

Prayers for Flo

SWAN parishioners are asked to keep in their prayers Florence Stowell, who's health has rapidly declined in recent days.

"Flo" has been a long and faithful parishioner at St Mary's for many years.

Darcy Rowe, chaplain at Amana Living where Flo has lived for several years, said her health had declined such that she was fast approaching the end of life.

"Her family has asked especially for your intercessions and prayers," he said.

"Florence had long expressed a desire to have her funeral service at St. Mary's when the time for the commemoration of her life finally came."

Sentence of the Day

You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth. Upon you have I leaned since my birth. Psalm 71.5-6

Prayer of the week

Creator God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find
their rest in you:
teach us to offer ourselves to your service,
that here we may have your peace,
and in the world to come
may see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Order of service: HC2

Next Sunday's rosters

All Saints, Aug. 28, 7.30am

Pre-cleaning: Shirley Reynolds
Sacristan: Shirley Reynolds
LA: Gaye Moses
Readers: Sam Henry and Sara Henry
Intercessions: Christine Fawell
Morning tea: Christine Fawell

St Mary's, Aug. 28, 10am

LA/sacristan: Sarah Zuiddam
Intercessions: Shirley Gollagher
Host/covid cleaner: Janet Hewett
Readers: Sallyanne B-J, Sharon Zuiddam
Power point: David Zuiddam
Morning tea: Sarah Simpson
Cleaning: Sarah Simpson

Today's hymns

Morning has Broken
Eagles' Wings
I Am the Bread of Life
Teach me to Dance

Today's Bible readings:

Jeremiah 1, v4-10
Psalm 71, v1-6
Hebrews 12, v18-29
Luke 13, v10-17

Next week's hymns (Aug. 28)

Sing a New Song
One Bread One Body
A New Commandment
Strong and Constant

Next week's Bible readings (Aug. 28)

Jeremiah 2, v4-13
Psalm 81, v1, 10-16
Hebrews 13, v1-8, 15-16
Luke 14, v1-14



Passion and Purpose

The weekly bulletin of the Swan Anglican Parish



Ngaala kaaditj Noongar moort, keyen kaadak nidja boodja

We acknowledge the Noongar people as the original custodians of this land

Welcome to our service on 11th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug. 21, 2022

Please join us for fellowship and morning tea after the service

Nepali Anglicans have every reason to celebrate

THIS happy group of Nepalis are Anglican Christians, pictured during Christmas celebrations last December. Why they made the decision to reject Hinduism in favour of Christianity may surprise you. See full story on P3.



RE-BOOTING SOON!

The parish engagement process will take a step forward on September 10 at 3.00 pm in the Minchin Centre when Bishop Jeremy and Mr Alan Tranter meet with the parish to seek input and ideas for moving forward together.

All parishioners are urged to attend, become engaged and commit to developing strategies to reset the vibrancy of our unique Swan Valley parish.

PARISH FETE IS ALL GO

Shirley Reynolds and her small band of helpers are hoping you are as excited as they are at the upcoming annual Parish Fete at All Saints on Saturday 8th October. Start your home baking now for the cakes and slices stall. See the full list of stalls in the "What You Should Know" section on page 2. Contact Shirley on the number listed in the Parish Directory with donations and your offers of help.

We hope you enjoy keeping up with the news and happenings of the Anglican Parish of Swan. We would love to welcome you to join with us at any of our weekly services. Wednesday and Sunday at St Mary's 10.00 am and at All Saints Sundays at 7.30 am.

A THERAPEUTIC meeting place for people living with dementia is held every second Tuesday in the Minchin Centre.

Its called Memory Café, which provides free morning tea and entertainment. And it's gaining in popularity.

The Memory Café idea was that of retired nurse Jan O'Shea of Henley Brook, who wanted to start a "club" for dementia sufferers.

Dementia is characterised by impairment of brain functions, such as memory loss and judgement. Symptoms include forgetfulness, limited social skills and thinking abilities

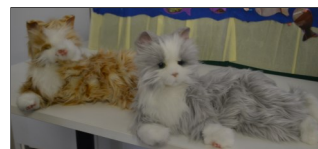
Jan organised the



Some familiar faces here among Memory Café volunteers. Helping those with dementia

original meetings in a café, but for the past 12 months they have been held in the Minchin Centre on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 10am-noon. Several Swan parishioners are among the regular helpers.

The programme includes music, coffee, craft and friendship, for both those living with dementia and their carers. A grant from the City of Swan allows the group to provide morning tea at no charge. Up to 30 people are now attending on a regular basis, with five or six tables laid out. A much-appreciated feature of the table settings are life-like cats (pictured below), which purr and do a range of cat functions.



Things you should know

PARISH BREAKFAST: The revised date for the parish breakfast is Saturday, September 17, in The Cloisters at AS, weather permitting, otherwise in the Minchin Centre.

SPRING FAIR: This major fund-raising event on Saturday, October 8, needs items to sell, such as cakes and biscuits, jams and pickles, craft, plants and quality white elephant items. If you can provide any of these items or help on the day, please contact organiser Shirley Reynolds.

EVENING PRAYER: The monthly Evening Prayer service conducted by Rev'd Les Marshall will be held in St Mary's next Sunday (Aug 28) at 6pm, followed by a shared meal in the Minchin Centre.

NEW CANDLES FROM OLD: A way to contribute to parish funds while enhancing your evening meal is to buy one of the candles made from candle stubs by Carl and Helga Aldinger. The are available at \$12 each.

Nepal report: Surprise move behind change of faith

ONE of my goals while in Nepal was to write a story on the small Anglican Church community in this predominantly Hindu nation. But because of their low numbers, it was proving difficult.

Then, as if through divine intervention, I discovered the two young Nepali men I was talking to in a trekking office in Kathmandu were, in fact, Anglicans!

Needle in a haystack comes to mind.

Nepal has a population of just over 30 million, but only about one million (3 per cent) identify as Christians and most are "evangelical protestants".

There are about 10,000 Catholics and, perhaps, about 8000 Anglicans.

I was talking with Santosh Pariyar (27) and his brother Su Zaan (24) and the reason Santosh gave me for changing faith caught me by surprise: The caste system!

The family decision to change from Hinduism to Christianity was led by his mother in 2011. All other family members had followed by 2015. It was a bold decision because, Santosh said, it naturally didn't go down well with other Hindus and the family was now referred to as "westerners", even traitors to the faith they were born into.

However, they are now totally embracing the excitement and challenges of their new faith.

"The caste system was the reason I became an Anglican Christian, because in my new church there is no such system," he said. "There are many castes here, but they fall into four levels.

"The low-caste 'Dalits' represent 13 per cent of the population and about half live below the poverty line. They are discriminated against and have, in the past, been pre-



Santosh Pariyar (right) and his brother Su Zaan had real personal reasons for tuning to the Anglican Church in Nepal.

vented from entering some temples."

Santosh said there was very little inter-marriage between the castes, but this would not be a factor in the Anglican church.

"My church is in Gorkha, about 5-6 hrs from Kathmandu. We have about 300 in our congregation, with anything between 60 and 100 at our Saturday services."

There are two churches in Santosh's Baltar, Dhawa, municipality, the other being the bigger Himalayan Church at Arughat, with a total congregation of 700-800.

Before being admitted to the Anglican Church, Santosh and his family members had to make solemn pledges to follow the teachings of the Bible.

Santosh said as in all Christian communities, their big celebrations were at Easter and Christmas, with the whole community coming together to reflect and celebrate. It was a time all looked forward to.

Santosh owns and runs a trekking company while Su Zaan is seeking a scholarship to study physics.

— Tom Winterbourn