

# St Jude's

Brighton

*A Christ centred community growing in Faith, Hope and Love*

## Parish News



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Dear VIP's in the Anglican Parish of Brighton,

I have been your priest for almost a whole year. After a whirlwind twelve months I feel I have seen enough in a year to offer some preliminary observations about St Jude's in 2017 and where we might be heading. The most important thing to note is that

there is much we are doing well, and we have been handed an extraordinary legacy to continue in this community.

### Getting out and staying out

As you know, our work as a church is not just to make our St Jude's community strong, but to build, encourage and inspire the community beyond 444 Brighton Rd. There can be a frustration in church life, that despite our best intentions we can be rather inward looking and be primarily concerned with our own comfort and survival. However, I have observed that this parish is one that serves today and can imagine a future in which service and community will be at the heart of what we do. We need to keep getting out there in the world and meeting new people and do new things. Our dating advertisement as a parish might look like this:

*St Jude's Brighton. Older Anglican (160+) but good with kids, non-judgemental and accepting of difference, self-assured and lots of fun at a party, loves music, mid-century chic appearance, settled in seaside location, just finished some home renovations, seeks ways to promote justice, serve and make new friends. Timewasters welcome.*

### A productive year

This year we have primarily engaged in strengthening our foundations. We have, collectively speaking, found a new priest, welcomed at least twenty-five new members to the parish (eight of those are young children). As an aside, thank you to all who go out of their way to make sure newer faces are welcomed and invited to all we have on offer- I can tell you that a new parish can be quite daunting. We have funded and built a beautiful new kitchen and storeroom. We have fully funded built a new children's area and fitted it out. We have consulted on and planned for a new fully funded votive candle stand (see my other article in this newsletter), we

have welcomed new opportunities to FUNraise like the High Tea, and supported new offerings like the Community Art classes. We are thinking about innovative ecumenical work and will be joining Brighton Uniting Church by offering a combined service for the Feast of St Francis/ Pet Blessing worship service on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### The year ahead

This coming year we are going to start thinking about what we might offer by way of a missional vision for the next season. We need to take soundings in our parish and find out where we imagine we might be best equipped to serve. For example, what appetite exists at St Jude's now for working with the elderly, children or the disadvantaged in our community? Are we making the best use of our enormous site that is sandwiched between a child care centre and a primary school? I invite you to be as clear as possible about what you dream so that you can articulate a vision that we can bring about together.

### Mission and Vision

When young families come and make their home with us, and four new families have this year, they come not because we have the best resources and a teaming Sunday School (yet) but because they are willing to be part of creating what comes next.

When new choristers and musicians join, as they do each year, they do so knowing that we are not a Mega-Church with inexhaustible resources, where music is the entire focus of gathering. They come to St Jude's to devote themselves to worshipping God and sharing their gifts in this special community.

When our strong Mother's Union meet, they do so knowing full well that I look to them for leadership in the area of supporting families and family life in our parish.

There is space for each of us to contribute to the next phase. I am much less interested in putting you on a roster for something you loath, than I am in finding where your passion lies and making that part of OUR shared parish vision.

I look forward to the next twelve months, and hearing where your appetite for mission might lead our community. Thank you for an inspiring first year with you, I hope to share many more with you at St Jude's.

God bless you and your loved ones

Sophie

*Reverend Sophie Relf-Christopher*

## PRAYER CORNER



Dear People

We seem to have moved so quickly through Easter, Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity settling into the green time or ordinary Sundays, or such and such a Sunday after Pentecost according to your tradition.

But there is never an ordinary time in our days of worship. Every minute is filled with the wonder of God's gift of Love to us.

*"Dear Father, teach us how to live in your service.*

*Grant that by preferring your Love to everything else,*

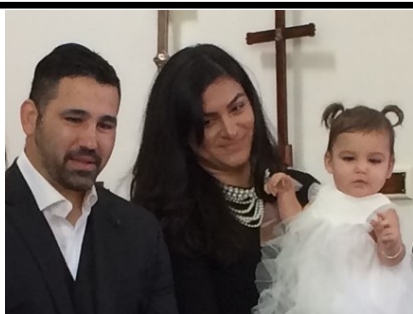
*We may walk in the way of your commandments."*

*Amen*

Grace and Peace

*Joan Teresa*

**BAPTISM**



On Trinity Sunday, June 11, the Parishioners of St Jude's were proudly part of the Christening of Talia Grace Powell. Many brought water and added a few drops into the Baptismal Font. Talia was presented by her proud parents, Melissa and Wesley and Godparents, Win and Jason.

The pretty little 9-month old girl was very happy throughout the service, not getting upset when the water was poured on to her forehead. Please continue to pray for this family.



## Votive Candle Stand Progress report

**Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
Psalm 119:105**



Friends, as you know we have been considering commissioning a new votive candle stand for St Jude's church. Votive candles are nothing new and are already part of our prayer life at St Jude's. The new votive candle stand project aims to make what we already do safer- by providing more surface area, larger- so that more people feel able to use it and more beautiful - as befits a Church of God. I prepared notes on the use of votive candles as well as a range of supplementary material that were available for review by the parish throughout June 2017. That paper work and feedback have now been passed onto ArchDeacon Minter who has indicated that he intends to approve our application. We hope to hear back from the Archbishop in the next few weeks so that Peter Fisher can begin the building phase.

The construction cost of \$250 will be entirely met by a parish family.

Discussions raised in response to the proposal have been overwhelmingly positive. One member of the parish was concerned about retaining the metal bowl- which we will. Another offered suggestions about an alternative placement and we have discussed those options and note that our intention is not to bolt the stand to the ground so we will be afforded some flexibility.

I look forward to seeing both the completion of this project with you, and our capacity for illuminated prayer to increase in 2017.

*Reverend Sophie Relf-Christopher*

## 2017 OUTREACH PROJECTS *Nola*

The budget for Outreach was increased by Vestry this year to \$4,000 to support one national and one international project.

The 2 projects that the majority of members at St Jude's have chosen to support are:

### ♦ **GAWURA**, Sydney [National]

*St Andrew's Cathedral School supports Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children who complete their primary schooling at Gawura to continue their secondary schooling at St Andrew's. Places at Gawura are offered as a scholarship which covers the majority of tuition fees and expenses for students who meet the enrolment criteria.*

### ♦ **CHILD NUTRITION**, Al Ahli Arab Hospital [International]

*is a medical facility of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. It seeks to build the health supplements for needy and at risk children [vitamins, enhanced milk, food parcels] and provides support to families struggling to cope.*



## MAX & ROSEMARY'S DECADES OF PUBLISHING AT ST JUDE'S

Way back in the late 1980s Max was feeling guilty whenever the call went out for helpers at working bees at St Jude's: he was never much of a gardener. About this time Parish Secretary Jeannette Paget was struggling along with the bimonthly newsletter, literally typing, cutting and pasting. The photographs were almost worthless; by the time the bimonthly was copied on the photocopier in the St Jude's Church office the photographs all looked much the same as each other. We thought that we could do better and we offered to take the job over. Rosemary's part in the production was to be consultant, photographer, copy rewriter and most importantly proof reader.

Rev'd Martin Chittleborough accepted the offer and in giving advice asked us to be forward looking, and to use plenty of pictures, "They like seeing pictures". The former, we have found to be the more difficult to comply with.

Our time as editors has encompassed almost 30 years and the most incredible advances in communications technology. Max was also co-editor of the scientific journal *Acta Crystallographica* for about half of this time and saw these advances on an international scale.

When we started Max was learning to use LaTeX, a computer-based typesetting program, so that he could produce some informative booklets about Chemistry at Flinders University in his spare time, with a view to counter some bad publicity that was appearing on the opinion pages of the Australian newspaper. The chemists at Flinders believed that they were running "The best little chemistry department in the country"! These booklets were successful and even got an acknowledgement in the Australian. Max was very familiar with mainframe computers, having first used SILLIAC in 1958 at the University of Sydney and thereafter successive mainframes continually for his crystallographic number crunching. So he did the first few years of the church newsletter on the mainframe at Flinders using LaTeX. The computer and printer were situated three floors below his office. Max improved his fitness by running up and down the stairs many times because there was no page view on computer terminals Flinders had in those days and the lift was too slow. 'Bromides' of photographs were done at Flinders Press. We still had to cut and paste but the script was typeset rather than typed and we used special tape that avoided edge lines that always made the finished product scrappy. Eventually the PC, Microsoft Windows and Office arrived and it all became much easier.

About 10 years ago we created a better masthead and started having the newsletter printed, folded and stapled by Allbiz Supplies, initially at their shop in Brighton, and later at Lonsdale, which gave much better reproduction of photographs. This coincided with the arrival of the St Jude's web page and the ability to provide the newsletter in colour to those IT-literate parishioners.

Looking back we have some special people to thank for their contributions: the Clergy of course, the wardens, who could forget those beautifully written articles by Lange Powell and sometimes Inara, the regular Round and About column by Rev'd Ian Mussared, the increasingly didactic articles from Bp Chris McLeod, the thought-provoking contributions from Rev'd Alan Dutton and Rev'd Dr Sidney Green, the series of interviews of our organists by David White, the gossip column by Tim Pettit, the Church Music articles by Paul Miller especially at the time he was introducing more modern music into the worship, the engagingly written memories of Joan Teresa and many, many 'one-off' contributors. Two of our favourite one-offs were the 'From Cairo to Christ' article from Lola Curiel and a poem written by Gill Penno. Thanks to all the photograph takers, joke providers, cartoonists, newsletter wrappers and deliverers.

In our time editing we have gone from running up and down the stairs at Flinders (the start of desk-top publishing?) to editing and formatting the newsletter on a laptop while admiring the view at Kaiteiteri Beach, NZ and sending the PDF file to Allbiz by email to have it printed next day ready for Rose Neeves to collect. Special thanks to Rose for all the help in a variety of ways that she has given.

Thanks to the Lord for showing us a way to contribute to the life of the church. Now is the time for someone younger, with fresh ideas, to step forward and keep the newsletter zipping along.

*Rosemary and Max Taylor*





**Were  
you  
there?**



**OPENING of the**



**Grundy Hall  
Kitchen**





## "Welcome to Worship."



We hear those words each morning from Sophie as she opens the gathering of the St Jude's community at worship. I visited Sydney recently attending a conference about ethics. I stayed for a few days with old

friends and went to church with them on Sunday. We went to St Philip's Church Hill in York Street in the city, quite close to the Harbour Bridge, Barangaroo and just across the road from an office building in which I had once worked. There has been an Anglican Church on Church Hill for over 200 years.

It was a gathering of committed, active Christian people – families, grandparents, professionals, students. It was the "contemporary but structured service that people of all ages can enjoy" which the Church Hill website said it would be. There was a interesting sermon about Philemon, the apostle Paul, Philemon's former slave Onesimus and the early Christian congregation that met in Philemon's house in Colossae (you can read about the events in Paul's short letter to Philemon and in ch4 of the letter to the Colossians). There were four songs and direct invitations to give money for particular causes.

There was a friendly welcome. Everyone wore a name tag. There were printed stick-on labels for the regulars (newly printed each week and affixed at the door), and written out for visitors like me. When we were parking the car in the street my friends introduced me to

another church member and by the time I had reached the door there was a tag for Howard, ready to be put on.

There was friendliness in other ways. Helpful instructions in the service sheet about singing, the collection, morning tea and care for children; not only help for the visitor but also for the regulars in their responsibility for welcome and safety. Tea and cakes after church, breakfast in the hall after the earlier service.

My abiding memory was of learning and of community. I had to look back carefully at the service sheet to find the worship. The activity began with a Call to Worship – two verses from the first letter of John about love. We sang a lot about love. "Our sins they are many, his mercy is more" went one oft-repeated refrain. There was plenty going on in the parish – a series of community groups (house churches), regular lunches for those in need in the city, study groups, an app for daily devotions.

*What did I miss?* A sense of awe and wonder at worship – the mystery of faith.

**The challenge for St Jude's?** Being more willing and able to talk about the way our Christian life interacts with the world, being more willing and able to talk about money.

Howard Harris

*Photo from: "Collection of State Library of NSW"*



### Ingredients

2 oranges  
185 gm butter  
¾ cup caster sugar  
3 eggs  
1 cup self-raising flour  
1 cup almond meal  
1 cup plain yoghurt  
½ cup caster sugar extra  
⅓ cup chopped pistachios

## Pam's Amazing Orange Syrup Cake Recipe

Recently I had tea with Pam Blair, a new member of the St Jude's family. She had baked such a beautiful and delicious cake I took a photograph and asked her for the recipe. She sent this to share with you. I can vouch that it tastes amazing.

Thank you Pam, and welcome!

1. Preheat oven to 180deg C. Grease a 22cm spring-form tin and line base with baking paper.
2. Finely grate rind of 1 orange into a large mixing bowl. Peel rind from other orange, removing as much white pith as possible. Cut rind into fine shreds. Juice both oranges and reserve juice and shreds.
3. Add butter and sugar to bowl with grated rind. Beat with a spatula until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time and beat until well combined. Stir in flour and almond meal. Add yoghurt and stir until smooth. Transfer to tin and smooth surface.
4. Bake for 45 minutes until golden and cooked when tested with a skewer.
5. Meanwhile, combine reserved juice and extra sugar in a saucepan. Bring to the boil over medium-high heat. Boil for 5 minutes until syrupy. Add shredded rind and boil for 2 minutes.
6. Pour syrup over cake, allowing it to soak in. Decorate with orange shreds and pistachios.





# HIGH TEA

Congratulations

Chris & Sue

An afternoon enjoyed by all





# HIGH TEA

Thank you to the 76 ladies who attended the High Tea and the 13.5 waiters who saw to their needs. There were ladies from All Saints, Uniting and Lighthouse Churches and a group from Marion Walkers in attendance.



The afternoon was enjoyed by all, especially as the food was good, the music by Paul & Miriam plus John, Naomi and Samuel added to the atmosphere.

Thanks also for the support from the Springpark Baptist Church in helping to organise this fundraiser.

Anne Christine won the door prize and Normajeane was voted best dressed.

Chris C



## St Jude's Spring Series 2017

**5 sensational concerts on 5 consecutive Sundays in St Jude's historic Chapel.**



Starting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the St Jude's music team will present and host 5 concerts to celebrate the arrival of Spring 2017. Guests this year include the 'Bikie Busker' on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 'The Cello Guys' on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The other 3 concerts will feature a mixture of the St Jude's Choir, Paul Miller on Oboe and Rod Hough on piano. September 24<sup>th</sup> will be a 'Hymns of Praise' concert with audience participation required. At this performance, we will all sing the top 10 hymns of 2017 as

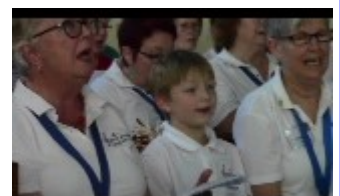


determined by a recent BBC 'Songs of Praise' survey.

Each concert will start at 2pm, except for September 24<sup>th</sup> (Hymns of Praise) which will be the only concert starting at 2:30pm. Each concert will have an opportunity to meet the artists and chat over a cuppa and biscuit at the conclusion of each performance. Cost will again be at the discretion of the attendee, and a bowl will be placed at the back of the Chapel at the conclusion of each performance.

Please put these dates in your diary and tell your friends. A flyer will appear shortly but until then a summary is as follows:

- ♦ **September 3<sup>rd</sup>: 2pm Rutter and Friends.** A concert that contains 6 John Rutter anthems for choir, + Saent-Saens oboe sonata and music written by Rod Hough performed by the composer and Paul Miller on oboe. A world premiere!
- ♦ **September 10<sup>th</sup>: 2pm The Bikie Busker.** James Kendell on flute will present an hour of classical favourites.
- ♦ **September 17<sup>th</sup>: 2pm The Cello Guys.** Brenton and Jacqui Edgecombe will join forces to perform all your Classical favourites on Cello and keyboard. Brenton and Jacqui were members of the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra with me back last century!
- ♦ **September 24<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm: Hymns of Praise.** Come and sing the 10 top most voted for hymns of 2017. Participation is essential.
- ♦ **October 1<sup>st</sup>: 2pm: Psalm 23 part 2.** A continuation of last year's venture to perform 8 different versions of Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd). This year's composers include Charles Wesley's grandson, Samuel Sebastian Wesley + 7 others, including 'Chants' - to music of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century.



## Dates for your diary

### OCTOBER

National Collection Month for Shoeboxes of Love

**29<sup>th</sup> St Jude's Day & Blessing of Shoeboxes**

## Just One Step

*by F.L. Booth*

As I walked down life's road one day,  
A mountain rose to block my way.  
I couldn't go around, you see,  
The pass was narrow -- closed to me.

I asked the Lord, How shall I climb?  
Just one step, He said, at a time.  
How can I scale that awesome height?  
Look up, said He, you'll do all right.

I took some steps and it was great,  
I'd go right up and celebrate!  
Then I looked down and slipped and fell.  
Get up, said He, you're doing well.

So once again I started up,  
The road is steep and sometimes rough,  
But near the top, the way is smooth,  
And there I'll find a well-worn groove.

I'll reach the top one day then stand,  
Survey the view that's truly grand.  
The Lord waits there and all my friends,  
My family, too -- love never ends.

Now I look up, and I can see  
The hand my Lord holds out to me.  
So carefully each day I climb,  
Just one step I take at a time.

## REGISTERS

### Funerals: *May they rest in peace*

- ♦ William Robert Burns MacNeil-Sadler
- ♦ John Rugless Cook
- ♦ Jeanette Eleanor Hoad

### Baptisms:

- ♦ Talia Grace Powell



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## REGULAR WEEKLY SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Sung Eucharist and Sunday School

### WEEKDAYS

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion\*§  
Friday 10.00am Holy Communion\*

- ♦ *Special arrangements apply on Saints' Days and Feast Days.*
- ♦ *Details are put in the weekly pew sheet.*

### HOLY BAPTISM

By arrangement with the Rector. Held on the 1st Sunday of each month during the 9.30am service

### CONFESSION

By appointment with the Rector

### HOLY MATRIMONY

By arrangement with the Rector

### HEALING MINISTRY

Laying on of hands and Unction are regularly administered at the 9.30am Eucharist on the 3rd Sunday of each month, as well as in the home or hospital as needed.

\* *All services marked with an asterisk are held in the Chapel.*

§ *Only when Mothers' Union meets.*

## LETTER TO GOD

A Sunday School teacher challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letter back the following Sunday.

One little boy wrote, "Dear God, We had a good time at church today. Wish you could have been there."

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