

# St Jude's

## Brighton Parish News



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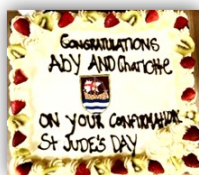
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Dear Friends,

As we are continuing to work on our mission action planning (MAP), I am writing under our three focus areas again, to help me to bring you the good-news-story of all that is happening in the St Jude's Community by Advent/ Christmas 2019. You may like to see some of the successful projects we have already initiated under our MAP, by looking at this page on our new website: [www.stjudesbrighton.org.au/mission-action-plan/](http://www.stjudesbrighton.org.au/mission-action-plan/)

*to encourage children and young people to grow in faith*

### Confirmations!



On St Jude's Day, Sunday 27th October 2019, Archbishop +Geoff Smith led our worship and confirmed our wonderful

candidates

**Aby Zeiseniss and Charlotte Warren.**



I want to extend my thanks to the Parish Council who hosted and organised the festal feast and tidied-up after the day.

Thanks of course to Rosey too, who was working hard and helping us stay on track! Izzie Notridge was a fantastic confirmation candidate too, but was unable to attend due to unforeseeable circumstances. She will now be confirmed in the new year.

### St Jude's YAGS Update

Our Young Adult's Group has continued to meet, talk about faith and laugh about lots of stuff throughout the year. Thanks to Paul for his energy to bring this group together and to each member of the YAGS for the fellowship and care they have shown each other over the year. The YAGS even cooked curries for the fair as a group, as well as entertaining with their musical gifts. Nice work YAGS!



### Breakfast Club



It may not be often reported these days, but this ministry is meeting vital need in Brighton Primary School and still going strong in its twelfth year. Paul Miller told me that

one of the weeks in November around 80 children were served a free breakfast before school began. I pray that our parish may be able to meet even more of this kind of need in 2020. Thank God for this ministry!

*to sustain and renew the environment*

### New recycling project at St Jude's

In coming weeks we will have a recycling collection facility on our church site!

When Shani Wood from the City of Holdfast Bay Council, came and spoke to us as part of our Eco-MAP worship, we heard interesting current information about recycling deposit collection. We found that when you or I put a can or bottle (that attracts a 10cent refund) into a yellow wheelie-bin, that money goes to the company who collects your rubbish, rather than to the council. We also know that having



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more recycling bins around help people to sort those bottles and cans and put them in the right place to reduce landfill waste. Therefore, St Jude's will collect cans and bottles on the church site for our mission projects. We intend to use 100% of the money we raise from recycling the cans and bottles to fund outreach of the parish. We will be aided in the collection of waste and in the bin infrastructure by the wonderful Scouts SA, an organisation with which we have some strong parish ties (thank you Warren and Summers families). Soon we will put out the call for you to bring us your deposit-attracting trash to turn into mission treasure!

*a generous and authentic welcome to all*

### Our website

In our last newsletter I foreshadowed that work had begun on our new website, with your feedback and prayers. In Advent 2019 it is complete and up and running. It has received well over 1,000 visits so far. If you have not seen it please take a look at the usual address: [www.stjudesbrighton.org.au](http://www.stjudesbrighton.org.au) If you want to advertise any event, or notice something that needs fixing on the site, please email me directly. I will be happy to keep this up to date, so that we have our best foot forward in the online world: [s.elfchristopher@gmail.com](mailto:s.elfchristopher@gmail.com).

I have one member of the parish interested in keeping a Facebook page for the church. If that is something you feel you could help with too, please let me know and we may be able to make more online advances in 2020.

### Parish Council

You have probably noticed that there are two new members of our Parish Council. After our hearts were broken when Mike and Natalie May moved to the green pastures of Victor Harbour, we found two new heroic types to step-in. Please see the much bigger



version of this set of photographs on the notice board in the church and please take the time to chat

with the truly excellent new members of council; magnificent Murray Dixon and my new Warden, the fantastic Virginia Summers.

### St Jude's Community Pantry

As part of our MAP, your Parish Council has been looking for a way to help those in urgent need in our local community, that increases community cohesion and a local sense of purpose. We are thrilled to be able share the community pantry idea with you very shortly as we have almost completed the research to ensure it is a practical option for St Jude's in the new year. More information will be shared during the Advent sermon time. Please continue to pray for our Mission!

### Congratulations to St Jude's own Reverend Dr Josephine Armour

I am thrilled to have journeyed with Jo on the exciting road to her ordination to the diaconate, since she joined us in May 2019. Archbishop +Geoff Smith let me know that he intends for Jo to remain at St Jude's for another year after her ordination. This is a great blessing to us and will increase our capacity for mission in 2020. Jo, may God continue to bless your ministry with us.

I pray that this Advent season of reflection, and the joyous Christmas season that follows, will bring many blessings to you and your family. Thank you all for your prayers for the mission and work of your parish.

Every blessing to you and your family this season.

*Sophie*



# PRAYER CORNER



Dear Peoples

Advent is a special and loved time for me. In 1957 Jane [our 1<sup>st</sup>] was almost 5½ months old. We were still living in our own built 10 x 20' temporary home. The water and electricity had just been connected a few weeks before. Great Thanksgiving in the Hart's home.

I had just bought from the op shop a blue Pyrex gravy saucer [no jug] I also had from a few years ago a cheap plastic Nativity Scene with Mary, Joseph, sheep, cow and manger. After mixing a small amount of plaster of paris I stuck the scene to the saucer with just enough room left in front for 4 birthday candles, 3 violet and 1 white in the middle and so these were ready for each Sunday.

George had just come home with a small branch of a fir tree he put on very small lights he bought from the Mission Church and held Jane in his arms to watch me light the 1st purple candle.

I placed the scene on top of our small 2<sup>nd</sup> hand fridge, and thanks to electricity [our ice box was given away to another couple still without power] we saw Jane smile and our hearts were full.

I still have the same scene on my fridge and light the candles as of yore, often I'm alone now but I

have all those beautiful memories of the 5 each light in their own candle every year. No one went out of turn and I still say the same prayer "Thank you for the past year Lord and may our hearts be ready for Christmas. Amen"

You may have this tradition in your family or you may wish to start one. You may also have your own prayer?

A Celtic Prayer [David Adams] for the season:

*The blessing of the God of Life be ours;  
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours;  
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours;  
To cherish us, help us, to make us holy. AMEN*

Grace and Peace

*Joan Teresa*



## Carols at Westfield Marion 2019

*(A Gift from the local churches of South West Adelaide)*

**Sunday 22nd December, from 2pm at  
The Marion Shopping Centre: Event Cinema steps.**



*Come and spread the TRUE meaning of Christmas through song, as the Church assembles on the steps of the Event cinemas to sing to our local community!*

*If you can sing, you can be a part of this 'Mission'*

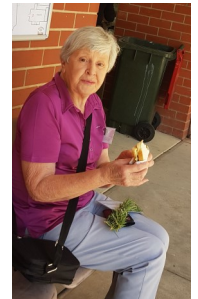
### PROGRAM

**Joy to the World, O come all ye faithful, Hark the Herald Angles sing,  
Hallelujah by Cohen (*Christmas lyrics*), Good Christians all rejoice, Deck the hall,  
Little Drummer Boy, Aussie Jingle bells and the Hallelujah Chorus.**

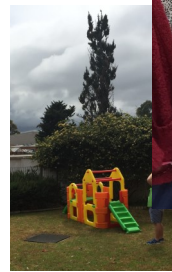
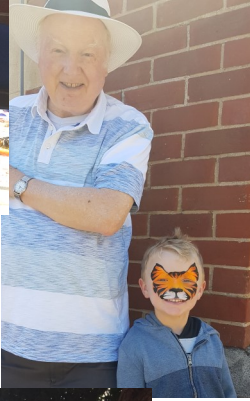
# ST JUDE'S SPRING FAIR 2019



Jackie's 'new' shoes!



## ST JUDE'S SPRING FAIR CONTINUED





## Sacred spaces

Churches, temples, men's sheds, sports grounds, war memorials, dreaming trails, the dog's chair.... What is it that makes a place sacred? Many from St Jude's sang lustily *Crown Him with many*



*Crowns* as we joined with Brighton Uniting Church for worship on the feast of Christ the King. For many the Uniting Church building was a sacred space, especially as the acoustics were better, more conducive to singing, than St Jude's. Why are some spaces sacred, why is it important to have sacred spaces? In these days of virtual reality and the internet when so much is online and bricks and mortar are so often a nuisance, is the idea of sacred space still relevant?

I think back to sacred places in my own life. Some have been sacred because they were labelled sacred – "you have to wear long trousers and long sleeves here because it is a holy place", "please respect the worshippers"; some are roped off, so you cannot enter. Some I have never been in because I did not understand the nature of the holiness and felt unsure about accidentally offending.

I went recently to an open-air concert in the Warriparinga wetlands up near the Darlington traffic mess. There is an Aboriginal sacred site there. I think it has to do with stories, with a creation story. Stories, meals and events have a lot to do with sacred spaces. Music can make a place holy, sometimes it seems there is an intrinsic holiness about the place, something that makes it a place where people come to find and worship a god who is worthy to be praised and exalted. We don't always understand especially when the tradition is not the same as our own. Yet God is as much in the community at church on Sunday in Brighton Uniting as it is in St Mary the Virgin New York with so much incense the sanctuary was lost in a cloud, or in the Corpus Christi procession outside in the street at St Mary Magdalen, or at a wedding in a Perth park (all things I have done once). As Canon Sophie said in the sermon for Christ the King, Christ has many crowns. King of the beach, king of the little hooded plovers I have seen grow from bundles of fluff to adventurous birds almost ready to fly away. At first, I was annoyed at having to put the dog on the lead to walk past the breeding ground, yet as I saw the chicks growing up I saw something else, not an impediment but a joy.



The hooded plover picture is from WA govt site credited "supplied DPaW" [Parks & Wildlife].

Howard Harris

## KATH FISHER'S TALK AT BRIGHTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On 5 September I had the opportunity to talk to the Brighton Historical Society on the topic of 'History at St Jude's Anglican Church Brighton'. The approach was an overview and covered the topics: Pioneers of St Jude's – congregation and clergy; Honouring those who served; Who Do You Think You Are St Jude's project; History Month and the Web page. I used a power point presentation and a display of posters prepared for the History Month Exhibition. It was on seeing these that Jill Golley (President) asked me to give a talk.

It was great to be able to share our history with fellow enthusiasts and some stayed behind to talk about their own experiences with St Jude's and to make observations about the early families of Brighton who helped to grow the church in Brighton. It was another means of making a meaningful connection with our community.

As a result I will be expanding on my research into the pioneers of St Jude's. So many interesting stories have emerged which I aim to present in History Month in May next year.

If you have not looked at St Jude's website please do and check out our history page.

Kath Fisher

## Web page [stjudesbrighton.org.au](http://stjudesbrighton.org.au)

### A brief history of St Jude's

Pre 1850s

We acknowledge that our church stands on land of the original custodians, the *Wurundjeri* people.



Early settlers arrived in this seaside settlement during the 1840s and by 1851 a small community prepared for future development, which included an Episcopalian church.

1852 – 1899



Our pioneers had a vision of a grand church with cemetery, school and rectory – just like at home in England. These years were very challenging. However, by January 1854 the governor's wife, Lady Fox Young had laid the foundation stone for the church which was completed and dedicated by Bishop Skott in 1855, who had already consecrated part of the cemetery donated by William Voakes Brown.

These pioneers, travelled by sea.

The name of St Jude was chosen because he, like

In the following years many worked hard to raise funds for extensions and fittings, so by 1894 the church was an impressive landmark in the rapidly growing community of Brighton.

During this period services were conducted by clergy from the neighbouring churches of either Clergy or St Mary's South Road and local Lay Readers. Most did not stay long but in the late 1880s the Revd Samuel French and his Assistant Curate, Alfred Selby, from Clergy did much to help St Jude's to grow as a community.

1902 – 1952

Finally Brighton was made a Mission District in 1902 and soon after in 1908 a Parish. With incumbent clergy and a rapidly growing congregation St Jude's proved a vital, historic landmark, was completed in 1904. A rectory was completed by 1914. By 1922 St Jude's had a school run by the sisters, Convent and Methodist Freezing which was called the Hagelstein School. This ran until 1962.



In 1922 *Convent Hall* was built which eventually became home to the *St Jude's Pioneers* in 1949 which are still performing.

The vision of the pioneers was clearly evident.

1954 – 1966



On 1 March 1954 an earthquake hit Adelaide and severely damaged St Jude's Church. Repairs were made but as the congregation was undergoing rapid growth a much larger church was needed. Bishop Thomas Read conducted the first dedication service in the newly designed church, which included both old and new, on 24 May 1964.

1966 – 2019

The people of St Jude's.

St Jude's has been fortunate to have clergy of lengthy tenures and great commitment and vision. The Revd Colin Carver Chelmsworth led a direction of worship which is still maintained with an emphasis on parish commitment and education.

MUSIC at St Jude's has always been very strong with choirs, organ, small orchestras and performance. The Sunday School was very strong in the 1950s and 60s with a great of 300 students and 41 teachers in 1962. The *Worship Service* has maintained strong membership and caring support for governments since its foundation in 1898. Groups such as Craft, Art, Social, Sports etc. have all thrived at various times. The craft group has contributed much to the church. Education programs have always been a regular feature of St Jude's such as the Lenten Suppers with talks and Winter Lectures.

History of St Jude's

A source of information for this page is a book written by Louise Davidson called 'The Wake of St Jude 1854 – 1905'. Copies are still available from the parish office.

Another source has been the stories of people of St Jude's. These have been collected as part of the *Who Do You Think You Are St Jude's* history project. These stories are displayed in the church and continue to grow.

Each year St Jude's history is presented as part of the annual *History Month* in May. In our efforts as a mission focused church we aim to be relevant to the local community and we work with the *Brighton Historical Society* and the *City of Brighton Bay History Centre*.

"St Jude's is... a place of peace and refuge"  
— J. Ogilvy



## Stewardship Sunday Presentations from 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Rebecca Cranley



I was born into a C of E family that never went to church, but of course I was baptised and attended Sunday School for a time when I was very young. However I was sent to church schools (Woodlands and then Walford) so chapel, hymns and prayers were part of my school life. When I was 12 it was decided that it was time I was 'done'. So confirmation classes at St Michael and All Angels Henley Beach were started. My only memory of this time was being made to learn everything by heart and a 16yo boy called Bruce. As all candidates were required to become part of parish life, some became sides people, servers, Sunday school helpers, or in my case, because I could sing, a chorister. Here I discovered more boys so I was very happy and enthusiastically embraced all things choir for most of my teen years.

After leaving home to do In hospital nursing training I drifted away from regular worship. Shift work and night clubbing became my main priorities. My early Twenties found me married and settled in Morphett Vale and I sought out the local church as I was by now pregnant and thinking about baptism for my baby. I found myself in the choir again but this time as the Music Director. Not long after I became a youth group leader, later a parish councillor and then Warden. It was when I was invited to attend a Lenten Study that I was afforded the opportunity to discuss the bible and my faith with other people. I guess this is when my faith started to get real for me. When those seeds sewn in my youth were being nurtured. I was starting to think about what it meant to be a Christian, the responsibilities even.

Then there came a time in our lives that saw us as a family really struggle financially. I remember not having enough money to pay for groceries at the checkout. After a while, I commented to Ken - "It seems like every time I remember to buy for the needy I have enough money for groceries but when I forget them I don't, it's weird?" Ken heard what I said, I heard what I'd said out loud, we looked at each other and there was this kind of light bulb moment. We have government welfare of course, but the sad reality is that for some it is not enough. We as a church are very much needed in our community.

Ken & I moved into this local area almost 2 years ago. We were still attending Morphett Vale parish as we had music commitments there, but were looking for somewhere local for an Ash Wednesday service last year, and spotted your sign out the front with service times.

We were warmly welcomed by Sidney Green, who introduced us to a few others including Paul Miller, and so it was an easy decision when the time came, to make St Jude's our permanent parish home.

*Rebecca*

### Lance Brennan



My faith journey has been influenced mainly by most of the priests I have encountered since first attending the Church of the Ascension at Midland Junction in Perth during my late teens.

Fr Peter Hodge became the priest a year or so after I became a 'regular'. He had served as an army chaplain in WWII, but then devoted his life to social Christianity: this included fighting for a fair wage for the aboriginal stockmen in the Kimberleys; and concluded by touring Perth at night collecting the homeless and alcoholics and taking them back to his parish in East Perth.

When Anne and I settled in Hove in 1976 we had to decide where we would go to church: our second son Geoffrey was nearly ready for Sunday School and we noticed that St Jude's had a Sunday School at the same time as the 9.30 service. So we chose St Jude's: otherwise we would have gone to Brighton Methodist because Anne had been a pillar of her local Methodist Church in Scarborough – from its beginnings. Within a week of our first attendance, Fr John Stephenson visited – his welcome and that of the other parishioners convinced me that we had made the right decision. Fr John was succeeded by Fr Martin Chittleborough, who like Peter Hodge had worked for the welfare of the Aborigines in the Kimberleys – and then by Fr Ian Mussared – who once said to me that pastoral care was the critical task of the parish priest.

More recently I have put my own mind to work, trying to understand the central events of our faith. As a historian I give precedence to what people do over what they say – so when we look at the events of Holy week and the months – indeed years that followed – we can see that the disciples who witnessed the death of their leader by torture on the cross continued to preach His gospel despite the likely prospect that they too would suffer the same fate because of their challenges to Jewish orthodoxy and the Roman state. This could only be because besides witnessing the Crucifixion, they also witnessed the Resurrection. What I am saying then is "Would they have been so brave without the Resurrection?"

Money means different things to us at different times of our lives. When I first earned a salary, it meant being able to afford a more reliable car; when Anne and I married it meant saving for the deposit on a home of our own. Later it was necessary for study and related travel – and then for the education of our sons. Now, it is ensuring we have sufficient to cope with the health problems of old age and the demands of aged care.

But during most of the periods listed above it has also meant making a contribution to the parish we attended; and especially to St Jude's where we had been welcomed so well in 1976. This was brought home to me last Wednesday week when I came to the shed to use the vice [*I have plenty of my own, but they are of a different order*]. A young Chinese woman wheeling her young child in a pusher was searching for the entrance to the Church so she could visit the "Junior Jude's" for the first time. You can imagine the memories of 1976 brought back while showing her the safe entrance: I am sure she would have been welcomed even though the numbers overflowed.

'Junior Jude's' is just one sign of how the parish is now flourishing – and that it continues to provide a meeting place that is inspired by faith and selfless concern rather than by profit.

I think that giving the church resources to meet the spiritual and human needs of our neighbourhood is an appropriate response to our larger debt to Jesus and his brave early followers.

*Lance*

## Dates for your diary

### December

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| 1 Sun  | 2pm Remembrance Service   |
| 6 Fri  | 10am Service in Chapel followed by Coffee Spot Christmas Break-Up in Grundy Hall from 10.30am |
| 15 Sun | 9.30am Eucharist<br>11am Children's Story, Christmas Carols followed by Lunch                 |
| 22 Sun | Carols at Marion Shopping Centre from 2pm   |
| 24 Tue | 11pm Midnight Mass  |
| 25 Wed | 9am Christmas Day Eucharist   |

### February 2020

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| 1 Sat | Quiz Night                                       |
| 9 Sun | Bishop Denise Ferguson confirming Izzie Notridge |

Following dates to be confirmed early 2020

### July

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| 25 Sat | Games Night |
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### October

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| 10 Sat | High Tea |
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**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2020**

### PERSONAL STUDY & READING

- \* Borrow a book from the parish collection.
- \* Read something you've always meant to read.
- \* Read one of the Gospels.
- \* Borrow Josephine Armour's book available from the Office.

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## THE CHURCH OF ST JUDE

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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.

### 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.

### REGISTERS

#### Baptism

- ◆ Cloe Antonia Carbone

#### Confirmations

- ◆ Charlotte Renee Warren
- ◆ Abigayle Karen Zeiseniss

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

- ◆ Mary Isabel Jessup
- ◆ Barrie Baker
- ◆ Richard (Rick) Alva Wylie
- ◆ Jim Burfield

