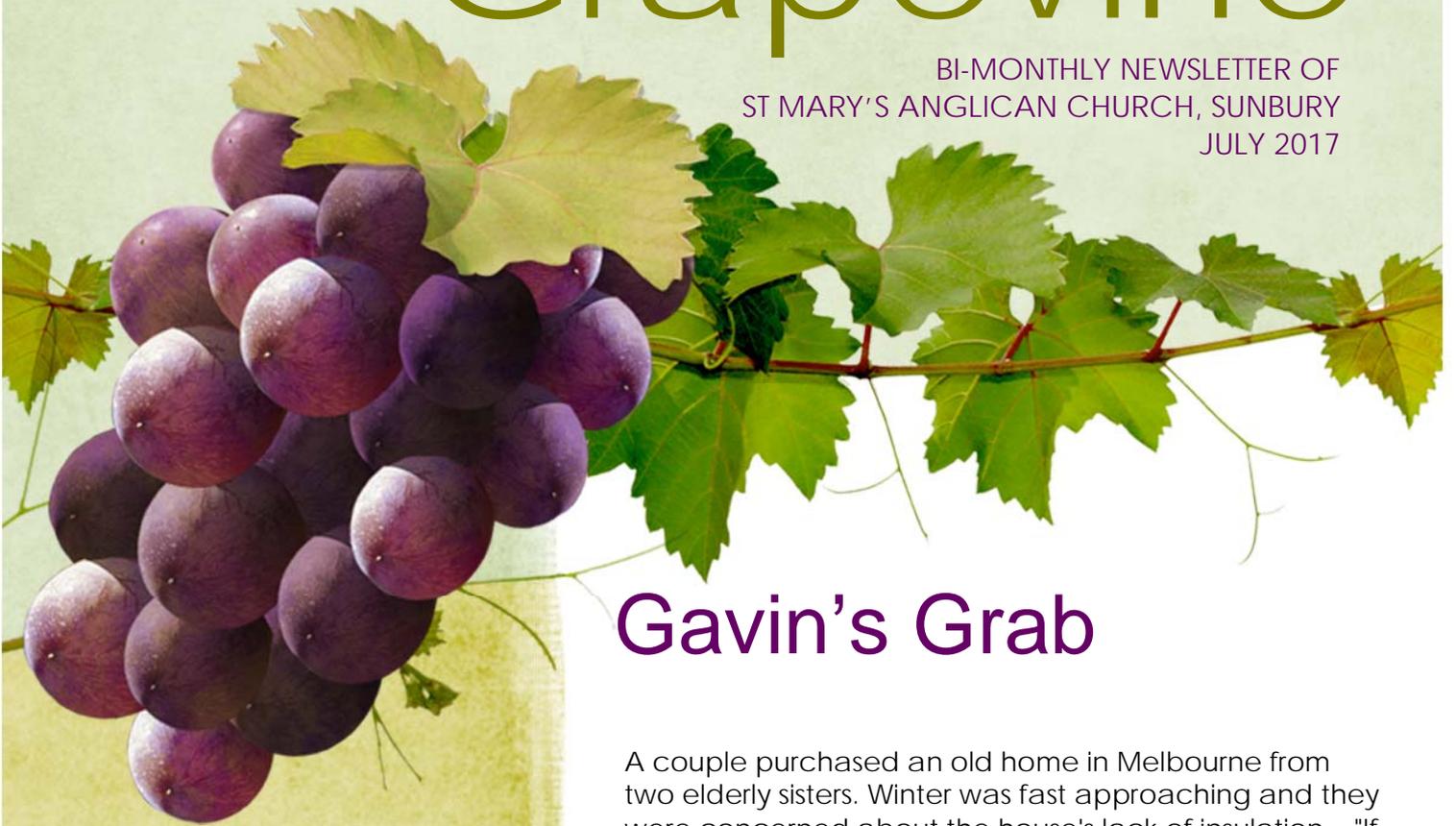


St Mary's Grapevine

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ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, SUNBURY
JULY 2017



Gavin's Grab

Dates for your Diary

- 26 July- Community Store 20th Anniversary Lunch
- 28 July- Friday Friendship Lunch
- 31 July- Parish Council
- 5 Aug- Games Night
- 5-6 Aug- Young Adults Retreat
- 6 Aug- Service Leaders Meetings
- 7 Aug- Leadership Training
- 8 Aug- Parish Prayer Meeting
- 10 Aug- Sing & Soup at Aveo
- 13 Aug- 1030 Community Lunch
- 16 Aug- Mothers Union
- 17 Aug- Lions Hostel Service
- 21 Aug- Home Group Leaders Mtg
- 25 Aug- Friday Friendship Lunch
- 29 Aug- Riddell Gardens Service
- 2 Sept- Games Night
- 4 Sept- Parish Council
- 7 Sept- Lions Hostel Service
- 10 Sept- 1030 Community Lunch

A couple purchased an old home in Melbourne from two elderly sisters. Winter was fast approaching and they were concerned about the house's lack of insulation. "If they could live here all those years, so can we!" the husband confidently declared to his wife.

One July night the temperature plunged to below zero, and the couple woke up to find the interior walls covered with frost. The husband called the sisters to ask how they had kept the house warm. After a rather brief conversation, he hung up.

"For the past 30 years," he muttered, "they've gone to Queensland for the winter!!!!!!!!!"

It's certainly been cold here for the past couple of months and there are some people who have escaped the cold for warmer climates. However for those of us who have been here there have been a range of activities and interesting things happening in the Parish.

Of course we've had the sadness of 3 much loved parishioners (Thelma, Peter and Peta) dying and we have grieved well together. Others have also had their own personal bereavements and we stand by you all in your grief. My thanks to all who have assisted through this time especially the catering team. God has stood with us in our grief, as he stands with us in our joy and

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Marriage Course

By Narelle Riley

Steven and I recently had the opportunity to take part in the Marriage Course and it was a fabulous experience which we recommend to all married couples!

We were a little hesitant at first, after all we've been happily married for 22 years- "why would we need to do a marriage course?". But we looked at it as an investment in our relationship and every Tuesday night was "date night"! We got wined and dined with delicious desserts and were able to spend real quality time together, discussing our relationship. All of our discussions were totally private in our own space (with candles and chocolates!).

Each week was a different topic and we would watch segments of DVDs as a group and then break off into our own private areas to complete activities in our workbooks.

There was no group sharing or discussions, the only thing we ever really shared as a group was how long we had been together (and a lot of laughs!)

We would be happy to chat further to anyone who is considering taking part in a future marriage course, but would like to know more about it first. The other couples who completed the course also have great things to say about the benefits- talk to any of the couples in the photo above!

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celebrations.

We've certainly had them too with the birth of Germaine Vicki Clements and the engagement of Kat Burn and Jack Kovacevik. We have also celebrated Sara and John's wedding on Saturday 1st July and the announcement that Lani and Daniel Williams from our 5pm congregation that they are expecting their first child in December.

Thankyou also for your prayers and support for the Staff Team as we have ministered to many during this time.

Some other news from around the traps:-

Ridley Student for 2018

Matt Browne concludes his time with us at the end of this year and I'm pleased to announce the Wardens have decided, following the generous financial support of a parishioner, to invite Jeremiah Paul to join us as a Ridley Student for 2018. Jeremiah is the husband of Laura Paul, our Children's Outreach Worker, and he will be spending his student time with us at our Sunday morning services.

Leadership Course

Kim and I have been taking 8 participants through a leadership course. We are nearly half way through. We meet monthly to present and explore different aspects of leadership and then each participant spends some time with a mentor reflecting on the material presented.

Marriage Course

Sharon and I have been hosting 5 couples through a Pilot of the Marriage Course in the Vicarage. We have been meeting each week and the course finished on Tuesday 27 June. Each couple has expressed how beneficial the course has been for them and their marriage. The particular beauty of this course is that there is no group work or sharing. Each couple discusses issues raised on various topics in a private location.

We plan to run the course again, beginning in late September for 8 weeks. Watch out for the advertising in late July.

150th Celebrations – Update

We are making progress on plans for our celebrations in November this year. Please see the "Save the Date" note

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You will have noticed our new logo which we launched on Sunday 4th June. The logo contains the letters S and M (for St Mary's); is in the shape of cricket stumps (Sunbury's history) and may be used as the new logo for the St Mary's beyond our 150th celebrations. Much thanks to Parish Council for their input and approval and the creative genius of Benjamin Clements for his design and development of the logo.

The logo can be seen in our new Pew Sheet and also revamped Website. Thanks to Narelle and the Staff Team for their work in this.

You can now purchase Hoodies and T/shirts with the logo on them from the online shop, or place a bulk order with us. Return the order forms by 14th August to the office.

We have also sent out "Save the Date" notifications to many people beyond the Parish and will shortly be specifically inviting certain external people to specific

events (e.g. the special services on Wednesday 22 November (10am) and Sunday 26 November (8.30am and 11.30am) and the Colonial Ball on Saturday 25 November).

Please let Narelle know if you have contact details for anyone you think we should be advising/inviting to these events.

Community Store - 20th Anniversary Celebrations

On Wednesday 26th July, the Community Store will be celebrating its 20th Anniversary with a special lunch for all who have been involved with the Store. My special thanks to Lill Kelly, Jackie Culleton, Wilma Garvin, Jeanette Belcher and Kristine Green who have each contributed so much as Store Co-ordinators over the 20 years as well as to each volunteer for their hard work and commitment to the Store.

Chibobo High School Opening

I will be attending the opening of the High School on 8th July with Kevin

Swaffield, Mike Lampard, Jim Laussen (Principal of Overnewton) and the Mission Team from Overnewton. This will be a special occasion for the Chibobo Community and for us as a Parish to celebrate as we make a significant difference to the lives of orphans and vulnerable children through the provision of a High School in their area.

Mike, Jim and I will also be holding special meetings with Staivous Mulumba as a follow up to our meetings in February.

I will be away from 4th July and will return to work after a short break on Monday 17th July.

Diocesan Conference

Kim and I will be attending the Diocesan Conference in Albert Park from Wednesday 26 July to Friday 28 July (inclusive).

Let's keep up the good work of serving Christ in this community in many ways.

Gavin Ward

Vicar



Blueberry Cheesecake

Few who attended the 5pm Banquet in May will forget the sight of Kayleen's amazing Blueberry Cheesecake on the dessert table! She has kindly shared her recipe for anyone wishing to replicate the mouthwatering masterpiece!

INGREDIENTS

250g packet of Nice Biscuits
(or any other biscuit you prefer)
125g butter, melted
3 teaspoons of gelatine powder
1/4 cup of boiling water
2x250 packets of cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup of caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla bean paste
300ml thickened cream, whipped
300g of fresh or frozen blueberries

METHOD

Grease and line a 6cm deep, 20cm round base, spring form pan

Crush biscuits (or use a food processor) until they are like breadcrumbs, add melted butter and mix till combined then press into base of tin and press/smooth with the back of a spoon, then push it up the sides of the tin, pressing with the spoon as you go, this can take a while and is a bit fiddly but works well. Refrigerate for about 20 mins or until firm.

Sprinkle gelatin over boiling water in a heatproof jug. Whisk with a fork until gelatin is dissolved.

Set aside to cool for 15 minutes.

Using an electric mixer, beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla until smooth. Gradually beat in gelatin mixture until combined. Fold in whipped cream, then 1 cup blueberries.

Pour mixture into prepared pan. Smooth top with a spatula. Sprinkle remaining blueberries over cheesecake. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Note- Kayleen says she doubled the recipe and used a large springform pan

Editor's notes- The staff team are available for taste testing at anytime!

Samples would be especially welcomed for our staff meetings in the office- Monday's at 1.30pm!



Coffee Snowballs

Noel Sprague

As a part of our 150th celebrations, St Mary's is looking to outreach into our community. One planned event is to sponsor a Bush Dance for Sunbury West Primary school. St Mary's is hoping to provide funds for the bush band with any additional funds raised on the night going to much needed school projects.

One fund raising idea is to run a coffee snowball. The idea is that you are invited to someone's house for afternoon or morning tea/ coffee and donate the price of a coffee (\$4) and then invite a group of people to a similar function at your house. This allows you to socialise with different parishioners and raise money that will go towards the bush band for Sunbury West.

I have started the snowball rolling by inviting people to my house recently, with the hope each one of them will do the same, hopefully ending up like this

1 invite 10 people: $10 \times \$4 = \40
10 invite 10 people: $100 \times \$4 = \400
100 invite 10 people: $1000 \times \$4 = \4000

Now there is no obligation to host a morning/ afternoon tea, but if everyone did, we get to socialise across the parish and enjoy the company of different parishioners as well, raise money for Sunbury West Primary. You can attend as many or as few events as you like. I look forward to a great time over the winter months of lots of get togethers.



"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness"
Colossians 2:6-7



Our newest addition

Introducing Germaine.....

It was with great delight and thanks to God that we welcomed Germaine Vicki Clements to our St Mary's family on Saturday May 20th. Mum, Dad and proud grandparents are all doing well and madly in love!

Parish Finance Update- June 2017

From the Church Wardens

The wardens and Parish Council continue to closely monitor expenditure against giving on a weekly basis. To date we have had to juggle funds in various accounts in order to meet financial commitments and to pay bills. We are indebted to all parishioners who continue to regularly contribute funds and their time to God through St Mary's. Our current position is still around \$9,000 below budget projections, which has placed stress on our cash flow and meant our bank accounts are currently at minimal levels.

The wardens have committed to providing a balanced budget in 2017/18 and have been working to achieve this based on our current (2016/17) giving levels.

We continue to rely on God's almighty grace as we seek to bring his message and love to our local Sunbury community. Thank you to all parishioners for their support. Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us should you have any queries or comments.

*Wendy Caramarco, Mark Armstrong,
Noel Sprague*

Bank Account Details

St Marys Anglican Church Sunbury
BSB number- 083918
Account Number- 516062042

Graduation Congratulations

Earlier this year Kim Beales completed his Postgraduate Coursework Degree of the Australian College of Theology, graduating with a Master of Arts (Theology). At the same ceremony, Laura Paul received the Church History Award. Congratulations to Kim and Laura! You can view their graduation photo in the Winter edition (issue #152) of the "Ridley report", available on the table in the Parish hall.



Ridley Certificate

Ros Armstrong

The Ridley Certificate is an ideal course for people who would like to do some in depth bible and ministry study, but either do not wish or are unable to undertake a full diploma/degree. It is fully online and involves excellent quality video lectures by expert presenters (who lecture at Ridley and elsewhere), supplemented by reflection questions. The assessment is multiple-choice quizzes after each session and a final quiz at the end of the unit.

St Mary's has been running the Certificate in groups for the last three years, and a couple of parishioners have been doing it in their own time. Those who have taken part since the beginning have now completed the four core units and six electives needed to complete the Certificate, though several of them plan to continue to take extra units as they have enjoyed it so much (and will finish up with an Advanced Certificate).

Our next unit is Talking About Ethics, beginning on Wednesday August 2, and running for six weeks. The unit will provide tools and skills for looking at ethical issues, and having productive ethical conversations, as well as particular ethical issues, including the environment, euthanasia, asylum seekers and poverty. Cost is \$80 payable to Ridley. You don't need to have done any other units to join in. Please see me for more details.

150th Celebrations

Save the Date!

Saturday November 18th

History of St Mary's book launch,
Unveiling 150th Quilt and Quiz night.

Sunday November 19th

1662 Evensong (early evening)

Monday November 20th

St Mary's Annual General Meeting

Tuesday November 21st

Stitch and Sew – old fashioned crafts.

Ladies Night that evening

Wednesday November 22nd

10am Service with Bishop Philip Huggins

followed by a special lunch.

Optional historical walk Historical walk to follow

Thursday November 23rd

10am– Music Playtime Birthday party

Friday November 24th

Friendship Lunch with Sing-a-long of old time songs

Men's dinner that evening

Saturday November 25th

7.00pm – 11.30 pm - Colonial ball

Sunbury Memorial Hall

Sunday November 26th

2 services of worship with Archbishop Philip

Freier celebrating at both services

Service 1 – 8.30 am followed by Food, games and activities for all at 10 am

Photo shoot of everyone at 10.30am

Service 2 - 11.30 am



Archive Assistance Required

Do you have an interest in St Mary's history and archives? Are you looking for a project to keep you going over the cold winter months?

In our 150th year, we would like to ensure that we preserve and protect our rich history for generations to come by scanning all of our Wedding registers and other important records and creating an electronic database.

A group of six people (five adults and one baby) are standing together, wearing various items of clothing (t-shirts, hoodies) that feature the St Mary's 150th Anniversary logo. The logo consists of a stylized cross with 'celebrating 150 years' and 'St Mary's ANGLICAN CHURCH' text. The background is a dark, textured wall with a large, faint version of the logo.

St Mary's 150th Clothing

Whether you are 1 month old or pushing 100 years, get a shirt or hoodie and be part of the celebrations!

Visit our online store to view entire range, sizes and prices.

<https://shop.spreadshirt.com.au/StMarysAnglican>

The scanning would be done here at the office using our copier and saved as electronic files, and the information then entered into an excel spreadsheet (which could be done at your home). The project could be shared by a couple of people- one person could do the scanning and another the data entry.

If you interested in being involved please speak to Narelle or email your interest to the office admin@stmarysanglican.org.au

Buildings Update- July 2017

From the Building Committee



The building committee continues to engage with our architects around detail design to enable a statutory planning application to be submitted to the City of Hume.

Detailed plans were presented to the building committee in May and we have subsequently sort clarification to 20 items which have been addressed by the architects.

Parish council reviewed documentation at the July meeting and agreed that we should proceed to planning application stage. These street scape views and final plan are now on display in the hall. The duration of the application is unknown at this stage. It will depend upon any objections. We did meet with the Hume Council in February who did not raise any real concerns to our proposal. The application will include a traffic consultant's report and show indicative parking options on the site.

Whilst it may appear that we have not made much progress this year, the committee has been quietly working away to ensure our submission is favourably received.

We continue to ask the parish to uphold the building process in their prayers and we give thanks to God for progress thus far.

Ben Clements, Phil Stacy, Alan Phillips, Noel Sprague.



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