

## INTERVIEW WITH THE REV'D JOAN REED

by Canon Ian Barlow

As we draw to the close of a busy year, I take the opportunity to share with you a bit about Anglicare Whyalla Outreach Centre (AWOC) in 2015.

As many of you would know, the local Anglican Church in Whyalla has been active in Community Outreach for over forty years and the Parish of St Martin's continues to support the Outreach Centre in a myriad of ways. The majority of our Volunteers are members of the parish and they give generously to support our works. Involvement includes Emergency Assistance Interviewers, Bread Collectors and Packers, Computer Instructors, Tax Help and handypersons. Clearly, without the involvement of these committed people over many years, we would not have the valuable and thriving service that we have today.

Whyalla and its surrounding areas are going through difficult times at the moment. As an industrial town with the main focus on iron ore and manufacturing, the downturn in the global price of iron ore has resulted in job losses. This has had a spin-off effect on other areas; associated contracting companies, the housing market, schools, entertainment/leisure, food services, retail and the social and emotional climate of residents. But, as long time residents will point out, Whyalla has seen hard times before and has bounced back, so we are all being positive about our future.

So far this year AWOC has assisted over eight hundred clients along with around a thousand of their dependents. The most common reason clients share for attending the service is the cost of electricity. This is followed by other utility payments, rent, homelessness, medical problems, mental health issues, family violence, transport, job loss, household costs and family crisis. Providing food for a few days allows clients to address other areas of need in their lives.

A typical client may be any or all of the following; a single parent, a couple with or without children or a single person, possibly be a victim of family violence, have a diagnosed mental health condition, have poor physical health, be unemployed, have a disability, have an addiction including alcohol, drugs or gambling, be socially isolated or without family support and be living from payment to payment. Without a "buffer", one single incident can impact greatly on their ability to manage. That's where AWOC steps in. We provide food and other assistance to people experiencing these difficult times. Our Financial and Gambling Counselling Service located on site can also assist by addressing financial issues and work toward breaking the cycle of financial stressors. Our clients are shown love, care, patience, respect and compassion in the service we provide.

I send sincere thanks to all in the Diocese of Willochra for the loving support that has been shared with AWOC throughout the year. Donations of food, clothing, manchester, blankets and the beautiful hand knitted items have been appreciated enormously by our clients and contributed to improving their circumstances. Monetary donations are used to purchase food from the local Foodbank depot. Food can be purchased at a very low cost and just three dollars can provide breakfast, lunch or an evening meal for a family.

So, as you can see, we all connect to provide this wonderful outreach to our community.

Season's Greetings to all in the Diocese of Willochra from Anglicare Whyalla Outreach Centre for a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Jan Wakeling

By now you will know that Joan and John Reed have left Clare I asked Joan some questions about their future plans and hopes, to which she graciously replied.

Joan was Ordained as a non-stipended Deacon in 2008 and Priest in 2011 for the Ministry District of Wakefield.

**Ian:** We are sorry to lose you and John as you move on. The Church and the Community will miss you both. When will your last service be?

**Joan:** My last service is on 13th December, when I return to be part of the Kids' Club breakup.

**Ian:** When do you actually leave Clare?

**Joan:** On November 29th, after the morning service at St. Bamabas'

**Ian:** And where will you be living?

**Joan:** In Nuriootpa.

**Ian:** Nuriootpa is in the Diocese of Adelaide. Do you intend seeking a Permission to Officiate in that diocese?

**Joan:** Yes. Furthermore Bishop John has accepted our offer to continue to visit the Gawler Ranges.

**Ian:** What regrets do you have in leaving Clare?

**Joan:** I regret leaving lots of friends, but as past moves have shown true friendships always continue. I will miss being involved with the children and families of the Kids' Club, and visiting the residents of Carinya and Kara House.

**Ian:** And what are you looking forward to, in your move?

**Joan:** I am looking forward to spending more time with our family, and being part of a new community. I want to spend more time reading and doing craft, as well as travelling. John and I left Adelaide in 1971 and moved into the Diocese of Willochra, where we have experienced a wide variety of church services and made lots of friends. These experiences have helped me greatly in my ministry, and I feel also helped me in my preparation for Ordination.

**Ian:** Thank you, Joan, and may God bless you both in this new venture.

**John and Joan Reed were farewelled** on Sunday 22 November at St Barnabas, Clare during a pooled lunch, after Rev'd Joan led the morning service. The presentation of a painting by Ian Roberts was made to the Reeds as a thank you, together with other presentations and speeches. The Reeds are embarking on new horizons, residing in Nuriootpa

to be closer to family. Joan hopes to continue her ministry and will also continue with John to provide ministry in the Gawler Ranges. Both Joan and John will be missed in the community, as they were very involved in church life, Carinya, Lions, Clare Valley Christian Outreach and various other activities. Thank you Joan and John and God bless you in this new chapter in your lives.



Sonja Czora

## Pipe organ restoration at St Mary's, Burra

During the final week of September, the 110 year old Dodd pipe organ in St Mary's church at Burra underwent a long-planned restoration and is now in fine fettle, ready to continue its musical ministry. Richard Larritt of Adelaide undertook the project, working carefully and methodically, mostly within the organ chamber. Richard's music-student son Michael, on a university holiday break, was on hand as an able assistant.



The sight of so many of the pipes laid in sequence and size order along the sanctuary carpet was an education in itself. It was amazing to see many minute pipes, which along with the always-noticeable larger pipes seen on the exterior of the instrument, also play

their part in producing the glorious sounds of which this organ is capable.

The funds raised from public donations covered the work done and will also help towards keeping our treasured Dodd in good order. The members of the committee and the people of the parish are delighted that this work has been done. A local organist who played it not long after the work was completed, is thrilled by the difference that the restoration has made.

Following the success of the pre-restoration concert in August, a post-restoration concert was held in St Mary's on Sunday afternoon, 15 November.

**Mary Woollacott**



## The Centenary Committee

At the Centenary Garden Party, Bishop John, speaking on behalf of the diocese, thanked this hard working and visionary group for their dedication and commitment.

Each member was presented with a copy of the centenary history book "In a Dry and Thirsty Land..."

In her short response, the chairperson Dorothy Thorpe said that they started on the planning four years ago.

On the Friday evening, Bishop John and Jan hosted a dinner for the committee members at Bishop's House.

The members are: **Dianne Watson, David Thompson, Dorothy Thorpe, Trevor Briggs, Mary Catford and Anne Ford.**



## The Anglican Diocese of Willochra Bishop's Bushfire and Disaster Relief Appeal

Many have been affected by the recent bushfires around our diocese.

Please give generously to this Appeal.

Money donated can be sent to Church Office  
(P.O. Box 96, Gladstone, S.A. 5473)  
and is tax deductible.

(Cheques should be made out to *Anglicare Willochra* indicating that they should be directed to this Appeal)

Direct deposit: Bank SA 105 049 account 032439540

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## Paradise reclaimed

Through the soles of my feet

I draw up your energy,

O God,

that flows through the earth and all growing things

that nurture and sustain me.

Through the crown of my head

I absorb your energy,

O Sun,

that makes all life on this earth possible.

My body is not a prison,

but a garden of Eden,

where you and I can meet and play.

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