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The Rev'd Thomas Karamakuzhiyil Licensed as Priest-in-Charge



On Saturday 26 August parishioners and visitors from Mount Barker and other parts of the Diocese gathered at Christ Church, Strathalbyn with Bishop John for the celebration of the Eucharist.

During the service Father Thomas was licensed by the Bishop as our new Priest-in-Charge. This responsibility is in addition to his role as the Incumbent of the Parish of Mount Barker and provides a personal link with other parts of the Hills Ministry District of which we are part.

We look forward to sharing in ministry with Fr Thomas and parishioners from Mt Barker and Onkaparinga Valley.

MU Celebrates 125 Years in Australia

The first branch of Mothers' Union in Australia was begun in 1892 in Cullenswood, Tasmania when Mrs L'Oste, wife of the Rector of Christ Church met with a small group of ladies on the verandah of the Rectory.

From those small beginnings, Mothers' Union is now in each of the twenty-three Australian Dioceses.

Two hundred members of Mothers' Union met in Launceston, Tasmania this month to celebrate 125 years since then with a three day conference.

Among those attending was the Mothers' Union Worldwide President, Mrs Lynne Tembey, who had flown from UK for the celebrations.



After this weekend, Lynne then visited South Australia staying at Bishop's Court in Adelaide. Fifty members met together for a shared lunch and to hear Lynne talk about her personal membership of Mothers' Union, her thoughts on how she thought Mary Sumner, the founder of MU, would think about the organisation now and her vision for Mothers' Union in the future.

She was presented with an Opal brooch as a reminder of her visit to South Australia.

After her visit here Lynne then flew to West Australia before returning to UK.

The New MU Logo



Val Ball Farewell



Val's friends from Christ Church and other community organizations gathered at the Anglican Church Hall on Tuesday 20 August to wish Val Ball a happy and contented life in her new home at Malvern.

We enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon tea together and presented Val with a beautiful arrangement of flowers—pictured above.

In the wider community Val is remembered as active in local government as the first female elected to the Strathalbyn Council, as Mayor and as Senior Executive of the L.G.A..

She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 1998 Australia Day Honours for her service to local government and the community.

She was the Local Government representative on the National Landcare State Assessment Panel and chaired the Reference Group involved in the Cororong and Lakes Alexandrina and Albert under the RAMSAR Convention.

She was as a member of the SA Minister for the Ageing's Reference Group for the 10-Year-Plan for Aged Services.

She was a Board Director from 1982, and member of the Executive Committee of Strathalbyn and District Soldiers' Memorial and Allied Health Services.

She was a fundraiser for Strathalbyn Nursing Home, is a life member of Strathalbyn Meals-On-Wheels and a former President of the local Country Women's Association.

Making a House a Home

It's the little things that make a home, a vase, some place mats, a photo frame, some kitchen containers. They are only little things but these homewares make a big difference when it comes to turning a house into a home.

These items make up special parcels, called Refugee Homemaker Kits, which are given to new arrivals who move into Anglicare SA housing. It turns a new house in an unfamiliar country into a home. Additionally they alleviate some of the costs that come with setting up a house.

Most of all, the Refugee Homemaker Kits are like a little housewarming party in a box. They are a welcome gift, a help settle in favour, a practical present and a way of saying 'Welcome home'.

Over the last six years Anglicare SA have given over 600 kits to the Refugee program for newly arrived refugees. Mothers' Union in this Diocese have supported this project during this time.

Recently a letter was received from Anglicare SA saying the unexpected had happened and they had run out of Kits and needed 150 fully equipped Kits urgently.

Branches in the Diocese therefore spread the word and have been making up boxes to send to Anglicare SA. The branch in Strathalbyn last month filled seven boxes.

This is an ongoing project and Mothers' Union in this Diocese will continue to support Anglicare SA and the Refugees.



St Mary's Milang

St Mary's Church was dedicated by Bishop Arthur Nutter Thomas on Friday 25 August 1911 and amongst the furnishings was an altar which was donated by St Paul's Church, Port Adelaide.

As far as I know this is the altar which is still in use in the church. However, until recently it was badly in need of some restoration—it had been modified to accommodate four hanging frontals and the timber generally was in need of some tender loving care.



These deficiencies have now been made good by the skilled craftsmanship of Mr Ed Berger from Dawesley and the resulting revelation of the quality of the design of the altar would suggest that it is not necessary to cover it over with a frontal.

The altar has now been replaced in the Sanctuary away from the East wall in order to allow the celebrant at the Eucharist to face the congregation which gives a greater sense of God's people gathering together in worship.

The next stage will be to complete the new arrangement by adding a panel in the reredos behind the altar.

Thanks to Brian Landseer for liaising with Ed Berger.

Special Birthday Celebration



Following the Sunday morning Eucharist at Christ Church on 10th September we all met in the Hall to celebrate the birthdays of Eileen and David Smith.

In David's case this was a significant occasion as he had attained the age of "fourscore years" which according to Psalm 90 is way beyond the norm.

Unknown to him, his daughter and granddaughter had decided to help him celebrate and flew from England especially for the occasion.

So we enjoyed a wonderful morning tea, David and Eileen rejoiced to be surrounded by their family and each cut their respective birthday cake so that we could all share with them in their celebration.



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