



The Anglican Parish of Modbury,  
St Luke's Church

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This month in Adelaide is commonly called 'Mad March.' The Fringe festival is in full swing, the V8 Supercar race has happened and it seems everything is on. The weather has been lovely - although not enough rain in SA. This is the season of autumn, when the blistering heat of summer subsides and we ease into the next phase. The bushfires are no longer burning, although the rebuilding of communities is still underway and will be for a long time yet. We continue to remember the Parish of Kangaroo Island and Rev'd Brad and Jo Henley who minister there. We know things will take a long time to truly recover.

In the church it is the season of Lent. The Pilgrim course is underway. This time we are studying The Eucharist, and from the feedback I've received so far it is a very engaging course. Lent means we prepare for Easter. This year we are fortunate to have Bishop Denise Ferguson join us for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We were to have Archbishop Geoff, but he has been invited to Kangaroo Island and all agree this is a priority for him this year. We will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Denise socially at the Passover meal we will share on Maundy Thursday at 6 pm. It would be wonderful to have as many people possible to make Bishop Denise welcome.

**From Archbishop Geoff - a faith in God response when we are uncertain**

**Psalm 46.1-3**

*God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

## Visit to Our Lady's Rosary Garden

On Monday 2 March a group of people left from St Luke's to travel to Mt Barker on an excursion to Our Lady's Rosary Garden. The weather was a little chilly! Our guide, Fay, was well informed and showed us around. It was an enjoyable few hours spent wandering the sacred garden and feasting on the delicious spread of sandwiches, cakes and fruit made by the volunteers at the centre. The centre is an Christian ecumenical ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. Services are conducted in the chapel by various denominations. The volunteers provide morning tea for a very reasonable price.



*Here's Lyn and Ngaire walking the spiritual maze.*



After the garden we went down the road to the Mt Barker strawberry farm. Strawberries there were delicious! Most of us bought seconds which came in 500g punnets for \$2.50. One carload took the scenic drive back through Lobethal and Cudlee Creek to see the regrowth of the area after the December bushfires.

Thanks Ngaire for organising a lovely day.



## The Church Responding to Family and Domestic Violence

*Rev'd Joan*

For just under a year I have convened a working group on the church responding to the social issue of family and domestic violence. The working group came about following a conference I attended in Sydney as the representative from the Diocese of Adelaide. I thought I needed to do something at a local level - what is the point of going to a conference and not doing anything with the information?

The working group is part of my work in the Church in Society Ministry Unit (now changed into the Community Engagement Ministry Unit). The working group comprises of The Rev'd Dr Steven Ogden, academic and priest at Parkside; Michael Hawke, family relationships manager at Anglicare; Fiona Harris, from the parish of Elizabeth, and myself. We have worked with Women's Safety Services SA to deliver a training session, initially for clergy, on recognising and responding to family and domestic violence. The pilot training session happened on 19 February at the Cynthia Poulton Hall next to the Cathedral. It was a very informative day and the Archbishop would like to see the training sessions repeated for other clergy, and eventually for lay leaders. This is a great outcome. The issue was only more poignantly made clear as on the same day the young family in Brisbane were murdered in a hideous act of family violence.



*This is the message St Luke's says to the community who drive by or enter our grounds.*





*Here's some of our group (left to right) Fiona Harris, Kelly Barrett (trainer WSS), Rev'd Joan, Michael Hawke*

Many thanks to St Luke's people who catered beautifully for the day and who have graciously agreed that the cost due to the diocese for catering would be sent as a donation to Women's Safety Services for the shelters they run and the women who have no financial means.

You will see posters in the toilets at St Luke's providing information to women who may be in need of these services. Cards are also available for English speaking and migrant women and their children. Please pray for this important work to continue.



### **Other News**

- The church rectory is now vacant and the parish council team are working to prepare for a new tenancy. This wonderful five bedroom home has much to offer a family.
- The Annual Vestry Meeting is on **Sunday 29 March 10.45 am**. All positions vacant. Nomination forms in Balcony Room.
- After Easter, a small group will be formed to work on the elements of welcoming in a church community. Would you like to be involved?

## What's Happening in the Community Garden?

The garden is flourishing beautifully. Each Tuesday at 10 am the gardening team, which includes a number of members from the wider community, gather to work the garden. Tasks include new planting, picking, trimming, watering, in addition to occasional heavy digging and carrying. Produce is put together on a table and made available for a donation. Customers in the op shop may purchase vegetables that are taken to the op shop, however gardeners only may do the picking. This ensures the plants are harvested correctly and there is no damage to plants. During the week, a roster of gardeners manage any necessary watering and picking. Produce is available at church in the Balcony Room on Sundays and Thursdays. Donations may be made into the blue pig which comes out each week.



## Community Barbecue

Every **first Tuesday** of the month at 11.30 am there will be a community barbecue in the garden area intended to encourage people to come in, meet each other and enjoy being in community. Thanks to Harry who's agreed to be the chef! Sausages and chicken wings were cooked this month. \$2 donation for the garden.

## The Next Stages

David Datson, Max Pontifex and David Owen are making plans for some permanent seating in the garden, a wooden cross to mark a quiet place, and further development of the upper area of the garden. Please keep praying for this work.

## **A Continuation of my Journey into the Land of the Grey Nomad**

*Sandy McAdam*

It's 18 May 2009, 10 in the morning and I am about to embark on my first Big Van Trip. As my van is old and only gas/electric I have invested in a small Engle fridge which fits neatly into the boot of the old Ford. Today we did 341 km and our overnight stay was at Nuttbush Station just the other side of Pt Augusta. This is a working cattle/sheep station but it was the cattle which seemed to bellow all night. Unfortunately the milk had leaked in the Engle so I had to clean it out before going to bed. After a few stops and 431 km we arrive in Ceduna for the night. We are travelling at about 90km/hr and the plan is to do 300+ km per day. The 2 way radio is working well.

The next two nights were spent off road across the Nullabor. Fortunately Neil my convoy companion has a generator with him so the Engles are safe and on both occasions we have woken up to find other cans back off the road with us. On the second day we reached the border and ate or disposed of fruit and veg and honey was not permitted. We stopped along the way to see the Bight and visit the Old Telegraph Station at Eucla. Have been covering the back for Neil as a big rig blew the mirror off his driver side and although he went back to retrieve it, it was broken.

On 22 May we were finally in WA at Norseman and we have done 504 km as the place we had intended to stay in was closed with a for sale sign. As we were doing this off the cuff with no prior bookings we do what we must. Neil has two dogs both Jack Russells, Tic and Rodney. Rodney is well travelled and knows how to put the windows down for fresh air but Tic is only one year old and before this journey was often travel sick. He is now getting into the vehicle rather than hiding under it. As for me, after two nights one of which was very windy off road I am desperate for running water, shower and toilet!

*TBC*

## Ngaire's Friends

*Ngaire Stichbury*

I have some fantastic neighbours all unrelated and all helpful. Gloria in Number 1 is ten years younger than me and is taken out to lunch every so often by Julia and myself. She is English, seldom gets to out for lunch and prefers fish and chips - we are working on broadening her horizons. Julie drinks wine with me when her husband Andrew is absent and Wayne and Stella are computer nerds. Wayne looks after my computer, corrects my mistakes, reminds me time and time again how to change an email address and how to include a person in a group email. Stella and I have similar taste in novels. I have a plentiful supply obtained from the op shop residing on my small table by the window. Stella often comes over to make a selection and after we have both satisfied that our needs have been met the book will be returned to the op shop.

I am truly blest.

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## Bread Tag Creations

Recently Toni and David Owen went to Port Fairy for the jazz festival, and on their way back stopped in Robe. One shop was selling products made from bread tags. The money raised from selling these products is donated to organisations who build wheelchairs. What a wonderful mission! We will now continue to collect bread tags as we did last year for Helen and Phillip Bradshaw's grandchildren's school.





## Could it be the Zombie Apocalypse?

On Friday I nipped into my local Woolworths at Para Hills for a few things. I thought I might grab some toilet paper as we're running low. Well, wasn't I surprised! Images of empty shelves of shopping centres where toilet paper is usually stocked and people rushing to buy these clearly precious items have been sent across the world, perhaps to the amusement of people overseas.



I read an article which suggested that when people feel unable to control something in capitalist nations like Australia, they buy things. There's also a herd mentality which causes people to follow what others are doing - clearly something important is at stake!

On a more serious level, while the coronavirus is not likely to turn into a zombie apocalypse, there is an uncertainty around this disease which is being fuelled by the media and requires a measured response. The Archbishop of Adelaide has received the following advice for churches from Dr Louise Flood, Director of Communicable Disease Control Branch, Health Regulation and Protection SA:

- ⇒ Don't attend church for 14 days if you have returned from mainland China or Iran.
- ⇒ Don't attend church for 14 days if you have returned from Italy, South Korea, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand.
- ⇒ Don't attend church if you are unwell with a fever, acute respiratory illness or gastroenteritis.
- ⇒ Normal activity for the greeting of peace and Holy Communion is to be followed.

*And if you intinct (dip) your communion wafer, don't touch the wine with your fingers! I have to consume the contents after each service.*