



# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALICE SPRINGS

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## Parish e-letter

### *Safe Ministry* with children and young people

Leaders learn about child protection to make our church a safe environment

(From Left) David Bird, Susan Wright, Apajok Giir,  
Grant Butler, Patti Martin, Margaret Marsh



Rev'd Bruce Chapman  
Diocesan Safe Ministry Officer  
Detailing the characteristics of a ministry leader



12 members joined Rector Brian for six hours of intensive guidance  
from Rev'd Bruce Chapman on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### *Department Children and Families* – Facts –

*Reporting harm and sexual offences involving children*

**"Every person in the Northern Territory has a legal responsibility to report child abuse and neglect"**

The objective of the Northern Territory *Care and Protection of Children Act* is to promote the well-being of children by protecting them from harm and exploitation and by maximising their opportunities to realise their full potential.

By protecting the child/young person and helping the family, future abuse can be reduced, even eliminated.

The NT Department of Children and Families or police must be contacted if a person believes on reasonable grounds that:

1. Any child aged less than 18 years has suffered or is likely to suffer harm or exploitation.
2. Any child aged less than 14 years has been or is likely to be victim of a sexual offence (includes sexually active).
3. Any child aged less than 18 years has been or is likely to be a victim of a sexual offence occurring in the context of a special care relationship.

**Our parish takes these conditions very seriously and the Rector arranged the training session this month.**

## ***ALPHA – our life today***

By Rector Brian: ALPHA is a twelve weeks course that looks at the central message and basic teachings of who Jesus is, what the Bible is about, and how all this relates to our life today. The program offered in the



Church of the Ascension ended last month.

We joined with Living Hope Apostolic Church members and Pastor James Bortoli. On average about 25 people

attended each week.

It was an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and the teachings of the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment.

Each week we hosted a shared meal. After watching the Alpha DVD participants joined small group settings, where people were free to ask questions and share comments or insights with people from all walks of life.

Our plan is to offer Alpha again in 2016 following the *Will Graham Reality Event* planned for May 2016.

**Comment by Clare Tucker:**

"I found the best thing about the Alpha course was meeting people from the Apostolic church."

**Comment by Richard Tucker:**

"As to our own parishioners, it is always difficult to get many people to do any homework and learn more about their faith and the Bible. The early Alpha sessions are good evangelising tools, for example, pointing out that Jesus was in fact a real person and this can be shown outside the bible itself – something not appreciated by many people."

## ***Marriage of Vasiti and Paula***



Vasiti Turagavou and Paula Seruvatu were married in the Church of the Ascension on Tuesday 17 November 2015 surrounded by family and friends.

## ***Can you help?***

Accommodation is required for a single lady in Alice Springs who is a member of the congregation of the Church of the Ascension. Please phone Renuka on 0413 787 598 or the Rector on 0417 724 417

Furnishings and Whitegoods (a fridge and a bed) are required for a single lady who has just moved into supported accommodation with Anglicare. Contact: Kevin Skinner, 0428 549 907 or the Rector on 0417 724 417

## ***Farewell Allan and Pat Weeks***



After years of service to the parish Allan and Pat Weeks were farewelled on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015.



## ***Invitation to Attend a Service at St Mary's Chapel***

*We are pleased to advise that Services have recommenced in St Mary's Chapel, 311 South Stuart Highway.*

*Our next service is planned for Sunday afternoon 22 November 2015 at 4.00 PM.*

*We intend to celebrate Holy Communion on a monthly basis at the Chapel.*

*The Anglican Parish of Alice Springs will initially provide Services. Who knows where the Holy Spirit might lead us?*

*It is thought that the main source of regular participants will come from the area beyond the Old Timers, 446 Stuart Highway but there are also others living in Alice Springs who are former residents of St Mary's and others who just enjoy the spirituality associated with the St Mary's site and the Chapel.*

*We now have regular weekly service morning prayer followed by quiet time every Thursday morning at 9.00 AM. If you wish to find out more or want to make positive suggestions, please contact the Rector on 8952 1056 or Fr Hiley Diweula on 0402 662 405.*

## ***Back to St Mary's***

*On 4<sup>th</sup> March 1946 (70 years in 2016), the first children came to St Mary's for education. We would like to have a "Back to St Mary's Event" in June 2016 to celebrate this milestone.*

## ***Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)***

Clinical Pastoral Education is being offered by Rev'd John Hewitson from February to June 2016. If you are interested in learning more about pastoral counselling and if you are considering participating, John will hold a free 'Taste and See' gathering at the church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015 from 12.00 noon to 1.00 PM. The Rector has all the details.

## ***Parish Website***

Have a look at [alicespringsanglicanchurch.org.au](http://alicespringsanglicanchurch.org.au).

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