

the anglican parish of eltham research and montmorency
 worshipping at St. Margaret's, Eltham

the Parish Matters

This is a monthly bulletin to keep you informed, as well as giving you an insight into the last meeting of Vestry.

The Anglicare Victoria Prayer

Living and eternal God
 enable us by your spirit
 to live in your example.
 Strengthen and encourage all
 who work and support
 the mission of Anglicare Victoria.
 We thank you for all those
 who have serviced the welfare
 of others in past years.
 Bring to us your
 generosity of spirit
 so we may also serve in
 building your community.
 In the name of Christ. AMEN



VESTRY'S EARLY MORNING MEETING

Last Saturday morning 9th June, our enthusiastic combined Vestry met to enjoy an informal breakfast together and proceed with this months Vestry business. The purpose was two fold, one to informally share a very warming breakfast and secondly to conduct our monthly meeting. Breakfast was a hearty event preparing us for the very long meeting that followed.

Bringing any two groups together, requires explanation, understanding and open minds, to allow the processes of the meeting to take place. Saturday was no exception, as there was lots of good will being shared around, supported by hard work and good humour.

A small number of items relating to our Amalgamation were finalized as we now need to move forward united in our faith to bring about new directions for some and consolidate some for others.

PROPERTY NEWS

There are three things you might notice soon around the St Margaret's environs.

1. The Stove in the Hall is going (some say it has been "gone" for a while. Vestry has approved the purchase of a bigger, better and safer stove which will be installed soon.
2. Repairs will be carried out to the fabric of the Hall itself. The lintel has moved slightly over one of the rear doors and the door is jammed shut. A mud-brick specialist will be inserting a steel support and rebuilding the wall between the door frame and the column.
3. A child proof fence is to be built across between Dendy House and the Vestry. There has been some concern with children being able to reach Pitt Street from the play area behind the Hall. This is to be remedied.

Graham Carew –

Warden

LIBBY'S STUDY TOUR LONDON

Libby will be away from June 18 to July 17. The first half on study leave and the second half as annual leave.

We wish her well and will look forward to some interesting input on her safe return to us.

ANGLICARE'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

July 1st 1997 saw the amalgamation of The Mission of St James and St John, The Mission to Streets and Lanes and St John's Homes for Boys and Girls into what is now known as Anglicare. Today Anglicare, continues to offer service to vulnerable children, young people and families.

For twenty years before 1997 this parish had an auxiliary group which raised money and awareness for the Mission to Streets and Lanes. The present Anglicare Auxiliary enthusiastically continues working for and publicizing Anglicare's work.

Anglicare has arranged a number of celebrations to mark this important anniversary. Some members of our congregation have received invitations to the Dinner on 7th July. Others will attend the Annual Celebration Service and Supper on 15th August, this year to be held at St John's Camberwell. The Auxiliary is already planning to attend the opening of the Toolangi Children's Centre on 17th November. Please see Shirley Burns or Jenny Disney if you would like to attend.

This auxiliary will celebrate the Anniversary by providing a special breakfast for the congregation of the 8am service and a morning tea for the congregation of the 10 am service on 1st July. [Fortuitously the Meg's Munchers' lunch has been postponed to 8th July] We are hoping that parishioners will join in the celebration by bringing a "Birthday Present" for Anglicare clients in the form of pairs of socks and/or cans of food. Containers will be in the church on the first two weekends of July and the goodies taken to Fitzroy, Box Hill and Preston.

COMMUNITY WATER GRANT

The Commonwealth Government has offered Community Water Grants for organisations like ours, if we can demonstrate a real savings in water. A few of us made a valiant effort to explore this in our parish. We developed a plan to collect water from our Hall roof, to flush the toilets, use on the garden and to install water saving devices in the hall. In the end time was not on our side, it was taking too long to collect the information on water use and rainfall and to engage the local community in the project. Vestry decided we would forego this current round of grants and hoping there will be another lot next year. We should continue to gather the information so we are ready next year.

Thanks to everyone who gave their support to the project. We will meet again later in the year so we are ready as soon as the grants are announced. If your interested in this project, let Helene Bell know on 9439 2019.