

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

31 AUGUST: DAVID MARR: *Who Shapes our Fears? The role governments, oppositions and the press play in alarming Australians about refugee boats.* David Marr writes about politics, law and the arts for the *Sydney Morning Herald*. He has also presented ABC TV's *Media Watch* and written a number of books including a biography of Patrick White and *Dark Victory*, an account of Australia's blockade of refugee boats during the 2001 election campaign. Refugee issues have been a focus of his work for a number of years. Christ Church Grammar School, Centre for Ethics, Senior Common Room, Queenslea Drive, Claremont at 6.30pm - Free parking available - Entry is by donation.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY: Have you invited someone to come with you to church on Sunday 13th September? Please take this invitation seriously. The experience from other churches that have run this programme is that invitations are very positively received and the Back To Church Service is enjoyed by all. This is a great opportunity to share what we love about our church and to reach out and reconnect with those who have been hurt, forgotten, turned off, bored, or left untouched by the church in the past. Please pray for Back To Church Sunday.

MORNING TEA 13th SEPTEMBER: Because we are expecting extra people on Back To Church Sunday it would be appreciated if anyone who is able to bring a plate for morning tea.

ADMISSION TO HOLY COMMUNION: Classes are commencing Friday 11 September 2009. Admission to Holy Communion is not Confirmation; rather it is another step in encouraging children to feel included in church life by fully partaking of the Eucharist. It is important that they understand what they are doing, and why. If your child is 8 years of age or older and you feel they are ready to partake in the Eucharist, please speak to either Rev Stuart or Sarah Simpson.

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.

ALL SAINTS BUILDING CONSULTATION: We are now ready to proceed with the new building at All Saints and Parish Council is organizing a consultation on the design. All parishioners, and members of the local community, will be invited to contribute ideas about the potential uses and design of the new building. The consultation will take place on the afternoon of Saturday, October 24th. Please keep this date free and plan to be there.

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.

CHURCHSAFE: If you are on the All Saints or St Mary's Sunday rosters and haven't yet registered for one of the two ChurchSafe seminars on September 19, 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. Topics include A Safe Church System, Child Protection, Safe People, Safe Programmes and Managing Incidents. Workshops will be held in the Minchin Centre on Saturday September 19 at 8am-12.30pm and 1.00pm-5.30pm. You only need 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: The 2009 International Food Night will be held in the Minchin Centre on Saturday, October 17, starting at 6pm. While we do have a national theme in mind for this year, if any parishioner has an idea on a theme, can he or she please contact Tom in the next week or so as this has to be finalised soon. If you want to be involved in this colourful event or have some ideas on its format, again please see or ring Tom.

Coming Events:

Sunday, September 13: BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

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

Saturday, September 19: Taize contemplative service at St. Mary's, 6pm

Saturday, September 26: Men's breakfast, Minchin Centre, 8am

Sunday, September 27: Evensong at All Saints, 6pm

Saturday/Sunday, October 10-11: Spring in the Valley, All Saints

Saturday, October 17: International Food Night, Minchin Centre, 6pm

Saturday, October 24: All Saints development public consultation meeting

To-day's Services

All Saints: 7:30 am

St Mary's: 9:30 am

Readers

Lucy/Filson

Shirley/Gaby

Intercessors

Lucy

Graeme

P/Assistants

Elizabeth/Gaye

Sarah/Jill

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: (6 September) ... PA(AS) Marlene/Graeme : PA(SM) David/Gaby : Readers(AS) Jean S/Jill : (SM) Grace/Doris : Intercessions(AS) Glenn : (SM) Doris : Morning/Tea(AS) Eunice : (SM) Shirley/Doris : (Cleaning(AS) Julie : (SM) Shirley G : Sacristan(AS) Denise : (SM) Gaby : Flowers(AS) Shirley R : - thank you each!