JUDE'S NEWS

14th October 2026

Our Mission Action Plan 2026 - 2030

I'm delighted to share that St Jude's has formally adopted our new Mission Action Plan for 2026–2030. Congratulations to everyone. This is a significant moment in the life of our parish. The plan has been shaped by many voices, and my heartfelt thanks go to all who took part in the process: this plan belongs to all of us. At its heart is hope. Fittingly, St Jude is the patron of hopeless causes, and our plan is grounded in the confidence that hope is real, and that God is at work among us in every season of our life together.

Our Vision – A community alive with hope, where every person belongs, grows, and discovers the life-changing love of God.

Our Mission – Inspired by Saint Jude, who carried the gospel where others wouldn't go, we follow Jesus across Brighton and beyond. We work to create a place for all to belong; we proclaim real hope in every life and circumstance; and we grow together in faithful discipleship.

There are 3 Pillars to Our Mission Action Plan

Welcome: A Place for All – We set a table where everyone has a place. Through food, friendship, and radical hospitality, we honour the dignity of every person and make belonging real.

Hope: Daring to Believe – We know no situation is beyond God's reach. With prayer, courage, and creativity, we share real hope and care — through healing prayer and an active and living faith.

Grow: Faithful Discipleship – We invest in our families and youth and journey together as lifelong learners and servants — encouraging one another, nurturing our God-given gifts, and staying committed to relationship at the heart of all we do.

Underpinning all three pillars is a commitment to parish health: sustainable volunteer capacity, clear structures and good communication, so that our ministry is well supported, widely shared and built to last.

We look forward with renewed hope to undertaking the work of the plan together. There will be more to share in the weeks and months ahead about how we'll put it into practice, and how each of us can play a part. With thanks and blessings, Reverend Andrea

NCLS Sunday

We will participate in the National Church Life Surveys through circulation of online surveys and hard copies to be completed during church this Sunday 18 October.

If you prefer to complete your survey electronically, please email the office and an electronic link will be sent to you. Or if you will be absent and need your hard copy of the survey, please see Andrea to arrange. Thank you!



Reminders

Office Closure Notice

Please note that Lisa will be away, and the parish office will be closed from Monday 28 September until Monday 19 October.

Join Our New

St. Jude's Brighton

YOUTH GROUP

Weekly on Sundays 25th Oct– 22nd Nov
(5 sessions)
4:15–5:30pm

This Group is for:
High school aged students who would like to learn more about Christianity and the Church

Themes include:
Who is Jesus? Roadmap of the Bible and What is Prayer?



The group will be led by Rev Andrea, Kat E and Sarah N

Please pass on new about the group to anyone you think maybe interested

office@stjudesbrighton.org.au

GARAGE SALE



St Jude's, Brighton
444 Brighton Road
31 OCTOBER
9AM - 1PM
BRIC-A-BRAC,
CLOTHES, BOOKS,
BAKE SALE,
SAUSAGE SIZZLE

HELPERS ARE NEEDED! Please let Ken or Rebecca know if you can assist on the day, or in setting up on Friday 30 October after the Community Meal. Many hands make light work! Donations of good quality items for sale, including bake sale items will also be appreciated.

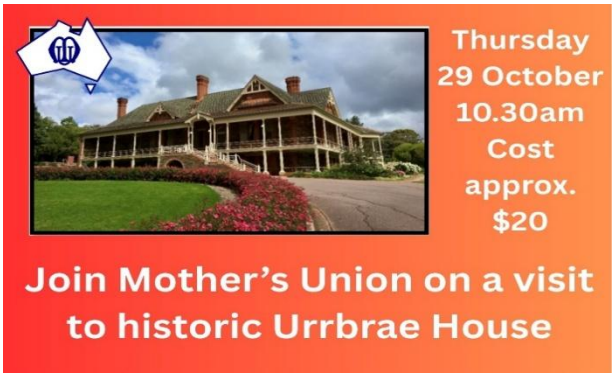
Reconnect Services

We're delighted to be continuing our Reconnect Services, with upcoming gatherings on 25 October (St Jude's Day), 22 November, and 20 December. These relaxed evenings of worship, fellowship, conversation, and a shared meal have already been a wonderful way to connect with one another and grow in faith together. We look forward to making Reconnect a regular Sunday evening event throughout 2027 and warmly invite everyone to come along.



If you can be available on 25 October to assist with cooking a bbq dinner, or providing a salad, please let Andrea, Sarah or Kat E know – thank you!

Mother's Union Visit to Urrbrae House



All are invited to join in the MU tour of Urrbrae House, Urrbrae. Built in 1891 Urrbrae house is one of the most significant private homes built in South Australia. It is a magnificent house surrounded by beautiful gardens and an Arboretum. The house was the first private dwelling in South Australia to have electricity and the first in Australia to have a domestic refrigeration plant. Let the office know if you would like to attend and we will pass your details on.

Mother's Union - Quickest Warmth

We are collecting items most needed for the "Quickest Warmth Group". The knitters at Townsend Village have made a collection of knee rugs and blankets towards this drive

We would welcome donations from all MU members and from St Jude's congregation towards this Anglicare program which our Mothers Union supports.

Specifically they are asking for:

Hygiene pack items: Toothbrush and toothpaste, Soap or body wash, Face cloth, Shampoo and conditioner, Deodorant, Tissues, Comb or hairbrush and Hand cream.

Kitchen pack Items: Vegetable peeler, Sharp knife, Cutting board, Can Opener, Mixing Bowl/Wooden spoon/Tongs, Plastic storage container, Sponge/Scourer/Dish cloth, Kitchen Hand towel, Dishwashing liquid.

One or two or any number of these products would be much appreciated by a mum and children who are setting up after family breakdown or any other catastrophe which has made them homeless. We hope to deliver these items by the week beginning the 19th of October. Please bring donations to church this coming Sunday and Pam Binks or Norma Champion will collect them.

Synod 2026

This year's Synod will take place from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th October. Thank you to our Synod representatives, Roger Read, Virginia Summers, and Swapna Deepak who will attend on our behalf. Synod is a time of prayer, discussion and decision-making about the life and mission of our church. Please pray for all attending.

Prayer for Synod Almighty and everliving God, give wisdom and understanding to the members of the Synod of this Diocese of Adelaide. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. May we perceive what is right have courage to pursue it and grace to accomplish it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglican parish of Brighton

St Jude's Day 2026

9am worship 25th October

Please stay for the party in Grundy Hall after worship.

All welcome!

St Jude's Day 2026

We look forward to welcoming **The Reverend Jude Benton** as our guest speaker on St Jude's Day this year. Jude is the Diocesan Coordinator of Ministry Discernment and Formation at St Barnabas College and will talk to us about Vocation – great timing as we celebrate St Jude's Day and the launch of our Mission Action Plan. We will hold one service of combined worship at 9am with our whole church family together, followed by morning tea in Grundy Hall. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share with all. Champagne will be provided!



October is Vocations Month

This month is Vocations Month, when we're invited to pray for those God is calling into ministry, both ordained and lay. It's also a good moment to ask what God might be calling each of us to, whether that's a new step in serving here at St Jude's, in our community, or somewhere we haven't yet imagined. And if you've noticed gifts for ministry in someone else, why not tell them? A word of encouragement may be exactly what they need to hear God's call more clearly. We will celebration Vocations as part of our St Jude's Day celebrations. Are you interested in exploring your own vocation, lay or ordained? I welcome anyone who would like to have a conversation about this – please just let me know. Andrea.

Prayer for a Call to Discipleship

Christ, whose insistent call disturbs our settled lives:
Give us discernment to hear your word, grace to relinquish our tasks, and courage to follow empty-handed wherever you may lead, so that the voice of your gospel may reach to the ends of the earth. Amen.

Anglican Diocese of Adelaide

St Barnabas College

Calling all Seekers!

Seekers Day 2026

Vocations Information

Do you want to explore your calling to serve God?

24 October
9am-12:30pm
St Barnabas College,
North Adelaide

Register Now
Email admin@sbc.edu.au
or scan the QR code

Is lay ministry, ordination, chaplaincy, or daily service in the Anglican Church potentially for you? Come explore the possibilities...



This session is required for anyone wishing to join the Discernment Program in 2027

For Such a Time as This: Church Planting and Regeneration Forum
Saturday 7 November, 9.30am–3.30pm | St Columba College, Andrews Farm
What is God calling us to be and do in this season and in the years ahead? How do we pass on the legacy of faith entrusted to us to future generations?
Archbishop Brad is hosting a day for the whole Diocese to think missionally and creatively about our local churches, church planting and the future. There will be time for discussion and questions. Two experienced leaders will speak:

- The Venerable Dr Bree Mills, Archdeacon for Church Planting in the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne
- The Reverend Paul Harrington, Senior Network Pastor of the Trinity Church Network

We will also hear about what is already happening here in Adelaide.
Clergy and lay leaders are especially encouraged to come together from their parishes and congregations, so that the conversation carries on at home. Andrea is attending and invites anyone interested to also join in the day – please let her know if you are available and she will register for you.

Diocesan Prayer Day
A day has been set for a diocesan day of prayer, to commit the diocese and its people to God, and to pray for the further development of our diocesan vision and strategic goals.

- Saturday 21 November 2026 at St Michael's Mitcham

Flourishing Communities Coordinator Rev'd Helen Phillips is organising this and further details will be made available closer to the time.

Community Notices



Prayer of the week

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer List:

Alan, Andrew, Barbara, Chris, Christopher, Craig, Dan, Emerson, Faye & Sarah, Grace, Jane, Joy, Juan, Lange, Les, Lesley, Liam, Lilly, Lola, Marilia, Maureen & David, Norma, Peter, Peter & Kath, Rachel, Robin, Sabrina, Sidney, Steven, Stuart, Susie.