



September 2015

Parish Mission Action Plan

In response to the Bishop's challenge to the Diocese a small planning group has been looking at ways our Parish might develop a Mission Action Plan.

Beginning with the **Vision** that we might be a local area where the love of God is proclaimed to all people, they suggest a number of elements needed to fulfil our Mission.

These might be grouped under **four** headings:

GROWING:

Prayer groups, study groups, baptism & confirmation preparation, retreats, quiet days, Centre of Spirituality, training for ministry

RESOURCING:

Communication, newsletters, website, facebook, meeting-places, church buildings, liturgical and teaching materials

WORSHIPPING:

Sunday Eucharist, weekday services, Nursing homes, house groups, special services

CARING:

Pastoral care, hospital visiting, schools' programmes, bookshop, Care & Share, community celebrations

Icons Blessed



Christian Care and Share



Eileen and Jeanne recently delivered several cartons of tinned and packet food to Christian Care and Share in Mt Barker. This wonderful collection had been gathered together by the Mothers' Union members with the help of the wider congregation.

Christian Care and Share at their Centre in Hutchinson Street, Mt Barker supply food and financial assistance to people in need and are always grateful for help in support of their work and acknowledge that without such support "we would not be able to continue providing this help to those in our community who need it most".

We have already started building up the pantry again and welcome your support in continuing to assist this important programme.

On Thursday 30th July the Icon Writers' Group welcomed Fr Adrian Stephens and other guests for the blessing of their recently completed icons.

Fr Adrian introduced the ceremony by commenting on the significance of icons in our devotion.

The Icon Writers' Group meets on Thursdays at 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Prayer Group

A small group of folk have been meeting regularly on a Thursday night every fortnight to pray for the Parish, the local communities, the Diocese and those who minister to us especially praying for our Bishop John and those in authority.

We also pray for the whole Church community in Strathalbyn and the Inter Church Council, that all of the churches together might witness to God's love, peace and unity in the wider community and make Christ known and loved in our towns.

Thanks to Karl and Jenny Bouwman who have opened up their home for us to gather together and pray and provided such wonderful hospitality.

It has been a great joy and blessing for us as we gather together and seek to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we pray and support each other.

All are welcome to join us.

For more information contact Margaret on 0466 539 749.



Wedding Anniversary



Members of the congregation from the Wednesday morning Eucharist and Study Group at Christ Church, Strathalbyn were delighted to be able to share with two of their number who were celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary on Saturday 8 August. After sharing in the Eucharist with Bishop John and Joyce Lewis and their friends at the Strathalbyn Aged Care Facility they shared in a light lunch which Joyce had arranged for the occasion.

Eastern Fleurieu School Breakfast Club



Lily (pictured left) is one of the students who helps out and her assistance is greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Kaye, for such a wonderful service to the children and their families and for the opportunity to assist you in this.

Some mornings the regular helpers may not be able to come in so if anyone would like to help out and put their name on a 'casual helpers list' please let Kaye or Marg Holt know.

On Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning every week at the Eastern Fleurieu School in Strathalbyn Kaye Gayle organizes Breakfast Club from 8.00 am to 8.50 am for children who do not have a chance to eat breakfast at home before they leave for school.

For families who are struggling to make ends meet it is chance for their children to have a filling and nourishing breakfast before they start the school day.

Families who leave very early in the morning find it is much better for the kids to eat when they get to school rather than before they leave.

Of course there are kids who just love to come and enjoy the social aspect!

It is a great joy to see the children enjoying their breakfast, get to know them by name and chat about what they are doing at school and on the weekend.

Of course, as with everything these days, you have to have a clearance and police check done.

Art Exhibition

Have you checked out the paintings on display at the Parish Hall at present?

They feature a number of historic buildings from Strathalbyn and district and many are the work of local artists, including members of the congregation.

If you have a painting which could feature in this exhibition please contact Sarah Drydan.

Sunday 4th October



Saint Francis' Day World Animal Day

10.00 am, Christ Church

Meet outside at the rear of the church

**Blessing of animals followed
by Communion**

Bring your animal friends for a blessing—dogs on leashes, cats in cases, fish in bowls, birds in cages, mice in boxes.

All Pets Welcome

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