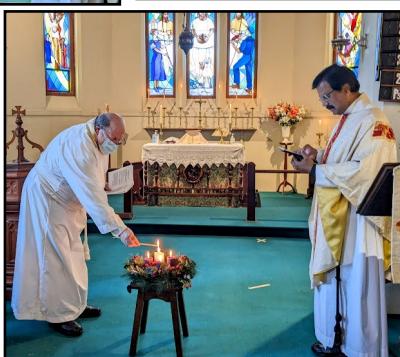
*Left and below: Lighting of the Advent Candles*



*Above: The Nativity display at St Clement's.*



*Above: The Malayalam Congregation cut the 'New Year' cake after the Watchnight Service on December 31.*



*Lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Day at St Clement's.*

# Birthdays



Left: Pat Luke pictured here celebrating a special birthday with friends at St Philips.



The beginning of November is a time for double birthday celebrations at St Clement's.

Right: Andrew and Grant sharing a reciprocal birthday song accompanied by Morris.



Angie celebrated her birthday in September.



Above right: Cliff leading the singing when we wished Sheeba many happy returns for her birthday.

Above and right: It was lovely to catch up with Sangeet on his recent visit and be able to sing happy birthday to him while Cliff accompanied us on guitar.



# Birthday Lunch

On Sunday October 16 my girls decided to bring lunch to me for my 92nd birthday.

Carolyn brought prawns, Janet, savoury wraps and Elizabeth spinach and cheese triangles. Helen made me a lovely sponge cake and decorated it beautifully. Mignonne made me a bread and butter pudding. She knows I love it.

We were able to sit outside as the girls brought extra chairs and a table.

It is was a very rare opportunity that my five girls and their husbands could get together as they all live so far apart.

**Margaret Smith**



*Margaret  
celebrating  
at home  
with her family.*



*Left and right:  
Margaret celebrating  
with her  
St Clement's friends.*



# A Trip 'Down Under'

Hi there. My name is **Sanjith S Kumar**. I am here to share my travel experience of a trip to Australia.

I was squealing with excitement when 30/9/2022 arrived and was time to go on this awesome trip. I was definitely looking forward to it because it was my first international trip ever. We packed our bags and set off to the International Airport in Trivandrum.

I was getting kind of nervous when we got to the airport. I wasn't worried though. As I entered the airport, I was very much surprised to see how clean it was, but it is a spot where tourists come and go so the government has to keep it clean. We waited till the check-in gates for our Scoot flight (co-company of Singapore Airlines) opened.

At first, we passed through the domestic and international security checks, and lastly, immigration. It was weird how they put a small cardboard cut-out with a picture of kadhakali (a dance form in the culture of Kerala), and instead of a bindi (a special spot on top of someone's forehead) there is a cut out for a camera! Anyway, we reached the terminal and waited for 2-3 hours during which time I was still feeling very restless. Eventually after switching gates for some random reason, they checked our boarding passes and I was inside the airplane. We got ourselves comfortable in our seats - I got a window. During the flight we were given food and then I slept till the morning of the next day. We landed in Changi airport, Singapore and oh my ... THE PLACE IS MASSIVE. We brushed our teeth in the nearest restroom and freshened up and started our trip - the trip around the airport. I mean it is big right? Anyway, we managed to find the lounge and holy moly... the place literally had two floors. We went straight to the food court and eat and I was shocked to find a robot serving food!

I decided to try Subway but I didn't like it (no offense to fans of Subway) so I gave it to my mummy. After eating, we came back to the main lounge aka (for me) 'Fish Lounge' because this place was filled with fish tanks full of fish. The smell of exquisite perfumes like Gucci and Dior filled the air of this space that we had eleven hours to explore. We went to two amazing places; first cactus garden, an amazing place with many different cacti to see as you enjoyed a small spot for rest or walk through the cactus 'museum'. There cacti bigger than humans and ones as small as a rat.

The second place we explored was the butterfly garden. Now this place is a literal greenhouse with no exits that lead outside of the building. This big location had thousands and thousands of butterflies within its two floors. We spent the rest of our time at the airport trying different foods, resting, and I played in the park.

Eventually however, I found myself inside our Singapore Airlines airplane on the way to Adelaide, Australia. After landing there I felt so cold outside, but it was okay after a few days.

So, the main places we went during our stay are:

- ◆ The Royal Adelaide Show
- ◆ Adelaide Museum
- ◆ Adelaide Zoo
- ◆ Farm Barn
- ◆ South Terrace Gardens
- ◆ Gorge Wildlife Park
- ◆ Hahndorf
- ◆ Glenelg
- ◆ Botanic Garden in Melbourne and...

...last but not least, a Lamborghini store!



We also enjoyed the company of my cousins Joshna and Jerusha and their parents Auntie Joshitha and Uncle Christopher.



Above: Here I am sitting next to a McLaren.



Right: Here is me with a Lexus.

First off, at the Royal Adelaide Show, I had so much fun with games and sideshows. I managed to collect so many prizes. I loved this place. Next at the Adelaide Museum, I discovered many amazing facts about Australia and I liked how they put specimens inside drawers and only curious people like me will find the secret. Next, at the Botanic Garden, I was astonished by how they managed to create the very beautiful ecosystem of a rainforest inside a big building.



While we were in Australia we also had a chance to travel to Melbourne. The road trip was amazing though a long trip. When we reached our destination we stayed at Maclean House near Ormond College. The place was pretty good; it had a shared kitchen and we thought that there would be no food so brought some from home although there was food there.

My cousins, Sangeet and Sandeep took us to a sea life aquarium and the Melbourne Planetarium at Scienceworks. The aquarium was very nice and they had all sorts of things like jellyfish, beautiful fish, crocodiles and penguins - yes there were penguins! Next up was the planetarium which had all sorts of experiments to do so it was fun playing.

Safely back in Adelaide, our next trip was to the Gorge Wildlife Park which had lots and lots of animals, even had a nocturnal section where you could see animals that hunt in the dark and there were absolutely cute baby penguins too. The reptile location was also great.



At our next stop, the Farm Barn I touched a snake! and some lizards and there was a spot where I could feed kangaroos and other animals. Then at a place called Gorge Wildlife Park, I got to touch and pet a koala, feed a roaming peacock and see a talking parrot.



My mother, Christy.



My awaited part has come! THE LAMBORGHINI Store. I loved it because I like 'Lambos'.

A bonus on the trip was the Adelaide metro system including trams, the O-Bahn bus, and trains.

I also loved going to St Clement's and St Philip's churches. I got to light the candles at St Clement's almost every time, I also got to read the Gospel and sing songs at the Onam celebration and Harvest Festival.

I even had my face on TV - on 7News. Why? Because during our visit, Queen Elisabeth II passed away and there was a condolence book at Government house where we could write our tribute to the Queen, and while I was writing in that book, the news caught me.



Me at St Clement's.

Finally, it was time for our return flight. Adelaide airport was very simple and without any instructions I helped my mum through all of it and we reached the terminal and hopped on the flight back to Singapore Airport. My mum was not really sure about the location I found a Skytrain to Terminal 3 (the best terminal I know) and we hopped on that. After having some food we went to Terminal 1 and hopped on to our flight back home.

# A Stitch in Time Saves Nine

In my volunteer work for a community service program providing brand new clothes (otherwise destined for landfill) to those in need, we have a couple of wardrobe vans which visit various community centres.

On a recent van visit where we assisted about 40 people, we discovered that the community service also provides a table of free pre-loved clothes for their clients out on the street in front of their centre. We also noticed that adjacent to our shade marquee was a sewing group in progress inside. This gave me an idea – some of the new clothes we receive for the wardrobe service have various flaws, for example: missing buttons, ripped seams, broken zippers or fabric samples cut out, defeating the purpose for which they are sent to us in the first place.



Here was a golden opportunity! The sewing group could take the flawed clothing, rejuvenate or repurpose them and then they could be passed on to their clients in need. Our van coordinator was keen on the idea so we approached the sewing group. On the next visit I took a few bags of clothing to see if they could do anything with them - they were so excited! One of the ladies picked up a t-shirt minus its logo and exclaimed, "This could be made into a bag!" So now we have another path to our avenue of support.

This opportunity provides:

- reduced land-fill
- sewing group experience in fixing and repurposing new clothing
- clothing and repurposed garments for people in need in a community service venue where they meet for various activities.

Anne Bastian

## Opportunities to Explore Adelaide

Adelaide is lucky to have very scenic bus and train rides. Here are some examples.

T840 express buses go up the South Eastern Freeway to Mt Barker. Some of these buses are in fact double-decker ones. If that sounds like a trip you would like to do, ring (08) 3397544 to find out more.

The back way to Mt Barker via the 864F buses goes through Crafers, Stirling, Aldgate, Bridgewater and Hahndorf while 822 buses give a very scenic trip through Uraidla to Stirling. Then you could return to Adelaide on the freeway using an 864F bus.

195F and 196F buses go past Windy Point and through Belair to Blackwood. After this trip, come back by train from Blackwood station.

The Grange train is a fast way to get to the jetty and a nearby café. This journey goes through the Grange Golf Course.

If some of these opportunities to explore Adelaide sound interesting to you, get the timetables concerned. If necessary, please obtain more details from Rosemary.

Happy  
travelling!



Bob and Rosemary Cowley

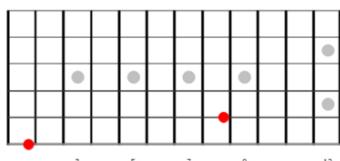
# An Opportunity that Struck a Chord

It's quite amazing how opportunities can shape a journey. Sometimes an opportunity is ignored and we wonder about the different path we might have travelled along if it had been taken. Other times, an opportunity presents and becomes the sound track of life. I have thought about this recently and looking back I can map my musical journey from its early beginnings.

I would have been about 12 years old when my neighbour was given a guitar for his birthday. He proudly came over and showed me. He was unable to even tune it, let alone play anything but I was so enthralled by this experience. All I thought about was getting a guitar and learning to play. An opportunity presented itself when a Salvation Army Captain (a friend of my father's and a music teacher) offered me the chance to use one of his guitars and have some free lessons. After some frustration, I started to learn some notes. He made this easier by writing the notes on strips of paper and placing them under the strings. Eventually I started to hear some recognisable musical sounds and drew encouragement from this and thus began my journey. After many lessons my playing improved to the point where I was asked to tutor beginning students. During the course of the year I helped many younger children along their musical pathways.

I didn't take long to engage with friends and start trying to play the current music. At high school we formed a 'band' and surprisingly we got a gig at the school dance (where we played the three songs we knew over and over). This little ensemble didn't last long but the experience was valuable and led on to my next chapter.

The rest of the journey was playing solo and singing folk music. As a teacher, the confidence I gained doing this enabled me to use these skills to play songs to children in my classes. The valuable grounding I got from way back at the beginning led me to teach recorder to Junior Primary children. It was at this time an opportunity presented itself for my class to audition for The Festival of Recorder at Adelaide University. After lots of hard work and help from parental volunteers, we passed the audition and performed at the festival. It was an incredible achievement given the fact that the children were only seven years old and we were the only group performing as a class. (The other competitors were either specialist music ensembles or solo performers). The pleasing aspect of this was the positive feedback we received from the school community and the confidence the children gained. (Many of them used this as a spring board to continue playing music).



In summary, the encounter with my neighbour when I was a child and the opportunities I was given to learn to play an instrument created opportunities for others to create their own musical pathways. Even today I'm still learning new songs to play and I'm grateful for all the positive encounters I've had.

Cliff Gurney

## Visiting a Friend

On November 10, I went with Santhosh to Visit Rosemary Bond at Aldersgate Nursing home situated on OG Road.

She was glad to see us and enjoyed being reminded of the several people she had known when she attended St Philip's church.

I knew here from a Wednesday morning service we had both attended.

She seemed physically weak but in good spirits and has her sense of humour.

I hope to have the opportunity to visit her again in the future.



With Rev. Santhosh visiting Rosemary Bond.



# Around the Parish



Above: Joan and Margaret in conversation at morning tea after a St Clement's service.



Left: Santhosh S Kumar, Margaret Nelson and Morris Bastian at the Synod representing the Parish.

Above: Floral arrangements which brighten St Philip's Church. Thanks to Rosalie Schwartz and the team.

## Fellowship and Service

Below: Fellowship evening for the Parish Council 2022.



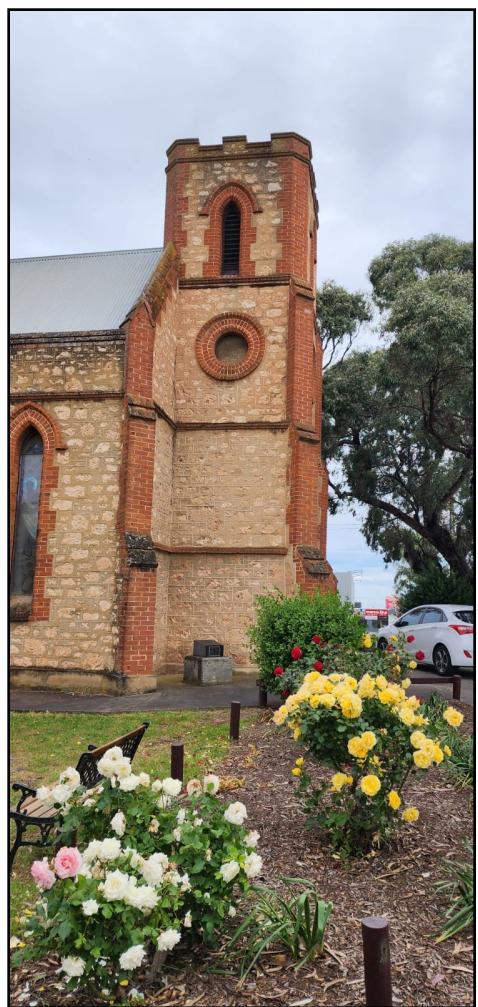
# Spring Time in the Parish



*Thank  
You*

Thanks to all the people  
who give their time to  
making the grounds of  
our parish churches look  
so wonderful.

*Left and right: the gardens of  
St Clement's Church.*



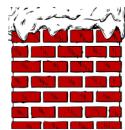
*Below: The Memorial Garden at  
St Philip's Church.*



# For the Young and the Young at Heart

Q : What goes up a chimney down but can't go down a chimney up?

A : An umbrella.



Q : What goes in dry, comes out wet, the longer it stands the stronger it gets?

A : A pot of tea.

Q : How can the number four be half of five?

A : Five has four letters. Remove two letters and you are left with the Roman numeral 1V.

f | I | V | e

Q : Why shouldn't you give Elsa a balloon?

A : Because she will let it go.



Q : What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?

A : Thunder wear.



Q : Why did an old man fall in a well?

A : Because he couldn't see that well.

## Parish Poetry

### OPPORTUNITY ACROSTIC

OPENINGS.  
PATHWAYS.  
POSSIBILITIES.  
OPTIONS  
REAPING  
TREASURE  
UNKNOWN.  
NOW  
INEXORABLE -  
TIME'S  
YIELD.

Grant Brindal

### NEW HORIZONS

Opportunities  
Doors open, options made clear  
Courage to step through.

Kay



# Opportunities

I N N Q A T R E A S U R E K W  
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POSSIBILITIES	OPPORTUNITIES	VULNERABLE	TIME
OPENINGS	OPTIONS	INEXORABLE	GIFT
PATHWAYS	REAPING	DELIGHT	
TREASURE	TEACHER	CHANGE	
UNKNOWN.	PROBLEM	CHANCE	
HEART	YIELD	NOW	

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**CHALLENGE: HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE OUT OF THE LETTERS IN THE WORD 'OPPORTUNITIES'?**

# Recipes

## Traditional Greek Baklava Recipe with Walnuts and Honey

**History:** While everyone from the Greeks to the Turks to the Armenians claim to have been the first to make baklava, it appears that credit must go to the Assyrians of Mesopotamia around the 8<sup>th</sup> Century BC (a region comprising modern-day Iraq, Syria, Iran and Turkey).

In Ancient times, Greek sailors and merchants were regular visitors to Mesopotamia and liked this dessert so much, they took the recipe back home. By the 3rd Century BC baklava was being made and served in wealthy Greek households. The Greeks are even credited with making a major improvement to this popular treat by mastering the art of rolling the dough extremely thin. This perfect pastry was dubbed phyllo (Filo) – which is the Greek word for leaf – in reference to just how incredibly thin it was.

Word spread quickly about this amazing sweet and soon everyone from the ancient Persians and Romans to Asians and North Africans were making and enjoying baklava, often with their own subtle variations. Arabs added rosewater and cardamom, while the Armenians preferred cloves and cinnamon, and Serbian pastry chefs became famous for creating baklava with 100 layers or more.

### Ingredients

#### For the baklava

- 25–30 sheets of phyllo dough
- 500g walnuts, chopped (or a mix of walnuts, pistachios and almonds)
- 2 tsps cinnamon powder
- 2 tsps grounded clove
- 300g butter, melted
- some whole cloves for garnish (optional)

#### For the syrup

- 600g sugar
- 400g water
- 80g honey
- zest of 1 lemon or orange
- 1 cinnamon stick

### Instructions

1. Start by melting the butter in a saucepan over low heat, being careful not to burn it. Use a cooking brush to butter the bottom and sides of a baking pan (approx. 40\*30cm / 15\*12 inch). Begin by layering the sheets of phyllo on the bottom of the baking dish to form the base. Layer the sheets one at a time, making sure to sprinkle each one with melted butter. Use about 10-12 layers for the base.
2. In a large bowl, mix the chopped nuts, the cinnamon and grounded clove. Sprinkle the nut mixture over the phyllo base and continue forming the top of the baklava. Top the nuts with the rest of the phyllo sheets (10-15 of them), sprinkling each one with melted butter and brush the top of the baklava with enough butter. You could also add some of the filling in between layers of filo.
3. Place the baklava in the fridge for 15 minutes to make it easier to cut into pieces. Remove from the fridge and using a sharp knife cut all the way down into pieces. At this point, and if you like, you can place one whole clove into the middle of each baklava piece. Sprinkle the top of the baklava with some cold water.
4. Place the baklava in preheated oven at 150C on the lower rack (both top and bottom heating elements on) and bake for about 1 1/2- 2 hours, until all the phyllo layers are crisp and golden.
5. Prepare the syrup. Into a small pot mix all the ingredients for the syrup (except honey) and bring to the boil. Boil for about 2 minutes until the sugar is dissolved. Take it off the heat and stir in the honey. Let the syrup cool down. As soon as the baklava is ready, ladle slowly the cold syrup over the hot baklava, until it is fully absorbed.
6. Let the baklava cool down completely and serve after the syrup has soaked throughout.

**Maria Abraham**



# Parish of Broadview and Enfield Calendar Dates 2023

January		
February	5	Sunday School commences
	22	Ash Wednesday at 10 am Imposition of Ashes: St Philip's
	26	Combined Worship at 10.30 am, Annual Vestry Meeting and fellowship lunch: St Philip's
March	10	Church Camp: Malayalam Congregation (March 3—5)
April	2	Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday
	6	Maundy Thursday Service: St Clement's 10 am
	6	Maundy Thursday Service: St Philip's 7 pm
	7	Good Friday Service: St Philip's 9 am
	7	Good Friday Service: Malayalam Congregation 12 noon
	9	Easter Service: Malayalam Congregation 7 am
	9	Easter Service: St Clement's 9 am
	9	Easter Service: St Philip's 10.30 am
May	7	Combined Worship at 10.30 am: St Philip's Patronal Festival and fellowship lunch
	14	11 <sup>th</sup> Church Annual Day: CSI Malayalam Congregation 4 pm and fellowship dinner
June	10	Church One-day Picnic
	11	Sunday School Assessment
	18	Bible Quiz for Children
	25	Sunday School Term begins
July	9	Talent Day: Sunday School
	13	Vacation Bible School begins
	16	VBS Sunday & Movie Night for Children
	30	Combined Worship at 10.30 and fellowship lunch St Philip's
August		
September	3	Combined Worship at 10.30 am and Onam Lunch St Philip's
October	1	Feast of St Francis of Assisi & Animal Blessing: St Clement's 9 am, St Philip's 10.30 am; Environment Sunday: Malayalam Congregation 4 pm & Sunday School Assessment day
	8	Motivational Talk and Activities for Children
	14	Harvest Festival: Malayalam Congregation: 9.30 am worship & Festival 11 am
	15	St Luke the Evangelist Feast Day;
	29	Combined Worship
November	5	All Saint's Sunday
	12	World Sunday School Day: Malayalam Congregation 4 pm
	26	Combined Worship at 10.30 am: St Clement's Patronal Festival and fellowship lunch
December	3	First Sunday of Advent—Archbishop's Visit
	9	Carol Nite: CSI Malayalam Congregation
	10	Second Sunday of Advent
	16	Carol Rounds of the Parish
	17	Third Sunday of Advent
	17	Sunday School Finale: Malayalam Congregation
	24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
	24	Midnight Mass of Christmas: St Philip's 11 pm
	25	Christmas Day Service: CSI Malayalam Congregation 7 am
	25	Christmas Day Service: St Clements 9.30 am
	31	New Year Eve Watch Night Service: Malayalam Congregation 11 pm

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