

Combined service today

Welcome to our combined service in St Mary's at 9am today as we celebrate the church's patron saint, Mary, Mother of Our Lord. Please wear your name badges and join us for morning tea afterwards.

Sentence: "Is not my word like fire," says the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks rocks in pieces?"

Prayer of the Day: Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Things you should know

BISHOP HERE NEXT SUNDAY: Bishop Jeremy and community buildings expert Allan Tranter will be at the Minchin Centre next Wednesday for a meeting with the new parish council for a briefing on our plans to "grow the parish".

CHANGE OF DATE: Because of a clash with the diocesan officer training course for the new parish council members, the Parish Breakfast in The Cloisters has been put back a week to September 17.

CANDLES: One of the parish's little money-earners are the candles made by Helga and Karl Aldinger from candle remnants found in our two churches. While appreciated they cannot accept other donated candles at this stage. Please support this project by buying a candle or two, at \$12 each.

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Next Sunday's rosters

All Saints, Aug. 21, 7.30am

Pre-cleaning: Glen Davis
Sacristan: Gordon Todd
LA: Helen Wakefield
Readers: David Watson, Shirley Reynolds
Intercessions: John Dendy
Morning tea: Aideen Eastman
St Mary's, Aug. 21, 10am

LA/sacristan: Janet Hewett
Intercessions: Gaye Moses
Host/covid cleaner:
Readers: Sue O'Donoghue, Gwyne Marshall
Power point:
Morning tea: Goula Jeffrey
Cleaning: Sharon Zuiddam

Today's hymns

Tell Out My Soul
Mary Did You Know
Mary Heard the Angel's Message
One More Step Along the World I Go

Today's Bible readings:

Isaiah 5, v1-7
Psalm 80, v1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11, v29-ch 12, v2
Luke 12, v49-59

Next week's hymns (Aug 21)

Morning has broken
Eagles' Wings
I Am the Bread of Life
Teach Me to Dance

Next week's Bible readings (Aug. 21)

Jeremiah 1, v4-10
Psalm 71, v1-6
Hebrews 12, v18-29
Luke 13; v10-17



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 10th Sunday after Pentecost, August 14, 2022

Please join us for fellowship and morning tea after the service

Storm problem at St Mary's

THE stormy night of August 2 and 3 brought major problems for St Mary's, with a large bough on the pine tree near the main entrance breaking off and blocking the church porch (see pic).

It is also caused some other minor damage, but thankfully the church building itself escaped any structural damage.

Services last Sunday were able to continue as normal, albeit by using the side entrance facing the Minchin Centre.

The drama unfolded when Jenny, the tenant at the rectory, advised that a large branch had fallen and completely blocked the main church entrance.

A quick phone call by parish treasurer Greg Fawell to Tracey Brandt at Diocesan Property brought about an immediate response. Within an hour, she had arranged a coordinator to manage the site and he arranged for tree loppers to make the area safe by removing the fallen bough and another branch.

Parish secretary Meagan Smythe quickly arranged for her husband James, a licensed electrician, to isolate the pow-

er to the external broken light fitting and ensure its safety.

A fence to isolate the area was erected to continue the clean-up and facilitate maintenance and will remain in place until the tree safety is resolved.

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Jackie and Hank Dahl pictured with three of the repeat students in the team this year.

Nepal report: Young missionaries in the Himalayas

HANK Dahl, an American missionary, has just led a group of 33 young Americans spreading the word of Christ in predominantly-Hindu Nepal.

They have visited institutions such as orphanages and leper colonies — yes, they still exist in Nepal.

The land-locked nation in the Himalayas does have a Christian foothold, albeit a small one. There are, for instance, a couple of Anglican churches in the greater Kathmandu region.

Hank and his Royal Servants ministry teams have been coming to Nepal for four years, although teams under a previous leaderships have been coming for 20 years.

Royal Servants is, Hank says, “orthodox conservative Christian” while Hank is an ordained Baptist minister.

“Normally we have 10 teams go out every year in July/August after a two-week training course,” he said. “We usually visit 10 different countries, but only five this year because of covid.”

Students aged between 14 and 26 (12 young men and 22 young women) plus Hank and his wife Jackie, made up the Nepal

team this year.

Before embarking on their adventure, they undertook a two-week training camp. This starts in mid-June to coincide with the start of the US school holidays.

The students on the Nepal missions base themselves in Kathmandu and then work with local churches and ministries.

In addition to visiting orphanages and leper colonies, activities include speaking at churches (where Hank usually preaches), youth services and liaising with mothers coming out of human trafficking.

Hank’s team returned to the US on August 3. It spent the first two weeks in Kathmandu before two days of cultural and heritage experience at the Chitwan game reserve, then 11 days in Pokhara, Nepal’s second city, before returning to Kathmandu for four days of de-briefing. The students undertook four or five hours of ministry every day.

“They hopefully will continue the spiritual habits for a lifetime,” Hank said. “My goal is to set the students up to be future leaders in the church and in the mission field, even if it is in the US.”

MORE PICTURES OF STORM DAMAGE

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The shattered light fitting was found under the branches and surprisingly not one piece of the leadlight was broken! The various pieces of this heritage and historical item have been placed in the archives store in the Minchin centre and will require some restoration work,.

Locum priest Rob Healy said there didn’t appear to be any structural damage to the church. But there was loose masonry above the entrance and so, for Health and Safety considerations, that entry is closed. He said the church was quick cleared for

use, with entry via a side door.

What now remains to be done is the future safety of the tree and the restoration of the main church entrance.

Parish treasurer Greg Fawell said Tracey, Meagan and James were to be thanked for their prompt and efficient service.

