

# MEMBERS' UPDATE

## December 2016

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Christmas is almost upon us, who for many of those we serve in our community means an anxious time as the financial pressures mount.

We've seen a major increase in requests for help in the past two months and have been busy trying to assist all those we can, with food, financial counselling, gifts for the children and a safe place to spend the holidays. Particularly at this time of year we keep in mind the importance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark of Mission of 'responding to human need by loving service'.

I would like to thank all those in the Anglican community who have assisted us with this work. We greatly appreciate and rely on your support.

Have a safe and merry Christmas everyone,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman  
CEO

### Parish Soul Food Feast

AnglicareSA's Director Mission and Anglican Community Engagement, **Peter Burke** visited the Anglican Parish of Whyalla in the Diocese of Willochra recently as guest speaker at the Parish Soul Food Feast on Friday 25 November and on Advent Sunday 27 November at St Martin's Church Whyalla.

The 'Soul Food Feast' is a community event which takes place every few months as an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and give thanks for the blessings of life. Peter spoke on the theme "Food Stories: reclaiming the soul in our food".

On Advent Sunday Peter affirmed the work of the Anglicare Whyalla Outreach Centre (AWOC) as part of a broader Anglicare movement across South Australia and Australia. AWOC provides emergency assistance, financial counselling and tax help. AWOC began as a parish based outreach in the late 1980s and continues with strong parish and community support partnering with AnglicareSA.



Above: Anglicarers Reverend **Ali Wurm** (Priest at St Martin's Whyalla and AnglicareSA Board Member for the Diocese of Willochra) **Peter Burke** (Director Mission and Anglican Community Engagement) and **Jan Wakeling** (Coordinator AWOC) at the Soul Food Feast.

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## Putting a smile on Riley's face

Several months ago a member of the public kindly donated a children's train set to AnglicareSA's Cathedral Fashions at North Adelaide. The donor asked for the set to be given directly to a child rather than being sold and after much consideration, the team at Cathedral Fashions decided to donate it to **Riley Nixon**.

Riley has been at the Women's and Children's hospital since Mother's Day in May after suffering complications from meningococcal disease. He has already been through so much, having had both legs amputated above the knee and he has lost all his fingers, with only half a thumb left on one hand.

Riley and his parents, **Chad** and **Amy**, often came into Cathedral Fashions for a chat and following a recent visit, Cathedral Fashions were thrilled to hear the news that Riley will be heading home tomorrow. To help celebrate the great news, they gave Riley his new train set, just in time for his trip home. It was a great feeling for the Cathedral Fashions Team to see the huge smile on his face and we all wish Riley and his family all the best for the future!



Left: **Riley** and his parents with his new train set!

## Encountering Anglicanism

Since the commencement of the Encountering Anglicanism half day sessions in November 2015, 51 Anglicarers have participated over 7 sessions in the first year. This has included some Senior Managers and General Managers. The session has three main learning elements as follows:

Anglicanism: past to present

Anglicanism: systems and structures

Anglicanism: people, engagement and partnering

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One of the unique features of this session led by **Peter Burke** Director Mission and Anglican Community Engagement, is the involvement of what is known as 'Visiting Anglicans' who contribute to the session through a Q and A and informal conversation. So far ten different clergy and nine different lay people have been 'Vising Anglicans'.

Feedback on the course has been very positive with specific feedback leading to further improvements in the session content over time. For Anglicarers there is much curiosity in relation to the systems and structures of the Anglican Church and how it connects with the daily work of AnglicareSA. Some of the 'Visiting Anglicans' have suggested that this session would also be good in parishes and this is being considered. One session was recently held in conjunction with St Columba College – an Anglican and Roman Catholic school in Andrews Farm, with both Anglicarers and school leaders including the Principal taking part.

In the meantime Encountering Anglicanism will continue to be a feature of the AnglicareSA training calendar for employees and volunteers who would like to know more about the Anglican connection with AnglicareSA and how Anglican identity and practice aligns with the work they do.

In the photo below you will note the presence of a 'three legged stool' which is used as a 'prop' to describe the core features of Anglicanism – Scripture, Tradition and Reason. This, together with an emphasis on the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion forms a significant part of the session.



Above: Four Anglicarers and three representatives of St Columba College, Andrews Farm, including **Leanne Carr**, Principal. Visiting Anglicans included **Archdeacon Lyn McRostie** from Holy Cross Elizabeth and **Mark Hawkes** from St Mark's Golden Grove.

## White Ribbon Day

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November many of our staff including myself were involved in events to help mark White Ribbon Day both internal and external to the organisation.

A number of Anglicarers attended the White Ribbon Breakfast held at the Convention Centre, which was the largest event being held in Australia. Guest speaker **The Honourable Marcia Neave AO**, Chair of the recent Royal Commission into Family Violence

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spoke of her experience with family and domestic violence as a former judge of the Court of Appeal in the Supreme Court of Victoria.

At many of our sites there were lunches, morning teas and afternoon teas. Here are a few photos from the Western Hub BBQ and Holden Hill morning tea.



Above: General Manager and Chair of the White Ribbon Committee, **Ian Byrne** speaking to Western Hubbers ahead of the White Ribbon Day BBQ.



Left: White Ribbon morning tea attendees at Holden Hill.



The following day I attended the White Ribbon March organised by the South Australian Family and Domestic Violence Advocacy Network (FADVAN). It was great to see such a fantastic turnout by South Australians and so many Anglicarers in the crowd. Here I am pictured with the Uniting Communities' CEO **Simon Schrapel** who also joined the march.

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## All hands on deck for this year's Christmas Hampers



Network 10 interviewed us along with Uniting Care on the need for more donations for our Christmas hampers. With more and more families struggling this Christmas, stocks are running low for not only ourselves but for our fellow agencies.



**St Bart's** have already gotten on board with a campaign to help us with our hampers. They have dropped 3,000 flyers into neighbourhood letterboxes asking for donations of non-perishable foods. Their Minister, **Simon Jackson** is a great supporter of ours, commenting on how his Parish "love how AnglicareSA supports refugees, rough sleepers, new migrants, unemployed and many others." Thank you St Barts!

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman

CEO AnglicareSA