

Vale Florence Stowell

SWAN parishioners will have the chance to farewell one of their most active workers over seemingly a lifetime at the funeral service in St Mary's on Saturday (Aug 27) for Florence Stowell. The service, at 10am, will be conducted by Perth Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy. Florence died on August 17 in an Amana Living Aged Care facility, where she had lived for several years. She was 91.

Florence ran the Sunday School, Women's Group, organised the bi-annual church stalls in Midland and monthly "bring and buy" stalls at local churches and was the main organiser for all women's activities in the parish. One parishioner recalled there were many willing to help, but Florence was the organiser.

Saturday's service will be followed by refreshments in the Minchin Centre.

Sentence: All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Luke 14:11

Prayer of the Day: O God, you invite the humble and the sinful to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant: Teach your Church always to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast, so that we may learn to recognise each other as table. We ask this through our Lord Jesus, Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Order of service: HC3

Next Sunday's rosters

All Saints, Sept. 4, 7.30am

Pre-cleaning: Rosalyn Tay-Brighton
Sacristan: Gordon Todd
LA: Erica Hill

Readers: John Davis, Glenys Davis
Intercessions: David Watson
Morning tea: David Watson

St Mary's, Sept. 4, 10am

LA/sacristan: Sharon Zuiddam
Intercessions: Sallyanne Bushe-Jones
Host/covid cleaner: Rachael Kelly
Readers: Sue O'Donoghue, Marlene Perriman
Power point: Sallyanne Bushe-Jones
Morning tea: Janice McEwen and T Winterbourn

Today's hymns

Sing a New Song
One Bread One Body
A New Commandment
Strong and Constant

Today's Bible readings:

Jeremiah 2, v4-13
Psalm 81, v1, 10-16
Hebrews 13, v1-8, 15-16
Luke 14, v2-14

Next week's hymns (Sept. 4)

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Behold the Lamb
One Bread One Body
All Over the World

Next week's Bible readings (Sept 4)

Jeremiah 18, v1-11
Psalm 139, v1-5, 12-18
Philemon 1-15
Luke 14, v25-35



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 12th Sunday after Pentecost, Aug. 28, 2022

Please join us for fellowship and morning tea after the service

We're pushing even harder now!

THE push to grow our parish is on in earnest, with Parish Warden Mike Salmon setting up a development group to investigate ways in which this can be achieved.

This initiative is in addition to previously outlined plans to hold an engagement day with Bishop Jeremy and community building expert Allan Tranter to seek input and ideas for moving forward together.

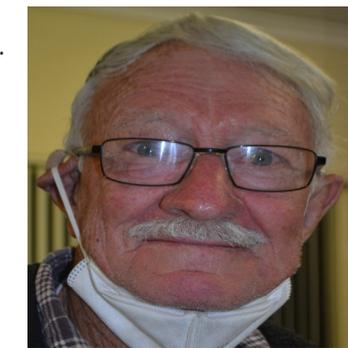
Owing to an illness to Mr Tranter, a revised date for this meeting is yet to be confirmed.

The Parish Council at its meeting on August 17 approved the development group proposal, which will seek ways to grow the parish and also improve our outreach.

At this point, Mike (pictured) has accepted the support of parish secretary Meagan Smythe and is seeking another couple of parishioners..

After the council meeting, Mike

said he was very keen to move on "growing our parish", but made the



point it was not just about getting "bums on seats", but rather reaching out to the community.

"The community, in many cases, is hurting and in great need to hear the Gospel," he said.

"At this stage, the group consists of Meagan (Smythe) and myself and we just need a couple more enthusiastic contributors. If you have the drive and will to see growth in the Parish you will be welcomed by Mike. "There will be plenty to do once we get rolling. "

We welcome all visitors to our parish and particularly to our services, at All Saints on Sundays at 7.30am and St Mary's at 10 am on Sundays and 10am on Wednesdays. We look forward to you soon joining us on a more permanent basis.

A future church leader?

We really didn't need an excuse to publish this pic! It carries the day on cuteness alone.

Young William Smyth is pictured sitting in front of the altar at All Saints Church. He is the son of parish secretary Meagan Smythe and husband James and is already a regular worshipper at All Saints.

Pic: Edith Mpikamezo.



Parish council briefing notes

THE Parish Council met on August 17 and some of the items of interest to parishioners are listed below:

*The revised date for the parish breakfast was confirmed as Saturday, September 17, at All Saints. Time to be advised.

*There will be two weddings (possibly three) and three baptisms in the parish over the next two months. Love is in the air or is the end

of covid near!

*The project manager and an engineer were due at the Minchin Centre on Aug 24 to further plan repairs to St Mary's after the storm damage.

Due to the extended length of time, the council will buy a temporary ramp to enable those who need ramp access to attend services. It is expected to be in place soon. The \$8855 tree removal cost will be covered by insurance.

*No further news on the visit of Bishop Jeremy and Alan Tranter. The Parish engagement is still scheduled for September 11.

*We have sent an early motion for consideration at the Perth Synod for discussion to address the issue of the many heritage buildings in WA.

*With the parish spring fair scheduled for October 8, now is the time to start planning, as in baking, preserving and selecting good quality,

saleable second hand items. This is our major fund-raiser, so your support is invaluable. More details later on what support the organisers need.

Things you should know

EVENING PRAYER: Please don't forget the Evening Prayer service conducted by Rev Les Marshall in St Mary's at 6pm tonight. A shared meal will follow in the Minchin Centre.

NEW CANDLES FROM OLD: A way to contribute to parish funds while enhancing your evening meal is to buy one of the candles made from candle stubs by Carl and Helga Aldinger. The are available at \$12 each.

RECYCLING: Another way of helping boost parish funds is to save and donate recyclable cans and bottles. Mike Salmon is accepting donations at All Saints and Marlene Perriman at St Mary's.

Prayers for new priest

BOUNTIFUL God, please give to this Anglican Parish of Swan a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word and minister Your sacraments; an encourager who will equip our people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling. Give to those who will choose wisdom, discernment and patience and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Nepal report:

BEGAM Rokka is like the traditional GP many of us older folk may remember: On duty 24/7 and never hesitating to visit a sick patient in the home.

But we're not talking about an urban environment here; rather one of the most remote areas on the planet, 2500m up in the Himalayas.

And at least twice a year, his "calling" involves a 14-hour road trip over what we would describe as horrendous roads – and that's ONE WAY!

Begam (pictured) is officer-in-charge of the Nagarkot Community Health Centre in the foothills of the Himalayas, 32km west of Kathmandu. The building was only recently rebuilt from the ground up over five years after the original building was destroyed in the 2015 earthquake.

But it is perhaps Begam's on-going commitment to his birth village of Pyuthan, 250km west of Kathmandu, that shows the greatest commitment to his profession and the Nepali people.

He grew up in this remote part of Nepal and attended the village school there with his three brothers and two sisters before moving on to secondary school, college to study commerce and then university to study medicine -- general medicine for three years and specialist medicine for two years.

But he has never forgotten his roots. Twice a year he travels by bus across inhospitable terrain to Pyuthan to offer medical and health services to its residents. The trip usually takes 14 hours (one way),

THE GOOD 'DOCTOR'!

but that could blow out if there are landslides, accidents or "difficult" road conditions following monsoonal rain.

There are no toilets on the buses, so when nature calls, you simply ask the driver to pull over!

Begam has a house in Pyuthan and stays there for up to 12 days at a time, helping the villagers with advice and medications. He also catches up with family members, some of whom still live in the village.

Any serious problems he detects he refers to the nearest hospital, just 25km away — but three hours by road! He also conducts clinics, offers special advice on women's issues, provides health plans and carries out minor surgery.

He also arranges humanitarian aid and recently I was one of three people to sponsor new track suits to help keep the 39 village school pupils warm during the cold winter months, as they often came to school inappropriately dressed and cold. Pyuthan sits about 8200ft) above sea level.

When students finish junior school, they go on to secondary school about 3km away – but that entails a two-hour walk both before and after class!

It's a harsh lifestyle, but the Nepalis accept it as their way of life and never complain!

—Tom Winterbourn



Patients lined up to see Begam at Nagarkot.