



ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALICE SPRINGS

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Parish e-letter

Safe Ministry Representative

Clare Tucker has accepted Rector Brian's invitation to be the Safe Ministry Representative for our Parish.

Tennant Creek Ministry

Between pastoral visits, the Church of the Holy Name, Tennant Creek, is ministered by Parish Warden/Secretary, Dorothy Hardaker and Treasurer Ana Tawake



During his visit last Sunday, 7th June, Rector Brian chaired the Holy Name AGM thanking the Parish Council. The success of the ministry has been due to the covenantal partnership we have with the Lutheran Church and Pastor Ken Schultz. We are thankful for the Uniting Church and Rev'd Peter Wait holding combined services with us monthly. A ministry to prisoners has also developed at the Barkly Work Camp during the past year. Bishop Greg Anderson will visit Tennant Creek with the National Director of Bush Church Aid, Rev'd Dr Mark Short, on July 11/12th.

Sports Chaplaincy

Reminder:

Sports Chaplaincy Australia's SA/NT coordinator, Roger Johnson, has issued an invitation to everyone in Alice Springs who is interested in the mission of having Chaplains in all sporting teams and clubs. On Monday 15th June, at 7.00 PM in our Church of the Ascension, Roger will detail the attributes of men and women who would make good Chaplains in our Alice Springs clubs.

Parish Council Vacancy

The Rector is seeking nominations to fill the vacancy made by the departure of Gill Wright. Call the Rector on 8952 1056 to nominate or make a recommendation. The Parish Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 PM in the narthex.

Rector Appointed Canon by the Bishop

During the Sunday Service on 24th May, Bishop Greg Anderson appointed Rector Brian as an Honorary Clerical Canon of Christ Church Cathedral Darwin and presented him with a certificate, affixed with the Bishop's seal.

In the early history of the church, Canons were priests who shared a home and followed a "rule" or pattern of daily life. Later the word referred to clergy who were part of the life of a great cathedral. As a Canon, Brian is part of the Cathedral Chapter and helps, with other clerical and lay Canons, to administer and maintain the fabric of Christ Church Cathedral Darwin. Primarily the title is honorary with recognition of faithful service to the church.

Another Musical Opportunity – Mid-Year Concert

Musical Director and frequent musician at our Sunday Services, Paul Leggett, has advised that the skills of his students will be on shown in a Mid-Year Concert at the Church of the Ascension at 6.00 PM on Saturday 13 June 2015.

For the first time, students from Adelaide, Kangaroo Island (SA) and Darwin have been invited to play through Skype (video conferencing).

Paul said it was a great opportunity for the students to show their' ability and talent as well as their progress. Not only will they gain the confidence to perform in front of an audience, they will also gain invaluable experience from others performing in front of them.

Bazaar Bazaar Preparation

David Bird is looking for some more help in running stalls in the Bazaar Bazaar on 19 September 2015. He has also called for donations of time and talent in making and/or collecting items for the stalls such as potted plants, bottled preserves, craft work etc. Call David on 0417 267 088.

Greetings from Newcastle

A letter from Gill:

Dear friends

After being on the rail / road for the best part of a week I arrived in Newcastle to stunning autumn weather! It was an easy and very relaxing journey.

It was a beautiful sight to see the lake bathed in sunshine – I touched the water and said a prayer of thanks and then went over to the ocean and ‘washed the dust from my feet’!

I haven’t seen this much water in quite a while!

I want to thank you for such a lovely farewell on Pentecost Sunday. I was very touched by everyone’s words – not least those of Eileen and Steve. It was lovely to look back on all the things that had happened over the past eight years – and I felt very humbled to have been a part of such a wonderful branch of God’s family.



I am aware that whilst many of you donated towards farewell gifts most of you have no idea what they were – so I attach a photograph of the beautiful wooden bowl, eastern rosella, pate knife (venetian glass) and ear-rings! I am very blessed!

Thank you for your generosity – I will treasure them, and will remember you all with fondness each time I look, use, wear them!

I have spent the last few days settling in and will commence my new job on Tuesday. This morning I attended Eucharist at St Luke’s Wallsend–it was particularly poignant as my Father grew up in Wallsend in England–and attended St Luke’s church!

As I close, I simply ask that you continue to remember me in your prayers – as I remember you in mine

With love and every blessing

Gill

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Rector Brian Jeffries, along with five Ministers from other Christian Churches in Alice Springs, completed the Second Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education on 27 May '15.



CPE is professional education for ministry, with the aim of helping participants achieve increased interpersonal and pastoral skills and competence.

Each participant received a Certificate from SAINT Director, Rev’d Dr Les Underwood, at a closing ceremony and celebration at the Lutheran Church, attended by

family, colleagues and parish members. Brian thanked his supervisor, Rev’d John Hewitson, and expressed his appreciation for the support of his fellow ministers. He said he was both privileged and humbled to be a part of their personal growth in ministry skills development.

Baptism of Reneiloe Madonko

Reneiloe Madonko is to be Baptised on Sunday 21st June 2015 at 10.00 AM. Reneiloe is the daughter of Naomi Mathe and Qhawe Madonko.

This is an opportune time to refresh our understanding of the symbols of Baptism.

- 1. Cross** - To show that there will be some evil in our lives.
- 2. White Garment** - The white garment is a symbol of purity and a manifestation of the "new person." White symbolizes that the stain of Original Sin is no longer upon the child whose soul is wiped clean by the sacrament of Baptism. The infant is now a child of God and heaven is open to her.
- 3. Water** - Water reminds us that it is God who gives us life. Symbolizing cleansing and purity and washing away sins.
- 4. Oil** -The sign of the cross is made on the child’s forehead, symbolizing the giving of strength and the richness of God’ gift to us in Baptism.
- 5. Candle** - The final symbol in Baptism is the giving of a lighted candle. Light, like water, is essential for life. Without light there could be no life on this planet. It particularly symbolizes faith.

Share your photos

If you have a photo that you think will interest e-letter readers, please ring Kevin on 0427 295 367 or email them as JPG to kerdiflo@internode.on.net.

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