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Meet our new student minister!



Hello, I'm Sarah Coe. I was born in the Taranaki region of New Zealand and grew up in Western Australia. After a few years spent working in disability support and proofreading, I moved to Melbourne in 2021 to study at Ridley College and am now partway through a Bachelor of Theology. I came to Ridley dreaming of working in a community centre outreach and supporting myself with editing as a side career. Goals grow and change, however, and I come to you at a time of exploring and discerning God's will for future ministry. I'm new to Anglican tradition, having come from a Baptist/non-denominational background.

In my spare time I enjoy watching tennis and rugby union, reading books, listening to classical music, doing a bit of gardening (my balcony garden is small but prolific) and working projects in textile crafts: sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery and cross-stitch, tatting, and bobbin lace.

And in the office . . .

Kath Gawthorn has taken over from Laura Wines in the Parish Office. We hope to have an article from her in the March *Babble*. Introduce yourself if you can!

The Induction of another Denise

Dear Sylvia [Webb],

On behalf of the Joint Church Council of the Banyule Network of Uniting Churches, I would like to warmly invite you to the Induction Service of Rev Denise Liersch as a representative of Anglican Parish of Banyule.

Denise is being inducted into the placement of Network Christian Education & Small Group Ministry with responsibility for the Rossanna and Gresswell Congregations.

The service will be held on Sunday 29 January 2023 2.30 pm Heidelberg Scots Uniting Church . . .

Sylvia attended as part of 'Banyule Churches Together'. There were many attendees from Scots Church and other Uniting churches.



The Community Garden is grateful for the donation of gardening equipment from St Andrew's, including brooms, which Judy had wanted to sweep the gazebo with.

Rosters

Heather Connor has prepared the latest rosters, emailed and available in print form at centres. She says:

You may notice a change in the numbers of people rostered on as sidespeople at St John's. We are in great need of more help in this area, because it is a legal requirement that two people sign off on the money counting. This provides protection for those concerned if there are ever any queries (none in my memory!). From Watsonia the money comes to Heidelberg for counting, so this rule does not apply there.

I have been concerned that with fewer and fewer people committing to this task, the burden on those willing to do it has become more than I think should be asked. It has meant that over the past 6 months, some people are doing the job too frequently for it to be sustainable. In order to lighten this burden, I have discussed with Denise the following plan.

For combined services there will always be two people rostered on to do sidesperson duty as we have had in the past.

For other services there will be one person rostered on (who gets to church early to be at the door). However, during the notices, clergy will ask for a volunteer from the congregation, to help this person for about 10–15 minutes after church, and to sign that the money counting has been correct. If this works, the commitment becomes very light, and I did find that it eased my job on the roster considerably.

Thank you so much for your contribution to our being church.

Parish Council Notes

Meeting of Monday 23rd January

Watsonia car park sale

- No official letter yet to confirm informal report from Bishop Kate, that Abp-in-Council agreed proceeds of Watsonia car park sale would be split 60/40 between parish and diocese.

Grant news

- Granted \$30,000 by the Melbourne Anglican Foundation to assist revitalisation plans for Watsonia. Money already received, waiting on details on spending & reporting requirements.
- As first step, McCrindle Research to prepare demographic survey of Watsonia and environs.

Dance Artistry Australia (was Tiny Dancers)

- DAA are seeking assured access to the halls at St John's for preferably five-year periods. They want a number of modifications at their expense: we have already approved several. Concern over their wish to install a sprung floor in the lower hall: DAA wants ASAP, whereas David Wagner, architect planning renovations, prefers this be delayed. Ask David reasons for recommending delay.

Finance report

- Emmi absent, so no formal Treasurer's Report, but accounts show November surplus \$11,095, year-to-date surplus \$85,051—a consequence of several one-off inflows.

St Andrew's

- Demolition of old hall still expected in Feb.
- From 5 Feb, St Peter's Knanaya church to hold its Sunday services at St John's after ours.
- Denise has been in touch with most former St Andrew's people asking if they plan to attend St John's or Holy Spirit, and whether they would serve on rosters.

St John's

- Approved move of Sunday morning services at St John's to 9.30 am from 5 February. Change relevant signs; send a letter to all parishioners; change parish website.
- Planned installation of solar panels on St J's hall roof: Banyule City Council advised a permit would be needed. Heritage Victoria said no permit needed from them. So Banyule City Council asked to review their advice.
- Quote for the installation of heating + cooling in halls and offices. Getting two more quotes.
- Cars speeding past the entrance to St John's: letter to be sent to Banyule City Council requesting both a speed hump and a 'Ceaseless Entrance' sign.

New BCA Link Missionary

- Denise has made contact with our new BCA Link Missionary, Jude Benton, in Mallacoota; prayer/information cards supplied by BCA have been handed out at recent services.

Student minister

- Sarah Coe has accepted to be our student minister for this year and will commence 5 Feb.

Watsonia op shop

- Meeting with Mark Lane and Helen Moppert of BSL on 17 January. Mark is presently training two people to process Watsonia Op Shop reports and send them to us for invoice preparation.
- Numbers of volunteers have been declining and he asked if we could ask members of our congregation to help—agreed.
- BSL are happy with the present memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the parish. Nevertheless Parish Council agreed it was a good time to review the MOU.

Associate's report

• Summary:

- First Launch team Watsonia Bible Study: 13/12/22 at Lopez'
- Met with Chris Waghorn (Bible League) about possibly speaking at St John's
- Carols service 18/01: DN Sick
- Last 2022 services at Regis, midweek at St J's
- Three Christmas services 24/12 and 25/12
- NY Day service present Catriona Johnson with stoles followed by lunch 01/01
- Funeral 29/01 meet family, 03/01 funeral
- Launch Team Watsonia meeting every fortnight term 1 starting Wed 1st Feb, 8 pm
- Planning 2023 meeting with DN: 11/01
- Wedding rehearsal and ceremony (15/01)
- Renewed Boxing Coach's license to cover insurance with engagement with the Simpson Barracks for 2023: start Thurs 02/02
- Aboriginal Sunday 22/01

• Thanks:

- Christmas Events
- Aboriginal Sunday
- Planning for 2023
- Annual leave 23/01–30/01

• Prayers:

- Plans for 2023: a lot happening and much prayer needed!

• Goals next month:

- Launch team Bible study
- Start Alpha Term 1: Mon, 6th Feb

• Goals next quarter (Jan–Mar):

- Alpha

Wardens' report

• Heidelberg

- New guttering placed on west side of hall.
- Rosanna Heating & Cooling visited halls to quote for reverse-cycle heating and cooling.
- Big weeding session: Peter Harper asked to clear pile in native corner: reimbursed if needed.
- More things cleared out from the storeroom at the back of the lower hall.

- Reza reported both tennis court hoses needed replacing. Bought two new hoses, tap fittings.
- Miles notified that at Gloucester Dve: trees overhanging gutters; crack in floorboards got worse; fan needed in shower; dishwasher malfunctioning. Miles asked to fix. If dishwasher can't be repaired, will have to replace.
- Cleared out the flower room and cleaned up for St Peter's. Spare pew doors, flower pot stands stored under spiral staircase. One flower pot stand taken to upper hall for the defibrillator. Flower pots and cleaning equipment stored in the vestry. The set of shelves in the children's room taken apart and replaced by the small bookshelves from the back of the upper hall. Books from there distributed as thought best. Cupboard from the ladies' toilet placed in the inner office for finance archives. Much cleaning.
- Work begun on the rotting window frames at the rear of the link between the two halls.
- We have kindly been offered finance for solar panels for St John's halls from Montmorency Community Group. David Wagner, architect overseeing the restoration, also consulted. Discussions with Banyule Council re permission to install. Heritage Victoria confirmed they do not require a permit.

• Rosanna

- APB and EY project management of Rosanna signed.
- Further inspection of the Old Parish Hall by Allwood Building Group with a view to turning off gas, electricity and water soon.
- Footscape will move their stuff from Old Parish Hall to the Fellowship Hall in the next week.
- Cleared out under the Parish Hall at Rosanna. A few things to go out, a few things to be sold, a baptismal font salvaged! Clearing of old pews to be done with help from the demolishers.
- Cleared out under the Rosanna church. Things to go out, some things for Community Garden, some things, including trestle tables, to be sold. Still stuff there but it looks much clearer.

• Watsonia

- A number of big weeding sessions.
- The handyman has completed more tasks.
- Miles asked to remedy problems at Watsonia vicarage: toilet seat replaced; mould treated & cleaned in bathroom; cupboard door refitted in kitchen; mouldy silicone in kitchen replaced; ensuite shower base rotting timbers replaced.

General business

- Jonathan on leave Monday January 23 to Sunday January 29.
- Denise on leave Monday January 30 to Wednesday February 1; at a Prayer Day Thursday February 2; on leave Friday February 3; back at work Saturday February 4.
- From 13th to 17th February Denise will be attending a course on 'Self Care and Resilience in Ministry' at Ridley.

Minutes by Mike Connor, précis by Editor



Patrick goes into the confessional box after a long lapse from going to church.

Inside he finds a fully equipped bar, Guinness on tap and a row of decanters with fine Irish whiskey. On the wall is a dazzling array of cigars.

Then the priest comes in.

"Father, forgive me, for it's been a long time since I've been to confession, but I must admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it used to be."

The priest replies: "Get out, you moron, you're on my side."

http://www.guy-sports.com/virtual/christian_jokes.htm