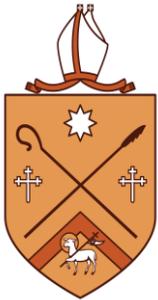


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27 May 2015

Parish e-letter



Diocesan Crest

This is the Diocesan crest, newly enhanced with the ochre colour, that was presented by Bishop Greg for the first time at the Synod in Darwin on 17-19 April 2015.

Bishop Greg Anderson Visit

We kept Bishop Greg busy during his second visit to the parish on 23 and 24 May 2015 with meetings, visits and celebration of Holy Communion at 8.00 and 10.00 AM Services.

Soon after his arrival, he met eleven parishioners for a two-hour discussion, starting with morning tea. Greg's central theme was **working together within the Parish and within the Diocese**. The basis for this is celebrating and sharing the Good News that we believe in. In fact, we parishioners are this Good News in action.

Main topics discussed included: partnerships; funding our ministries; Aboriginal ministry in our parish; representation of the Centre on Diocesan Council; clergy vacancies in parishes; gay priests and welfare of Rectors.

In closing, the Bishop prayed for all Parish members in celebrating the Good News and in their being a faithful illustration of Christian living. The prayer also included those who don't yet understand these things. He prayed for the cultural diversity in Alice Springs and maintaining a strong sense of unity in our Parish and the Diocese as a whole.

Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

William Franklin Graham IV plans to hold an evangelistic outreach in Alice Springs from 19 to 22 May 2016.

Bishop Ken Mason



A message from the Rev'd Michael Nixon of Christ Church Cathedral, Darwin:

"The first Bishop in the NT Diocese, Ken Mason, had a severe stroke some weeks ago and is now in the Sirius Cove Nursing Home, 17 Clanalpine Street, NSW 2088. It is difficult for him to speak on the phone but I'm sure a card sent to the above address would be a nice gesture." We remember Bishop Mason in our prayers every Sunday. Some of our parishioners will recall Bishop Ken. There are photos in the Church of Ascension archives of him attending ceremonies and functions in our parish on several occasions.

Farewell Gill



The congregation joined Rector Brian and Bishop Greg in laying hands in prayer for Gill with thanks for her dedication in Alice Springs and a request for the Holy Spirit leading in her new life.

We were reminded about the last 8 years when Gill had immersed herself in service to the Parish. Steve Foster remarked on her "bottomless pit of energy" by leading Church Services; active Parish Community Worker; doing IT through the website and Facebook; music and St Mary's. Gill said she had been enriched by her years here and thanked all for their love, support and prayers. Gill was presented with a "lucky dip" of beautiful gifts and she cut a delectable chocolate cake to celebrate.



Saturday 19 September 2015

There's a list of suggested stalls at the back of the church. If you can manage or help on a stall, add your name to the list.

THANKS !!!!

Contact : David Bird 0417267088

It is now time to think about preparing material when you ponder which stall to put you name down for. Ask your clever family members to help you with some good old fashioned stall things like: **Growing and potting plants / knitting / crocheting / jams / preserves / face painting / balloons / book & CDs / cakes & biscuits / coffee & tea / scones / craft / raffles / count the jellybeans.**

Share your photos

People say they like having photos in the e-letter. I am no expert so I would appreciate help with technique in putting the clearest photos in the e-letter.

If you have the skill or your son, daughter, husband, wife, partner, aunt, uncle, friend, boss or colleague knows how to do it, please get in touch with me, please.

I have had good help with layout, which is getting better (I hope), now I need help with photos!!

We can work with jpg material so email your photo to kerdiflo@internode.on.net or ring Kevin on 0427 295 367.

Parish Money Matters for April 2015

Parish Treasurer, Margaret Marsh, reported the following income and expenditure for April 2015:

Balance at 1 April 2015	= \$ 2,549.99
Receipts	= \$ 8,541.17
Payments	= <u>\$ 9,475.62</u>
Balance at 30 April 2015	= <u>\$ 1,615.54</u>

New Testament Translation

Rev'd Steve and Narelle Etherington, and Rev'd Lois Nadjamerek have been in Alice Springs working on the final stage of translation of the New Testament into the Gunwinggu language.

Snippets from Parish Council

- * A suggestion to put up a white board for people to write thoughts about our parish vision and future.
- * Father Hiley has called for volunteers to read Scripture during his Service on Thursday evenings at the Alyerre Hostel, also, to fill-in for him on the rare occasions he is not able to attend for the Service.
- * Agreed that the Archives Committee develop a strategic plan for documenting parish documents, photographs, art pieces, artefacts and electronic records held in the rectory, the church, by parishioners and others.
- * Pray for a way forward for the St Mary's Ministry.
- * A **Pastoral Support Team** has been established that will respond to needs of parishioners and newcomers through guidance, advice and visits. The inaugural team is Rector Brian, Fr Hiley, Lynn Wollinski, Warwick Marsh.
- * Rector Brian and Heather will be on Leave from Monday 23 June to 7 July 2015.
- * Rector Brian gave credit to Peter Davison for spending his valuable time in upgrading the sound system.

Sports Chaplaincy

Sports Chaplaincy Australia's mission is to have Chaplains in all sporting teams or Clubs around Australia. SA & NT Coordinator, Roger Johnson, believes there are men and women in our churches who would make good Chaplains.

He believes they have servant hearts, they love people, they are interested in sport and they are committed Christians.

Roger believes he might find such people here in Alice so he will visit from 14th to 16th June 2015.

Rector Brian has offered the Church of the Ascension for an information night on Monday, 15th June at 7.00 PM and Roger has issued an invitation for interested people to attend.

If anyone wants to contact Roger before he arrives, they can call him on 0429 356 601.

Aged Care Ministry

Rector Brian conducts a Service at Flynn Lodge every fortnight with the help of Warwick Marsh.

Last week, 25 residents attended the first Service at Hetty Perkins Aged Care Home. The Rector was asked to bless many rooms where people had died over the past year.