

PARISH NEWS

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St. Paul's Anglican Church
(Church of England)
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JOIN US FOR OUR CENTENARY

Dear Readers,

St. Paul's Church will be celebrating 100 years of service to the community of Ringwood on October 14th, with a program to suit all ages, from Friday to Sunday night of that weekend.

All past parishioners and friends are cordially invited to attend the celebrations to be held on the weekend, and especially on Sunday 14th October. Your presence would be much appreciated.

A program of the weekend's activities is printed inside.

The people of St. Paul's trust that you will join them on this great day and share in the celebrations.

Yours, on behalf of the Centenary Coordinating Committee,

Cynthia Lewin

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14 Linlithgow Street,
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- VICAR : The Reverend W.R.(Bill) Porter, 40 Warrandyte Rd., RINGWOOD. 870 6074
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- Priest Assisting : The Rev. Arthur Lloyd, 3 King Street, BAYSWATER. 729 1736
- Youth Worker : Mr. Andy Ralph, 13 Aquila Cr., ENDEAVOUR HILLS. 700 1238
- Caretaker : Mr. Mervyn Ashlin, 40 Warrandyte Road, RINGWOOD. (A.H.) 870 2093
- PARISH OFFICE - Tel. 870 2093 (Office Hours, Monday-Friday, 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon).

(CURRENT TIMES OF SERVICES, & OTHER MATTERS, MAY BE FOUND IN THE PARISH DIRECTORY.)

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

SUNDAYS :

- SEPT. 2 22nd Ordinary Sunday
- 9 23rd Ordinary Sunday
- 16 24th Ordinary Sunday
- 23 25th Ordinary Sunday
- 30 26th Ordinary Sunday
- OCT. 7 27th Ordinary Sunday

HOLY DAYS :

- Friday, Sept. 21 St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist & Martyr.
- Saturday, Sept. 29 St. Michael and All Angels

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PARISH REGISTER

BURIALS "May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace".

July 7 Noel Graham WATERSON
July 30 Robert Marshall DEXTER
August 7 Dorothy Theaden BRADLEY
August 8 Percival John Thomas BATTYE

NEXT ISSUE - Closing date for articles, including those things you have been going to write for the last six months, will be 7.00 pm Sunday, 23rd September, on the letter rack outside the office.

Letter Rack What letter rack? Well it's right next to the door of the Parish Office, and letters, notices, and even lost gloves have occasion to be put there awaiting collection by those to whom they are addressed.
NOTICE
BOARDS
ARE A
NECESSARY And wow - some of them sure do some waiting.
NUISANCE. When you come and go, please glance at the letter rack and the shelf below - there may be something for you.

CENTENARY SOUVENIR GLASSES

Jack Snow reports good sales of both styles of glasses. There is a splendid display of the two glasses in the Narthex, so if you haven't decided on your order, pop along and see what's offered.

Supplies are limited - place your order on the pad provided, or ring:
Jack Snow - 870 7543

PARISH PROJECT FUNCTIONS

The Supper Dance held at North Ringwood raised a healthy amount in excess of \$400.00, and significantly, was the most successful social function held for many years. Many comments have been made about it, and all were full of praise. Those who did not, or were not able to attend, really missed out this time. Jack Snow (Convenor), on behalf of the Centenary Parish Project Co-ordinating Committee and all parishioners, join in thanking Pat Cook and Wendy Beech for initiating the idea and seeing it through - congratulations.

The Singalong-Songathon was a great fun idea, and thoroughly enjoyed by the song singers. It will raise \$220 - \$250 for the Project, and is a certainty to be repeated next year, no doubt with a little more notice. Messrs. Coburn and Bates are to be commended for an original and novel idea.

From the VICAR'S Desk

* The deadline date of the last issue was too early to publish the names of those who were confirmed by Bishop Grant on July 29th. I know that you will have had those that you know in your prayers, and that if you were at the service you will have the list that was on the service sheet. But for record purposes and for those who have not their own list they appear here : Margaret Ashlin, David Baker, Leanne Bittner, Susan Bowman, Robyn Carbarns, Dianne Hobday, Craig Irving, Tracey Jessup, Gwenda Thompson, Karen Thompson, Paul Tovey.

We congratulate them on the step they have taken. We pray that they may grow in the Spirit and in the knowledge and life of Jesus Christ.

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* Let me say thank you and a few more words about the wonderful response on our Thanksgiving Day on Sunday, 19th August. Those of you who were not in church during the first three Sundays of the month will know nothing about it. So, as it has been so unique in my experience, and possibly for many others, I feel led to spell it out.

First, it had become clear that each week the offerings of the congregation were about \$100 short of our budget which we undertook for our programme last year. Secondly, we were in debt to the tune of \$1,400.

We felt that this was not a time for negative thinking. There were too many positives about for which we could be thankful. We had raised the level of giving by 30%. We have an assistant curate who is not only receiving training but also performing a most valuable ministry. Since last October we have seen the commencement of the G.F.S. (The first thirteen Juniors were admitted on August 12th). The St. Paul's Hymn Book has been put together and is in use. The Christian Music Group has grown and is arranging some of its own music. A number of people are visiting at the Manvantara Rehabilitation Hospital and Day Centre, and other individual "shut-ins". In addition to already existent Bible Study groups, further groups for study and growth in Christian life are meeting on Wednesday, Thursday, Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Last week a Tuesday morning group, (10.30 am) began at the house of Margaret Francis. Then there is the Garden Group and the S.L.E.O.S. support group.

For all this new growth there is ample opportunity to give thanks and praise. We said as much when we broke the news on 5th August.

Well, what were we to do?

The Finance Committee felt that, as an act of thanksgiving, there should immediately be made a special offering, over and above the usual collection, to wipe out the debt of \$1,400. (I must confess that my mind went to the story of the Scotsman who came to evensong in the Anglican church, then rushed out of church just after the Creed because he had seen in the prayer book "First Collect, Second Collect, Third Collect"). Well, the announcement was made the next Sunday, (12th August) and the offering was made on the 19th. The Lord blessed us and the Special Thankoffering (\$1,567) removed the debt, while the regular offering was not diminished. I was reminded of the Children of Israel who, when asked to contribute to the repairs of the temple "brought their offerings joyfully."

WHY DID THIS APPEAL SUCCEED IN THIS WAY ?

I believe that the guidelines we used were Scriptural, based on 2 Corinthians 9: 6ff. First, There was no pressure, or "visitation" or "Programme". The need alone was held up. Secondly, there was frankness about the need, and the congregation was invited to pray about it, discuss the challenge if they wished with

one another, and make up their own minds as to what God was asking each individual to do. Thirdly, we required that those who made an offering did this joyfully and willingly, ("God loves a cheerful giver"). This was spelt out to the extent that if anyone felt that he or she was being co-erced, or didn't really have his heart in it, then he should forget it and refrain from contributing. Likewise if the Lord was to say in someone's heart "This is not for you", then that person was not to feel guilty or embarrassed.

Add to this the fact that we had committed our decisions last October to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If we believe that the outcome is the answer to that prayer, then we could have confidence that God, who provides all, is able to move in the hearts of people to provide what is needed. For all these reasons I believe the faith of those who made the first moves was confirmed in the outcome.

For the same reasons, I believe that He will move the hearts of people in the matter of their weekly offering to cover the gap of \$100 per week. Indeed, there is already the evidence that this has begun to happen.

THE ASHLIN TRACK This is the name by which the Vestry decided that the Bush Track should be known as a tribute to Mervyn Ashlin, through whose inspiration and effort it has come into being. Our thanks to those who have helped with spade, sinew and sweat. We now have a number of inter-connecting tracks which will provide a leisurely stroll of over fifteen minutes. Len Size has mapped the area. Phil Smith is writing a study of the trees, shrubs and points of interest.

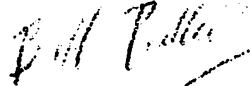
Thanks also to those who keep supplying trees for planting throughout the bush. Now that the spring is upon us, don't miss the opportunity for a stroll and a picnic.

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THE PEAKES GO NORTH-WEST Lyn and Brenda Peake are taking off to Kununurra in North-West Australia on a working holiday. They are going in response to an advertisement in last month's "SEE". There they will be helping in the restoration of the Vicarage, helping both with Lyn's building expertise and supervising the parish voluntary workers. For the past three years they have been steadily working around the parish gardens and helping Mervyn on the track. We pray them every blessing as they go on this "holiday". I am told Lyn has "retired". Retirement certainly does not mean inactivity. Here is an example of what it means - the freedom to choose when, where and how one will work. Congratulations Lyn and Brenda.

(P.S. Any volunteers to continue the garden work while they have gone?)

God Bless,



VICAR.

Some disconnected, but important, thoughts.

* Keep in touch with your sensations, feelings, and emotions. - Basically our sensations and our feelings and our perceptions are our most important areas of knowledge we can ever have.

* A lot of the things that happen in our heads are fantasies. What goes on there continues to be a fantasy until it becomes an action.

To put it another way. Most of our ideas belong to the dream world until we have put them into practice.

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BROTHERHOOD OF ST. LAWRENCE

The Ringwood Auxiliary invites YOU to attend their Annual Meeting on Wednesday 10th October at 1.30 p.m. at St. Paul's. The speaker will be Joan Benjamin, the community educator of the Brotherhood's Poverty Education Resource Centre. For the past 6 years she has been working on anti-poverty planning, and her talk should hold interest for all.

Inquiries and/or acceptances: Dorothy Thomas 870 8061
Alsace Marriner 735 4646
Marg. Brown 870 6794

WINE AND CHEESE TASTING

Proceeds to Centenary Parish Project.

Saturday 15th September, 7.00 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Cost \$8.00 single, includes Casserole Dinner.

Tickets from Margaret McCleave 870 6574, Jessie Handoll 870 5341

Book early, as last year some people on the waiting list missed out!!!

ST. PAUL'S LADIES AUXILIARY are holding a:-

Theatre Luncheon at Boronia Twin Theatre on Tuesday, September 18th, 11.00 a.m.

Film - "The Mango Tree" Tickets \$4.00 each may be purchased from
Una Blore 870 4280, Clare Burnside 870 4755

MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday 27th September: Please bring your lunch, and be at the Vicarage at 12 noon. (Ed. note - High Noon? Must be a surprise!)

A DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY will be commencing on Wednesday, 12th September at 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. This will give people who cannot attend the evening Bible Study groups, an alternative opportunity to study the Word of God with fellow Christians. Led by Rev. Tom Stokes, we hope this will be a time of learning, sharing, growing, fellowship and feeding on the food God gives us through His Word.

It will be held at the Church, and children will be minded on the premises. (Please bring a couple of toys and something to eat for the children). At this stage it will be weekly, except for the 4th Wednesday of the month, when there will be no meeting. For further information, please speak to Tom Stokes or ring me on 876 1618.

- Brenda Faber.

Activity Page for Kids

Where is your home?

The people of God didn't belong in Egypt so Moses led them home and with God's help they crossed Jordan River into Canaan, the Promised land.

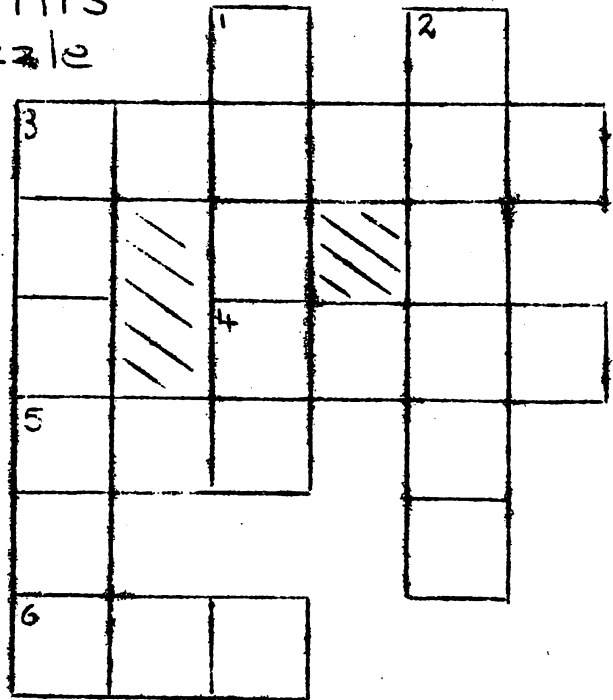
See if you can do this

Across

3. The Hebrews crossed the River.
4. Moses led the people.... from Egypt.
5. Sometimes they ... to fight.
6. The laws God gave to Moses were kept in the ... of the Covenant.

Down

1. They ate unleavened at their Passover feast.
2. Their new home was in
3. When Moses died their new leader was



Answers: Across - 3. Jordan, 4. away, 5. had, 6. Ark
Down - 1. Bread, 2. Canaan, 3. Joshua.

NEWS

GRAHAM & IDA BISHOP send greetings to their friends at St. Paul's. They are living at No. 54 Caley Crescent, Narrabundah, A.C.T. 2604. Nigel and Margaret McLeave saw them at a service at St. Paul's Canberra, recently. Graham is principal of Cook High School, Canborra. They would be interested in any news of the St. Paul's Centenary events.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER ... Saturday, 15th ... WINE & CHEESE TASTING

OCTOBER Friday, 12th ... MUSIC FESTIVAL FOR YOUTH at Norwood High School Hall.

Saturday, 13th ... CHILDREN'S FUN DAY in Church Grounds
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

10 am - 12 noon Continuous Activities
Paint In
Modelling (Clay, Play-doh)
Leather Craft
Planting - Trees, shrubs, flowers.

10.15 a.m. Treasure Hunt (7 and under)

10.30 - 11 a.m. Races, games (on oval) ... Nature Walk

11.15 a.m. Treasure Hunt (7 and under)

11.00 a.m. DRAMA - Centenary

11.30 - 12 noon Games ... Nature Walk

12.00 noon DRAMA - Centenary

12.30 p.m. Balloon Release

DRINKS & SNACKS available throughout

SAUSAGES, HOT DOGS ... 11.00 - 12.30

SUNDAY, 14th

10.00 a.m. FAMILY SERVICE (Preacher: Rev. David Warner)

12 noon RE-UNION BASKET LUNCHEON

2.00 p.m. HISTORIC WALK

(Tea, Coffee, available throughout afternoon)

7.00 p.m. FORMAL SERVICE (Archbishop,
Visiting Clergy,
Civic Leaders)

NOVEMBER ... Tuesday, 5th ... 4.30 p.m. BONFIRE & CARNIVAL
(Details later)

DECEMBER ... SUNDAY, 2nd ... PARISH PICNIC
(Details later)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

PROGRESS REPORT TO 31ST JULY, 1979.

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD \$ 1,475 (OVERDRAWN)

<u>RECEIPTS</u> :	OFFERTORIES - Envelopes	\$ 3,028	
	- Open	\$ 409	
	OTHERS	\$ 347	
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			\$ 3,784.00

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	SALARIES & STIPENDS	\$ 1,970	
	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	\$ 1,362	
	HOME MISSIONS	\$ 333	
	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 38	
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			\$ 3,703.00

BALANCE AS AT 31ST JULY, 1979 \$ 1,394 (OVERDRAWN)

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THE CHURCH BUILDING IN THE COMMUNITY

What is the purpose of the Church Building ? Has it any significant value ?

If those who build it fail to recognise that they exist to be Christians, make Christians, and Serve in the world as Christians, the answer to the above questions could well be "none whatsoever". However, assuming that they do recognise this, (and I still believe that a great number of those who worship do), I put before you three thoughts :

1. The Church exists as a Symbol of the Divine : A place where God can be worshipped, acknowledged, and responded to; where people can wrestle with their pilgrimage to accept Him.
2. It is a place where the Demands of God are translated into a way of Life; where it is proclaimed that our life is responsible to God and to others.
3. Within the Congregation of the Parish Church, people can be recognised for what they are. Their gathering together implies that they recognise the Centrality of Christ, or that they are seeking to know Him, or are enquiring concerning Him and the life-style He presents to us.

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Thanks to those who were able to supply them, we now have a comprehensive range of tools for maintenance and gardening. A light hoe and rake would see it complete.
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WE GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE THE LORD

The Vicar, Churchwardens and Treasurer are pleased to announce that the result of our special Thanksgiving collection on Sunday, 19th August, was \$ 1,567.00. This clears our current debt (see Treasurer's report 31/7/79).