

Synod commits to the future

“The Diocese of Adelaide has recorded its biggest ever annual deficit result and Synod responded with hope, resolve and commitment to the future,” said Archbishop Jeffrey Driver after the Special Session of Synod on Saturday, 26 May at St Peter’s Woodlands Grammar School in Glenelg.

Challenging financial result

Synod received the financial reports for 2006 which recorded an actual deficit of almost \$3 million – against a budgeted deficit of just under \$200,000.

Archbishop Driver reflected in his opening address that it was very strange that a diocese could feel well satisfied with that sort of result. However, Synod was reminded that when the operational budget for the 2006 calendar year was adopted in May 2005, it was well aware that it faced a number of outstanding sexual abuse claims but had no idea what the true cost of meeting that responsibility might be.

It was reported that the operating result was actually better than anticipated. If the Synod had not paid out almost \$4 million to the survivors of abuse last year, the financial report would have recorded an operating surplus of almost \$180,000 – or \$380,000 better than budgeted.

This result was due, not only to a buoyant investment market, but to an intentional focus to review operations and make savings.

Going forward, the Financial Strategy adopted by Synod in October 2006 aims to bring the Diocese back to a sustainable financial position within 10 years. Many of those strategies are already bearing fruit and in some instances, targets

are being exceeded. Synod will receive a full report on progress when it is asked to confirm a budget for 2008 and 2009 later this year.

A revamped Diocesan Council

Synod kick-started a new era in the governance of the Diocese by adopting a new Diocesan Council and Ministry Units Ordinance.

Synod confirmed amendments to the Constitution, passed in October 2006, that allowed for a smaller Diocesan Council. The new Ordinance also puts in place other structures, Ministry Units and a Ministry Forum, which will feed into the work of the Archbishop and Diocesan Council.

The objective of the changes is to realign resources and structures to support key missional goals. The role of Diocesan Council is strategy and policy development with operational matters delegated to other entities.

New Ministry Units have been allocated areas of responsibility linked to the missional priorities of the diocese.

Interim Ministry Units are already in place to support the following priorities confirmed by Synod in October last year:

- Education and Formation
- Mission and Evangelism
- Church and Society
- Resources & Management

These focus areas will be determined by Diocesan Council and will be reviewed every three years.

The Ministry Units can have up to nine members with some elected by Synod and others appointed by the Archbishop and Diocesan Council. Ministry Unit members can co-opt additional members with particular

skills and expertise as required.

The size of Diocesan Council has been reduced from a maximum of 40 members to 27, brought about by a reduction in the number of ex-officio positions and members elected directly by Synod. This is balanced by a new group of members appointed directly from the Ministry Units and brings about a good mix of representatives drawn from all areas of the operational life of the Diocese.

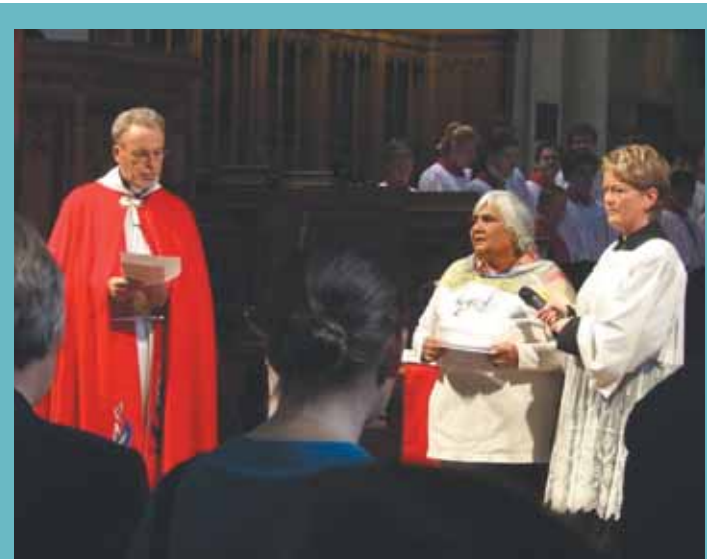
The Ministry Forum will meet at least once a year and will bring together all the members of the Diocesan Council, the Ministry Units and other key people in the Diocese to provide an opportunity to address strategic issues in a conference format.

The new structures will be gradually implemented and will be fully in place by early 2008.

Support for Episcopal Standards Canon

The Synod of the Diocese of Adelaide was required to consider the provisional Episcopal Standards Canon passed at General Synod in 2004. This Canon deals with professional standards matters for Bishops. It is modelled to a large extent on the Model Professional Standards Ordinance which, with minor variations, has been enacted as an ordinance of the Adelaide Diocese.

The Synod adopted a report to be sent to General Synod strongly supporting the principle of the Canon. Synod’s report states that it considers that members of the House of Bishops should be subject to a professional standards regime at the very least as stringent as that applicable to clergy and church workers, if not to a higher standard.



Cathedral Celebrates Reconciliation Week

St Peter’s Cathedral in North Adelaide celebrated Reconciliation Week in late May with a Synod Eucharist on Friday 25 June featuring a smoking ceremony by Karl Winda Telfer of the Kurna Community. The celebrations concluded on Sunday 27 June when the worship included a welcome from Kurna elder Auntie Josie, pictured above with Dean Steven Ogden, and a performance by the Kurna Plains Choir, below.



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The economy of God in Synod

Archbishop Jeffery Driver opened a special sitting of Synod at St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School, Glenelg, on 26 May 2007, with a call for the Synod to be about the economy of God.

The word "economy" has a fine theological pedigree. It was, in fact, used by the early Fathers of the Church to describe the internal self ordering (oikonomia) of the Triune God.

Theologians could speak of the "divine economy" and the "economic Trinity". The term was also used to describe the internal ordering of the Church to serve the mission of God in the world. And so the ancient Fathers could speak of the work of the Church occurring within the divine economy.

Let this Synod be about the economy of God!

It is a Synod that has much to do with the economy of the Diocese. This is a special session of Synod and it meets to do some particular things. One of them is to fulfil the statutory requirements of receiving financial reports for the past financial year. We have a responsibility to discharge in regard to our financial stewardship. We do so in the face of considerable challenge but also against the background of some real achievement.

Not many dioceses of the Australian Church could feel well satisfied with an annual deficit result of \$2.67 million. With more financial precision than this Archbishop is likely to muster, we will be informed in this Synod that the financial result has been a good one, because in addition to addressing an expected deficit on ordinary expenses, we funded a \$3.9 million part settlement to survivors of sexual abuse and also met additional legal and professional standards expenses of almost \$540,000.

Savings have been identified. Some very difficult decisions have been taken, and there have been contributions of extraordinary generosity, enabling us to negotiate the first year in a ten year plan of financial rebuilding.

Next year we face an even bigger challenge because we then start to repay the capital of borrowings. In addition to this we still have a significant number of claims by the survivors of abuse that we are in the process of settling.

In many ways, this Synod could be consumed with the economics of the Diocese of Adelaide. But let it be about the economy of God. Let it

be about the economy of God because we recognise that our response to the survivors of abuse is a Gospel call, not just a necessary obligation.

Let it be about the economy of God because the financial decisions we are taking show a commitment to ministry for the years ahead; enabling proclamation and service and resourcing new expressions of Church into a future beyond our future.

Let it be about the economy of God because we recognise that some of the hard financial decisions that have had to be taken have impacted on people and we seek to share their grief honestly and deeply.

Let this Synod be about the economy of God.

This will be a Synod that considers some proposals for new structures of Governance within the Diocese.

We could approach this part of our business as administrative fine tuning, an efficiency measure, a governance overhaul. Indeed we might feel well justified with such an approach, since the Church is not exempt from institutional accountability and the need for periodic administrative review.

But if what the ancient Fathers of the Church called the "economy of God" also referred to the internal ordering of the Church to serve the mission of God in the world, then let this Synod be about the economy of God.

Leadership and governance structures for the Church in which we now find ourselves must allow us to engage with, respond to and deal with the demands of the rapidly changing world in which we live. They must reflect the missional place in which we now find ourselves.

However, they must continue to be structures of Gospel and Church, not just nominally baptised borrowings from the corporate world.

What the Diocesan Council has sought to do over the past 18 months, with Synod's encouragement, is to develop our leadership structures around some key missional goals. The Council was not seeking to impose a strategic program for the whole Diocese; that's an ongoing work we share together. What the Diocesan Council did was to consider its own priorities, asking itself in terms of its own responsibilities, what things had to happen for the Diocese of Adelaide to move to a more wholesome and missionally effective place.

Over months of conversation

and consultation, we decided we had five priorities:

Firstly, we needed to invest in leadership for change.

We recognised that the difficulties we have faced as a Diocese, as hard as they have been, also provide an opportunity for transformation. We reached the conclusion that it is imperative that the leaders of the church – both lay and clergy – will be increasingly freed from maintaining the status quo in order to lead the process of change. Leaders will need to be equipped to articulate the need for transformation and they will need collegial support as they lead the process of change if they are to avoid burnout and further demoralisation.

Secondly, we must form people for the emerging church.

To understand and prepare for the development of both clergy and laity equipped to understand and witness to their faith and ministry in new contexts. Christian education and formation as well as apologetics are critical to this. With 13,000 students in Diocesan schools there is a real opportunity to prepare the next generation for the church of the future. We recognised that overcoming

resistance to change in ageing or struggling congregations will require strong leadership as well as developed pastoral gifts.

Thirdly, we must develop and renew models of evangelism and ministry.

If it is to meet the needs of the current and future Adelaide community, including growth in the north and west of the Diocese, the church will need new and renewed models of ministry and evangelism, beyond those of parish and pastoral ministry. Such new models must be supported by Christians able to present the Gospel with a robust Christian apologetic that is not just tolerant of, but able to celebrate the diversity of, Christian expression.

Fourthly, we must reposition the Diocese in the wider community

The Diocese needs to recover its voice in the market place. This will require the reinforcement of the Archbishop's profile as a community leader and commentator in a renewed conversation with the community – in particular through the media. Diocesan Council will need to use its networks, including the boards of schools and Anglicare, to identify opportunities to better profile the work



Archbishop Jeffery Driver

of the church.

And finally, we must realign resources and structures.

The challenge now is to realign resources and structures away from simply maintaining things as they are, to support initiatives and expressions of the emerging church. The challenge is to understand the impact in the short to mid term of decisions to use resources strategically and to develop a risk framework and conduct regular risk reviews.

It was felt that a smaller Diocesan Council was necessary. There had been a number of reports and recommendations suggesting a smaller council would be a more effective governance body. Council produced a recommendation, supported by Synod, which reduced the

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Eager readers queue up to purchase the first copies of the Kriol Bible

God speaks Kriol

The first full translation of the Bible into an Australian Indigenous language was launched at the Katherine Christian Convention last month.

The project saw the Bible translated in Kriol, took 27 years in the making and helped to unite both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne and strong supporter of the translation, Dr Philip Freier, told the launch event he welcomed and appreciated the work of Indigenous translators, non-Indigenous consultants and translation resource workers as an example of Reconciliation, a practical and living response to the call to be one in Christ.

“As well as being welcomed by an estimated 30,000 speakers of the Kriol language, it is also a great opportunity for the Australian community to celebrate the survival of Aboriginal language as a living reality in contemporary society,” he said.

The Bible translation from Genesis through to Revelation was undertaken by a group of Aboriginal Christians and missionaries in the Northern Territory, with support from organisations such as The Bible Society, Lutheran Bible Translators, The Church Missionary Society of Australia, The Anglican Church Diocese of the Northern Territory, the Australian Society for Indigenous Languages and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

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numbers on Council while seeking to maintain the percentage of representative membership as high as possible.

We then established “Ministry Units” of Diocesan Council around our identified priorities. The four ministry units at present are:

- Church and Society
- Education and Formation
- Church Growth, Mission and Evangelism
- Resources

These units are not committees. They are not exclusive groups; they provide a roof but do not have walls. They are not set in concrete. They may change, evolve or cease to exist according to need. Others may be established.

It was also felt that there was a need for a gathering of the “many voices”, sharing vision

and joining with the Bishop to look at the ministry and mission of the Diocese as a whole. It was decided that the Diocesan Council Ministry Units, along with some other key groups, would come together at least once a year (probably twice), as a Ministry Forum.

This basic structure was reported to Synod last year and has been put in place informally.

One of the tasks of this Synod is to consider an ordinance to support this structure. As we consider these proposals, let it be that we do so with the understanding and conviction that in the Church of God structures must serve the mission and not the reverse.

Let it be that as a Diocese we are prepared to experiment with organisational structure, to review and evolve it in order to

more effectively meet the needs of the world around us.

Let it be that as a diocese we see the need for more responsive and adaptive governance within a changing world, while valuing still and providing for the many voices through which the Spirit speaks.

As we emerge from a time of difficulty and diminishment, let our decisions be driven not by our own insecurities, but by the needs of those beyond us.

As we face times of adjustment and uncertainty, let our response together be not one of defensiveness and holding on to fading privilege, but of joyous Gospel risk-taking and commitment to the privilege of service.

As we gather as Synod, may the Spirit of God brood over us and ensure that what we do is in the economy of God!

Letter to the Editor

I was a friend of Bro Noel Allen's in Tennant Creek in 1972 and again during his time in Alice Springs. We kept in touch regularly up until a few weeks before his death.

It would appear that not many people are aware of his ministry and involvement in Scouting in Tennant Creek. He was the Group Leader and I, as his Scout Leader, have many fond memories of scout camps ‘out bush’ at the Mission Holes – those waterholes on the flood-out area of Phillip Creek, north of Tennant Creek.

The Bush Brothers ran the Tennant Creek Parish in those days and were involved in ministry in the town as well as periodic patrols in the bush.

I am happy to share this chapter in Brother Noel's life with anyone interested and can be contacted on 08 8552 5315 or ajeffery@inet.net.au

Andrew Jeffery
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around the schools



Year 2 students Vanessa, James, Matthew and Paris get down to writing with chalk on a slate

St Andrew's School

St Andrew's recently hosted a 'Colonial School Day' that had students embracing a series of role play activities to experience the past in the present and enhance their learning and understanding of times gone by.

The program kicked off with Year 2 students 'traveling' back to 1957, an occasion that had the School Hall transformed into an austere, rather bleak schoolroom, with boys and girls sitting in separate rows, chalk and slates for writing and lessons on subjects such as the 'new opera house with sails' and union quests for equal pay for women.

The students displayed great enthusiasm, dressed the part and mastered the art of using pen and ink for their work.

The Year 7s went back even further, familiarising themselves with 1901. Starting with the Oath of Allegiance and a briefing on the 'rules' of the classroom, they quickly

moved on to consider social etiquette issues and salary ranges when minimal State tax and no Federal income tax was the norm. A lively Murder Mystery, involving business and political leaders, society ladies, suffragettes, policemen, detectives and much more brought the day to a memorable conclusion.

St Andrew's School

Still at St Andrew's, the Year 3 students' special unit



Year 3 students Courtney, Niki, Alan, Tove, Henry and Avi with their plants

on the life of plants received a boost in early June when the School Foundation presented each with their very own plant to care for prior to planting it within the school grounds later in the year.

"We celebrate St Andrew's School Foundation Day annually" says Principal Denice Scala, "and offering a small gift to each student is a way to demonstrate the power of giving and sharing. This year, we have taken the idea one step further by giving a plant to symbolise growth and the power of individuals for the collective good of all. Ultimately, when planted in the school grounds, future students will benefit from the efforts of students today."

Pedare Christian College

Pedare Christian College will host its Principal's Junior Schooling Tour on Wednesday 27 June at 9.30am.

This popular event includes a tour of the school and its

many facilities and concludes with the opportunity to enjoy a cuppa with the Principal while chatting about an array of College-related matters. Please RSVP by calling Lesley Evans on 8280 1770 or dropping an email to levans@pedarecc.sa.edu.au

School chaplaincy programme

Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, Julie Bishop, last month announced an overwhelming response to the first round of funding under the National School Chaplaincy Programme, with 1503 applications received.

"This is an important program assisting schools in providing greater pastoral care and supporting students' spiritual wellbeing," she said, adding that the Government has invested \$90-million over three years to make these vital services available to schools.

"The assessment of applications is proceeding and I expect to announce the results of the first round of funding in late June."

Applications are assessed against criteria such as community consultation, school community need for chaplaincy services, value for money and cash/in-kind support.

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Which way for the Anglican Church?

Left, right or straight ahead?

There are at least three options for the Anglican Communion. Maybe some would prefer to simply abandon the journey or switch vehicles. What is essential is to find a good map for the days ahead and some reliable guides.

The visit of Bishop Stephen Sykes to the Diocese in late May was an opportunity to engage with just such a wise guide. He spoke on the Future of Anglican Christianity and gave a public lecture at the Adelaide College of Divinity on the theme of power. Stephen Sykes has a long and distinguished career as a theologian of the Church, Bishop and theological educator. The landmarks on his map for the Church include the central

theological affirmations of the incarnation and trinity; the scripture principle; commitment to ecumenism; recognition of diversity and conflict and patience in the journey together.

Together with all Christians, Anglicans hope, pray and work for the coming of the reign of God.

As the moral and theological maze of contemporary Christianity generates controversy, Bishop Sykes spoke of the essentially contested nature of Christian faith and beliefs, arguing that agreement and consensus were elusive, making patience a virtue of the gospel. This is not always welcome news but that's where we are and a reality check is avoided at our peril.

The question of a theologi-

cal road map for the Anglican Communion was also the subject of a consultation convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Singapore in May. Attended by Bishop Sykes and myself, it brought together theological educators and Bishops of the Communion from Africa, Asia, South America, Europe, UK, North America, and Australia. The consultation discussed and documented the elements necessary for the teaching of Anglican identity, life and practice. Entitled *The Anglican Way: Signposts on a Common Journey*, the document begins with the following statement: The Anglican Way is a particular expression of the Christian Way of being the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ. It is formed

by and rooted in Scripture, shaped by its worship of the living God, ordered for communion, and directed in faithfulness to God's mission in the world. In diverse global situations Anglican life and ministry witnesses to the incarnate, crucified and risen Lord, and is empowered by the Holy Spirit. Together with all Christians, Anglicans hope, pray and work for the coming of the reign of God.

The document elaborates on the four key elements: scripture, worship, communion and mission. These signposts are offered in the hope that they will point the way to a clearer understanding of Anglican identity and ministry, so that all Anglicans can be effectively taught and equipped for their service to God's mission



Bishop Stephen Pickard

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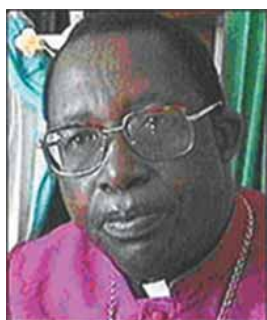
As perhaps the sharpest and most succinct summary of Anglican identity in the contemporary world that I am aware of, I recommend it as an excellent teaching tool for parish and other educational contexts. The full text can be found at Anglican Communion website by logging on to www.anglicancommunion.org and following the links to TEAC (Theology and Education for the Anglican Communion).

Solidarity with Zimbabwe churches

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Council (NATSIEC) has appealed to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to condemn the Zimbabwe Government for the injustices perpetrated against its own people.

The move follows a visit to the National Council of Churches by the Catholic Archbishop of Bulawayo, Pius Ncube.

Archbishop Ncube, an internationally renowned human rights defender and opponent of the dictatorial Robert Mugabe regime briefed the gathering on the lack of democracy in the country.



Archbishop Ncube

"NATSIEC stands in solidarity with the Christian Churches of Zimbabwe in calling for a free and democratic Zimbabwe. We appeal to the UN Permanent Forum to call for a return to democracy so that all Zimbabweans can again enjoy justice and equality," the statement said.

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Sudan pilgrimage offers young people a life-changing journey

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Whatever it is, each of the pilgrims to Africa in 2006 returned with one or many powerful experiences that will shape their future.

And so it will be with the 20 or so young people who will join pilgrimage leaders the Reverend Paul Mitchell of Hawthorn Parish and Ms Jess Harris of Kensington Parish, along with Archbishop Jeffrey and Lindy Driver, in a July 2008 pilgrimage to build on the Church's links with the people of Sudan.

The power of God's love is so much more powerfully experienced when immersed in the lives of those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ in places very different from our comfortable homes and communities in Australia.

It also means so much to those far away that Christians from other places come to visit. To be prepared to go and share the life together, even for a short time, is an act of hope and an expression of love with an importance which we are invited to embrace.

The July pilgrims will travel for one month, beginning in con-



The Reverend Paul Mitchell, left, and Ms Jess Harris will lead the Sudanese pilgrimage

nection with the gathered bishops of the Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England, and continuing to several places in Africa where Sudanese people are found – in their own country and as refugees.

The pilgrimage begins now, though, and the journey will not only be shared by those who actually travel but by the many in our Diocesan community who we invite to pray for those going to Africa. You're invited, too, to encourage your communities to assist with the costs of sending a young person, or to support fundraising initiatives to deliver projects that are tangible signs of our connection with the people of Sudan. You are also invited to be involved through sharing of information and reflecting together on pilgrimage, community and what

it means to be 'in Christ' in communion.

Archbishop Driver and the Reverend Mitchell will travel to Sudan later this month to explore possibilities and identify deserving educational and medical projects.

Preparations begin on Sunday June 17 with an open meeting at St Matthew's in Kensington from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. All are welcome, although the pilgrims will be limited to 20 people aged between 18 and 25.

This is a first meeting but an important one as the group from which the pilgrims will be chosen will begin to meet soon to prepare for the journey.

At present, the indicative cost is around \$6,000 per person.

For more information contact Jess Harris (8431 1022) or Paul Mitchell (8299 9649) or check out www.neverthesame.org.au.

Obituary

Brother Noel Allen OAM, Chaplain at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, died on 7 May 2007 following a short illness and days before he was due to begin chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer.

Brother Noel was much-loved, lived a full life and enjoyed a remarkable ministry spanning over 40 years in the UK and Australia, the last 17 of which were spent at the QEH.

He had experienced failing health for a number of months before the reason emerged shortly before Easter: he had an aggressive form of lung cancer.

As both Assistant Bishop Stephen Pickard and Brother Noel's close friend and colleague, the Reverend Doctor John Bonifant, recall, the enormity of it hit Noel hard and both were able to spend time with him, share his final journey with decisions to be made about treatment and how to pack up his office and say goodbye to his much loved Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Indeed, in delivering the homily at the Requiem Mass for Brother Noel at St Peter's Cathedral on 13 May, the Reverend Bonifant highlighted his special relationship with the Hospital and its role in his life.

"For 17 years, he had brought the living Christ into the hospital by his ministry which he

described as 'befriending'".

That was an apt description as his went way beyond a sacramental ministry that brought elements of Holy Communion around the wards, anointed those requiring this sacrament and commended the dying to their God.

Brother Noel lived his life as a sacrament, bringing Christ's presence wherever he went. But he was truly human...and could be very grouchy.

"Those who played cards with him knew how he hated losing, and in some things he could be very partisan indeed.

"This was my friend, who shared profound moments with patients and me. We shared some good wine on occasion and said outrageous things about the Church we serve.

"We are going to miss the shorts and sandals always worn with socks – the marks of a true Englishman.

We will miss the husky voice and the Jerusalem cross he always wore.

"But most of all we will miss the 'befriending', human-ness that was there for everyone. Although he could be humble, he was very proud of his Order of Australia Medal and wore the lapel badge daily. And he was very emotional and very touched by the award of honorary life membership of the Australian Chaplains' Association just a few weeks ago."



Brother Noel Stephen Allen

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paras from the parishes

St Andrew's, Walkerville

Quire St Nicolas will present a concert of choral, vocal and organ works dedicated to World Peace on Sunday 29 July 2007 at 2.00pm at St Andrew's Church, 43 Church Terrace, Walkerville.

Tickets – available from the Parish Office (8269 5420) and at the door are \$10, \$8 (Concession) and \$5 (Children), with all proceeds going towards the organ rebuild.

St Barnabas', Croydon

The parish of St Barnabas, Croydon, has moved its Saturday night service to 9.30am on Sunday to meet the needs of a community characterised by many young children.

Parish Priest Father Graham Head said he hoped the new time, effective 10 June, would allow more people to attend the service and give thanks to God before moving on to alternate activities.

"We welcome all people to our service and we hope that by rescheduling the serv-

ice we will encourage both the very young and those who are perhaps of more senior years to join our community", said Father Graham.

St Barnabas' Anglican Church is a Celtic-inspired building. Its parishioners celebrated 150 years of service to the Croydon and surrounding region in 2005.

St Elizabeth of Hungary, Warradale

The Mothers' Union (MU) branch of St Elizabeth's at Warradale celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year.

Members are particularly delighted that the celebrations will coincide with the annual South Western Area Festival, and will commence with a Holy Communion service at St Elizabeth's on Wednesday 27 June at 10.30am, followed by lunch and entertainment from the MU Choir.

We look forward to welcoming many past and present MU members to the cel-

ebrations. Lunch will be provided, with entertainment from the MU Choir.

For more information, please contact Anne James on 8377 3647.

St Paul's, Port Adelaide

Music's the medium at St Paul's if a cursory glance at upcoming events is any indication.

The parish will host a JS Bach concert on 29 July, where Derek Mawson will lead the performance that features talented students aged between six and 21 years and celebrates the life and works of Johann Sebastian Bach, who died on 28 July 1750. Admission is by gold coin donation, with proceeds going towards a new sound system for the church.

Another musical initiative is free lunch hour recitals at the church every Tuesday at 1.10pm. That's EVERY Tuesday, barring illness or the like, with renowned organist, Father Bruce Naylor, leading the recitals on the church's historic 1864 organ.

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Do we really care about Australia's indigenous?

By Graeme Mundine, Executive Secretary, The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia

Forty years ago, 90.77% of the population stood up for Indigenous Australians, paving the way for Indigenous Australians to be counted in the census and for Federal laws to be made on our behalf. This was a pleasantly surprising result, even given the hard work of many supporters of Indigenous Australians, and allowed Australian society to move from the racist colonial system of the past into what we all hoped would be a brighter future.

As I reflect on the last 40 years, it is evident that people do not care – as they did back then – about their fellow Australians left on the dung heap of society.

Today's picture shows that while some have become better educated and are doing quite well within the wider community, life – for the vast majority – still stinks. While statistics support this observation, those with the power to change things, Governments – and, in effect, all Australian citizens – don't really care. Even when good solutions are put forward, they are either under-funded or not funded at all, and the Federal and State Governments continue to put forward images to suggest advances are being made.

The most recent example is the May Federal Budget. It fails to address the chronic lack of interest in Aboriginal affairs and suggests the plight of Indigenous Australians will continue to be ignored for so long as politicians continue to believe "there are no votes in 'Blacks'".

As we gather for the anniversaries of the handing down of the Stolen Generations report and the 40th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum, Indigenous Australians cannot help but feel alone in their quest for justice.

We are very quick to race off to save the poor children of Africa who are beamed into our TVs every night (which I don't object to) but we tend to ignore – or choose to ignore – the challenges at home. Just like speed humps in the road, they can be annoying but are a constant reminder that many of our fellow Australians remain seriously disadvantaged and marginalised and that we should also address the problems in our own backyards.

I call on all Australians during this time of reflection to think again about our own country and about the continual lack of interest in Australian Indigenous issues.



Archbishop Jeffrey Driver, flanked by the Rev Neil Mathieson of the Parish of Elizabeth, (left) and the Rev Stephen Pash from St Peter's Cathedral, blesses the foundation stone at Anglicare's Canterbury Close.

Strong foundations for frail aged

Archbishop Jeffrey Driver blessed the foundation stone for the second home for the vulnerable frail aged at Anglicare's Canterbury Close site in Elizabeth East earlier this month.

The event was attended by Families and Communities Minister Jay Weatherill and other special guests, who were told the new facility – to be completed in early 2008 – will be considerably larger than the first home for the vulnerable frail aged, Ian George Court.

"While some of the new residents will have a psychiatric or intellectual disability, all have been socially and financially disadvantaged. This new home will provide them with specialised nursing staff 24 hours a day," said Archbishop Driver.

The new home will comprise two compartments of 30 rooms

each, with each resident having a private bedroom and ensuite bathroom. Common facilities such as sitting areas, lounge areas, quiet reflection spaces, living areas, dining rooms and meandering corridors will add to Canterbury Close's homely feel.

"Many of the men and women who will be housed here know what it's like to be homeless, to have nowhere to go. In many

cases, this will be the first place they can really call home," added Archbishop Driver.

Canterbury Close is a joint State Government and The Archbishop's Appeal initiative, with Government providing \$4.5 million to the project and the Archbishop's Appeal the remaining \$1.3 million, of which over \$1 million has already been raised.



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events

Adelaide trio to attend international Jewish-Christian conference

South Australia will be represented at the first-ever international conference of the International Council of Christians and Jews to be held in the Southern Hemisphere when the annual three-day event opens in Sydney in July.

Jewish co-chair Ron Hoenig and Christian co-chair Rev David Houston of South Australia's Council of Christians and Jews, along with Council executive member Fr Michael Trainor, will attend.

"We are naturally delighted

that the 2007 conference will be held in Sydney", said the Council's Australian chairman, Henry Mendelson, who added that it signals the International Council's intention to establish a greater presence in the South East Asian region. Australia will co-host the conference with New Zealand.

Reflecting its theme of 'Healing a broken world: the faiths working together', the conference will feature an impressive line-up of speakers covering topics ranging from

the impact of globalisation and ecology to the interfaith relations between Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

Ron Hoenig will chair a session on the ongoing problem of anti-semitism featuring the NSW Board of Deputies' CEO, Vic Alhadeff, former chairman of the B'nai Brith Anti Defamation Commission, Paul Gardner, and the Catholic Diocese Interfaith Commission's Sr Giovanni Farquar.

Inclusive ministry under spotlight at IAWM conference

Are they in or are they out will be the question explored when women ministers examine the concept of inclusive ministry at the third regional meeting of the Aotearoa/New Zealand and Australian Region of the International Association of Women Ministers (IAWM) in Canberra from 16 to 19 July.

The program will explore, among others, inclusive ministry to women denied ordination, the mentally ill and homeless, refugees and ethnic groups and the abused and traumatised.

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Anglicare Annual Service of Thanksgiving

Anglicare's annual service of thanksgiving takes place at St Peter's Cathedral on Tuesday 3 July at 5.30pm.

The service will be led by Bishop Stephen Pickard and will feature stories from staff and performances by the Anglicare singers.

Supporters, staff and friends are all welcome.

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ABM Dinner – 22 June

The Annual Provincial Dinner supporting The Anglican Board of Mission-Australia takes place at St Aidan's, Greenfield Rise, Aberfoyle Park on Friday 22 June 2007 at 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

The evening kicks off with sherry and nibbles before Archdeacon Peter Coote presents a three-course meal and a selection of wines. Guest speaker and ABM Communications Officer Stephen Daughtry will explore "MISSION -

the heart of the Church or just a troublesome appendix?".

Admission is \$20 per person. Please contact Vicki Plummer on 8555 2526 for bookings and advise her of any dietary restrictions.

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Breakfast with Rwanda's Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo

The Anglican Bishop of Gahini in Rwanda, Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo will address a Micah Challenge breakfast in Adelaide this month to share his experiences during the Rwanda Genocide of 1994 and the importance of the Micah Challenge to poor nations like Rwanda.

The free breakfast will be held at the Adelaide West Uniting Church in Brooklyn Park at 7.30am on Wednesday 20 June and is open to anyone in a paid or volunteer leadership position in their church community.



Bishop Alexis Bilindabagabo

For more information or to book, please call Tenille Chambers on 0412 304 773.

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