



The Anglican Parish of Glenelg

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growing in faith and love

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2021

Parish Priest's Welcome

Advent greetings to you all. What a year it has been (we said that last year). So we come again to the seasons of Advent and Christmas and we reflect that just as Jesus was born into a world which was suffering great upheaval and problems, we also need the mystery of the incarnation of speak to us in our time. The message of Christmas is truly about the saving love that God has for the whole world. That is a message we need to take to heart in difficult times and draw strength from the truth that Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us.

I pray that this Christmas-time, Christ our infant saviour may give you the joy the Bethlehem shepherds, the awe of the worshipping sages and the humility and love of the holy Family. May God bless each of you and all those whom you love.

Rev. Andrew Mintern

Anglican Parish of Glenelg Christmas Tree Festival 2021

Opening Night – Wed 1st Dec 7-9pm

Festival Dates - Thu 2nd – Sat 4th Dec 11am -4pm

Come along! Bring your family and friends. \$2 Entry. Christmas displays – trees, wreaths, nativity scenes. Also including Devonshire teas, cake and gift stalls, raffle, Children's activity booklet, musical entertainment and Anglicare Giving Tree. Check out the Christmas Tree Festival Facebook page for updates as we get nearer to the festival. See the Music Program further on in this newsletter.

***Tell your
friends!
Spread
the word!
Come along!***



Christmas Service Times 2021

St Peter's (Torrens Square, Glenelg)

Christmas Eve – Friday 24th December

6:30pm Children and Families Nativity Service

10:30pm "Midnight Mass" with Carol Singing and Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day – Saturday 25th December

9:00am – Sung Holy Eucharist with Carols

Boxing Day – Sunday 26th December

Only one service in the parish at St Peter's (no service at St Martin's)

9:00am – Said Holy Communion with Carols.

St Martin's (45 Hastings St, Glenelg South)

Christmas Day

8:45am – Holy Communion with Carols



Christmas Blessings to you all.

Parish Office Closure – The parish office will be closed to the public from Saturday 25th Dec – Monday 10th Jan Inclusive. There will be no Thursday communion service on 30th Dec and 6th Jan.



What's in the boxes?!

A keen group from our parish assembled for an afternoon of 'processing' Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes of Love in a large warehouse at Port Adelaide. Some of their staff work year-round to ensure the smooth running of the operation.

Michele, Heather, Janine, David, Jo, Eric, Susan, Richard, Freda and Bronwyn eagerly joined the 'line' and in the process discovered an amazing and thoughtful array of wonderful items donated for children in need overseas.



The boxes were from Victoria, many of them regional, and we marvelled at the amazing craftiness of knitters and sewers who had contributed handmade toys including teddies, an echidna, and a carrot!

We checked for money and prohibited items (like glue sticks, crayons, toy weapons and gambling items eg cards and dominoes). Boxes that were a little light-on in content we augmented from a stockpile of toys, stickers, clothing, hats, washcloths, and toothbrushes. The shoeboxes were taped and piled into cartons of 24, which were stacked ready to be loaded into shipping containers.

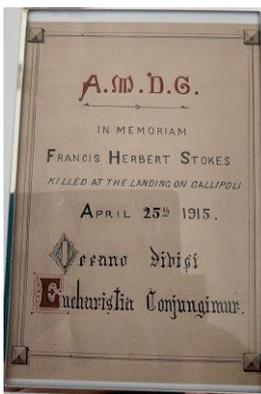
It was inspiring to be part of the next step in the process and to find out what happens to our shoeboxes after we hand them in at Glenelg. This year our parish donated 57 filled boxes which Samaritans Purse staff think will go to Cambodia.



Some of the great ideas we picked up for next year include small plastic boxes filled with band-aids, sewing kits, craft kits (no glue), scissors, and sets of tools.

We hope to be able to contribute again next year, both through the thoughtful filling of individual shoeboxes, and by helping smooth the journey of many more. By Bronwyn Ludlam

Remembrance Day



On Remembrance Day a beautiful said evensong service was held in the War Memorial Chapel of St Michael's at St Peter's marking the 101st Anniversary of the first service held in the chapel. This year also marked the 103rd Anniversary of the 1918 Armistice and the 80th Anniversary of the opening of the National War Memorial in Canberra. Terry Leane graciously donated back to the church an altar prayerbook owned by The Rev'd Frank Stokes whose son Bertie was killed at Gallipoli and is memorialised in an inscription in the prayerbook. The Latin inscription translates as "Divided by the ocean, joined by the Eucharist." Another son, Alfred Stokes, survived the war, serving as a medical officer, and is on the WW1 honour roll in our chapel.



Christmas Tree Festival Program of Music

Opening Night

Don and Stephanie
Clarinet and Keyboard

Thursday 2nd Dec

11:00-11:40am
SPW Chapel Choir

12:30-1:30pm

Tony Whitehill – Organ

2:00-3:00pm

Andrew Mintern – Carols

3:00-4:00pm

Don and Stephanie

Friday 3rd Dec

11:00-12:00

Tony Whitehill- Organ

12:30 – 2:00pm

Julian & Liz – Carols

2:30-3:30pm

Peter Thomson - Organ

Saturday 4th Dec

11:30am-12:30pm

Mark Joyner – Organ

1:00-2:00pm

Gary, David & 5S Singers

2:30-3:30pm

Andrew Mintern





What's been happening in the Parish? – A few Highlights

Our fabulous team of marmalade makers who raised over \$500 with their delicious jams.



Some of the parish men's group enjoying home-made cheese and bread provided by Dr Tony Pearce. Delicious!



Congratulations to Ben and Steph who recently celebrated their wedding at St Peter's. Double congratulations to Ben who has been accepted as a candidate for ordination in our Diocese. He will continue formation studies next year and do a ministry placement in our parish.



It was lovely to welcome back Chris Prance, former SPW Principal, for the baptism of his third grandchild, Edward, a son to Dave and Felicity



Rev. Michele and Rev. Margaret demonstrating chip packet blankets for those sleeping rough. The blankets proved tricky to make, but well done to the Youth Group and helpers for all their work on this project.



The Rev'd Dr Theo McCall preaching at St Martin's Patronal Festival and then doing the cake-cutting honours. What a treat!



Have-a-Go Sunday on the third Sunday of the month is attracting increased numbers of singers. Why not join them and have a go. Huge thanks to Julian and the musicians who always provide a fresh approach to much-loved traditional hymns.



Huge thanks to Holdfast Bay Rotary Club for inspiring the generosity of the broader Glenelg community with a huge Christmas collection which they shared between seven churches to support our Christmas emergency outreach





COVID Vaccinations

Parishioners may appreciate knowing that all of parish staff, Andrew, Michele, Margaret and Hewina are all double vaccinated. At our recent Annual Diocesan Synod the following motion was passed:

“That this Synod endorses the Archbishop’s encouragement for all Christians to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 for the wellbeing of all individuals and the community (unless there are medical reasons vaccination cannot be received).”

It is certainly the representative view of this church that there is nothing within the Christian faith to prevent us receiving vaccinations, and indeed it is a practical way that we can show love for our neighbour. Having made that endorsement we can assure that there will be no discrimination against people on this basis other than what is mandated by Government health directives.

Heritage Works in the Parish

Repairs to the lower west windows at St Peter’s and new polycarbonate protection to these windows and the porch windows were recently installed by Frans Kat. They look terrific.

Restoration was also recently completed on four of the five Rectory Chimneys. They were seriously in need of repointing and many bricks were degraded and needed replacing to make the chimneys safe. This was noted as a high priority in our Conservation Management Plan.

Parish Council has recently approved expenditure on the Porch roof and nave guttering at St Peter’s. The Porch is in need of a facelift as it is the first impression for visitors to our church. The guttering is seriously rusted. This work will begin in January.

We are currently seeking a heritage grant for restoration of sections of the Memorial Wall around the Memorial Garden which is seriously degraded. We are also seeking Local Council permission to remove trees causing damage to the wall and to enable expansion of the garden. The parish has been incredibly well-served by Neville Cordes’ tending of the northern Memorial Garden, but he always said that he took this on as a temporary task until we came up with a more complete plan for the space. We hope to do this next year depending on what the local council will allow with tree management.

All these works have been paid for through our National Trust Heritage Fund and also through the re-structuring of our parish loan, which has seen us successfully pay off the Community Centre completely and put in place a much smaller loan facility for upcoming works. This will certainly improve our cashflow for the coming year.

Online tax-deductible donations for heritage works on our properties can always be made at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/donate-sa> and please make sure you select “St Peters Anglican Church Glenelg Appeal” in the field that asks where you would like your donation to be directed. Alternatively cheques can be posted directly to:

**National Trust Anglican Parish of Glenelg Heritage Conservation Fund Appeal,
The National Trust of South Australia, Beaumont House, 631 Glynburn Road, Beaumont, SA 5066**



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