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A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

God of hope and love,
you have called us to be the body of Christ.
Inspire us in the Diocese of Willochra
to worship with joy and energy,
serve with compassion and be welcoming
of others in our communities,
so that all will know the good news of Jesus
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory for ever.
Amen.



SEEKING A PIONEER FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY

The Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Willochra
Parish of Flinders Plain

A challenging and exciting opportunity exists for a Pioneer Minister to start a community ministry in Port Pirie West in partnership with the Cathedral Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Port Pirie and the Diocese of Willochra.

We see the minister (and family) finding a place to live in the community, intentionally building gospel relationships with their neighbours and nurturing and encouraging them in life and faith.

We pray that as they walk and talk and share life, together they will grow the kingdom of God and the Body of Christ.

A Diocesan living will be provided.

Clergy and lay ministers are encouraged to enquire and express interest; an appointment package could then be shared.

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BISHOP JOHN STEAD

What a year 2020 is turning out to be!

Since suspending worship in the churches of the diocese back in March, I have been impressed with how people have responded to maintaining our sense of being the body of Christ, although we are a dispersed community. Contacts have been maintained by email and phone calls; verandah calls and the supply of material for at-home worship; and of course, people coming together for a live-stream worship service, Bible Study or meeting.

We have proved to ourselves that we can be the church while doing church differently. One of the encouraging experiences was knowing that a person who was over 90 years old had learnt how to use a computer. She joined a live-stream of Morning Prayer, when she couldn't get the sound to work she posted a message to the live-stream, and another participant told her how to get the sound working – the 90-year-old was in Clare, the person who helped her was in Wagga Wagga, NSW. Distance doesn't change our bond as members of Christ's body!

Of course, there are drawbacks to being together while being apart. Of course, we look forward to being able to be physically present in church for worship. We need to ensure that we take the positives of the experience into the future as we return to worship in our churches. One of those positives is the importance of connecting beyond Sunday worship and beyond being physically present. There have been people who joined our worship who were not attending church when we were in the building – we need to continue to make worship available through live-stream and not dismiss it as something we did in the Pandemic and can now stop doing. Live-stream is a way we can create and maintain connections to areas of the diocese we seldom reach – the Gawler Ranges and even further north. Live-streaming means we can have worship every week, if we choose to, in every place we have faithful people gathering; we need to put in place the infrastructure to enable this to happen.

So many of you have made a deliberate choice to step-up and act during this time. As we start the transition out of the restrictions we have had to live with, we cannot afford not to continue to step-up. It may mean that we increase our financial contribution, it might mean we become more involved in keeping in pastoral contact with each other, it may mean we volunteer to help with the cleaning we will need to undertake before each service in the church. I do not doubt that we can rise to the challenge.

Peace,



COPING WITH ISOLATION ZOOM CHURCH AT MINLATON

During the suspension of worship in our churches, many of us have been trying to find ways to 'do' church. The first Sunday of each month at St Benedict's is normally our Family Service and we can get up to 13 young people attending with their parents. Rather than lose contact with them during these 'different' times, I suggested to the families that we could try a Zoom Church – just the usual part of the service that is directed at the children. On Good Shepherd Sunday we had our first attempt and it worked well. During the previous week, I emailed some work sheets relating to The Good Shepherd and then sent an invitation on the Friday to join the Zoom Church. Two families responded and we all met up on our computers/iPads from our living rooms, just after 11am. After lots of greetings, the children showed everyone how they were going with their work sheets. My husband Michael (wearing a very funny hat) joined in on the piano and we sang a song that we sometimes sing in church. (I had emailed the words before-hand). I read a very simple version of the Gospel and then we had a discussion about pets, sheep and shepherds and Jesus. Half-way through the discussion on pets, one of the children disappeared and then re-appeared carrying a cat, which stayed with us for the rest of the service. We had some prayers about Covid-19 and finished with more verses from the song. It was a joy to be connecting again! We shall meet again next month.

REV'D ANNE FORD



MISSION TO SEAFARERS, PORT GILES

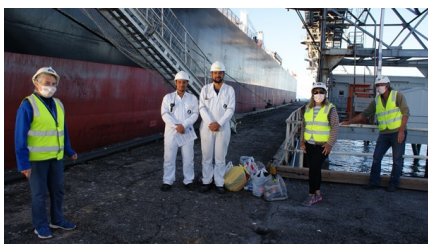
Since COVID-19 the Mission to Seafarers has been closed and we have not been able to go on any ships visiting Port Giles. It has meant that we are not able to take any seafarers ashore for some R&R.

Seafarers are not allowed to go ashore in any ports around the world. It is like their being in a floating prison with little contact with their families and loved ones. They are often not allowed to return home even if their contracts have finished. There are many seafarers around the world who have been abandoned on board their ships and are not permitted to go ashore.

As a result we decided to pack some care packages to provide some essentials and a few luxuries for the crews who are in continual isolation for some months.

Some wonderful people from various places have supplied us with beautifully knitted or crocheted rugs, beanies, mittens and neck warmers as well as draw string bags which we've filled with toiletries such as toothpaste and brushes, shampoo and deodorants. We've also packed chips, chocolates, books, moisturisers and a few souvenirs. We bought a variety of postcards on which people from the church and mission wrote messages of encouragement.

Because we have been prohibited from having close contact with the crews the bags have been placed at the end of the gangplank and are then collected by the seafarers.



The latest ship, the MV Tomini Felicity, has an Indian crew and the men were very happy to receive our gifts. The day after delivering the goods I had a request to do some shopping for the men, so after a shopping list was sent to me I was able to purchase the required goods to again deliver to the gangplank.

The MV Tomini Felicity is taking 49,000 tons of barley from Port Giles to China.

JUNE HARRISON

JUNE HARRISON, CHAPLAIN: SECOND OFFICER AJAY KUMAR SINGH:
CHIEF OFFICER VIKAS JAWLA: HEIDI JOHNSTON: MARK JOHNSTON

HOW HAVE I BEEN SPENDING THIS TIME?

I have enjoyed spending time at home, catching up on jobs especially in the garden with many vegetables now ready for picking. I do love being able to grow my own organic produce. I've also had the lawn top-dressed which has involved a lot of work levelling and removing small stones which were accidentally picked up in the driveway.

Settling Mum into the Gilbert Valley Senior Citizens home has been an unexpected bonus. She's quite happy there and enjoying the care and activities. I have been gradually sorting her house so that if she does get home it will be easier for her to move around.

I have a list of clearing/sorting jobs (e.g. cupboards, photos and recipes) but I'm waiting for the cold/winter weather to get on to these and I might just miss the boat if the restrictions allow resuming a more normal schedule.

Having time to join the morning prayer sessions Bishop John Stead provides on Facebook has been very good, and also the Sunday services, and it gives me an incentive to know others are worshipping at the same time (often not only from our Diocese). I've also had some online group sessions with Gael Johannsen, which have been interesting. I usually deliver the pew sheets Liz has prepared and enjoy keeping some contact with the congregation.

I've taken the time to learn some new skills including using Zoom and I've had several virtual catch-ups including a morning tea group and listening to grandchildren reading. I've also learnt how to host a couple of meditations on Zoom with invitations on Eventbrite, but decided this was not something I wanted to continue. The technology is tricky and I prefer face to face contact.

Meals on Wheels is a new activity I've picked up during this time.

Keeping up my yoga and walking routine (mostly daily) has been good; and also joining the Mindfulness in May program. This has offered a good range of top speakers on meditation and access to a great range of meditations. I often walk the 1km to visit Mum, and that helps encourage me to walk further.

After an initial period of keeping in isolation I am now having some contact with the family and have resumed some babysitting duties. My first trip back to Adelaide last week seemed unusual after having missed those trips for around 2 months.

We have had 4-5 lambs to feed and I've learnt how to feed them all at once with 2 bottles in each hand. They live in the dog yard and it's fun to watch their playtime around 5pm when they like to frolic about the yard. It will be a bit sad to see them head back to the paddock to join the others in a few weeks.

My sewing machine has had more use with a solid week making children's pyjamas for quickest warmth, and also trying to finish a quilt for one of the grandchildren. Hopefully the others won't want one, because I'm so slow at making them. I'm also doing some knitting for the grandchildren.

Ian's routine has not changed much; he goes to the farm almost every day - often 7 days a week. He enjoys being involved, especially with the sheep work.

As restrictions are gradually being lifted, I hope I can keep up some of the routines that have been established in the past few months. One thing is certain, I have not missed all the running around I usually do!

ROZ ROWETT, HOLY TRINITY, RIVERTON



LUCY FEEDING THE LAMBS



PENTECOST CRAFTS MADE BY ELLA, SCARLETT, TOM AND PHOEBE, ROZ'S GRANDCHILDREN

A CONTENTED LIFE IN ISOLATION IN WILMINGTON

After recent rains here at Wilmington, some 5 inches in all, I was shut inside my little cottage for several days due to that rain. I achieved a marathon effort working on my life story, something I started some 25 years ago and since the recent pandemic lockdown, I decided to get up to date with this writing. I spent some prolonged time in bed with my electric blanket and lap-top as it was just ever so cold during the four days of pouring rain. At this time while I was writing, I was thinking to myself how fortunate am I! I do have a bed with an electric blanket, enough food, and drink; not too much of the Gin as this is not recommended at this time. I have a little cottage to live in; many today are homeless, even in this lucky country, Australia. I thought of recent media coverage as to women and children in refugee camps living in tents, with no amenities like those to which I am accustomed. I also thought about some recent coverage of a boat filled with refugee families; emaciated, traumatised. Many were crying as the boat had been turned away from several countries due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. I cried! I thought of my life to this point 70 years + 1 and how fortunate I have been, even though at some points during my life, I have experienced some pain and trauma. None of my troubles could possibly compare to those who are destitute and without a country to call home. Every day I continue to count my blessings and the many blessings my family enjoys in this 2020; even during the pandemic.

My prayers during this recent time have been focused on political leaders being given insights towards greater compassion and understanding; to be motivated towards a global change. One which will have a humanitarian focus to basic needs being met for all; a place to call home for all, food and income. A world focus towards a primary production of food and maintaining a healthy Mother planet. Is this the message indicated since the recent circumstances of lockdown! Our earth's atmosphere has cleared. The challenge for all leaders is to have a clearing of mind matters towards the cleansing of the planet and a cleansing of the minds of all humankind.

So let us all pray, each and every day as we go about our business during this enforced lockdown, not for ourselves but for all those others; our sisters and brothers, our humankind to be more kind each to the other and our Mother.

I love my little garden and it is here, I am closest to my God and when I am not writing or talking on the telephone to another; or checking my email. I am in my garden; working to maintain this garden's health and in doing so I am maintaining my health, both physical and mental. The Earth is our big garden and she is given to all humankind, all must be in a better mind, for all humankind. She feeds us!

Shalom!

REV'D MARGIE FIEGERT

**ST THOMAS, PORT LINCOLN SHOWS OFF
THEIR RECENTLY RENOVATED KITCHEN**



**FROM THE LOUNGE ROOM WINDOW OF
JUNE HARRISON—CALM AFTER RAIN,
WHAT A WONDERFUL, EVER CHANGING,
ISOLATED VIEW**



VALE, REV'D SAL TATCHELL 1929-2020

Doris Erica Jay, known as Sal in her later years, was born on May 6th, 1929 in Dorking, England. She was 9 years old when WWII started and 15 years old when it finished. Whilst attending the Kingston College of Arts for an Arts Degree she realised that she was not good enough to make it a success and applied to a North London Hospital to train as a nurse. In her second year of training she met Tony Tatchell who was a patient in her hospital and a sailor in the British Merchant Navy. Fraternising with patients was forbidden and mum refused to stop seeing Tony, so her nursing training came to an abrupt end. Tony proposed and Sal accepted, but Tony, after resuming his life back at sea decided he didn't want to get married and wrote to say he had changed his mind.

Sal then joined the army as a driver and was posted to Egypt with the Middle East Land Forces. As a result of an Arab raid, her back was broken, and she was returned to England on a hospital ship and then to military hospitals where she spent six months before being declared medically unfit. She was awarded the King's Disability medal. A specialist in London helped her walk again and she then applied to resume her nursing training and 2 years later became a State Registered Nurse.

It was then that Tony walked back into her life and proposed. Sal accepted and they were married on July 21st, 1951. They had five children.

In March 1967, Tony and Sal emigrated to Australia with 5 kids, 14 tea chests and 40 pounds. They were housed in Nissan huts in Pennington Hostel, Adelaide and Tony went off to Whyalla to secure a job as a foreman with the Port Waratah Stevedoring on the docks. He was allocated a housing trust semi-detached home and the family joined him in Whyalla.

Sal was always religious and found that religious instruction was not taught in state schools. She joined a group of other mothers and succeeded in getting Religious Instruction implemented. She joined the ministry team at Holy Trinity Church in Whyalla West and was licensed by the Bishop as a Lay Preacher and then as a Pastoral Assistant. She had a radio program on 5AU telling bible stories to children on Sunday mornings and she became a Youth line Counsellor and eventually a Youth line Director in Whyalla.

In 1978 their youngest son Michael was killed in a car crash in Whyalla, which placed enormous strain on their marriage and in 1980 they separated with Sal moving to Moonta Mines where she rented a Miner's Cottage. After two years Tony was made redundant. He and Sal decided to give it another go and bought the cottage, complete with an outside long drop dunny with red back spiders the size of 50 cent pieces, a bath with a woodchip heater and only 1 power point throughout the whole house.

Sal decided to do some more theological training and made arrangements to enter the Bible College at Malvern in Adelaide to do a 3-year course and obtain her Bachelor of Theology. Ten days before she was due to leave, she received a visit from Bishop Bruce Rosier and she shared with him her plans for the future. Bishop Bruce asked her if she would consider doing a Clinical Pastoral Education course at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital instead and on the spur of the moment she cancelled her arrangements at the Bible College and commenced training at the QEH as a Chaplain, where she obtained a Supervisory level of qualification in Chaplaincy.

Going back to Moonta, Sal was commissioned as a Lay Chaplain in the Parish of Kadina and two years later asked the Bishop to consider ordaining her into the Diaconate as she believed God was calling her to the Sacred Ministry. At the age of 61 she became the first woman to be ordained in the Diocese of Willochra and took up the position of Deacon Assistant in the local parish. Nine years later, at the age of 70, she was ordained to the priesthood and on January 31st, 1999, took up her ministry as Priest at Moonta.

Priest, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother and matriarch of the Tatchell clan, that little girl born on May 6th 1929 who passed away on February 14th 2020, had certainly come a long way and touched a lot of people's lives for the better.

Adapted from the eulogy given by Christopher Tatchell at Sal's funeral on 21st February 2020 at St Aidan's church, Tanunda

OUR NEW PRIMATE



The Anglican Church of Australia elects a Primate every six years to be 'first among equals' of the Bishops in our national church, and the recent election of Archbishop Geoff Smith of Adelaide is a significant step for us in this Province as he is the first Archbishop of Adelaide ever to fill the role. In the 1990s Bishop Keith Rayner was the Primate, but he filled that position from his then post as Archbishop of Melbourne after he left Adelaide.

Archbishop Geoff is our 'Metropolitan' as well, this being the title attaching to the Archbishop of a Province, in this case South Australia, with its three Dioceses of Adelaide, The Murray and Willochra.

Abp Geoff has visited us in our Diocese. He came to our 2019 Synod in Jamestown and preached at the Eucharist before staying on to hear the musings of Synod for most of the Saturday session. He surprised some with his comment at the time that he was impressed with the prominent role that the laity seemed to play in our diocese.

Abp Geoff has spent most of his time as a clergyperson in Queensland, some in New South Wales and came to Adelaide as Archbishop, being installed in April 2017, following the retirement of Archbishop Jeffrey Driver in 2016. He was previously an Assistant (Regional) Bishop and later Registrar of the Diocese of Brisbane.

His appointment as Primate is for six years with the possibility of re-election for a further three years. He succeeds Archbishop Philip Freier of Melbourne who retired at the end of March.

Archbishop Geoff retains his position as a Diocesan and Metropolitan Bishop, so he has a heavy workload. No doubt he will delegate where possible. His two major duties are to chair meetings of the General Synod and its Standing Committee (Bp John and Ven. Mary Lewis from Willochra are on that body) and to be the official voice for the Anglican Church when public pronouncements on policy are required. He will also be a voice in future Primate's Meetings, one of the four instruments of unity in the Anglican Communion.

The Diocesan family here congratulates and wishes him well in his new role.

CANON MICHAEL FORD



ARCHBISHOP GEOFF SMITH WITH
BISHOP JOHN AND THE WILLOCHRA
CLERGY AT SYNOD 2019

COOL WORLD

THE REV'D JOHN FOWLER

It's been seventeen years since *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* last appeared on our television screens. Seven eventful seasons of fantasy, drama, personal relationships and a rare glimpse into the world of vampires, demons and other creatures that go bump in the night.

And into that world steps Buffy Summers, a seemingly everyday teenager who just wants to live a normal life but instead is thrust into the role of vampire slayer. As the opening narration states 'Into every generation a slayer is born: one girl in all the world, a chosen one. She alone will wield the strength and skill to fight the vampires, demons and the forces of darkness; to stop the spread of their evil and the swell of their number. She is the Slayer.'

At this point in my article it is worth mentioning that there are some Christians who will dismiss *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* as evil and satanic and should be avoided at all costs. At the end of the day, however, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* is your typical tale of good versus evil with Buffy and her friends representing the good guys as they battle all manner of evil in the fictitious town of Sunnydale in California.

And while it would be a tad melodramatic to suggest that *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* changed my life, it did have quite an impact and introduced me to a world of fandom that I had never encountered before. This humble TV series had a life of its own to the extent that it almost became an industry producing all manner of merchandise and memorabilia. *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* also introduced me to fan fiction, whereby fans would write their own stories featuring characters from the show. I dabbled a bit in fan fiction myself, writing a couple of stories with a fellow fan. One of our stories was even published online.

I first stumbled across *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* during Season Four when I was looking for a way to connect with my teenage stepdaughter. From there my interest took off to such an extent that I went looking for more information wherever I could find it. As this was in the early days of the internet I had to go old-school and search through book shops and other such places. As luck would have it,

Bendigo had a wonderful book shop that had quite a selection of *Buffy*-related books and a shop assistant who was a fan of the show. I also discovered a specialist shop in Melbourne that catered exclusively to fans of any number of television shows including a vast section dedicated to *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

When people have asked me why *Buffy* captured my imagination to the extent that it did, I'm not sure I can give a definitive response. The best I can come up with is to suggest that people have a look at an episode or two for themselves and make up their own minds. To that end, I would highly recommend the episode *Hush* from Season Four which is not only a great episode, but also one of the finest pieces of television ever produced. For those of you with Foxtel, *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* screens daily on their Sci Fi channel.

Come into my Cool World next issue as I share my experiences from a *Buffy* Convention I attended in upstate New York in 2003.

CANON JOHN FOWLER

MINISTRY DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN FLINDERS



LISTENING



(Anzac Day 2020)
6.30 a.m.,
walking through
eerily empty streets,
listening,
listening.
Ears strained
to hear the refrain,
of the last post
from someone's device,
echoing around
the otherwise silent town.
Somewhere a church bell
tolls the importance of the day,
calling me to
listen,
listen.
The memorial in the main street
is empty too,
silhouetted against the backdrop
of a blood-red dawn.
It should,
like our lives,
be crowded,
noisy,
busy.

At 8 a.m. I talk to a returned serviceman
who has come to be present
at the memorial.
He tells me more of his story,
stuff I wouldn't otherwise hear
had it been like other years.

Another man comes to raise the flags,
and I learn about the importance
of getting it right
so they never touch the ground,
or are hoisted upside down.
And I must
listen,
listen,
to find myself connecting
in ways only made possible
by the onslaught -
not of the armies
usually told of on this day - but of an invisible,
just as deadly,
enemy.
It seems that silence itself
has overflowed the confines
of its allotted one minute
to wash over the weeks and months
of our lives, calling us into itself,
to a place of
deep, deep
listening.

Rev'd Sr Sandra Sears 7/5/2020



‘GROUND BREAKING’

On Tuesday the 2 June, 2020, The Willochra Home held a ‘Ground Breaking’ ceremony for their new 10 bed unit. MP Rowan Ramsey, Bishop John Stead, CEO Gavin Tyndale, GM Pam Charnock, Mayor Leon Stevens, Councillor Kendall Jackson, Troy Owen (Architect), and the Pascale Construction Team, all joined in celebrating this major milestone for The Willochra Home. The new build is funded by the generous grant of \$3 million that was received in 2019. It is hopeful for the build to be completed by December this year.



ISSUES THE REV'D FLO WALTERS

'WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER'?

The other evening I heard the jingle '*We are all in this together*' for the umpteenth time, and it suddenly hit me how clichéd, meaningless and irrelevant the words must sound to some people. It is true that we are all being affected in some way or other by the COVID-19, but the impact of that virus will affect people differently according to their circumstances.

Experiencing '*social isolation*' in a very comfortable situation surrounded by immediate family and the latest in electronic and digital communication devices, would be very different to that experienced by somebody not computer literate and living in a digital-free one bedroom housing trust unit from whence even the usual weekly outing to the shops is now discouraged.

It seems to me that over the last few weeks already existing social issues such as homelessness, isolation, loneliness, domestic violence, rejection, and grief have been exacerbated, while those of us living quite comfortably really have no idea – and I include myself there. For example we cannot grasp what it is like to be spending this time – alone and cold on a park bench.

For weeks my preoccupation was pinpointing a store that actually had toilet paper. While such shopping issues made for complication and frustration at times, they cannot be compared with the life and death challenges other people face. Both my husband and I have missed the informal country catch-ups in the supermarket or wherever, but we know it won't be forever. We know that the time will come when things will go back to some sort of normality.

My prayer is that those people with relatively more serious problems during this time can all come to feel God's presence, and above all know deep down that they are not alone – and loved so very much. Let us think of them, let us pray for them, but most of all let us help them when we can.

THE REV'D FLO WALTERS



National Redress Scheme

For people who have experienced
institutional child sexual abuse

The Diocese of Willochra is committed to the National Redress Scheme to provide an additional avenue for redress for those who have experienced abuse in the church. The Diocese was declared as a Participating Institution in the Scheme on 1st March 2019.

Persons wanting to make an application to the Scheme may do so at any time while the Scheme remains open.

Further information about the National Redress Scheme, including information on how to access advisory and support services, can be found [here](#).

A TALE OF TWO PHILIPS—SMALL 'S' SERVANTS



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST PHILIP
AND ST JAMES BELVIDERE

Do you ever wonder whether you are a productive 'link in the chain' used by God to further His Kingdom on Earth? In our church, as a reflection of our human society we often think there are some tasks more

important than others. Yet not all of us can be full time ministers or large audience speakers and we could fall into the trap of thinking we do not seem to contribute much to the bigger picture.

Our series of articles in Buspa's Corner on Small s servants teaches us that throughout the Bible and throughout history we meet numerous people who have been unheralded and unsung but who have been an important link in the chain that God can use to reach out to people.

Of the Twelve Apostles, we don't hesitate to name people like Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, and of course we know of Peter, Thomas and Judas.

Let me introduce to you two Philips who are mentioned in the Bible and who played a significant part, albeit what seems a small part in God's scheme of things.

The Apostle Philip was initially a disciple of John the Baptist who, along with Peter and Andrew came from Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus spoke to him direct and called him to 'Follow me'. (John 1:43) 'Philip found Nathanael and told him "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, son of Joseph".' (John 1:44-45) It was Nathaniel who asked 'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' (verse 46)

In John 12 we learn that some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover feast asked for an introduction to Jesus, and this was passed on through Andrew. In the narrative about the Feeding of the Five Thousand, it was Philip who had calculated that 'Eight months wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!' (John 6:7) Following the Last Supper, it was Philip who said to Jesus 'Lord show us the Father and that will be enough for us'. (John 14:8) Jesus' response was a

challenge to Philip 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?'

The last we read of Philip is in the beginning of the book of Acts (Acts 1:13) when the disciples gathered to vote to replace Judas.

The other Philip is usually distinguished from the disciple of the same name by calling him 'Philip the evangelist' or 'Philip the deacon'. He was one of the chosen seven deacons selected to serve the church in Jerusalem who we read about in Acts 6:5. Following Stephen's stoning and his burial, Philip went to Samaria to proclaim the Christ there (Acts 8:7). It is a great encouragement for us to read in Acts 8:26-39 of the amazing (and I use the word correctly) co-incidence of Philip meeting the Ethiopian Eunuch on the desert road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza. This man, an important official who was the treasurer of the Queen of Candace had been to Jerusalem to worship – one of numerous 'God-fearing' people, and was reading from a scroll of the book of Isaiah as he slowly made his return in his chariot. Philip, prompted by an angel of the Lord ventured onto the desert road and arrived alongside the chariot at the exact time the eunuch was reading the passage of scripture that described Jesus' death. Philip's explanation told him of the good news of Jesus and of His recent crucifixion. The combination of the eunuch's reading, the connection of the prophetic passage with the correct explanation led to the conversion and baptism of this person, and hence the carrying of the good news to Ethiopia. The right person in the right place at the right time. God's person, God's place and God's timing.

We never know how we can be used of the Lord to share a word in season, a word of encouragement, or an invitation to a friend. We may well look back over our own life to recognise how someone has also been a small s servant obedient to God's prompting that made a difference to our Christian walk.

Pray that we may be a small s servant ready and willing to be used of the Lord.

JOHN CRONSHAW



COVID-19 – A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MOTHERS' UNION WORLDWIDE PRESIDENT SHERAN HARPER

My beloved MU Family across the oceans, and from near and far,

I greet you with the love and courage of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour because He is our strength, our hope and our solid rock.

So much has been happening recently as COVID-19 is declared a pandemic and governments are advising that we take the necessary precautions to avoid the spread of the virus. There is so much we have to come to terms with in such a short time.

One of our faithful members, Dianne, went to deliver groceries to her mum who is self-isolating after recent travel. She was in tears as she dropped the groceries at the doorstep and watched her mum through the window with no chance of a hug.

There are so many similar stories including those of people who are ill or afraid, lonely or isolated.

And in times like these I encourage you to **take heart** and **do not fear** because the Lord, your God is by your side - an ever present help in times of trouble.

In the book of Joshua Chapter 1 verse 9 we read,

'I hereby command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Amen.'

As members you are bold and brave, full of courage and compassion, and so very loving and just like Esther, you stand daily on the frontline calling for an end to injustices and advocating for all that supports stable families and communities.

You have been busy in these acts of love but now many of you are being called to be quiet and to self-isolate in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus. You will discover there is still so much we can do as members because as a movement we are ideally placed to support and act in this time, but only within the health advice given by your respective governments.

Now here are a few practical ideas to start with and there are seven of them:

Pray and intercede for everyone including the health care professionals, the sick, the isolated, the bereaved and all those directly involved in finding a cure for this coronavirus.

Pray and spend time listening to God, strengthening your relationship with him, reading his word and sharing it with others.

Families Worldwide is an excellent resource to guide your prayers for members across the globe and the stories in Families First can open a good conversation. I can assure you that using these two resources will give the feeling of love and togetherness.

Our trustees have been using WhatsApp to encourage, support and pray for one another – you can use it in the same way and additionally even share a new recipe, prayer requests and messages of encouragement.

Facetime and Skype are other options so the family can still feel near to each other ... even with physical distance. Board games and other activities can keep the children and grandchildren occupied too. Even saying hello to neighbours at a particular time each day could bring great excitement.

For those who are able to - delivering groceries, medication and running errands within the parameters of keeping safe is very useful for those who cannot go out

Your church may start streaming services and mid-week online prayers. Why not join in? You could even start streaming a Branch Meeting if you're feeling very adventurous! And that is one I would certainly do!

As I close, I leave you with the encouraging words from 2 Corinthians Chapter 12 reading verse 9 and 10. Such reassuring words.

'But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.'

Brothers and sisters let us pray together

Lord Jesus Christ,

you said to your disciples,

I am with you always, even to the end of time

Be with me today Lord, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself,

And keep me in your tender loving care always. Amen.

AMUA WORLDWIDE
PRESIDENT SHERAN HAR-



CHRISTINE BRAIN, OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH DEPARTMENT HEAD, ANGLICAN MOTHERS' UNION AUSTRALIA - MYANMAR REVISITED



CHRISTINE BRAIN ON THE RIGHT

Arriving at Yangon International Airport in late December 2019 I expected to feel quite at home. After all, this was my third visit in four years - things couldn't have changed very much, surely? Not so! Shiny new terminal facilities and efficient new procedures were but a foretaste of many other changes in Myanmar, which has emerged from the shadows into the 21st century with energy and enthusiasm.

There is more traffic, but the streets are cleaner and there are fewer roaming dogs; there are many high-rise buildings under construction; 'safety first' signs are everywhere (one which took my eye urged people to 'Wear the rash helmet' while riding on a motor cycle); the magnificent Colonial-era 'Secretariat' building has been renovated and opened to visitors; there seems to be more money being spent on imported goods (I bought Bega cheese and a Riverland orange in the supermarket) and Western dress is worn by many more people, even older women!

This was Beverley Ovens' and my third visit to Myitkyina, the main town in Kachin State, where we were again warmly welcomed. It is a beautiful part of the country, with lovely forests of teak and other timbers, and rich with gold, jade and other minerals and semi-precious stones. The Ayerwaddy (Irrawaddy) River has its headwaters here, before winding its way through the whole country, ending in the Delta area of the south.

Before the conference started we enjoyed a day out, visiting a recreation area on the banks of the river, enjoying lunch at a brand-new semi-open air restaurant set in pretty gardens. We also visited a parish church on the outskirts of the city where parishioners and other interested parties provide accommodation, food and clothing to 13 families who have fled the fighting between the Kachin Independence Army and the Burmese Army. It was the bishop's wife birthday, and she had arranged for a gift of 13 bags of rice to be delivered-enough for each family for about one month.

The conference itself was attended by about 120 women, many of whom were young mothers. They were attentive, with most taking copious notes. I was told that the women appreciate the fellowship and respite from the hard daily grind of village life which the teaching

conferences provide and revel in their increasing ability to contribute to church life and share their Bible knowledge.

The Kachin love music, dance and colour, and we were treated to a feast of all three at a concert and the Sunday service which marked the end of the conference. A wedding in the cathedral meant that we held our sessions on the Saturday morning in the Sunday School hall. Only those used to sitting cross-legged on the floor for three hours could endure it, but they did. Beverley and I were grateful to be given chairs!

Our second conference was in Pyay, in Chin State. This large town, about five hours drive (on good roads) from Yangon is also on the Ayerwaddy River. It is a new diocese, with a youthful and energetic bishop, who visits his scattered parishes by motor-cycle, with his wife sitting side-saddle behind him. The roads aren't good and the terrain is very hilly, so it is quite tiring. While admitting that this is quite challenging at times, he is enthusiastic about the opportunities to share the good news of new life in Christ with others in their region. This time there were about 60 women of all ages present, many of whom had travelled long distances by mini-bus or on the back of a motor-cycle. Again, many women took notes. Some of the women were illiterate, but I was told that they have a great capacity to retain what they have heard. These women also love to sing and learned several new songs very quickly. One particularly lovely song was the Lord's Prayer sung in the local language.

It is always a privilege to share fellowship and to read the Bible with other Christians, and being involved in this ministry to the women of the Anglican Church in Myanmar has been no exception.

Will you join me in praying for Myanmar - for continued growth in both the depth and reach of the church, for a godly response to the rapid rise of wealth which is both helping and harming the nation and for a good outcome in the next election, due late in 2020?



BREAKFAST CLUB AT RIVERTON & DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN A WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, WAS WRITTEN BY A YEAR 8 STUDENT AT RIVERTON AND DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL WHERE AMUA MEMBERS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING BREAKFAST TO STUDENTS FOR 12 YEARS

'I never knew this, but Breakfast Club was originally started to give underprivileged children the chance to eat in the mornings. It was also set up to help families whose parents started work early and were too rushed to have time for breakfast. It has progressed into as much of a social environment as it is to be feeding the children.

I honestly never knew that there was a Breakfast Club until last week as I did not think that high school would have a Breakfast Club, but they do.

Last week was my first time going. Before I got there all I could smell was pancakes. The special volunteers from Riverton had spent their time cooking for everyone. They make a variety of breakfast foods like French toast, bacon and eggs, pancakes (cooked especially last week to celebrate Shrove Tuesday) and so many more things.

Thankyou to the lovely volunteers for making all the nice food every Wednesday, we all know that you don't have to make food for Breakfast Club because you could be doing something better, but you do it anyway.

I would go to Breakfast Club anytime.'



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SLOWING DOWN

HOW WONDERFUL IT HAS BEEN TO HAVE THE RAIN THIS WEEK AND WHAT A TREAT FOR OUR GARDENS.

For the past seven years I have worked part-time in a fairly (at times) demanding job. Fortunately, I had a very understanding Executive group who at times when Russ was not well and my loyalties were somewhat divided, stood by me and understood.

Russ's death which to me was quite sudden and unexpected, pointed me in a new direction. Just after my 80th birthday, I stood down from my job and handed over to someone who is much younger and probably more vibrant.

Slowing down has been quite an experience, falling as it has in the grip of Covid-19 and isolation. Suddenly I found myself confined to home and I am really enjoying it.

For the first time in many months, I have turned to my sewing machine once again and to making garments for children in need. It is fun. My evenings are spent watching television and knitting and I don't think I have ever made so many jumpers in such a short time. – again, most enjoyable.

Last week for the first time in I don't know how long, I made a large bread and butter pudding. Well done me, I can still cook!

My garden is looking so good. With the help of my gardener once a month, it is blooming. People ask me why I don't move to a smaller house, but why should I? I have a level 2 Government home care package which provides me with so many options of help that I am well looked after. Recently I had a Zoom meeting with an occupational therapist to make sure that I had everything I needed to make life easy.

I began using a computer in 1988. I really didn't know what it was or what it did, but over the years it has been my right-hand mate. I have developed and refined my skills over 30 years and am grateful that although my body might not be A1, my mind is still quite OK.

It was on coming to live in Riverton and meeting the wonderful congregation at Holy Trinity, that I chose to truly and faithfully follow God once again after a lapse of a few years. My faith in God, and my ability to accept life as it comes, has enabled me to understand Russ's illness and death, together with the other ups and downs of life on my own. I remain positive and enjoy helping others however I can. I have appreciated Bishop John's streaming of Sunday Morning services over the past few weeks and look forward to returning to church and our congregation, free of Covid-19.

ELIZABETH HARRIS

Be with me today...

Heavenly Father be with us today,
help us do your will we pray.
Let the reflection of your peace
in our words and deeds never cease.

Holy Spirit inside us grow,
lead us so that we may know
what you want us to say and do,
and help us follow in your shoes.

Dear Jesus, fill our hearts and lives,
please leave no room for petty strife,
let not any space be bare
to be filled with empty care.
Amen.

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