

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS: Today we welcome some special visitors to our service on Back to Church Sunday, an initiative of the Anglican Diocese of Perth. If you are one of our visitors, we extend a very warm welcome and invite you to join us for morning tea after the service.

WILD MAN IN DESERT: Stuart will be away from Monday to Friday on his annual Clergy Retreat - this year its a Desert Wilderness Retreat. He will be back for Sunday - assuming his compass works.

CHURCHSAFE: One last reminder that the ChurchSafe seminars will be held in the Minchin Centre next Saturday September 19. If you haven't registered, please talk to Sarah Simpson immediately. ChurchSafe is a safety awareness workshop designed to help equip parishes to manage safety issues and, by doing so, work to make our churches safer places. It is an interactive learning experience that draws on the shared knowledge of participants, as well as providing practical tools for improving safety in churches. The Minchin Centre workshops will be held from 8am-12.30 and 1-5.30pm. Food will be provided. If unable to attend on this day, alternatives are available. *Please check the list at church to make sure that your name is in the correct session. Any additions/changes contact Robyn at Diocesan office on 9325 7455.*

GFS CHILDREN AND FAMILY CELEBRATION: 2.30pm on 20 September 2009
Guest Speaker: The Reverend Dr Elizabeth Smith
Music: John and Eleanor Macpherson's "Signs of Life"
Children do you play a musical instrument? Would you like to be part of the celebrations and be involved in the music with John and Ellie's "Signs of Life"? You are invited to take part in this exciting afternoon and you will need to attend two (2) practice sessions with John and Ellie. If you are keen to be part of this, please contact the GFS office on 9202 1627.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE: This is held on 21 September each year (or the closest Sunday). This is a United Nations' initiative that encourages "global 24-hour spiritual observation for peace." The World Council of Churches has proposed prayers and other resources focussing on the Caribbean and these can be found at <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/about-dov/annual-focus/2009-caribbean.html>. There is also a documentary being shown on the foundation of the International Day of Peace entitled "The Day After Peace" at 6-7.30pm on Monday 21 September at the Social Sciences Lecture Theatre, University of Western Australia.

NEW NETWORK: ANGLICANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE: Are you interested in being part of a network of Anglicans interested in engaging in social justice issues? This could operate as a loose e-mail network where people could be informed of events, activities and issues, links to more in-depth reports. It could be a forum for exchanging ideas and information or recruiting interested people for on social justice projects. If you are interested, please let Carolyn Tan know on ctan@westnet.com.au or 0419913389.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: A family man known to many of us and who has seen and experienced both sides of the prison system will be the special speaker at the men's breakfast in the Minchin Centre on Saturday, September 26, starting at 8am. Please come along, with a friend or three, and hear his interesting story and what he is doing to help young men who have stepped outside the bounds of social behaviour.

WORKING BEE SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER: A working Bee will be held to clean up the Minchin Centre. Your help would be appreciated. Contact John Williamson on 9279 2999 if you can help.

SPRING IN THE VALLEY: Will again be held at All Saints at the Cloisters on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October. There is only SIX weeks to go, so now is the time for you to think and plan how you can help at our Parish's biggest fund-raising event. Goods are needed for each stall and workers over the weekend. Stalls are: cakes and biscuits, jams and pickles, s/h good quality books, craft, plants and produce etc. Non perishable items for the hamper raffle are also required.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT: Plans for the International Food Night in the Minchin Centre on Saturday October 17, are being formulated with a decidedly Asian flavour. The same format as last year's successful event will be followed, namely parishioners bring along an "exotic" dish for about a dozen people, who pay an entrance fee to sample food from around the world. More details will be announced in the next week or so when we have a theme "locked in". If you want to be involved in this colourful event or have some ideas, please see or ring Tom.

GOLDEN ARCHES FOR ALL SAINTS: *MacDonalds have submitted an "Expression Of Interest" in the All Saints' site proposing the establishment of a MacCafe with a "heritage flavour". A Golden Arches sign at the corner of West Swan Rd and Henry St would attract customers.*

Gotta better idea?? Then you'd better come along to our parish and community consultation and tell us what you think. The new building at All Saints is intended to provide space for worship and community use but we need a vision as to how this can happen. This is your chance to have your say on the design and purpose of the new building so make sure you are there - and bring your friends. Saturday October 24th, 1-5:30pm, Swanleigh Dining Room, afternoon tea provided, RSVP essential to Denise at the Parish Office 9274 2661 or swanparish@swan.perth.anglican.org

| <u>To-day's Services</u> | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Intercessors</u> | <u>P/Assistants</u> |
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| All Saints: 7:30 am | Jane/Stewart | Gaye | Denise/Jill |
| St Mary's: 9:30 am | Kelly/Jenny | Gwyne | Sarah/Tom |

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: (20 September) ... PA(AS) Marlene/Graeme : PA(SM) Gwyne/Les : Readers(AS) Eunice/Shirley : (SM) Gaye/Janice : Intercessions(AS) Jill : (SM) Shirley G : Morning/Tea(AS) Jean S : (SM) Sarah/Goula : (Cleaning(AS) Pam : (SM) Dorothy W : Sacristan(AS) Shirley : (SM) Flo : Flowers(AS) Dorothy H : - thank you each!