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BISHOP-DESIGNATE OUTLINES HIS HOPES FOR THE DIOCESE AT A DIOCESAN EVENSONG



The Bishop-Designate, John Ford, has used an impromptu speech at a Diocesan Evensong at Taillem Bend to urge everyone to work together for the glory of God in the Diocese.

Bishop Ford, who is presently the Bishop of Plymouth in the Diocese of Exeter, spent the last 10 days in August in South Australia at the invitation of the Archbishop of Adelaide, Jeffrey Driver. He met with the Archbishop, Assistant Bishop of Adelaide, Tim Harris, the Administrator of the Diocese, Fr Richard Seabrook, members of Diocesan Council, and priests of the Diocese at a Clergy Synod during his visit. The visit was an opportunity to meet key people in the South Australian Province, before his arrival in the Diocese in November.

It was also an opportunity to meet members of the congregations in the Diocese at a Diocesan Evensong at St Luke's Taillem Bend on Sunday the 29th of August. It was then before the blessing at the conclusion of the service that the Bishop-Designate who was seated in a pew with the congregation, came forward and asked Fr Richard whether he could speak.

He announced this was not a second sermon but began with the words of St Augustine of Hippo, "With you I am a Christian; for you I am a Bishop." He urged the 140 people there that he would

love them but that in their heart, they should try to love him also.

“Over the next period of years, I will try to discover who you are and what is important to you, that is the only way to know who you are. I do not know what I am coming to, but together we can learn, we can draw closer together and put the past behind us. There is a need for repentance, these things have to be dealt with but we all need to walk together chaperoned by the Holy Spirit.”

Bishop Ford felt it was a call of God to be the fourth Bishop of The Murray. He believed he was following in the footsteps of St Gregory of Nazianzus in the 4th century AD as he went to places that he never meant to go.

He went to say that we were all in this world to proclaim the passion of God. “We don’t this as a solitary activity but we must be passionate about it together. We are all heading in the right direction, that is heaven; that is our goal and destiny. There will be confusion and misunderstanding, there will be some challenges and disappointments.”

“We must not be characterised by point scoring, being better than others, we are in this together. I have been called to an episcopal ministry but all of us have been called to a ministry through our baptism,” he said.

Bishop Ford urged all present to become passionate about God and about the Gospels and to pass on what we learn. “As pilgrims, we worship and pray and study, a love I want to share with all of you.” He said he would continue to pray for all in the Diocese but asked that they pray for him as well.

Earlier, The Dean of the Murray, Dirk



van Dissel in his address at the Evensong spoke of a new direction for the Church and the Diocese. He spoke of an openness to change, a loyalty to our tradition, waiting on God in prayer and a faithfulness in our Christian calling.

He also believed it was essential too for the spiritual welfare of the diocese to take the call for repentance seriously. “Without repentance, there is no growth in holiness.”

Fr Dirk believed repentance leads to the proclamation of the Good News. He referred to the Book of Revelation, which is not a prophecy about the end of the world but is a series of visions to encourage a beleaguered church.

“In Chapter 1:18 the words I am the Alpha and the Omega proclaim an important truth: Christ is the beginning and the end and everything in between.”

“He is with us now and he will be with us in the future, he holds, our Bishop, our Diocese and each is us in the hollow of his hand. That is good news - Christ loves us, we can go forward and he will be with us as he promised His disciples till time no more.” He said.

“I cannot foretell the truth. I cannot assure you that now we have a Bishop all will suddenly be well in the Diocese....I can however assure of one thing – nothing will happen in this Diocese unless all of us, Bishop, clergy and people, play our part as God’s holy people.”

The Diocesan Evensong concluded with the Bishop greeting everyone at the church door and was followed by a catered supper in the hall.

Fr Paul Devenport

REFLECTION BY THE ADMINISTRATOR

The prophet Habbakuk's plea for deliverance might just well be an appropriate image as this long period of administration in the diocese approaches its conclusion. I must say Habbakuk's words in 3:18 "decay creeps into my bones, my steps falter beneath me," have a certain resonance that they didn't have before. But Habbakuk sees the day of anguish and yet has hope:

For the fig tree is not going to blossom, nor will there be any fruit on the vine, the yield of the olive oil will fail, the fields afford no food; the sheep will vanish from the fold, not will there be any cattle in the stalls....But I will rejoice in the Lord, I will exult in God my saviour.

Habbakuk, in the face of adversity, still manages to praise God. We have believed that in his good time God would send us the *right* Bishop for our diocese and now that day is approaching. It may have felt like a long three and three-quarter years of anguish but we are within weeks of having a chief shepherd to pastor the priests and people of this diocese. Throughout this long period we have continued to rejoice in the Lord and exult in God the Saviour, as Habbakuk did. We may wonder why it has taken so long; we may be perplexed at the long drawn out process; we may not understand why the first Bishop's Election Committee did not elect but that is now well and truly behind us. It is, of course, God's great purposes in which we trust and sometimes these will be unfathomable. The passage of time is God's and not ours and as the writer of Ecclesiastes says:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting, a time for

uprooting what has been planted, a time for killing, a time for healing; a time for knocking down, a time for building; a time for tears, a time for laughter.

I pray that the time for dying, the time for uprooting, the time for killing, the time for knocking down and the time for tears will be finally be put to rest. For if we are to continue to rejoice in the Lord it will be in the giving birth, the time for planting, the time for healing, the time for building and the time for laughter that needs to be the hallmark of this diocese for the future. The anguish is over.

Our Blessed Lady, like Habbakuk, rejoices in the Lord and exults in God my Saviour. She praises God in her Magnificat because "the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name." All of us will surely rejoice in the great things God has done for us for sending us Bishop John. It will be a time of new birth, new life, new growth for us all, united in prayer and fellowship with each other, around our Bishop and focussed on our Blessed Lord and the graces which flow from the Eucharist.

For the support and prayers that many have given me during this lengthy period, I thank you. For the trust so many have put in me I bless the Lord and for the new friendships I have discovered beyond Mount Barker I hope these will continue.

But most of all I say to you with my whole heart: Pray for Bishop John, support him and love him (and Bridget), be united with him as priests and people and seek to grow in your faith with his pastoral and sacramental care. Let us all pray that



the fruit will grow on the vine again and the blossom of the fig tree will, once again, be in abundance. Most of all we pray that the sheep that vanished from the fold may find their way back.

I have recently been much moved by the hymn *O thou who at the Eucharist didst pray* and especially verse three:

*We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,
One through this Sacrament of unity.*

The days of anguish being over let us beseech the Lord our God to make us one through "this Sacrament of unity."

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us all and may God bless Bishop John and each and everyone of us.

Father Richard A. Seabrook.

BISHOP-DESIGNATE MEETS PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

The ten day visit by the Bishop Designate John Ford was an opportunity to also visit almost all the licensed clergy in the Diocese.

A clergy synod was held on August the 30th, starting a Mass at St. Mary's Echunga. It then continued with a luncheon and an address by the Bishop John Ford at Echunga Memorial Institute.

Bishop Ford in speaking to the clergy, hoped that they would be able to work together with him for the kingdom of God.



Pictured at the lunch are Canon Alex Bainton, Fr David Patterson, Fr Max Bowers and Bishop John Ford

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BISHOP-DESIGNATE JOHN FORD

Bishop Ford in an interview with Fr. Paul Devenport speaks about how he sees the Diocese, how he wants unity and a vision to grow in the Diocese in the years to come.

It has been a huge decision by yourself and Bridget to leave the U.K. and come to South Australia, what led you to accept the offer to become the next Bishop of The Murray?

I really do hear God's call in this. There appears to be a real understanding of a number of opportunities in the Diocese for me to use some of my skills and experience, to see whether they worked to be frank. I believe a Diocese is a relational unit before it is anything else and here is a diocese that is small enough to operate as a relational unit. In England, dioceses are too big and they have huge bureaucratic structures that I think get in the way of their central missionary task.

You mentioned at the Diocesan Evensong at Tailem Bend that you wanted to see the past put behind in the Diocese. What do you see as the challenges before you in the Diocese in what you have been able to ascertain so far?

My superficial observations and remember I am not living here, I believe you have to live here to inhabit

and understand the culture and the systems before you can really speak about them, but superficially some fairly immediate things - I think there is a real difficulty about a vision of what the Church is and, I want to be very clear, that we work together to discover the truth and clarity of a vision and we can only do that together. We are not here to make it up for ourselves. God has given us the vision of his glory in the person of Jesus Christ and we have got to work at what that means for us in the Diocese of The Murray. We have not got a blank piece of paper, there are some givens, there are some limits, but together we need to discover what God's vision for our Diocese is. Then we can move forward proclaiming the gospel of God's love for all people.

Do you see vocations to the ministry as one of those challenges in the Diocese?

Yes, but it's a question of where you start. I would say that by nature but also by theological conviction, I would want to start with the vocation of the

baptised, that is, the prime vocation for everybody to be a disciple. That is the most important and primary call. From that vocation to discipleship comes other calls to ministry which are no more important than the call to discipleship, but have different functions and different orders of the gifts of the Spirit but the prime call is the call to discipleship and I would say that unless we can address the issue of taking our discipleship seriously, that is every single one of the people that come to us Sunday by Sunday or used to come to us Sunday by Sunday and have slipped away, unless we all take seriously - that call which includes the call to grow the Church, each of us to grow the Church, we have a problem. As a Diocese, we are small in numbers and we have to grow the Church. Having said that, to grow the Church we need sacramental ministry because part of our formation is to be Eucharistic centred, because with no Eucharist, there is no Church. Therefore we need more priests and whether we have got the time to grow the church in discipleship and then call the priests, I don't know. I don't know

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because what I do know is that for individuals to be nurtured as disciples, they need to be fed by the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, which is absolutely critically important. So we have some issues about vocation to priestly life and also to discipleship and the way they relate to one another.

The Diocese of Willochra has ordained and licensed priests only to a particular place. Could you see this in The Murray?

That is a difficult one. There are all kinds of circumstances when you might want to limit someone's licence but once you are ordained a priest, you are a priest of the Church of God. The New Testament knows no concept of the church other than the local (in terms the Diocese) and the Universal, and so there are some issues there about local ordained ministry that have got to be asked and addressed and I don't know the answer to them for our context at this stage.

Would you consider other styles of worship to attract younger people?

I would without a doubt. Having said that, you have to have a strategy about growing the Church, and when we grow the Church what we mean is to bring people into Eucharistic fellowship. Now it might be that to bring them straight to the Eucharist is too far from where they are at the moment in which case, you do other things but strictly on the understanding that they are stepping stones towards Eucharistic fellowship and not alternatives to it. However, you **must** and I can't over emphasize the **must** have the end point in view and the end point in view is that we become and exercise our Christian discipleship by meeting with our

brothers and sisters around the table of the Word and Sacrament at the Eucharist. There is no alternative to that but there are plenty of other ways of worshipping on the way to that and also in addition to it.

The Diocese has had quite a few issues to deal with over the years along with the formation of the Voice of the Laity. What are your hopes here?

We can only be in this together, there cannot be any separation or division between groups and factions and that is absolutely plain to me. The Voice of the Laity is or should be the whole people of God and that includes the clergy. There is no division between clergy and the laity. We are all the holy people of God and anything that perpetuates a difference that is other than ministerial between clergy and the laity is to be resisted. So The Voice of The Laity I think came into existence for a variety of reasons all of which I hope are now past and I hope the Voice of the Laity could be seen as the voice of all the people of God in the Diocese of The Murray working together, not to speak factionally, but to all speak of the good news of Jesus Christ to the rest of the people in South Australia.

How do you see this Diocese working with the other Dioceses in South Australia?

We do not have the resources either personnel or financial for us to be working on our own, we must work with neighbouring dioceses in a variety of ways and I am very clear about that. But the real reasons for doing so are theological and not just practical and financial. There are some issues to deal with that but I am very clear the only way forward is together for formation and training, finance,

administration, and professional standards, all of these things we must share because they are all related to the mission of the whole of God's people.

Are you keen to formulate a closer partnership between the schools in the Diocese and with the ABM?

I just long for an opportunity to work with Investigator and Woodcroft Colleges and in fact one of my first calls will be to the school principals to meet them. It will be one of the first priorities. I also intend to work with the National Anglican Mission Agency, ABM.

In what way do you see the church in the Diocese?

We need the scriptures, we need the sacraments and if we need the sacraments we must have a priest. How are we going to get that, how are we going to do that, these are some of the questions and I am coming from England so I do not know the local context. I have a broad canvass and I have some principles that I know have to be applied but together, we will work out the answers. If someone asked what my priorities would be, I would say unity, unity, unity. Unity in the Diocese with the Bishop as a focus for unity - unity with our brother and sister Anglicans in the wider province in the church in Australia, and more importantly, the unity of the whole people of God. Ecumenical relations directed towards the full visible unity of the Church are essential. The greatest obstacle to our missionary endeavour is our disunity.

Do you have an opinion one way or the other about the ordination of women in the Diocese?

Well, I do have a view; I never have ordained a woman priest and at

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present I have no intention of doing so. I do not believe it is a development that has the mind of the Church and therefore it is a question about the nature of the Church and its unity. If it is not the mind of the Church at this moment that women should be ordained then I am not sure any Diocese or Province of the Church Universal has either the freedom or authority to change the inheritance that we have all received and are all called to share. It might be in the future, I don't know, but various parts of the Anglican Communion have decided to do so and they have decided to do so by various means, but the Anglican Communion as a whole has always maintained and still maintains that you can be a loyal Anglican and both be in favour of ordaining women as priests and also remaining not being in favour of doing that, and I want to remain a loyal Anglican and I want to worship with loyal Anglicans. Now, there is a

problem about it and there are some theological issues that have got to be addressed. I am very open to addressing the theological issues but I am very clear that at the moment, I cannot see this as an appropriate development for the sake of the Church and its unity.

So you think in the first instance bringing the unity of the Diocese is more important?

Absolutely! There are far more important things for us as a Diocese to address than the question of the ordination of women, far more fundamental because actually as important a question as this may be for some people, if we do not grow the Church then it won't be long before there are some basic questions about our viability as a Diocese. I really want to respect those who have questions about this but, if we spend time addressing that straight away, frankly in the end,

there will be no Diocese of the Murray for a woman who is subsequently ordained to serve, we have got to grow the church first. The matters of evangelisation, loving service towards the world and growth in faithful discipleship are critically important questions and to be deflected away from these into those partisan theological issues at this moment; is not at all helpful. I made that very plain to the Bishops Election Committee when I came last November concerning a resolution of the Diocesan Synod which called for the issue to be addressed once the new Bishop is installed. We will not be doing that because we cannot get ourselves ready for that in under a year, because if we are going to address that issue, I want it done after some real theological reflection about what the issues are, so that we have a debate on the theological principles and not on ill-conceived and ill-informed prejudices.

PLANNING FOR THE BISHOP

There will be an opportunity to meet Bishop John Ford, who will be accompanied by his wife Bridget, before he is installed as the Fourth Bishop of The Murray in December. The Administrator has organised six areas within the Diocese where the Bishop -Designate will meet the people for prayer, conversation, teaching and preaching. At each gathering Bishop John will also spend time with his priests. The groupings will be:

1. Onkaparinga Valley, Mount Barker, (Strathalbyn), Southern Vales on 18th/19th November
2. Seaford, Morphett Vale, Happy Valley, Christies Beach, (O'Halloran Hill) on 20th / 21st November
3. Yankalilla, Delamere, Victor Harbor, (Port Elliot-Goolwa) on 22nd /23rd November
4. (Murraylands), Mannum-Mount Pleasant, Lameroo on 25th/26th November
5. (Riverland), Waikerie on 27th/28th November
6. Tatiara, Millicent-Penola, (Naracoorte), Mount Gambier, Kingston-Robe on 29th/30th November

The parish or pastoral district in brackets denotes the host in each of these clusters.

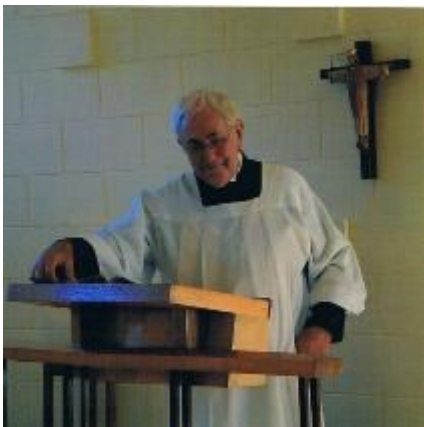
Bishop John Ford will be installed as the Fourth Bishop of The Murray on Friday 6th December at his Cathedral of S. John the Baptist in Murray Bridge in the evening. This liturgy will be by ticket only and further details will be released in the near future. The installation will take place in the context of Evening Prayer.

The Bishop of The Murray will preside at an inaugural celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday 7th December, the Feast of S. Ambrose, at the Town Hall in Murray Bridge. This will be at 11 am followed by lunch. Again, because of the limitations of space the Mass and Luncheon will be by ticket only and there will be a ticket allocation to each parish and pastoral district.

LAMEROO

After a considerable period without regular services, ministry began again for the Mallee with a great Eucharist at St. John The Baptist, Lameroo, on Sunday June the 26th 2011, when we celebrated the Patronal Festival. Eighty people turned up from Lameroo, Pinnaroo, Geranium, Jabuk and Murrayville, as well as well-wishers from the local Lutheran, Uniting Church and Roman Catholic congregations. The Administrator, Fr Seabrook, told the congregation that the Eucharist would be celebrated each month from now on, subject to clergy being available.

This year, two years after we started, we again celebrated the Patronal festival on June the 16th, and on this occasion 40 people were present. Many usual attendees happened to be away, and there was some illness in the area. However, it was a very joyous occasion and the guest preacher was Canon Graham Cooling, who has had a very long association with the Mallee parishes. Events concluded with a luncheon afterwards in the CWA Hall. It also marked the end of a shared ministry to the town of Mr John Strachan and Fr John Beiers. The monthly visits continue with Fr Richard Seabrook.



Canon Graham Cooling

MT BARKER PARISH

On 4th July, Fr Richard Seabrook celebrated the 20th anniversary of his ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. The very beautiful and moving Mass, held at St James, Blakiston, was well attended by parishioners, priests and other guests from across the Diocese. The celebration continued with a party in the hall.

As Fr Richard's anniversary coincides with American Independence Day, the party had a distinct American flavour.



Ian Newman, Margaret Adams, Fr Richard and Martin Corner



Father and son - Fr John and Fr Paul Devenport

FR PETER'S CARLSSON ROAD TO RECOVERY

The Parish Priest of the Pastoral District of Penola-Millicent Father Peter Carlsson has made a miraculous recovery after being told that he would be, at best, paralysed for the rest of his life. Fr. Peter is now home in Penola where he is continuing recuperation and physiotherapy. It is his hope that he may be able to resume his ministry in mid-November. He shares with us his journey over the past few months and what has been truly a miracle.

As a result of a haematoma along the spine back at the end of May I began to lose the use of my bladder then my right leg, then right arm and from there I lost the whole use of my body below the shoulders. Hence, I was rushed to Royal Melbourne Hospital where emergency surgery was performed by a neurosurgeon to release blood from my spine. On arriving at surgery at 1am I was told by the assistant surgeon that what they were about to perform was only to keep me alive and that most likely I would remain paralysed for the rest of my life. I was then asked if I wished them to proceed.

Twelve weeks ago when I arrived at rehab I needed three nurses to roll me over during the night, shower me, dress me and attend to my personal needs. At that stage I only had use of my left arm and my left leg partially.

After many prayers, a great deal of hard work and the brilliant expertise of my therapy team I have gone from being a complete quadriplegic in bed to a wheelchair, then a frame, then crutches and finally a walking stick. In two days' time I walk out of rehab with only a walking stick for when I go long distances.

I thank the various parishes within the diocese for their

prayers and the Administrator and my fellow clergy for their support.

Indeed God does answer prayer!



Returning my wheelchair to Occupational Therapist, Jamie

THE MURRAY ANGLICAN ENTERS INTO NATIONAL PRESS AWARDS

The Murray Anglican entered into two categories in the Australasian Religious Press Association Awards, held in Melbourne in September.

The categories entered were Best Regional Publication and Best Small Team Publication. The winners of the awards were announced on September the 8th as part of the Australasian Religious Association Annual Conference at the Marriot Hotel which Fr. Paul Devenport attended.

It became apparent the Murray Anglican was in for some tough competition and awards were won by Dioceses that employ at least one person in a part time position to be the editor of the magazines.



Christopher Brooks, ABM Communications and Fundraising Officer, Fr Paul and Helen Devenport at Bishops court, Melbourne

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The Best Regional Publication awards went to Catholic and Anglican Church magazines in Canberra and Newcastle while the gold award for the Best Small Team Publication went to the Adelaide Church Guardian. This category recognised excellence by a small team (which can be as few as one person), with limited resources.

The judges though did comment on the publications that did not win an award in the small team publication category:

For most entrants in this category – Best publication, small team - it is remarkable how much of what they publish that is constantly of such a superior quality. It's doubtful that any work only the hours for which they are paid. Dedication, professionalism and a determination to make 'a silk purse out of a sow's ear' with each publication, is clearly obvious. These 'small teams', often as small as just one person, do a remarkable job for their diocese, denomination, their community and the profession of journalism. Well done!

SOLAR PANELS FOR HALLS

As part of the property improvement project undertaken over the past three years, the Pastoral District of Mannum–Mt Pleasant council made the decision to concentrate on the upgrade of the three churches, two halls and two rectories under its care. This work is nearing completion and we now have buildings of which parishioners can be justly proud.

Even though, under current requirements, the pastoral district is not sufficiently viable to return to parish status, we are very grateful to have the services of Fr John Devenport and Fr Bruce Cliff who conduct services on the first and third Sundays and Fr Owen Thomas who joins us on fifth Sundays for combined services. Second and fourth Sundays are covered at all centres by Pastoral Assistants.

The Mannum and Mt Pleasant parish halls have had 3Kw solar systems installed. Both were paid for by the Guild/Auxiliary and both systems have been installed where they are not visible to the passing public.

At Mannum, the hall extension completed in 2011, has resulted in a huge increase in usage with regular weekly bookings and it is comforting to know that much of the power for



St Andrew's, Mannum

this usage will now be supplied by us. Mt Pleasant parish hall, with its new floor covering, also has regular use by community groups.

This work follows the installation of new kitchens in the rectory at Mannum and the old rectory at Mt Pleasant. Both properties have been painted inside, new hot water systems installed and new fences erected – both houses are currently being rented.

At Mannum, the old roofing on the hall has been replaced and new gutters attached on both the hall and rectory. The church of St George at Mt Torrens has received a new roof and gutters and has been painted inside and out making it a joy to behold.

St John's church at Mt Pleasant has had much overdue salt damp treatment completed with quotes now being received for the painting. Services are being conducted in the hall while this work is being carried out and our current deadline is to have all work completed before 6th December 2013.

All of this has been made possible by the untiring cooperation of the wardens and the generous support of parishioners. Wherever possible, all work has been carried out using local tradesmen in an effort to keep the church a visible part of the local community.

KINGSTON-ROBE

CHURCH AT KINGSTON ESCAPES DAMAGE FROM A MINI TORNADO

A mini tornado in Kingston is not the way to attract attention but it did for the township on Saturday afternoon the 3rd of August. A mini 'twister' came in from the sea and cut a narrow swath through the main streets of Kingston.

Several houses were destroyed, others had their roofs blown off including sheds owned by big businesses. A boat normally housed in a backyard was found two streets away. Fortunately, Holy Trinity Church escaped damage.

We pray for those immediately affected by property loss and destruction in our little coastal town and many whose emotional life and livelihoods have been changed.

We give immense thanks for the wonderful members of our caring community and the many SES volunteers (including many from other areas), CFS, Police and local people, who united (and continue to do so) in willing help when and where needed.

Our Local Op Shop, and of course ac.care were needed and appreciated. We are also very thankful for the new attendance of the delightful visits of Fr Bob Hupfeld (and family) as ordained ministry, on the 3rd Sunday of the month, to support the long and

committed service of our Pastoral Assistants, led by Alison Jeffrey to maintain regular weekly services in Kingston, and Marion Fennell at bi weekly services in Robe. We are thankful to the Diocese for recognising our needs.



A piece of a roof wrapped around what is left of a tree

COMMUNITY OUTREACH IN THE SOUTHERN VALES

The Pastoral District of the Southern Vales has been running community dinners at the McLaren Flat Community Club for the past six months.

The dinners on the second Friday night of the month are seen as a community outreach, in inviting members of the general community to be part of it, along with parishioners from the four churches. In turn, they are fundraisers for the Pastoral District. Up to 100 people have attended the monthly dinners since they began in April. The dinners offer a variety of dishes each month, along with various crumble desserts.

They are organised by the Fundraising Committee with several committee members preparing the food along with some very willing volunteers on the night. The Lions Club and the community club organise dinners on the other Friday nights during the month.



Among those present a couple of months ago were Mark and Lisa McCarthy with their children Tilly and Coco and on the right, Julia Brown .

ANGLICARE

ANGLICARE'S ROLE IN THE DIOCESE SA

AC Care plays an important role as a welfare agency in much of the Diocese but Anglicare also plays a role in the Diocese, in Adelaide's outer southern suburbs and in the Adelaide Hills. Here is a snapshot of some of the programs it does run.

Anglicare SA has a long and rich history in South Australia and continues to do so in parts of the Diocese of The Murray. Formed more than 150 years ago to support the work of the Anglican Church, Anglicare works with 50,000 people each year to support people and provide them the skills to improve and enhance their own lives.

Anglicare works with families from when their child is born, supporting them with parenting programs like HIPPIY – the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters, Kids' Club and, as children get older, programs like alternative learning and youth employment.

For new arrivals at risk of homelessness there is the Newly Arrived Youth Service.

Anglicare SA is one of the biggest providers of foster care for children in South Australia. Every night in this state there are about 2100 children under the guardianship of the Minister and Anglicare SA cares for 600 of them. Our foster carers come from all walks of life, and include singles, families, couples, students, professionals and home makers.

Families who have separated can have some of the strain taken away when it comes to changeovers between parents with Anglicare's Children's Contact Service. The service, which is based at Noarlunga and also at Mt Barker, allows children

to move from one parent to another without the parents having to deal directly with each other. The Children's Contact Service also offers supervised contact for parents who require it.

Anglicare SA is also there when the worst happens – when people are grieving the loss of a loved one and they need support.

Children and teenagers from all over the state travel to the Adelaide Hills three times each year to attend special camps. Star Bear camps are for children aged five to 12, while Star Bound is for teenagers aged up to 17 who are grieving the death of a parent, sibling or significant carer.

Camp coordinator Louanne Johns says the camps bring children together to help with understanding and bereavement. "We give children permission to grieve and, as they are with other children, we aim to increase their understanding of death and the grieving process," Louanne says.



"Most of the time they go to school and there's no one else they know who has lost a parent or a sibling."

Adults and children who have experienced bereavement and other types of loss can also access counselling through Anglicare's Loss and Grief program which includes specialist children's counsellors; while Living Beyond Suicide provides support for families and community members following a suicide.

For more information about Anglicare and our services, phone 8305 9200 or visit www.anglicaresa.com.



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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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**CONTINUING SAFER MINISTRY TRAINING
IN THE DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY**

The Diocese has organised another safer ministry seminar, as part of its ongoing effort to provide training for those who have or intend to hold ministry positions in The Murray. The training follows a roll out of safer ministry training sessions around the Diocese in order to comply with state legislation.

The seminar will be held at St Luke's Anglican Church Hall at Taillem Bend on Saturday, 23rd November at 9.00am. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. The session will conclude at approximately 4.00pm.

We realise this date clashes with one of the consultation meetings with the Bishop -Designate but this was the only date possible with the trainer before the end of the year.

The training is for anyone who holds a licence as a bishop, priest and deacon or has a pastoral assistant's permission, those ministering to children, the elderly and the vulnerable, official hospital and home visitors, all choir directors, adult servers, church wardens and paid opshop managers.

This training is offered to those who hold the above mentioned positions and who have not as yet completed a safer ministry training session offered by the Diocese via the National Council of Churches Australia. Only those who complete this training will be able to continue to hold their position in a parish and pastoral district in the Diocese.

If you have any questions, please contact Father Paul Devenport on 8323 9744.

To register for the training session, phone Father Paul on 8323 9744 or email pdevenport@vtown.com.au .

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