

My name is Jennifer Furphy, and I am the Vicar of the parish of Flinders with Balnarring.

I have been married to my husband, John, for 39 years, and we have two adult sons: Will and Tom.

We enjoy living in Balnarring, with our two beloved Labradors; Libby and Flossie.

In my life before being ordained, I was an artist, and I still enjoy painting, and often use my pictures as visual aids in church services. I have also been a member of the Embroiderer's Guild for about 25 years, and enjoy doing many styles of embroidery. I play the flute, and enjoy singing.

I made my Cursillo on Women's 7 in Melbourne in 1996. At that time I was a lay-woman. I have served on several teams as a lay-person and also since my ordination in 2004, so have experienced Cursillo from two very different perspectives. I hope that this may help me in this new role.

I have found the Cursillo movement to be a positive influence in my own life, and also in the lives of many of my friends. It is not everyone's cup of tea, but can be a useful aid for renewal of enthusiasm for church life. I feel honoured to have been asked to take this role, and pray that God will show me ways to be useful in it. Please pray for me, and for John, who gives me so much support.

Jennifer Furphy.