

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALICE SPRINGS

Church of the Ascension and St Mary's Chapel

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Parish e-letter

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Rector Brian – Breakfast with Full Gospel Australia

Ralph Hutchins has invited everyone to join the Full Gospel Business Australia, Men's and Lady's breakfast on Saturday, 2nd May 2015, 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM at the Ibis Styles Alice Springs Oasis, Gap Road, [next to the Shell Garage].

Ralph says you will enjoy a good breakfast at a cost of \$15.00 and you will enjoy a time of encouragement.

Guest speaker is our Rector, Brian Jeffries. Brian trained as a teacher and worked in the area of Special Education at Cairns State High after working as Consultant in the Cape York communities of Aurukun and Kowanyama. He met his wife, Heather, at Doomadgee State School. Brian was ordained priest in 2003 and has since served in the South Australian country towns of Port Augusta and Quorn. Brian was Parish Priest in Ceduna for eight years and Archdeacon of Eyre before accepting a call to Alice Springs at the beginning of 2014.

For more information please contact Ralph Hutchins, Alice Springs Gate President : 0418 897 846.

Agreed - Let's do it again !

There was general agreement among the 40 people who attended the parish/Anglicare BBQ on Friday 24th April-- "Yes, we must do it again".

Parish Chef, David Bird, was ably assisted by willing volunteers who put on a feast of BBQ meat and salad followed by scrumptious Apple Crumble and Custard.



One of the three Anglicare speakers was long-time parishioner, Eileen Boocock, who gave an inspiring description of her work with the Community Visitors' Scheme and the Home and Community Care Program.

Unique Art Work Explained

Jose Petrick invites you to join her for a lively and well-researched talk that will keep your interest from beginning to end.

Her subject will be the Robert Czako Heritage Listed mural in St Mary's Chapel [Stuart Highway, just past the Old Timers' Village].

Jose will present her talk in front of the mural on: Mother's Day, 10th May 2015 at 2.00 PM.

The unique work of art was painted by Robert Czako in 1958. Jose will describe the colourful scenes featuring Biblical characters and depicting people of all nationalities and cultures, including some who lived in St Mary's at the time.

The mural was Heritage Listed in January 2014. If you Google: *Heritage Listing Robert Czako Mural*, you may read an article about it in *The Centralian Advocate*.

Heavy rain caused seepage through the back wall and slightly softened the material on which the mural was painted. Heritage Specialist Builder, Michael Watt, through a Grant from the Heritage Council, sealed the wall and avoided permanent damage.

Afternoon tea will be served by volunteers in the adjacent Craft room, during which Nicola and Peter Gilham will entertain us with music.

Donations towards the printing of the new Robert Czako Mural Brochure will be gratefully received. Chief Minister, Adam Giles and Member for Araluen, Robyn Lambley, have very kindly donated \$100 each to the fund.

Diary Note: Mother's Day, 10th May 2015 at 2.00 PM

Anglicare NT provides quality Home and Aged Community Care (HACC) services to aged people in Alice Springs, including: basic maintenance-domestic assistance, social support (including shopping assistance), personal care, respite care, meals on wheels (volunteer delivery), mobile social support (volunteer delivers/exchanges library books to consumers), transport to medical appointments and basic meal preparation.

Parish Visioning

Rev’d John Hewitson has been working for three days supervising a group of Christian Ministers from Alice Springs who are doing Clinical Pastoral Education.

John also met with Rector Brian and three parishioners to ponder the next steps the parish needs to take to consolidate its vision for the carrying-out of its mission.

A basic question is, “What does this parish do?” The answer was several areas of ministry including:

- * St Mary’s Chapel;
- * Whitegate Camp;
- * Alyerre Hostel;
- * Worship Services;
- * Baptism/Confirmation;
- * Messy Church;
- * Sunday School at Ascension and St Mary’s;
- * Prison Services;
- * Prisoners Aid;
- * Prisoners’ Fellowship;
- * Barkly Work Camp;
- * Women’s Shelter;
- * Purple House;
- * River Ministry;
- * Anglicare Chaplaincy;
- * Flynn Lodge;
- * Old Timers Village;
- * Tennant Creek;
- * Yulara.

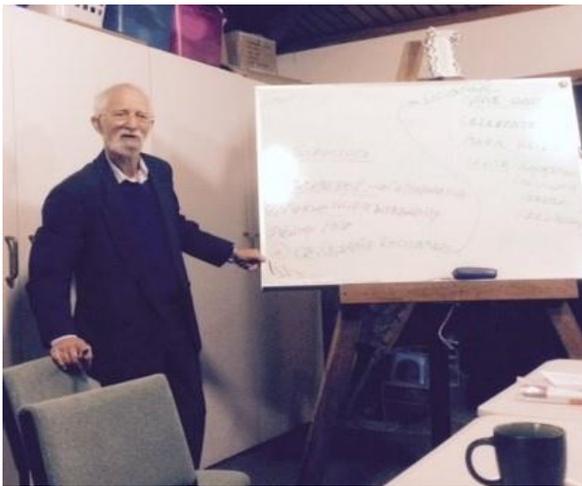
How many ministries do you know about?

The resulting Work Task for the Parish Council is :

1. How does the Parish Council and the work of the ministries become visible to parish members and the wider Alice Springs community?
2. What is the “*Entry Path*” for people who want to join us or help in a ministry or are visiting “to check us out”?
3. How do we celebrate the *excitement* of delivering the many ministries in which some of our parish members are actually involved?
4. How can we reap pastoral benefits and enhance the vision of the parish by embracing the contribution from the growing multi-cultural make-up of our parish?

Let’s talk about these things when we meet.

What would John do without a whiteboard?



Narthex Appeal

The white ant damage in the Narthex ceiling [through the glass door in the foyer] has been repaired and the area is once again in use for Sunday School and parish meetings.

Thank you very much to those who have donated the \$1,145 received to date, towards the cost of the repairs. The total cost of the repair job depends on our insurance claim.

If you still want to help--please find an envelope marked “Narthex Appeal” on the front table and place it in the offertory collection bowl or hand it to the Rector, or Treasurer Margaret Marsh, or one of the Wardens, Greg Buxton or Warwick Marsh.

Any donation you can afford will certainly be greatly appreciated by the Parish Council.

Notes from the Pew Sheet

FUTURE EVENTS – DATES FOR OUR DIARIES

Sunday 10th May 10.00 AM : Tear Fund presentation by Ross Farley during the Holy Communion Service

Thursday 14th May 7.00 PM - Ascension Day : Our Parish Patronal Festival celebration commences with Holy Communion followed by fellowship and shared supper (more information to follow).

Positions Vacant :

1. Safe Ministry Representative: Assist the parish members to comply with the safe ministry requirements of the Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory.

2. Web Master: Maintain the Parish website and Facebook. Assistance will be available.

If interested in either of these ministries please contact the Rector on 8952 1056

Weekend 23 & 24 May: Bishop Greg Anderson making his second visit to the parish [details to follow].

Wednesday 27th May 7.00 PM: World acclaimed Australian cellist, Richard Narroway, will perform here in our Church. Richard has won the prestigious 2010 *Stulberg International String Competition* and he has since performed around the world. Type his name into your search engine and hear some of his music.

Readings for Sunday 3 May 2015:

Acts 8.26-40
Psalm 22.26-32
1 John 4.7-21
John 15.1-8