



DU Grape Vine



MARCH 2026



PROFILE—PAULINE & MARK CLINE

Pauline and Mark joined our church after moving into Drysdale from St Leonards to be closer to shops and services. They were previously attending the Portarlington UC.

Mark was born in India whilst his structural engineering father worked there building bridges. He lived in India for 18 years with his parents and sister. He attended the Church of England Bishop's School in Poona for primary and secondary education as a boarder. Sport and Scouting were his interests there. He ended his schooling as the Head Prefect.

Back in the UK he joined the military with the Royal Marines and served for 20 years all over the world, except for South

America. On leaving the Marines he worked for Barclays Bank for 10 years before retiring, and becoming a military medals dealer.

Mark and Pauline met at Barclays Bank and married in 1984. A daughter lives in Sydney and a son in the UK, with three grandchildren.

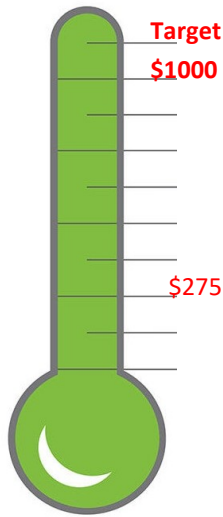
Pauline was born on the Isle of Wight and has one sister. Her father was the council engineer. She attended primary school at Whippingham and secondary school at Carisbrook Grammar, where she also became Head Girl in her final year—she says because she was naturally bossy. She attended the University of Sussex and completed a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. It was then onto Barclays Bank initially in the payroll section and then for computerization of banking before becoming the HR manager in the Internal Audit Unit. She stayed at the bank for 36 years.

Pauline and Mark moved to Clifton Springs in 2004 for a better lifestyle and because Mark's school House Master recommended the Bellarine Peninsula. They lived first in Highridge Drive but after lots of gardening decided they needed something smaller and built on a normal house block in Clifton Springs.

Pauline became a major fundraiser for a variety of organisations, starting with a responsibility for the Bank's "Pound for Pound" activity. She became known locally as "the jam lady" and says she had a staff of one (Mark). As Parish Secretary at St James Anglican she took on the reins for the renovation of the church hall—a million dollar project. She was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2025.

Both Mark and Pauline grew up in the Church of England and have had a great life with the church. Mark says he finds solace and strength in conversing with God through services.

LOOSE CHANGE



Our recipient organisation for the first half of 2026 is the Moderator's Emergency Fund.

The intention is that our contribution would be directed to the plight of farmers following this years fires.



PANCAKE DINNER

Thank you to Jenni and the team for a wonderful dinner that raised \$635. This was topped up by Church Council with \$800 being sent to Uniting.

MORNING TEA WITH THE MINISTER

Thanks to those who came for the February morning tea. The March and April dates will be cancelled due to World Day of Prayer and Good Friday services.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

Friday 6 March at Central Baptist Church at 10.00 am. The focus country is Nigeria and there will speakers who worked in Niger (a neighbouring country) with experience of Nigeria. This service is organised by the Combined Churches of Drysdale, Clifton Springs & Curlewis. An offering for the WDP organisation will be taken.

WALK OF WITNESS

Good Friday 10.45 am from Christian College to the Uniting Church, to be followed by hot cross buns and cuppas in our hall.



This months' services

- 1 Mar—10.30 am Rev Karen
HC & Loose change
- 8 Mar—10.30 am Rev Karen
- 15 Mar —10.30 am Wayne's Team
- 22 Mar—10.30 am Rev Karen
- 29 Mar—10.30 am Combined
Linked Rev Karen

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 8 March

You are invited to bring along fresh or packaged goods representing the bountiful harvest that God provides us. These will be given to Cottage by the Sea.



Happy birthday!

MARCH

- Holly Cate 4th Mar
- Roger Lascelles 7th Mar
- Corinna George 8th Mar
- Carolyn Leidle 9th Mar
- Jenny Batten 12th Mar
- Jean Cooper 29th Mar

Happy birthday!

OUR BANK DETAILS

BSB: 083-623

ACC: 035333892

REF: Surname purpose

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	VESTRY	READING	PRAYERS	COUNTING	FLOWERS	COMMUNION
MAR 1	Rhonda & Carolyn	Brenda	Claire	Margaret	Margo	Ian	Melva	Joan & Rhonda
8	Belinda & Darren	Claire	Val	Andrea	Claire	Val	Brenda	
15	Susan & Win	Carol	Denise	Wayne's Team	Colleen	Colleen	Denise	
22	Joyce & Dianne	Lynda	Ian	Marie	Carol	Marg	Claire	
29	Pat & Andrea	Denise	Lynda	Carol	Val	Denise	Andrea	

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