



Rob gets licence to stay!

Locum priest Rob Healy has been officially advised he will remain as locum in the Swan parish until July 31. He is pictured here with the certificate of licence and authority he has received from Peth Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy.

Prayer points

- +We pray for efforts to restore peace in the World.
- +We pray for those seeking election on May 21. May they truly serve the people of our nation.
- +We pray for the Church and all who serve the body of Christ; that they would be faithful and true to God and His Word.
- +We pray for our generosity to finance the employment of a new Priest; to serve under God, in the Parish of Swan.
- +We pray for parish families impacted by illness (please use the Prayer Tree). We pray for God to heal Brooke.

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Next Sunday's rosters

All Saints, May 8, 7.30am

Pre-cleaning: Sara and Sam Henry
 Sacristan: Shirley Reynolds
 LA: Gaye Moses
 Readers: David Watson and Erica Hill
 Intercessions: David Watson
 Morning tea: Margaret Grubb

St Mary's, May 8, 10am

LA/sacristan: Sarah Simpson
 Intercessions: Kaye Healy
 Host/covid cleaner: Janet Hewett
 Greeter: Julian Abbott
 Readers: Sharon and Sarah Zuiddam
 Powerpoint: Ian Ludlow
 Morning tea: Sue Kovacevich
 Cleaning: Janet Hewett

Today's Hymns

TIS 181 Sing Out!
 MP 21 Refiner's Fire
 MP 712 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
 MP 936 Teach Me to Dance

Today's Bible Readings:

Acts 9, 1-6
 Psalm 117
 Revelations 2, 1-7
 John 21, 1-19

Next week's hymns

TIS 111 Praise to the Lord
 TIS 659 My Shepherd
 ICA 10 In Christ Alone
 TIS 152 Ode to Joy

Next week's Bible readings

Acts 9: 36-43, 25-29
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7, 9-17
 John 10, 22-30



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 the 3rd Sunday after Easter, May 1, 2022

Please join us for fellowship and morning tea after the service



A very special baptism

WITH Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus looking down from the stained glass window, Lucy Aylmore is baptised in St Mary's last Sunday.

The baptism was performed by the Revd Rob Healy, watched by mum Coby and godmother Jackie Solomon.

Lucy's father, Andrew, died shortly after learning he was going to be a father.

The service was attended by 70 people, making it the largest congregation for a Sunday morning service in St Mary's since before the corona virus outbreak.

Coby and other members of the Aylmore family later provided morning tea in the Minchin Centre. More details and another pic page 3.

Trainees wanted

IAN Ludlow has offered to train people to use the "overheads", which provide computer-generated images projected on the wall during St Mary's Sunday morning services.

At present, this essential service is provided by only the Zuiddam and Ludlow families

If interested in sharing the load, please contact Ian at Church or email twinterbourn@ozemail.com.au

Meanwhile, the St Mary's roster for the period up to and including July 10 is almost complete. Just one morning tea and three cleaning slots remain to be filled.

A WORD FROM THE LOCUM

Sometimes, simple illustrations carry great truth. This is one of my favourites.

A man spoke with the Lord about heaven and hell. The Lord said to the man: "Come, I will show you hell". They enter a room where a group of famished people sat around a huge pot of cooking stew. Everyone in the room was starving and desperate. Each person held a spoon that reached the pot but each spoon had a handle so much longer than their arms that it could not be used to get the stew into their mouths. The suffering was terrible.

"Come now, I will show you heaven" the Lord said. They enter another room identical to the first; the big pot of stew, the group of people and the same long-handled spoons. But here everyone was happy and well nourished. "I don't understand," said the man. "Why is everyone happy here and miserable in the other room? Everything is the same."

WHAT does it cost to run our parish? In simple terms, an income in excess of six figures a year.

Parish treasurer Greg Fawell said the current income pie of \$110,000 is derived mainly from parish offerings and donations (47%) and property hire and rentals (36%), with the remainder coming from fundraising (11 per cent) and pastoral services such as weddings (six per cent).

Expenditure almost equals income, at \$105,000, with the main item clergy salaries (48%). And this is based on a three-day week. This figure would be considerably higher with a full-time priest, as we have had in the past.

"Here," said the Lord "they have learned to feed each other."

Do we serve, support and love each other in Swan? God bless you.

COVID RESTRICTIONS EASED: The Archbishop has informed us of eased restrictions (I will place a copy of the email on notice boards). The main points are that we are no longer required to wear masks in Church and the number of restrictions have been removed. If you consider yourself at-risk, you may choose to continue to wear a mask. It is also probably wise to continue to have morning tea outside, with commercial food for the next couple of weeks. As always, if you are feeling unwell, self-isolate until you feel better.

HERITAGE LETTER: We need to repaint the roof of St Mary's. Please see the Heritage Letter sent out recently about giving to maintain our church building.

Breaking down the income and expenditure pies

Other cost components are buildings maintenance (26%), diocesan assessment (18%), service charges such as rates, power, etc (4.4%), admin expenses (3%) and ministry (0.6%).

Greg said the current level of income would be sufficient to maintain the status quo of a half-time minister, such as Rob is now doing as locum.

However, our expenditure does not consider the ageing of our heritage buildings and escalating maintenance and repair costs, although the \$5000 surplus of income over expenditure does allow for urgent unexpected works to be carried out.

"To increase our minister appointment from three days would require an additional commitment of \$975 a month for every extra day of time," Greg said.

"That equates to increased giving of \$15-\$20 per active enrolled member or the ability to work smarter and use our resources to increase income through the giving of time and effort to fund-raising ventures and increased use of rental of facilities."

The parish council would welcome any suggestions from parishioners on how we can increase our income and also new fund-raising ideas now that we are emerging from the stifling effects of covid over the past two years.

'It was such a beautiful day'



Members of the Aylmore family with Revd Rob Healy.

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Coby said she was so happy with everything on the day. "It was such a beautiful day."

She said her husband Andrew was aware he was going to be a father before he died. "He passed away when I was 11 weeks pregnant, but was

unaware I was pregnant with a little girl," she said.

"He had hoped for a girl and four days after he passed, I got the results that we were having a girl."

Family guests attended the service from as far away as Dunsborough.

Sentence: To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb. Be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever. (Rev 5:13)

Collect/ Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection,

May we, through the renewing power of your Spirit, rise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen