

ST AUGUSTINE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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*May the peace of Christmas fill your heart,
the joy of Christmas fill your home,
and the blessing of Christmas fill your days.*

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Advent/Christmas 2010

St Augustine's offers a Christ-centred community for all people to seek, know and be nourished by God in a changing world

Parish Register

Baptisms

Charlotte Grace Fildes

Jack Henry Shaw

Joshua Jack Lasker

Ted Andrew Victor Bartal

Jaxon Ryder Wood

Thanksgiving & Blessing of a Child

Gracie Rose Wild

Weddings

Steven Michael Fulton

Verra Sook May Ng

Funerals

Phyllis May Royston

Sylvia Wenham Smith

Paul Payne

Beth Bolwell

Shirley Ysobel Nicholls

Parish Prayer Chain

St Augustine's offers a special prayer ministry for anyone who is seeking confidential prayer support for all situations and issues. You are assured that the strictest confidentiality will be maintained and that your concerns/needs will not be discussed outside the prayer chain members. It is acceptable to ask for prayer without giving any details – God knows all our needs.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Is it just me, or do Advent and Christmas seem to come round quicker every year. It is only a couple of weeks and Advent begins (Sunday 28th November) and then Christmas will be upon us. Before that we have another election, with all the often empty promises of the various parties filling television, newspaper and radio air space. One of the election issues is that of refugees and asylum seekers. Do you ever stop to remember that the heavily pregnant Mary and her husband Joseph were forced to Bethlehem to take part in a census, and not long after the birth of Jesus, the Holy Family were refugees. Forced to flee their homeland without papers or passports. They fled across borders, probably furtively at night, hungry and exhausted, until they reached Egypt, a land offering asylum. There are many modern day stories like this, echoing the journey of the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Stories of men, women and children, who flee seeking safety and refuge.

Bethlehem means 'house of bread'. The village was located in a fertile place where grain and fruit could be grown in abundance and water was plentiful in the wells. I am sure most of us will be enjoying a Christmas of abundance – food, wine, presents – far more than we really need. As we celebrate the Christmas season with all its glitter and joy, let us also remember those whose lives are less comfortable or secure.

One way we can do this is to **give to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.**

\$15 provides a supply of milk for a malnourished child in Palestine.

\$50 provides a day's supply of medicine for a mobile health clinic in East Timor.

\$80 provides a literacy course for an indigenous person in the Philippines.

\$100 provides training for four Zimbabwean farmers in methods of sustainable agriculture

\$150 trains a community leader in Conflict Resolution in Darfur, Sudan

\$200 provides three months of nutritional food for a displaced family in Pakistan

\$350 provides a new house for a Burmese family in a refugee camp on the Thai-Burma border

\$1,250 provides a pump for a community water well in Ethiopia

**Envelopes are available in the foyer throughout Advent and Christmas
Share Christmas - Give Generously**

May you remember the core of Christmas – Emmanuel – God with us – and may you make the Word of God known in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Merry Christmas.

The Venerable Eden-Elizabeth Nicholls



DIARY DATES/SPECIAL SERVICES

Please put these events
in your diary and come along

Saturday 27th November

Ordination as Priest – The Rev'd Trish Byrne

Rev'd Trish will be ordained as Priest in the Anglican Church of Australia at 11.00am at St.Paul's Cathedral. If you wish to travel as a parish group we will catch the 9.10am train from Mentone.

Saturday 27th November

Election Day Sausage Sizzle

Helpers needed to run our Sausage Sizzle and plant stall.
Speak with Wayne or Val if you can help.

Sunday 28th November – 9.00am Combined Service

The Rev'd Trish Byrne will celebrate her first Eucharist.

Followed by Parish Annual Meeting
and Morning Tea – bring a plate of food to share.

COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS FOODS FOR HAMPERS TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY MENTONE CAB

(we do NOT collect toys)

Items are required at St. Augustine's on/by Sunday 5th
December

Items received later than this date can NOT be
distributed

Tinned Hams
Christmas Cakes
Christmas Puddings
Mince Pies
Custard
Shortbreads





WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER
9AM – 12NOON

Lots of jobs need doing from cleaning silver to cleaning gutters and just about everything in between. All hands on deck please to ensure our church is spick and span for Christmas services. Morning tea and BBQ lunch provided.



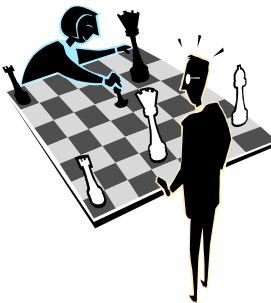
SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTATIONS



10am Sunday 5th December

Sunday School members will play and sing a song as part of our service and presentations will be made to those who have participated in Sunday School during the year. After the service we will share morning tea. You may wish to bring a plate of food to share as part of the celebrations.

VESTRY PLANNING DAY
Saturday 11th December - 1pm-6pm



Vestry members (returning and new) please put this in your diary to ensure your participation in planning for the new year.

Also note that Vestry meets
on Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm
We do not meet in January, but resume in February.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



CAROLS IN LOCAL NURSING HOMES AND COMO HOSPITAL

*Late afternoon on Sunday 19th December
followed by supper at Church*

*Let Daniel know if you can come along to swell the choir
and help spread Christmas cheer to others*

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday 24th December

6.00pm Children's Service & Activity

(children invited to dress as shepherds & angels)

11.00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist Service

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Saturday 25th December at 9.00am

ADJUSTMENTS TO SERVICES AFTER CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT JANUARY 2010

Sunday 26th December – 9am combined service

Wednesday 29th December – No Services

Sundays throughout all of January – 9am combined services

Wednesdays throughout all of January

No 6.45am services

10.00am services as usual

OUR MOTHERS' UNION GROUP

In October 2010, Norma Cater was awarded her 50 year membership certificate.



At the AGM which followed, the following people were elected to positions within our MU group.

- President - Irene Ball
- Vice President - Shirley Uhlhorn
- Treasurer - Diane Linsdell
- Secretary - Dorothy Tyson
- Minute Secretary - Margaret Rule
- Deanery Representatives - Shirley Uhlhorn & Nancy Todd
- Prayers - Nancy Todd
- Publications - Enid Mathews & Irene Ball
- Link Branches – Kay Watson (UK), Nancy Todd (Cairns & Swan Hill)

New members are always welcome – come along to our meetings at 10am on the Fourth Tuesday of each month (February – October, with Christmas break up at a local restaurant in November). All welcome.



STAMPS

Mothers Union collect used postage stamps as part of their fundraising. Tear off stamp leaving as much envelope as possible and place them in the MU mail slot opposite the parish office.

MINISTRY REPORT: MONASH MEDICAL CENTRE, CLAYTON

P/T ANGLICAN CHAPLAIN: SUE RETSCHKO

Monash Medical Centre Clayton is a 640 bed teaching and research hospital providing a comprehensive range of specialist surgical, medical, allied health and mental health services to the community and it is one campus of Southern Health, Victoria's largest healthcare network. The hospital has a sizeable Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care department led by a full time coordinator, Emil Neven. Our coordinator also conducts regular units of Clinical Pastoral Education at the hospital, and the CPE student interns offer pastoral care within a range of wards and to patients, families and staff as part of their training.

The team at Monash consists of myself as part-time Anglican Chaplain - assisted by two volunteer assistant Chaplains, between us we cover most of the wards, but of course, there are limitations in time and resources and there is always more that we would like to be able to do. The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care department consists of a part-time Catholic team leader with six volunteers, and part-time Uniting, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Jehovah's Witness, Greek Orthodox, Buddhist and Muslim visitors. Local Catholic and Anglican clergy are available to assist in Sacramental ministries on a regular basis.

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care department works collaboratively within the denominations covering most of the hospital wards. We support and care for one another and as part of our annual program we enjoy an annual quiet day and a meditation time on Fridays. Each Tuesday, an ecumenical prayer time, open to all, and led by a member of our team is held in our hospital chapel.

As a team, our objective is to be a spiritual/religious resource, available to all who seek our support, and for the hospital community we provide chapel prayer times, memorial services, blessings and baptisms in the chapel or at the bedside.

As the Anglican Chaplain my ministry is multifaceted and rewarding. I am asked to be with the dying, to support those who have received bad news, to celebrate health regained or to bless new life. I am called upon to be there in emergencies, to be present with families when medical life supports are to be withdrawn, to pray with the dying and to conduct memorial services at the end of life to remember and to comfort the bereaved.

I receive referrals from local clergy, and visit as many Anglican patients as time allows. On any one day I may be in the Intensive Care Ward, the Coronary Care Ward, the Emergency department or in the Neonatal Intensive care Unit. I offer regular pastoral counselling to staff and assist in the mentoring of our Clinical Pastoral Education students.

I am on call and occasionally, in the middle of the night, I am asked to pray with the dying or baptize a seriously ill baby. Though these are difficult and heart rending places to be it is a privilege to be there as a minister, to be available, to offer prayer and support in these times of crisis.

Please remember Monash Medical Centre and all Chaplains in your prayers – pray that God will continue to bless our efforts to bring healing, hope and blessing to those we care for.

Sue Retschko
Anglican Chaplain

Augustine's Outreach Services Incorporated - SOS Inc

SOS Care and Counselling News

The AGM of St Augustine's Outreach Services (SOS) Inc will be held in the Fielder Hall on Sunday 21st November at 2:30 pm. This year we are trying something different by having our AGM in the afternoon, and combining it with our annual celebratory afternoon tea which will follow the meeting. Please come along to find out more about SOS and to show your support. Please let Ross Byrne know if you will attend.

An active Committee of Management is essential for the effective operation of SOS Inc. We would welcome new people and with the AGM approaching, now is the time to act quickly! If you are interested in joining the SOS Inc Committee then please speak to Ross or to the Vicar, Eden-Elizabeth, or to another Committee member.

We would also welcome more people to join SOS Inc as general members and thereby have voting rights at the AGM. See Ross for forms.

Leader Newspapers Reader Competition "Melbourne's Local Favourites" 2010

We were delighted with the news that SOS Inc was voted Mordialloc Chelsea Leader's "Local Favourite" in the Cultural and Community Organisation category. As a result, an article about SOS Inc appeared in the Leader newspaper with a very nice photo of Jo Jones, one of our First Contact Interviewers. It was good to have this opportunity to put the name and work of SOS Inc before the local community. Thank you to those who voted for SOS Inc.

Garden Day

On Saturday 2nd October, a Garden Day was held to raise funds for SOS Inc. There were 4 lovely gardens to visit, plants and other items to purchase and delicious Devonshire tea to be enjoyed. The spring weather was perfect for the event, and many people attended - even in spite of a repeat AFL Grand Final!

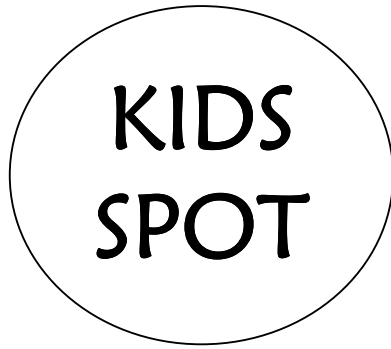
I would like to commend all those involved for contributing to such a successful fundraiser which was clearly very much enjoyed by those attending. Thank you to Eden-Elizabeth for this excellent idea, to the garden owners for their generosity in opening and sharing their gardens and to all who worked hard to make this event a success. A total of \$912 was raised, which is a fantastic result and helps to keep SOS Inc doing the work of counselling and care in outreach to the community.

Thank you ...

Thank you once again to all who generously support SOS Inc, through your time, effort and talents, financial support, donations of food and other items and your prayers. Donations are always welcome. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please remember the jars for \$2 coins; those coins really add up and make a difference to the work of SOS Inc.

Please continue to pray for the work of SOS Inc, in our outreach from St Augustine's to the surrounding community.

Kerryl Beissel, Director of Counselling



St Augustine's Playgroup

**Music, singing & dancing, imaginative play,
outdoors/indoors play, art & craft activities**

St Augustine's Playgroup has been running for the last 11 years providing local families the opportunity to meet over a cuppa each week while children can play in a safe, nurturing and fun environment.

Each Wednesday and Friday mornings children aged 0-5 years along with their parents, grandparents and carers for organised art and craft activities, music, dance and general indoor and outdoor play. Our playgroup has a great selection of toys for all these ages such as a baby corner particularly for newborns up to walking age, doll prams, ride on's, bikes, climbing equipment, kitchen set up, dress-ups, train sets, cars, balls and the list goes on!

As a not-for-profit community group, we pride ourselves on the fact that over the last 11 years our fee of \$3 per family has remained the same so that our service is affordable for all. This fee covers morning tea for all the children, tea/coffee and biscuits for adults as well as the purchasing of general art and craft supplies and equipment.

Both our Wednesday and Friday sessions are run by the parents that attend and are a really good opportunity to catch up and get involved in fun and creative activities with their child or children

As of the last month of Term 3, the Wednesday group have been trialling a new addition to the usual format by introducing Hey Dee Ho sessions. Hey Dee Ho is a leading learning-by-music session run by gifted presenters with a music or performing arts background. Lots of songs, dancing and storytelling let's all the children (and if I might add a fair few of the adults) get physical and learn about the world around them in a fun and encouraging environment. It's proven to be very enjoyable and we intend to continue these sessions for 2011.

Just on a personal note, The Ven. Eden-Elizabeth Nicholls, The Rev'd Trish Byrne, Wardens, Vestry of St Augustine's and Paula, would like to thank Tessa Johnstone who has been co-ordinating the Friday group this year. Thank you Tessa sincerely for all your efforts and support and we wish you all the best for 2011 and beyond.

Every playgroup session runs from 10am-12 noon each week of the school term. For enquiries, please call Suzi in the Parish Office.

Playgroup Leaders: Paula (Wednesday) and Tessa (Friday)

Mother Esther and Mother Mary of the Cross

During the week in October 2010 when Australians were celebrating our first Saint, Mary MacKillop, Sister Jean from the Community of The Holy Name in Cheltenham, gave me a book to read on their Foundress, Mother Esther.

Remarkably, I noted the similarities between the lives of these two women living in the same country and in the same time frame. In Mother Esther's life I saw that we Anglicans also have a woman of great virtue, unwavering faith, and one who showed the courage to go outside her comfort zone when she, like Mary, reached out to the poor and criminal class of Melbourne. So when Mother Esther and Mother Mary "saw a need, they both did something about it".

I wondered if these two charismatic women ever met. Imagine the conversations between them as they shared a cup of tea at the Mission House in Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

Both Mary and Esther were well educated, they commenced their professional lives as teachers and then answered God's call to the religious life. Mary was Melbourne born in 1842 of Scottish parents and reared in the Roman Catholic Church. Esther was baptized into the Church of England and was born in England in 1858. She came to Melbourne in her late twenties to recuperate from illness. Emma Caroline Silcock became Sister Esther when she entered the Community of St Mary the Virgin at Wantage Oxfordshire as a Novice in 1884, but as a result of her move to Australia was not professed until 1894. The Church of England in Australia was suspicious of this woman who wanted to start a religious community, it all seemed "too popish". So like Mary MacKillop, Mother Esther also ruffled the feathers of some of the Church hierarchy.

Whereas women of their social class and time looked to marriage as the accepted lifestyle, they conversely chose a path of self discipline, chastity and obedience to God. They both rejected the opportunity to have families of their own, but as a direct result of their far reaching charitable works amongst

the Australian poor, they became "Mothers" to the religious communities which they founded and to the multitudes of young people whose lives they both touched and changed.

Over their cup of tea Mary and Esther may have shared stories of their work. Mary, along with the Josephite order of nuns which she founded and Esther, along with the sisters of the Community of the Holy Name, the order which she founded, provided strong leadership and both chose to serve the outcasts of Australian society long before Governments considered such work their responsibility.

Both Mary and Esther worked with the starving poor of Melbourne during the depression of the 1890's and a Soup Kitchen was established at the Church of England Mission House which fed up to 500 men during the winter months. Neither of the women avoided hard work and were both known to be out front ministering to the needy and as such earned the respect of the people they helped. They both understood poverty, as they chose to live in circumstances that we would balk at if asked to do likewise today.

Mother Mary set up schools Australia wide for the children of the poor, consequently providing educational opportunities that were otherwise unavailable. Mother Esther and her Sisters built the House of Mercy in Cheltenham to provide care for the girls who were sent to them by the judicial system in the hope of reform. They also established a Childrens' Home at Brighton and a Home for Babies at Darling, thus fulfilling a further social need of the time.

The ecumenical nature of Mother Esther's outreach took place when the local Syrian and Greek families were encouraged to use the Mission House for their worship. Permission was then gained from the Patriarch in Jerusalem for the Orthodox to be baptized, married and buried under the rites of the Church of England. This was fulfilling a valued community need until an Orthodox priest was available for ministry in Australia.

Cont'd by Janet Jeffery-Cowden

Both Mother Mary and Mother Esther were involved in ministry to the prisoners in Pentridge Goal. Their distinctive dress allowed them to enter where many would fear to tread. This outreach work was respected by the criminal class and as such they both taught by example and followed Christ in His ministry to those ostracized by society. Mother Esther would on occasions return from a visit to the goal with the infant child of a condemned female prisoner to be reared in the Childrens' Home at Brighton.

Perhaps that which is less known is the importance of prayer in the lives of both of these remarkable Christian women. It can be said of Mother Esther that her life was a living prayer. She never gave up on people and always believed there was hope of repentance. Both Mary and Esther expressed their anger towards cruelty and injustice and were thereby the forebears of social justice in our city.

Mary MacKillop was proclaimed a Saint by Pope Benedict on Sunday 17th October 2010.

Mother Esther also merits promotion by the Anglican Church of Australia as a woman of saintly virtue. Her work continues through her Order, The Community of The Holy Name in the Melbourne suburb of Cheltenham. Both Saint Mary of The Cross and Mother Esther were women before their time and examples for Australian Christians of today to emulate.

By Janet Jeffery-Cowden

GIVE US EACH DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Contributed by Penny McLennan

*Give us each day our daily bread:
wonder bread, rye bread, white bread and brown
naan, pita, seed, wafer –
Body of Christ*

Give us each day our daily bread.

*Give us our sustenance in all its forms:
birdsong and sunrise
kind words and warm smiles
soaring music and elegant prose –
Our world – from Your hands.*

*Give us each day our daily bread
for You are the source –
of all Creation's giftings,
of the sustaining Spirit of Hope,
of outpoured, saving Grace –
Of all our abundance.*

*Give us this day our daily bread:
May Your Spirit of Hope and Creativity rise within us,
like the leaven in the dough.
May Your saving Grace rescue us from ourselves and unite us as one.
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Nurture us, Lord; feed us Lord,
fill us with thanksgiving –
that, ever mindful of You,
the Giver of all good gifts,
the source of all that builds up the common good,
we may find ourselves so strengthened and directed,
as to reveal Your Kingdom amongst us.
Oh Lord – give us each day our daily bread.*

Amen

Luke 11.3 (Heather Wilson – adapted).

The Folded Napkin ... A True Story – contributed by J. Denyer

I try not to be biased, but I had my doubts about hiring Stevie. His placement counsellor assured me that he would be a good, reliable help in my café. But I had never had a mentally handicapped employee and wasn't sure I wanted one. I wasn't sure how my customers would react to Stevie.

He was short, a little dumpy with the smooth facial features and thick-tongued speech of Downs Syndrome. I wasn't worried about most of my trucking customers because truckers don't generally care who clears tables as long as the food is good.

The four-wheeler drivers were the ones who concerned me; the mouthy college kids travelling to school; the yuppie snobs who secretly polish their silverware with their napkins for fear of catching some dreaded "truck stop germ" the pairs of white-shirted business men on expense accounts who think every truck stop waitress wants to be flirted with. I knew those people would be uncomfortable around Stevie so I closely watched him for the first few weeks.

I shouldn't have worried. After the first week, Stevie had my staff wrapped around his stubby little finger, and within a month my truck regulars had adopted him as their official truck stop mascot.

After that, I really didn't care what the rest of the customers thought of him. He was like a 21-year-old in blue jeans and Nikes, eager to laugh and eager to please, but fierce in his attention to his duties. Every salt and pepper shaker was exactly in its place, not a bread crumb or coffee spill was visible when Stevie got done with the table. Our only problem was persuading him to wait to clean a table until after the customers were finished. He would hover in the background, shifting his weight from one foot to the other, scanning the dining room until a table was empty. Then he would scurry to the empty table and carefully place dishes and glasses onto his cart and meticulously wipe the table up with a practiced flourish of his cloth.

If he thought a customer was watching, his brow would pucker with added concentration. He took pride in doing his job exactly right, and you had to love how hard he tried to please each and every person he met.

Over time, we learned that he lived with his mother, a widow who was disabled after repeated surgeries for cancer. They lived on their Social Security benefits in public housing two miles from the truck stop. Their social worker, who stopped to check on him every so often, admitted they had fallen between the cracks. Money was tight, and what I paid him was probably the difference between them being able to live together and Stevie being sent to a group home. That's why the restaurant was a gloomy place that morning last August, the first morning in three years that Stevie missed work.

He was at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester getting a new valve or something put in his heart. His social worker said that people with Downs Syndrome often have heart problems at an early age so this wasn't unexpected, and there was a good chance he would come through the surgery in good shape and be back at work in a few months.

A ripple of excitement ran through the staff later that morning when word came that he was out of surgery, in recovery, and doing fine.

Jeannie, the head waitress, let out a yell when she heard the good news. Ringer, one of our regular truckie customers, asked "OK, Jeannie, what was that all about?" "We just got word that Stevie is out of surgery and is going to be okay." Ringer replied "I was wondering where he was. I had a new joke to tell him. What was the surgery about?" Jeannie quickly told Ringer and the other two

drivers sitting at his booth about Stevie's surgery, and they sighed: "Yeah, we're glad he is going to be OK." Jeannie said "but I don't know how he and his Mum are going to handle all the bills. From what I hear, they're barely getting by as it is." Ringer nodded thoughtfully, and Jeannie hurried off to wait on the rest of her tables. Since I hadn't had time to round up a replacement for Stevie, and really didn't want to replace him, the girls were clearing their own tables that day until we decided what to do.

After the morning rush, Jeannie walked into my office. She had a couple of paper napkins in her hand and a funny look on her face. "What's up?" I asked. "I didn't get that table cleared where Ringer and his friends were sitting until after they had left. Pete and Tony were sitting there when I got back to clean it off," she said. "This was folded and tucked under a coffee cup."

She handed the napkin to me, and three \$20 bills fell onto my desk when I opened it. On the outside, in big, bold letters, was printed "Something for Stevie". "Pete asked me what that was all about," she said, "so I told him about Stevie and his Mum and everything, and Pete looked at Tony and Tony looked at Pete, and they ended up giving me this." She handed me another paper napkin that had "Something for Stevie" scrawled on its outside. Two \$50 bills were tucked in its folds. Jeannie looked at me with wet, shiny eyes, shook her head and simply said "Truckies!"

That was three months ago. Today is Thanksgiving, the first day Stevie is supposed to be back to work. His placement worker said he's been counting the days until the doctor said he could work, and it didn't matter at all that it was a holiday. He called ten times in the past week, making sure we knew he was coming, fearful that we had forgotten him or that his job was in jeopardy. I arranged to have his mother bring him to work. I then met them in the parking lot and invited them both to celebrate his day back.

Stevie was thinner and paler, but couldn't stop grinning as he pushed through the doors and headed for the back room where his apron and cleaning cart were waiting. "Hold up there, Stevie, not so fast," I said. I took he and his mother by their arms. "Work can wait for a minute. To celebrate you coming back, breakfast for you and your mother is on me!" I led them toward a large corner booth at the rear of the room.

The rest of the staff followed behind as we marched through the dining room. Glancing over my shoulder, I saw booth after booth of grinning truckies join the procession. We stopped in front of the big table. Its surface was covered with coffee cups, saucers and dinner plates, all sitting slightly crooked on dozens of folded paper napkins. "First thing you have to do, Stevie, is clean up this mess," I said. I tried to sound stern.

Stevie looked at me, and then at his mother, then pulled out one of the napkins. It had "Something for Stevie" printed on the outside. As he picked it up, two \$10 bills fell onto the table. Stevie stared at the money, then at all the other napkins peeking from beneath the tableware, each with his name printed or scrawled on it. I turned to his mother. "There's more than \$10,000 in cash and cheques on that table, all from truckies and trucking companies that heard about your problems. Happy Thanksgiving,"

Well, it got real noisy about that time, with everybody yelling and laughing – and there were a few tears, as well.

But you know what's funny? While everybody else was busy shaking hands and hugging each other, Stevie, with a big smile on his face, was busy clearing all the cups and dishes from the table. Best worker I had ever hired.

Plant a seed and watch it grow!



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for someone with Motor Neurone Disease

CONGRATULATIONS

We have collected 23,611 corks towards our **SECOND** wheelchair
With Christmas celebrations upon us
please save your corks and place them in the box in the narthex
(Many restaurants are happy to give you a bag of corks if you ask)

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday's Services

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion with hymns
Sundayz Kidz during school term time

First Sunday of the month

Healing & Wholeness in the Chapel immediately the 8.00am
and 10.00am Services have concluded.

Tuesday

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday

6.45am Holy Communion in the Moore Chapel behind the
main altar

9.15am Morning Prayer

10.00am Holy Communion in the Moore Chapel behind
the main altar

Friday

9.15am Morning Prayer

5.00pm Evening Prayer

Meditation

10.30am on the 3rd Saturday of the month