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 Mission Statement - 2021  
 "God's Kingdom requires  
 us to make Disciples".  
 with the GOAL being  
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## *St Peter's farewells Rev. Jobby John*

On the 27th June, 2021, Rev. Jobby conducted his 320<sup>th</sup> Eucharist, his final one, at St Peter's. It is now time for the St Peter's community to bid him farewell, as Jobby answers God's calling to serve at St Dunstan's, Camberwell. In bidding him and his family farewell, we say "Thank you", and our very best of good wishes go with Rev. Jobby, Halish, Athira and Ann for the future. May God bless each of you.

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## *Tis the time for the parishioners of St Peter's to bid "Farewell, to Jobby, Halish, Athira and Ann" . . .*

On May 13th, 2015, the parishioners of St Peter's Bundoora, warmly welcomed Rev. Jobby John, as he undertook the position of Locum at St Peter's. His first sermon, on Sunday, 17th May, 2015 was focused on the theme of Love. A year later, on St Peter's Day, Rev Jobby was inducted as the 'Priest in Charge' of St Peter's.

For us, to fully appreciate the legacy Jobby leaves us, we firstly, need to acknowledge and remind ourselves of the context of Jobby's life and his vast experiences before he came to St Peter's. Jobby's hometown was Kumplampoika, in Pathanamthitta district, a southern state of Kerala, India. Jobby was born into a home filled with love and strong religious beliefs of the Church of South India (CSI) which was part of the global Anglican Communion of Churches. CSI is the largest protestant group in India. Jobby acknowledges, that as a child, he was blessed to have a profound connection with his mother. The first Bible verse his mother taught him to memorise was John 3 : 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Another important lesson was to "Treat your mother, father and guests as if you are treating God" and she added "to treat even your enemies the same way if they happen to visit you." Jobby's mother focused on Ecclesiastes 11:1–5 as the foundation stone to teach Jobby valuable qualities: to be a giver, to be organised, to be reliable, to have practical wisdom/knowhow and to have complete trust in God. From his mother's devotion, he experienced the powerful love of God, and has devoted himself to living these values and spreading the love of God throughout the world. In 2000, Jobby was ordained in the CSI, as a deacon and worked in rural and urban parishes in India and two parishes in the USA. Jobby was appointed to spearhead a program to establish four CSI parishes in Australia and in so doing integrated the CSI churches in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Sydney with the Anglican Church of Australia. Jobby worked tirelessly to

ensure their Motto: "That they all may be one" became a reality. Whilst based in Melbourne he also served at St Matthew's in Ashburton. Jobby has successfully completed a Bachelor of Divinity, and a Masters of Theology, as well as, a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature. He is a fluent speaker in Malayalam, Hindi and has a working knowledge of the Tamil, Greek and Hebrew languages. During last year's Covid lockdown he translated, "A Prayer Book for Australia" (APBA) into his mother tongue. When Jobby was invited by the Archbishop to come to St Peter's, three months passed before his family could join him from India. This was a challenging time for Jobby, separated from his cherished family, living in a community with unfamiliar traditions and culture, although a cricket fanatic he was unfamiliar with football. BBQs and the Four and Twenty meat pie with Heinz tomato sauce. Jobby sincerely acknowledges he will be forever grateful to the parishioners who warmly welcomed him, providing him with furniture, meals, friendship and who were generally supportive. Halish, Athira and Ann now look upon the parishioners of St Peters as their family in Australia and feel blessed for the acceptance, support and affection they have been surrounded with. Jobby had been brought up in a lower church tradition and was challenged to learn afresh the Anglo Catholic Tradition and the liturgy practiced at St Peter's. Not to be deterred, he sought initial lessons from Father Tom Brown. Further, Archbishop Philip Frier gifted Jobby a book written by Charles Sherlock, called "Australian Anglicans Worship performing APBA" which explores the heritage, background, contents and creative use of 'A Prayer Book for Australia'. Jobby, with the support of his family by his side and armed with new knowledge and skills in his repertoire was ready and well prepared to begin his journey at St Peters.



Jobby was overjoyed when his family could join him in Australia.

Halish is now working in her chosen profession of Accountancy.

Athira came as a Secondary School Student and is now studying Engineering at Monash University. Ann began in Primary School and is now excelling at Loyola College.





### Induction Service St Peter's - 2015



**Halish, Athira and Ann supported Jobby in his Ministry and they all soon became loved members of the St Peter's community.**



With Jobby at the helm, we have been fortunate to have Halish, Athira and Ann supporting and assisting him, in his every move. They have well exceeded any reasonable expectations that could have been placed on them.

## Jobby's ministry at St Peter's . . .

When Jobby delivered his sermons in India, he would make focused, initial preparations, during the week, however, on the Sunday he would deliver his service without the aids of overheads, bullet points written materials etc. If his sermon did not go for at least 40 minutes, it was considered not to be a good sermon. Initially, Jobby found it an onerous task to limit his sermon to 10 to 12 minutes. He was unfamiliar to the process of documenting in detail what he was going to say, and, then to deliver his sermon without deviation by reading it, from his carefully prepared material, where each word was precisely chosen. Along with his detailed study of the Anglo Catholic traditions practiced at St Peter's he adapted to the St Peter's style of worship, never wanting nor expecting the parishioners to change to the ways he was accustomed, but always making sure the parishioners were comfortable with the liturgy. It was a very steep learning curve for Jobby and how well he responded to each of the challenges presented to him. Jobby's dedication and commitment to the spiritual life of the Parishioners and Friends of St Peter's, has not been surpassed.

During Jobby's time at St Peter's, many new and renewed programs and events have flourished. Although Jobby may not have been the initiator of all of the events, he has been supportive of them. For example, some of these programs and events include: Evening Service, Meditation, New Year's Service, Friday Night Service, Blessing of the Fleet, Tamil Service, Hymn Festival, First Mission statement. There were many advancements in Technology including; a new Website, Facebook Page, YouTube Live Streaming, Zoom Meetings; Outreach included: two Parish Barbecues at the Vicarage, a Partnership with the Concord School, Cross Keys restarted, La Trobe Students Club after initial talks with student leaders, Craft and Conversation, YoYoFa and a Cricket Tournament which unfortunately had to be Cancelled due to injury and covid; and so the list can go on. In the midst of all of this he also made regular visits to Regis Aged Care, visited parishioners and others in hospital and made home visits. Most of the latter with the support of Halish. He wrote and emailed 35 Editions of his newsletter "Covid 19 Special Edition Newsletter" including messages of hope, humour, the popular Weekly Puzzles, etc. during the weeks of Melbourne Lockdowns during 2020 and 2021.

After his final Eucharist, in looking back over the his time at St Peter's, Jobby very modestly shared what he saw as his accomplishments: Firstly, he tried to teach a person one word, not a sentence, in his mother tongue but he said he had totally failed, even after 6 years of persevering, to pronounce it correctly. Secondly, during his first month at St Peter's, the church was broken into and again twice more in later years. Something most parishioners don't know, is that each Sunday at 7am Jobby walks to the church and the first thing he does is to check that all doors are intact. This morning, his final morning, he check and was delighted to see nothing was broken or stolen to his relief.

During his time at St Peter's. Jobby led 21 funerals, he said you might well say, "here stands a killer priest". He performed 16 baptisms and named 2 new converts . Out of the 21 funerals, 16 were active members. Jobby welcomed 16 new members. Also, during this time a further 14 new people began their association with St Peter's through YoYoFa, CrossKeys, on Line Services, and counselling.

Jobby made comment that the 6 years, 1 month, and 14 days he had devoted to St Peter's was in fact half of Ann's life.

Rev. Jobby concluded by saying:

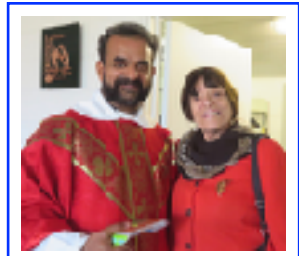
**"Tiny things matter in God's Kingdom – a flower, a smile a cheerful greeting. Remain faithful to God. You are the church, we are the church, the body of Christ, Priests come and go, but this is my holy advice, remain faithful to the Lord and the Lord's church. Stay together and together you will be blessed. "**

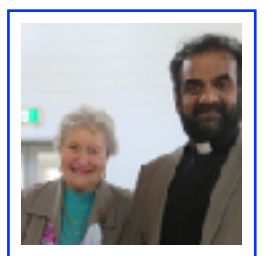
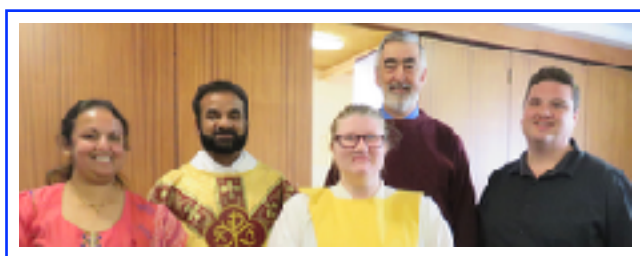
The Parishioners of St Peter's, have indeed, been blessed, to have had Jobby, Halish, Athira and Anne at St Peter's.



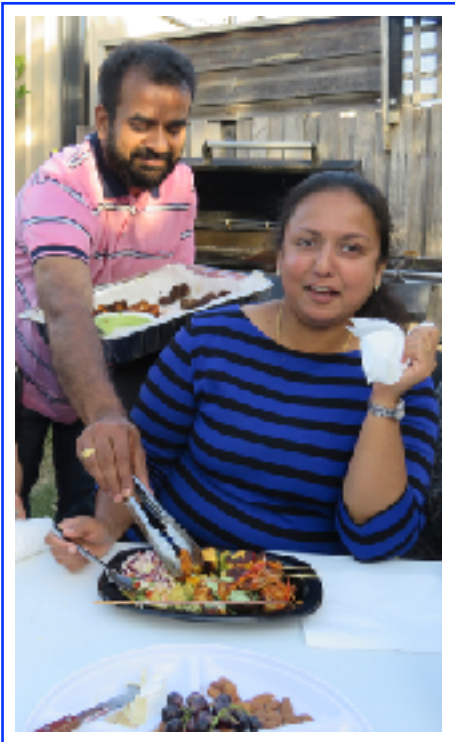














Jobby enjoys playing cricket, is an ardent reader and is interested in politics, sustainable living and current affairs. He has recently graduated from dishwasher to gourmet cook.





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On July 11th, 2021, the parishioners of St Peter's farewell Rev Jobby, Hlish, Athira and Ann with a Morning Tea, speeches, gifts and an opportunity for everyone to say their farewells.

## Calendar

**Sunday 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist**

**Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Sunday 9.30 a.m. Sunday School**

**Meditation - Saturday 10.00 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome. Contact Ranjit Wijesinha for more information  
0403 654 549.

**Vasey House - Wednesday 11.00a.m.**

St Peter's conducts a Church Service at Vasey House.

Contact Sylvia 0425 971 179

**Blue Cross Aged Care - The Boulevard Mill Park**

Second Thursday of the month.

**Choir Practice - Thursday 7.30 p.m.** In the Church (wearing masks is mandatory). Contact Ken Foggie - Choir Master 0409 933 166

**Life Groups - Wednesday 8.00 p.m.**

Via Zoom. Please contact Shirley Nash 0403 601 713 for details

**Messy Church - 4.00p.m. to 6.00p.m. 4th Sunday of the month**

Messy Church is Christ-centred and welcoming to everyone - singles, adults, and families, not just children, focused on fun with craft, activities, stories and a meal to share together. Everyone from the community is welcome.

**YoYoFa Youth and Young Families**

Alternate months

Contact Reena 0426 894 321 or Nicole 0404 866 629 for details

**Conversation, Craft and Coffee** - 2nd Friday of each month 2p.m.

**Tamil Service** Every 3rd Sunday at 4p.m.

## Wardens' Report

- ◆ A Farewell Morning Tea was arranged for the Parish to thank Rev Jobby John and his family for their commitment to the Parish over the last six years

- ◆ We have been fortunate to have the services of Rev Ray & Rev Margaret Hartley, while Rev Jobby has been on holidays.
- ◆ During August, we will welcome Rev Dr Wendy Crouch as our locum for the immediate future, while the Incumbency Committee seeks for a new vicar for the Parish.
- ◆ Another downpour and another problem; it appears the buildup of leaves in the guttering caused a backflow into the ceiling near the front entrance door. The gutters have been cleared and a bracket moved in an attempt to prevent a re-occurrence of the problem.
- ◆ Approval has been given for the doorway into the kitchen to be replaced, so that the door can again be locked.
- ◆ Changes in covid restrictions have caused some difficulties with planning, but we appear to be coping.
- ◆ A fundraising Pancake Lunch was organised and those in attendance had an enjoyable time. The event raised nearly \$600. Thank you to Noni and her helpers.
- ◆ A Christmas in July Luncheon was arranged for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in July and it was hoped that we might have the support of some of our Tamil Service members.
- ◆ Another BBQ at Bunnings was scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> July. We owe a vote of thanks to Nicole for her organisation and involvement in this project and our thanks to all the volunteers who have participated.
- ◆ The Tamil Services have commenced and are conducted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month.
- ◆ July has been a very productive fundraising month and Parish Council extend a very grateful thank you to everyone for that helping hand towards our finances. Please think about ways we can fundraise that incorporate people from outside St Peter's and let the Parish Council know about your ideas, as we will continue to need fundraising to supplement our income moving forward.
- ◆ We will be running a stewardship awareness program, or stewardship campaign, in August.

## Blessing of the Cruets

The Parish Council thankfully acknowledges the generous (anonymous) donation, which has paid for the resurfacing of the golden cruets. The parishioners were able to witness Rev. Jobby during his last service at St Peter's bless the Cruets. The Cruets can now, again, be used to keep the Eucharist sacramental wine and water.



ing celebrate birthdays, 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and so much more. All of them coping with and enjoying John's thick Yorkshire accent, which he never lost. 1975 saw their first of many holidays back in the UK, always with a stop-off in Hong-Kong or Singapore. John started riding his bike again, but stopped after a nasty accident with a car. His last job after being the Manager at Arnold's Gates and Fences for 20 years was the Property Manager for The Uniting Church North Melbourne Mission. During his retirement, he volunteered at the Epworth Hospital as a gofer in the Emergency Department, and later he became a special volunteer at the Mill Park YMCA. Twice a week he chauffeured a young man who had lost his sight to the Gym and supervised him as he used the machines. Finally came his last passion in life, his running. Starting off gradually he soon found a tenacity that he'd not had before, and 5 and 10km races became his speciality, Although not before he'd run a few Melbourne Marathons. Running a good time was a challenge and occasionally there would be a Personal Best. Once a year he'd go to the Master's Games in a different Australian capital city, and also to the Commonwealth games in Edinburgh; he ran around Green Park in London, along the Seine in Paris, scaled the Peak in Hong-Kong and along dusty roads in Thailand. Similarly for thirty years our running friends went each January to Mt Hotham. The men running first thing and then the group going on a long bush walk, coming back exhausted to a meal of shared casseroles. Gradually things changed for John, Alzheimers is an insidious thief, taking from us the things we cherish and give life meaning. The staff at Bupa Aged Care Greensborough were gentle and kind and after 6 years in their care John was able to run another Personal Best, slipping away peacefully and gently to his final rest. His Funeral Service was held at St Peter's. A Christian gentleman, he ran a fine race but his long journey has peacefully drawn to a close.

## Vale - John Earl Peacock

John was born on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1936, in Bradford, Yorkshire. John's war years meant going to school with a gas mask in a box and classes interrupted regularly with air-raid drills. After passing GCE O levels he took a traineeship with the English Electric Company in the Finance Department. He rode his bike to work, combining saving bus fare and training for races run by the Bradford Cycling Club. This didn't make him a bike mechanic, though, and his Dad never got over the fact that John put his bike on the train, rather than mend a puncture. During the National Call up, John enlisted in the RAAF, and served three years in Cyprus attending to the incoming signals and radar on the top Mt.Trudos. On the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 1963 John married Sylvia in St. Mary's, Wyke. Soon they were joined by Virginia and 18 months later Sally. Throughout his life John was always very proud of his daughters, and later their partners David and Bruce and grandchildren, Alex, Elise, Sam and Charlie, and lovingly supported them in their endeavours. The growing depression in his home town combined with John's love of travel saw his family, in 1967, becoming 10 pound Poms, enjoying the sea journey on the Fair Star arriving at Port Melbourne on the Queen's birthday weekend. In a few days John had an admin job at Wormalds. Later they settled on the Jennings Estate at Bundoora and became members of St Peter's. After a visit from Murray during a Planned Giving campaign he mentioned that St Peter's needed a Treasurer which John decided to take on. A position he held for 18 years and the state of the church finances was no different then to now juggling paying the bills. St Peter's was central to John's family lives, enabling them to make lovely friends that help them on their way, help-

