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## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Representatives from the Mt Barker Parish travelled to the Holy Land in October to retrace some of the footsteps of Jesus Christ, as part of a 10 day pilgrimage. Led by Fr Richard Seabrook and Fr Philip Murphy, the pilgrimage was a great spiritual journey for the pilgrims.

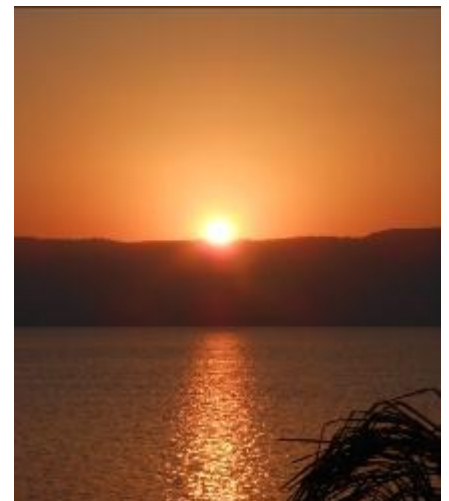


*An Episcopal blessing before departure*

On the morning of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October seven pilgrims from the Mt Barker Parish knelt at the altar rail of St Mary's Echunga to receive a blessing from Bishop Stanley. That evening we flew to Melbourne where we met two more of our band and then to Abu Dhabi and finally Amman, Jordan, where our last pilgrim joined us. We travelled by road through the Jordan valley to the Israeli border crossing, then met our guide and driver who accompanied us for the next ten days as we journeyed with prayer through the land of Our Lord.

Our first stop was at the tranquil Mount of the Beatitudes, where we celebrated Mass at an outdoor altar as the sun began to set. The environs were beautiful and the tiredness of our travels melted away. After spending time in the gardens and the church, we descended to the city of Tiberias and our hotel on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Each room looked out over the lake and early wakers were able to swim or enjoy the beautiful sunrises.

After a breakfast buffet of amazing



*Sunrise over the Sea of Galilee*

variety, we set off each morning with prayer. The weather was warm and we were glad of our hats and any shady spots we could find. The landscape resembled that of parts of South Australia and was dotted with eucalyptus trees, so we felt very much at home.

Our first day comprised trips to Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, and Nazareth, for the Basilica of the Annunciation, where we celebrated Mass; St Joseph's Church and a recreation of a Nazareth village, where everything is done as it was in the first century. We enjoyed a typical meal of the time, which was simple and delicious.



*"Mary" in Nazareth Village*

Our guide was a devout Christian who presented each of us with a small clay oil lamp to symbolize the light that Christ brought into the world. The first century ambience was ruined when the only Old Testament we had to read in the recreated Synagogue was on a pilgrim's iPhone!

We returned to Tiberias via Cana, where the Miracle of the water into wine took place, passing the obligatory wine tasting shop on our way to the



*Improvising with an iPhone and a scroll.*

Church which commemorates the Miracle. We found the Church packed with couples renewing their wedding vows, surrounded by the symbolic wine jars atop the altar.

During our journey to Nazareth we passed through the fertile plain of Megiddo, which we had seen as a stunning vista from Mt Tabor. Several large battles have been fought in this area over the centuries and it is believed that this is where the final battle (Armageddon) will take place.

In holy places where we did not celebrate Mass, we would have a reading from the Scriptures, pray and sing a hymn appropriate to the location. At Sower's Bay we remembered the parable of the Sower and at Tabgha the Miracle of the loaves and fishes; a permanent reminder is in the mosaic floor in front of the altar in the Church there.



*The mosaic at Tabgha*

We lunched at a restaurant where we ate "St Peter's fish" and drank pomegranate juice at the edge of the lake, accompanied by some of the ubiquitous cats of Israel. Also at Tabgha is the Church of the Primacy of Peter, where we celebrated Mass in a beautiful outdoor chapel and spent time in contemplation on the shores of the lake.

Continuing around the Sea of Galilee we visited Kursi, the site of the Miracle of the Gadarene swine, and Capernaum, where Jesus taught and healed many, and where Peter the Apostle lived. Capernaum was destroyed by several earthquakes and was abandoned by the first Millennium. A special time was spent on a wooden boat on the Sea of Galilee, where we had a service of anointing and healing as the boat bobbed gently on the calm water.

After three days in Galilee, we began our journey south towards Jerusalem. Our first stop was at Yardenit on the River Jordan, where we stood ankle deep in the water while we renewed our baptismal vows. We were mildly distracted by the small fish which nibbled our feet while we did so, but came out of the water spiritually renewed and with smooth skin.



*At Yardenit*

We passed through a stark desert landscape before arriving at Jericho,



truly an oasis in the desert. Its history stretches back for at least 10,000 years and it is still a vibrant lush place. Here, in extreme heat, we ascended the Mount of Temptation by cable car and many steps, to the Greek Orthodox monastery at the top which marks the site of Jesus' temptation by Satan, and his fast of 40 days and 40 nights. We had a beautiful Palestinian meal of chicken and rice cooked in one pot - *maqluba* - and many glasses of refreshing pomegranate juice.



*Looking over Jericho from the Monastery of The Temptation*

We resumed our journey to Jerusalem, pausing in the arid, mountainous Judean wilderness to wonder at St George's Monastery, clinging to the walls of a narrow ravine in a patch of greenery. Our last stop was at Bethany, for Mass in the Church of St Lazarus and to visit his tomb.

And then, Jerusalem! It is truly the centre of the Universe. From our hotel just inside the Jaffa gate in the Old City we could walk everywhere, plunging into the ancient souks full of life, colour, noise and delicious odours and emerging at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Western Wall, the Via Dolorosa or the Armenian Quarter. We were immersed in the Bible and in history, walking in the footsteps of Christ and those who have followed Him for 2000 years. We began our visit on the Mount of Olives, celebrating Mass outdoors at the Church of Dominus Flevit (Jesus Wept). The

church interior is beautiful, its dominant feature a semi-circular window which frames a view of Old Jerusalem across the Kedron valley.



*Dominus Flevit*

Descending the Mount, we visited the Church of all Nations, also known as the Church of the Agony, next to the Garden of Gethsemane. Here is the rock upon which Christ prayed on the night he was betrayed. We returned to this Church in the evening for a Holy Hour, and were very privileged to be able to spend ten minutes amongst the ancient olive trees in the Garden itself.



*The Garden of Gethsemane*

We travelled to Bethlehem, through the wall which divides Jerusalem from the West Bank, stopping first at Shepherds' Fields to celebrate Mass in a grotto in the grounds of the Church. Bethlehem and the Church of the Nativity were seething with pilgrims but we were able to visit the site of Jesus' birth in the Grotto of the Holy Manger. Far more peaceful was the

Milk Grotto, where Mary is said to have fed the infant Jesus as they waited to flee to Egypt.

We lunched, appropriately, in the Christmas Tree restaurant, then set off for Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. This was a welcome contrast to the frenetic town of Bethlehem, set in green hilly country, with only birdsong to listen to. We visited the Church of the Visitation, commemorating Mary's visit to Elizabeth, and the Church of John the Baptist.

The following day was spent by most of the pilgrims in a trip to Masada and Qumran, on the shores of the Dead Sea, which is over 400 metres below sea level. Our guide held us spellbound as he read the story of David and Saul as we passed through the country where it had taken place. We ascended to the fortress of Masada by cable car and viewed the site of the Zealots' last stand and the ruins of the besieging Romans' camps far below. Qumran, the site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls was fascinating, and work is still going on there. A dip or paddle in the Dead Sea followed and we returned to Jerusalem weary after our long day.

A day on foot in Jerusalem followed: we criss-crossed the city from the archaeological gardens to the Church of St Anne, from the Temple Mount to Mount Zion. We marvelled at the giant stones from the original temple which lie fallen at the base of the Western Wall and walked along the remains of the streets which surrounded the temple. The Western, or Wailing, Wall was busy with prayerful Jews and Bar Mitzvah celebrations, with men and women segregated. After queuing in the heat and passing through intense security we reached the Temple Mount, where

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the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock are located. Sadly, we were unable to enter these buildings but were able to admire the beauty of their exteriors.

To Mount Zion, where we visited the Church of the Dormition, the Cenacle, where the last Supper is said to have been held, and St Peter in Gallicantu. We celebrated Mass here, in an outdoor chapel overlooking the city, remembering St Peter and the cock crowing as he denied Christ.

Perhaps the highlights of the Pilgrimage were our celebration of Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and our following in Our Lord's footsteps as we went from the site of His condemnation by Pontius Pilate to the site of His crucifixion, burial and resurrection in the Church

of the Holy Sepulchre along the Via Dolorosa. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was noisy, crowded and distracting, but during these holiest of times it felt as if we were the only people there.

Highlights too were Vespers in two different churches one evening: at the Armenian Cathedral of St James in Jerusalem and in the Benedictine Monastery at Abu Ghosh (Emmaus), both moving and contemplative.

Our Pilgrimage finished as it had begun, with Mass, and a farewell dinner in an Armenian restaurant. We travelled back to Jordan and then our group dispersed, some returning to Australia, others going further afield, on further pilgrimages, but bound for life by a profound spiritual journey.

*Margaret Adams*

Lucy and I had some fun in the souk in Jerusalem. We were not sure what we were buying but mine turned out to be a small amount of silk brocade.



What to do with it? Now there's a design, right in the middle of Latin Patriarch Road.



My first and last patch working/ quilting exercise in silk brocade.



*Eleanor Macnamara*



*Outside the Church of The Holy Sepulchre - left to right from top row: Fr Richard Seabrook, Eleanor Macnamara, Fr Philip Murphy, Lyn Stokes, Rosalyn Chardon, Lucy Hosking, David Bowers, Sandra Pullen, Margaret Adams, Annette Schirmer, Salah*



*A new lavabo set for St Mary's, Echunga - Armenian ceramics from the souk in Jerusalem.*



## THE ADMINISTRATOR WRITES

The season of Advent is an opportunity for us all to reflect on how the secular and sacred in our world are so very different. The onslaught of Christmass celebrations even before November has come to its end is a distressing reflection on a world that wants everything now, an anticipatory attitude that pre-empts and is impatient. This is the secular. For Christians, the sacred is quite the opposite and it is something for which we must take a stand. Advent, so often forgotten and overlooked, eclipsed by the secular banality of Christmass, is a sacred season of patience, of waiting, of longing. It stands in stark contrast to the "I must have it now" attitude of the secular world. Hence, we start celebrating Christmass way before the first of the Advent scriptures have been proclaimed and the glorious Advent hymns have been sung.

The life each Eucharistic community of our Diocese must reflect the sacred and not the secular. Purple is our liturgical colour of kingly preparation. It, too, stands in stark contrast to the glitter of the secular. The white and gold comes with celebration of the Saviour's birth. The absence of organ music – apart from the singing of the hymns and parts of the Mass – makes us realise the reflective nature of the Advent season and helps us to have a different mood, a mood that will change when Christmass comes. The "Glory to God in the Highest" is not sung on the Sundays of Advent for the "Gloria" belongs to the angels that herald the Lord's Nativity. We do not sing Christmass carols during Advent; we use them only when Christmass arrives. Until then our Advent hymns take up this theme of longing expectation: *Come, thou long, expected Jesus*. Any parish Christmass

celebrations belong to that period of time when Christians the world over are celebrating the joy and wonder of Our Lord's Nativity. We cannot pre-empt or head down the road of the secular. We Christians stand for something else.

For Christians, the essence of Advent is of a two-fold preparation. In his prayer the cry "Come, Lord Jesus," refers not to the stable at Bethlehem but to that day when Christ will come again in glory. The "coming among us," and "complete joy of your kingdom" refers to what we call the eschaton – the end days, the Last Judgement when Christ will be all in all. Whilst the character of Advent can superficially be no more than a countdown to Christmass, the true Christian understanding of Advent is seen in the writings of S. Cyril of Jerusalem. Standing in these "inbetween times" S. Cyril writes:

*We preach not one coming only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the first. The first revealed the meaning of his patient endurance; the second brings with it the crown of the divine kingdom. It is not enough for us to be content with his first coming. He will come again glory to judge the living and the dead; and his kingdom will have no end. Then there will be an end to this world, and this created world will be made new.*

The themes of Advent are not shepherds, angels, wise men and a birth. The themes of Advent stand in stark contrast – they are heaven, hell, death and judgement. Advent and the cry of "Come, Lord Jesus" point to the cosmic ratification of the mission of the Son of Man. The gospel reading for Advent Sunday this year is of



omens in the heavens, nations in dismay, roaring oceans, people dying of fright and apocalyptic visions in the sky. It is more of a nightmare scenario than the life's dream.

I invite us all, this Advent, to be patient. See 2 Peter 1: 8-14 and James 5: 7-10. Let us all enjoy this Advent season of waiting and watching. Let our December be a sacred month and not a secular one so that when Christmass arrives we may be ready to welcome the Lord and that Christmass morning may find us at peace – and not exhausted because of the world's secular "Christmass".

*The Venerable Richard A. Seabrook*

## CLERGY MOVES

Fr Max Bowers has ceased being locum tenens at Onkaparinga Valley.

Fr Bob Hupfeld has ceased being Rector of Strathalbyn and was inducted as Rector of Onkaparinga Valley on Monday 26th November.

The Venerable Reg Farnell retires as Rector of Port Elliot-Goolwa on 31st December. He will continue to be Archdeacon in The Murray.

The Venerable Richard Litjens will cease being Rector of Naracoorte in March 2013 and will be inducted as Rector of Port Elliot-Goolwa on a date in March to be confirmed.

## THE BISHOP, THE DIOCESE AND THE EUCHARIST

All around the Diocese of The Murray, we have been praying for the right appointment of a new Bishop. Using the prayers from the two Australian prayer books, the words of our prayers have indicated the essential characteristics of the episcopal ministry.

Each diocese is comprised of the people of God entrusted to the pastoral care of the Bishop with the assistance of the presbyterate (the order of priests). Each "congregation" which makes up the local church has in its life a variety gifts endowed by the same Spirit. Gathered together in the Holy Spirit through the Gospel and the Eucharist, the diocese stands as a particular church in which Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church is truly present and at work. So the whole of Christ's Church is seen in the life of the diocese presided over by its bishop. Each church/parish is not simply a group of people who choose themselves to band together independently of others. As the Church belongs to Christ and is his bride, so each church in the diocese is a gift from God and must be accorded such dignity. In other words we can't go it alone and do our own thing. What we have received is a gift from God himself.

The Diocese is the local expression of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. It is not just an administrative division of the people of God like some sort of expression of church local government presided over by a church director! Rather it is a local expression of Christ's Universal Church – the same Church which issued forth from the side of Christ where his side was pierced with a lance. It is a church that lives and grows through the Eucharist. That is why the celebration of the Eucharist in every diocese is of the utmost importance. In the Anglican tradition, the Diocese continues to be the expression of the Church gathered around her Bishop. Without a Bishop, the Church is lacking an essential charism. The expression of that charism is not based on the personality, beliefs, views or otherwise of a particular man but rather that the Bishop is always the prime steward of the mysteries of God in the local church's expression. The mysteries of God are entrusted to the Bishop and he is the teacher, guardian and promoter of the liturgical life of the diocese. The Bishop is the chief minister of the Eucharist in a diocese and it is to his priests (through his licence) that he entrusts the celebration of the

Eucharist in the diocese. That is why it is not possible for just anyone to come along, who is in priest's orders, and celebrate the Eucharist.

When the Bishop comes to the parish he presides at the Mass. His priests join him in the celebration with the people taking part. It is then that the mystery of the Church is made present in all its fullness. It is the task of the Bishop to ensure that his priests, his deacons and the Christian faithful throughout the diocese are led to an active and fruitful participation in the Eucharist. When the Bishop presides at the Eucharist, if there are six candles at the altar (which is the norm), an additional candle is added to signify the "completion" of the Church.

For Anglicans there can be no assembly of the faithful, no Eucharistic community unless there is a sacred ministry of the Bishop. This local church (in our case the Diocese of The Murray) is a gift from God over which a Bishop is placed, over which the Bishop places his priests so that, under his authority, the Bishop and his priests may build up in holiness and guide the portion of the Lord's flock that is entrusted to them.

## EVANGELISM WITHIN OUR DIOCESE

The Diocesan Council has taken very seriously the comments and requests of members of our Synod concerning the issues of bringing the people of our communities to the faith and to active participation in our parish life. We propose that 2013 become the Year of Mission. It is likely that we shall have our Bishop for the greater part of that year who can bring with

him the experience and leadership we need.

However, before that happy day arrives, there is much we can do to prepare for this, which lies before him. We can initiate a strategy within which we can all work together. We can attempt to identify problems and difficulties, and we can make

suggestions, which will hopefully lead to a strong foundation for future action. To this end, we need strong representation of our parishioners as they have generally lived in their own communities for a long time and are aware of local circumstances and opportunities. With this perspective, combined with the skills of pastoral care of our clergy, we should be able

to ascertain the task that lies before us.

It is proposed therefore, that we reconstitute the traditional Anglican pastoral structure of the Rural Deanery, modified to suit the specific purpose of parish evangelism. This will involve the appointment of Rural Deans, Ruri-Decanal Chapters that is, meetings of the clergy within the Deanery area, and the Ruri-Decanal Conference which comprises the Church Wardens, two lay representatives from each parish and the parish clergy who together meet under the leadership of the Rural Deans.

For the specific purpose of evangelism, the significant group is the R.D. Conference, which will have the parishes grouped by common opportunities, that is, for instance, Pastoral, Agricultural, New Housing etc. It is hoped that each conference will have about 25 members for ease of participation and meet monthly so as to not lose momentum and enable the meetings to be relatively short. The outcomes of these community conference consultations can then be reported to our Bishop for advice, assistance and action according to each conference needs.

This is a general proposal to get started

as soon as we can, get the structure in place and it is within our resources as well as being part of our traditional Anglican ethos.

*Fr Graham Cooling,  
Diocesan Council Member*



## A NEW RECTOR FOR ONKAPARINGA VALLEY

The Administrator of the Diocese, Fr Richard Seabrook urged everyone to support Fr Bob Hupfeld as the new Rector of the Onkaparinga Valley, during a homily, which faced some competition with a thunderstorm and heavy rain.

Fr Seabrook made the challenge to the congregation at the Licensing and Induction Mass at St. Marks, Woodside on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

The Administrator in making the challenge referred to St John's Gospel Chapter 21: verses 15-17 where Jesus, before he ascended into heaven, spoke to Simon Peter about "feeding my sheep".

"When we celebrate the induction of a new priest, that is what Jesus says to all of us, feed my sheep".

Fr Richard said priests feed their people through God's word, in sharing the scriptures, in drawing us deeper and deeper into the liturgy of the word.

"We also feed them through the outward presence of Jesus, who comes to us at the altar in the Blessed Sacrament."

The Administrator said feeding God's people with sharing God's word and through Holy Communion go hand in hand, "you can't have one and not the other."

Fr Seabrook spoke of the other sacraments but particularly Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, otherwise known as Confession.

"Growth begins at the font through Holy Baptism and that it is up to every baptised person to bring forward others to be baptised, to bring more disciples into the church.

"When Fr. Bob pronounces absolution, the priest reminds people that they are forgiven of their sins; this is how people are fed. More people need to know of the forgiveness Jesus offers to people.

"Jesus feeds my sheep but what are you going to do about it? We don't leave it up to the priest, it is everybody's responsibility; it is not an optional extra. You all have to be generous and bold to bring others to Jesus." he said.

The induction came after locums by Fr Phil Anderson and Fr Max Bowers,



*Paula Hennig from Balhannah  
presenting a prayer book to Fr Bob*

during the previous Rector, Fr Mark Boughey's illness and death.

The Induction was attended by Fr Hupfeld's family, eight Diocesan priests and 60 or so parishioners from St Mark's, Woodside, St Thomas, Balhannah and Prince of Peace, Lobethal. As well, the Uniting Church Minister at Balhannah, representing the Onkaparinga Valley Ministers Fraternal formally welcomed Fr Bob at the conclusion of the service.

Fr Bob Hupfeld was until recently the Rector of the Strathalbyn Parish in the Diocese.



## CONFIRMATIONS



Nicole Filsell was confirmed by Bp Stanley Goldsworthy at St James' Church, Delamere on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Both of her God parents were able to be with her for the special occasion. She had been prepared by Canon Graham Cooling who is the Priest-in Charge at Delamere.

*Nicole Filsell (in front)  
L-R Alison Driller & Greg Cook (God parents), David  
McMartin, Bishop Goldsworthy, Sister Beverley and  
Canon Graham Cooling*

Bishop Stanley Goldsworthy confirmed four people in the Pastoral District of the Southern Vales in September.

The confirmees were David Mills, Janet McNamara, Julie Cridland and Peter Kylvoh.

Fr Paul Devenport and Sr. Beverley Driver assisted in the confirmation at St. Margaret's, McLaren Vale on the 23rd of September.

The two children seated are Catherine Viney, Janet McNamara's grand daughter and Matthew Hearn. Both are regulars at Sunday School and at the monthly Family Eucharists at St Margaret's.



## MU AT CHRIST CHURCH, MOUNT GAMBIER

Members gathered to celebrate the Eucharist on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September and to witness Fr Denys Tonks (Locum Tenens), who is also a member of MU, present our oldest member Nita Aslin with her 50 year framed scroll. Nita is 99, legally blind and a very gracious lady. She moved from Kongorong to Glencoe after the War and joined St Paul's Anglican church, where she served for a short period as MU President and Secretary. In 1961 she moved to Mount Gambier and rejoined MU where she has remained a faithful member. She lived independently at a retirement village, where her daughter Merrylin lives in an adjoining unit. Merrylin is also an active member of MU. At our final MU meeting for the year on November 20<sup>th</sup> we farewelled both of these ladies. They have now moved to Strathalbyn so will be remaining in the Diocese of the Murray.



In 2002 a guest speaker from Anglican Community Care spoke to our group and suggested we may be able to help with emergency toiletry kits for children taken into care. Since then some of our members have sewn bags and we have filled them with required toilet items. We have donated about 100 per year since then and they are given to children and the homeless people in Mount Gambier and surrounding town where ACCARE operates.

We currently have 22 members who meet regularly each third Tuesday of the month with interesting guest speakers at the meetings.



## KINGSTON/ROBE PASTORAL DISTRICT

A funeral service was held in September for 102 year old Annie "Susie" Wright (nee Dawson) who was baptised, confirmed and married at St Peter's Church at Robe.

Ms Wright led a life of service to the church and community, and was recognised by the District Council of Robe with a "Citizen of the Year" accolade.

Her family is immensely proud of her commitment and answering belief in doing what is right and to her last days she was taken weekly communion in Kingston Hospital. What a wonderful lifetime of dedication to her Saviour.

In other news from the Pastoral District, preparations are underway for the Christmas Service in the Robe Town Hall.

Our Inter-church council of 5 churches take turns in producing and this year it is the Anglicans' turn.



## GRANNY ANNIE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

A drop in centre for Mums and Dads and children alike celebrated its first birthday in November with balloons, birthday cake and party hats.

Granny Annie's is a Thursday morning drop-in centre at St Ann's Aldinga and has been created to help support young families in the rapidly growing new housing area.

The centre in the church's hall is open every Thursday morning between 9 am and 11.30 am and is supported largely by its far-from-young congregation.

Granny Annie's is a good chance for Mums and Dads to get together, to converse and enjoy a free cup of coffee and tea and raisin toast. There's also big box of toys for the little ones and games. Or if it's serenity that's wanted, the church is open with soft music playing. The beautifully-kept cemetery offers a peaceful walk for some.

Named for St Ann, traditionally known as the grandmother of Jesus, Granny Annie's is hosted by a rostered team of nine "grannies" including one younger married couple. The "grannies" themselves and St Ann's Guild share the minimal costs involved. A sprinkling of mums and babies drop in from time to time, and we have regular families who are a joy to be with. Visitors to the district have found it a point of contact. Thursday mornings have become a meeting time for some members of the congregation, and a group from a nearby Seniors' Club has also come for a day to enjoy our fellowship, jigsaws and board games.

One of its co-ordinators, Anne Chittleborough says it's been pleasing to see the growing interaction between the Granny Annie families and the "grannies", as well as their connection with the wider church community. Photos and other delights are regularly shared, and prayers



*Ellie-Mae Graham*

offered in times of trouble and sadness.

Mrs Chittleborough says the numbers are not great, which is just as well perhaps, as our meeting room is not large, but in our small way we are reaching out to the community with what we have – love, a church, and a little stone hall.

May St Ann and her Grandson bless our venture.

## ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL NEWS

We are praying that we will have a Bishop in the near future. A Bishop who will lead the diocese for the glory of God. A Bishop who will shepherd by the authority of the Holy Spirit, who will guide the diocese to grow spiritually and bring us all in unity, as we all belong to the Body of Christ.

We, the Parish of the Murraylands have committed ourselves to making the Cathedral presentable to our new bishop and to open up the Cathedral to more involvement with the community. This has been done through a number of renovations. The Cathedral has had a fresh coat of paint, new carpets and the salt damp problems have been fixed, all done by the blessings of God and the help of all the parishioners. We have also managed to reroof the Cathedral with of Diocesan assistance in providing half the cost and are thankful to the Diocese for their help.

This year we have also celebrated the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cathedral in June, celebrating the feast of Saint John the Baptist. It was an encouraging service shared with Bishop Stuart Smith, the Reverend Martin Bleby who preached an uplifting sermon and the Very Reverend Dirk van Dissel who represented the Administrator.



As part of our commitment, we have set a five year plan for the parish which includes the renovation of the Cathedral and the erection of a new hall to assist our ministry in Murray Bridge and surrounding communities. On that account we have become more active in the community. One of the activities we have had was a building fundraiser Quiz Night at Concordia Hall, Holy Cross Lutheran Church Murray Bridge. It was an exquisite night as we quizzed away and raised money for the new hall. Another activity that we had, held on the Cathedral premises was a pre-

loved Fashion Parade that gathered many people from the community and made a name for our OP Shop. It was a very successful event that reminded the local community that there is an active and thriving Anglican Cathedral in Murray Bridge.

God has placed us to be involved in the community and to spread God's love to Murray Bridge and surrounding communities. Praise be to God who by his blessings we are able to do this.

*Father George Kirreh*



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## WOODCROFT COLLEGE ENTERS ITS THIRD DECADE

Woodcroft College is a coeducational day school for students from Reception to Year 12.

Opened in Morphett Vale in 1989, it was for many years the only Anglican school in South Australia outside of the Diocese of Adelaide.

Today, with an enrolment of 1450 students, it is the second largest in the family of Anglican schools.

For all its history, Woodcroft has had one overriding aim: that is, to provide students with an excellent, all-round education in a Christian environment.

It achieves this by offering a broad and relevant curriculum, focussed on meeting the students' intellectual, physical, social and emotional needs, and a strong pastoral care program.

Accredited by the Council of International Schools and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Organization, Woodcroft offers the IB Primary Years Program (PYP) in the Junior School, the Middle Years Program (MYP) in the Middle School, and the Diploma (DP) in the Senior School.

It also offers the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) with its Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways.

Other distinguishing features of the school include a broad co-curricular program (involving sports, clubs, and performing arts), annual student exchanges with Japan, Germany and Italy, and Outdoor Education, culminating in a two-week camp for Year 9s in the Grampians and a shorter camp for Year 10s in the mid North.

The school values Community Service and after many years' successful involvement in the 40 Hour Famine,



*Catherine Lockhart, Deputy Head, meets with students from the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools.*

Woodcroft partnered with World Vision to raise additional funds to support villages in Laos. To date, the community has raised over \$40,000 for World Vision projects in Laos.

A number of staff and students visited Laos earlier this year to see how the funds were being spent.



At the same time, a different group of staff and music students travelled to the USA to perform at Disneyland and in San Francisco.

Over the last decade, the first stages in the Master Plan have transformed the school's appearance.

As well as general classrooms, there are now a Hospitality Centre, a new Administration wing, a new Middle/Senior School Library and, thanks to the Federal Government, a new Primary Hall which can seat over three hundred people.

These are a wonderful complement to the landscaped grounds and extensive playing fields.

Many people in the Diocese were strong supporters of the school in its early days. They will be pleased to know that their faith was not misplaced and that the school continues to prosper into its third decade.



*Middle School students relax on the College Green*

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## DEADLINE DATES FOR 2013

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## DIOCESAN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Want to know what is  
happening in DC?

After each meeting, the Registrar  
will compile a report which  
is sent to each parish and  
pastoral district council.  
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## A PRAYER AT THE TIME OF CHOOSING A BISHOP

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your Church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people.

Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your Church be built up and your name glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A Prayer Book for Australia (1995)*



### Woodcroft College, an IB World School

Woodcroft College is a coeducational, Anglican day school for students from Reception to Year 12.

While the Junior School (Reception to Year 5) and Middle School (Years 6 to 9) students study the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum, Senior School (Years 10 to 12) students can choose between the IB Diploma and the local South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Vocational education courses in a range of areas can be counted towards the Certificate.

### INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) DIPLOMA

The IB Diploma is world recognised. It's a two-year, pre-university course, offering high quality education to students determined to achieve their best in a structured, supportive environment.

### OPEN DAY

Come and visit us on Sunday 24 February between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm at our annual Open Day.

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