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SAVING SACRED PLACES

When 'Sacred Places' are mentioned, probably the places that come to mind are the grand Cathedrals of Europe, with their superbly carved wood and stonework,

in height for heaven.

In fact, there were places that were sacred to our ancestors in various parts of the world, millenia before the Cathedrals were built.

light streaming through For example, the great the stained glass windows, stone henges of Europe, Do you have a 'Sacred place' religious pictures on the constructed around 4000 that is especially significant walls, and steeples competing years ago were probably based on the position of the sun at the solstices, and seem to have been used for this purpose before the standing stones were actually erected.

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THE ADVOCATE

NEWSPAPER FOR THE DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA



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The Advocate is focussed on the people of our Diocese; and sharing our thoughts and ideas helps to make it a success. We would appreciate your assistance in either of the following roles.

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DEVELOPING MINISTRY TOGETHER

BY FR CLARENCE BESTER



The Challenge of Change in Ministry and Mission

Having engaged in Ministry Development Consultations with some Parishes, what can clearly be seen from discussions is a need for new directions and change. The current situation in most Parishes causes a painful urgency for a different future, as ministry challenges increase. The usual method of forecasting the viability or future activities of any ministry unit seems to depend on its financial capacity to support its current and planned programmes.

We cannot shy away from the fundamental fact that, unless we meet our financial commitments, our ministry opportunities will falter. However, primary or sole focus on finances detracts from the vision of what might be possible. The desired outcome for most Parishes in the ministry engagement process, is to secure a financial future with the prospect of growth in relation to numbers and more active participation. This is normally emphasised by ageing congregations who feel that they have been carrying the brunt of ministry support over so many years. By contrast, a primary focus on our vision and then

determining the small steps to achieve that vision, makes the process and the growth achievable and affordable (see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_ yuwypm2Qc).



Implementing our parish strategic plans and going about the normal activities of creating opportunities for worship, ministry and service, are some of the essential ingredients of our mission. The misconception however is that the gathered community is the focus of this mission, solely for our own spiritual enrichment. The fostering of

Church growth calls all members of our congregations to 'intentionally disciple' (with a purpose) someone else and lead the person to Christ. This might just be the very change we need within our congregations if our desired outcome is to be part of this growth.

Opportunities for teaching and training our congregations to be involved in these initiatives need to be created. This could very well be an opening for change within our pattern of ministry and mission. There might be personal challenges and a need for prioritised initiatives, but any first steps in a future direction will build the momentum to where we need to be.

Our Lay Ministry Conference on 14 October at Holy Trinity Cathedral will begin to focus on some of these initiatives and we hope that this will stimulate further discussions that could lead to implementation within Parishes.

Development Workshop - Parish of Benalla Fr Clarence led us through

BY MOLLY CRAIG

Archdeacon Clarence Bester was a welcome preacher in the Parish of Benalla on 16 July. Following his stirring message, Fr Clarence then led the people in a Parish Development workshop. This included having the parish look at where we are now, what we're doing well and what we need to do to be a vibrant parish in the future.

Parishioners divided up into small groups to discuss where we saw our centres in terms of the life cycle. Much honest discussion ensued, with people from each centre talking about their present situation. After that the groups then looked to the future and all declared the same thing, that we want to grow and be a strong presence in our communities for many years to come. We looked at

our Strategic Plan for ideas. but also looked critically at the SP and saw what now is not possible or not relevant any more on our journey. It was pleasing to see how many things the parish was already undertaking from the SP and this gives the parish much hope.

many thought provoking paths, including a collaborative approach with other parishes, focusing on our strengths and what could be shared with others and what we needed to be shared with us.

The parish was much buoyed by the exercise and looks forward to further discussion with Fr Clarence as we look to a strong future. Thank you Fr Clarence and also our Rector, Fr David Still for their work with us on this important day together.



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Deans gather in Bendigo for annual conference

BY FR KEN GOODGER

Eighteen Deans Cathedrals of the Anglican Church of Australia and two Deans-elect came together for five days at the beginning of August in Bendigo for our Annual Conference. Sunday 6th of August gathering us celebrate the Transfiguration at the recently refurbished reopened Paul's Cathedral.

We also welcomed Dean Matthias Der from St John's Cathedral Hong Kong to the conference. St John's has a weekly attendance of over 2000 people. Asked about the reason for the strong attendance, Dean Der said: 'We intentionally resource a group of volunteers to run our program and to support parents in nurturing children in their own homes in their faith journey'.

Central to our discussions was the need to focus our mission activities to reach children and young people. A forum was led on this topic by

the Rev'd John Deane, Executive Director of the Anglican Board of Mission. The Deans that in order for children's ministry to flourish, strict safeguarding would procedures need to be adopted across Australia. We were encouraged that General Synod will be considering adopting nationwide child-safe standards, compliance professional and standards protocols.

Senior Dean, the Very Revd Dr Peter Catt of St. John's Cathedral, Brisbane, said: 'The

Deans¹ Conference is a rich, life-giving and collaborative experience. We enjoy a deep commonality in the midst of our theological diversity. The level of support encouragement and that we experience at the conferences means that attendance is always high. This we enjoved year the presence of two women Deans and a woman Dean-elect for the first time in the history of the Australian church'.

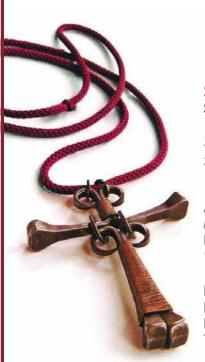


OCTOBER edition of the Advocate

DEADLINE 16th September



focusing on young people in our Diocese



SOCIETY OF THE SACRED MISSION

SOCIETY GATHERING AND MICHAELMAS LECTURE

Saturday 7 October St Peter's Eastern Hill, Melbourne 11am Sung Eucharist, followed by lunch in the hall

After lunch Michaelmas Lecture Dr Keith Mascord 'Diversity and engagement in a changing world'

RSVP by 29 September Father Colin Griffiths E ssm.ballarat@gmail.com or T 0456 637 114

from the Bishop

Brothers & Sisters

Old men will dream dreams... Joel 2:28

Well, yes they will, and this slightly older Bishop certainly dreams dreams. Of a world filled by the love of Christ in all that we do. A world focused on peace, inclusiveness, equality, and care for others.

With age also sometimes comes a clearer more balanced perspective and after nearly 9 years as Bishop of this fine Diocese I have a slightly different approach now from when I began my episcopacy here. The bustling ebullience of the new Bishop settled and I have learnt to walk more slowly and more confidently with God in this role, knowing that with him we can all do great things together. We needn't rush headlong into things and can feel secure that we are moving ahead in God's time. It seems that the fable about the tortoise and the hare may well be of value even in the church. We need to set our sights, make our plans and move forward, holding course, heading quietly (or sometimes not so quietly) and boldly in the direction we feel called to go.

In the conclusion of my Presidential Address to the Synod this year I suggested that we should count our blessings. I observed that, "It is always easier to think about what we lack, or what challenges us. Lamenting what we do not have blinds us to the multitude of blessings we share. And so with the Apostle Paul, may we: Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18." We cannot move forward, we cannot best use God's time and we cannot fully appreciate the beauty of our world unless we release ourselves from the bindings of lamentation and regret.

This edition of the paper celebrates the incredible work of creation which God has shared with us. As we consider our environment in its complexity and beauty, it is difficult not to give thanks for the blessing of all that is around us. The Anglican prayer book offers us a simple prayer to give thanks for all that we have.

Bountiful God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in due season: give us grateful hearts that we may sincerely thank you for all your loving kindness, and truly care for your creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen (APBA P634)

In Christ

+John



The Right Reverend John Parkes AM Bishop of Wangaratta



DIOCESAN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER		
11 th	Mon	Holy Trinity Benalla Ladies Group Luncheon - see ad page 8
11th - 15th	Mon - Fri	Clergy Retreat & Conference
19 th	Tue	Bishop in Council
21st	Wed	International day of peace
OCTOBER		
7th	Sat	St Matthew's Fete, Albury - see ad page 9
1 4th	Sat	Lay Ministry day - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta - see <i>ad page 4</i>
14 th	Sat	Cursillo Ultreya, Swanpool - see ad page 7
21st	Sat	St Michael's Fete, Wangaratta - see ad page 2
24th	Tue	Bishop in Council

ST JOHN'S NAGAMBIE TO **CELEBRATE 130 YEARS**

I love God and my country, I honour the flag, I will serve the Queen and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the laws.

This motto I learnt alongside Victorian school children when I was young. I don't know if it was Australia wide, but it was important to me. and I have tried to keep all those promises and values going in my life.

Many at St John's Anglican Church parish folk have done the same and are still honouring their faith, country, monarch, and community in which they live many years later, even though things have changed in society. Those base values and ethics are still paramount to help maintain a caring for one another and in keeping law and order.

Many may not have their teachers near anymore, but they remember what they were taught as patriotism, and beliefs.

On Sunday, 1 October, 2017 St. John's Anglican Church is preparing to celebrate 130 years of faithful Christian service and witness to God, by generations of parish folk since St John's was consecrated in 1887.

130th anniversary morning service is being planned at 11am with a bring and share lunch to follow in the hall. Past and present parishioners and their families are invited to attend. If you have been baptised, confirmed, married or had a family member's funeral from St John's, then why not join the parish folk to celebrate this milestone in their history?

MANY CHANGES

In the past 130 years many changes have occurred. One of their missions now in this ever changing world is to reach out to the community and help them.

Going by the recent census statistics less people believe in God or have a faith. Many say they don't need a God; they're doing quite fine without one. Some even say they haven't even heard of God!

Maybe in these times of violence, addictions, domestic, drugs and alcohol abuse, wars, sickness, homelessness. poverty, family breakdowns, sexual abuse, the desensitisation feelings for others watching too many murders, movies show and such and other problems have all taken a toll on people's beliefs.

Many families have rising debts caused by wanting bigger houses, cars and boats, and this has opened the door to materialism and Spending consumerism. more than one has is becoming a major problem for Australians.

WHAT CAN BE DONE? One wonders if internet

IPads, or Facebook,

smart chat, instagram, smart phones, lap tops and tablets will be the new future way to believe in and serve God?

Will mobile data plans that give us access anywhere and social media that gives us access to everyone, be the things that replace our churches in the future? Or will the churches adapt?

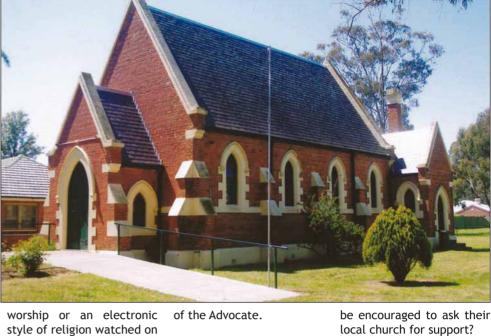
Bishop John Parkes spoke about this a bit in his message in the last edition I worry about the future for my grand children and their generation. Will people just not care about others anymore? The electronic media has stopped many people communicating face to face with others. In some cases they are harming many people, autonomously.

ASK FOR HELP

Even church folk must ask for help to keep their churches going.

This may be the time church people can learn to help others more or people may This is a challenge many churches face. How to help? St John's is reaching out in the community to see what people need.

Details of activities at St John's or the Anglican the Parish of Central Goulburn can be made to Fr Garv Atherton. 5799 0283 or to Diane Grant for the 130th October 1 service and lunch. 5794 1720



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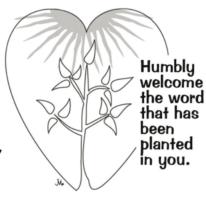
Lay Ministry **Invigoration Seminar**

to be held at

Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta

on

Saturday 14th October 2017 10am - 4pm



Topics include

- Models of Lay ministry
- Intercessory prayer
- Sanctuary liturgy
- Strategic ministry
- Safe church requirements

Further information:

- Registration forms coming soon
- **RSVP 6th of October**
- Diocese of Wangaratta 03 57213484

CATHEDRAL COMES ALIVE TO THE SOUND OF MUSIC

BY FR KEN GOODGER

The weekend of the 23rd and 24th of September will see two wonderful musical events taking place at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta.

On Saturday the 23rd of September, the Royal School of Church Music Victoria will be holding a daylong 'sing-fest' from 10.00am, featuring music from some of the best choral music composers of all time. including Mozart, Byrd and Handel. The day will end with a concert by the assembled choir.

Renowned choral director Jonathan

Royal School of Church Music Victoria

Grieves-Smith will lead the day. Jonathan was previously director the Melbourne of Symphony Orchestra Chorus and is currently artistic director of 'Hallelujah Junction' and 'Hamer Singers'.

The day is open to singers of all ages and experience. You can book your place for this event at www. trybooking.com/QWXM.

Then on Sunday the 24th, from 12.15pm, renowned Mezzo Soprano Alexandra Mathew will sing a stunning program of Schubert, Rossini, Copland. Ravel. Purcell and a piece by Melbourne composer,

Andrew Anderson, as part of the Cathedral's Spring Recital Series. Entry is by donation. Alexandra holds a Bachelor of Music (Honors) from University the Melbourne, and has

Alexandra Mathew completed studies in

Vocal Performance at the Roval College of Music in London. In 2016 Alexandra was awarded an inaugural scholarship to sing with the Melbourne Bach Choir, and toured China as a soloist with the Australian International Opera Company. Alexandra is currently undertaking a Master of Music in Musicology at the University of Melbourne, researching Benjamin Britten's music for Kathleen

More information on both events can be obtained from the Cathedral Director of Music, Hugh Fullarton, on 0418 584 852 or by e-mail at hhfullarton@ hotmail.com.

Ferrier.



Bequests

John has been enriched in life. He has been blessed by God with a wonderful John Thas been enriched in line. The has been blessed by Good with a wondershamily and good health. After full filling his dreams with a successful career he has now retired and spends his time volunteering within his parish as a church warden. During his time volunteering he learned that his fellow parishioners have been generous and supportive of the work of God through the church and he wanted to follow in their foot steps.

So John went to visit his family lawyer to revise his will and to find a way he could help support the work of God. His lawyer suggested to him that he could name his parish as beneficiary in his will. So in addition to providing bequests for his grandchildren's education, John decided to provide ten percent of his estate to his parish church. This way, what he practices every Sunday as a committed parishioner will continue on. John's generosity will make a significant difference with in the life and work of his parish.

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OURENWRONMENT

SAVING SACRED PLACES - continued from front page

BY GILL BAKER

On the other hand, your significant sacred space may be a small stone church in regional Australia, a forest with old growth trees and teeming bird life, a spot by flowing water, perfect for reflection, a coral reef with its myriad of spectacular colours and creatures, or one of those wild and deserted bays visited by whales and dolphins that vou can come across by chance in WA.

So stepping away from edifices that humans have built, and considering the natural world, it's not hard to find places that would have triggered a sense of awe, wonder and sacredness to Australia's indigenous peoples 60 thousand years

Imagine those first peoples seeing unfamiliar animals, watching the sun setting behind Uluru, or peering down from the hills of the Kimberley Plateau into the gorges and waterfalls of its river systems. No wonder they immortalised their experiences in rock art, song lines and Dreamtime stories; and used the caves and protected ledges of great geological edifices as sacred places in which to place skeletal remains of their ancestors for eternity.

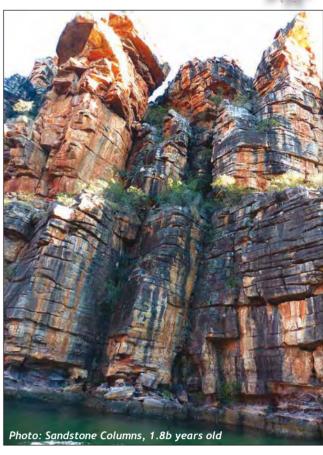
They recognised also connectedness of all life, and understood the vulnerability of the ecological systems that



supported them, working with the landscape to ensure sustainability for future generations.

Is this where we have lost our way? Has modern life, with its focus on consumption, caused a disconnect from the natural world? Are we saving our ancient sacred places, by assigning Heritage status, yet doing little to save the just as sacred natural world from the 'Sixth Extinction'? Have we focussed too much on the past and the present, and too little on the future?

This is the great debate for the next decades, and one in which we should all engage, especially students in our schools, avoidance is not an option.



Bird Observing & the decline in bird numbers

BY ANNE FINLAY

My interest in bird observing directly relates to walks along the Goulburn River at Murchison East in the seventies and eighties. There were dozens of different types of birds, all unfamiliar to me, (I was a migrant from the U.K.) flitting about. I decided I should find out what I was looking at, I found an old pair of binoculars and purchased a Simpson and Day Field Guide Book, which I studied thoroughly. It opened my eyes to a new world, observing numerous birds.

The little birds have always been my first love, Spotted and Striated Pardalote, Mistletoe birds, their shapes and colours are God's works of art.

The seasons of the year present different birds. August sees the return of the Olive backed Oriel with its "oory-oory-ole call, the Rufous Songlark with its melodious song, often ending in a run down the scale, doe, ti, la, so, etc. August, early September the red Robins are considering moving on to cooler

climate, Flame usually go before Scarlet, and the Redcap Robin stay, they have to await the return of their mates in April. Wonder if they have a reunion party?

Kingfishers Sacred return approximately early September, these Kingfishers have a white collar around their neck and can be found inland, wooded areas, near water etc. The smaller more colourful Azure Kingfisher stay here in the winter and can be seen usually sitting perched on a branch over the edge of the water.

Warwick and my own favourite migrants are the Rainbow Bee Eater and the Dollar Bird. The colours and shape are another example of God's work of art. The Bee Eater numbers dropped dramatically in the early 2000s following a cold snap in the Goulburn Valley in January which killed many of the baby and adult birds. They usually return to the same area each October, and their numbers are only just building up, but are a fraction of what they were fifty years ago.

Where Warwick grew up on a farm next to the Goulburn River, he took it for granted, hundreds of these birds making their nests in tunnels in the mounds and sandbanks along the river. Other factors than the cold snap have caused their decline. CATS, FOXES and other introduced predators.

about the same time as the Bee Eater. The Dollar Bird's colour can really only be appreciated through binoculars. They'll often stay put while vou run home for vour Binos. Their powerful red beak is worth looking at.

The Dollar Bird arrives

It is very sad to see the severe decline in bird numbers. Loss of habitat due to indiscriminate land clearing. Loss corridors of trees, that allow birds to fly along the tree line and keep out of of Rainbow Bee Eaters the way of predator birds such as Hawks. Eagles, Kookaburras, and Butcher Birds. Biggest killers are Cats and Foxes, when Researchers caught cats they are amazed how many birds the cat has devoured.

> Dominating Birds such as Australian Bellminers or commonly called " that lovely Bellbird" that is heard making the repetitive Tink. Tink. The Bellminer

chases off any bird who tries to feed in their area. They enjoy the lerp insects on the trees, but don't eat enough of them and the trees eventually die from the lerp invasion. Noisy miner, Wattle bird, New Holland Honeyeater, all are "bossy birds" chasing the smaller birds away from the food bearing

Climate change is also affecting the bird movements, more birds which we would only have seen further north are coming south. An example is the Eastern Koel, (a Cuckoo) about the size of a Raven, with a red eye. It used to be a rare visitor to the Goulburn Valley and surrounding area, but it is now an annual visitor even as far south as Melbourne. It has a haunting distinctive call, especially early on a summer morning when you are trying to

There are numerous birds I have not mentioned, this only a taste, take a walk, preferably with Binoculars, Binoculars are very personal but I find 8 or 10x42 are good for bird observing.

The environment is changing, planting bird attracting bushes and trees in your garden will help, you can then sit back and enjoy THE

NEW LIFE - Thanks to our wonderful Climate

BY FR JOHN JESSOP

The picture of a ten week old lamb is ample testament wonderful climate we enjoy in this part of Victoria. The lamb was born in mid-June and has since thrived on his mother's milk and grass. Actually what is more striking in our part of the world is the way in which the environment has recovered in and around Marysville since the 2009 fires.

Immediately after the fires Marysville unrecognisable as many of the landmarks were The deciduous trees. trees have largely recovered and the eucalypts have regrown virtually from scratch. The pictures of the new church for Marysville in last month's Advocate illustrate this well. How could this be? There are four major ingredients: soil, water, light and carbon dioxide. Let us thank God for CO2!

As Christians we are called to worship the Creator rather than the creation. So much 'environmentalism' about worshipping the creation. We, as human beings, are called to be good stewards of the world in which we live - this is different from worshipping it. This means caring for our fellow beings as well as the environment. How can it possibly be right for 1.3 billion people in the world not have any electricity? Being good stewards includes: not deliberately invoking fear for political or

commercial ends; being honest about matters that affect the whole world; treading lightly on the environment while recognising the earth's wonderful capacity for regeneration.

The climate change 'alarmists' have much to answer for. Decent people want to do the right thing but they are being duped politically by commercially motivated 'scientists', activists and organisations. So much of what we are told about the climate and the environment is simply not true. Before vou berate me please take the time to look at two or three websites: 'wattsupwiththat.com'; 'joannenova.com.au'; otalotpfpeopleknowthat. wordpress.com'.



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

International Day of Peace

BY FR DAVID JONES

Are you aware that 21st September is International day of Peace?

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution. Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to "commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples."

Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all people to commit to Peace and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

On 15 September 2017, the Secretary-General will mark Peace Day in the Peace Garden at United Nations Headquarters by ringing the Japanese Peace Bell and observing a minute of silence.

2017 Peace Day Theme: Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.

This theme is based on the TOGETHER global campaign that promotes respect, safety and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes in search of a better life TOGETHER brings together the organizations of the United Nations System, the 193 member countries of the United Nations, the private sector, civil society, academic institutions and individual citizens in a global partnership in support of diversity, non-discrimination and acceptance of refugees and migrants.

Join with people around the world by observing the International Day of Peace! People in cities, communities and villages worldwide have engaged in the International Day of Peace in diverse and meaningful ways.

Here are just some ideas for international day of Peace:

*Minute of silence at 12 noon *Peace education events *Intercultural and interfaith dialogues *Workshops on the UN Peace Day theme *Meditation and prayer *Planting peace poles *Community gatherings *Vigils *Concerts and festivals *Soccer/football matches in the spirit of peace *Service to others *Feasts for Peace *Writing peace poetry *Marches, parades and flag ceremonies *Engaging youth in peace-building activities.

What can you do for the international Day of Peace on 21 September?

Visit these websites for more information; http://internationaldayofpeace.org/

http://www.peaceoneday.org/

Friendship Group, St John's



Photo L - R. Nancy Craig, Judy Nielsen, Ethel Elkington, Carol Gruber, Sue Torney, Gaye Petzke, Dorothy Olejniczak, Kath Woolford and Maree O'Neill

BY JUDY NIELSEN

Well, the ladies of the Friendship Group at St. Johns Wodonga excelled themselves with their Fish and Chip night held on a freezing cold winters night in the Dawn Richardson Memorial Hall at St. Johns.

45 members braved the cold to thoroughly enjoy themselves with fellowship and friendship.

The salads to go with the fish and chips were delicious followed by enticing slices to be enjoyed with tea and coffee afterwards

The door prize of a lovely cyclamen was won by Dawn Smallpage and many others won smaller prizes.

The quiz was won by the

talented Gruber verv family who won a box of chocolates.

Sue Torney enthralled us with a display of he agility and talents by doing the monkey roll up and down the hall. It was amazing to watch.

Overall, everyone enjoyed a really great night.

Parish of Benalla Confirmation

BY CHRISTINE CHALLMAN

Such a blessed Confirmation day was held on Sunday 30th July. In front of over 80 family, friends and parishioners, Bishop John confirmed Emily, Sarah, Patrick and Lachlan. Holy Trinity was filled with love and support for these children as they affirmed for themselves to live the faith into which they had been baptized. Bishop John's message to the children was beautiful, and we will now see pearls in a whole new way. Thank you to Father David as he led Emily, Sarah, Patrick and Lachlan in their

Confirmation studies and supported by Christine Challman. The children wish to continue studying about faith, and learn how to live a life of as a committed and dedicated disciple of the Lord.





Mothers Union News and Events 2017

BY MARY MUNTZ

Sixteen Mothers' Union members met for their second Diocesan Council Meeting in Purbrick Hall on 7th August. Fr David Holloway celebrated the midday Eucharist and Sue Fyfe, Prayer and Spirituality Coordinator lead the Intercessions with a focus on Mary Sumner, founder of MU. Rev'd Maureen Beattie joined us after lunch and told us of her transition from a career as a registered nurse to ordination as Deacon and ultimately as a priest. Her nursing career fostered an interest in Pastoral Care which now is accepted as new dimension in hospital nursing care and aged care facilities.

For four million members of Mothers Union Worldwide the ninth of August has a special significance, the celebration of Mary Sumner Day to recognise her tireless desire to help young mothers in late 19th century England.

Mary was born into a reasonably wealthy family living in a large house on 500 acres of land. Unusually for daughters, she and her sister finished their education in Rome, becoming fluent in foreign languages, singing and music.

Mary married George Sumner in 1848. George's father was the Bishop of Winchester and a noted church reformer, his older brother was the Bishop of Chester and his uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury. The first Rectory Mary and George lived in apparently had reception rooms, 15 bedrooms, servants, stables, and a maid took four hours to trim 40 lamps.

To quote Mary in later years "Mothers had one of the greatest and most important professions in the world and yet there was none that had so poor a training for its supreme duties." Many of the women in the parish had very hard lives as farm labourers and older children often had to look after the young ones. The family diet was often potatoes, bread, bacon, and occasionally vegetables. This social divide between more affluent and poorer women in the parish was a challenge but Mary drew the women to the Rectory for meetings and introduced prayer and parenting skills to help nurture their children's moral and spiritual upbringing. George helped Mary by visiting rich and poor. With a number of influential bishops in the family and friendships with others Mary's dream was properly sanctioned in 1876. The wives of these Bishops helped extend Mothers Union beyond their diocese and three years after the Inauguration Mothers Union had spread to Canada and New Zealand. In 1892 Mother's Union was brought to Cullenden in Tasmania when a new priest and his wife arrived from England. Australian members are celebrating 125 years of Mothers Union membership in Launceston on 15-17 September this year.

Mary Sumner, George and the family would be astonished at the Worldwide membership of four million could result from one woman's plan to help young mothers nurture and introduce their children to a Christian way of life.

Truly a life worth Celebrating.

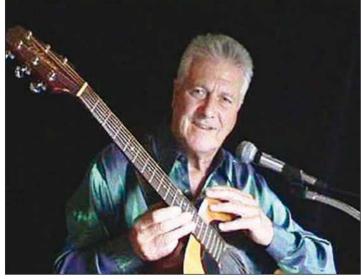
NOSTALGIC MORNING MELODIES FOR MU AND GUESTS

BY DIANE GRANT

The Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn Mother's Union (MU) held a successful "Morning Melodies" function to raise funds for their Overseas and Northern Outreach project on Thursday, 10 August at Christ Church hall Seymour.

Members of MU and parish folk from the three church centres joined guests from Avenel, Nagambie and Karingal hostel folk to hear entertainer Trevor Dennis play and sing some good old time songs. The guests were happy to enjoy the delicious morning tea provided and to sing along to the evergreen songs and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere.

Acting MU President of the Diocese of Wangaratta, Mary Muntz and husband Roger came down from Nathalia for the nostalgic morning and was welcomed by Mrs Karen Atherton, MU President of the Central Goulburn MU branch. Karen also welcomed everyone and Trevor to the fundraiser,



and spoke of the history and work of the MU across the world.

Entry donations, a trading table and a raffle helped raise the funds for the annual project and lucky door prizes were won by some lucky patrons.

Karen Atherton thanked everyone for supporting the MU morning and assisting with the project the MU has this year.

Everyone agreed it was a very pleasant way to spend a morning; sitting back, listening or singing along to an easy to listen to entertainer and his music and share some good food and fellowship.

Photo above: Trevor Dennis local entertainer from Baileston performing his Singalong time at MU Morning Melodies.

Safe Church Safe People



BY NIKKI COLLINS

Keeping children safe - the legislation

Prior to the national Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, the Victorian Government initiated an inquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations in religious and other non-government organisations which resulted in the release of the Betrayal of Trust Report in 2013. Arising from this report has been a series of changes to our legislative environment including new mandatory requirements that apply in the diocese. These include:

Failure to Protect offence – which requires anyone in a position of authority in an organisation to take all necessary steps to reduce or remove the risk of abuse if they know that such a risk exists.

Failure to Disclose offence – which requires all adults to report information about child sexual abuse where there is a reasonable belief that a sexual offence has been committed by an adult against a child under 16. The only reasonable grounds for not disclosing the abuse are if the person fears for their safety or that of another person, or if the abuse has already been disclosed.

Grooming offence – which relates to predatory conduct by an adult with the intention of later facilitating sexual activity with a child.

Child Safe Standards – are a series of seven standards to create child safe organisations. The standards cover all aspects of an organisation's operations and require a structured and proactive approach to safety.

This diocese also has two parishes in New South Wales that are geographically outside the reach of the Victorian legislation. NSW does not have specific legislation equivalent to the four mentioned above, however, the principles that underpin the Victorian approach can be found in NSW legislation. By applying the more up to date and comprehensive Victorian legislation and standards across the whole diocese we will be at least meeting those of our neighbouring state.

The new Victorian Reportable Conduct Scheme will apply to religious organisations from 2018 and sets out mandatory reporting processes in the event of allegations of certain types of abuse. NSW also has a similar process although this does not specifically relate to religious organisations unless they are providers of education, child care or similar child related services. However, as the Head of Entity for the diocese, the Bishop has a responsibility under the Reportable Conduct Scheme for all parts of the diocese regardless of which state a parish is in.

Both NSW and Victoria have Mandatory Reporting requirements that apply to people employed in particular roles such as police, teachers and health care workers, and both states have Working with Children Check systems, although they do operate slightly differently.

If you would like further information on the legislative requirements that apply to the diocese or to you as an individual please contact the Registry on 03 5721 3484.

If this article has caused you any unease or concern you can contact Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support or the Director of Professional Standards for the diocese on 1800 135 246 to report abuse.

Tallangatta Tales

BY GRAEME ALDRICH

Enthusiast's Young Commitment - Our Fifth Sunday Service at 10.30am on July 30 was Tallangatta's turn to host Yackandandah Parish 'at home'. After the service the 45 congregation members were treated to an excellent presentation by 20 year old Emma Aldrich who is currently studying Nursing at Charles Sturt University. During a 'gap year' in 2016 Emma spent six months as a volunteer at Kulumburu Mission in the far north of Western Australia where she worked in the store daily and took up the challenge of setting up a youth centre for the younger members of the indigenous population. She also had a lot to do with preparing a group of youngsters for First Communion Confirmation.

address concluded with a very informative video presentation that she had created to mark her experiences. An additional highlight of the day was the delicious lunch of Casseroles and Sweets provided by both Parishes in the Hall.

An 'Ecumenical Send Off'?
- On Friday, August 4th our ladies were called upon by the family of the late Vince Kelly to provide refreshments in our Parish Hall following a funeral service which took place at St Michaels' Catholic Church at 'the other end of town'. This was a good example of what we can achieve by an 'all in together' effort.

Rotary Debate - On Monday, August 7th, our catering crew was in action again providing a delicious two course dinner for Rotary members and guests when Tallangatta Secondary College, sponsored by Tallangatta Rotary Club, went up against Trinity College, sponsored by Albury North Rotary Club, in the first round of the 2017-18 Ian Murphy Memorial Debating Competition. **Tallangatta** won the final of last year's Competition and made a strong start this year by defeating Trinity, arguing the affirmative case of 'That a University Education is Essential for Success'.

90th Birthday Celebration - On Saturday, August 12, just 5 days after the Debate dinner, our caterers provided an excellent Afternoon Tea to help her family mark the occasion of Verna Wood's 90th Birthday. For over two hours around 100 friends and relatives enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship that provided some lasting memories for Verna.









Ultreya

When: Saturday 14th October 2017

Where: St Aiden's Church, Swanpool. Crn Midland Hwy and Swanpool-Lima Rd (next to the football field)

Time: 12 noon for bring & share lunch. Ultreya starts at 1.00pm

Please come and join us as we hear a heartfelt witness talk and celebration

De-consecration of All Saint's Barmah

BY LOU HAMON

The Rt. Rev'd John Parkes, Bishop of Wangaratta de-consecrated Holy Nativity and All Saints Barmah at a well attended service on Saturday 15th July 2017.

The Barmah church was the town's first, and now the town's last, place of worship, after it originally began as a wooden structure that was brought over from Picola in 1913.

The original timber building had to be eventually pulled down in 1966 when it was ravaged by termites.

The existing building designed to be a

multi-purpose space was built in 1966. The new church was fitted out with locally sourced red gum and the fence was made out of the cable from the old Murray River punt.

Services stopped last year and the power cut off, the building is sound and will be put up for sale.

Rev'd Sally Boothey, rector of Numurkah-Nathalia Parish said "It is a time of sadness, to contemplate the closure of this, or any church, and it seems that an era when traditional Christian worship and teaching centered around church buildings is passing".





Kids' Activities Day at St

Aidan's in Swanpool

BY GRACE BEER

Ten children and young people from our Swanpool community literally had a ball at our Holiday Programme day in early July. The activities, morning tea and lunch were provided by a team from St Aidan's church and included plenty of outdoor games, thanks to the fine and sunny weather.

The day began with a scavenger hunt. Toss the Gumboot met with much

enthusiasm, as did the target challenge of hitting drench containers with a ball. Versions of Poison Ball and Simon Says were as popular as those games were fifty years ago. Crusts and Crumbs was enjoyed immensely and was one of the games which could have gone on for much longer than the time allowed.

Music, storytelling, making pizzas, and painting were the other activities that were provided on the day. In our feedback and farewell circle, every activity was named as significant by one or more children.

Our thanks go to God for his protection and provision, and for the joy that was shared by adults and children at this event. One of its highlights for me was the leadership role shared by adults and young people from our faith community; this gave the day an atmosphere of genuine friendship, and we praise God for such a wonderful blessing.

SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS ...

Of Marriage and Politics

BY Christopher Russell

At the 13th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia, 2004, a resolution was passed supporting the Marriage Amendment Act 2004, whereby the (heterosexual) definition of marriage in common law was incorporated into the Act. It appears likely that subsequent reform will bring legislation in the forseeable future allowing homosexuals to marry. There is potential for embarassment here as we appear to have put ourselves, firstly, on the wrong side in comparatively recent developments.

This would be of no concern were it not true the National Church has become little more than a philanthropic organisation hosting competing pressure groups in Sydney and Melbourne. It is likely that marriage ordained by God will soon be optional in this Church in circumstances where priests will not be required by the State to conduct alternative ceremonies.

In his pastoral letter of 2015, however, the Right Reverend John Parkes, Bishop of Wangaratta, appeals generally to scientific thinking and specifically to Professor Bill Loader's optimistic note that change "will depend to a large extent on how we evaluate what we see around us. Is everyone heterosexual or not? That will determine how our love flows".

The problem with advocating in this manner consists in the appeal firstly to a democratic principle: is everyone heterosexual or not? This suggests that being heterosexual or not is essential to being human. Arguing in respect of orientation or identity occurs on both sides of the marriage debate, but this is a godless ethos not found in the doctrine of creation.

The time evidently is ripe for the Church to erase its past and weaken Christian ethics to the core as sexual attraction has been thrown open to radical differentiation. The despised heritage of a faith once delivered to the saints remains the only hope there is of a saving grace.

Everyone is invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas to this section. Submissions must include a name to be printed with the article and should be kept to about 300 words.

Publication of all contributions is dependent on space availability and are printed at the discretion of the publisher. The views expressed in this section are not necessarily the views of the Diocese of Wangaratta.

HOLY TRINITY BENALLA LADIES GROUP

Women of the Diocese are invited to our Annual Luncheon in the Parish Centre

on Monday 11th September 12noon \$12 Entry

Guest speaker will be Lou McCosky

– coordinator of the Breakfast Club at Benalla p-12

College

Enquiries to Robyn Marshall (03) 5762 6733 RSVP – 4th September to Robyn or Dorothy

Is it time for a change?

We invite licensed Clergy to offer expressions of interest for Parish vacancies within the Diocese. Vacancies in parishes such as Yarrawonga and Northern Albury offer a wonderful opportunity to make difference in Regional Victoria and become part of the fabric of the local community.

The people we are seeking will be committed to growing vibrant and inclusive communities of faith. They will be in touch with contemporary church debates and committed to engaging the church in the life of the community. This Diocese is focused on providing prayerful, loving and caring ministry, celebrating the love of Christ in all that we do.

The Diocese of Wangaratta covers north east Victoria and the Albury border of NSW. This is a beautiful part of the country and together Bishop, clergy and people work hard to serve the Lord.

Further information on the Diocese can be found on our Website and we invite you to contact the Registrar - Mr Tim Williams to explore this opportunity further. Phone: (03) 5721 3484 or Email: registrar@wangaratta-anglican.org.au



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Time to confront the 'Doctrine of Discovery' says Indigenous Bishop

Bishop Mark MacDonald, the National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada spoke about the Reconciliation journey of the Canadian Church during his recent Australian visit.

During a forum in Adelaide, Bishop Mark was asked to nominate the 'blind spots' of the Australian Church in relation to reconciliation. He spoke of the experience of Canadian Anglicans in unveiling and seeking to repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.

"The Doctrine of Discovery describes a habitual way of thinking that continues to marginalise, dehumanise and downgrade Indigenous people," said Bishop Mark.

"At the heart of the doctrine is the idea that Indigenous people are a primitive form of human life who are therefore discoverable. This hidden assumption causes us to look at Indigenous people as people who need to be updated. Who need to be westernised or civilised in order to have any sort of happy life. It doesn't look at Indigenous people as people of a distinct and worthwhile cultural. It doesn't value their gifts and talents

According to Bishop Mark, the Doctrine of Discovery is at the heart of the mistreatment of Indigenous people that is historical and ongoing. Bishop Mark visited Australia at the invitation of National Aboriginal Bishop, Chris McLeod and the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM).

He was a keynote speaker at the Melbourne Diocesan Ministry Conference where he spoke on Incarnation, Indigenous Life and God's Mission. Pointing to the growth of Indigenous churches, Bishop Mark suggested that the Western church has much to learn from Indigenous wisdom - especially when facing the task of incarnating and inculturating the Gospel for younger generations.

From Melbourne, Bishop Mark headed to Central Australia where he joined Bishop Chris McLeod and a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican leaders for retreat. The group spent time in prayer, story-telling, sitting together in country and prophetic imagining about the future of the church.

Canada and Australia both share a sad history of placing indigenous children into institutions.

The group visited the Bungalow (now the Telegraph Station) where many Aboriginal kids grew up. They also spent an evening with Rev'd Brian Jeffries and the former residents of St Mary's, an Aboriginal children's home which was once supported by ABM.

The retreat ended in an evening around the campfire with local Arrente elders and other Alice Springs residents, sharing stories of land and spirit. It was a fitting end to a very moving time characterised by shared grief and laughter, and a marked spirit of unity in diversity.

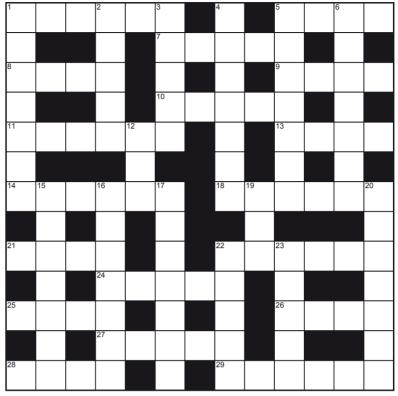
Bishop Mark's visit and the Alice Springs retreat were made possible by donations to ABM's Reconciliation project. Videos from Bishop Mark's time in Adelaide can be found on ABM's YouTube channel.



The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. For over 160 years ABM has been assisting people all over the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provide health and education services, improve agricultural practices and strengthen the Church.

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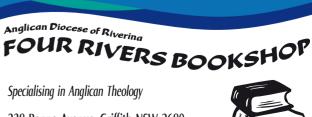
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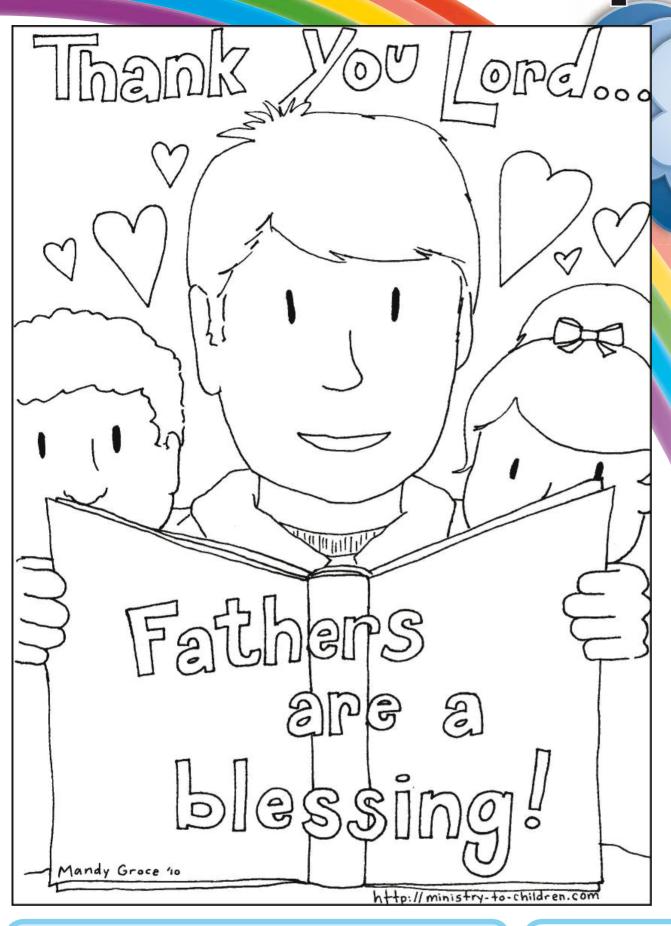




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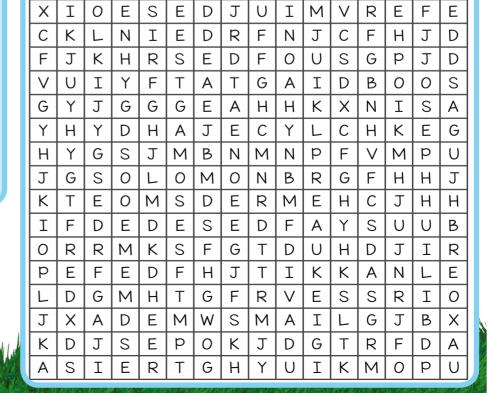
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Regular Parish Service Times

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

Sunday

8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist

Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist

Saturday 6.00pm Saturday @ 6 Morning Prayer

Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday) **Evening Prayer** Daily at 5.00pm

ALBURY

St Matthew's, Albury Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist 1st Sunday 5pm Evensong 3rd Sunday 10.30am Children's Church Last Sunday of Month 9am Matins and Holy Communion

ALEXANDRA

St John's, Alexandra Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

ALPINE

All Saints, Bright Wednesdays 9:30am Sunday 11am Eucharist

St Paul's Myrtleford Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist

St John's Whorouly Sunday 8am Eucharist

St Etheldreda's Harrietville 3rd Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

BEECHWORTH

Christ Church Beechworth Sunday 10am Sung Mass 5th Sunday 10am Healing service One service for the Parish

St Jude's Eldorado

1st & 3rd Sundays 10am Morning Prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays Contact Sue Hall (03) 5725 1477

CORRYONG

All Saints Corryong Eucharist 9.30am every Sunday Holy Trinity Cudgewa 3rd Sunday 11.30am Eucharist Tennis Club Biggara 1st Sunday 2pm Eucharist

EUROA

St Paul's Euroa Sunday 9.30am Eucharist Wednesday 10am St Andrew's Longwood 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8am St Dunstan's Violet Town 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.30am

KILMORE

Christ Church Kilmore Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist 4th Sunday 5pm Meditation Service St Matthew's Broadford Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist St Stephen's Tallarook Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm Holy Eucharist 5th Sunday 11am Family Service rotates between Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong see parish website for Church

BENALLA

Holy Trinity, Benalla Sunday 8am Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist Monday 10am Eucharist (Cooinda Nursing

Thursday 9.30am Eucharist

St Paul's Goorambat 1st Sunday 5pm Eucharist

St Aidan's Swanpool 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist

CENTRAL GOULBURN

Christ Church Seymour

Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am St. John's Nagambie

Sunday 11am St. Paul's Avenel

8am 1st Sunday of the Month

COBRAM

St Margaret's Cobram Sunday 9-9.15am reflection time 9.30am Eucharist 5th Sunday Parish Eucharist

2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist.

Wednesday 10am. St Aidan's Strathmerton **MANSFIELD**

St John's Mansfield Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Friday 12 noon Meditation

Christ Church Bonnie Doon 2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church

4th Sunday 11.30am - Uniting Church Service

St Peter's Jamieson

1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

MARYSVILLE

Marysville

1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.00am St Thomas Buxton 2nd & 4th Sunday 10am

MILAWA

St Paul's Milawa

2nd & last Sunday 9am Eucharist

MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA

St Aidan's Tawonga 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5.00pm **NORTHERN ALBURY**

St. Mark's North Albury 10am Sunday; 9.30am Wednesday. St. James' Lavington

8.30am 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays; 10am Thursday.

St. John's Thurgoona

9am 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays.

St. Paul's Jindera

10.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays. Messy Church

St. Mark's 4pm 2nd Sunday

NUMURKAH

St George's Numurkah Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Holy Trinity Nathalia Sunday 9.00am Eucharist 4th Tuesday 10.00am Eucharist

St Paul's Wakiti Creek

1st Sunday 7.30am Holy Communion

RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN

St Stephen's Rutherglen Sunday 8.45am Eucharist

Thursday 9.00am Eucharist (M.U. on 2nd)

All Soul's Barnawartha 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am Eucharist

Browns Plains

3rd Sunday 7.45am Kids Church during Term 5th Sun 10.45am

St Paul's Chiltern

1st & 3rd Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Wednesday 9.00am Eucharist

Christ the King Wahgunyah 4th Saturday 6pm Eucharist

SHEPPARTON

St Augustine's Shepparton

Sunday: Eucharist 8.30am, 10.30am (Family Service), Evening Prayer 5.30pm Fifth Sunday: combined service 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am

St. Luke's Dookie

Sunday: 8.45am: Eucharist 1st, 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 2nd, 4th Sundays

Christ Church Murchison

Sunday: 11am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday

St. Paul's Rushworth

Sunday: 9am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday Fifth Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service.

TALLANGATTA

Christ Church Tallangatta Sunday 9.00 am 4th Sunday Family Service 10.30 am **WANGARATTA**

All Saints Moyhu 1st Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

Holy Trinity Whitfield

3rd Sunday 11am Eucharist

Christ Church Greta 3rd Sunday 9am Eucharist

WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS

St Michael's Wangaratta West

Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am

St Paul's Glenrowan

Sunday 11am

St George's Taminick

1st & 3rd Sunday 8am

St Johns Village Chapel Tuesday 10am + Saturday 5pm

WODONGA

St John's Wodonga

Saturday 6pm Vigil Eucharist Sunday 7.30am Eucharist

9.30 am Sung Eucharist

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist

5th Sunday 7pm Choral Evensong

Mon & Tue 8.30am meditation

9am Morning prayer Wednesday 9am Meditation

10am Eucharist & 5pm Evensong

Holy Trinity Bethanga 2nd & 4th Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

YACKANDANDAH

Holy Trinity Yackandandah

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays 10.30am Eucharist 4th Sunday Morning prayer

St Mark's Tangambalanga

1st & 3rd Sunday 8.45am Morning Prayer 2nd & 4th Sunday Eucharist

St Paul's Allan's Flat

1st & 3rd Sunday 9am Eucharist 4th Sunday Morning prayer

St Andrew's Dederang

1st & 3rd Sunday 7.30pm

4th Sunday 10.30am Eucharist

YARRAWONGA

St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga

Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Eucharist Monday 11am (off site)

Wednesday 10am (chapel)

Morning Office weekday 8.45am (exclude.

Mon & Sat) St Thomas' St James

1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday 8.30am YEA

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St Luke's Yea

Sunday 9.15am Holy Eucharist Thursday 9am Morning Prayer

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Tallangatta SC Debaters Jai Butler, Catherine Vardy and Darcy Williams-Lappin await the adjudicators' verdict. Story page 7.

2. Parish of Alexandra High Tea - Pat, Diana and Rev'd Michelle enjoying the fun of Fashions on the field

3. Fr Paul Dalzell with Sam Elliott at Church 4 Kids, Parish of Kilmore

4. Parish of Kilmore's Organist Kathleen Taylor on her first Sunday back after shoulder surgery

5. Seymour dance Club's Jenny Ridd and MU Dawn Leece, enjoying the old time

music and songs at the annual fundraiser. Story page 7.
6. Welcoming back past parishioners to Christ Church, Kilmore. Heather and Hans deNiet, and Sarah (Burge) and Paul Davidson with parishioners Shirley and Caroline 7. July 23rd Bishop John visited St. John's Wodonga to conduct the Confirmation service of Gemma & Jayden Clissold, Tianna & Aaron Sonter, Shaun & Simone Flanagan and Chelsea Winkle. It was a lovely service followed by morning tea in the Dawn Richardson Memorial Hall.

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