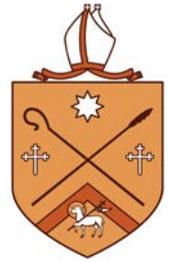


# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALICE SPRINGS

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## Parish e-letter

### The Diocesan Vision



*"We will be a welcoming community of Christ celebrating our faith, engaging creatively in renewing and growing our church and actively working for social and environmental justice for all."*

This is the Vision Statement for the Diocese of the Northern Territory.

**Do you know what the Vision Statement for the Parish of the Ascension is?**

The following is taken from "About Us" in our webpage:

#### Why we exist

As Anglicans in Central Australia we seek to worship and serve Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit by:

- \* living our Christian faith
- \* sharing God's love
- \* bringing hope to the community.

#### What we hope to be!

- \* A relevant, dynamic Christian community engaged in gospel-focussed living.

#### Our Tagline

- \* Jesus in the Centre

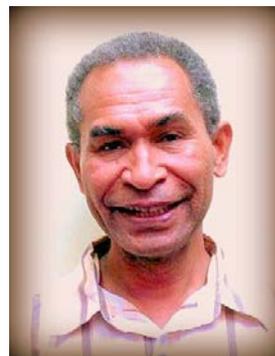
You can confirm, add-to or replace this Mission Objective by attending a parish consultation at **10.00 AM to 12.00 PM on Saturday 15 August 2015** at the church.

#### Brian Jeffries

The Rev'd Brian Jeffries was commissioned as Rector of the Anglican Parish of Alice Springs on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2014 by Bishop Clyde Wood and appointed Canon by Bishop Greg Anderson on 31 May 2015. Brian was ordained priest in 2003 by Bishop Garry Weatherill and served over three years at Port Augusta and Quorn in the Diocese of Willochra. Brian was Parish Priest for eight years in Ceduna on the far west coast of South Australia and was Archdeacon of Eyre. Brian was previously Head of Special Education at Cairns State High School after working as consultant in the Cape York communities of Aurukun and Kowanyama. He taught at Doomadgee State School where he met his wife Heather. Brian appreciates it is our faith and relationship in Jesus Christ which is the source of life and our greatest resource and is privileged to now serve in central Australia



#### Hiley Diweula



Fr Hiley was ordained as priest in Papua New Guinea in 1983 and served in PNG until 2004 when he came to Alice Springs as a Missionary with his wife Rita Sine. They have two daughters, Mary and Atelyne. They started work at St Mary's. Hiley is now engaged as a Worker-Priest with out-of-home people in need of care, through the not-for-profit *Life Solutions* organisation. As

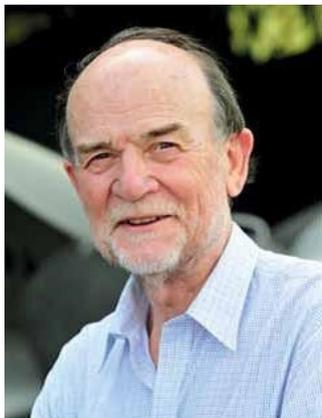
Associate Priest in the parish, he offers Holy Communion in the Rector's absence; provides Christian ministry in town camps during the week; offers prayer and praise to residents in the Alyerre Hostel in midweek and takes communion to the housebound after church on Sundays. He visits White Gates town camp for communion or evening prayer on Sundays. Hiley is also a member of our church Prison Ministry Team.

*More Parish Council members in following e-letters*

## Chancellor Max Horton Returns

The Diocesan Council met in Alice Springs on 2 August 2015 and some long-term parish members were very pleased to say “hello” to Max Horton, who is Chancellor of the Diocese.

Max’s renowned career includes the Law and membership of a number of Alice Springs community, sporting and social organisations and Tennis Australia, including overseas representation.



Max has been honoured with medals and awards from legal and sporting councils as well as the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List in 2004 and in 2011 he was inducted into the Alice Springs League of Champions.

**Prominent in the list of his participation has been his**

**connection with the Anglican Church.**

He was a People’s Churchwarden in Church of the Ascension for 25 years.

He has been Chancellor of the Diocese of the Northern Territory since 1985. Other Diocesan roles since 1972, include the NT Synod, Diocesan Councillor and Legal Adviser, Diocesan Tribunal Member, Board of Electors of Bishop (ex officio Chairman).

Member of the Queensland Provincial Synod, including its Standing Committee and Chairman of Committees. NT Representative to National General Synod for an aggregate period of around forty years.

Foundation Member of the National Constitution Review Commission from 1992 until it concluded in 2004.

Member of National Appellate Tribunal, 2004-2014. Appointed Deputy President in 2005 and sometimes acted as President.

Max was Australia’s Lay Representative on the Anglican Consultative Council for a 10-year term from 1982 (including meetings in Nigeria, Singapore, England [Lambeth Conference, 1988] and Wales).

**Max has fond memories of people and places in Alice Springs. He says he and his wife Lorna are now, “Territorians, living in Adelaide”.**

## Our Finances--Not Very Good

Treasurer, Margaret Marsh, has issued a half yearly financial report for the parish showing a serious deficit:

Income = \$ 57,516.56 -- Expenses = \$ 58,402.84

**6-Months Loss = \$ 886.00 + additional unpaid overdue bills of \$8,464.75 – that’s serious.**

## Patti Takes First Prize 25 Years in the Making

Congratulations to Patti Martin for taking out first prize in the Quilting Section at the recent Alice Springs Show.



Patti said, “The Heritage quilt came about when I was looking for something to occupy me when I had two little kids at home. I found this pattern in a magazine.

They used to publish one pattern every month and so it took a while to do the cross stitch since I had to do it at night when the kids were asleep.

My daughter, Ruth, was about five months old when I started. She is now twenty-five and I finished it last year.

I have never entered anything in the Alice Springs show or in any show for that matter but I was really chuffed to win a prize.

## Bazaar Bazaar – Not Far Off

CAKES: *Who else is helping Vera make cakes?*

PLANTS: *Where is Jack with his bean stalk?*

FULL BOTTLE: *Please wrap the bottles you fill.*

David: 0417 267 088 wants to hear about your preparation

## NOTES FROM THE PEW SHEET

**“Be still and know that I am God”**

Tuesdays 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

A time for prayer, meditation or quiet reflection is available for everyone in St Mary’s Chapel.

For further information, ring Warwick on 8952 5950

**Alpha Training -- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

**at 6.00 PM in the Church of the Ascension**

The Training Session is for anyone who would like to help with the Course and it will be followed by a shared meal.

**Quiz Night – Fun and Fellowship**

Friday 14 August 7.00 PM for 7.30 PM in the church.

Quiz Leader: Patti Martin. -- \$5 donation for costs.