From Peter

Parish Priest’s report to the Annual Vestry Meeting 24-2-2013

Dear Friends in Christ,

Having been absent on Long Service Leave from March to June of 2012, I might be expected to have less than usual to say. Of course, I don’t. So I’ll have to be selective, and try to be brief.

I want to begin by thanking you all—colleagues, wardens, council, volunteers and congregations. I was struck anew on my return by the healthy, life-giving spirit of this parish; by the pastoral ministries within our community and the mission outreachs all buzzing; by the great sense of community and energy. I join with you in praising God for the wonderful work Wendy did leading the parish; for her inspiring example of joyous love for our Lord Jesus, and her warm love and care for all of us. The same is true of Sue’s, Sonya’s, Katrina’s and Chris’ ministries. We are deeply blessed in the people God has called to ministry amongst us; I rejoice to have such colleagues.

(We are all very sad to see Sonya and Rob and their family move to Glenelg parish soon. But happily, they will continue to live in Bridgewater, so we’ll still see them around the traps. We’ll farewell them properly on March 3rd)

I am no less grateful to God for the care and oversight given by the Wardens and Treasurer, the Parish Council, the Pastoral Care Commission; the Lay Ministry teams who lead and enable worship in our Churches, at local aged-care facilities and in home visits; the numerous silent givers who quietly fulfil rostered duties (and so many who do regular jobs for which there are no rosters—who see things needing doing and just roll sleeves up and do them).

I rejoice too when I think about the leaders, facilitators, hosts and participants of our various home groups, our inviting interest groups, our EFM programme, our musical ministries, our children’s groups and treble choir, our web presence and organisers of outreachs like the William Morris exhibition and the Christmas Presence. There is a rich blend of care for our parish family and creative outward looking ministry—there are so many ways we are connected with each other and with the community around us.

The thanks and rejoicing don’t stop there. I find the work of all our Mission-Action enablers and spade-workers inspirational. Think with me of our missions alongside Aboriginal Australians, our Meditation Outreach, our Monthly Market Community and so much more. Praise God with me for the joy of it all—the significance of it all and the way God gives it all to us as a blessing of integrity and wholeness. Praise God that in all this, we and many people can (re)discover the depth of God’s love for us, and the tangible joy of belonging in Christ’s community.

My final thanksgiving is for the inspirational lives of our beloved parishioners who in 2012 died in the faith of Christ. Several dear friends have taken their journey from this world; some people we hadn’t known before who were in our care at the time of their death; some older friends of the parish who found their final resting place in our beautiful gardens. We pray that we and all who love them might see them again in Jesus’ nearer presence.

David Richard Coppin; Kenneth Joseph Lugsden; Therma (Thel) Aileen Dank; Sylvia Rose Ball; Maxwell Leslie Bidstrup; Evelyn Edith Bidstrup; Teresa (Terry) Mary Sheppard; Ian Alfred Napper; Jean Alma Daphne Iredale (Wendy’s Mum); Christine Bowman Janet Mary Warner; Evelyn Phoebe Putnam (Byard); Keith Smith; William Samuel Watts; Margaret Noël Glynne Maslen; Katrine Iona Baghurst

May they rest in peace, and rise again with Christ in his Glory.

I haven’t attempted more than the roughest sketch in this brief report; we will give thanks together for all the blessings we find described in this year’s collected reports. And I ask you to read these reports with a question constantly in mind; Is Jesus calling me/us to a new level of involvement; a new stage in my/our discipleship?

We need to ask this because when we were baptised into the priesthood of all believers, we (maybe through our godparents) answered yes to a very significant question: Will you, by God’s grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life’s end? (Or the equivalent in the time and denomination of your baptism.) It’s a personal question, and also a corporate one—one we are called to work out personally and as a community. We have the responsibility of making this a community which lovingly nurtures individual growth in discipleship for people of all ages and varying gifts.

This is the responsibility of each one of us, and all of us. It takes mindfulness and commitment, always listening to Jesus for the call to the next stage of the journey. None of us is exempt and there is no retirement age; as our baptismal promise says, we commit to remain ready, willing and responsive until our last breath.

So I’ve now moved out of reporting mode and into quite another; to a question; Where is Jesus calling us now?

Something I inherited when I came here in 2007 was the mission-statement (or maybe it was originally called a parish vision statement) which continues to appear on our pewsheets, website and official stationery.

Living as a faith community • Active in the world as God’s people • Reaching out with the Gospel

More than five (maybe eight) years on, it’s time for us to revisit this mission statement with a few questions.

1st question: Does this statement describe what we are like now, or does it describe what we want to become?

If it describes what we are like, then it’s no longer a mission statement, but simply a description of where we are now. A mission / vision statement means movement towards an aim—where we believe our Lord Jesus is sending us or calling us. It’s our responsibility as people of mature faith to ponder this question, prayerfully to open ourselves to Jesus’ voice and example, and when we do discern a call or mission together, to obey the call—to go where we are sent.

2nd question: Is this statement a useful signpost both for parishioners and those to whom we are called to witness?

3rd question: Does this statement point us along the way we believe Jesus is calling us now, and will it serve as a valuable guide to life in Christ for seekers whose journey brings them in contact with us?

If we answer no to either the second or third question, then we should be prayerfully opening ourselves to Jesus’ leading, and talking about it together.

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Coming Events 2013

- Fridays 3:45 pm — 6:00 pm Kids Club. St Michael and all Angels, Bridgewater.
- Sung Evensong—see inside page 3
- Holy Week Services—see inside page 3
- Parish Market at St Michael and all Angels, Bridgewater.
- Sunday 17th March Parish Picnic at Bridgewater after the service at approximately 11:30 onwards.
- Thursday 21st March 7:30 pm Parish council Bridgewater
- Sunday 24th March 2:30 pm Kapelle Singers Requiem G Faure St Peter’s Cathedral
- Thursday 18th April 7:30 pm Parish council Bridgewater
From Sue

Annual Vestry Meeting 2013
A Reflection from Sue Burgess

The last twelve months at Stirling Parish have been a wonderful blessing for me. I have felt and experienced the Holy Spirit at work on many occasions and truly feel a sense of God’s Spirit in the air. In this reflection I will mention just a few things, so that I do not repeat the Warden’s (Helen’s and Michael’s) report. We have been blessed at St Michael and All Angels to have celebrated two baptisms last year. One was for Robert van der Zwaag on 6th May 2012 and the other for Auroelia Read on 17th June. Both were such joyous and exciting occasions as we welcomed them into God’s family.

From a liturgical perspective, St Michael and All Angels introduced liturgy planning on a regular basis. We have really enjoyed coming up with “creative ideas”, in particular for the IG services. We have enjoyed some memorable moments, particularly during the young adults/kids talk. Thank you to all who have been and continue to be involved in Liturgy planning.

Music is a vital part of our worship. Thanks to Katrina for her fabulous suggestions to assist the liturgy planners with music choices, and also for encouraging some of the young adults to join in musically. I would also like to thank Rob Paterson for his contribution to the music group. Paul Simons also generously gave his time playing for, and leading us, in music.

In 2012 Inez Johnson and I introduced a Celtic service which is held on the third Sunday of the month at Bridgewater. This is a beautiful, peaceful and prayerful service, and one where you can just come and rest in the Spirit. The service can also be lay-led and was led by Inez and Annie Mann in December. I would like to thank Inez for her gentleness of spirit and the prayerful thought she puts into the service.

Last year we also started a new group at Bridgewater called Hills Angels. This is especially designed for little ones under five years old. Hills Angels started with a small group of dedicated helpers. I wish to say a heartfelt thanks to Fiona van der Zwaag and Lyn Wutke for their encouragement and support. Hills Angels is a group where parents/carers and grandparents come along for an informal coffee morning, and where the kids have some play time.

Hill Angels is a wonderful non-threatening outreach to people who do not regularly attend church, or do not go to church at all. Hills Angels is also a place where we can support those coming along and also has been a great way to talk about God in a relaxed environment. Hills Angels is an organic group and is still in its development stages. We have been blessed to have up to six little ones attend.

St Michael and All Angels have also introduced occasional lay preaching. We are blessed with incredibly gifted people who have given a reflection on some of the readings. This has been very warmly embraced by the community at St Michael and All Angels. I believe this has been Spirit led, is a great way to hear other voices in the community and to hear another person’s Spiritual journey with God. A special thank you to our sisters and brothers who have spoken God’s Word to us and for spending the time reflecting, praying and speaking from the heart to the community. It has been great!

On a personal note, many of you know that Sonya and I were ordained Priest in Nov 2011 and have already celebrated our first year of priesthood. I have been extremely blessed to make this grace filled journey with my sister in Christ and wish her all the best as Sonya answers God’s call to Glenelg. I am still enjoying my study at St Barnabas Theological College and find that study and working in the Parish complement one another. By the end of this year I will have completed most of my degree and will not have many subjects remaining.

I would also like to thank Peter for his continued support, mentoring and ongoing training, and for allowing me freedom to grow in ministry and to try new things.

I am extremely blessed to be part of all three centres at Stirling where I have been nurtured and encouraged, and felt that you have walked alongside me on this journey. Both Greg and I very much feel part of the community. I will never forget the love, support and the prayers I have received from you, and I am looking forward to what God has in store for us at Stirling.

With many blessings
Sue

Farewell to Sonya

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that I have decided to accept a call to assist in the ministry of the Parish of Glenelg, which will mean drawing my ministry in the Parish of Stirling to an end considerably sooner than I had hoped or expected.

Given this unexpected development, I intend to return from leave to resume my duties in Stirling parish on Sunday, 27 January, and I will be able to continue here until the third Sunday of Lent, March 3. The following Sunday I will begin my duties at Glenelg, which will be on a similar scale to my duties here. My Pulteney duties will continue as my main area of ministry for 2013.

Rob and I, with Chris and Toby, are deeply grateful for all that so many people in this parish have done to support us since we began worshipping here 12 or 13 years ago. You welcomed us so warmly into the Parish family and have nurtured us in many different ways through the years.

As you well know, you have grown me into the minister I have become, and I will always treasure the encouragement, the guidance and the love you have given me along the way.

I thank God for the special blessing of having been allowed to continue ministering in my home parish for the last four years, which has been considerably longer than normal for ordinands and new clergy. I am very sorry for the inconvenience and any pain that I will cause by leaving at this time.

We won’t disappear completely, as we will continue to live in Bridgewater, and will join you for worship and other activities occasionally, when we are able. We hope that you will always regard us, in some sense, as part of the family.

While I am grieved to be leaving you, I also look forward in faith and hope to the ministry that God is calling me to and you have been preparing me for. I will never be able to thank you enough, and I pray that my ministry in the future will always reflect and honour your ministry to me and my family. We will keep you in our hearts and prayers, and we ask that you will keep us in yours as well.

With love, tears and blessings,
Sonya

And

Welcome to the expert web designer Jane Norris thanks for putting your hand up, great stuff.

Marcus—editor
**Holy Week & Easter Services 2013**

**Sunday 24th March—Passion/Palm Sunday**
- 8:30 am Sung Eucharist at Aldgate
- 9:30 am All age Eucharist at Bridgewater
- 10:00 am Choral Eucharist at Crafers

**Thursday 28th March—Maundy Thursday**
- 7:30 pm Commemoration of the Last Supper and foot washing ceremony at Crafers

**Friday 29th March—Good Friday**
- 8:30 am Liturgy of the Day at Aldgate
- 9:30 am Stations of the Cross at Bridgewater
- 10:00 am Choral Liturgy at Crafers

**Saturday 30th March—Easter Vigil**
- 6:00 pm New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Flame and Recitation of Salvation History at Aldgate

**Sunday 31st March—Easter Day**
- 6:00 am New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Flame and Intergenerational service of Holy Communion at Bridgewater
- 8:30 am Festal Sung Eucharist at Aldgate
- 9:30 am New Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Flame and Intergenerational service of Holy Communion at Bridgewater
- 10:00 am Festive Choral Eucharist at Crafers

**Sung Evensong Dates**

**During Lent**
- Tuesday 5 March, 6.30pm followed by Soup Supper in the Crafers hall
- Crafers Church of Epiphany
- Tuesday 12 March, 6.30pm followed by Soup Supper in the Crafers hall
- Crafers Church of Epiphany
- Sunday 17 March, 5.30pm (After Parish Picnic)
- Crafers Church of Epiphany
- Tuesday 19 March, 6.30pm followed by Soup Supper in the Crafers hall
- Crafers Church of Epiphany

**Next Fifth Sunday**
- Sunday 30 June, 5.30pm
- A Celtic Service of Evening Prayer
- St Michael and All Angels, Bridgewater

**Job or Ministry**

If you are doing it because no one else will it is a job.
If you are doing it to serve the Lord it is a Ministry.
If you quit because someone criticised you, it was a job.
If you kept on service, it was Ministry.
If you only do it when it does not interfere with other activities, it is a job.
If you are committed to it when it means letting go of other things, it is a Ministry.
If you quit because no one praised or thanked you, it was a job.
If you stay with it, even without recognition, it is a Ministry.

It's hard to get excited about a job.
It's almost impossible not to be excited about a Ministry.

If your concern is success, it is a job.
If your concern is faithfulness, it is Ministry.
An average church is filled with people doing jobs.
A great, growing church is filled with people doing Ministry.
If you have a job, give it up and find a Ministry.
God does not want us feeling stuck with a job, but excited and faithful to Him in Ministry.

**Sunday 17 March**
Morning services will be held at Aldgate at 8.30am and Bridgewater at 9.30am (Treble choir to sing the Chataway Service) followed by the:

**Parish Picnic at Bridgewater**
BYO Everything!

**Events**: Parish Cricket Match
Epiphany vs Aldgate/Bridgewater
Bring hard-boiled eggs, sacks and scarves for the races!

** Afterwards: 5.30 pm Sung Evensong at Crafers Church of Epiphany**
**Aldgate**

**Annual Vestry Meeting 2013**

The congregation of Aldgate has had a productive and active year of service over the past twelve months. There is an evident enthusiasm and love for the life at Ascension particularly in growing our faith through traditional worship and music. Of the sixty five families/individuals listed in the parish directory as attending Aldgate, Sundays averaged 33 over the year while Wednesday attendances averaged 16. The 2011 NCLS (National Christian Life Survey) estimated a weekly attendance of 68 so it’s probable that our numbers are declining. This, however, is in no way indicative of the life at Ascension. During the past twelve months we have had over fifty percent of the congregation listed on the duty roster, ten lay assistants, nine members leading ongoing initiatives and many who make their primary voluntary commitment the successful life of our church. While some of our programmes are summarised in the vestry report our activities also include the Papunya Project; Grant Hay’s Mission; Mary Magdalene’s support; Hillside Lodge and Andrewartha House assistance; EFM courses; Meditation and Prayer action; Pastoral care; Women’s Fellowship programme funding; Parish Markets; special purpose fundraising; music practices; regular maintenance tasks completed; roster coordination for services and operational maintenance. Many of those involved in convening initiatives will no doubt inaccurately record their own effort. For this reason I would like to acknowledge their enormous contributions. I’m sure all of us recognise Betty Argent’s oversight and growing support for Grant Hay’s ministry which has earned her the adoration of a number of communities both here and in rural SA. Vee and Denis Noble continue their outstanding commitment to many activities across our parish which leave many of us exhausted just thinking of their energy and involvement. Libby Parkin epitomises a servant heart with all she does on a daily basis; her broad historical knowledge of the Stirling Parish would be a great loss should she choose a different direction. Ruth Giles reflects the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ in her chosen work at church and within the parish and is well known and liked by many. We wish her well.

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**Bridgewater**

**Annual Vestry Meeting 2013**

The year that has just passed has been one of ongoing spiritual development and strong Christian fellowship at St Michael’s. Revd. Sue Burgess has flourished in her ministry work at St Michael’s and she and husband Greg are always warmly welcomed into our services. Sue’s inspiring sermons draw on her personal experiences and provide thought provoking insights into the Gospels that can be applied to everyday happenings in our lives. Additional to the sermons Sue gives a children’s talk. One such recollection was of Sue travelling with numerous suitcases that reverberated among many of us wishing to be light travellers. The children’s addresses are often ably assisted by lay members of the congregation including enjoyable puppet shows put on by Wendy and Michael Forwood whose puppets resemble anyone from Punch to thieves, to prophets or to angels. Children’s responses to the talks usually manage to amuse and enlighten everyone.

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**Crafers**

How time flies! It only seems yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas at Crafers with wonderful messages, music and well attended services and now Easter is upon us. While on the subject of Christmas we should say how lovely it was to have so many visitors and, of course, our own parishioners involved in our church and the grounds for the ‘Christmas Presence’. This was the brainwave of Jane Norris who with her many helpers all worked to make the day a success and an occasion which, hopefully, could become a regular part of the church calendar.

We were all saddened by the death of our friend Keith Smith just prior to Christmas. Keith was a stalwart of the church and will be missed by many of us. Keith’s knowledge of the Stirling Parish would be a great loss should he choose a different direction. Ruth Giles reflects the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’ in her chosen work at church and within the parish and is well known and liked by many. We wish her well.

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**Helen Martin and Michael Forwood**

**Warden**

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**Beverley and David**

**Warden**
**Monthly Market**

*(Second hand Clothing)*

We had an amazing start to our markets for 2013. With our usual optimism we decided to stay outside in spite of the fine drizzle which threatened to turn nasty during the morning. We were rewarded with blue skies and sun before lunch time.

We had a wonderful lot of cakes in spite of the grand cook up for the Tour Down Under the week before. Jubilee cakes and fruit cakes are always good sellers, but keep the chocolate cakes and honey crackles coming too! The number of plants that arrived was a pleasant surprise, given the very hot weather recently.

Highlight of the day, a Muslim couple visiting the market and Peter B making them welcome by speaking Arabic to them! Wonderful!!

A brief summary of the markets in 2012.

Starting at the beginning of February, we had eleven monthly markets and made a profit of $14,173-52 for the year.

We continued making improvements during the year, and bought more shelters and trestles.

The trolley Denis built has made life much easier this year, and Susanne now has a pink double clothes rack on wheels. Thanks to Kim we have a smooth path to the shed for the trolleys. We are very grateful for the use of all the Bridgewater facilities, as it is an ideal location.

Many thanks to everyone who is involved in the markets in some way, and I am thrilled to say that that is most people in the parish. We are always looking for more muscle power to help with the preparation and tidying up. The stalwarts are finding it takes less to exhaust them these days! Even so, we continue to enjoy it which is important for the market’s longevity.

Andrew Ray (Acting Peoples’ Warden) & Robyn Wescombe (Priests Warden)

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**Kids Club**

It’s always good to end the week at Bridgewater Church at Kids Club. There’s always great food and a cuppa waiting – thanks to Peter. Kids Club was led by all our clergy at some time during the year, as Wendy Pullin and Sue Burgess took over while Peter and Vicky took Long Service Leave.

Thanks to all our clergy for organising and providing teaching during our quiet sessions. These sessions are based on the Gospel for the week, sometimes breaking into older and younger groups for discussion and activities. We often start the session with a song accompanied by piano or guitar. Thanks also to the parents who have stayed and helped and enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat!

Outdoor activities - Backyard cricket has had some great input from Dene Perrott who came along to offer some coaching.

We are organising a couple of cricket coaching sessions at the Bridgewater oval on February 22 and March 1 at 4.30pm for any parishioners who would like to improve their skills – or just have some exercise on a Friday after school or work.

We enjoyed bonfire night again, when Rob Paterson lit the heap on the Bridgewater block. Great potatoes, and of course marshmallows to follow.

Indoor activities - Craft sessions included making tear drops for the Stirling Christmas pageant. John Hales provides a drawing table where he manages to attract all of the children at some stage during the afternoon.

There were quite a few wet Fridays during the year, so chess was popular, some preferred card games, and there were some impromptu puppet shows too.

Kids Club is for primary aged children, but we still have a few teenagers who continue coming along, to act as mentors for the younger children.

Katrina Matthews
From the Registers

Soup Suppers

Soup suppers 19-2-13 including Sandy & Gary Coff Sandy gave a great talk on her experience of spending time with God in meditation and the inner journey.

ALDGATE HALL MEDITATION

The first Beginners’ Meditation Course started in 2010, primarily as an outreach to people of all beliefs, unchurched, dechurched and Christian members of the local community.

We have now run six, 7-week Beginners’ Course.

In 2012 we welcomed 11 people into the Beginners’ Course, which started in February, and 11 into the Course that started in October.

The regular On-going Group, consisting of Christians, and some who want nothing to do with organised religion, runs on Thursday nights for those who want to continue with group meditation. It currently has up to nine attendees but not everyone attends each week.

A ten minute talk, taken from one of the Spiritual Leaders, is given, then a relaxation and a 25 minute silent meditation, followed by supper for those who wish to stay and chat.

Our last studies have included The Spirituality of Struggle and the Spirituality of Hope. We are currently studying Being Contemplative.

I draw on the Christian Meditation Community for a lot of the resources for the teaching used in the Ongoing Group.

The Group has developed into a caring, supportive Community and questions are encouraged—prompting research to provide the right answers.

Sandie Coff

Number 1 reason to be an Anglican

No matter what you believe, there’s bound to be at least one other Anglican who agrees with you.

Robyn Williams

Thanks Jane

Baptism

Grace Amelie QUIGLEY
Annabel Violet CASE
Georgia Lily WILDE
Cooper CULLEN

Marriages

Jennifer LOVELL and Tankred FINKE
Annabelle HOMER and Andrew OTTENS
Sonia SUMMERFIELD and Jake FITZPATRICK

Burials

Evelyn Phoebe PUTNHAM (BYARD)
William Samuel WATTS
Margaret Noel Gloyne MASLEN
Katrine Iona BAGHURST
Grant Hay’s Aboriginal Ministry

Since we began supporting this ministry in April, 2010, Grant says we have helped well over 4,000 people supplying their homes with furniture, kitchen items, bed linen and blankets, towels, curtains and general household items. These people are scattered from Adelaide to Ceduna to Yorke Peninsula etc. and many are ex-prisoners or families given housing.

Grant and Kim with their children Jade, Brandon and Gemima

As Aboriginal chaplain to prisons, he visits Yatala, the Remand Centre, Women’s Prison and Port Augusta.

Our Christmas Tree at the Christmas Presence Day at Crafers, raised $500 for gifts for 100 children of Aboriginal prisoners. The prisoners were so thankful that their children received gifts as were the prison officers who helped and of course, so was Grant.

Funerals were a large part of his work in 2012. He gives a lot of time to visiting the families, offering comfort and help in every way. The men like to show their respect by wearing black trousers and white shirts. Thank you for supplying these when a call goes out.

Thank you to all the knitters from far and wide and in the Parish. You made 634 beanies and many scarves and knee rugs. Grant has taken many of these to Aboriginal gatherings where he has been a speaker such as at Shepparton, where it turned so cold, and Wilcannia twice, where the people were very needy. He tells them who they are made by and sent with our love through God’s love in this first small way. He just loves doing this.

At last year’s Vestry Meeting, The Rev’d Peter Balabanski accepted a proposal that we have an ongoing offering of money towards Grant’s fuel costs. We say that every dollar counts and you have wonderfully given $1,388.90 and Grant is thankful for every dollar. It has made a great difference to his small pay packet covering 3 day’s work weekly. Latterly this year Grant’s income has changed with only Anglicare and BCA paying him, plus our support.

Ongoing discussions and investigations to find full time work, backed by sincere prayer are part of the assistance given Grant by his Support Group in the city, endeavouring to do all they can to help this amazing man. The Holy Spirit we know is working behind the scenes and Grant, the Support Group, his family and all of us look forward to a happy outcome, very soon please.

Please continue to earnestly pray for Grant. Port Augusta -Grant asked us to help them and encourages us to keep this up.

We pray O Lord, for all the children of the world and the delight that they bring into the lives of all they meet.

As adults, it’s amazing to see how much children can teach us if we give them the love and respect they deserve. Remind us to give them praise and let them know when we are proud of them. Drive in us the goodness of your light, so that this may filter down to them. Teach us to show them how to learn by example, and give us the appreciation we need to gratefully recognise the lessons they can teach us. O Lord, teach us to love as unconditionally as a child does to us.

For you love an goodness, we give you thanks, O GOD

Intercession — Rachael Tippett
Photo Album

Crafers Bell 2012

Tour down under 2012

Crib service 2012

Christmas Presence 2012

Thanks Jane Norris for the photos
Grant Hay’s Ministry

What we need

Fuel for Grant

Please help support Grant’s ministry by donating money for his fuel expenses. You can donate through the Women’s Fellowship, please give to a member, to Betty, or leave at your church in an envelope marked Grant Hay Fuel.

Household Goods

All types of furniture, fridges esp. linen and towels. Clothing, (esp.:Men’s white shirts long/short sleeves all sizes, Black trousers 82-105, for funerals at Pt. Pearce

It’s Knitting time again!

Grant needs scarves all sizes and colours.

Thank you Betty Argent 8339 3603.