

MEMBERS' UPDATE

January 2018

Dear AnglicareSA Members,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas with friends and family. It was great to see December abuzz with Christmas festivities across AnglicareSA. Below are some of the highlights from the many celebrations that took place at our sites.

For the fourth year in a row AnglicareSA held a Christmas Day lunch in partnership with the Parish of Elizabeth at Holy Cross. The event was a huge success, with around 60 community members attending the luncheon at the Food Barn. The day exuded the Christmas spirit and everyone was so inspired by the effort involved in making the day come together.

I am very appreciative of everyone's efforts and would like to thank those volunteers for their gift of time, support and assistance on the day. Events such as these could not happen without the generous support of some amazing individuals.

I'd also like to thank the many of you who contributed items for our Christmas hampers. Thanks to your generosity we were able to give away a total of 1268 hampers to families across Adelaide. A fantastic effort!



Singing to Christmas

The Anglicare Singers sang at seven different events in the lead up to Christmas, including the Christmas Lunch for the Community Friendship Group at St Aidan's Payneham, otherwise known as "The Big Table".

About 40 gathered for the event including clients of Home Care South West together with members of the Parish of St Aidan's who come together each month for a fun social afternoon.

Helen Sims, Lifestyle Enhancer, invited the Anglicare Singers to come and sing some carols on Thursday 14 December including the traditional singing of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" complete with the twelve gifts acted out by participants.

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Pictured above are the Anglicare Singers preparing to lead some carol singing.

Community Christmas Lunch at the Elizabeth Mission

A huge thank you to our dedicated volunteers who did a tremendous job with the preparation and serving of lunch at the Community Christmas luncheon at the Elizabeth Mission on Wednesday 13 December . This is the second year we have hosted this event. A total of 214 meals were served, consisting of a traditional roast turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and custard, fruit mince pies and chocolates for dessert.



The team that made it all possible:
Michael Shannon, Denise Jones, Daniel McDowell (Food Barn Coordinator), **Andrew Berger** (at the back), **Kayleen Davies, Giuseppe Diana, Brenda Davis, Tom Perry and Valerie Famosa.**

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Carols by Candlelight

Every year our residential aged care homes get into the spirit of Christmas, celebrating with their annual Carols by Candlelight.

Trott Park held their Carols on the Friday 1 December. Residents enjoyed a sausage sizzle with family members invited to join them. Festivities started with **Wayne Trembath** as MC and Adelaide Sound Connection Choir were the entertainment for the night. An excellent attendance of family and friends, staff and residents enjoyed a night of carol singing, a visit from Father Christmas and lots of laughter.



Grange held their event on Tuesday 5 December, with three acts performing on the night. Despite the chilly weather, around 120 staff, residents and their families attended, singing along to Christmas favourites, led by a very uplifting choir.



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Westbourne Park held their Carols by Candlelight on Monday 11 December. With over 100 people present they sang carols while hearing the Christmas story in readings by residents, angels, shepherds, wise ones, as well as the Holy Family, with a live Baby Jesus with thanks to parents **Sarah** and **George** and Baby **Evangelina!**

There were 20 Anglicare Singers leading the singing of carols as well as doing some performed items. **Warren Huffa**, Priest at St Columba's Hawthorn did a Kids Talk telling the story of Christmas through chocolate. This included some questions such as "What road did Mary and Joseph travel on to get to Bethlehem?" Correct answer: "The Rocky Road!"



Affordable Living Initiatives Winners

The AnglicareSA Housing team drew three lucky prize winners of the Affordable Living Initiatives competition at the Better Places, Stronger Community Christmas Party on Tuesday 5 December.

Throughout the year, the team ran several educational energy seminars for tenants on how they could save money every week in their homes and help the environment. Over 120 people attended the sessions and everyone that attended received two ceiling fans, door seals, window tinting, roof insulation and was eligible to go into the draw to win one of three solar panels and battery storage systems to be installed in their home.

Congratulations to **Rosemary** of Elizabeth Grove, **Diane** of Elizabeth Vale and **Farhan** of Elizabeth Grove who are all very excited to be one of the lucky winners and are looking forward to the cost savings ahead.



Anglicarers **Jamie Ward, Vicki Tsimouris, Trish Buhagiar, Leonie Fuchs, Ben Moore**, tenants and winners **Dianne, Farnhan and Aisha**, Anglicarers **Shelley Cross, Aaron Cooke, Lynne Edwards**.

Ordination of Carol Cornwall – AnglicareSA Chaplain

Several Anglicarers gathered at Christ the King Anglican Church in Mount Barker for the Ordination of three Deacons on Saturday 9 December.

Among the three Ordained was **Carol Cornwall**, to serve in the Southern Suburbs Mission Partnership, which includes her work as Site Chaplain at Residential Aged Care, Trott Park and Employee Support Chaplain South for Trott Park and the Outer Southern Hub. Carol is only the second woman to be Ordained Deacon in the Anglican Diocese of The Murray. Carol is part of a wider team of AnglicareSA Chaplains including seven working across our six Residential Aged Care Sites and three Employee Support Chaplains.

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Reverend **Prue O'Donovan** (Employee Support Chaplain North), **Peter Burke** (Director Mission and Anglican Community Engagement), **Rob Foggo** (Consultant Rural and Remote Partnerships and former CEO ac.care), **Reverend Carol Cornwall** (Newly Ordained Deacon), **Reverend Margaret Annells** (Site Chaplain, Residential Aged Care Grange), me, and **Reverend Marian Giles** (Site Chaplain Residential Aged Care Westbourne Park)

Until next month,

The Reverend Peter Sandeman
 Chief Executive Officer
 AnglicareSA