

# Beryl May Kirkwood

Born	9 May 1926	Sydney NSW
Died	19 February 2015	Sydney NSW
Education	St George Girls High Comptometer Operator Training Nursing: SRN, Midwifery, Early Childhood and Specialist Nurse 1950-52 Theological Training BTI Melbourne 1953 Bengali Language School 1987 Pastoral Care Course 1990-92 BA Macquarie University Human Development & English Literature	
Family	Married in Darjeeling, India Daughter and son born in Assam 2 Daughters born in Australia Grandchildren	



In teen years Beryl was involved at the local church, active in Christian Endeavour, Girls' Brigade and Youth Fellowship, and later the Australian Nurses Christian Movement.

1952-1969 she served with Australian Baptist Missionary Society (now GIA) in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh) for 2 years and then 15 years in Assam, India.

Beryl was then involved in pastoral ministry with her husband leading Bible Studies and participating in Women's Meetings and Sunday School. She also held office and was President for 3 years in the Baptist Women's Missionary Union. 1998 she became NSW State President of Baptist Women for 4 years as well as maintaining leading positions in local church run activities.

As a Baptist Council Member of ACW NSW unit from 1996 Beryl participated in Perth and Sydney National Conferences. She served on the Executive for 2 years as the Asian Church Women's Conference Convener but due to serious medical problems had to relinquish this role, but remains a Council Member. She writes...."This is a vital organisation in which I have appreciated being part of its ministry. It is a fellowship of likeminded women who honour Christ and His church. During these past years I have endeavoured to be a supporting member."

Before Playgroups were in vogue, Beryl set up and ran a parent and child education program funded by Save The Children Fund and associated with the Baptist Church. Beryl has enjoyed using her skills giving private tutoring in reading for adults and visiting families in need of direction....never missing an opportunity to introduce the Christian way of life.

Retirement...Joined Australian Christian Writers (her book "A Gem of a Life" published in 2011), involved in a local Neighbourhood Centre, supervisor of exams at University of Western Sydney, where she also teaches creative writing at Hawkesbury University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age.

"Life for me has never been boring. I feel very privileged to have met interesting people and worked with fine, dedicated Christian Women. For this I thank God and pray that my witness will honour Him and the Lord I love".

Despite an ongoing serious medical condition Beryl maintains her involvement with Australian Church Women. Her deep commitment to the Christian way of life is an inspiration to others.

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# Heather Margaret Badgery

Born 6 June 1929 West Wyalong NSW

Education West Wyalong Primary School  
High school Kiama and Katoomba  
Registered General Nurse Western Suburbs  
Hospital Croydon,  
Midwifery Wollongong Hospital  
Deaconess House under Mary Andrews  
  
Second of three children  
Aunt of 14 children, great aunt of 14 children



Heather is a member of St Thomas's Anglican Church at Enfield where she has been involved with Ladies Fellowship and various committees.

For over 60 years Heather has been a member of Nurses Christian Fellowship. Her employment record shows a wide range of commitment to the more vulnerable members of society, living out her Christian conviction. Following training at Deaconess House where she studied under Deaconess Mary Andrews, one of the founders of Australian Church Women, Heather was a Home Sister at the Far West Children's Home at Manly. She worked at Lisgar Hostel for teenage girls referred from the courts, and was ordained as a Deaconess while there. Cooinoo Home for Destitute Children at Enfield was another appointment. At Eversleigh Home of Peace at Petersham Heather was Nurse Educator. She worked in the Vocational Employment Training Scheme in Green Valley with Sydney City Mission. Prison Medical Service at Long Bay and Parramatta Gaols were also areas of service. Among all these postings were several periods at Western Suburbs Hospital Croydon.

As an Anglican representative to ACW NSW State Unit Council, Heather held office as Membership and Pastoral Care Convener for many years. Attendance at several National Conferences enabled her to make friends with members of ACW throughout Australia. She has also been involved in her local ACW Branch, and in Churches Acting Together in Strathfield.

Heather comments: "Of myself I am nothing. God used me to share myself and His love mainly with those on the fringe of society."

In her quiet, practical and unobtrusive way Heather has been a true servant of God, sharing his love with young and old across all strata of society. Bringing these qualities to the position of Pastoral Care Convener she fulfilled the role with great kindness and understanding.

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