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Services...

Sunday Worship:

8:00am

Holy Communion

(followed by morning tea)

9:30am

Communion Service

(Informal setting with hymns, songs and Sunday School during School Terms)

Weekday Worship:

Thursdays - 10:30am

Morning Prayer with Holy Communion.

From Revd Julie



I grew up travelling around NSW where both my parents were teachers (they are now priests and have just finished a 'stint' at Nambucca Heads as locum tenens). When I

was in Grade 4, we returned to the place we then thought was home, the Central Coast, just an hour's drive north of Sydney. This was my paternal grandmother's birth place and after years of not being around family, it seemed we were surrounded by them! Our family were regulars at St Luke's Church in Woy Woy and I was active as an altar server, a chorister and a youth group member. I also coordinated our parish Liturgical Dance group (I was a ballet dancer but that's another story!)

When I was 18, we moved to Brisbane so Dad could study at St Francis College and prepare for ordination. I was adamant that I would return to Sydney as soon as I had completed my undergraduate degree (at that time I was going to be a chiropractor) but... at the end of first year, I felt a call to Youth Ministry. I became very involved in Youth Ministry in the diocese, running camps and training young people. Knowing I needed money to live, I took a job as a data entry operator which in time turned into a teaching role within a software development company where I taught people Microsoft Word (long before there was such a thing as 'Office'). After 3 years there I decided to re-try chiropractic and worked as a Clinic Administrator for a large chiropractic clinic in the Western Suburbs. After that, I worked for a few friends who were setting up businesses, establishing new office practices and

procedures for their staff, before deciding a 9 day fortnight was more my style and getting a job in one of Telstra's Call Centres. After a year there, I had long forgotten flexi-time and was responsible for recruiting and training 150 staff for the call centre. And then... I announced I was going to St Francis College to prepare for Ordination!

I commenced at St Francis College in 2002. I enjoyed the academic study and both loved and hated the process of being 'formed' for ministry. It was life changing which was fun and exciting but also painful sometimes. I was ordained Deacon in November 2004 and served at Christ Church St Lucia (close to the university). I was ordained Priest in December 2005 and commenced as Priest in Charge at Cooroora Parish (Cooroy, Pomona, Kin Kin, Boreen Point and Eumundi in the Sunshine Coast hinterland) in May 2007; and then moved to Chermiside (Brisbane's inner north) in June 2011, before returning to the Sunshine Coast, to Caloundra-Glasshouse Country Parish in late 2017.

I enjoy the challenge of ministry, seeking to find where God is leading us both individually as well as corporately. I have a passion and love for children and young people... and really enjoy watching children grow and develop and come to faith. I also love companioning people who are seeking to explore their faith or deepen their relationship with Jesus. While not all aspects of ministry are 'fun', I like the diversity and opportunities in ministry to grow and develop, and learning from others' gifts and experience.

But... I hear you ask where did Peter fit in?

Peter grew up in Woodridge (southern suburbs

Connecting faith, family & friends

of Brisbane) and his mum still lives in the house he first called home. While at High School, he commenced an apprenticeship as a pastry chef before entering the Army soon after graduating. He has worked all around the world with the Army, before moving to the Navy for a brief time. During this time, along with a friend, he started a scuba diving tour business. After his discharge, along with some friends, he bought a pub in England. After returning to Australia he commenced working as a Production Manager in a glass factory, as well as starting an online business selling hobby and craft products, as well as making displays and dioramas for museums and painting miniatures for sale. He also established a farm at Canungra, on the back of Mount Tamborine (the hinterland of the Gold

Coast) where he raised two great daughters. Unfortunately due to the breakdown of the marriage he no longer gets to see them. I consider him to be a true 'Jack of All Trades' and anything he tries his hand at, he achieves with great proficiency! Right now he's a fantastic house husband and takes wonderful care of me... but he will be looking for some work once life settles a little!

We met online five years ago and simply 'clicked' and were married in April 2017 at St Francis College in a small ceremony with family. Bishop Jonathan Holland officiated and we had no formal bridal party, just two long term friends acting as our witnesses. We had a relaxed lunch on Old

Bishopsbourne Lawn (in front of the chapel) and then honeymooned in Western Australia. A month later, we had a wonderful Reception at All Saints Chermside with 120 of our friends celebrating with us. Oh and the Jaguar XJS-C? The most delightful wedding present a girl could ever get... and, it comes with it's own chauffer so that as Pete says, "No wife of mine will ever drive her own car!"



Parish Life



Catherine Kidd

Cathy, who had spent seventy two years on earth, left this mortal coil after a brief illness on 23rd May, 2020. A parishioner for many years, like her mother before her, she made a significant contribution to the St Chad's community and will be much missed by many. Her passing will also be mourned by her extended family, both here, interstate and overseas, as well as by her many friends and acquaintances.

She was unique in her ability to connect with people; everybody knew her and she knew all about them. She was genuinely interested and caring and her capacity to remember small details about people's lives endeared her to them.

Cathy and I were friends for over twenty years; we were proud and grateful parishioners at St Chad's and for ten years worked alongside each other at Burnside War Memorial Hospital. We had many cups of tea together and talked often about the world and its people. If we mentioned the weather, we only did so to establish how much water was in our respective rain gauges and what the temperature was in Renmark!

She lived a good life, quietly and cheerfully and only complained about things like "not being allowed to eat much cheese"! She loved "her St. Chad's community" and her deep faith was made manifest in her care for others. She was no stranger to ill health but responded to it with patient resilience as well as gratitude for the medical and nursing care she received. She exemplified "kindness in another's trouble and courage in your own".

In Winnie the Pooh's opinion "a friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be". Cathy clearly believed this to be true and lived her life accordingly.

Winnie the Pooh also believed that "in life it is not where you go but who you travel with". It was a profound experience to celebrate friendship with Cathy and I am deeply saddened that our "cups of tea" days are over. She will delightfully live on in my memory for the rest of my life.

Meriel Wilson

Cyril Mintern

An Englishman born in Somerset, Cyril served in the British Navy from 1941 until 1946 with postings in Malta, Egypt and Italy. Returning to England, Cyril became a surveyor's assistant. In 1952, he qualified as a surveyor and he and his wife, Betty, travelled to East Africa where he worked for three years.

Married to Betty Wood in 1949, Cyril and Betty had two sons, David and Richard, in England, and following their arrival in Australia, had Andrew (our beloved former parish priest), born in 1965.

In 1972, Cyril qualified as an engineer and worked for an extensive period with the E&WS until his retirement in 1983.

When Andrew's wife died leaving their small daughter, Rebecca, Cyril and Betty stepped in to assist and support Andrew in every way they could. They were absolutely marvellous grandparents. Cyril and Betty were married for 72 very happy years.

A man of great integrity, wit and charm, Cyril was a most competent musician and played the clarinet in orchestras and bands.



All parishioners extend their deepest sympathy to Betty, David, Richard, Andrew, and their extended families.

Ros Summerton

It is with great sadness that I write about the most recent passing of Mrs Ros Summerton, a parishioner and an enormous contributor in so many ways to the life of St Chad's. Ros, married to Hugh, together with their grown up children Wendy, Annette and Peter, worshipped at St Chad's for many decades until ill health struck them several years ago.

Ros played the organ each Sunday for our Sunday Services over many years, giving of her time and expertise most generously.

Not only did Ros play the organ each week but she was the sacristan for many years and if there was an event at St Chad's requiring delicious food Ros always supplied it and helped in every way she could.

A wonderfully cheerful, generous and talented person, Ros will continue to be sadly missed by all the parishioners who knew her at St Chad's.

Our prayers deepest, sympathy, love and support to Hugh, Wendy, Annette and Peter and their families in their loss of Ros.

Gay Gardner

Virtual Easter Bonnet Parade 2020



Coronavirus affected our Easter Celebrations and as we could not gather in person , we embarked on our first Virtual Easter Hat Parade!

Everyone who entered won something... and received a certificate and chocolates to mark their participation. The top row highlights our 1st (Eliza), 2nd (Lucy), 3rd (Will) and Highly Commended (Andrew) Award winners.

Thanks to all for participating—and to those who joined our Easter Morning Zoom wearing other Easter Hats!

Who knows what Easter 2021 will bring...

The Greatest Ever Fayre in The Multiverse!

(Photos on page 2!) There was a stall to tempt even the most discerning of buyers at "Bargain Basement" prices! Gastronomic delights were served throughout the Fayre and the young were entertained with face painting and the Lego Challenge.

The St Chad's Fayre was the swan song for "The Wodgers", our world acclaimed jazz and rock band, comprising musicians closely associated with St Chad's. The Wodgers have been together, making incredibly beautiful music for the last 15 years and have been so generous with their time in playing at the Fayre each year. We thank each member and will greatly miss the most exciting and scintillating music made by them over so many years.

Very many thanks to all the stall holders and their helpers who worked so hard

during the week before the Fayre and on the day to make the St Chad's Fayre such a huge success. To the "viriles", a wonderful band of men who assisted with the heavy lifting, both to set up on the early morning of the Fayre and then to return all to the Church and Parish Centre at its close, a very special thanks.

Well over \$10,000 was made at the St Chad's Fayre in 2019, which will assist in supporting our Outreach Program. It was truly, as predicted, the greatest Fayre ever held in The Multiverse!

At the time of printing we are unsure of what COVID-19 Restrictions may be in place for our 2020 Fayre. So stay tuned...

If it can happen, it will happen!



Prayers & Squares THE PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

In recent times we have introduced the ministry of Prayers and Squares to St Chad's. It's a simple concept (although a great deal of ministry, time and effort goes in behind the scenes) to give a tangible symbol of our prayer to those we are praying for by way of a Prayer Quilt.

Each quilt, which is prepared for the recipient, is lovingly (and prayerfully) made and then strands of wool or cotton are sewn into it. The quilt is then left in the Church and as members tie a knot in the strands, they say a prayer for the person. When it is completed and the person is ready, it is blessed

and then given to the person (with some strands still untied for 'future prayers').

The person can then use it as they wish... many use it as a throw rug while in hospital or recuperating at home; others leave it as a throw on the lounge or their bed; others have made it into a wall hanging - all as reminders of the prayers that surround them.

The ministry was founded in 1992 at Hope Methodist Church in San Diego, California. It is a truly world wide ministry with chapters on almost every continent and more than 1220 chapters through the world. In Australia there are chapters in

Queensland, Victoria, and Western Australia.

You can find more information about the history at their website www.prayerquilt.org This is a this lovely extension of the care, love and prayers of St Chad's to others. Our first three recipients - Meriel (as she undergoes chemotherapy); Jenny (as she continues with dialysis) and Julie (as she prepares to give evidence at court); have all deeply valued the loving prayers that have been offered and the kindness of the gift of a quilt to remind them that God's love, and ours, surrounds them.

If you would like to arrange for a prayer quilt for someone, please speak with Julie, Jeff or one of the Church Wardens and they will arrange for a quilt to be prepared. Above all, remember the Prayers and Squares Motto: **'It's not about the quilt, it's about the prayer'**.

What are the ideals that make us Australian?

Traditionally Australians see the Australian culture as one of mateship, egalitarianism, and a belief in a 'fair go'. Jesus provides a Christian context for such ideals in the Beatitudes (Matt 5 v1), where he speaks of the Kingdom of God, the society that Jesus wants to establish in this life and the next. These Beatitudes are the core of the Christian way of life, deep down attitudes of mind driven by a deep love of other people and made possible by the love of God. They can never be kept fully – they are goals that are always calling us further, towards a more peaceful society which looks after the needs of all. As Jesus lays down eight attitudes which will bring about a more wholesome community, he

calls to us:

- to be poor in spirit, wholly dependent totally on God
- to 'mourn', to feel in solidarity with all who are victims of humankind's evil
- to be 'meek', gentle and kindly, with a deep respect for and tenderness towards all
- to 'hunger and thirst for righteousness', to work towards a life of universal dignity, fulfilment, justice, and peace
- to be 'merciful', putting aside all forms of judgementalism, prejudice, hate and contempt
- to be 'pure in heart', to see things with an unprejudiced eye
- to be 'peacemakers', active agents of unity and reconciliation, bringing genuine healing to relationships, and
- to 'be persecuted for righteousness' sake', willing to give of ourselves to bring truth and justice into the world.

So the Beatitudes call for a very special relationship with God and with the people around us. They involve not merely a personal observance of some ethical rules, but a deep concern to be involved in the building up of our society to make it a place of truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom and peace. These are the attitudes that undergird the ideals of mateship, egalitarianism, and belief in a 'fair go' to which we as a nation are called in our faith to aspire.

YOURS IN CHRIST,
REVD. JEFF



Thank You Julie!



In 2019, the decision was made to have a full time Parish Priest. This decision meant that we could not be sure if our finances would allow for us to continue with our Children's, Families and Outreach Minister, Julie Ascher-Ellis; and our Parish Secretary, Helen Spring. As the Covid19 lockdown eventuated, Parish Council took

the very hard decision to end our contract with Julie - a result of a projected shortfall in parish income as well as the lack of external contributions from organisations like Walford (something that had given us the ability to employ both Julie and Helen in the first instance). We were also unaware of how long we would be unable to have children's ministry given the Federal Government guidelines.

While Julie (and Helen) had been on notice that we may not have the funds, it was with deep sadness and much gratitude that we said thank you to Julie.

Her ministry with us has lasting memories and we were delighted to share many of those stories and offer our reminiscences in a card that we gave to Julie.

We were also pleased to offer a small gift, by way of a gift voucher, for her to use as she'd like.

We miss Julie, not just because of her creativity with children and outreach ministries, but because of the many other ways in which she offered her gifts in the community of St Chad's. While many tasks now fall to Revd Julie, Julie A-E will always have a special place in our hearts.

We wish her well with her continued ministry as Pastoral Care Worker various local Schools and in the wider Adelaide Anglican community.





About the Divine...

There are many things that we might find puzzling about our faith, but, perhaps, the greatest mystery centres on what we understand about God or the Divine. Science and space exploration have combined to explode any belief that might remain about a Heaven being “up there” where God lives and where – according to the tradition – Jesus lived before he “...came down to Earth from Heaven...” as the Christmas carol puts it.

That said, what do we make of reports by credible people who describe temporarily entering a state that is wholly spiritual rather than “earthly”? I refer, in particular, to out-of-body experiences that are associated with near-to-death circumstances. These occur most frequently in hospitals, where the subject is receiving intensive care in the process of recovering from a life-threatening accident or a medical crisis. There are, however, other quite different circumstances where people also have a wholly spiritual experience that is quite unworldly. These range from seeing familiar environments lit up by a “golden glow” to personal encounters with people long deceased.

All these types of experiences are essentially individual: they are

never shared by a second observer. They therefore fail the test of being evidence-based and – from a “worldly” perspective – are considered to be figments of imagination or hallucination. But those who have these encounters are left in no doubt that they have interacted with an alternative, spiritual universe which they associate with the Divine. The late Marcus Borg – a leading US theologian in his time – claimed that some 10% to 20% of Christians have these experiences.

So why are they not the general experience of the Christian majority? Are these encounters reserved for a specially blessed minority? I think not, but I have no explanation as to why some people have them and the great majority don't. And does it really matter? I suggest that it doesn't, and I offer the following explanation.

The most significant and life-affirming interaction/engagement with the Divine that the great majority of people enjoy in their lives – religious or not - is when they love or are loved. This experience has all the hallmarks of the Mystery that we call “God”. When entered into genuinely and wholeheartedly, love frequently cannot be explained by any worldly logic; when people are truly “in love” they see the world differently – more gently, more forgivingly, perhaps less competitively. Love can unite people of different faiths, cultures, races: Shakespeare's profound

tribute to love, “Romeo and Juliet”, embraces this reality in its central plot. The Apostle Paul described the qualities of love in 1 Corinthians 13 –

“Love is patient; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

These qualities explain to us better than any Creed or theological treatise the effect of the Divine in our lives for “God is Love” (1 John 4: 8). But, beyond the personal experience, “love” is also the key that recognises the needs of others and acts to meet those needs. This is the transforming “love” that has the power to change individuals and the world.

The delicate plant that we might consider a new love-experience to be needs to be carefully nurtured if it is to survive and reach full bloom. The cares and distractions of the world – greed, selfishness, materialism, power, envy, if not thwarted, can and frequently do, prevent that outcome and destroy love. But the mystery that we understand as the unconditional Love of God is the resource that is available to us as “Jesus followers” to meet and overcome all of these challenges.

JOHN ARGUE AND FRIENDS.





**Friday 18
September**

7.00 - 7.30pm start

Quiz, raffles, heads & tails.

\$15 per adult inclusive of
tea and coffee
BYO drinks and nibbles
Tables of 8-10

Bookings:
stchads@adam.com.au

Celebrating our History & Looking to our Future

Sunday 13 September at 8.00am and 9.30am

*We will welcome Archdeacon Andrew Mintern as we mark
the 100th anniversary of the laying of the Dedication Stone for St Chad's.*

Sunday 22 November at 4.00pm

*We will welcome Archbishop Geoff Smith as we mark
100 Years of Ministry in the Fullarton area.
Followed by refreshments.*

Sunday 20 December at 8.00am and 9.30am

*We will welcome the Revd Tracey Gracey as we mark
the 100th anniversary of the first service conducted at St Chad's.*



St Chad's Directory

Nursing Home Ministry:

Monthly services at:
Southern Cross Homes
Fullarton Lutheran Home
Carinya Nursing Home
Please contact the priest for
details.

Other Pastoral Services:

- Thanksgiving for the birth of a child
- Baptisms
- Blessing of a relationship
- Weddings
- House blessing
- Prayers for specific needs
- Ministry of reconciliation (confession)
- Spiritual direction
- Quiet days and retreats
- Home Communion for the sick
- Anointing for the sick or dying
- Funerals

Other Parish Activities:

The Prayer Ring

Wendy Retsas
8276 5021

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