

MORNING TEA CHANGES

Another reminder that the way we conduct morning tea at Sunday worship in St Mary's has changed, in line with suggestions made at a constructive meeting of morning tea providers on July 26. Changes were deemed necessary because of the increasing number attending morning teas and the increasing financial burden on those providing them. The changes include: Morning tea will be served on the veranda whenever weather permits; The kitchen will be closed to those not on the tea roster, so please place plates, cups etc on the servery shelf. Sunday morning teas are always a sociable and enjoyable occasion and the commitment of those on the tea roster is appreciated by all. Please assist them to keep things running smoothly. **ALSO**, please remember to make a contribution towards morning tea expenses in the container provided.

PA's MEETING

ALL PA's please note: There will be a meeting in the Minchin Centre on Wednesday August 12 starting at 6.30pm. As this is the first meeting for some time all are requested to try to attend. If unable to do so, please advise Denise via phone or email.

BISHOP'S VISIT

With Bishop Tom Wilmot visiting the parish for a confirmation service in St Mary's next Sunday, parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share at morning tea. Please place the food items (either savoury or sweet) in the Minchin Centre kitchen before the service, which starts at 9.00am. The food will be laid out on the tables by the people rostered for morning tea that morning. Those being confirmed include Steve and Jan Hawkins, Penny Rose, Vic Richards and Alex Easton. **There will be no service at All Saints that day.**

MOVE CLOCKS 30 MINUTES BACK!

Will all people on the St Mary's roster next Sunday please note that with the visit of Bishop Tom to St Mary's, "sign on" times are 30 minutes earlier than normal, as the service starts at 9.00am. Therefore, PA's, greeters and hosts should be at church by 8.30am and others on the roster in good time for the 9.00am start.

NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSON'S WEEK

This was held in the week just gone but why not put something extra in the Anglicare collection for next week as a special thought for the homeless. This could be the usual breakfast cereal or non-perishable food, or it could be a blanket or two for those who otherwise wouldn't have any.

40-HOUR FAMINE

Sharon Zuiddam will be undertaking the 40-hour famine this year kicking off at the SPY movie night on Friday 21st August. She will be fasting. Anyone interested in joining her or finding out more about the 40-hour famine, and what it entails, please contact Sharon. There are variations for people who do not wish to fast or who are too young to do so.

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.

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.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY IS COMING

This is an exciting new initiative of the Diocese of Perth. The idea is that on a particular Sunday, across the whole diocese, Anglicans are encouraged to invite someone to come to church with them. It is suggested (but by no means essential) that priority be given to those who used to go to church and no longer come. The diocese has provided kits with promotional material, and printed invitations that can be given to people. More information will be forthcoming but for now, please mark **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th** as a **must come to church** day, and think about who you will bring with you!

CHURCHSAFE..

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. ChurchSafe is accredited by the Safe Churches Training Agreement and the Anglican Diocese of Perth. Topics include A Safe Church System, Child Protection, Safe People, Safe Programmes and Managing Incidents. ChurchSafe will be held in the Minchin Centre on Saturday, September 19, from 8am-12.20 **OR** from 1-5.30pm. **This is the same workshop presented at two separate times, you can register for either one.** All parishioners are urged to attend but it is essential for all Church Councillors, Pastoral Assistants, and those in leadership positions. Food is provided. Please register ASAP as dates will be advertised to other local parishioners and the diocese in general. If unable to attend on this day, there are alternatives available during August/September at other locations. Contact Sarah Simpson for more details.

Coming events:

Tuesday, August 11: Parish Council Meeting, Minchin Centre, 7.00pm

Wednesday, August 12: PA's Meeting, Minchin Centre, 6.30pm.

Sunday, August 16, 9.00am: Confirmation service in St Mary's (combined service) conducted by Bishop Tom Wilmot

Saturday, August 22: Taize Service, St. Mary's, 6.00pm

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

To-day's Services

All Saints: 7:30 am

St Mary's: 9:30 am

Readers

Filson/Valerie

David/Sharon

Intercessors

Glenn

Shirley

P/Assistants

Lucy/John

Marlene/Graeme