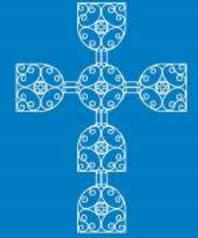


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Services...

Sunday Worship:

8:00am
Said Holy Communion
(followed by morning tea)

9:30am
Sung Communion Service
(Informal setting with hymns, songs and Sunday School during School Terms)

11.30am
2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month [during school terms]
YOGA CHURCH for all ages
Incorporating Meditation & Movement to prayer.

4th Sunday of the month
Healing Service
with Communion
(Informal setting with hymns, songs and Sunday School during School Terms)

Weekday Worship:

Thursdays - 9:30am
Please note time change
Morning Prayer with reserved sacrament.



Closing the gap on the numbers game!

Whilst our weekly attendance is still problematic we

had marvellous attendance at all of our Easter services. Over 125 people attended our 9.30am service on Easter Day and 25 children and their families joined us for our Children's Good Friday Service. A lot of these families [both past and present] were form our Little Chad's music program and they really enjoyed our hospitality and the creative activity that was used to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. [see page 3] Due to this success and the positive feedback Julie and I are now planning a special service event for each term. Our first special event was held on Pentecost Sunday. Twelve children and eighteen adults gathered at 11.30am to make and fly kites. A BBQ lunch was also provided. Before the making of the kites we gathered in the church for an interactive talk and activity to unpack the Pentecost story and the role of the Holy Spirit. It was lovely to see families having fun and engaging with another aspect of our faith story. [see photos on page 2]



Yoga Church

Yoga Church is another way in which we are closing the gap on the numbers game. We have had six new members regularly attend this innovative worship service as well as members from our parish. Anita is a lovely, gentle instructor. The yoga poses that she has set to our prayers are suitable for every age and able and not so able bodies! One new member who is recovering from a back injury is still coming and using this time for meditation.

Labyrinth Table - a two year project now completed!

In 2016 Walford year 9 students were given the task of designing a labyrinth table for our community garden. Julie then incorporated aspects of their designs into one design. It was decided that this project would be in memory of significant people who sadly passed away in 2016. At our All Saints and All Souls service families of those who had passed away began the final phase of our project by laying initials in remembrance of Bruce Ridgeway, Cyril Wetherall, John Freebain and Paul Renwick. Muriel Gorrie also laid two love hearts in memory of Reg Gorrie who passed away in February 2017. Other parishioners were then invited to lay tiles in memory of their loved ones. The table was then completed at our Spiritual Spa Day. Bill Bentley kindly offered to make the base and added some beautiful words on the base to complete our table.

On Easter Day we commissioned our table which can now be used for meditation purposes or when having a cuppa with other parishioners or friends. I'd like to thank Julie for all of the preparation work that she did so that this project could be brought to fruition.



Marketing our Parish

We took up a promotional offer to have a 360 video tour of the church, centre and grounds. This link has been added to our website and Facebook page so that people can view our centre on-line. If you haven't already done so it is worth having a look and a play! A small team of people with marketing skills has also met to discuss how we can continue to promote our parish. Ideas that were discussed and that will be implemented in the coming months are:

- Get a flag banner that says we are open for business,.
- Establish a St Chad's YouTube channel so that we can upload some of our talks [including the annual Easter Egg Story]
- Look at a contact us page to see if we capture email addresses
- Seek ways to welcome new home owners in the area.

Blessings from Tracey

Connecting faith, family & friends

Photos tell our story—Pentecost Kite Making & Flying



In Loving Memory

Richard Frederick Gower Gardner

14.11.1933-09.05.2018

[Extract from Gay's Eulogy]

My two favourite priests the Reverend Tracey Gracey and the Reverend Helen Gibson-White, all distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I have lost my boy. He has gone to heaven and is with God. He is happy and I could not ask him to suffer more. Today I would like to share with you a snapshot of Richard's life. Richard was born in Chelsea London in 1933. When Richard was six years old war broke out. Richard and his family were evacuated from their own home and moved from house to house in the country. Prep school followed and then Eton College, a beautiful school next to Windsor Castle.

On leaving school Richard went off to do his National Service in the Grenadier Guards, part of which time he served in Egypt. He was ordered shoot to kill should the enemy appear! On his return Richard went to law school in London where he became a solicitor, returning home to the country at weekends. In 1963 Richard went to a Point to Point in Essex. I was in England at that time and I too went to that Point to Point. We met and a life time romance began! I had to return home in a great hurry due to my fathers illness. Richard followed a few months later. The romance continued and he went in to the family law firm in Adelaide. We married in 1965 and four children arrived in quick succession! They are a very precious quartet, who have been so supportive of Richard and me during the most difficult and distressing time. Richard and I shared so much together, his faith and his church meant so much to him. We have worshipped at St Chad's for 52 years. He was a regular reader at church, we counted the money on a Sunday. He was King of Raffles at the annual Fayre. Richard was a man of great integrity and honesty and worked very hard in his profession. He always said he would work until he dropped. That is exactly what has happened. Richard had a deep love and knowledge of music, architecture, antique clocks, sailing and travel. Richard loved to go to England and Europe to see family and friends. In 1988 we began to go regularly. He died believing that we would go again in September. I will keep to this plan. Richard was the love of my life, and dare I say, I of his. We journeyed together for 52 years right up until the day he died. One day we will meet again and journey together once more. May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. May you go in peace. I will love you forever.

Children's, Youth & Outreach Ministry

Julie Ascher-Ellis

In the Children's Room

We have had a productive and fun term. Our children spent the term learning about Lent and the Easter Story. We used hand and footprints to depict Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, betrayal, foot washing, crucifixion and the resurrection. This artwork is on display in the Parish Centre. We also made some decorative crosses using chalk markers that are also displayed in the Parish Centre.

Another project was to restore the five large banners that we made last year and these are displayed on the fence in Roseberry Avenue so that passersby can see our faith story. After the Easter break we talked about the resurrection and the children made stained glass butterflies, which are also on display in the Parish Centre.

Seventeen children and their parents attended our Good Friday Children's Service, which was again held in our Community Garden. The morning began with hot cross buns. While the adults were enjoying their coffee, the children made pan flutes. The idea was to play them as we walked around the stations, however, there was so much excitement that the pan flutes got left behind. We told the Easter journey using piñatas for each station. There were five stations: Palm Sunday depicted by a donkey piñata, the last supper depicted by an unleavened bread piñata, praying in the garden depicted by praying hands, the crucifixion depicted by a cross and the resurrection depicted by a tomb piñata. After smashing the piñatas open, the children collected clues to the story. At the completion of the five stations the children put their collected items in their own piñatas and decorated them. The idea was that they could open their piñata on Easter Sunday and retell the story with their families. The adults enjoyed another cuppa and more hot cross buns. We also had a crossword puzzle to fit with the stations, but our children were more interested in smashing open the piñatas than completing the crossword. Jill Wildy and Lesley Giles kindly served morning tea. Diana Swanson and Andy Brown looked after the photography. Andy also got up on the ladder and strung up all of the piñatas. It was really rewarding to see so many of our Little Chad's families, both past and present join us for the service. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event.



On Easter Sunday after Tracey had told the story through chocolate, the children again went into the garden; this time for a scavenger hunt. Bruce Stocks had hidden items to retell the story. We split the children into groups making sure that there was an older child to accompany each of the younger children. The children were asked to collect items to tell the story and when they were ready we sat on the grass and put everything together to retell the story. Once this was completed we went into the Narthex and dyed eggs whilst our resident Easter Bunny (Bruce Stocks and his helpers) hid chocolate eggs in the garden. Then there was the fun of hunting for the eggs. All this was followed with tea/coffee and hot cross buns, served again by Jill and Lesley. Again, it was really encouraging to see members of our Little Chad's and Friday cuddles outreach programs join us for the morning. Again, thank you to those who helped make this morning a success.



Rosefield, St Chad's and Glenunga Combined Youth Group

Untitled continues to meet on the first Saturday and second and fourth Friday of the month. Once a term we have a service project, which I coordinate. This term we chose to collect items for Backpacks 4 SA Kids to provide clothes and personal supplies to children placed in emergency foster care, domestic violence shelters, and who are under duress. The backpacks help to relieve some of the stress and anxiety children face when they are removed from their family, often in traumatic situations and without the opportunity to take any personal belongings with them. We asked the three congregations to donate items and were blown away by the quality and quantity of items donated.



St Chad's Junior Youth Group

We have started a Junior Youth Group for Grade 4-7 kids. As well as providing Sunday School, we will meet twice a term for a fun event and a parish based activity [with some Christian input.] For our first fun event we joined with St Saviour's Anglican Church and headed off to Bounce. Seven children from St Chad's joined in the fun. After an hour of fun bouncing we finished the afternoon at McDonalds for a snack and chat. The next event will be kite making and flying to celebrate Pentecost, followed later in the term by Laser Skirmish and bowling. Please extend an invitation to families who have children in this age bracket.



Friday Cuddles

Our Friday Cuddles outreach program continues to offer support to mothers of young children attending the Pilates sessions on Friday mornings, by providing child minding and help with their babies, some as young as 4 weeks. It is much more than child minding; we build friendships with the Mums and are able to reassure them on parenting issues, the children are really excited about coming to play with us and often don't want to go home. The Mums are extremely appreciative of the help we provide.



Little Chad's

Little Chad's our music, play and story time, continues to be great fun for pre school children and their parents/carers. We are grateful that Jo Mintern continues to lead the program with her beautiful voice and lovely welcoming nature. A highlight for the term was our Easter theme. Besides singing Easter songs and having an Easter story, we played a game where the children put on bunny ears or bunny masks and hopped around their burrows (hula hoops placed on the ground). Whilst the adults had morning tea, the children decorated hats for an Easter parade.



High Tea in the Garden—Take 2

Over 40 women enjoyed a lovely afternoon of fine food, wine and good conversation in our community garden.



Men's Evening @ The Ark

ENVISIONING ECOTOPIA

At the recent St Chad's Men's Dinner, Peter and James Ward spoke on this important subject of the future of the long term sustainability of life on earth. They started by talking about the need to share with justice the resources of the earth.

There was a recent 'Sustainability Conference' held in South Africa and that highlighted the long term future of the earth's resources and what needs to be done.

- Sustainable industries that need less water.
- Solid waste around the world by councils in various countries
- Modelling the future rate of use of resources
- Coal will run out by 2200
- Iron will run out by 2150 (if 60% quality is used)
- Copper will run out by about 2100
- Phosphorus will run out by 2150

In Australia what is particular to us is:

- Population growth
- The Murray Darling Basin (reference to Cubby Station)
- We are consuming at a greater rate than other countries

How should we live?

- Less cars
- More bicycles
- Limit population growth?

James and Peter suggested the following:

- Increased recycling (relating to economic viability)
- Vision of a sustainable future, as global population will reach 9.5b later this century
- Look at our ecological footprint
- Carbon emissions (reduce)

They also said that all governments need to avoid the following steps:

- Denial/despair/delusion.

We all need to plan for a sustainable future, via energy consumption, moving to electric vehicles and use of biofuel. A country that currently fits this bill is Cuba, as it has a low GDP, good health and education systems and reduced oil use. The world's sustainability is certainly a very challenging issue, of but to ensure a long term future we need to envision an ecotopia.

For your diary—Next Men's Evening @ The Ark

Wednesday, 11 July 2018
Arkaba Hotel - Fullarton Room @ 6 30 pm
Guest Speaker—John Argue
"Stormwater: hold the rain where it falls!"
Please invite a friend.



St Chad's SALA Exhibition—1st – 31st August 2018. Meet the Artist—Our own—Annabel Barrett

Annabel's exhibition is titled 'Many Colours.'

Annabel says that colour is a most important element assisting her subject material.

Her focus this year is on industrial landscapes and her sense of humour is her inspiration.

Her paintings and ceramics will be on display at St Chad's for the month of August.

Annabel will be painting at the Church on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10.30am—2.30pm.

St Chad's parishioners are invited to attend Annabel's opening on Saturday August 4th from 4.30pm-6.30pm. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

This will be another wonderful opportunity to promote our church premises and support one of our much loved 8am parishioners.

So please make a date with a friend to view this exhibition and enjoy a chat with Annabel.



Poem to share

This Anzac Day poem was written by John Argue's Grand-daughter Amelie Dombrowski. John was so moved by her words that he composed a musical setting for the poem. We then filmed John and Amelie so that the poem could be used during our Sunday worship and also loaded on to Facebook as a reflection in the lead-up to Anzac Day.

As soon as I could I enlisted for war
Thought it would be exciting
Differ from the everyday bore
But once I set foot on Gallipoli's land
I knew my mistake was so very grand
The bullets whizzing past both left and right
The sound so deafening all through the night

All through the trenches there's a muddy red slush
Once my friends fought beside me but now there's a hush
The dead lay everywhere, most covered in mud
Everywhere you look there's the colour of blood

I knew it would, finally the day has come
I've been shot and I'm on the home run
I was only there a month but it feels like so long
It's great to be home, for that's where I belong



Dear Friends at St Chad's,

During Mary's illness we both came to experience the kindness and love and dedication of the Parishioners of St Chad's towards us. I continue to have daily messages from people who attended the Memorial who comment on how inclusive our community is and how welcoming it felt. For all the cards, flowers, messages left, food brought, and time spent with Mary and I during her illness, for food prepared for the memorial, help with the preparation and clean up, wine delivered and prayers said and candles lit, for the ongoing tending to Mary's tree and much much more. I thank you from the very depth of me.

With gratitude. Marie xx

Now for something completely different.....!

Did you note one of the outcomes of the 2016 Commonwealth Census in which respondents were asked to indicate their attitude to or involvement with religion? A number of religions (including "atheist") were listed, reflecting the multi-cultural nature of contemporary Australia – Christianity, Judaism, Moslem, Hindu, Buddhist, etc. Some 16 million Australians responded to the Census and **almost half**, that is, some 8 million adults, ticked the "Christianity" box. Now, we know from Church survey statistics that of those who claim such "Christian affiliation", only about *one-third* attend their local churches **one or more times per month**. The implication of this is that some **five million** Australian adults who claim Christian affiliation, attend church services *less than once per month*.

How does this actually 'play out' in the Australian community? It is most clearly revealed in the statistics of Christian Church attendances at Christmas and Easter which are – across the nation – roughly three times weekly church service attendances. Would you believe that the attendance statistics listed in Tracey's "Priest's Report for 2017" – provided to all those on the St Chad's Parish Roll in February 2018 - are "spot on" (give or take) the national averages? Attendances at the recent Easter Services provided continuing confirmation of this.

Category	2015	2016	2017
Weekly ave. attendance at St Chad's (communion –8 AM plus 9.30 AM)	60	60	53
Easter attendance-Good Friday plus Easter Sunday	205	190	213
Christmas attendance	203	178	150

How can we account for this and, anyway, what does all this mean for Australian society?

Here are some thoughts on the subject –

The "older generation," including a majority of Census respondents would, have attended Sunday Schools or church schools or Scripture classes in government schools in their younger years, where they would have been exposed to the *Christian ethic*. The **value** of that ethic has stayed with them and, in circumstances such as a national Census, they respond as indicated above. But their lives have become complicated by careers, family demands on time, accumulating "stuff", etc, such that church attendance – even once per month – has become a 'nil' priority. But **Christmas and Easter**? Yes, they're there in droves: they are the **CEs**!

Recognition of the **value** of the Christian ethic, however, is strong enough, typically, for these 'respondents' to bring their children to Baptism and later – depending on resistance or rebellion – Confirmation. Also – depending on their level of affluence - they send their children to church schools in the expectation that in the learning environment, the children will be exposed to the **Christian ethic** and "*decide for themselves.....*". They have met all the promises they made at the Baptisms of their children..... so who can deny them a well-earned round of golf on Sunday morning?

Regrettably, the **Christian ethic** in the Australian community is under threat and the "*Australia is a Christian country so we don't need to actively involve ourselves in a Christian community...*" attitude, outlined above, needs to be seriously addressed. A few points to consider –

Most of the "CEs" would have been brought up in families where Church-going on Sunday - mum, dad and the kids – was the normal thing. One might have expected this 'cultural setting' to have been carried over by the children when they reached parenthood. But this has **not** been, typically, what has happened. Over a period of (perhaps) two generations, the close link between family and church has all but disappeared, and with it, regular hearing of those old Bible stories and explanation of the Christian ethics that are found in Jesus' teachings as reported in the Gospels. Sunday School attendances have also dropped to a fraction of what they used to be 30 to 40 years ago. It follows that the Australian community's *Christian ethic capital* is being eroded and moving rapidly towards being bankrupt under the impact of intense product marketing, self-centred social media, the "greed is OK" philosophy and the imperative to 'get ahead'. In time - presuming the present trend continues - allusions to Gospel parables such as '*the good Samaritan*', '*the prodigal son*', and teachings such as '*blessed are the merciful.....*'; '*.....casting the first stone.....*' will be unrecognised by the community at large. This might seem to be a bleak outlook but there are no sure signs of its reversal attracting community-wide or political support.

How can we show, in the community, our support for Christian values?

The mention of politicians raises the question of what motivates our elected leaders to take any course of action that might impact on the Australian people? Undoubtedly, "the numbers"! How many Australians really **care** about the proliferation of plastic bags? How many Australians really **care** about youth suicide? How many Australians really **care** about *closing the gap* between the indigenous and 'white' cultures? How many Australians really **care** about the loss of Christian values? Political action in response to these questions depends, almost invariably, on "the number" of Australians who show by their actions that they **care**.

We are constantly being reminded of the multi-cultural nature of contemporary Australian society and this is, rightly, to be celebrated. In the process of integrating diverse cultural groups into our community and making them feel welcome, however, a *political correctness* has emerged that has intruded into the way certain things were done in "old Australia". For example, the SA Education Dept allows school communities to decide their own "Christmas Carols Policy": At the primary school attended by two of my granddaughters "*Jingle Bells*" is OK but **not** "*Away in a Manger*" or "*Hark the herald angels sing!*" Also, the role of those previously called "Chaplain" is now called "Pastoral Care worker", because "Chaplain" implies a too close connection to Christianity.

Some ultra-conservative political figures have reacted to these "intrusions" and would see them reversed in the interests of a **less** multi-cultural and **more** Christian Australia. A *moderate* view on these matters - more in keeping with the philosophy we find in Jesus' teachings – is preferred, but the time has come when Australia's five million "CEs" need to **stand up and be counted more frequently in Church** than just at Christmas and Easter if they want to see a tolerant but nevertheless purposefully *Christian* Australia pass on to their children and grandchildren.

We pose a Question: "*What can we do to ensure the viability of St Chad's*".

John Argue and Friends



Other Special Services & Events Diary Dates for 2018

Please see the Weekly News, Facebook and email communication for more details closer to the service or event.

Friday, June 15th
 Wednesday, July 11th
 Saturday, August 25th
 Sunday, September 16th
 Sunday, September 23rd
 Sunday, September 30th
 Sunday, October 21st
 Saturday, November 3rd
 Sunday, December 9th
 Sunday, December 16th
 Wednesday, December 19th

Quiz Night
 Men's Dinner @ The Arkaba
 The Cabaret
 Archbishop's Visit to St Chads
 Parish Breakfast & Service [one service only]
 Taize Service [one service only]
 Bless your Pets Service [one service only]
 The FAYRE
 Our Nativity Play
 Carols in our community garden
 Christmas Lunch @ the Parish Centre

Spiritual Spa Days
 Afternoons to stop & engage with your God

Saturday, September 1st
 (Please note date change from August 25th)
Saturday, November 17th
 2pm-4.30pm



Wisdom for Living
COUNSELLING AND THERAPY

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 wisliv@adam.com.au
 www.wisdomforliving.net

St Chad's Directory

Nursing Home Ministry:
 Monthly services are taken 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:

Sunday School
 Julie Ascher-Ellis
 8379 7825

The Prayer Ring
 Wendy Retsas
 8276 5021

Youth Group
 Tracey Gracey
 0417 899 603

Little Chad's
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