

BANYULE BABBLE

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

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PHILIP PHILOSOPHISES

Rev'd Rosemary Young



ROSEMARY was a loved colleague, friend and priest to us in Banyule Parish.

I first met Rosemary at a retreat day I was running in 2009, shortly after I had come to Banyule. She came up to me and quietly introduced herself, with the thought that she had heard that I was looking for an assistant priest in the parish.

The timing was perfect, and so began a chapter of her life and ministry that blessed both her and us.

I remember when she first came to a service, we interviewed her, and when asked why she had come to ordination later in life, she simply said: "It has always been there: I should have done it sooner, it just seemed the natural next step for me". She spoke with a quiet confidence, and the sense was of the privilege she felt at being called to be a minister to others.

Her gentle and quiet, refined manner was a soothing presence to us in the parish.

She spent a lot of time with the people of Rosanna, who loved her gentility and her beautiful English accent.

She was very good at making people feel very special as she spoke with them.

She took a key part in encouraging people to care for each other through "Pastoral Partners", and also loved being able to minister at the local nursing homes.

In the office, she was renowned for her intimate knowledge of the lectionary readings coming up. I think she must have studied them at nights, because she would come out with: "Oh yes, that reading from St Anne's day is the one about the poor", or "It's interesting: the readings seem to all speak about healing this week don't they?"

Rosemary was a humble and gentle person, willing to do whatever was needed to serve others. She did not expect thanks, though much gratitude was expressed for her ministry.

In our first year she organized a seminar on healing and massage for those who had suffered a major health crisis. Of course, she did not speak about her own ongoing issues with cancer, preferring to keep these to herself so as not to distress others. As she suffered recurrences, she never showed fatalism or despair, but always a brave and courageous understatement.

Her initiative of having healing services in the parish was also appreciated, and it was a lovely thing to have her calmly laying hands on people and anointing them with oil for healing. She was very soothing in her presence.

Rosemary was a gentle soul, a gracious lady and a trusted friend. We already miss her comforting presence with us, though we know she will be resting in the Lord's loving embrace even now, looking calmly and peacefully into his eyes; all her trials are ended, the winter has passed, and spring has come at last.

Philip



World Community Day

Wednesday 2nd October at 10.00 am

Rosanna Uniting – Arden Crescent

Speaker from 'Food Share'

Theme: Love is for Sharing

Further details: Pauline Holbery 9459 0364

Parish Working Bee

Saturday 26th October at Rosanna

Window-washing, gardening, etc

Work available for everyone to prepare for the Spring Fair

Bring any useful tools you may have

Wandering Melody

1.30 pm Wednesday 9th October
at Holy Spirit Watsonia

\$6 includes afternoon tea and door prize

RSVP 2nd October

Presented by Holy Spirit Ladies' Guild

Further details: Joan Hodgson 9846 1681

Parish Spring Fair

Saturday November 9th
9.30 am – 2.00 pm at St Andrew's

All hampers and Christmas cake will be on display for ticket sales at the musical afternoon in October.

October will be the month for MYSTERY BOTTLES donations.

Rhonda Murphy

The SAVOY SINGERS

100 YEARS OF MUSICAL COMEDY

2 pm Sunday 27th October
at St Andrew's

Tickets \$20 from Joan 9846 1681,
includes High Tea

Payment no later than
Monday 7th October please

This Month – October

Wednesday 2nd: 11 am Strathalan

Sunday 6th: 8 am St Andrew's; 10 am St John's (Family service)

Wednesday 9th: 1.30 pm Wandering Melody at Holy Spirit: \$6; 7.30 pm AMS meeting at St Andrew's: Mark Cox. Ladies welcome

Sunday 13th: 10 am St Andrew's; 10 am St John's (Alan Nichols)

Wednesday 16th: 11 am Iris Grange

Sunday 20th: 10 am St John's for whole parish: farewell to Lynne

Monday 21st: 1.30 pm St Andrew's Mothers' Union

Wednesday 23rd: 10 am Holy Spirit Mothers' Union: AGM

Saturday 26th: Parish Working Bee at St Andrew's

Sunday 27th: 10 am St John's; 10 am St Andrew's; 2 pm Savoy Singers at St Andrew's; 5 pm Holy Spirit (with teaching)

Monday 28th: MU Diocese AGM at St James' Old Cathedral

Next Month – November

Sunday 3rd: Congregational meetings after service at each centre: 8 am St Andrew's, 10 am St John's (family service), 5 pm Holy Spirit

Saturday 9th: 9.30 am – 2 pm Parish Fair

Sunday 17th: 10 am Combined Parish Service at St John's, followed by AGM

Wanted

- New ADF deposits
- New helpers for *mainly music*
- New volunteers for the Macleod Op Shop

Sunday Services in October

Services in early October will be a little non-standard because of René's leave and Geraldine's operation.

6th October: 8 am Holy Communion at Rosanna, 10 am Family Service at Heidelberg, **NO** Watsonia service

13th October: 10 am at Rosanna (René) and 10 am at Heidelberg (Alan Nichols presiding and preaching), **NO** Watsonia service

20th October: 10 am combined service at Heidelberg with farewell to Lynne, no other services

27th October: 10 am Rosanna, 10 am Heidelberg, 5 pm Watsonia

3rd November: 8 am Rosanna, 10 am Heidelberg, 5 pm Watsonia, *with congregational meetings at each centre to discuss AGM items*

Holy Spirit Watsonia Mothers' Union

At our August meeting we welcomed Louisa Pfitzner, and young Bruce joined us. Louisa told us her story, starting her talk with Psalm 1: 'Whom do you let influence you?'. Thank you, Louisa.

Members had fellowship at Deanery Day at St Matthew's Glenroy and at M.U. State Conference Open Day at Holy Name Templestowe.

Dates to remember:

Wednesday 23rd October: Holy Spirit Watsonia M.U.A.G.M.

Monday 28th October: M.U. Diocesan AGM at St James' Old Cathedral, cnr King & Batman Sts West Melbourne (a short walk from Flagstaff Station).

C.R.E. Watsonia Primary

The Preps are enjoying their Students' Books (as well as the other students—the preps only get the students' books in the last half-year, as it is a waste of time and money for them to have a student book in the early part of the year: now they can find the page number and read a lot more of the books).

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

Rosanna Mainly Music

New photos will be on display for Term 4.

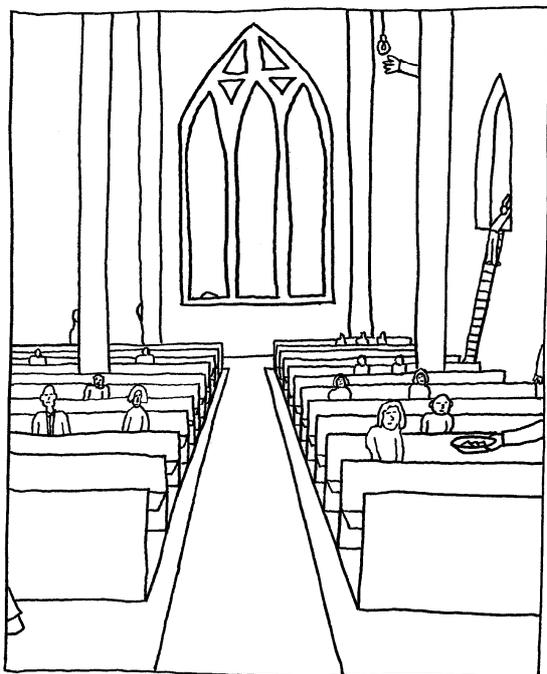
Elsie Storr

SIDESPERSONS

THESE ARE A SPECIAL CLASS OF PEOPLE WHO LURK UNSEEN DURING THE SERVICE BUT THEN SPRING FORTH AT MOMENTS OF LITURGICAL OR PRACTICAL NEED

SIDESPERSONS OFTEN GO UNDETECTED BY THE UNTRAINED EYE

HOW MANY CAN YOU SPOT IN THIS PICTURE?



St Andrew's Mothers' Union

Monday 21st October: 1.30 pm in the church: Annual General Meeting, and tell a 'Holiday Incident' (funny or otherwise).

Betty Kettle, 9435 6533

Anglican Men's Society

On **Wednesday 9th October** we are having young Mark Cox as guest speaker at the AMS meeting at 7.30 pm in St Andrew's Fellowship Hall. Ladies are invited.

Mark Cox is a Youth Representative working for World Vision Australia. Having completed studies in International Relations he found himself in Malawi, Southern Africa, in 2010, where he lived and worked for two years. Working on disability and inclusive education programmes for the Malawian Ministry of Education, Mark was involved with a range of health and education initiatives in numerous districts around the country. He is now back living in Melbourne where he is completing his Masters Degree in International Health.

Albert Harvey

Memories

Alma Maie (Biddy) Colvin

17th October 1913 – 18th September 2013



Biddy spent her early years, as part of her life involvement serving God, at St Paul's East Kew where she was active in Girls' Friendly Society (GFS), drama class, Sunday School teacher and choir member.

Biddy and Ted married in 1944 and moved to 12 Mt Ida Ave Rosanna during 1948, and so began the rest of their lives deeply involved in St Andrew's Church as well as the community. Ted served on Vestry for 25 years and kept meticulous records. They were indeed a couple dedicated to serve God as He directed.

Biddy was the first Secretary of Play School, later named Kindergarten. She was also Secretary of Rosanna Primary School Mothers' Club.

She ran Young Anglican Fellowship (Y.A.F.) for many years and provided hospitality to members when she and Ted gave suppers in their home.

Bible Studies were held in their home over many years. 12 Mt Ida was open house to all and the hospitality enjoyed by countless people.

A devoted member of Red Cross, Biddy served as Secretary for 19 years. Both received a medal for exceptional service to the community.

An exceptional lady who was part of our lives for many years and will be remembered fondly.

Biddy is survived by daughters Carlota and Jill. She is a grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of three.

Rest in peace, dear lady. Thank you for touching our lives.

Mavis Lean

Rejoice and be Thankful

Each day, upon my daily round,
I find myself on holy ground—
The morning-glories on my fence
Inspire quiet reverence.
Just one small, tender seedling grew,
and now, this miracle in blue.
A robin in the apple tree
Sings out his glad doxology.
I hear the pure, unsullied joy
Of laughter from a little boy;
I bow before the firm belief
And faith of one who lives with grief;
I watch a jet plane skim the skies
And marvel at man's enterprise;
I look upon a field of wheat
And thank God for the bread we eat;
I watch the benedictive rain
On low-bowed heads of flower and grain.
A friend drops in, a neighbour calls,
The lamps are lit, night gently falls;
Contentment settles with the sun
In labours of the day well done.
So many little altars there,
So many simple calls to prayer,
So many reasons for thanksgiving—
The sacraments of daily living.

Helen Lowrie Marshall (1904–1975)

Submitted by Elizabeth Ryder

Three poems by George Herbert (1593–1633)

Affliction

When thou didst entice to thee my heart,
I thought the service brave:
So many joys I writ down for my part,
Besides what I might have
Out of my stock of natural delights,
Augmented with thy gracious benefits.
I looked on thy furniture so fine,
And made it fine to me:
Thy glorious household-stuff did me entwine,
And 'tice me unto thee.
Such stars I counted mine: both heav'n and earth
Paid me my wages in a world of mirth.

What pleasures could I want, whose King I served?
Where joys my fellows were?
Thus argu'd into hopes, my thoughts reserved
No place for grief or fear.
Therefore my sudden soul caught at the place,
And made her youth and fierceness seek thy face.

At first thou gav'st me milk and sweetnesses;
I had my wish and way:
My days were straw'd with flow'rs and happiness;
There was no month but May.
But with my years sorrow did twist and grow,
And made a party unawares for woe.

My flesh began unto my soul in pain,
Sicknesses cleave my bones;
Consuming agues dwell in ev'ry vein,
And tune my breath to groans.
Sorrow was all my soul; I scarce believed,
Till grief did tell me roundly, that I lived.

When I got health, thou took'st away my life,
And more; for my friends die:
My mirth and edge was lost; a blunted knife
Was of more use than I.
Thus thin and lean without a fence or friend,
I was blown through with ev'ry storm and wind.

Whereas my birth and spirit rather took
The way that takes the town;
Thou didst betray me to a lingering book,
And wrap me in a gown.
I was entangled in the world of strife,
Before I had the power to change my life.

Yet, for I threatened oft the siege to raise,
Not simpring all mine age,
Thou often didst with Academic praise
Melt and dissolve my rage.
I took thy sweetened pill, till I came where
I could not go away, nor persevere.

Yet lest perchance I should too happy be
In my unhappiness,
Turning my purge to food, thou throwest me
Into more sicknesses.
Thus doth thy power cross-bias me; not making
Thine own gift good, yet me from my ways taking.

Now I am here, what thou wilt do with me
None of my books will show:
I read, and sigh, and wish I were a tree;
For sure I then should grow
To fruit or shade: at least some bird would trust
Her household to me, and I should be just.

Yet though thou troublest me, I must be meek;
In weakness must be stout.
Well, I will change the service, and go seek
Some other master out.
Ah my dear God! though I am clean forgot,
Let me not love thee, if I love thee not.

Affliction (III)

My heart did heave, and there came forth, 'O God!'
By that I knew that thou wast in the grief,
To guide and govern it to my relief,
Making a sceptre of the rod:
Hadst thou not had thy part,
Sure the unruly sigh had broke my heart.

But since thy breath gave me both life and shape,
Thou know'st my tallies; and when there's assigned
So much breath to a sigh, what's then behind?
Or if some years with it escape,
The sigh then only is
A gale to bring me sooner to my bliss.

Thy life on earth was grief, and thou art still
Constant unto it, making it to be
A point of honour now to grieve in me,
And in thy members suffer ill.
They who lament one cross,
Thou dying daily, praise thee to thy loss.

Bitter-Sweet

Ah, my dear angry Lord,
Since thou dost love, yet strike;
Cast down, yet help afford;
Sure I will do the like.

I will complain, yet praise;
I will bewail, approve;
And all my sour-sweet days
I will lament and love.

Vestry Notes

Meeting of Tuesday 17th September at 7.30 pm

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Gloucester Drive: a very successful working bee was held on Saturday 31st August. Deposits paid: Carpets (50%)
Curtains & blinds (\$1000)
Painting (\$1000)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Archbishop about a diocesan property review. It was suggested that if this review results in an amalgamation with the Parishes of Ivanhoe and West Heidelberg some properties might be given over by the new amalgamated parish. We shall work positively with the new review, which may supersede Rosanna 2015.
2. An email from the Diocese – work is about to start on 1A Burgundy St and “that the contractors may wish to use church grounds for their machinery”. It is up to the church community to make the decision.

It was agreed that we do NOT want their machinery in our car park under any conditions.

REPORTS

Philip

- Sadness expressed at the passing of Rosemary Young.
- Geraldine will be helping out in the office for the next three weeks.
- Lynne has volunteered to come back one morning per week to help out after that.

René (on leave)

FINANCE REPORT

There was no report due to Geoff's absence.

- There is a new schedule of clergy stipends.
- Start to be made on the Budget for 2014.
- A fund had been set aside at the time of the amalgamation for Lynne's long service leave etc. It was nearly sufficient to pay the outstanding moneys on her termination last month.
- Allan will ring the ADF for a balance of designated funds.
- To replace the stolen mower with a similar model will cost \$500 (excess on the insurance). A second hand non-self-propelling mower will also cost \$500. We have two other mowers in the parish, do we really need a third? Assurance has been given that there is no time limit on making an insurance claim so we will see how things work out with the two mowers.

Regarding Gloucester Drive:

- A cheque has been received for the bond (\$2241).
- The AAT have given us \$760 for the cleaning.
- The AAT have given us \$550 for gardening.
- There have been two cheques for \$500 and we are still owed approx. \$1700.

WARDENS' REPORTS

Heidelberg

- Theft of motor mower & a whipper-snipper.
- Police report suggested installation of sensor lights.
- Police report also indicated that the gate should be shut at night.
- All exterior lights have been changed to high efficiency globes.
- The timer on the car park light changed to 6.30 pm–9.30 pm. It will be further adjusted as daylight increases.

Rosanna

- We are entering a period of a few weeks with no service at Rosanna so it is important that the church is checked frequently during the week, particularly over the school holidays.
- It was thought time for an inspection of the vicarage at Invermay Grove.

Watsonia

- The vicarage heater has been replaced for a cost of approx. \$2500.
- The Ladies' Guild installed new curtains in the vicarage.
- The Ladies' Guild reported that the interior of the Vicarage was IMMACULATE!
- It is now the owner's responsibility to provide adequate smoke detectors in any building. This can be done for a modest fee by the estate agents.

OTHER BUSINESS

Combined Service at Heidelberg – Sunday 29th September – Vestry to provide morning tea.

Rosemary Bellair

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

Blame the parishioners

All of these jokes were submitted by parishioners who must bear the blame for them. The first is from Albert Harvey, of well-known Irish extraction, so he is allowed to tell it:

One day an Irishman goes into a chemist shop, reaches into his pocket and takes out a small bottle and a teaspoon. He pours some liquid onto the spoon, and offers it to the chemist.

"Could you taste this for me, please?"

The chemist takes the teaspoon, puts it in his mouth, swills the liquid around and swallows it. It tasted unpleasant.

"Does that taste sweet to you?" says Paddy.

"No, not at all," says the chemist, pulling a face.

"Oh, that's a relief," says Paddy. "The doctor told me to come here and get my urine tested for sugar."

The next two are from Rod Harris, who might possibly be considered a senior, but whose Irishness is unknown:

Why seniors still need newspapers!

While visiting my friend last night I asked his daughter if I could borrow a newspaper.

"This is the 21st century," she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this: that fly never knew what hit him!

De end is near...

Sean is the pastor of a Church of England parish on the Northern Ireland/ Southern Ireland border and Patrick is the priest in the Roman Catholic Church across the road.

One day they are seen together, erecting a sign into the ground, which says:

DE END IS NEAR! TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW AFOR IT IS TOO LATE!

As a car speeds past them, the driver leans out his window and yells, "Leave people alone, you Oirish religious nutters! We don't need your lectures."

From the next curve they hear screeching tyres and a big splash.

Shaking his head, Rev. Patrick says "Dat's de terd one dis mornin'."

"Yaa," Pastor Sean agrees, then asks, "Do ya tink maybe de sign should just say, 'Bridge Out'?"

Here, on the other hand, is one chosen by the Editor from Murray Watts, Bats in the Belfry (Minstrel: 1989):

A Methodist minister was walking down the street when a very well-dressed man ran up to him and shook him by the hand.

"Reverend", said the man, "I'll never forget that brilliant sermon on temperance you preached five years ago. How you told us of the poor working man, spending his wages in the pub with his children dressed in rags, while the publican was driving around in a Jaguar with his family in fur coats and dressed in the height of fashion!

The minister nodded solemnly. "And did my sermon reform your life?"

"Oh, it did, it did", said the man, "transformed it beyond recognition! I decided to become a publican myself."