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OUT AND ABOUT WITHIN WILLOCHRA

The Registrar, along with Lily and Debbie travelled to Whyalla, Cowell, Cleve, Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln recently finishing the trip with a service and morning tea at Cummins.

It was lovely to get out and see our beautiful churches.

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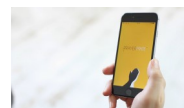
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A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

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.



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BISHOP JOHN STEAD

We are doing things differently now, and have been since March when we had to cease worshipping in the church building. On the whole, as I have recommenced travelling for Sunday worship and other events, I have felt that we have coped exceptionally well with the ongoing barrage of changes to which we have had to adapt. The latest was the introduction of COVIDSafe Marshalls.

Our society is founded upon the principle that there are limitations on the individual while respecting 'human rights' when the community benefits in general. For instance, we do not have a 'right to bear arms'; instead, we limit those who can own guns by using background and character checks. During the Pandemic, we have placed restrictions on people to ensure that we minimise community transmission – rules that protect the most vulnerable, flatten the curve and limit the number of those who get seriously ill or die. As a community, we are currently putting the needs of the majority ahead of the needs of the individual.

The majority of people accept the current need for limitations upon our rights; we must, of course, be vigilant that with the easing of the Pandemic, there is also an easing of the restrictions.

Christians believe that human life is a sacred gift from God. Sanctity of life includes the right to die with dignity. Therefore we have a responsibility to protect those living in aged care during the Pandemic. I am so pleased to report that the Willochra Home has not had any cases of COVID-19. This has required the staff, residents and visitors to accept limitations on their behaviour. A consequence of the strict adherence to the current hygiene regime has been a dramatic reduction in deaths among those in aged care from the flu.

We are becoming used to what some have started calling COVID Normal; the way we have to live and be community at this specific time and for many months to come. I am grateful to so many of you for rising to the challenge that faces us as we ensure that our churches, our worship, and our gatherings are safe. To those who have undertaken the cleaning and sanitising, those who have stepped up and taken on COVIDSafe Marshall role and those who have maintained connections with members of your congregation and others in the wider community.

Peace,



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PIONEER MINISTRY

Pioneers are people called by God who are the first to see and creatively respond to the Holy Spirit's initiatives with those outside the church; gathering those around them as they seek to establish new contextual Christian community.

Pioneers are initiators of new things

Pioneers have spiritual insight to 'see' what God is 'up to' in the world

Pioneers are creative and find culturally appropriate ways of connecting with people outside of church

Pioneers are good at building new relationships, gathering and connecting people

Pioneers can read the culture and context and adapt the Christian message and ways to their audience

Pioneers have the desire, potential and call to lead a new Christian community

Pioneers may be lay or ordained, stipended or non-stipended

During our service of worship for Willochra Weekend, we celebrated the beginnings of Pioneer Ministry in our diocese. We have been holding conversations about Pioneering for the last two years, and at the beginning of this year a quarterly Pioneer Training Weekend was introduced. COVID-19 has certainly caused us to moderate some of our early plans or to do things differently. However, now we are well on the way to a future where Pioneer Ministers (Lay and Ordained) and their ministries will be a part of the mixed economy of missional ministries exercised within the Diocese of Willochra.

A Pioneer Ministry Support Group has been formed and had its first meeting

Flyers describing Pioneer Ministry and the role of Pioneer Ministers have been distributed (see your priest if you have not received your flyers)

The Archdeacon for Ministry Development, Formation and Support, under the oversight of the Mission Oversight Team, has direct supervision of Pioneer Ministers and their ministry

An amount for Pioneer Ministry grants has been allocated in the Diocesan Budget

Pioneers are owning their calling, prayerfully considering where they can join God's activity in their neighbourhoods, and submitting their projects

MEET SOME OF OUR PIONEERS

CARYLL CABOT is a Lay Pioneer Minister at Tumby Bay. Caryll's ministry is 'parish based', its focus being the beautiful Church of St Margaret of Antioch, much valued by the local community. A variety of activities including Art Exhibitions, Street Library, Friends of St Margaret's, Funeral Seminars and much more, connect the wider community with the worshipping community at St Margaret's.

"We have focused on the needs of our local wider community, to invite all who wish to come into this beautiful and historic church (in a variety of ways which may interest them) where they will find unconditional inclusion and welcome, food served with warm hospitality and an opportunity to enrich their lives and to be part of our church community in whichever way they choose. To know they are valued and that we care and are ambassadors for Christ.

Plans are in progress for: 'Billy Tea & Damper' / 'Coffee and Cake' morning teas each Sunday morning after our church service....plan to invite Friends of St Margaret initially, then open it to whoever wants to drop in with no condition to attend the service.

We already bring and share our garden surplus when we have it and plan to include something like a 'Sunday Surplus' where people can bring and take whatever. This might be housed in a colourful wheelbarrow or whatever is available".

PIONEER MINISTRY

REV'D MARGI FIEGERT is a deacon ordained for local ministry at Port Augusta. Margi's ministry is based at St Augustine's in the city of Port Augusta. She is eager to support and nurture the faithful congregation at St Augustine's while creating connections with the wider community. Margi feels called to community chaplaincy, a popular and fruitful expression of Pioneering in the Church of England.

"I have felt for some time there exists an opportunity for Growing the Kingdom of God in Port Augusta through a passion and interest shared by many who are spiritual; but not connected necessarily to Christianity. Many people young and old are interested in gardening and the love of the earth and nature. I believe now is the right time to facilitate a connection; through bringing of likeminded people together, those who have a shared passion for gardening and are from within the Port Augusta community."

During the COVID-19 Pandemic many people who have not previously been gardeners have now taken to gardening; being as this activity is noted to promote physical, mental and spiritual wellness and gardens can and do provide a good source of nutritious food. Port Augusta to date has no centrally located community garden or potting shed where people can gather together to work and exchange ideas and plants. I can envisage the potential to grow a community of likeminded people through providing the venue of the "Potting Shed & Garden". A place where people can meet and greet; perhaps grab a cuppa or coffee from within the little "Bookshop Boutique" at the back of the St. Augustine's Church, right next to where the Potting Shed and New Garden is envisaged to be. Taking one's cuppa or coffee out in the garden, to sit on an old church pew or two, with a likeminded few! In time we hope to work towards a meal gathering with worship and giving thanks for our volunteers, our garden and all of God's goodness to us."

SHERIDAN BRAND is an Ordinand (discerned for local Priesthood) at Kadina (Parish of the Copper Coast). Sheridan understands her ministry to be parish based, but is seeking to gather a new community whose gathering and worship may evolve outside of the church building.

"It is on my heart to provide a space for people to come where they know they will be accepted, loved, and cared for without anything expected in return. A place where they can grow mentally and spiritually, have their faith nurtured in a caring environment. This space would work alongside our traditional services and gatherings, working together to offer our community several types of worship and hospitality to the people and visitors of the Copper Coast."

My thoughts are to use our wonderful gardens at our three churches as an open, welcoming place for people to gather. I envisage a time around the firepit, toasting marshmallows, cooking baked potatoes and just being present for people. Perhaps even a wine, cheese and crackers evening under the stars. We also have the fantastic asset of our Parish Café which I intend to use for coffee gatherings and perhaps shared meals. Having some of our talented local youth playing their acoustic guitars will create a great atmosphere."

ANNETTE HAMMOND moved to Whyalla with her family. She is part of our Pioneer Ministry School and Support group. Annette and Heather have spent much time discerning possible parish-based pioneer ministry for St Martin's at Whyalla – the only church near to the town centre and opposite the hospital. With the onset of COVID-19, Annette and Heather realised that many of the older people in their congregation and neighbourhood were struggling with technology – which had become very necessary to connect with family, friends and services. They are currently working on a centre, based at the church, where people may come for assistance with using mobile phones, social media and internet. This much needed ministry will build connections between parish and neighbourhood.



PIONEER MINISTRY



REV'D DARREN HEWITT was the first person ordained for Pioneer Ministry. Darren is a train driver. He acts as chaplain to others on the railway as well as being State Chaplain for the Veterans MC (Motorcycle Club). Darren and his wife Rachel had plans for pioneering at Hamley Bridge near to their home in Stockport. However, COVID-19 has put those plans on hold, due to space available and social distancing. Pioneers do not need a specific project to be Pioneers. Darren ministers wherever he goes – offering friendship and support at the Caravan Park at Port Augusta, where he stays when he is rostered on for Port Augusta to Cook. He offers hospitality and assistance to people in need and has been involved in services at Port Augusta RSL. Recently, Darren reported that his chaplaincy roles are, after several years, finally bearing fruit. He is recognised as 'our Rev' by his colleagues on the rail and finds that more and more people are seeking him out. Pioneer ministry does not bear instant fruits, but the results that come over time are good and enduring.



REV'D TREVOR BRIGGS My presence is as part of the support group. I believe that I have 'pioneering experience' through our congregation's All-Sorts ministry at Kadina over the last 8 years. It reached many 'senior' people who had no interest in 'church' but looked forward to the 'Heavenly Twist' given to our social afternoon involving daily-life themes. Gatherings were not held at the church but out in the community. Like Gael, I was 'very much encouraged by the energy, engagement, missional focus and hope for the future' that was shared at our first on-line support meeting.

With another person praying to discern their call to ordained Pioneer Ministry, this is a wonderful beginning. Could we be reporting your project or ministry in the next issue of The Willochran? Please pray for our Pioneers and the growth of Pioneer Ministry in our Diocese.

VENERABLE GAELO JOHANSEN

NEWS FROM THE ANGLICAN MINISTRY DISTRICT OF YORKE PENINSULA

During the time of COVID-19
God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through Him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory;
Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen

ST AUGUSTINE'S, STANSBURY

When COVID-19 hit and the diary entries started cancelling out there were certainly a lot of changes. St Augustine's was the venue for a pre-recorded service with Father Andrew and some members of the congregation and this, with many other congregations doing the same thing, was a comforting factor when unable to attend services in church on a Sunday.



FIRST SERVICE BACK AFTER LOCKDOWN

CORNY POINT

Heather, Lorraine and Muriel form our little congregation who meet at the Corny Point Mission Church each month. After our enforced break since March, we are pleased to announce that we returned to worship in July. We meet together on the third Sunday of each month at 2pm. There is also room for one or two more if you are interested in coming out for a day trip. After church you can pop up to Berry Bay to watch the 4 o'clock dolphins.

DEACON LOUISE

On Friday May 15th, I followed a trailer of boxes around Point Pearce. Some of the people, who worship with the community at Point Pearce, wanted to show their support during the recent lockdown of the township.

It was difficult not being able to meet monthly to worship and share a meal, so the decision was made to organise some hampers and literature to distribute among the residents. Through Anglicare we were given a number of Woolworth's Basic Boxes for each of the families, and all we had to do was to complete some paperwork for those providing the funding. Donations were also made of Bibles for children and youth as well as some Christian literature for the adults. Each family was given a hamper and appropriate Bibles. The whole adventure took three hours on a lovely autumn afternoon and it was a joy to be there and share in the process. As the sun set on our work, we felt that God had shared his love in many ways that day.

KELLI AND HER BOXES



ST NEOT'S, PORT VINCENT TRASH AND TREASURE

Following compliance with a COVIDSafe Plan, Trash/Treasure reopened for the June long weekend, making a successful return. We were open during the July school holidays, and now operate fortnightly through to September after which we are open every Saturday.

FUNDRAISING

On Sunday September 27th, Michael Ford led a Sing-fest of hymns and old songs followed by afternoon tea. We also hope to hold a sausage sizzle on the Saturday of the October long weekend during Trash & Treasure trading hours, COVID-19 permitting.

ST GEORGE'S, YORKETOWN

As with the rest of the district, our people have been soldiering on in the face of the virus threat. Our church and Op Shop have been cleaned, notices installed, and protocols set in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. It has certainly required a rethink on some of our past practices in our interactions with one another – no handshakes, hugs, or even close conversations. New and considerate ways of being together are being explored and found to be reasonably comfortable. Wonderful to be able to worship together again despite the changes.

The safety protocols are especially noticeable at the Op Shop where attendance details are recorded, and hand sanitiser dispensed. This has not deterred our patrons! We are very grateful for the many people who have visited and spent generously since we re-opened on 3rd June.

CHERYL BATES

ST ALBAN'S, PORT VICTORIA CHURCH WITH NO ORGANIST

On Wednesday June 3rd following a private interment in the morning, the St Alban's congregation together with other invited guests, said farewell to Gwen Twelftree in a service conducted in the Port Victoria Institute.

Gwen had played the organ in St Alban's for 'at least' forty years. Each Sunday the presiding Priest would be presented with the hymn numbers written on the back of a re-cycled Christmas card. As age took its toll, Gwen reduced each hymn to three verses and it was at her request that three verses of her favourite hymns were sung, and sung with gusto, at the service. Peter Hollams travelled from Adelaide to play How Great Thou Art, O For A Closer Walk With God and Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer. Gwen will always be fondly remembered by those who knew her and her "St Alban's playing" will long be remembered.

REV'D DAVID AMERY

ST BENEDICT'S, MINLATON

Services and ministry have resumed in Minlaton, although much pastoral ministry was done by phone during the lockdown. Services began again on the 14th June with a restriction of 20 in the church and fourteen in the meeting room. People had to book to attend church. The booking for Sunday worship has gone as we are now able to accommodate 35 in the church and fifteen in the meeting Room.

REV'D ANNE FORD



REV'D ANNE FORD, DOING A ZOOM
SERVICE FROM HER LOUNGE

HOLY TRINITY, RIVERTON

Those who have visited Holy Trinity will know that we have a large amount of land in front of the church which contains many gum trees. I am led to believe that the two rows of these were once the carriage entrance to the church. Again, as you will know, gum trees drop a number of branches, twigs and bark and these collect in the grass. They are periodically raked up into a pile which grows as the year progresses. Recently on a Saturday afternoon, members of the congregation, under the guidance of Charlie, Philip and Henrietta Pedler who live in the old rectory, lit a bonfire and enjoyed a picnic. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. We resumed services after much cleaning and disinfecting, and now enjoy our regular services and morning tea under strict COVID-19 conditions.

LIZ HARRIS



THE BONFIRE PILE



A PICNIC LUNCH BONFIRE



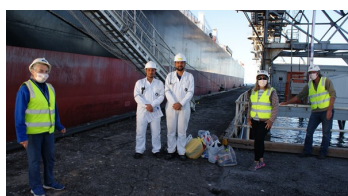
MISSION TO SEAFARERS PORT GILES/EDITHBURGH

Since COVID-19 the Mission to Seafarers has been closed and we have not been able to go on any ships visiting Port Giles. That 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 must be like 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.



COLLECTING GOODS
FROM THE GANG PLANK

**JUNE HARRISON
CHAPLAIN/SECRETARY**

Hi! To you! Now reading this; my article and God's Blessings to you!

Whilst I am now writing this article, I am listening to the beautiful rain falling on my iron roof and over the past few weeks I have emptied over 3" of rain from my rain gauge here in little Wilmington. Looking out to my yard, it is ever so green; mostly weeds that will require mowing as soon as there are a few sunny days to dry out the wet.

Well, I have pondered as to just what to write this time? We are still experiencing many ongoing changes to the way our communities operate during this COVID-19 Pandemic.



ALLIGATOR GORGE, WILMINGTON

Many conversations I have had recently in community and church have been similar in that there has been a note of fatigue; in response to the many repeated stories regarding the COVID-19, having continued coverage repeatedly playing over and over again the same stories. My response to this has been to switch off the media and only follow direction from our Diocese, regarding updates. My thoughts and prayers are ongoing for those who suffer from loss of income through an inability to qualify for any of the assistance on offer during this time. Many individuals and families continue in their struggles to maintain a semblance of a past existence before the COVID-19 outbreak.

We at Port Augusta St Augustine's church are now preparing for a BAZAAR and this is planned for September Saturday the 19th this 2020. We are hoping and praying this will go as planned; given our last attempt at this was cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

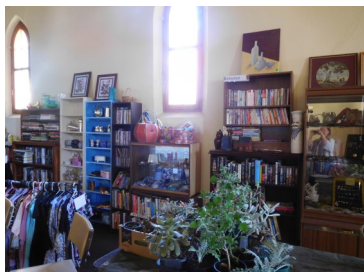
The aim of this BAZAAR is to raise funds for our church; while also giving an opportunity to those from outside the church community to become familiar with the church grounds; and some of our people. We also hope some will take up the opportunity of an invitation to view the beautiful ambiance of the internal of the heritage listed St Augustine's Church.

The BAZAAR will have on offer varied items for sale; antique items, brick-a-brac, large picture prints, ladies' clothes and accessories, including jewellery. A large quantity of books from our Book Shop will be offered at \$5.00 per bundle of 5; as well there will also be on offer some jams and pickles and not to forget pot plants galore!

So! Please do; keep praying for all who might be suffering as a consequence of the COVID-19 and pray our St Augustine's crew can continue with their efforts towards the BAZAAR, that we might have success this time in our efforts with this BAZAAR.

At the time of our BAZAAR event you might perhaps ponder just travelling to Port Augusta and attending at this special event and making it a planned day out.

REV'D MARGIE FIEGERT



A LITTLE POEM FROM MARGIE

Here is the sum of us, as we are one,
Our God is within you and me!
Tis the soul of who we were created to be.
Let the light shine out from you and me,
Where the light is, will be the humans
who are kind;
And the human all, in one mind not blind.
So for the purpose we be,
To sing along our Mother's song;
The gift our Mother, created to be.
She is the earth for all and now is seen,
Is the provider for all that be, is she.

VALE, REV'D HEATHER SIZER 1932-2020



The Rev'd Heather Sizer passed away in the Booleroo hospital on 7th of June, 2020, aged 88 years. The following eulogy read at her funeral, was written by her son Kevin and daughter Adrienne.

Heather Margret Cameron was born on the 19th of June 1932 in the Booleroo hospital, the fourth child of Alan Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Cameron.

She grew up on the family farm 'Bellevue' at Murraytown with her older siblings Mary, Barbara and Colin and, where close contact with both her maternal and paternal grandparents, ensured that she had a good sense of her place in the world, and a lifelong interest in and wealth of stories about family history.

Heather was educated at Murraytown Primary School and then at Adelaide Girls High School where she completed her Leaving Certificate. She aspired to be a teacher like her older sister Barbara but because her mother was ill, her services were required at home. During this time she was swept off her feet by Ron Sizer at one of the many local dances and they were duly married on the 20th of September 1952.

At the age of twenty she moved to Wirrabara and into a partially built house that they completed on weekends and after hours, and continued to add to as the family grew to include Kevin, Adrienne, Neil and Alan. Because money was tight, mum acquired a milking goat and milked a goat or goats morning and night until the mid sixties. She sold some surplus milk to local families who had children with an intolerance of cow's milk and also used to make butter from the separated cream.

Mum wasn't the world's best cook; there's nothing good about cabbage done to death in a pressure cooker but having said that, we never went hungry. Meals were basic but adequate and predictable; we could tell what day of the week it was by what was served for tea. The meat component of the diet was unvaryingly mutton but hot roast leg was never on the menu, it was always used as cold meat for lunches, a practice that mum maintained to the end. She kept chooks, grew vegies and preserved fruit, made her own and kids' clothes and earned extra money at jobs like cutting apricots and pruning fruit trees in the Forest orchards.

Despite such a busy life, mum was involved in numerous community activities. She attended or held office in the Wirrabara Primary School Welfare Club, the Gladstone High School Parents and Friends, the CWA, the St Margaret's Church Guild, the Wirrabara Centenary Committee and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. Perhaps the highlight from this period was her writing of "Yet Still They Live" the history of Wirrabara prepared for the town's centenary in 1974 and which pretty much consumed all of her energy for twelve months.

Mum also took it upon herself to welcome new residents to Wirrabara by visiting them in person, usually with a gift of some sort of garden produce and an information sheet listing town and essential services and containing contact details and anything else that might be useful to help them to settle in.

Mum was interested in self development and learning new skills. She used to develop her own photos taken with her Box Brownie camera, using the bathroom as a darkroom. She took advantage of classes held at Gladstone High School to teach herself to touch type, attempted to learn Indonesian in 1970 from a series of lessons on vinyl records and although already being an accomplished pianist, in the 80's with lessons from her son Neil, learned to play guitar on an instrument that he gave her for her 50th birthday.

VALE, REV'D HEATHER SIZER 1932-2020

For twenty or so years, mum's passion was pottery. Not only did she make pots and other items, but dug her own clay, made and experimented with her own glazes and fired her creations in a wood fired kiln.

As technology changed, mum became quite proficient at using a computer and although having her own idiosyncratic approach to doing things and persisting with outdated programmes, produced various church related documents and publications. She kept in touch with people by email and in the current COVID-19 world, was with a little assistance, even able to use Zoom to participate in online conferences and meetings and used Facebook to join morning prayer delivered by Bishop John Stead and Sunday services from Reverend John Fowler.

Mum was always keen on caravan holidays, especially to the Flinders and after dad retired, they were able to travel more freely and took several long trips with their new caravan. As we left home, mum who had been an active member of the St Margaret's congregation, was able to become more heavily involved in church activities. In 1982 she became a Lay Reader and was ordained as a Local Priest in 2000, in which capacity she conducted services at St Margaret's, Booleroo Hospital and Mt View Homes.

In later life, mum had several significant medical episodes. She suffered terribly with Meniere's disease for a number of years and when medication failed to control it, as a last resort, had surgery, which rendered her totally deaf in her left ear.

A couple of compound leg fractures left her very unsteady on her legs and walking any distance became difficult so she used the gopher for getting around town. On her way home after the Australia Day breakfast in 2018 she had a blackout and fell out of her gopher, requiring a stretch in hospital. In 2019 mum had a stretch in hospital again. She came home to Redgum St and continued to live independently with a care support package until May this year when she suffered a minor stroke, probably caused by a fall resulting in a blow to the back of her head. After some time in Pt Pirie and Booleroo hospitals she recovered quite well and was in Mt View Homes for respite when she suffered a second stroke which lead to her death.

Heather Margret Sizer lived a full life, was an inspiration to her family and served her various communities well.

Kevin Sizer

We may assume, if we only remember Mum from her years of service in the church and acts of kindness in the community, that she always had a close relationship with God. But not so. Hers, like ours, involved a great deal of searching.

To Heather's family and friends, I ask you to take this encouragement from her life - persist in your own search for God in Jesus Christ. This is what Mum desired. In her words, she had a "longing for people to find peace and joy in knowing Jesus." Jesus himself said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7-12

Adrienne Easton (Sizer)



THE TYPEWRITER HEATHER USED FOR THE WILLOCHRAN NOW SITS IN DIOCESAN OFFICE AND OFTEN GETS TAPPED ON BY THE STAFF

VALE, REV'D GERALD MOORE 1933-2020



It may sound like a cliché, but my father, Gerald Moore, really did touch a lot of lives. He had many interests and was well respected by the local community for his volunteering within the town, sport, the Arts and the Church.

Gerald was born in the Old Hospital on Stanley Street, Auburn. His father, Leonard Moore, served in the First World War in France, Belgium and England, and in 1926 purchased the farm Marydale, to the east of Auburn, using his soldier repatriation grant. The farm is now marked by Moores

Road and Marydale Road.

Gerald and his older brother Tom attended Auburn Primary School and then boarded in Clare during the week to attend Clare High School. This was during World War 2, when Leonard Moore re-enlisted, becoming a lieutenant and training the Volunteer Defence Corps (Home Guard) from the Clare Depot. There used to be an old rifle range at the back of the property, and Gerald remembered being used as a training aid for target indications and first aid at army exercises held out on their farm. Gerald related one story of his brother, Tom, being strapped to a stretcher and raised from the banks of the River Wakefield to the road level on the Undalya Bridge, an exercise that would never be permitted under contemporary Work, Health and Safety regulations!

Gerald completed his National Service during the 1950s, doing his training at Woodside and served in the Citizens Military Forces in the 27th Battalion, South Australian Scottish Regiment. Ironically, Leonard, Gerald and Gerald's daughter, Leonie, all served in the 27th Battalion during their periods of army service.

After finishing school Gerald was offered work in a local bank, but Gerald said he always knew he wanted to be a farmer. The farm produced wheat, oats, barley and wool, later moving to faber beans, canola and safflower. When Gerald was a boy growing up on the farm in the 1940s they still used horse teams and even had an Italian Internee working on the farm during WW2. By the time his daughters were growing up on the farm, however, horses were only kept as pets and all the work was done with tractors. Gerald was inventive, and if he needed a piece of equipment he would make it himself, also making much of the furniture in the home.

Gerald was a keen sportsman, playing football and cricket in his youth, and A-Grade tennis for Auburn, which is how he met a young female teacher playing for Clare. Gerald and Vicky were married in 1969, having three daughters, Leonie, Stephanie and Katie.

Music and singing were always part of Gerald's life. He could always be counted on to lead the singing in church or special events. Back in the early 1970s, Gerald and Vicky helped found the Auburn Players as a fundraiser for the Anglican Church and many other local organisations. They started out rehearsing in the St John's Anglican Church hall, but eventually the Players formed into an organisation of their own, purpose building the dressing rooms at the back of the Auburn Institute. The whole Moore family was involved with The Players at various times through prop making, the band, chorus, back stage, supper room, ticket office, and on stage.

Later in life Gerald joined the Adelaide Plains Male Voice Choir and was a member for 20 years. He cited the Drought Relief concert at Eudunda in March 2019 as being one of the most moving concerts he had ever participated in, as well as having his daughter, Leonie, perform with the choir as a guest artist on several occasions.

During the 1980s Gerald began working off-farm as a groundsman at Auburn, Watervale and Manoora Primary schools, and the District Education Office at Clare. He enjoyed that work and also worked with the children propagating seeds and planting trees along the Riesling Trail north of Auburn. Both Gerald and Tom were interested in growing Australian trees and revegetation and were both members of the Coolibah Club.

VALE, REV'D GERALD MOORE 1933-2020

The family would go on field trips with the club to look at native plant gardens and remnant vegetation. Gerald used to be able to rattle off the botanical names of hundreds of native plants and was also a member of the Friends of Spring Gully Conservation Park, the South Australian Society for Growing Australian Plants, Auburn Tidy Towns, Auburn National Trust and many more.

A major part of Gerald's life was St John's Anglican Church, Auburn. Gerald was a lay preacher, but after retiring from farming he was ordained as a deacon at the grand old age of 73. Within a couple of years he was ordained as a local priest for St Johns, Auburn and St Mary's in Watervale. In 2009 he had the honour of officiating the wedding of his daughter, Stephanie, and a few years later he christened each of his three grandchildren. He presided over many weddings, christenings and funerals of his parishioners and friends.

Gerald is perhaps most widely known as an artist. His mother Blanche was a painter of still life and was Gerald's first teacher. Early on, he mainly used oil paints and charcoal, but later tried water colours and finally found his favourite medium in pastels. He was a member of various art groups, and enjoyed many family holidays and art camps painting *en plein air*. He enjoyed teaching art and was immensely proud of his U3A art group which he started in 2006. This group kept meeting every week, even during the periods in the last four years when he became unwell. Together with his daughter Katie, the U3A and Burra Art Group, Gerald has participated in many art exhibitions. Despite ill health, Gerald managed to have two more successful solo exhibitions in 2017 and 2020 at the Linhay Gallery in Auburn. He still had a lot of pictures he wanted to paint before his death in August 2020.

In his own words, Gerald had a good life. He and Vicky were married for 51 years, producing three daughters and three grandchildren. He was honoured by his community with an Australia Day award in 1991 and the Auburn Community Development Committee Community Award in 2010. He will be missed by many people, but we are all glad to have known him and had him as part of our lives. May we all live generous lives, as full of humility, creativity and community service as that of my father, Gerald Moore.

Leonie Moore

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COOL WORLD

THE REV'D JOHN FOWLER

There seems to be no shortage of detective and police-related programmes on our television screens at present. And this may well have been the case in the past as well, but with so many more channels to choose from on free-to-air TV, along with Foxtel and Netflix, fans of the crime genre are spoiled for choice.

From *Midsomer Murders* to *Inspector Lewis*, from *New Tricks* to *Vera*, together with a variety of options from the *Law and Order* franchise, crime time is all the time and armchair detectives are having a field day.

One crime show that has caught my eye in recent times is *The Brokenwood Mysteries*, a New Zealand detective series set in the fictitious town of Brokenwood and filmed in and around Auckland.

When Detective Inspector Mike Shepherd is called in to investigate a senior officer at the Brokenwood police station he decides to stay on and assist with a murder investigation. With the aforementioned senior officer suspended and revealing he has terminal cancer, his position becomes vacant and Mike decides to settle in Brokenwood and assume the role of Officer in Charge. This means a demotion in rank from Detective Inspector to Senior Sergeant but Mike seems happy with his decision and even manages to win over his fellow officers, Detective Kristin Sims and Detective Constable Sam Breen.

As the show develops we learn more about those who enforce the law in Brokenwood and beyond. Mike Shepherd is a knockabout eccentric who drives a 1971 Holden Kingswood, loves country music and enjoys sharing that music with his fellow officers. Mike has been married several times and things become awkward in one episode where he has to investigate one of his ex-wives. He also has some strange customs when it comes murder enquiries, most notably his habit of talking to the deceased. At the end of the day though, Senior Sergeant Shepherd is a quality officer who gets results more often than not.

Kristin Sims is Mike's second in charge who has also had her share of relationship issues and in one episode finds



herself investigating the death of a former boyfriend. Kristin is everything you could want in an offsideer as she is insightful and intelligent and a good foil for Mike's offbeat ways. She also knows the area and many of the locals and has the trust of the community.

Sam Breen is fresh-faced and naïve and often finds himself in embarrassing situations when interviewing suspects, but he shakes it off good-humouredly and fits in well with his more experienced colleagues. Sam is married although we are yet to meet his wife.

Other regulars of note include Mike's neighbour Jared Morehu, whose local knowledge, especially when it comes to Maori customs, is invaluable as the show progresses, and Dr Gina Kadinsky, Brokenwood's medical examiner. Gina is Russian and doesn't understand the local humour and is always telling Mike how things are done in the country of her birth. She also seems to be rather keen on Mike and it will be interesting to see if anything develops on that front.

The Brokenwood Mysteries comes highly recommended, however, it only screens on Foxtel but those who know their way around the internet may be able to track it down through other avenues. It will be well worth the search.

CANON JOHN FOWLER

MINISTRY DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN FLINDERS



GRIEF BEYOND MEASURE



My father died recently
In a nursing home.
He was 'full of years' as they say
but that didn't ease the grief.
I wanted to be with him,
hold his hand,
tell him of my love,
reminisce with him.

Reminisce for him.

I wanted to kiss him goodbye.
But it was not to be.
The home was in lockdown.

COVID-19 was to blame.

The grief was magnified
beyond measure.
Even the funeral
had to be stripped back
to a few.

What kind of farewell is that?
What kind of celebration of his life?
How can we comfort each other
when we can't even hug
in case our tears infect?

I'm beginning to understand
Mary Magdalene
weeping
at the tomb.
She, too, was deprived
of the final act of love
for her beloved.
He had gone,
and any last touch
was denied her.
No wonder she wept.

But I wonder.....
wonder.....
if our tears -
hers and mine -
invite the same
resurrection experience.
Will my grief be touched
by the risen Christ?

Will I hear him call my name
and feel his strong,
gentle love
wipe away the wetness
of my eyes?

I wonder.....

REV'D SR SANDRA SEARS 22/6/2020



THE WILLOCHRA HOME



UPDATED PHOTOS OF NEW BUILD



ISSUES THE REV'D FLO WALTERS

'WHAT A PAIN!'

Chronic pain is a hidden pandemic in our society. According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare one in five Australians over the age of 45 suffers in this way. The statistic for the over 65 age group is even higher – one in three.

Chronic pain often limits daily activities and contributes to higher rates of arthritis, and mental health issues such as depression, sleep disturbance, anxiety and fatigue (Pain Australia, 2019).

Over the last 10 years, more and more people have gone to see their GP with chronic pain. The numbers rose by a whopping 67% during that time. In the past many of these folks were prescribed opioids, analgesics, and migraine medications. Some people have been taking prescribed opioids for years and years.

However every day in Australia there are nearly 150 hospitalizations and 14 emergency department admissions because of opioid mis-use. Every day three people die from opioid-related deaths. This number is greater than the number of people dying from over-doses of illegal opioids like heroin.

Following a public consultation on prescription opioids in 2018, the Therapeutic Goods Administration has established tighter guidelines for prescribing opioids. It is strongly recommended that opioids are generally no longer prescribed to treat non-cancer pain. They should be reserved for cancer pain, and only used in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the GP for non-cancer patients when other analgesics are not working.

My research has left me wondering about the people who have been using prescribed opioids for years. How many of them have suddenly been dumped by the system, to cope alone with their withdrawal from opioid dependency – which has been caused by the medical profession? Will GPs now be putting their careers at risk if they prescribe opioids to people with non-cancer chronic pain? How many millions of dollars will the federal government save because of the decrease in opioid prescriptions? These are questions I can only commit to prayerful thought – as I don't have any answers.

Neither my husband Geoff nor I suffer from chronic pain. But we know people who do, and who are struggling to deal with the new reality. My heart is with such people who have fallen through the cracks – and whose lives are now even more miserable than they were before.

THE REV'D FLO WALTERS

GEOFF AND 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 VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS: LISTENING TO THE STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

This excellent study resource is written by ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator Celia Kemp who says: "If the Australian Church wants to know what really happened in Australia's past, what is really happening now, and where God is speaking into the Australian church – we need to listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples." This 8 part study is beautifully illustrated by artist Glenn Loughrey, a proud Wiradjuur man. Glenn is a priest at St Oswald's Anglican Church, Glen Iris and a member of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council. This study guide is suitable for individual reflection or for a study group; each part contains Art, Stories, Quotes, Scripture, Questions and a Prayer.

It is tragic, and continues to be hurtful and destructive, for our First Nations people that there is still no overt inclusion of them in our Constitution. This in part contributes to the ongoing disproportionate systemic injustice First Nations people experience. Some of the stories and references in the study are confronting. They are not intended to make non-Indigenous people feel ashamed (though this may be a relevant response at times) but rather they are to help us face the truth of our collective history and to understand why together we have much work to heal the "wound in the heart of the nation". This resource is intended to help us see our country and ourselves more clearly. It is intended to help us grow in our thinking and theology and to help us change.

First Nations people have lived in Australia for over 60,000 years. From a faith point of view obviously God and God's creative spirit has been present and active all this time. In 2017 the Anglican Church of Australia responded to the historic *Statement from the Heart* made by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives at Uluru. General Synod supported the call for a constitutionally-entrenched First Nations' Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament and asked the Public Affairs Commission to prepare resources in consultation with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

For those who are extra keen, Celia Kemp is also the author of *Into the Desert* and *Deep calls to Deep* bible study apps also highly recommended. Copies of *A Voice in the Wilderness* are available through Diocesan Office for \$11.00 plus postage, thanks to the generous support of ABM. Otherwise they can be purchased at Koorong Bookshop for \$20.00 or downloaded for free from ABM's website along with a Leaders Guide. To view online click on <https://www.abmission.org/resources.html> then Current Resources and/or Reconciliation Resources. (It is 110 pages long loaded with colour so it's a lot to print off at home!)

Our Assistant Bishop Chris McLeod, who is also our National Aboriginal Bishop, encourages "all who use this important study to stop, listen, and pray that our ears may be opened and our nation's broken heart healed." Hear hear!!

CANON ALISON WURM

ON BEHALF OF THE ANGLICAN WILLOCHRA COMMITTEE



'A PORTRAIT OF AUSTRALIA WITH IMPORTANT BITS
MISSING' BY THE REVEREND GLENN LOUGHREY

SMALL 'S' SERVANTS—MOSES' SERVANTS

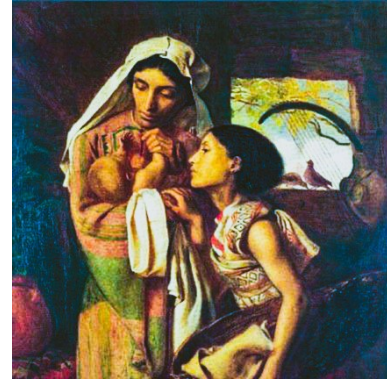
I think we would all agree that Moses played an extremely important part in God's plan of redemption of the Israelites from their 430 years of slavery in Egypt. He was a person chosen by God and the man of the moment in God's amazing plan. God's miraculous organisation of the chain of events that led to the freeing of the Israelites, coupled with His ongoing presence and control of the circumstances is an amazing study to read in the book of Exodus.

Humanly speaking, Moses did not do all of this alone. There were many small s servants who played important and strategic parts in his life under God, and it is from these small s servants we can learn and be encouraged that we too may be used of God to achieve His Divine plan.

Shiphra and Puah – these brave ladies must be recognised as the first of a number of servants strategic to the life of Moses. In fact, to the very life of the person. They were the Hebrew midwives who in an act of civil disobedience did not follow Pharaoh's edict to kill any baby boy at birth. (Exodus 1:15-22)

Amram and Jochebed – Moses' parents. While Moses' father Amram does not get a mention in Exodus (2:1-2) in Hebrews 11:23 we read the acknowledgement of his parents who were not afraid of the king's edict. Through a wonderful chain of events, Jochebed was able to raise Moses as a baby and be paid for the privilege. As we look back historically and know of the outcome, try for a moment to put yourself into her situation and imagine the heartache as she made the wicker basket and placed her baby in the Nile River. Imagine the relief and joyous love of being given the opportunity of raising the child until he was old enough to be taken into the palace for further rearing and education. As a nurse, she had no recourse to be in a position to see her child as he grew, but no doubt was able to keep tabs on his life and development.

Miriam – Moses' sister was probably a pre-teen young girl. Of all of the roles in Moses' early life, surely Miriam's role was the one fraught with the most danger. The daughter of Hebrew slaves would have had no standing at all with the princess and her ladies' in waiting. But as a respectful young girl, like any young person, would have been received positively by the princess. I think if she were any older she would have been a personal slave. Did Jochebed school her in what she was to say? Imagine her heart pounding as she witnessed her baby brother being found by the princess from the palace – the same palace that was the source of the edict about killing the baby Hebrew boys. The female slave who fetched the baby would have been a Hebrew slave. Was she "in the know" about this baby boy? Would she give the plot away? How could Miriam hide, yet keep the crib in sight? Then at the right moment she offers to get "one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you". I know just the lady who is equipped for the task.



SHIPHRATH AND PUAH WITH THE BABY MOSES

Miriam lived long enough to be an integral part of the Exodus – she would have been around 90 years of age.

Moses as a small s servant – Moses, trained and educated in the palace of Pharaoh was responsible for a defeat of the Ethiopians at around the age of 30, and who was to become one of God's great leaders in history also served as a small s servant. He escaped to Midian, referred to in the Bible as the "backside of the desert" which in itself was no mean feat. It meant a walk of around 320 km through desert country but when he came to sit by a well, the seven daughters of Reuel (Gk version of Jethro). Moses drove rival shepherds away from the girls' flock and proceeded to water their flock for them. It needs to be understood that was no small task having to pull the bag of water from the well and pour it into troughs. At the time Moses did not know the result of this act of service.

Jethro – In exchange for his service, Jethro gave to Moses the hand of his daughter Zipporah in marriage, and Moses continued his small s servanthood for forty years. Jethro was to continue his service to the Lord and to Moses when he visited the Exodus later and advised Moses to establish a system of hearing grievances. (Exodus 18)

Aaron – We don't hear much of Moses' older brother in the early stages until God told him to travel into the desert to meet Moses around the same time that He was calling Moses to the task of freeing the Israelites. Pause for a moment to consider this move of Aaron we first read about in Exodus 4:14 – "He is already on his way to meet you." Moses shared with Aaron his burning bush experience and together they returned to Egypt. It was Moses and Aaron who confronted Pharaoh, and at the beginning of the Exodus when the Amalekites attacked the Israelites at Rephidim, it was Aaron and Hur who upheld Moses' arms as he held the rod of God in His hand to show God prevailing as the Israelites prevailed.

In 1624 a British poet John Donne penned the words "No man is an island entire of itself" that suggests we all are linked together as a community. How true this is in God's Kingdom are we are linked together through God's Holy Spirit in service to our Lord.

JOHN CRONSHAW



"Mothers' Union" began in Willochra many years ago and flourished until recently when some members decided they were no longer able to attend for various reasons including 'old age'. These days we have fewer branches and members and we would welcome new members in our diocese. If there is no branch in your church, you can become a diocesan member.

Why would you consider joining Anglican Mothers' Union Australia? Don't the branches just hold a meeting, record the Minutes, perhaps have a guest speaker, have a cup of tea and go home? No they don't.

Jane Tanner, our Diocesan Secretary wrote in a recent edition of *Mia Mia*, the national magazine 'So what do we do?' Branches attend nursing homes and Aged Care facilities to conduct regular visits and services for residents and their families. One branch helps with the running of a Community café and community garden, facilitated by their church. This reaches out to the more marginalised as they build relationships and a more positive participation with life. One branch has visited a school garden and permaculture group in their area to learn more for their own sustainable future as well as to help them set up a 'grow free' cart at their church Op Shop. Another branch conducts breakfast clubs at the local schools.

All this activity is kept together collectively within our diocese as we have several diocesan worship services annually and also support bi-annual projects within Australia and overseas. Mission to Seafarers and Quickest Warmth are two local projects we are currently supporting. Our Executive keeps members informed through the AMUA departments - Overseas and Northern Outreach, Prayer and Spirituality, Publication, Social Issues and Action, distribution of *Mia Mia* - and this continues to promote our confidence and hope as the core of Mothers' Union—to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships.

Why wouldn't you consider joining Mothers' Union— you and your own particular gifts would be most welcome? Maybe you have recently retired, or are living alone—two good reasons to join us. You can contact me by email rusnliz2@outlook.com or our secretary Jane Tanner by email tannerja@bigpond.com



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THE CHURCH HALL



GAEL AND PRUE WITH THEIR QW DISPLAY



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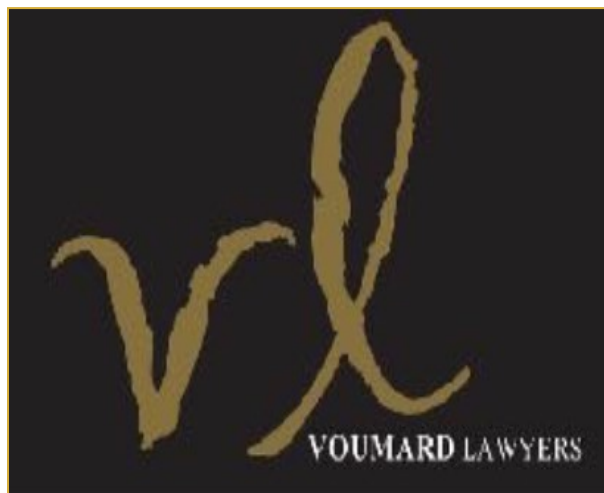
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The Quickest Warmth project began with the donation of seven quilts to Families SA (now Department of Child Protection) for children going into Foster Care. Four years later the project has 200 contributors who made, accessed or have purchased items for individuals and families experiencing difficult times and situations. It has now been going for 5 ½ years with 300+ supporters.

This wonderful program is co-ordinated by Prue O'Donovan, Chaplain at Anglicare SA and Gail Hardy who volunteers in the Thread Together Program, plus a dedicated team of people who undertake administration, banking donations, correspondence, publication of the newsletter, preparation of items such as baby bundles, toiletry packs, curtain making and renovating, birthday cards & gifts, fabric bags, toy and Teddy bear packs, tags to identify the items, delivery of items, shopping for items, sorting and packing of donations. Prue and Gail, used to sew in the Copper Coast and made 7 quilts. They asked Tony Piccolo who might need assistance and Tony gave the names of 40 Care agencies with DCP (Department for Child Protection), the first to respond. Quickest Warmth has regular contact with Gawler Health Service, Soroptimists, DCP, Aboriginal Health, Relationships Australia, several schools, as well as dozens of programs operated in Anglicare. Congregations and MU throughout the Willochra Diocese are significant contributors whose support enables QW to be able to support others in need and we are very grateful.

QW works through staff in agencies as the staff know the needs of the clients. As well, this allows staff to have something beautiful and helpful to hand to people doing it tough, and helps build positive relationships. For example in May-June, 100 bedding packs were made each consisting of a quilt cover, new insert, new pillow, blanket, sheets and if a child, a toy or book.

Speaking to groups and organisations about the work of Quickest Warmth is a great opportunity to tell the QW story and display how the donations are used. Thank you Days are another way of presenting QW as these are done (when restrictions are lifted) with a meal or morning or afternoon tea, a talk or thank you by someone or group positively impacted by QW, Pick-a-Gift fun, *everything is free shoppe* and an opportunity to see what others are making and doing.



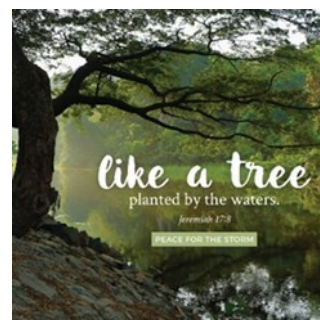
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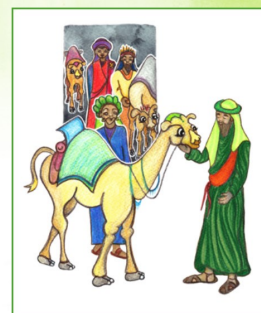


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THE LAST WORD - ELIZABETH HARRIS



Dear people,

Like all of you, I've been more or less housebound for the past few months. Unable to go very far, reluctant to visit shopping centres and the like, or to use public transport. I'm a 'vulnerable' person so I am told.

Well so what! The wonderful thing is that I have had time to think, to pray, to discover—the kindness of people and best of all, the joy of love. I have been wrapped in love and have overwhelmingly enjoyed the experience of having the time to return it.

While it's not physical love i.e. a hug or a kiss, it's knowing the spiritual love that surrounds us at times like this. Each week from the 5th Sunday after Epiphany until Trinity Sunday, I prepared a resources kit for our parishioners who were also restricted to their homes. A few prayers, photos, snippets of information, a pew sheet containing some intercessions and a sermon from Fr David, I loved the response - they seemed to bring such joy to others.

I read this on the internet *"So what is love? Love is an intense feeling - it can only be felt. Love is trust. Love is being able to find happiness in another's happiness. Love is beautiful. Love is giving unconditionally."*

Prior to COVID-19, so many of us including me, were so busy in our everyday lives, whether in the workforce, or on any number of committees. For those of us addicted to the internet, perhaps as a work tool, or to look up any number of things, to play games, use Facebook, life was possibly very busy.

For me, having still been quite active in the community, the sudden stop came as a message loud and clear, *"slow down, smell the roses and think of things you can do, which might bring joy to others."*

I've had time to sit down and talk—on a one-to-one basis, on the telephone, through an email and to practice that hidden quality which is in all of us—"LOVE." I have an elderly friend in our hospital who is bedridden, visually impaired and has hearing loss. She is 91 and her only visitors have been her daughter and son. She is so lonely. I love her dearly but have not been allowed up until now, to visit her and what a delight it was to go in to the hospital last week. The three of us talked for two hours and my first comment to her was *"well you've still got your lipstick on!"*

I can once again take services at the Senior Citizens' Home across the road and again we share our love as we go through the service, discuss my short talk and sing the hymns which we all know so well.

So here it is, I pray that when the restrictions of COVID-19 are lifted in our community, the love which we share will go on for ever.

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ALMOND
BLOSSOM IN
RIVERTON

ELIZABETH HARRIS

WILD SPIRIT

Spirit of holy joy
run wild
through us,
like a laughing child,
mouth wide open,
full of the wonder
of being alive.

Spirit of grieving anger,
blow wild
through bending branches.
Toss us out
of our nice, cosy nests,
to tumble and turn
In your raging currents,
driving us out of complacency,
carrying us into the unknown,
demanding of us dangerous choices.

Spirit of holy fire,
burn wild.
Destroy all that is dry,
lifeless -
dross that disguises
the pure beauty
of our true selves.

Spirit of life itself,
flow wild
through our veins,
wrap yourself around
our very bones,
thread yourself
through our DNA
so we no longer know
where we end and you begin

Wild, wild Spirit,
draw us into your dance,
your wild, wild dance
of love.

REV'D SR SANDRA SEARS CSBC 18/6/2020

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Membership \$25.00 per family per annum due 30th June
each year (6 months \$12.50)

I/we wish

- ☐ to become a Friend
☐ to renew a membership
☐ to make a donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

Postcode: _____

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PAYMENT OPTIONS:

a cheque for \$ ____/____ is attached or

Please debit

- ☐ Visa
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3% surcharge is applied for credit card transactions

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Name: Diocese of Willochra

BSB: 105-049 Account: 0324 395 40

(Please use your Name and FOW as your reference)

- ☐ Please send me information on making a
bequest to the See Endowment Fund in my Will

The
Willochra
Bursary

Giving opportunity

School completion rates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are well below the rates for non-Indigenous students. In recent years there has been an improvement in retention rates and we are proud to be involved in this movement for change.

Mission, it's been said, is finding out what God is doing and joining in. (Archbishop of Canterbury)

We established the Willochra Bursary in 2015 to assist bursary winners with the costs associated with their study. The bursary grant may be used for stationery and equipment, books, IT supplies, uniforms, sporting goods, school excursions, or school fees.

We invite you to consider making a donation to the Bursary Project.

THE ANGLICARE WILLOCHRA BURSARY PROJECT for THE WILLOCHRA BURSARY

Send completed form to

The Willochra Bursary, Diocese of Willochra,
PO Box 96, Gladstone 5473

I/we wish to make a donation of \$____:____

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- ☐ Please send me a receipt so I can claim tax