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Government promises refugee housing forum

The SA Minister for Housing Jay Weatherill has committed to fund a conference to address the dwindling supply of affordable housing for Sudanese refugees in Adelaide.

Mr Weatherill made the commitment last month at a meeting hosted by Bishop Stephen Pickard between Sudanese community representatives, Anglicare and the SA Housing Department.

The commitment came during a historic visit to Adelaide by Bishop Ezekiel Diing of the Diocese of Bor in Southern Sudan.

Sudanese refugees told Mr Weatherill that attempts to enter the private rental market were frustrated by a number of factors including a reluctance by landlords to rent properties to large families and those relying on Centrelink benefits. The problem was compounded by a lack of available rental properties and public housing.

Some of the 6000 Sudanese refugees - mostly from the Dinka community - in Adelaide had lived

in refugee camps during almost 20 years of war in the strife-torn country in northern Africa.

While government support to refugees when they arrived in Australia was good, ongoing support once their initial settlement period was over caused problems. Some refugees were living with up to 17 other family members in a three bedroom house because they had nowhere else to go.

Mr Weatherill said he would fund a conference of the necessary stakeholders, including the real estate associations, to tackle the issue.

His promise came during a highly successful pastoral visit to Adelaide by Bishop Ezekiel who came on the invitation of Archbishop of Adelaide Jeffrey Driver who has an abiding concern for the Sudanese community in Adelaide.

Bishop Ezekiel met with hundreds of Sudanese Christians. One

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Bishop Ezekiel with St Columba College students, from left, Emmanuel Kuol, Aguto Mac and Emmanuel Deng

The Mullighan Inquiry: statement from the Archbishop

The following is a statement made by Archbishop Jeffrey Driver after the final report from the Mullighan Commission of Inquiry into Children in State Care was released on April 1.

Like all South Australians, I am deeply saddened by the extent of abuse of the most vulnerable members of our community revealed by the Mullighan Report.

"I acknowledge, with deep regret, that some of that abuse occurred in institutions run by the Anglican Church in South Australia. Without reservation, I repeat our apology to victims of sexual abuse. I support the Premier's commitment to apologise. Sexual abuse is always intolerable. When it is perpetrated by a person holding a sacred trust it is particularly repugnant.

"I strongly support the recommendations of the report. I urge the State Government to implement them all. Only in this way can we continue to provide a safe environment for children and respond appropriately if someone is harmed.

"The Diocese of Adelaide and Anglicare SA continue to ensure

that people involved in their activities are safe. We will work together to make sure that any outstanding issue of abuse of people in the care of our institutions is addressed promptly. Both the Diocese and Anglicare SA acknowledge a joint, residual responsibility for the actions of some employees com-

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mitted in times past.

"As a Church we have learnt that timely practical and pastoral support is an essential part of supporting victims and survivors. Over the last three years we have

worked closely with more than 70 victims offering counselling, apology and practical support including financial assistance.

"We acknowledge the failures of the past and we have in place a system to ensure people's safety. All people working with children and vulnerable people are subject to police and other checks and they must complete comprehensive training. We have a Professional Standards Director who is at arms-length from the Diocese to receive and investigate complaints. We have put in place a range of measures but we will examine the report for things we can do further. Anyone who wants to make a complaint can do so by contacting the Professional Standards Director on 8366 6589 or psdirector@adam.com.au"

Trott Park home for the elderly



Staff and local dignitaries came together on February 25 for the blessing of the site and foundation stone for Anglicare's newest home for the elderly at Trott Park. The ceremony brought together state and federal MPs, the local mayor, Anglicare Council members and supporters to see the beginnings of this new development. Pictured are: (l-r) Felicity-Ann Lewis (Mayor of Marion), Amanda Rishworth (federal member for Kingston), Simon Schrapel (Anglicare), Archdeacon Peter Stuart, Kris Hanna (state member for Mitchell) and Sir Eric Neal (patron of Anglicare SA).

Lynn Arnold pits Anglicare against 'dead-end options'

New chief executive Dr Lynn Arnold has committed Anglicare SA to use its position as a provider of care and advocate for the vulnerable to ensure those living at the margins do not face a life of dead-end options.

Dr Arnold was officially commissioned as Anglicare SA chief executive last month by Archbishop Jeffrey Driver at St Peter's Cathedral in the presence of over 200 Anglicare staff, volunteers and supporters.

In his address, Dr Arnold said Anglicare was an organisation that had responded to the needs of the community at any given time since its beginnings in 1860 and that should continue.

"We each only have one chance at this life," he said. "And the chance at life each of us has should not be filled with dead end options and yet the truth is that for so many in our society that is what it appears to be.

"I think of the book of Hebrews where it talks about insulting the spirit of grace. What an insult to the spirit of grace it is if we stand by idly when there are some of our brothers and sisters in this world whose lives, their one chance, is filled with a series of dead end options."

Dr Arnold also said Anglicare should be engaging donors as champions of the organisation's mission, to encourage more sup-

port from those not touched by Anglicare's work.

He said Anglicare's role in 'considered and constructive advocacy' was key to helping those facing dead-end options.

"I want to put that to you in the way of Ephesians (3:20) where more than we can ask or imagine we sometimes find ourselves constrained by the belief that 'now is not the time'. The wind is not blowing in the right direction and yet the message of Paul's letter to the Ephesians invites us to consider the possibility that there is more than that direction of the wind - it can be changed," he said.

"In our advocacy, that is where we can take on the directions of winds that leave people with dead end options."

"And we should be about more than just social welfare itself - important though it is to provide for the basic needs of everybody - rather we should go further into social empowerment, that those with whom we work, in whatever context they are, have their own rights and we have to earn the right to work with them.

"It should not be a presumption of ours to believe that they owe it to us to let us work with them."

The full text of Dr Arnold's speech can be found at www.anglicare-sa.org.au/news



Dr Lynn Arnold at his commissioning service



Lady Neal with Lindy Driver and Anne Ogden at the reception after the commissioning service

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Housing help for refugees

meeting involved 300 people and took two days to resolve. Some meetings reunited Bishop Ezekiel with people he had confirmed and even ordained in the Sudan.

Bishop Stephen Pickard, who facilitated much of Bishop Ezekiel's visit, said worshippers were encouraged by what Ezekiel had to say and were beginning to feel comfortable as members of

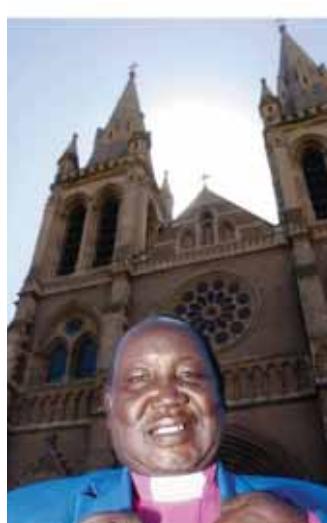
the Anglican Church in Adelaide under the local bishop.

Bishop Stephen said Bishop Ezekiel's visit heralded an exciting time for the church. He said the Sudanese congregation brought great vitality in worship and discipleship, while Bishop Ezekiel's visit also helped to strengthen ties between the Episcopal Church in the Sudan and the Diocese of Adelaide.

Bishop Ezekiel Diing

Bishop Ezekiel Diing was appointed assistant bishop of the Diocese of Bor in The Sudan in 2004.

In 1990 while visiting the Sudanese capital Khartoum, war broke out in his home city of Wau. Separated from his family, Ezekiel escaped to Kenya. While on his way to a refugee camp to search for his family Ezekiel was involved



Bishop Ezekiel Diing of the Diocese of Bor

in a horrific car accident and was rushed back to Nairobi for treatment. While there he met a Catholic Bishop who had also escaped Wau. The bishop told Ezekiel that his family was safe

and well in the town of Yiroi and gave him money so he could travel to see them.

Ezekiel brought his family as well as other relatives dispossessed by the war, back to Kenya and they stayed in Nairobi. Unable to find work as a priest, Ezekiel took a job as a producer for a Christian radio station. In 2001

Ezekiel returned to the Sudan as vicar-general to the new diocese of Bor in the south where he has stayed until his appointment as assistant bishop.

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An Easter message from the Archbishop

Dear friends,
The events of Holy Week occurred in a strangely contemporary context. A small nation over-run by the regional power. People treated brutally, prisoners mistreated, public execution of dissidents. Religious fundamentalist militants striking back.

He is still the one who makes the difference

polls. And the mob - democracy in distorted action - screaming for blood and crucifixion, as well as the hardened soldiers, inflicting pain under orders.

In the centre of it all there is a poor, broken, beaten bleeding man, the son of a country carpenter. But he is the one who makes this story differ-



Archbishop Jeffrey Driver

ent to so many others.

He had set his world on fire with his message of radical love. He had set people free through healing and care. He had fired them with dreams of a different world.

Then came the betrayal and crucifixion. He met aggression with forgiveness. He bore their violence without hint of revenge. His suffering became a gift of love in that famous cry: "Father, forgive..."

When at last they put him in the

grave still his love was unbroken. "He is risen!"

And in a world no less needy, broken and violent, he is still the one who makes the difference. He is still the one whose shows the different way. Still his love is unbroken. "He is risen!" they said. He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Lambeth, 16 July - 4 August 2008

I will be leaving for Lambeth on July 3. The conference concludes on August 4 and Lindy and I will have some holiday time in Canada before returning to Adelaide about August 19. Before Lambeth I will be spending some time in our Companion Diocese, Wakefield. Every Lambeth conference is important. This conference is critical to the wellbeing of our Communion. I must say that I am disappointed that there are some bishops from throughout our Communion who have decided not to attend. While I respect their viewpoints and concerns, my own view is that those viewpoints and concerns would be best served if the bishops holding them were present at the conference.

There are times when gathering is very difficult. The Nicene Fathers gathered in Council in the fourth century in the context of turbulence and division bordering on violence. Groups of bishops were convinced that others in the Church had slipped from orthodoxy. But they met and their legacy remains a gift to the Church.

Lambeth has never pretended to be a council of the Church, but the principle of prayerful gathering in the context of difficulty and conflict still applies. I do ask that you pray for the preparations for Lambeth, for those planning to attend and those who have chosen not to attend.

Annual bishops meeting

Bishop Stephen and I will be away at the annual bishops meeting on April 6-10. Among matters to be considered at this meeting will be provisions for the care of those who cannot receive the ministry of a bishop who is a woman. It seems likely that there will be a consecration of a woman to the episcopate in the course of this year, following a ruling of the Appellate Tribunal that such a consecration is possible under our national constitution.

+ Jeffrey

Diocese appoints new steward

Building bridges is a common theme that weaves its way through the career of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide's new Executive Officer Peter Sandeman

A well known face in the Adelaide diocese, Peter takes up his role as the church continues to rebuild after sexual abuse claims rocked the diocese. He also comes at a time when new bridges are being built between parishes and Anglicare SA, also under new leadership from former SA premier, Dr Lynn Arnold.

His career to date has been either mending fences or opening the lines of communication between agencies or people who don't easily work collaboratively. He also has a strong commitment to social justice.

Before joining the church office, Peter worked in the public sector heading a collaborative network of agencies to jointly consider and support private sector projects. Prior to that he headed up the Office of the North, an initiative to stimulate economic, social and environmental development in Adelaide's north - one of the most disadvantaged communities in the country let alone South Australia.

Peter had a real passion for this role enabling government, community and industry to work together to build on the strength and meet the challenges of the north.

"If you look at the 290-odd education regions in Australia, Elizabeth is the third worst," he said.

"As we know, not finishing high school, not having a post school qualification is a sure indicator of future disadvantage which usually gets transmitted across several generations."

Despite the recent government roles, Peter has spent the majority of his career working for non-government welfare agencies most recently Mission Australia, as well



Peter Sandeman

as a stint as chief of staff to a minister in the Bannan state government.

His roles within the church include being a long term warden and lay reader within his parish, membership of Adelaide Diocesan Council and representative to General Synod among many others.

"For many years I have been trying to bring together my beliefs and my activism. For a long time I have had a strong vocational sense of working in and around the church," he said.

"My understanding of the church through my voluntary parish and diocesan work suited me to this role."

Peter acknowledged that while the commitment made by the church to respond to victims of sexual abuse continued, much of the earthquake that accompanied their revelation had subsided.

"I think I am fortunate in that much of the painful remaking of

the diocese has been done and now it's a matter of a painstaking rebuilding and generating a combined strategic intent so that we are working together to grow and transform the church in Adelaide. Perhaps, in a new way, the church

will be able to provide strength, leadership and spirituality in the community. I think we have a once in a generation opportunity to rebuild and reposition so we had better get it right."

The theme of bridging divides also runs through his family story.

A Barnardos child, Peter was five when he and his family came from the UK to South Australia as a '£10 poms'. The experience was soured somewhat by Australian officials who, under the then White Australia Policy, held up the immigration of Peter and his twin brother John because of their part-Asian ancestry.

His family is a mixed theological bag. John Sandeman is now

an active member of the Diocese of Sydney. Another brother and a sister are Baptists while a further brother is a bush Baptist.

Nevertheless, as long as discussions are kept away from theology, family gatherings are always harmonious.

Peter said he hoped to build on the links the church already had with Anglicare while also focussing on other agencies connected to the Anglican Church in Adelaide and the parishes.

"One of the peculiar bits of Anglican tradition is to have separate and largely autonomous agencies, parishes and the like working together through common beliefs, culture and worship," he said.

"This can be a real strength but it

can also be a difficulty if in times of trouble it becomes a basis for separation. So part of the challenge in this role is to help the ties that bind the willing co-operation and sense of common purpose that should underpin agencies and people working together in their own fields in their own ways but within the common framework of the broader church.

"It is very subtle but it is important for the church members to see the Church Office as a partner and support."

He said the diocese needed a relationship with parishes and agencies that recognised their strengths and challenges and respected areas of expertise in the sense that the gospel manifests itself in all sorts of ways.

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11.00am Holy Communion.

Thursday 3rd April - Friendship Lunch
11.00am Holy Communion.
12 noon Lunch in the Parish Hall with guest speaker Bishop Peter Ramsden from Port Moresby in PNG about "The situation in PNG at the moment" \$5 Bookings essential.

Sunday 20th April - Annual Vestry Meeting
8.00am Holy Communion with hymns.
10.00am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School followed by Annual Vestry in the Parish Hall.

Friday 25th April - The Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist and Martyr
11.00am Eucharist.

Thursday 1st May - Ascension Day
11.00am Eucharist.

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Parish Profile: The Parish of Ingle Farm and Para Hills

For details on other parishes within the Adelaide Diocese got to www.adelaide.anglican.com.au

One of the newer parishes in the Diocese of Adelaide, created after the amalgamation of the parishes of Ingle Farm and Para Hills.

Priest:

The Reverend Joan Riley since 2006. Joan used to be an automotive spray painter before she decided to go to university. Part way through a law degree she joined the Anglican Church and quickly swapped from law to theology. She graduated with honours last year and is now considering a PhD.

History:

The parish came about after a co-operative agreement between the then separate parishes of Modbury, Hillcrest, Para Hills and Ingle Farm came to an end last year. Hillcrest closed its doors, Modbury continues and the remaining two amalgamated.

Present:

Joan said the new arrangement was working. Many Hillcrest parishioners came to Ingle Farm which has also seen an influx of new families with small children. A youth group is in its beginning stages. A Parish Action Group has been formed to try and bridge the gap between church and community. Recently, the parish hosted a number of environmental speakers to a packed hall.

Churches:

Church of the Holy Redeemer cnr Roopena/Tantara Sts, INGLE FARM

8.30am Eucharist weekly

10am Eucharist - 3rd Sunday of the month contemporary family worship.

St Augustine of Canterbury 107 Kesters Road, PARA HILLS

10am Sunday Sung Eucharist

9am Monday - Morning Prayer

10am Tuesday - Morning Prayer

10am Wednesday - Eucharist



The Reverend Joan Riley

CBM appeal to tackle blindness among poor

The Christian Blind Mission (CBM) has launched its Miracles Appeal to tackle blindness in poor communities.

CBM Australia is launching its 50,000 Miracles Appeal to raise funds for 50,000 cataract operations – cataracts are the number one cause of blindness in the world.

Running during March and April, supporters can donate \$32 for an adult cataract operation, or \$230 for a child.

CBM's work with people who are blind reached a significant milestone in 2008 with the completion of its 8 millionth cataract operation worldwide.

CBM Australia National Director John Jeffries said CBM supporters in South Australia had been very significant contributors to CBM's work in the past.

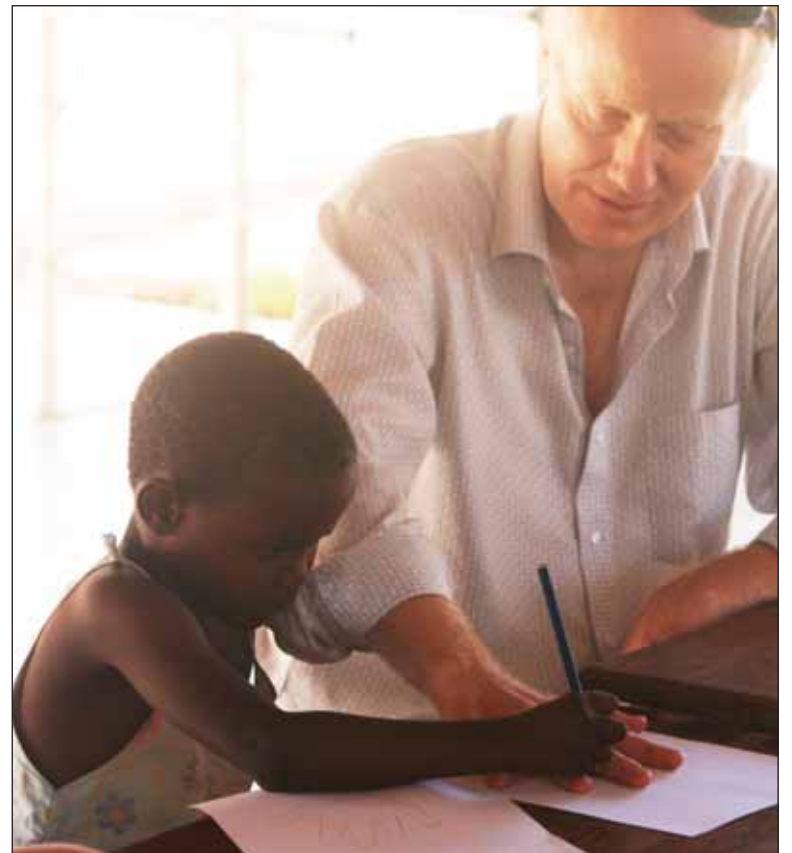
"CBM supporters in South Australia generously donated around \$2.1 million in 2007.

"Their support has meant we've been able to provide medical assistance and community rehabilitation services to people with disabilities in the poorest areas of the world.

"We are now asking supporters to provide a miracle – the gift of sight – as part of our 50,000 Miracles Appeal. It takes just \$32 to give the gift of sight to an adult and \$230 to provide the same miracle to a child."

The Anglican Church has played a significant part in helping CBM raise funds for cataract operations. A project that the Anglican Church has assisted with is the CSI Rehabilitation Centre in Kodaikanal, India South. It offers educational services to children with visual impairments and hearing impairment.

Mr Jeffries said he was privileged to be in Tanzania recently to



Cataract patient Neema from Tanzania and CBM Australia's National Director John Jeffries

witness some cataract operations.

"I met little Neema who is one of the children who has been given the chance to see through the work of CBM," he said.

"Without the help of CBM, 5-year-old Neema would have spent the rest of her life with very poor vision.

"It is unlikely that she would have completed school or ever been employed or had as many opportunities as she will have now that she's had the operation."

Neema's mother Redempta was initially apprehensive about her daughter's cataract surgery but already she is seeing the benefits.

"When the bandages were

removed, Neema was too frightened to open her eyes at first... but now Neema is telling me her sight is better," she said.

"Her squint is gone... and she is looking forward to reading now and to doing handstands."

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Communion, Conflict and Hope

This is the title of *The Kuala Lumpur Report of the third Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission* published in March 2008.

The report brings to completion the Commission's work over the past seven years. As the Forward to the report states the brief was to examine 'what nurtures or inhibits the common life of the Anglican Communion'.

Twenty theologians from around the Anglican Communion from different ethnic, cultural and theological backgrounds made for a fascinating and creative mix.

The Commission spent its early years fielding questions throughout the Communion, receiving feedback, and wrestling with the responses. It attempted to grapple with the complex issues of our life together, especially in times of stress and dispute. It was impossible not to be confronted with the contentious issue of the consecra-

tion in the USA of a bishop who was in a homosexual partnership, and in Canada the blessing of same sex unions. However the brief of the Commission was far wider than these presenting issues. It meant we had to struggle hard at times to ensure that we were not sucked into the vortex of these difficult matters. We strove instead to remain true to the brief to provide a framework for the church to do its thinking about such matters.

The report explores the way of communion, means for testing and sustaining communion through conflict, and ends with a reflection on the nature of hope. The theological argument of the report is presented in section two, *Testing Communion*. It is carefully referenced with Scripture texts and in this way it offers readers a way to

think through difficult issues with Scripture.

Central to the argument is an acknowledgement of the fallibility of the Church and the need for the Spirit of Christ to prise open the Church, heal and restore it, and lead it to new places. The twin dangers of exalting the local

focus on living the gospel in local contexts. However this means that when there are difficult global matters Anglicans lack the necessary experience and structures to resolve them. The Windsor Report and the Covenant proposal have been one set of responses to this. However the Kuala Lumpur Report

is more cautious as to the viability of this way in communion.

The report acknowledges that conflict 'always involves suffering, puzzlement and distress'. Living as people of hope is the real challenge and the temptation is often to short-circuit the process by resorting to power and manipulation.

While we often hear that such and such an action will break communion the deeper reality is 'the brokenness within which com-

munion can and does flourish'. The virtues of mutual forbearance, love and patience are required for the people of God to live together in their conflicts.

A feature of the report is an Appendix which identifies ten key elements in the life of a bishop which help to sustain communion at the local, national and international level. All the bishops attending Lambeth will receive a copy and there will be study groups to introduce the report.

The report is designed to be used as an educational resource for ongoing discussion and understanding. It is hoped that the report will be read widely, engaged with vigorously and provide a long term resource for the church. It is published by the Anglican Communion Office for approximately \$15.

**Bishop Stephen Pickard
Commission Member and Acting
Chair for the final meeting.**

Central to the argument is an acknowledgement of the fallibility of the Church

over the wider church or imposing directives from the wider upon the local are discussed. The notion of 'dynamic catholicity' is offered as a way to understand the relation between the local and the wider church.

Anglicans have emphasised local provincial autonomy in order to

Anglicare takes leap forward in indigenous employment

In the wake of the Federal Government's apology and after a long three-year process to put programs in place, Anglicare SA can now count itself among the forefront of indigenous employers.

Ian James has been appointed Anglicare's indigenous consultant, a position designed to not only encourage indigenous employees but also mentor others to consider mainstream careers.

"There is a lot of potential in the Aboriginal community for various things," Ian said.

"Identified positions for indigenous people are good to start off with but then to have the oppor-

tunity to gain knowledge to get further training and move into mainstream jobs is what is important to communities and to individual Aboriginal people.

"They can go back to their communities and say 'look, this is what I have done', and become a mentor, a role model in the community."

Ian's position came about after a lengthy process that required Anglicare's human resources department to formulate a strategy for indigenous employment and then secure government funding for the role. The end product puts Anglicare at the forefront of indig-



Ian James, Anglicare's new indigenous consultant

enous employment programs.

At the moment the non-government agency employs about 11 indigenous people. Ian said this number would grow slowly but significantly.

"Over the next two years an increase the number of indigenous staff is very important I think not only to the community but to Anglicare itself," he said.

"I'll be going out visiting a lot of the Anglicare sites, working with Aboriginal staff to devise ways we can promote Anglicare better and tap the potential in the communities."

Ian said he expected a lot of not-for-profit agencies would seek to share Anglicare's lead in indigenous employment, particu-

larly after the Prime Minister's apology to indigenous people earlier this year.

"Places like Anglicare and other agencies can take that and run with it and actually become leaders in the community," he said.

"Not just the Aboriginal community but the community in general."

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around the schools

Expanding horizons in new technology pathways

For the first time, St Peters Girls Year 10 IT students are attending classes at St Peter's Boys to study 'Systems and Control Technology'. In an arrangement that may involve reciprocal classes at St Peters Girls in other curriculum areas, the classes involve the girls building their own "Mars Rover" robot by using the facilities at Saints Boys during their IT classes.

Throughout the project the girls will be developing a printed circuit board using a chemical etching process. This circuit board is central to the programmable system which using the latest micro-controller technology. The use of programmable technology allows their robot behaviour to be customised.

In addition to the electronic and programmable technologies deployed in the project, the girls also design a chassis for the robot



Kids at St Peter's Girls Big Brunch

using Saints new advanced manufacture centre. This process allows the students to model their designs in three dimensions and output to a Tekcel CNC router.

The success of the course is based on the design process which provides the participants with the opportunity to produce unique and creative outcomes.

With a high demand in the workforce in the fields of elec-

tronics, robotics, engineering and Information Technology, these classes provide a strong foundation which the girls may choose to build upon.

St Peter's beat the heat

As Adelaide made history with record temperatures in March the Parents & Friends Association of St Peters Girls were not going to cancel their event The Big Brunch, Sunday March 16. As the temperatures hit 40 degrees, the Saints community rallied to turn on a great show. With smart planning, they started the day an hour earlier and came up with a unique concept to have shade over the amusement rides by placing them in the School car park. This worked a treat as guests had ample room to park on the school oval.

All the visitors had a great time and kept cool with slushy drinks, the hospitality of Coopers Brewery and great food from the sizzling BBQs. The day raised over \$10,000 towards a new Chemistry Laboratory.

Sinead O'Connor Awarded Alan Hickinbotham Scholarship

Following a rigorous application process, Year 11 St Columba College student Sinead O'Connor has been the successful 2008/2009 recipient of the annual Alan Hickinbotham Scholarship.

This scholarship, awarded by the founder of the Hickinbotham Group offers the successful student the opportunity to study Year 11 and 12 in a sponsored capacity at St Columba College, a co-educational R-12 college, established jointly by the Anglican and Catholic Churches.

The selection process was difficult, given that all students proved themselves to be outstanding candidates. However it was Sinead whose thoughts and visions for the future indicated much maturity and inspiration.

The college community, has congratulated Sinead and her family for her achievement in receiving the scholarship.



Sinead O'Connor and St Columba Principal Madeleine Brennan



St Peters Girls Year 10 IT students are soldering for the first time in the St Peter's College Boys 'Control Technology' lab and are using this as a practice for their main "Mars Rover" project

paras from the parishes

Shades of Green at Fullarton

As part of preparations for Easter, St Chad's Fullarton organised five speakers during Lent at the Sunday morning services. 'Caring for the Earth' was the theme of the series.

The Reverend Dr Alan Cadwallader, the first of the speakers, described how the Buddhists of Thailand have a three month Lent. It is a time of generosity and compassion. During the period they avoid travel out of respect for

the green shoots growing up from the ground. This shows respect for Creation. Perhaps our Lent could be more like this. Instead of the phrase 'You are but dust' suggesting self-denial, it could call us to remember our connection to the Earth. Jesus walked gently and lightly upon the Earth. Let us follow in this way.

The second speaker, the Reverend Michael Whiting had built an Earth-friendly home. The house, in the Adelaide Hills, was designed to be energy efficient and ecologi-



The Reverend Tony Cox and St Chad's Fullarton parishoner Lorna Hallahan

cally sound, achieved by the technique of 'rammed earth', use of the sun for light and heat, good air movement through the home and the efficient harvesting and use of water. Overall the project reflects the need to think of the world 'as existing in relation to the mystery of God', as the Archbishop of Canterbury recently said.

The following week Dr Lucy Larkin unpacked and challenged the view that nature is merely the stage on which the human-divine drama is played out. She suggested it was time to replace this image with a more biblically-based and ecologically sensitive image for our

time. A new paradigm is needed to show that we are related to, and part of, the natural environment.

On the fourth Sunday, the Patronal Festival, the Reverend Bruce Stocks spoke on 'St Chad and the Earth circa the 7th Century'. The lifestyle of those living in Chad's day differed markedly from ours. They used less of the resources of the Earth and were closer to nature. What would the humble Chad think of our rather arrogant over-use of Earth's resources today in order to maintain an affluent lifestyle which can be so harmful to the environment?

Finally, the Reverend Tony Cox focussed on 'green liturgy'. Additional symbols were introduced. Grapes, wheat and other produce as well as bread and wine, linked the fruits of Creation with the sacrament of redemption. Thanksgiving was balanced by penitence and solemn lament - as a response to environmental exploitation and destruction. Greener worship can affirm greener values, the congregation was told. Yet there was nothing new age, as the green-faith approach is to use biblical and prayer book language only.

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A congregation says goodbye: St Bartholomew's closes its doors

St Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Freeling has closed its doors to regular worship.

With the retirement of people's warden Lloyd Skeen and his wife, the small congregation has decided they cannot continue. A final service will be held in September to celebrate the 140-year life of the church.

Likely to be best known in the wider community for its upcoming appearance on TV show *McLeod's Daughters*, St Bartholomew's has a rich history.

According to a history compiled by Mr and Mrs Skeen the church began on August 24, 1903 when the Reverend Lumsden journeyed up from Gawler to take the first service. The congregation probably met in a private home as St Bartholomew's did not have a permanent place of worship until 1954.

"Some of those with German surnames, who attended Sunday

School at this church in the early days, tell us that the reason was because they, the descendent children of early German settlers to the district, were attending the relatively new primary school, where the English language was taught, but they were going to church with their parents where the language spoken and read was German," Mr Skeen said.

"It wasn't until after World War I that the Lutheran Church felt obliged to discontinue church activities in the German language. Apart from that, in those early years of the 20th Century we are told, the Lutheran churches in this town, and there were three at one stage, didn't have a Sunday school of their own, so the Church of England was formed, not so much for the adults of the town, but so their children could have a religious teaching that they could understand and converse in."

In 1930, the Reverend Crosslands reported that St Bartholomew's

had about 50 communicants and no building of their own. The congregation had been using the local Methodist church and was getting bigger, so much so that by 1941 the Reverend Saunders held services every Sunday.

Two of the existing three Lutheran churches decided to combine so the then Church of England bought the surplus church building in 1954 for £3500. The first service as St Bartholomew's was held on Good Friday April 16, 1954 with a congregation of 55 adults and 17 children.

By its centenary in 2003, the congregation was down to six but the church building caught the eye of *McLeod's Daughter's* producers in August 2007 and it became the fictional Gungellan Roman Catholic Church. The episode featuring St Bartholomew's is expected to be aired in the final series of the popular Australian drama.



St Bartholomew's Freeling

Looking back in moving ahead – a public housing revival

By Simon Schrapel, Anglicare executive manager, Families and Communities

South Australia has a long held reputation as being a State at the forefront of innovation. One of our proudest legacies has been our record in the provision of public housing.

From the establishment of the South Australian Housing Trust in 1936, South Australia has led the way in providing a foundation of affordable and secure housing for our citizens. The broad based availability of public housing was instrumental in our economic prosperity providing homes for workers in our industries. It has also been an important buffer to poverty in South Australia by protecting low incomes households.

It is no coincidence that, as our nation faces a housing affordability crisis; we have

at the same time witnessed the gradual erosion of our public housing.

Since 1992, Housing Trust rental stock in South Australia has declined by 18,136 properties, or almost 29 per

cent. Future projections suggest a similar rate of reduction in the years to come. While there have been modest increases in other social housing options over this period, they have been insufficient to replace the safety net that our public housing has traditionally provided.

The reasons for this decline are varied. An ageing stock has forced successive governments to redirect investment into upgrades and replacement. This has been financed, in part, through the sale of homes. However, the most significant impact has come from changes in housing policy and financing from Commonwealth Governments. Past governments have put their faith in the market to meet the demand for low cost housing. Through a combination of tax relief in the form of negative gearing and a significant increase in Commonwealth Rent Assistance to supplement private rentals, it has been the private, rather than the public market that has been seen as the salvation of the poor. At the same time as these incentives have been

offered, we have seen a 25 per cent reduction in the value of Commonwealth State Housing Agreements, the principal instrument for the transfer of funds for public and community housing assistance.

So what have we been delivered by this public policy position?

Firstly, those who have traditionally relied on public housing stock have needed to seek alternatives in an overheated private rental market, fuelled by higher purchase and mortgage costs. This has skewed public housing towards at risk and disadvantaged households. Forty years ago, 80 per cent of public housing tenants were in employment, today, almost 90 per cent are dependent on welfare payments as a principal source of income.

Those on low incomes who have been forced into the private rental market are doing it tough. Seven in ten low income households are paying more than 30 per cent of their income on housing costs. There are

almost 8000 low income households in South Australia paying upwards of 50 per cent of their income on housing. The impact on these households is profound. Surveys of those in these circumstances show that many are neglecting their health, find it difficult to heat or cool their home, give up meals to pay the rent and are frequently forced to seek assistance from welfare agencies.

Both the Commonwealth and State governments have indicated a commitment to trial new and creative measures to combat the current crisis. However, without a sustainable public housing sector, we will fail to meet future demand for secure, low cost housing. As a first priority, the State and Commonwealth governments need to negotiate a housing agreement that significantly reinvests in public housing. This should include a target of increasing our public housing by 19,000 properties over the next five years. It might seem an old fashioned solution, but sometimes we have to look back to understand the path ahead.

Governments need to negotiate a housing agreement that significantly reinvests in public housing



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Young faces tell the story of the "rubbish dump kids"

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On the edge of the Montalban Landfill, on the outskirts of Manila, sits the Church of the Transfiguration – the home of the Rubbish Dump Kids. These kids, with their families, struggle to make a living by scavenging on the dumpsite for plastic and metal to recycle. Many of them moved from the old 'Smoky Mountain' site in metro Manila when the government of the Philippines bowed to international pressure and moved the dump far from the public view.

The Church of the Transfiguration is an Anglican mission church established by the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to care for the people who have to make a living in this awful environment. It is an offshoot of Fairview parish, also a poor community, whose priest, Father Rex Reyes, has recently been elected president of the National Council of

dren who scrounge a living from the rubbish dump. Each week the youth from Fairview parish travel by jeepneys, tricycle and dump truck to meet with, teach and feed these kids the world has forgotten.

Their story is the subject of a new ABM film targeted at Anglican schools and parishes. The DVD, that includes another film showing the value of Community Development in the rural areas of the Philippines, is presented by two young Australians, Miranda Daughtry and Claire Barrett-Lennard, who visited the Philippines with ABM in November. The films are made by ABM Communications Officer, Steve Daughtry (Miranda's dad) and volunteer filmmaker, Shane Fulwood.

Speaking about the latest DVD, Steve said that ABM was thrilled with the contribution that Claire, Shane and Miranda had made to telling the mission story.

"ABM is engaged in supporting the Anglican Church in Australia and abroad. The majority of those churches are full of young people and it's appropriate that young people tell their story. We wanted to tell the story of mission to kids in Anglican schools and it's so much better if that story is told to you by someone to whom you can relate. Claire and Miranda toughed it out in some difficult situations and they

have done a wonderful job reflecting their experiences on camera. Obviously, as a dad, I'm proud of Miranda but more importantly, she and Claire have had a chance to see the reality of the world that ABM is at work in."

"It's easy to be unaware what amazing changes are occurring in the world as a result of the prayer and financial support that Aussie Anglicans provide through ABM. It's fantastically good news. We



A little girl who along with her family has to make a living by scavenging for recyclables from the huge dumpsite that is their home

live in a very busy world and mission is no longer a crucial part of parish life for everyone in Australia – but the results of mission continue to bring love, hope and justice to our partner churches in many countries. It can be too easy for us all to imagine that those people we support are just pictures in a mission magazine, but they're real people with the same hopes and dreams that we have. They look to us as family and for many of them our 'quiet' giving is the difference between life and death. The films we make allow Australians to 'meet' the people they assist, to see their faces, hear their voices and visit their homes".

The two new films are on a DVD that has been sent to every Anglican school in Australia and the 'Rubbish Dump Kids' story is also on the ABM 'Life Stories' DVD that was sent to every parish in the country as part of the ABM Lent Resources Kit.

"We have over 20 films now," Steve said

"We're getting wonderful feedback from parishes who are showing them during or after services. Many people are taking them home to show their kids or using them at Bible studies. People want to know where their money is going and who they can pray for. Film gives everyone the chance to go to the mission field and see what's needed".

The Anglican Church is criticised for all sorts of things but these DVDs are proof of some of the wonderful things that our church is doing through ABM in various parts of the world, proclaiming the gospel, helping with HIV/Aids education, health projects, raising the status of women in some cultures and providing clean safe water for people (diarrhoea is one of the biggest killers of children in developing countries).

"Mission today is about enabling people to make changes in their life that will allow them to embrace what it means to be fully human. It's about recognising their integrity as children of God and assisting them to grasp God's promise of abundant life. It's no longer the business of us 'fixing' the lives of people who are needy. Today mission is about partnership and respect – and it works. I wish every Anglican could watch these short films. I'm sure that if people knew what amazing work they are

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Claire Barret-Lennard (left) and Miranda Daughtry visit the Rubbish Dump Kids.

Churches of the Philippines. His parish is committed to outreach to the poorest of the poor and the young people of Fairview have been brought up to work for justice and hope. Part of that upbringing has involved leadership training resourced by the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM).

It's no surprise then to discover that the young people of Fairview are the ones making a difference in the lives of the forgotten chil-

enabling, they would be incredibly proud to be Anglicans".

ABM now has 20 different stories available on DVD and if your parish has mislaid theirs then further copies may be obtained by ringing ABM on 1300 302 663 (cost of a local call) or by accessing the ABM website www.abmission.org where you will find links to the films online and many other resources as well.

From the archives:

Compiled by Helen Austin

What happened 100 years ago

The April 1908 edition of *The Adelaide Church Guardian* optimistically reports that 'science is swinging with increasing momentum from the materialistic toward the spiritual reading of the universe.' *The Guardian* goes on to illustrate this with the topical example of Thomas Edison, whom they credit as 'perhaps the greatest of living inventors.' The paper assures readers of his faith, citing his response to an interview with *The New York Tribune*. When asked 'if his theories of evolution and cellular adjustment made him a disbeliever in the Supreme Being,' he responded in the negative, 'No person can be brought into close contact with the mysteries of nature...without being convinced that behind it all there is a

supreme intelligence.' He further clarifies that this 'supreme intelligence' is not a 'supreme law' but a 'supreme mind operating through unchangeable laws.'

50 years ago

On April 1, 1958, *The Adelaide Church Guardian* in its Notes and Comments section raises concerns about proposed closing hours for chemists. *The Guardian* recommends that one chemist in each suburb should stay open on Saturday night on a rotational basis. In the same section, *The Guardian* also comments on the timing of royal visits to Australia. It hopes that they will be better timed in the future so that royals will not visit at a time when

'our climate is at its worst and the country is at its ugliest.' The paper praises the 'gallant and successful efforts of the womenfolk to justify our claim to be "the City of Flowers"' but admits that Adelaide was looking at its worst at the time of the royal visit. *The Guardian* recommends that the next royal visit should occur at spring 'when the country and, incidentally, our complexions [are] at their freshest and best.'

APOLOGY

In the March edition of *The Anglican Guardian*, a reference to Deaconess Magarey in *From the Archives* mistakenly reported her Christian name as Muriel. Her name was Mildred. We apologise for any confusion.

Poets' Corner

Why Do You Hide?

By Stef Rozitis of St Mary Magdalene's, Adelaide

*Why do you hide mysterious God?
I cannot hear your call
the never changing grey of life
reveals you not at all*

*If in your image i was made
repair my heart and will
that I may walk the paths of joy
and know and desire you still*

*If for my soul you fought and won
then teach me too to win
the cruellest foe is my despair
self-hate my greatest sin.*

*If over me your gifts you poured
then teach to me their ways
your wisdom that can see the path
your courage fill my days*

*Still will I search for you my God
and strain to see your face
how neverending seems my task
yet I must run this race.*

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