

ARCHBISHOP'S THANKS: Archbishop Roger and wife Cheryl obviously enjoyed his time with us at Christmas in July last month. In a card to the parish received last week, Archbishop Roger said: "Thank you for your warm welcome and generous hospitality. Thanks also for the gift. It was a great evening - one which we thoroughly enjoyed. Many thanks to all involved. Blessings in Christ. +Roger and Cheryl."

BISHOP, TOO: Our special guest last Sunday was Bishop Tom Wilmot, who conducted a baptism and four confirmations. During morning tea, he, too, remarked on the great community spirit evident in the Swan Parish. About 110 people were in church for the combined service and most stayed on for morning tea in the Minchin Centre.

RIP STAN OMA: Stan Oma, a long time worshipper at All Saints died peacefully on Saturday 15th August after a long battle with cancer. His cheerful presence, optimism, and enthusiasm will be sadly missed. His funeral service was held last Wednesday afternoon. As a tribute to this man who spent much of his life raising funds to help others we will take up a retiring collection after church today. The money will be donated to the Cancer Council.

MEN'S BREKKY: Okay chaps. It's that time of the month again when we congregate in the Minchin Centre to indulge ourselves in a hearty breakfast interspersed with some secret men's business! All men and boys of the parish are therefore invited to be at the Minchin Centre by 8.00am next Saturday August 29. See you there.

COMMISSIONED FOR MISSION: DIOCESAN MISSION CONFERENCE: Saturday 12th September at All Saints' College, Bull Creek, 9.00-3.30. Bring a car-load from your community, for inspiring input from Bishop Greg Thompson (Northern Territory) bible study on Mark 5 from Elizabeth Smith (Perth), and workshop groups for YOU on practical ideas for local mission. Brochures from or RSVP to Tania at ttan@perth.anglican.org Cost is \$10 per person (which includes morning tea and lunch - a bargain!) so PLEASE DO REGISTER so we can feed you!

CARBON EMISSION REDUCTION PROJECT: Using the extensive network of the Anglican Church in Perth, this pioneering program aims to help churches and householders across metropolitan Perth reduce carbon emissions through lower energy use and use of sustainable energy products. Watch out for the Launch in September. If you would like to be involved in this project or learn more about it please contact Trevor Burt at trevor.burt@westnet.com.au or 9341 3861.

PARISH NOW ON-LINE: The parish is now making use of modern computer technology by providing a parish blog "Swan Symposium" on a computer near you. Many parishioners have already shared their thoughts and comments. To access the blog, type swanparish.blogspot.com into the address bar at the top of your browser and click "go". Under Stuart's latest post is a "comments" link. Click to read comments and to add your own.

ROSTERS NOW ON-LINE! Also, the rosters for All Saints and St Mary's are now available on the parish website, which is on the front of this issue of PnP.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY: Is happening on September 13th. Have you decided who *you* are inviting to church that day? Please pray for this very special event. You may wish to use this "official" prayer:

Gracious God, thank you for today. Thank you for making us and loving us. Thank you for inviting us to know you. Help us to invite (Your friend's name here) to come to church so they can know you too. Please bless Back to Church Sunday and bless everyone in our church. Help us all to know you better. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

CHURCHSAFE ... : If you are on the All Saints or St Mary's Sunday rosters and haven't yet registered for ChurchSafe, you will need to do so quickly. 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. Accredited by the Safe Churches Training Agreement and the Anglican Diocese of Perth. Topics include A Safe Church System, Safe People, Safe Programmes, Child Protection, and Managing Incidents. Workshops will be held in the Minchin Centre on Saturday, September 19, 8am-12.20 and 1-5.30pm. **The same workshop is offered in the morning and the afternoon - you only need to attend one of these.** Food will be provided. If unable to attend on this day, alternatives are available. Contact Sarah for more details.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD NIGHT: Planning is underway for The International Food Night, to be held in the Minchin Centre on Saturday October 17, starting at 6pm. 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. If you want to be involved in this colourful event or have some ideas on its format, please see or ring Tom.

NEXT ALL SAINTS EVENSONG: The next Evensong service at All Saints is next Sunday (Aug 30) at 6.00pm. The service will be conducted by the Revd Les Marshall. As usual, the service will be followed by a meal - somewhere!

Coming Events:

Saturday, August 29: Men's Breakfast, Minchin Centre, 8.00am

Sunday, August 30: Evensong in All Saints, 6.00pm, followed by fellowship

Sunday, September 13: BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Saturday, September 19: ChurchSafe safety awareness seminar, Minchin Centre

To-day's Services

All Saints: 7:30 am

St Mary's: 9:30 am

Readers

Edward/Valerie

Ray/Mary

Intercessors

Jill

Ian

P/Assistants

Elizabeth/Gaye

Denise/Gwyne

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: (30 August) ... PA(AS) TBA : PA(SM) Sarah/Jill : Readers(AS) Lucy/Filson : (SM) Shirley/Gaby : Intercessions(AS) Lucy : (SM) Graeme : Morning/Tea(AS) Shirley : (SM) Janet W/Janet H : (Cleaning(AS) Jean S : (SM) Flo : Sacristan(AS) Lucy : (SM) Flo : Flowers(AS) Dorothy : - thank you each!