

# BANYULE BABBLE

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HOLY SPIRIT WATSONIA ❖ ST ANDREW'S ROSANNA ❖ ST JOHN'S HEIDELBERG

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## ROSEMARY REFLECTS

Greetings from Bendigo!

Here we all are, Philip, Rosaleen, Andrew and me, delegates to the "Anglican Diocese of Melbourne 2011 Conference" in Bendigo. There are 280 of us here and there is a lot of renewing acquaintances going on. I've just met a minister from the Southern Region whose six-year old granddaughter is in the same primary school class as my granddaughter, Mia, who lives in Sydney!

This ministry conference is a time of worship, fellowship and learning around the theme of the Diocesan Vision, "Making the word of God fully known." We begin each day with Holy Communion, the first celebrated by the Archbishop David Moxon of Aotearoa who is also leading the daily Bible Studies on Ephesians.

We have been considering many aspects of the 'Vision' with several

presenters. Michael Harvey, the director of 'Unlocking the Growth Trust, UK' was especially inspirational.

A surprise visitor was Ian Mobsby from the Moot Community in England. An extra session was organised so that we could hear about missional spirituality in a secular age. We were encouraged to "Catch up with what God is doing" in our own context.

We have all been to interactive sessions which help to equip us in different aspects of ministry. Being here has been a marvellous opportunity to catch up with new resources, to buy books and to have discussions on what's going on in other parishes.

God is blessing our time together and I pray that this will be passed on to you as we return to Banyule.

This week sees the commissioning of our Parish Partners. This will extend

the pastoral work in the parish with each Parish Partner having a cluster of parishioners to care for. If you have agreed to be part of this scheme and your name is on the new list we will soon be in contact with you.

When you read this we will already have returned from our three days in Bendigo. We come back refreshed, both in body and spirit. It has been a wonderful time and we thank you for allowing us all to be here.

God bless  
and keep you all  
in His love.

Yours in  
His service,

Rosemary  
Young  
(Associate  
Minister)



### 5 MINUTE INTERVIEWS

*Or, getting to know your fellow parishioners*

## JOAN WAY

*Born:* In Richmond at the Bethesda Hospital.

*Went to school:* Silvester Grove Primary School, Preston, then Preston Girls' High School.

*Work:* After completing her Leaving Certificate Joan went to work as an Accounts Clerk in the share registry department of a Chartered Accountants firm.

*Married* to Allan with two children, Fiona and Sarah, two grandchildren, Brianna 11 yrs and Estelle 8 yrs.

*Hobbies:* Genealogy.

*Q What makes you happy?*

Spending time with the grandchildren and walking in the bush.

*Q What annoys you?*

Irresponsibility.

*Q What have you achieved or performed in your life that has given you great satisfaction?*

Finding out about my family history, discovering relatives I did not know about.

*Q Who (living or dead) would you most like to have a cuppa with and why?*

My Mum, in particular to ask her a few questions about family that I did not find out when I was younger.



*Q What do you think people would be surprised to learn about you?*  
That I cannot swim.

*Q In looking back over your life who or what event(s) have had a great influence on your life?*

My husband Allan, meeting him (the *who*), and the *event* would be travelling overseas and visiting my Scottish family's birthplace.

*Q What motto or saying would sum up your attitude to life?*

"Be prepared" (I was a member of Girl Guides).

*Interview by Gay Miller*

## This Month - August

**Saturday 6th:** 3 pm Afternoon tea farewell to Sonnemans at Christ Church Ormond

**Tuesday 9th:** Mothers' Union Mary Sumner Day

**Monday 15th:** 1.30 pm St Andrew's Mothers' Union Branch Meeting at 20 Moorwatha St Macleod

**Friday 19th:** 7 am North-Eastern Prayer Breakfast, 1 Bulleen Rd Bulleen, \$35

**Wednesday 24th:** St John's Ladies' Fellowship: Greg Jones of BCA

**Sunday 21st:** 10 am Beers at St John's

## Coming Up

**All September:** Thanksgiving Month, culminating in . . .

**Sunday 2nd October:** 10 am *Commitment Sunday* Combined Parish Service at St Andrew's; 4 pm Blessing of the Pets at St John's

**Saturday 8th October:** 5.30 pm Congregational meeting at Holy Spirit

**Sunday 9th October:** 10 am Congregational meeting at St Andrew's

**Sunday 16th October:** 10 am Congregational meeting at St John's

**Sunday 13th November:** National Church Life Survey

**Sunday 27th November:** Parish Annual General Meeting

## Wanted

- People for lawn mowing rosters: 9459 9049

## Money - June

Income: Giving: \$7,554.60  
Other: \$21,451.23  
Total: \$29,005.83

Expenses: \$28,074.31

**Profit: \$931.52**

Giving was a little up, thank you. Other income includes \$1800 from the council for restoration of the St John's font, not yet spent. If that is taken out, there is a loss of \$868.48.

## Services in 2012

Clergy, Wardens and Vestry have been discussing the form services might take next year, and this will be the subject of meetings with each congregation in October. We are considering a more regular pattern of services, with family and traditional services at different times, and the family services concentrated at one place. There will need to be changes to some service times.

## St John's Ladies' Fellowship

Our "Men's Night" was held in the evening of 22nd June and we were very pleased to welcome just over thirty members and guests. Business was kept to a minimum and we welcomed our old friends, Marion and Alan Lang, as guest speakers.

Marion and Alan told us about their last trip overseas and showed us some very beautiful slides, as well as presenting an interesting commentary.

They had visited London, the Isle of Wight, Malta and Monte Carlo.

We had a cameo of London, showing us those buses which have so much character, lovely parks and cathedrals, an old cemetery, as well as the shops, some with big modern displays, and other older atmospheric buildings.

They then went on to the Isle of Wight, small, but picturesque, and full of interesting things. No one does B & Bs like the Brits, and Isle of Wight is no exception, the slides made us envious. Of special interest was Osborne House, one of Queen Victoria's homes, where she spent many years after Prince Albert died.

After Isle of Wight, we saw some of Monte Carlo, noted for its casino and famous visitors. The slides of the coast and marina were specially beautiful, and Monaco has some very old buildings.

After that, they took us to Malta, also old and interesting, and still showing scars from the battering they took in the war.

Everyone enjoyed the evening, and we look forward to seeing Marion and Alan again. The ladies excelled themselves with supper, and there was plenty of conversation afterwards.

*Lorna Holliday, President.*

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon 24th August at 1.30pm.

Our guest speaker will be the Rev'd Greg Jones, the Regional Officer for The Bush Church Aid Society. Greg will talk about BCA and also bring his guitar. Greg is also an experienced musician and loves writing original Gospel songs.

Everyone very welcome to attend.

*Pauline Holbery, Secretary Tel. 9459 0364*

## St Andrew's Mothers' Union

**Tuesday August 9:** Mary Sumner Day

**Monday August 15** at 1.30 pm: Branch Meeting at the home of Althea Bernet, 20 Moorwatha St Macleod. Speaker: Joy Venville, Diocesan President of Mothers' Union.

*Betty Kettle - 9435 6533*

## Free Beers at St John's!

On Sunday 21st August, Tavis and Kate Beer, two of our link missionaries, will join us at the service at St John's, before heading for the Northern Territory to start their service to Aboriginal people there.

## Freemasons' five storeys behind St John's approved

Banyule Council has approved a five-storey development by the Freemasons that will run all along the back of the St John's property, of which a little was shown in the June *Babble*. Four storeys will be visible from St John's, and will be as high as the tower.

The Freemasons have offered some support for screening trees to be planted along the back of our property. Negotiations are in progress, but we do not expect to get four storeys of screening.

# God in the market place

Six days a week, seven hours a day. Except Saturdays. Only three hours on Saturdays. And then a well-earned Sabbath rest.

That's the commitment of about 35 volunteers - men and women - predominantly from across the Banyule parish, who work tirelessly in the Watsonia Opportunity Shop.

The Op Shop is a joint venture of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Anglican Parish of Banyule. The Parish provides the shop and storage space and the Brotherhood provides some rent. Both organisations benefit from the \$30,000+ raised each year from the sale of pre-loved goods.

Barbara Andrews prepares the roster of three and a half hour shifts for the enthusiastic team. On the morning of my visit, I was greeted by Beth Jones, Coral Bellingham and Mary Wolezko beavering away either sorting and pricing garments or selling books and toys to customers.

'What made you volunteer for this work? I asked.

'The amount of money we raise!' said Beth. 'And we're helping people - that's even more important. Some



people come in with nothing. We're needed.

'I also like meeting people - you make friends with the people who come in each week. And the team becomes friends, too.'

Coral joined in: 'Company! Company! That's the only reason I came to start with. I'd just lost my husband. Beth asked me to come down on a Thursday - and I've stayed ever since.'

Mary was a regular customer before joining the team. Barbara needed a few more names for the roster and suggested Mary be asked to help out. Why does Mary keep coming?

'Good recipes! And Beth is like Martha Gardener - full of handy hints.' Mary has now been working at the Op Shop for a year.

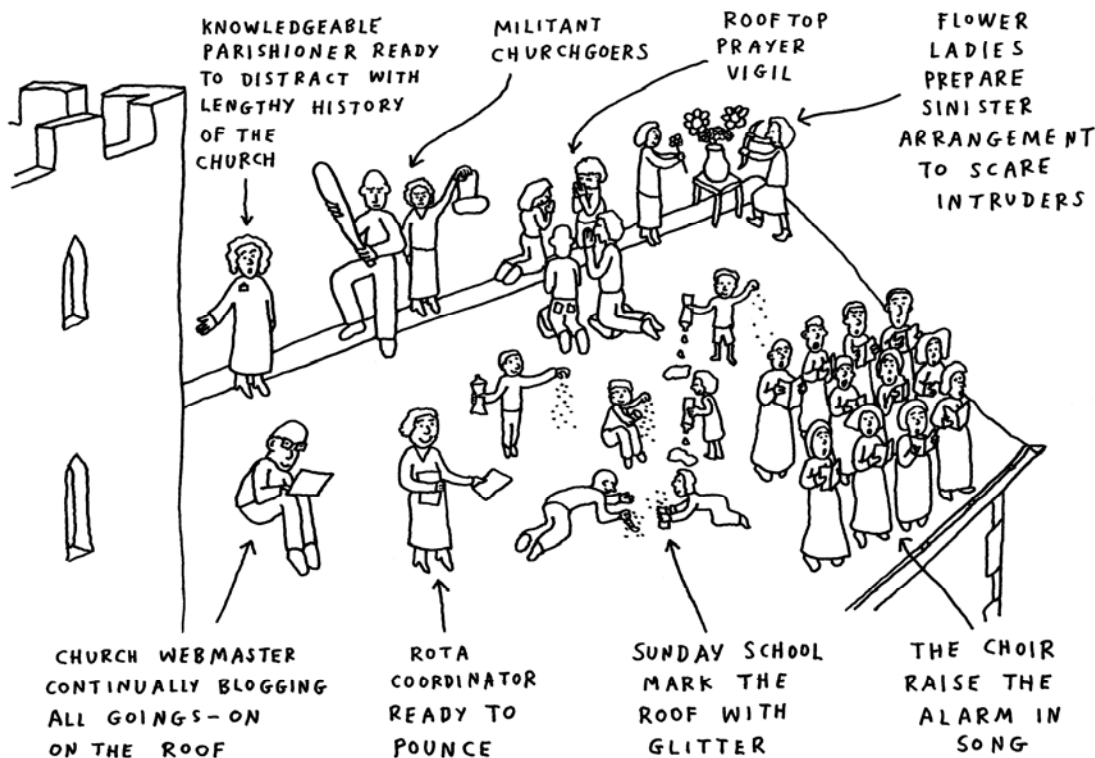
As well as workers in the shop, there are those who help by taking away the rubbish - that is, all the unsellable items that are inevitably left at the doors of op shops all over Melbourne. Rubbish removal is an unseen but necessary task.

So from the Parish of Banyule, 'Thank you!' to all of you who work faithfully at the Watsonia Opportunity Shop. Thank you for the money you help raise that can be used for God's work, but also for the love and friendship you extend to the people who come through your doors each day. Truly, you are doing Gods' work in the market place!

*Elizabeth Tulloh*

## LEAD THIEVES

WE ARE WAITING ON THE ROOF SO THAT THEY DO NOT GET AWAY WITH IT



Thieves stole the data projector at Watsonia in July. It will be replaced, but the Editor was reminded of the cartoon at left . . .

# Vestry Notes

Meeting of Tuesday 21st June 2011 at 7.30 pm

## BUSINESS ARISING

- **Cross at Watsonia:** Plans have been drawn up for a cross – cost approx. \$520 + GST. Authorisation given to proceed.
- **Car-park at Watsonia:** Review of the rent through the Valuer-General will be made before the lease is renewed.
- **Rental agreement for the tennis club:** Letter to be sent to inform the club that we wish to institute negotiations with a view to arriving at a commercially agreeable rate.
- **Property Committee report back: Vicarages inspection**  
All 4 vicarages inspected. General impression: we should be redeploying 2 vicarages and using the money for other capital works. Consideration to be given to purchase of a more modern place for the curate and perhaps a shop for an op. shop at Macleod. Redevelopment of the Rosanna site is the key to this.
- **Stewardship programme**  
**Planning** will take place through August.  
**Action** will occur through September.  
**Culmination** will be a combined Commitment service at Rosanna on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**.
- **Family Ministry:** We are looking at all-age worship in the parish every week and offering something like an Alpha course.
- **St Andrew's memorial garden:** To be left until our plans for Rosanna are more settled.
- **Possums in St Andrew's hall:** Decided someone should be hired to trap the possums and remove them, at least temporarily.
- **St John's 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee for 23 October:**  
A thanksgiving service at 2 pm followed by afternoon tea provided by a combined group of ladies from the parish.
- **Playgroup request for heating in St John's lower hall:**  
The cost of installation of a gas heater quite considerable. Current pipes are old and would be subject to testing for prior to use. Cost of an electric heater, with particular reference to the running costs to be investigated.

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### Senior minister

- Philip expressed thanks to the staff for covering for him while he was on leave.
- The wardens' meeting was helpful
- The Staff Retreat day was inspiring.

### Associate minister

- About 25 attended the *mainly music* film night.

## WARDENS' REPORTS

### Heidelberg

- The Vine Street development approved. \$5000 offered for landscaping – considered too small. Will get professional advice what may be necessary and costing before going back to the developers.
- The trestle tables to be put up for sale on E-Bay and plastic replacements purchased.

### Rosanna – Nothing further

### Watsonia

- The data projector was stolen – to be replaced by one similar to that at Rosanna.

## OP SHOPS

- **Macleod Op shop** is doing well. \$6,000 banked in June and another \$3000 since.
- **Watsonia Op shop** has just completed their financial year. From - 1.07.2010 – 31.06.2011 the income was \$62,350. We received \$6,000 in rent plus \$24,724.

## FINANCE – Treasurer's report: Budget and Actual

- Donations to missions paid according to vestry's determination.
- The BAS statement for April, May & June has been sent to the ATO and an acknowledgment has been received.
- The treasurer's report was accepted and accounts to the value of \$28,074.31 as presented be approved for payment.

## REVISING AND REFINING OUR GOALS

- We have achieved approx. 60% of our goals for 2011.

## WORSHIP: A possible cycle for 2012

An overview of current services shows that:

- Family service at Rosanna not as successful as Heidelberg.
- Cycle of services at Watsonia achieved only a limited success. Taizé service dropped completely – it hasn't worked.
- Healing Service at Rosanna not so successful as part of the regular Sunday worship. A separate time may be better.

Consideration is being given to:

- Heidelberg – 2 weekly services – traditional HC at 9 am & Family Service at 10.30 am.
- Rosanna – 1 traditional service weekly at 9 am.
- Watsonia – 1 traditional service weekly at 10.30 am on Sunday.

## Congregational meetings will be held:

- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Watsonia
- Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at Rosanna
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Heidelberg

## Combined services

- Combined services will continue as frequently as in 2011.

## REACHING OUT

- Must resolve to make our property work better for us.
- Must resolve to redevelop the Rosanna site by 2015. A retirement village with a chapel was suggested.
- Should look at developing the Heidelberg site as the centre of the parish.
- Should resolve that this Parish Fair (2011) be the last.
- Community events: Christmas Carols in December at Heidelberg

## CALENDAR ITEMS

- Blessing of the Animals will be at 4pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Vestry will provide morning tea for the combined service at **Rosanna on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**NB. IF YOU FEEL YOU WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE POINTS, VESTRY MEMBERS AND WARDENS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO HELP.**

Rosemary Bellair



## Misprints and Oddities

Before Miss Jenkinson concluded the concert by singing 'I'll walk beside you' she was prevented with a bouquet of red roses.  
Sussex paper

Salisbury magistrates gave a Bulford man a conditional discharge when he appeared on a theft charge because they were impressed by the way he was trying to help himself.

Southern Evening Echo

AUDIENCE TRIED TO SPOIL PLAY BUT ST CHAD'S PLAYERS SUCCEEDED.

Sutherland Echo

Middlesex County Council is to be represented in Twickenham Fair procession by West Middlesex main drainage department. It is exhibiting a tableau of three decorated vehicles depicting the stages through which sewage passes.

Surrey Comet

Sex and violence came into Jane Martin's life gradually. Then she became a Christian and matters escalated.

Essex County Standard

FIRE-EATERS, SWORD-SWALLOWERS, preferably with ecclesiastical experience required, May-June, Phone WELbeck 2331.

The Times