

BANYULE BABBLE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BANYULE

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

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PHILIP PHILOSOPHISES

PATHWAYS: "What is the next step?"

Imagine that you are crossing a pond, on stepping stones: you have to keep your eye on the next step if you are not going to slip! To make it across the pond is what you are aiming for.

As a church, our final aim (the last step) may be to "make new followers of Jesus", but the first step we take might be simply to ask a friend in for coffee; or to run a mainly music programme, as a way of building relationships; or to have Christmas Carols in the park; or to find out the needs of our community so we can serve them better. Every time we do something, we must ask ourselves the question: "What is the next step?"

In the analogy of balancing across stepping stones, once you begin you must always think about where to place your foot next, or you may lose balance.

So it is with our life together.

In the last few years we have done a lot of thinking and talking about our direction as the people of God in the parish of Banyule.

In 2009 we gathered for a retreat day to pray and think about where God might be leading us:

- 'Think of five words which describe us at present as a church'
- 'Think of five words you would like to use of us in five years' time'

The words we came up with were that we wanted to be "YOUNGER", "MORE ALIVE", "VIBRANT", "LOVING", "CARING". These words have found their way into our goals, which we are seeking to fulfil. So, "Reaching the next generation" and "being good stewards of our resources" and "team ministry" is about coming alive again as a church, so we can be a blessing to others.

What is the next step? I would like to suggest that we take part in a seminar called "PATHWAYS" run by Ken Morgan.

Ken Morgan is the Archbishop's consultant for the Diocesan Vision of "Making the Word of God Fully Known" through our Parish life. He will be offering this seminar called PATHWAYS, which I believe will help us to move forward to the next step.

This month, I will be attending one of Ken's seminars, and inviting others from our church family to come along. Then I would like to use the process at our Parish Retreat on Saturday 29 September, at Amberley.

Balancing, mid-air, our weight is transferring from one stepping stone and about to land on the next...keep your balance, keep your focus, and seek to walk hand in hand with the Spirit, to the NEXT STEP. We will get there together, guided by the Lord of the church.

Mark the date in your diary for the next step:

**PARISH RETREAT DAY
AT AMBERLEY**

**9 AM TO 3 PM SATURDAY,
29 SEPTEMBER, 2012**

*Delicious food, rest, recreation,
fellowship and prayer*

Philip ↑

Holy Spirit Watsonia Ladies' Guild
cordially invites you to join us for a

Blumes Fashion Parade
(new winter fashion range)

at Holy Spirit
Saturday 14th July, 1.30 pm

Please come and join us
Entry \$6, includes afternoon tea and door prize

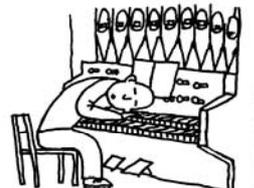
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THE LITURGICAL PAUSE

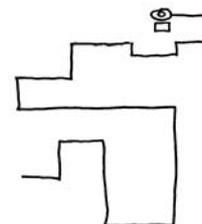
THIS IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL ELEMENTS OF A CHURCH SERVICE.
WE OBSERVE A LITURGICAL PAUSE AT THE FOLLOWING POINTS:



AT MOMENTS WHEN PONDERING IS EXPECTED



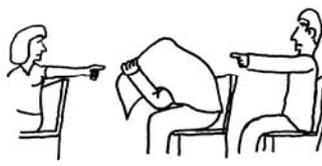
WHEN THE ORGANIST HASN'T COME IN



WHEN THE READER HAS A PARTICULARLY GRUELLING JOURNEY TO THE LECTERN



WHEN AN EASTER FIRE OR ADVENT CANDLE REFUSES TO LIGHT



WHEN NO-ONE WILL ADMIT TO BEING THE PERSON DOWN TO LEAD THE INTERCESSIONS



WHEN NOBODY HAS A CLUE WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN NEXT

This Month - July

Saturday 7th: 6 pm mainly music Winter Movie Night at St John's: 'Horton Hears a Who'

Saturday 14th: 1.30 pm Blumes Fashion Parade, Holy Spirit Watsonia, \$6

Monday 16th: 1.30 pm St Andrew's Mothers' Union, 20 Moorwatha St Macleod: Althea's travels, Wave of Prayer, collection for CMS

Tuesday 17th: 12 noon Holy Spirit Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer

Wednesday 25th: 10 am Holy Spirit Mothers' Union 50th anniversary meeting; 1.30 pm St John's Fellowship: Gay Miller's poems

Sunday 29th: 10 am Combined Parish Service at St John's: retiring collection for missions

Next Month - August

Thursday 2nd: 10.30 am Mothers' Union Northern Deanery, St John's Brunswick West

Friday 17th: 8 pm 40 Hour Famine starts

Saturday 18th: Working Bee at St Andrew's

Wanted

- People for Parish Fair; also mystery parcels, mystery bottles, lucky dips and other goods

Money - May

Income: Giving: \$7,112.90
 Other: \$15,404.44
 Total: \$22,517.34
 Expenses: \$19,929.48
Profit: \$2,587.86

Giving was down. Fortunately May was a quiet month for expenses. \$1612.73 of the expenses was for the St Andrew's sideboard and heater repair, and came from the St Andrew's Bequest Account. We got a reimbursement for overestimated electricity, but it didn't cover May's bill.

St. John's Fellowship

Wednesday 25th July at 1.30 pm: Gay Miller will share with us some of the poetry she hopes to have published. Everyone is very welcome to come along!

Pauline Holbery, Secretary 9459 0364

St Andrew's Mothers' Union

Monday July 16th at 1.30 pm at the home of Althea Bernet: 20 Moorwatha St, Macleod. Althea's holiday travels, the Wave of Prayer, and a collection for CMS.

Betty Kettle, 9435 6533

Thanks

Our grateful thanks are due to many people:

- The playgroup father who fell through a step of the St Andrew's Parish Hall back stairs, and, instead of suing us, built us a new step. He will now be known as the step-father. (The Editor has tested the solidity of the other steps by jumping on them.)
- Neville Woolnough, for making new pages in the Holy Spirit Remembrance Book, for Charles Doyle, Mary Penberthy and Shane McCoy.
- The generous people who have made special donations to fund particular projects that we might otherwise not have been able to do.

LOCKED IN MY HEAD

I sometimes feel locked in – inside my head where things are clear and thoughts are articulately expressed. But tiredness, illness, or lack of confidence, block the flow of sensible conversation. It is then I empathize with the elderly or ill in communicating with the young.

The words of the young come tumbling out fast and thick as a waterfall, laughter and argument come easily, and flow without effort. Sometimes the old sit silently and listen and if a chance to speak comes along. Happily they begin to gather their words around them like a cloak, Only to find the conversation has moved on and they have said nothing at all.

There's resignation in their faces and more than that, an expression that reveals knowledge, but knowledge that is too difficult, too arduous to put out there, in the market place of argument and discussion. Sparkling and intelligent discussion, or exchange of ideas, has reality only in their minds because the effort is too great. So they remain silent.

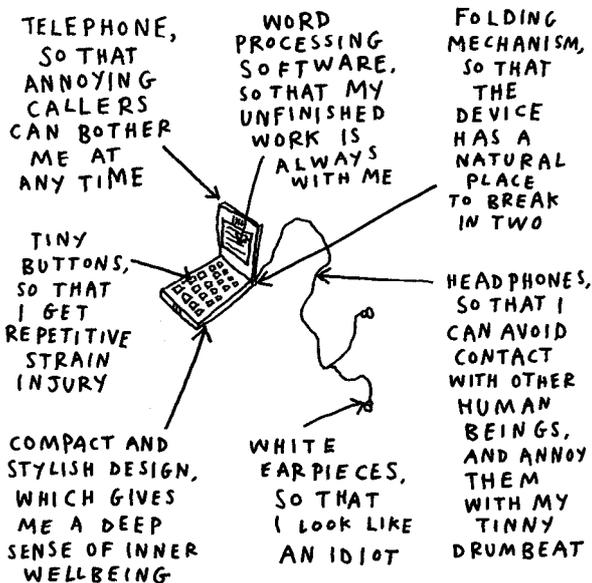
Occasionally there is a glimpse of disagreement or knowledge, And they listen, waiting to speak to the thoughts being expressed. Holding close the comfort that tomorrow they will converse with friends who understand, whose life is in the same place, shaped by the same events and customs

They have so much to say, they have lived long, experienced more, They know the answers to the questions, the outcomes from the actions.

But how joyful is the morrow, meeting with friends, who patiently wait while chaff is sorted from grain and thoughts are hesitantly put. Then, in the safeness of like minds, and understanding souls, they gather speed And it is then they sparkle and shine, lighting fires of discussion.

Gay Miller

THIS GADGET IS EVERYTHING I HAVE EVER WANTED



Holy Spirit Happenings

Elsie Storr writes:

A local story between the Church/Brotherhood Op Shop Watsonia, and mainly music Rosanna

A few Saturdays ago Rosemary Lee and I were working the op shop Saturday morning. A man came in with two large bags of goodies. The first two things I priced were two hand woven bags with alpaca designs woven on.

When I came back from the hand bag section, Rosemary, who was serving a customer, asked me my opinion on baby booties. Going to the counter and looking into the bag on the counter, I saw two of the cutest, hairless, big-eared, bright-eyed baby kangaroos, each in their own small polo fleece bag. (The customer's sister comes in regularly for suitable polo fleece: she sews it in to small bags for the injured wildlife.) One of the baby roos had a broken leg, and the bandage was rubbing the skin off the other leg. Rosemary tried several baby booties on the little roo's leg before finding a suitable pair (made from cotton interlock).

Then Rosemary and I baby-sat the two little roos while the carer went to look around the shop. She found the two alpaca hand-woven bags, which would make ideal bags to carry her injured baby wildlife.

At Tuesday mainly music at Rosanna, one of the mums said that she saw me at the Op Shop on Saturday morning, as it was her husband that brought in the two bags of goodies. I told her where the two alpaca hand-woven bags went. She was delighted, as before going to South America, they cared for injured wild life.

Three more pages have been added to the Book of Remembrance at Watsonia, one for Charles Doyle, Mary Penberthy and Shane McCoy. Neville Woolnough (Bill's son) did this excellent work.

May 23rd was the Mothers' Union Australia Council Day Open Day at Pallotti College, Millgrove. (Millgrove is 4 km on the city side of Warburton.) The Parish of Banyule was well represented, with six members attending (two cars) to meet and hear M.U. Worldwide President Rosemary Kempshall. Other excellent and informative speakers were the Australian President, the Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman from Queensland, and Stephen Harrison, a youth worker from Brisbane.

Sylvia Webb did an excellent job of driving and Elizabeth Ryder kept in touch with the two cars by text. (One thing we were grateful for was no log trucks, as they are now double-trailer and can be very daunting when they pass on narrow roads.)

Holy Spirit M.U. will meet on Wed 27th June, at 10 am. This meeting will be a time to upgrade our M.U. photo albums, as our July meeting on Wed 25th will be our 50th year.

- M.U. Wave of Prayer: **Tuesday 17th July** – Watsonia at 12 noon
- M.U. Holy Spirit Watsonia meeting at 10 am **Wednesday 25th July** (50th year)

- M.U. Northern Deanery: **Thursday 2nd August** – 10.30 at St John's Brunswick West.
- On **Friday September 28th** M.U. Diocese of Melbourne is hosting an afternoon tea to welcome Glenys Payne and her husband David. Glenys is the M.U. Overseas Co-ordinator for the Diocese of St David's Wales, one of Melbourne's link Dioceses.
- Also Glenys is the GFS World Wide President and will be at St Alfred's Blackburn on **Saturday 29th September** to celebrate GFS World Day of Prayer and 130 years of GFS in Ballarat, Bendigo, and Melbourne Dioceses.

Elsie Storr

The Editor adds:

On 27th May there was a working bee at Holy Spirit, and your Editor was there, cleaning windows with Andrew Bowles. Allan Way quoted highly inappropriate lyrics from his misspent youth to the effect that interesting things can be seen when one is cleaning windows, but Andrew and I failed to observe the honeymoonin' couples too that were supposed to bill 'n coo, nor any surprising things they do, when we were cleaning windows.

Meanwhile other workers were making sure all Holy Ghost holes were thoroughly boarded up, while Allan hied himself across the roof and attempted to bash us unconscious from above with tree branches.

The next day was the combined parish service for Holy Spirit's patronal festival of Pentecost. After the excellent service, during the sumptuous feast that Holy Spirit always puts on, a certain person approached the Editor with a question about a certain *Babble* article. Your Editor is of course always happy to discuss the *Babble* editing racket, and assist those who are struggling with its finer points. In this case the person in question had read an article in the latest *Babble*, but was wrestling with the deeper subtleties of its inner meaning. He earnestly sought an explanation as to why, if a girl were blown out to sea on a set of inflatable teeth and subsequently rescued by a man on an inflatable lobster, it should be considered funny for a spokesman to comment that 'this sort of thing is all too common these days'.

The Editor was of course very glad to try to help, and after his explanation of the incongruity had had some time to sink in, with some bits repeated a few times in different words, he is pleased to report at least partial success, with the Vicar in question leaving with an expression, if not of full mental satisfaction, at least of the resignation of having done what one can.

Then on 23rd June there was another important event at Holy Spirit, the confirmation of Glyn and Marion Matthews, new and most welcome members of our parish. Bishop Barbara drove up for the occasion, and also took the opportunity to inspect the Holy Spirit architecture, being ably taken on a guided tour by Allan Way, who furnished her with very full particulars of its design and construction. The meal following surpassed all for its sybaritic superabundance.



Bishop Barbara

Vestry Notes

Meeting of Tuesday 20th June 2012 at 7.30 pm

PRIORITY ISSUES

Clergy housing

Discussion about the possible scenarios re upgrading clergy housing, mostly regarding costs related to a possible loan. The Parish has enough invested in ADF to cover a loan, but the money is from different sources each related to a specific church centre.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Senior Minister (Philip)

- We are waiting for a decision from the Archbishop in Council whether we may keep 100% of the proceeds from the sale of a Vicarage.
- Disappointment expressed at low attendance by young families.
- Almost time for a review of activities.
- Finances are going well but difficult decisions need to be made.
- Rosemary Young is on extended sick leave. Ros Rudd is taking two services at Rosanna.
- Many critically ill needing pastoral care.

Assistant Minister (Andrew)

- Change of roster due to Rosemary's sick leave.
- Presenting a couple for confirmation on 23rd, has taken funeral services and first wedding in July.
- Planning a series of parenting seminars for mainly music families.
- Attended Natural Church Development conference.

Associate minister (Rosemary): on sick leave

Part Time Assistant Minister (Ros): absent

FINANCE REPORT

- Parish assessment is \$1600 more than expected.
- The treasurer's report was accepted and accounts to the value of \$19,929.48 were approved for payment.

WARDENS' REPORTS

Heidelberg

- The eaves on the lower hall have been cleaned out and repaired, thanks to Peter Andrews and Alan Jones.
- A donation of \$500 was gratefully received for use at Heidelberg.

Rosanna

- A new cupboard purchased for crockery and cutlery for morning tea.
- Steps from the Parish Hall repaired and checked for soundness.
- Op. Shop committee suggest Vestry look into the possibility of purchasing another shop as the ownership may change soon.

Watsonia

- Damage done by 3rd attempted break-in repaired and the doors made fast.
- Working bee was "good" – much was achieved. Thank you to all.
- U3A have rebooked for Semester 2.
- On 23rd June Bishop Barbara is making an informal visit and will conduct a confirmation at the 5.30 pm service. A meal will be provided after the service.
- Allan has succeeded in finding a suitable bolt for the church door to prevent "escapes" from the mainly music.

Rosemary Bellair

HOUSE FOR DUTY

THE HOUSE RECEIVED DEPENDS UPON THE DUTIES UNDERTAKEN



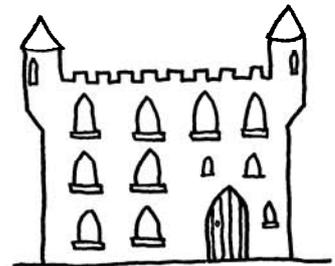
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Someone sent me these . . .

- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.