



*“from
Warren”*

When Will the Wine Return?

We stopped receiving Holy Communion in two kinds – bread and wine – way back in March 2020. Since then we have received Holy Communion in one kind only – bread. But we have still celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion together in the presence of Jesus. The clergy haven't been drinking from the cup on your behalf. (See the September 2020 Messenger for why we drink the wine together or not at all.) So, when will the wine return, and how do we wait? Or maybe we shouldn't wait. Maybe we should give up the common cup temporarily and use small individual glasses.

For some very good reasons I don't think it is a very good idea to introduce individual glasses as you might find in the Baptist church. Partly because of the problems of infection control and the tasks of preparing and cleaning. I also suspect that some of those churches that do start using small glasses might never return to the common cup. And that would be a shame. The fullness of the symbolism of the sacrament relies on the common cup. We just don't drink together we drink from one cup. We might use individual breads for convenience, but we still use a large wafer for multiple communicants as well. And while the fullness of Holy Communion might require the common cup, the essentials remain even though we are not using the common cup. These essentials are: people and priest, the proclamation of the gospel through scripture, communion in at least one kind (bread or wine), our recital of the prayers with the intention of the church, and the Holy Spirit. And we have these essentials each week. (Actually, we have more than these essentials each week in our eucharistic celebration. Our celebrations are always more than the bare essentials.)

I'm thinking we can wait for the return of the common up. And while we wait, we have a chance to notice the difference the absence of the cup makes, and to learn again to thirst for the cup as a symbol of our thirst for the new wine of the gospel. And while we wait, we wait in anticipation of not just the return of the cup but of the fulfilment of God's kingdom.

■ WARREN

For more of Warren's work see his blog at <http://classic-theology-new.blogspot.com.au>

STEPHEN BLOOR'S COMMISSIONING

The Rev'd Stephen Bloor was commissioned as Rector of the parish of Christ Church, North Adelaide, by Archbishop Geoffrey Smith on Friday evening, 19th February. It was a cheerful and dignified service in this large and impressive church, enhanced by the singing of its excellent choir.



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Stephen, Deborah, Henry and Grace were well supported by family and friends, including 15 members of Hawthorn parish who were allowed under social distancing requirements, and Warren and Tracey with the clergy. Ann Nadge and Elizabeth Bleby presented Stephen to the Archbishop "... with love and gratitude for his ministry in our parish and confidence in his selection to be the Rector of the parish of Christ Church, North Adelaide."

In his sermon Archbishop Geoff talked about the anxiety and expectations which affect both a new Rector and the parish to which they are called. He drew a parallel between the parish's inevitable query: "What will he do?" and the passage from St John's Gospel which had just been read, in which the crowd wanted Jesus to give them a sign to prove that he was who he said he was. Was he going to back up his preaching with his actions?

The Archbishop pointed out that Jesus could have performed a miracle "to blow their unbelieving socks off" but chose not to. He did not try to do everything they wanted him to do. Instead he pointed to the future, emphasizing the relationship with God which begins now and lasts forever.

The first months in a new parish can be anxious ones for a new rector who feels pressure from a parish who look to him to save them, when their trust should be in the death and resurrection of Christ.

He argued that this anxiety in the priest and in the parish reflects an anxious society. It is a feeling common to priests, bishops and people. As Jesus refused to impress everyone by performing a few miracles but pointed to the ultimate response of his death and resurrection so we should name our own anxiety but not ask someone to deal with it – rather put our trust in Jesus, who dealt with it completely.

Among the welcome speeches was one from a parishioner, The Hon. Steven Marshall MP, Premier of South Australia, who has been a worshipper at Christ Church for over 30 years. He declared this to be a joyful event, not only because it meant that he was no longer the youngest person in the parish! He described Christ Church as a church with a wonderful history and a great future. We felt there was much enthusiasm in the parish for Stephen to be a part of this great future.

ELIZABETH BLEBY ■

CHRISTMAS 2020

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WRITING THE HISTORY

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Christmas 2020

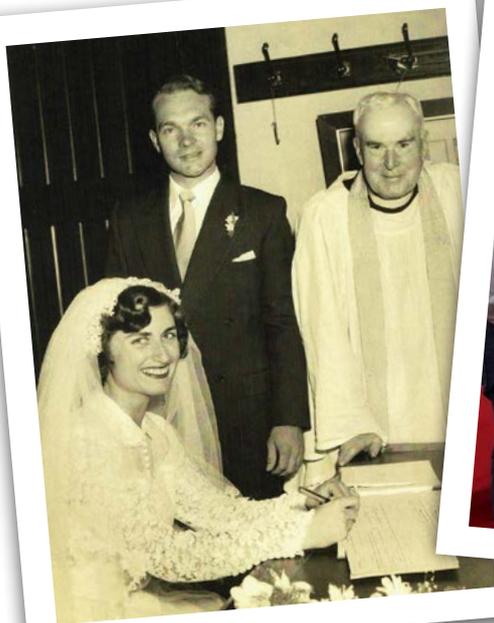


Christmas Eve - Almost Like Church Service



Packing Christmas Hampers for Anglicare

January 1955



Ron and Pat Gould

66 Years

Ron and Patricia Gould were married by Mr Swan at St Columba's on 8th January 1955.

They came to St Columba's on their 66th anniversary and received a blessing from Stephen. 🙏

MISSING MESSENGERS

We are trying to complete collections of older copies of the "Parish Messenger", but a few are missing in the years 1998 – 2008.

If you happen to have a copy of the editions October/November 1998, any of 2002 and 2003 or October/November 2008 please contact Elizabeth or Sarah, who would be delighted to receive them. 🙏

BEQUESTS

The parish has recently received bequests from the estates of Ruth Schuetz and Gladys Hogg.

Income from bequests is an important long-term contribution to funding the parish's ministry. Information about how to make a bequest in your will is available from Warren or the office. 🙏

Writing the History

Writing the parish history was a very interesting exercise, and was helped by the fact that others had done it before.

Mabel Hardy, a local historian, had written a history of the first sixty years, 1897 to 1957. It was a carefully researched and detailed document, with some delightful commentary about the people and the times. It had never been published, and I wondered about attaching it as the first part of my history. However its style was dated and would not have sat well with the proposed second half, so I abandoned that idea and used quotes from it to add colour to what I was writing.

The second history, which was published in 1978, was written by parishioner James Estcourt-Hughes. We still have some copies of this smaller volume, which brought Mabel Hardy's up to the present time. I found both histories helpful guides but went over the original documents from which they had gained their information, partly for the interest of seeing them and partly to extract my own understanding of them. There is a collection of documents in the State Library, where the librarians were unfailingly helpful, as well as in the diocesan archives managed by Sarah Black and in the archive cupboard in our parish house.

I had thought about the book for a long time before I started it, in 2019. Then the restrictions on activity enforced by COVID-19 provided the ideal opportunity to do the work and complete it. There was not a lot else to do and I had plenty of time to do it.

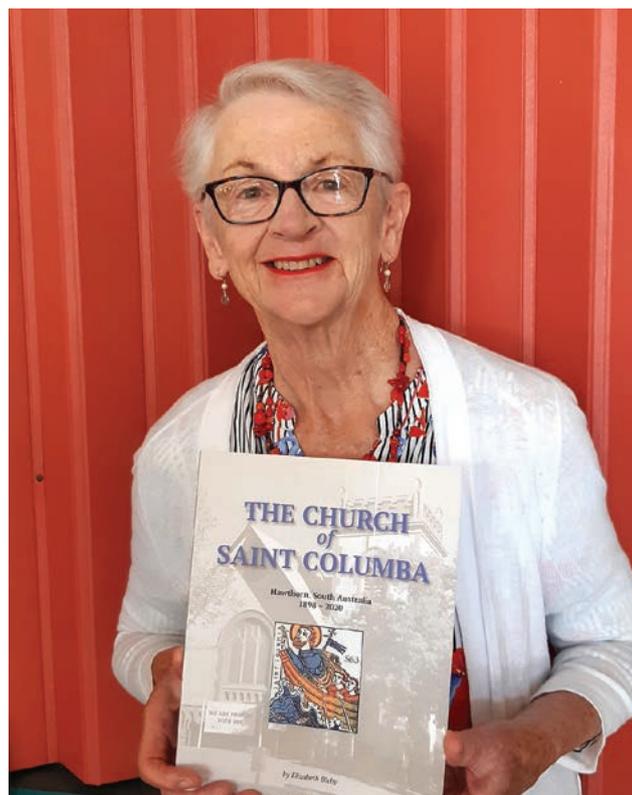
Having been a parishioner for something like half the time covered in the history I found it a constant reminder of people and events I remembered, or half-remembered, and many that I had forgotten. The

greatest difficulty was in selecting what – and who – to include and what – or who – to leave out. The fact that I was not writing a large volume (which readers would have found boring and repetitive) meant that omissions were inevitable and I am quite sad that many people whom I knew and respected, and who contributed time and talent to the running of the parish, were not mentioned by name.

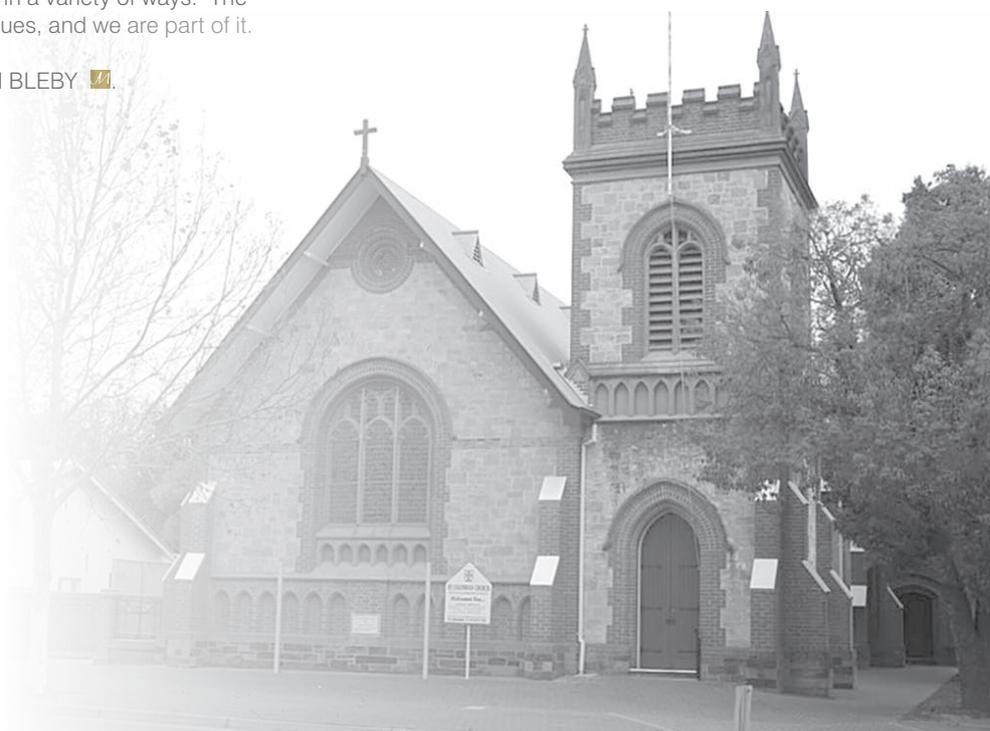
It was interesting to read the changes in the church which reflected those in society: from formal to less formal behaviour, from church being the social centre with big organisations attached to a society where big social organisations are declining and the church is often seen as declining in the same way. The concerns for outreach, education and witness did not change, nor did the constant expense of time and money on property and the debates about the right stewardship of resources. The parish has always been blessed with a fine army of workers.

Different priests put different slants on the approach to worship and to parish life, and the many assistants who trained here over the years contributed in a variety of ways. The story continues, and we are part of it.

ELIZABETH BLEBY 📖



Elizabeth with the book.



Worship and Events

Sundays:

8.00 a.m. BCP Eucharist
9.30am Contemporary Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Almost Like Church on alternate Sundays in school term time:

Birthdays are celebrated after both morning services on the 1st Sunday in the month.

Weekdays:

Thursdays: 10.30 a.m. BCP Eucharist
Fridays: 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
10.00 a.m. Columba Playtime In school term time.

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101 CROSS ROAD HAWTHORN

EASTER SERVICE TIMES::

Sunday 28th March:	Palm Sunday. 9.00 a.m. service only
Thursday 1st April:	Maundy Thursday Services of Eucharist at 10.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Friday 2nd April:	Good Friday 9.00 a.m. Good Friday Service 10.30 a.m. Almost Like Church Service
Sunday 4th April:	Easter Day Services of Eucharist at 6.30 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.

DIARY DATES

MARCH:

Monday 8th:	Public Holiday
Sunday 14th:	Mothering Sunday
Tuesday 16th:	Men's Group
Wednesday 24th:	Parish Council
Saturday 27th:	Working Bee
Sunday 28th:	Palm Sunday 9.00 a.m. service only Annual Vestry Meeting

APRIL:

Thursday 1st:	Maundy Thursday
Friday 2nd:	Good Friday
Sunday 4th:	Easter Day
Monday 10th:	Mothers' Union School Holidays begin

Tuesday 11th:	Sanctuary Guild
Tuesday 18th:	Men's Group
Monday 25th:	ANZAC Day
Tuesday 27th:	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 28th:	Parish Council

MAY:

Monday 10th:	Mothers' Union
Tuesday 18th:	Men's Group
Wednesday 23rd:	Parish Council

JUNE:

Monday 14th:	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 15th:	Men's Group
Wednesday 23rd:	Parish Council
Sunday 27th:	Patronal Festival

LENTEN STUDIES

This year's sessions, held after the 9.30 Sunday service, provide opportunities to reflect, share and learn together.

Topics include The New Testament on Forgiveness, Confession, Jonah and Repentance, Praying, and the Suffering Son of God in the Gospel of Mark. We were also encouraged to read the Gospel of Mark in its entirety.

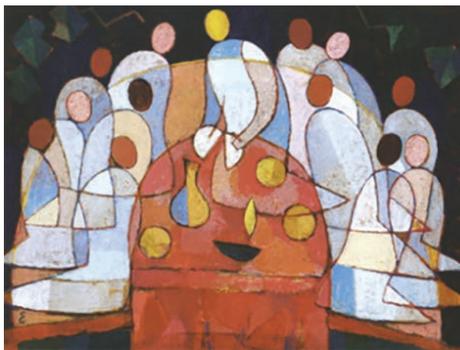
These ideas are also being explored on our Facebook and Youtube broadcasts as well as Warren's blog: <http://classic-theology-new.blogspot.com/>

LENT 2021

Reflect, Learn, Share, Pray.

A series of occasions to reflect, share, and learn together.

Sunday 11am-11.50am. Sunday, March 7: Jonah and Repentance
Sunday, March 14: Praying
Sunday, March 21: The Suffering Son of God in the Gospel of Mark.



POEM FOR EASTER

*On a bare
Hill a bare tree saddened
The sky. Many People
Held out their thin arms
To it, as though waiting
For a vanished April
To return to its crossed
Boughs. The son watched
Them. Let me go there, he said.*

R.S. Thomas

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