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REFLECTING BACK ON 2017

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

...and looking forward to 2018

New Priest’s for the Parishes of Kilmore and Rutherglen

BY CAROLINE BURGE

In mid November it was a joy to be able to finally announce the appointment of a new Parish Priest for the Parish of Kilmore.

Fr André Du Plooy comes to the parish having been the Assistant Priest in the Parish of Shepparton since October 2016, having previously lived and served in South Africa as both a school Principal and later as a Priest.

The Parish of Kilmore welcomed Fr André and his wife Patty in mid January with the Induction taking place on January 24th (photos will come in the next edition of the Advocate).

A new era for the parish, and a new era for both Fr André and Patty, but one which everyone is really looking forward to.



BY CAROL FURSDON

The Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern were very happy to have appointed Fr Scott Jessup to their Parish.

Scott brings his wife Kate and their three daughters with them from the Alpine Parish (just down the road!)

The family have moved into the Rectory in early January to get the girls settled in before the school year begins.

The Parish looked forward to Fr Scott’s induction which was held on Thursday 1st February at St. Stephens Church in Rutherglen.

It will be lovely to have the family as part of our Parish and we look forward to our time together as a church family.



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DEVELOPING
MINISTRY TOGETHER

BY FR CLARENCE BESTER



Challenging an intentional discipleship programme for our parishes in 2018, I was fascinated by the theme of the Bishop of Seoul's new year message for his Diocese when he encouraged them to change from believers to disciples. Bishop Peter Lee quoted in an article in the Anglican Communion's News Service (ACNS) said: "The words that Jesus tells us and the personality and way of life that we showed ourselves must be revealed through us. We cannot expect the growth and development of our church without the desire and determination to be our disciples. Church reform is no different. Only those who are converted into disciples - disciples in personality and in life - will be able to make the church to be a church, and the glory of God will be revealed through them." (article posted on 10 January 2018)

I am sure that many

Parishes within our Diocese are planning activities for 2018 and that through the liturgical practices of our Church, we will be observing the solemnities and seasons as the year unfolds. There are probably fundraising events in place to meet any budgetary shortfalls with Parish Council and Parish Ministry meetings set out for the year. Dates for important Diocesan activities for 2018 have all been set out and it seems as if it will be 'business as usual'. One just wonders how many of the strategic planning activities with the well-worded documents will be part of the strategic operation of Parishes in their Ministry Development Plans?

Following a first meeting of our Diocesan Strategic Operational Team (SPOT) in 2016, I highlighted that for us to bring into fruition the activities discussed and planned at Synod, it will have to be business 'UN-

usual'. This means that we cannot continue to do the things that we have been doing without evaluating the impact of our ministry within the Community that we serve. Transforming moments within our Parish Operational Plans must become defining moments. In a sense it is like changing from only being a believer into being a disciple.

A believer is someone who believes in the truth or existence of something or someone whereas a disciple is one who follows. Within the Christian understanding and context, the disciple is challenged to 'go and do like-wise' and to make the difference.

As we continue to develop our Ministry Plans for 2018, I hope that we will be able to make a difference and see a positive result unfolding as we intentionally teach, train and equip our people for ministry throughout

our Diocese. The different focus areas of the Strategic Planning Operational Team will continue with the implementation process of the plan with some concluding its findings. The Training and Development Team will be facilitating training activities throughout the year and these will be published in the next edition of the Advocate.

As the Archdeacon for Ministry Development, I will continue to work with Parishes to develop sustainable Ministry Plans and to facilitate any training needs with a small group of people who are presently being identified. Please contact me through the Registry Office (5721 3484) for any information or to set up an appointment for Ministry Development initiatives.

Deconsecration of St Aidan's Strathmerton

BY REV'D MARYANN
LEONARD

The day was the right temperature, a small country church was full of people. There was anticipation in the air, a sense of expectation, greetings and smiles. "If only we could say it was like this every week at St Aidan's" was the catch cry from many in the congregation. Alas, the many who were inside this building were now living out of town and some far away.

The small congregation of five, who have been faithfully attending worship every second Sunday or monthly were filled with mixed emotions. Four of the congregation from St Aidan's were from the original family who built both St Aidan's and St Margaret's in Cobram. The other gentleman, David, has been there most of his life.

It was this loyal congregation who made the decision that St Aidan's had perhaps run it's race, while keeping the faith. The upkeep of the building and grounds had also stood the test of time, but time was now testing the building.

Both the Ven. Clarence Bester and Bishop John were at St Aidan's



for this special day. The Bishop presided, celebrated the Eucharist and gave an uplifting address about the seasons of life. The comments after the Service were that the Bishop's homily actually gave them a sense of accomplishment in the name of Christ and also showed compassion in this time of sorrow. The Bishop stated how valued the church was in the town, but now God has other plans, and a new season begins. His words were soothing to those grieving the loss of this place of worship. But Bishop John also told of the new beginnings that only God knew.

After the procession of the cross, Holy Vessels, altar cloths and candles leaving the church, an era had come to a natural end. However, a hive of bees also must have known it would be the last time they could interrupt a service. They stayed clear while the important photos were taken, and many reminisced how they have had to cancel the Sunday Service over the years due to the bees.

The whole congregation then adjourned to the Strathmerton Bowling Club, where the speeches were given and photos of a bygone era were on display. The delicious afternoon tea prepared by the

Guild was enjoyed by everyone, as was the bar serving cold drinks after a long day.

A personal comment. I always wondered why I felt so at home in the delightful pink and maroon surroundings of St Aidan's. I always felt soothed and comforted as I celebrated a Eucharist. It was at the last 'normal service' I realised the carpet was the same as the one in my bedroom as a child in my grandmother's house. So with the Lord and a part of my childhood there in that place, I knew this was truly a church filled with God's love. The story doesn't end here though.....

Leave me alone with
God as much as may
be.

As the tide draws the
waters close in upon
the shore,
Make me an island, set
apart,
alone with you, God,
holy to you.

Then with the turning
of the tide
prepare me to carry
your presence to the
busy world beyond,
the world that rushes
in on me
till the waters come
again and fold me back
to you.

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Christ Church, Marysville - A New Beginning & New Challenges

BY FR JOHN JESSOP

Readers of the 'Advocate' will be aware that Christ Church, Marysville now has a new building. The consecration was well covered in the December 'Advocate'. If you have not already done so, it is well worth reading Bishop John's sermon for the occasion.

The enthusiasm of the people of Marysville shown at the consecration demonstrated how important the church building is for the town as a place of rest and peace and worship. It is also symbolic of the presence

of Christ in the place, but more than that, the church building, as the last piece in the jigsaw puzzle of the re-build of Marysville, is a sure sign of resurrection.

It was a wonderful experience to celebrate Christmas in the new building with a service of Nine Lessons and Carols and Midnight Mass. The relatively large attendance on the Sunday after Christmas shows how important the church is for visitors to Marysville.

The church, however, is much more than a building: the

church is the people, the worshipping community in this place. Without the people, the building is useless. As the Anglican Church in this place we see ourselves as the church for the whole community - from Narbethong to Taggerty. The design of the church building is influenced very much by our desire to offer a ministry of hospitality and welcome which will go well beyond Sunday worship. The challenge as we move into 2018 is to develop this ministry and to make sure that we make the most of what we have been given with the new building.



The Church is the people

Gaudete Sunday

BY CAROLINE BURGE

For many churches of the Anglican or Roman Catholic faith, the liturgical colours are the traditional green (for the "ordinary" Sundays); red (mainly Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and martyrs); purple (penitential) and white/gold (celebratory - mainly Christmas and Eastertide).

The parish of Kilmore is lucky to own a very old 'water taffeta' rose coloured set of Vestments. Rose coloured vestments are generally only worn twice a year on Mothering Sunday on the fourth Sunday in Lent (otherwise known as Laetare Sunday), or on the third Sunday in Advent - Gaudete Sunday (when we light the pink Advent Candle).



Fr Paul Dalzell & Taylah Evans lighting the pink candle on Advent 3.

from the Vicar General



Did you make a New Year resolution for 2018? I did. I resolved this year to not make any New Year resolutions. And I'm happy to say that I've stuck to my resolution perfectly, and I'm pretty confident I'll be able to make it through the whole year keeping this one.

Whether you decided to make one and whatever that New Year resolution was, taking a fresh look at our lives is a valuable thing to do from time to time. As Christians, we tend not to make those resolutions at New Year, but for the Season of Lent, which begins this year on the 14th of February.

Traditionally Lent was a time when you gave up something. I gave up chocolate for a number of years, but found that while it helped my waistline a bit for six weeks, I didn't really gain anything spiritually from the experience.

I have found it much more useful to add something. The only problem with this approach is that it can feel like we are simply adding another thing to our already busy days and weeks. It needs to be a simple task that adds value to our days and is perhaps something that we can continue beyond Lent and into the rest of the year. Perhaps an extra few minutes of prayer each day, or to read a chapter of Scripture at the beginning or end of the day. Or perhaps even a short walk, but a short walk in which we not only get exercise, but also in which we can be calm and present with God.

Whatever simple resolution we might make as we start a New Year and enter once again the season of Lent, in a world which seems to want us to be busier and more hectic, may we find time for refreshment and peace with the God of New Life.

Ken

The Very Rev'd Ken Goodger
Vicar-General of the Diocese
Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

FEBRUARY		
1st	Thur	Induction of The Rev'd Scott Jessup to the Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern
10th	Sat	Cursillo Ultreya, Yackandandah - see details page 2
20th	Tue	Bishop in Council
24th	Sat	Safe Church Training, Yarrawonga - See details page 7
MARCH		
14th	Wed	Lady Day - Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta
20th	Tue	Bishop in Council



ULTREYA

When: Saturday 10th February 2018

Where: 8 Church St, Yackandandah

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

Please come and join us

Future dates: 14th April, May – TBA weekend away, 9th June, 11th August, 13th October, 8th December



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New Website...the Diocese is looking forward to the launch of their new website this month.

Reflecting Back On 2017

Top 10 for Parish Of Benalla

BY MOLLY CRAIG

It was often a tough year in the Parish of Benalla, but it made us stronger and more determined to grow, be more spiritual and to help others. So we call this our Top 10.

1. Connecting with Archdeacon Clarence Bester - the parish made a quick and clear decision to invite Fr Clarence to come and work with us. Our Parish Development Day was eye opening in its truthfulness and has buoyed us for the future. Our work with Clarence's support will continue in 2018.
2. Reverse Advent - for a second year the parish gathered gifts and toys for families at our state school who have little. Bags and baskets overflowing with generosity were delivered to the school for distribution. Families were overwhelmed to receive these and to make Christmas so very special.
3. Bishop's call for Children in Detention - we heard and heeded the call, with books, colouring books and pens, textas and coloured pencils arriving in droves. We were pleased to present them to the Bishop so that in a small way we can help children in such desperate need.

4. Thy Kingdom Come - an initiative started by the Archbishop of Canterbury, 10 days of prayer between Pentecost and Ascension. The parish undertook a number of the ideas suggested included praying for 5 people for each of those 10 days and a Taize service. The people were uplifted by this time and look forward to undertaking it again this year.
5. Confirmation - the Parish was blessed to have 4 young people confirmed by the Bishop. The young people were led by a team in the parish to learn about their faith and the Church and to grow in their faith, which leads us to...
6. Steps in Faith - the children were so taken with their Confirmation studies that they wanted to continue with faith discussions, which happen a couple of times each month.
7. Breakfast Club - the parish continued with its financial support as well as people power at our local state school, which provides breakfast for students 4 mornings a week across the year. This year we were thrilled to be able to support the school to buy new furniture for

- the area, replacing old and broken with new and modern equipment.
8. Home Groups - the parish is fortunate to have two thriving groups one in Swanpool and one in Benalla that meet fortnightly throughout the year to discuss the bible and their faith. Both groups have grown during the year and look forward to more people coming along and continuing to grow on their spiritual journey.
 9. Church Safe - a subcommittee worked very hard to get our process up and running, from having parishioners get their Working With Children Check, to procedures for when children and vulnerable people are present, it all helps us to be more aware and proactive and protecting those who need it the most.
 10. International Day of Peace - a very special service was held in Benalla to pray. Powerful, peaceful and energising as we focused our intentions for the world and for places and people in our own communities. In 2018 we look forward to being led by Fr David and pray for continued growth both spiritually and in our mission work.



Fr David Still & Christine Challman with Lou McCloskey from Benalla P-12 College & the new furniture we helped them to purchase



Ann Weaire from Benalla P-12 College receiving packages from Fr David.



All the goodies packed and ready to deliver



Marg Rapsey and 'staff' at Ye Olde Christmas Faire

Tallangatta Parish in 2017

BY GRAEME ALDRICH

A quick look at 2017 reveals a long list of events in the parish, some fairly routine, many could be called 'highlights'.

In the 'routine' category we catered for those attending four funerals, only one of which was conducted in our own Church, and one which involved operating 'out of town' at the Fernvale Hall. We also catered a dinner for Rotary, sponsored inter school debating, for two separate 'milestone' birthdays, not to mention lunch in October for the VFF, lunch in December for Parmalat suppliers and Christmas Dinner two days later for members of the Benambra Lodge. Our Catering Crew have become the 'go to' body for this service in Tallangatta!!!

In the highlight category the steadily growing Community Markets, managed by Marg Rapsey, attracted pleasing support in January, February, April, June, August and November. The November event (Ye Olde Christmas Faire) attracted a familiar looking visitor in Clown costume (aka recently

'retired' Uniting Church minister Reverend Rhonda Kissick).

In addition we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with our annual Pancake Tuesday Dinner, held two 'Come and Try Croquet' events, staged our Annual Dinner in May with a Moulin Rouge theme, opened the Craft Cave in early May and staged a 90th Birthday party for 'Doc Roger' Coleman in the same month.

My vote for the 'Highlight of the Year' would go to

the celebration of 40 Years of Old Time Dancing in the Parish Hall, which was started up by the late Fr. Laurie Allott in September 1977. It was wonderful to have a roll call of past and present 'musos' (all volunteers) and to have 'originals' Heather Allott, Donald Peters, Florence Thompson and Bev Butler on hand to cut the cake made and decorated by Mary Aldrich for the occasion. This event was fully reported in the October edition of the Advocate.



Fr Alan and Lee in Moulin Rouge mood!



Cutting the Cake Old Time Dance 40th Birthday - Heather Allott, Bev Butler, Donald Peters and Florence Thompson

Reflecting Back On 2017

Annual meeting shows that M.U branches have been active in 2017

BY DIANE GRANT

Members of the M.U branches from across the Diocese gathered at Purbrick hall for the annual morning coffee, and listened to guest speaker Denise Lay, the Australian Executive Promotion and Development Coordinator after morning tea.

Denise had a new M.U banner on show which took the ladies eyes with its modern graphics.

Denise spoke of her early beginnings with M.U and how she has taken on various roles within the executive committee up to Australian national level.

Denise is from the Ballarat Diocese M.U and she was able to share some helpful information about procedures and ideas gained from being a part of their Diocesan M.U.

Denise emphasised that we all had skills, talents and abilities, all different, and how it is good if we can share them within our M.U branches, and to promote M.U across the country.

Mary Muntz thanked Denise for speaking to our M.U groups and presented her with a small gift.

Those at the annual meeting attended the noon Eucharist conducted by Reverend Sally Boothey, the Diocesan M.U Chaplain, who is soon to retire as priest in charge at Nathalia/Numurkah to move to Maryborough near some of her family. Sadly, Sally will also be retiring as M.U Chaplain of Wangaratta Diocese. She was thanked by Mary Muntz for her work and care as M.U chaplain for the Diocese.

ACTIVE YEAR 2017

Since November 2016's annual Coffee morning

and annual meeting at Wangaratta the M.U branches within the Diocese of Wangaratta and the Executive Committee have been very active in 2017.

Each M.U branch gave a report of their year's activities, and each executive representative of the Diocesan Committee, gave their various departments reports.

The Diocese M.U have been without a selected President but 2016 retiring President, Mary Muntz has filled in as temporary one for the whole of 2017. Thanks to Mary for that.

Going by the annual meeting on 20 November, 2018 will not fare any better, so Mary has spoken to M.U Executive at a higher level and they suggested that she be a co-ordinator for the Diocese M.U in 2018 and some of the branches run the Lady Day, three executive meetings,



and the annual meeting.

The M.U branches have supported the Executive meetings held at Purbrick hall in February, May and September, sharing their branch activity reports with each other.

Mary Muntz thanked all those concerned with the M.U at a diocesan level or on the executive committee and those in the respective

branches.

Thanks were expressed to Shirley Steele and her helpers who have provided excellent publication service to the M.U members and thanks to Wangaratta ladies for their hospitality on the meeting days. Thanks also to the Bishop, John Parkes, AO, clergy at the branches where there are M.U groups, and special thanks to Reverend Sally Boothey

M.U Chaplain, Reverend David Holloway Secretary, Kaye Kennedy Treasurer, and various members filling special roles on the executive committee. Their volunteer work is always appreciated by all members. All the best to M.U members for the coming year.

PHOTO ABOVE: Fr David Holloway, Denise Lay, Mary Muntz and Janette Kettle

Nagambie New Year's Eve Festivities –A Load Of Fun

BY DIANE GRANT

The Nagambie New Year's Eve festivities were celebrated by a large crowd of locals and visitors to Nagambie.

The colourful amusements at the carnival were a draw card and they created a festive atmosphere over the area near the Regatta centre.

To entertain the smaller children, the St John's Anglican Church held a kids craft and snackery stall and puppet play by Fr Gary Atherton and wife Karen and Hamish the Scottish puppet.

The Nagambie Lakes Men's shed catered for the event with their barbecue grub; the Lions Club's drinks and food and glow wear trade did a brisk business as did Jo Van Os with her face painting.

The CFA, Victoria police and Lewis Security personnel ensured the New Years Eve revellers were well behaved and safe over the night.

Hundreds of families and spectators enjoyed a picnic tea along the regatta foreshore or on Jacobson's Outlook, and you could hear the excited anticipation by the children awaiting the fireworks display which reached for the sky at 10pm over the lake.

It did not disappoint; the Ooh's and Aah's were enough to show the display was well received and appreciated.

PHOTO BELOW: Nagambie New Years Eve fun at St John's Kids craft table. L-R: Layla & Celeice Parkinson, Aliesha, Kacey, Matt & Poppy Barlow, Sue Parkinson, Heidi Deane & daughter Eliza, Nevaeh Parkinson.



PHOTO ABOVE: Nativity scene with 'real' baby Jesus

Christmas in the Parish of Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

In December across the Diocese, and indeed the country and the world, Carol Services, Nativity Plays and Christmas services are held. What a time to bring together the church and community in the retelling of the Christmas story we all know and love so well.

The Parish of Kilmore was no different. As well as the usual Christmas services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, a wonderful service of "Nine Lessons and Carols" was held at Christ Church on the 17th December. A small but enthusiastic group of singers, under the very capable direction of organist Kathleen Taylor, led the singing

of traditional Carols from the northern hemisphere, singing of cold and frost and snow; as well as the more modern Australian Carols more relevant to our hot dry land at Christmas. A great service and enjoyed by all who attended. Proceeds from the service went to the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

On the 23rd December, a Carol and Nativity Service was held for the younger members of the parish and community. With all children dressed in nativity costumes, the Christmas story was retold by parishioner Rob Elliott, with the children re-enacting their parts in the story. With Mary and Joseph, shepherds, sheep, wise men, angels, and even a 'real' baby Jesus, the families watched on with pride as the story

unfolded. It was a wonderful occasion with adults in attendance who were once the 'nativity play children' thirty years ago, who had returned bringing their own children.

As is the tradition in the parish, an empty Christmas tree was placed in the church during Advent. Parishioners and community members were given the opportunity to place presents under the tree to be given to those families less fortunate or who would go without. This year, the gifts were given to the local charity in the area "Love in Action". These donations were picked up on Christmas Eve and distributed prior to Christmas day to very appreciative families.



Farewell to Ewart and Beryl Henderson

BY CAROL FURSDON

On Sunday 19th November 2017 the Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern farewelled Ewart and Beryl Henderson with a lovely afternoon tea. Bill Meagher fondly gave those present a precise of Ewart and Beryl’s involvement with the church and the community over the last 60 years.

They were married in St. Stephens church Rutherglen in May 1957 and have continuously worshipped in the church ever since.

Ewart and Beryl and their family, Darryl, Jane, Jeannie and Warick have all actively and proudly served this church. All four children served on the altar with various incumbents and two of the children were married in St Stephens.

Ewart served as a church warden for 10 years and Beryl was President of Mothers Union for 10 years. Beryl also served on vestry for 15 years.

Beryl generously painted and donated 14 Stations of the Cross paintings to St Stephen’s a few years ago and these spiritually enhance our place of worship in epitomising our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.



Both have played a huge part in the community over the years, and we hope and pray for contentment and better health for them as they move closer to their family in Melbourne.

Reflecting On Same Sex Marriage

BY FR PAUL DALZELL

Yesterday, at the announcement of the results of the postal survey, senator Penny Wong burst into tears. I joined in. I asked myself ‘Why did you do that Paul?’ Back came the answer ‘Because you too know what it is like to walk around with secret shame.’ This is not the shame that others have attached to being gay, but the shame of somehow feeling like ‘the black sheep’: wanting to be valued, but somehow inheriting the unconscious sense of not being worthy.

I also recall the many women (mostly) in the Bible like Mary, whose shame at being pregnant too soon was taken away because ‘what was at work in her was from the Holy Spirit’, or of Sarah and Hannah, whose shame was taken away by the birth of Isaac and Samuel. Like senator Wong, they too broke out into song and tears of relief and joy at the news.

So, now that the results are in, I want to offer my account of why I think that the ability of same sex couples to become married is a good thing.

First, I have often heard the assertion that “I believe marriage is between a man and a woman”, as if asserting something makes it so. What is going on in this assertion?

The position of the Diocese of Sydney and those that follow them, goes something like this: “True love can only happen between opposites, with people who are not ‘like us’. Hence Homo (like) sexuality is inherently defective love.” (This was Pope Benedict’s argument too). Men and women complement one another, and so for there to be a Godly ‘marriage’ it must be one of opposites: ie, between a man and a woman.

I agree with this proposition’s first part. St. Paul writes “God shows Godly love in that while

we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.’ God’s love is not about people who are ‘like’ us, but for people who are not like us”

But I am of the view that ‘otherness’ does not necessarily reside in another gender but in the mystery of another person. There is enough ‘otherness’ in another person to make loving them as challenging as it is for those of us who are attracted to the opposite gender.

This is the more true, when I think about the fact that ‘personhood’ does not simply live in only two genders, but that male and female are two poles of a spectrum of gender description, as the existence of intersex people, or people of indeterminate gender shows.

As well, sexual attraction is not simply a matter of all for women or all for men. One’s sexual identity falls somewhere on the spectrum between homosexuality and heterosexuality, which includes bisexuality and any number of points in between.

I am left handed for most things, but I play the guitar right handed, I bat at cricket right handed, I hold a knife and fork in a right handed way, but I eat with my spoon in my left hand. I use my left hand mostly for strength, but will use my right hand’s fingers for tasks that need fine motor co-ordination. Sexual attraction, like ‘handedness’ has been equally the subject of Biblical and social approbation.

The evidence now shows that sexual orientation is a similar kind of thing: it represents not as a binary state, but as a continuum. On this basis I think that it is that the mystery of each person be sufficient to represent an ‘other’, who calls forth Godly love in each partner.

The other thing is this. I

used to have some small reservations about gay love, until I went to the Anglican Church of All Saints Haight -Ashbury in San Francisco. There the congregation was made up of ninety per cent gay couples, with a small minority of others.

I thought, “I can only express my reservations because I am a majority! I could not do it here, where I am a minority.” This is what I think ‘straight’ people should keep in mind. Privilege accrues to them by chance, and makes them a majority. The privilege of being ‘straight’ is the privilege not to see their biases and discrimination. I think it was a huge humiliation for LGBTQI people to be subjected to the opinions of others about their love for one another.

This idea comes to me from Stephen Fowl’s idea of Biblical interpretation. He says that no one ought to have an idea about another, until they have had several dinner parties with them. It was the explicit presence of the Spirit in gentle Christians, around a table, which forced the Church into accepting them uncircumcised. The same I think applies to LGBTQI people. We do not have the right to say anything about the quality of their love, until we also allow ourselves to be loved by them, and to love them as dinner guests. Then see where you get to.

Last, many gay people have been forced into unsavoury means of finding partners, because their love was at first illegal, and at a minimum, seen as shameful. Recognising gay personhood and equal love by opening the institution of marriage to them does not diminish marriage, but increases the amount of love and fidelity in the world. This cannot be a bad thing.

In spite of the fact that in Genesis, when Adam meets Eve he actually says ‘Well! Here is someone who is like me: bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh.’ Your companion ‘on the Way

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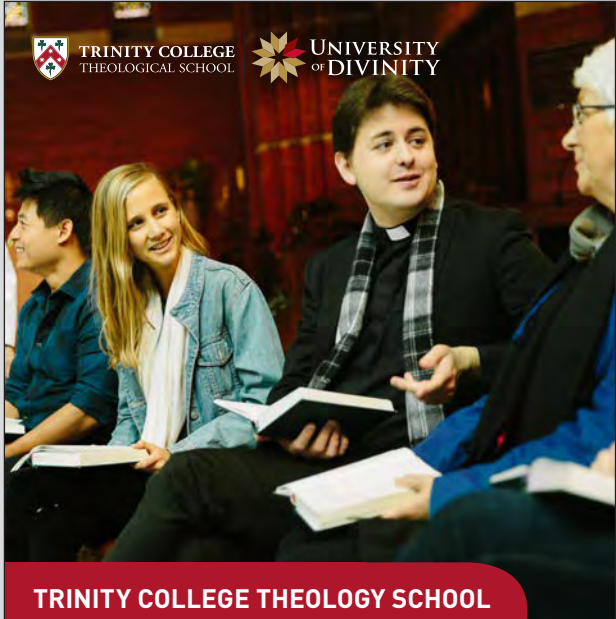
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SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS...

Practice What We Preach

BY FR GEOFFRY POLINESS

The Melbourne Anglican, December 2017 reports that the Anglican Church is supportive of Same Sex Marriage but such marriages will not be permitted to be celebrated by the Church. Do we talk with a forked tongue? We say “yes” to equality before the law and “no” when asked to celebrate the freedom of two lovers. The “yes” is a high moment in the evolution of humankind, a time when love breaks through the barriers of vicious prejudice. Is the Church able to sing the words of Professor McAuley, “The Law of Christ alone can make us free, and love is the fulfilling of the law”?

Do we say “yes” to pastoral situations, “yes” we minister to joy filled, loved filled situations but only in situations that fit our mould?



30 YEARS OF MINISTRY FOR LOCAL ANGLICAN PRIEST

BY DIANE GRANT

For two years, the Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn, consisting of parish folk from St Paul's Avenel, St John's Nagambie and Christ Church Seymour, has been fortunate to have a pastoral, compassionate and knowledgeable priest in charge of their Parish, Father Gary Atherton.

In September 2015, Fr Gary Atherton and his wife Karen, and adult twin sons Matthew and Christopher came to Victoria from Bramble Bay Queensland. Fr Gary was originally Victorian, and has served most of his ministry in NSW and Queensland parishes.

Members from the three Parish centres gathered on Sunday, 26 November the Feast of Christ the King, to celebrate 30 years of Fr

Gary's ministry since he was ordained an Anglican priest. The anniversary service was full of hymns of praise, Bible readings, Psalms, prayers and thanksgiving for Fr Atherton and his 30 years of ministry.

Looking on during the special occasion were Fr Gary's wife Karen, Matthew and Christopher and, from Grafton his son David, wife Jenna and their baby daughter Aria, his parents in law Grace and Robert Foster from Casino, his sister in law Debbie Foster from Tweed Heads and his sister Leanne who arrived in time for the celebration lunch.

Fr Gary has brought particular gifts to this district and his wife Karen has been a great supporter of all his ministerial and community endeavours. It has been a "Team Effort" by them both

over the past 30 years. They were both thanked for their continual service to God and the communities in which they have lived and served.

Fr Gary spoke in response to the hearty congratulations expressed by all in the church. He thanked his wife Karen, his family, all who have supported him in his ministry and said how he hopes to continue the good work done through the years in the church and general community depending on what God calls him to do.

A celebration lunch was held in the hall and a 30th anniversary cake took pride of place for Fr Gary to cut with his family and parish folk looking on and wishing him well for the future.



PHOTO ABOVE: Wishing Congratulations to Father Gary Atherton on his 30 years anniversary were members of his family and the Parish of Central Goulburn. Back row: David Atherton, Fr Gary Atherton, Debbie Foster, Robert Foster, Ernie Lewin, Chris Atherton, Ken Sloper. Front: Jenna Atherton, baby Aria Atherton, Karen Atherton, Grace Foster, Matthew Atherton, Muriel Andrea & Peter Darbyshire.

Parish of Kilmore farewells locum Fr Paul Dalzell

BY CAROLINE BURGE

On Christmas Day the Parish of Kilmore farewelled their locum of 8 months Fr Paul Dalzell.

Fr Paul, who would be known to many in the Diocese having been a one time Rector of Alexandra for six years prior to taking up an appointment in Montreal in Switzerland, went to be locum at Kilmore in May last year following the departure of Parish Priest Fr Kim Benton.

Fr Paul, his wife Robyn and dog Gracie, spent several days a week in the Parish covering

ministry at the local nursing homes, hospital, hostel, the Sunday services, and so much more.

In the time that Fr Paul was locum, Church 4 Kids was reinstated in the Parish; an Op Shop "thank you" luncheon was introduced; and several large funerals were held of faithful parishioners.

A farewell BBQ was held by Fr Paul and Robyn to thank the people of the parish for their generosity and welcome, but in reality, it was parishioners thanking THEM for their time spent in the parish.

Fr Paul and Robyn were presented with a case of their own personalised wine from the local vineyard in the Parish, as well as farewell gifts on Christmas morning.

The parish and diocese thank them for their ministry and wish them well in the next phase of their life, whatever that may bring.

PHOTO RIGHT: Fr Paul and Robyn Dalzell and Gracie their dog - Christ Church

Safe Church Safe People

Why is Safe Church training important?

BY NIKKI COLLINS

Safe Church training, sometimes called Safe Ministry or Safeguarding training, involves delivering important information in a structured and consistent way so that all church leaders, workers and others in the church know how to reduce the chances of abuse occurring and how to respond appropriately if they become aware of or suspect abuse.

The training includes information on risk assessment and management, duty of care, relevant legislation, indicators of abuse, responding to abuse, and how to maintain organisational systems and processes to ensure everyone is safe. The more people that undertake the training and understand what it takes to make a church safe, the stronger and safer your church community will be.

What is special about the National Council of Churches Australia (NCCA) Safe Church Awareness Workshops?

The NCCA Safe Church Awareness Workshop program is developed nationally and tailored to suit local circumstances. The NCCA work with government organisations and regularly review and update the training to ensure the information is as up to date and as relevant as possible.

The Safe Church Awareness Workshop model is just one part of the NCCA's Safe Church Training Agreement suite of supporting resources. Working with one support and training provider means greater coordination and consistency. Having the one training provider and program means the diocese can be sure that everyone has received comprehensive and up to date information.

This training also complies with the minimum standards for safe church training as set by General Synod for all dioceses in the Australian Anglican Church. All clergy and most church workers (depending on their role) are required to undertake an initial Safe Church Awareness Workshop, followed by a refresher workshop every three years. This is necessary to ensure everyone stays up to date on the laws and other requirements that support child safe and safe church systems.

The Diocesan Safe Church Officer is currently finalising the training program for 2018, which aims to make the training accessible across the diocese. The schedule starts with a workshop in Yarrawonga on 24th February. If you have any questions about the training, please contact Nikki at pabishop@wangeratta-anglican.org.au.

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Saturday 24th February 2018

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41 - 43 Piper Street, Yarrawonga

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Registration & Enquiries Registry on 03 5721 3484 or

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Mothers’ Union News and Events 2018

BY MARY MUNTZ

I hope that during the busyness of Christmas and New Year Celebrations you were able to find some time to rest, relax and be refreshed for this year. The joy of Christmas and New Year celebrations has passed and parish and community organisations have already claimed our time as many of us devote our energies to a wide range of activities. The church year has already moved on to the season of Lent. The special fare eaten at Christmas and during the holidays has passed and pancakes eaten on Shrove Tuesday signify the more simple foods eaten during Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of prayer and reflection as the distribution of ashes symbolise our willingness to embark on the Lenten period where we forgo the luxuries of lollies, desserts and extravagant living.

The celebration of Lady Day this year is to be held on 14th March, Mrs Michelle Bester, wife of Archdeacon Clarence has accepted an invitation to speak at lunch. Last year Mrs Lesley Lewis returned from New York in time to speak of her experience representing all Australian Anglicans at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. During 2017 Mothers’ Union members from 250 regions around the world sent submissions relating to domestic and sexual abuse to Mary Sumner House. The submitted views and evidence contributed towards the

statement MU delegates were presenting to the UNCSW in January.

In April last year Dr Ree Bodde-program Director of an organisation called “Think- Prevent” held an education day at Holy Trinity Cathedral. The aim was to provide information on strategies to help reduce the incidence of domestic violence. To quote from the email I received recently from Dr Ree Bodde this year “Think- Prevent” literature aims to “encourage a change in attitudes and mindsets that drive family and sexual violence in 2018. The big dilemma for most of us is that we may like to offer help but in reality most of us think someone else will help out. Good people see bad things but fail to get involved. In Luke’s Gospel there is a story that highlights the responsibilities of a bystander- the Good Samaritan.” “The Good Samaritan law in Australia provides that bystanders who come to the aid of a victim, who is exposed to danger, can do so even if there is no special relationship between the victim and rescuer.

The purpose of the law is a social utility in that it encourages people to assist others in need without fearing legal repercussions for some error in treatment.” Knowledge of this law may encourage some of us to intervene but the ability of many parishioners to become involved in any act of violence may be limited.

‘We have been counted, we now want to be heard’

BY JANE FREEMANTLE

‘We have been counted, we now want to be heard’: towards the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the Australian Constitution.

The desire for recognition as Australia’s First People is not new as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long struggled for constitutional recognition. As far back as Yorta Yorta elder William Cooper’s letter to King George VI (1937), the Yirrkala Bark Petitions (1963), the Larrakia Petition (1972) and the Barunga Statement (1988), First Peoples have sought a fair place in their country. Since 2010, successive Prime Ministers have established expert bodies to consider how best to respectfully and accurately recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders’ place in the history of Australia and in our Constitution. The convening of these committees culminated in the establishment of the Referendum Council in December 2015. The Final Report of the Referendum Council was presented to the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition in July 2017. The contents of the Final Report reflect the discussions held through a series of 13 community meetings that

included representatives of all the different tribes and clans that make up Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. The unanimous recommendations are recorded in this document. The full contents of the Final Report can be found on the website https://www.referendumcouncil.org.au/sites/default/files/report_attachments/Referendum_Council_Final_Report.pdf

At the same time, the Uluru Statement from the Heart was presented to the Australian people and a copy is included in the Final Report. This statement contains three important elements that seek:

- Constitutional reform to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to take their rightful place in their country, to thus have power over their destiny so that their children might flourish, be able to walk in two worlds, with their culture being a gift to the country.
- The establishment of a First Nation Voice enshrined in the Constitution.
- A Makarrata commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments

and First Nations, and truth telling about the history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

Makarrata is best defined as ‘coming together after a struggle’ and is identified as the culmination of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People’s agenda. The Uluru Statement from the Heart describes Makarrata as ‘capturing our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.’

I believe that Australia has come to a fork in the road in the crucial debate on how we should truly acknowledge our country’s history. Our actions will make a significant difference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples today and I believe our response will be judged both by the international community and by a Higher Authority.

In 1967, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples were counted as people; in 2017 they wish to be heard. It is time for us to listen, to hear and to act from within our hearts

St Luke’s, Yea launch’s building appeal with a concert

St Lukes, Yea launched a building appeal with a concert that was held in November last year.

Members of Consortium Recorder Consort - Michael Noble, Ray Thomas, Brad Slater and Claire Little presented a programme of music from across the ages .

The concert marked the beginning of the Parish of Yea’s 150th Anniversary Restoration Appeal, established under the auspices of The National Trust (Vic), to fund the restoration of the buikding, which turns 150 years old in 2018.

As the oldest, continually used church structure in Yea, St Luke’s has seen countless weddings, baptisms and funerals, has witnessed the ravages of two World Wars, as well

as the Crimean and Boer conflicts, and has been a place of peace, prayer, and beauty enjoyed by congregations, visitors and the wider community

for countless generations. For more information on the appeal contact the Parish of Yea on 03 5797 2281



A very pleaseant afternoon in Chiltern

Marilyn Farey, one of the Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern parishioners living in Chiltern met with a 90 year old Priest, Fr John Bunyon, who wished to see St. Paul’s, and Henry Handel Richardson’s former house at Lake View in Chiltern.

Marilyn writes.....

Father John arrived on the 1.10pm train from Albury, returning on the 3.15pm train. He still does Pastoral visiting to hospitals and told me, “it’s so much better now I have a wheely-walker, instead of sitting on a patient’s bed!”

First we went to Lake View, complete with a tour by Beryl. She told Fr John about HHR’s history, showed photos and they walked all through inside and outside. Even went into the kitchen - a separate building of course. Again, he was rapt.

Then we went to St. Paul’s, (he was totally impressed). I then drove past the Athenaeum - on request. He was thrilled to find one in some of the old towns. By then, I suggested a drink at the bakery - iced coffees and 2 “monkey faces” (biscuits withjam middle) which he insisted on buying.


So, we drove back to the station in time for him to use his wheely-walker to get up to the platform and waited an extra 15 minutes for his train.

It was a very pleasant afternoon, lots of talking - he even knew my well-loved minister where I grew up (in Sydney) - Fr John was rector at a village about 20 kms away - this totally blew me away!

He gave me a book on Psalms, which he wrote, and inscribed in it, which I will happily show it to all and sundry...

BUT, no photo!


It was a lovely, happy, friendly day.



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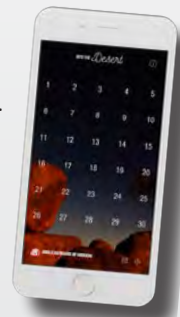


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LENT STUDY 2018

Written by Dr Julianne Stewart



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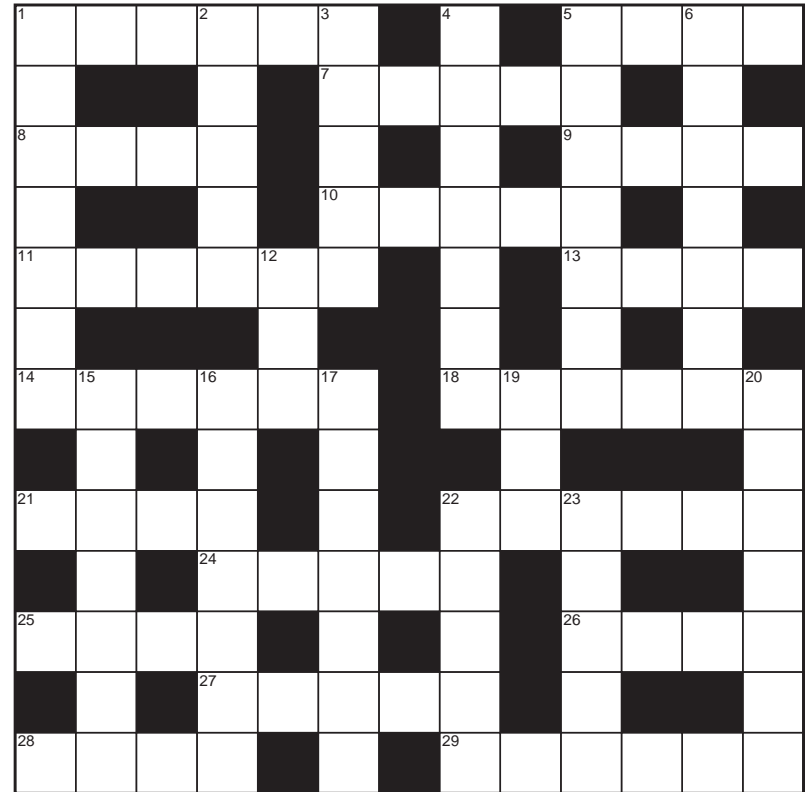




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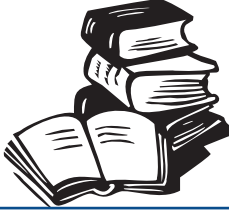


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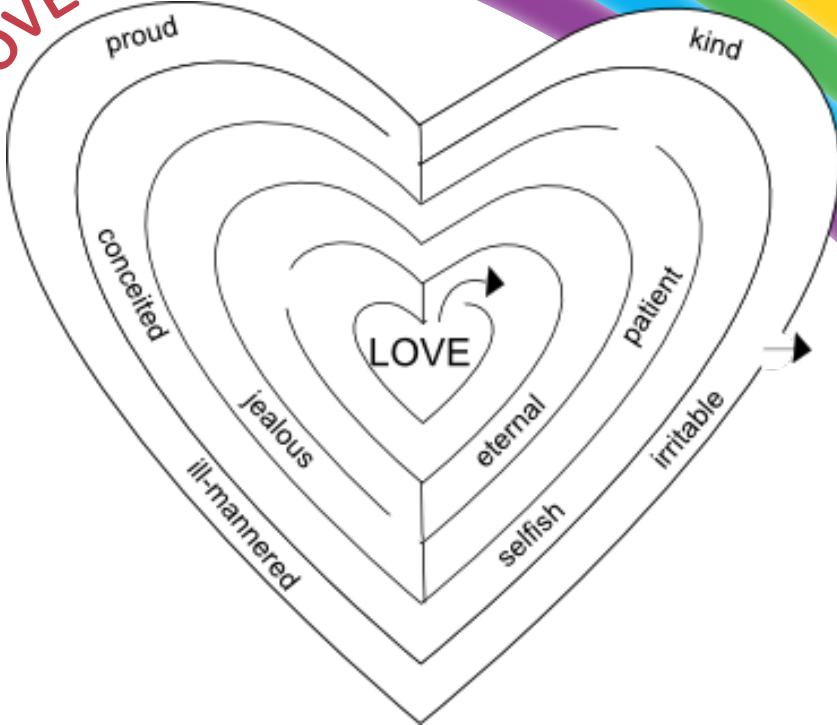
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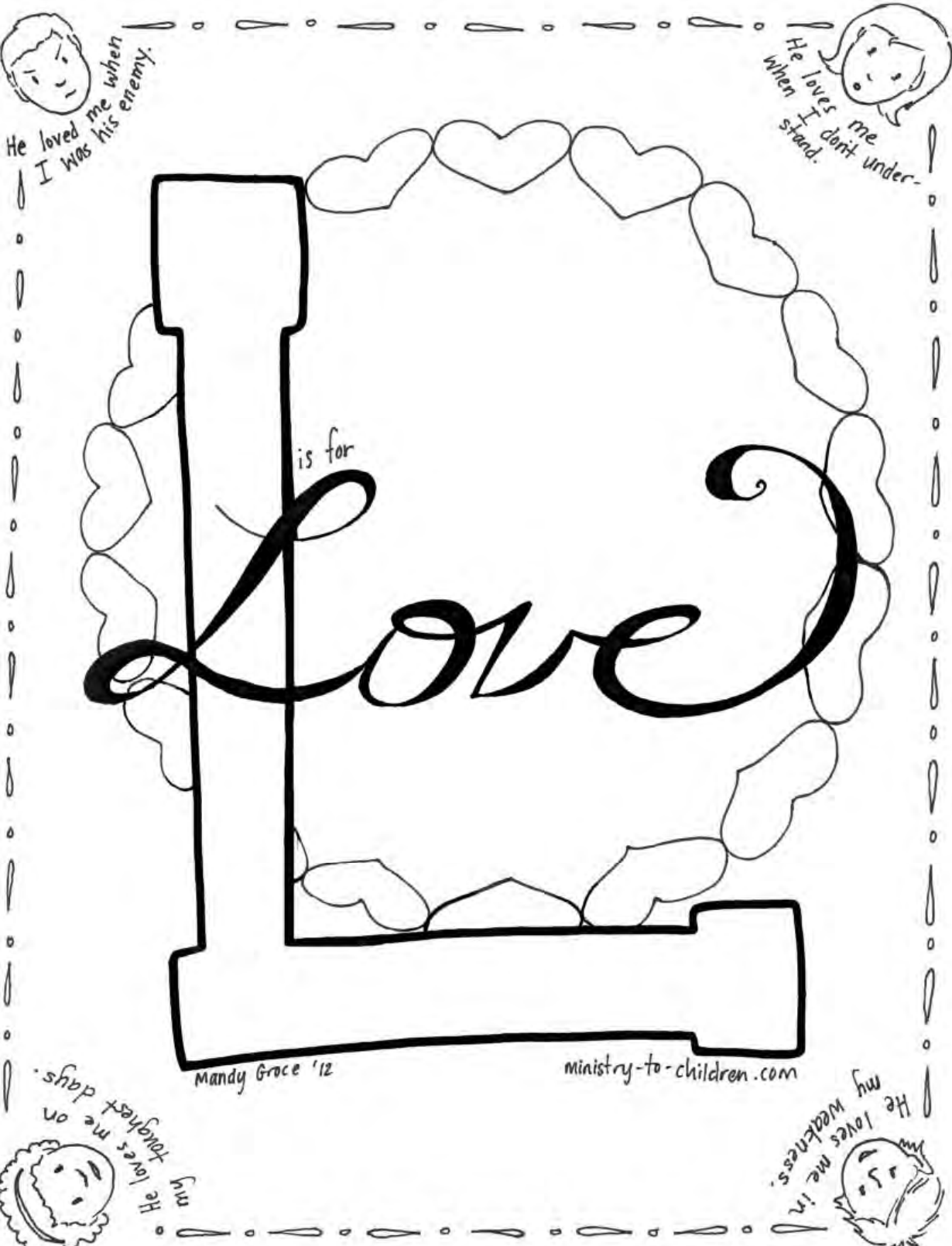
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ALBURY <i>St Matthew's, Albury</i> Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am 10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month) 5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)	CORRYONG <i>All Saints Corryong</i> Eucharist 9.30am every Sunday <i>Holy Trinity Cudgewa</i> 3rd Sunday 11.30am Eucharist <i>Tennis Club Biggara</i> 1st Sunday 2pm Eucharist	NORTHERN ALBURY <i>St. Mark's North Albury</i> 10am Sunday; 9.30am Wednesday. <i>St. James' Lavington</i> 8.30am 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays; 10am Thursday. <i>St. John's Thurgoona</i> 9am 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays. <i>St. Paul's Jindera</i> 10.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays. <i>Messy Church</i> St. Mark's 4pm 2nd Sunday	WANGARATTA <i>All Saints Moyhu</i> 1st Sunday 9.30am Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Whitfield</i> 3rd Sunday 11am Eucharist <i>Christ Church Greta</i> 3rd Sunday 9am Eucharist
ALEXANDRA <i>St John's, Alexandra</i> Sunday 9.30am Eucharist	EUROA <i>St Paul's Euroa</i> Sunday 9.30am Eucharist Wednesday 10am <i>St Andrew's Longwood</i> 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 8am <i>St Dunstan's Violet Town</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.30am	NUMURKAH NATHALIA <i>St George's Numurkah</i> Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Nathalia</i> Sunday 9.00am Eucharist 4th Tuesday 10.00am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Wakiti Creek</i> 1st Sunday 7.30am Holy Communion	WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS <i>St Michael's Wangaratta West</i> Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am <i>St Paul's Glenrowan</i> Sunday 11am <i>St George's Taminick</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 8am <i>St Johns Village Chapel</i> Tuesday 10am + Saturday 5pm
ALPINE <i>All Saints, Bright</i> Wednesdays 9:30am Sunday 11am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Myrtleford</i> Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist <i>St John's Whorouly</i> Sunday 8am Eucharist <i>St Etheldreda's Harrierville</i> 3rd Thursday 10.30am Eucharist	KILMORE <i>Christ Church Kilmore</i> Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist 4th Sunday 5pm Meditation Service <i>St Matthew's Broadford</i> Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist <i>St Stephen's Tallarook</i> Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist <i>Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm Holy Eucharist 5th Sunday 11am Family Service rotates between Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong see parish website for Church	RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN <i>St Stephen's Rutherglen</i> Sunday 8.45am Eucharist Thursday 9.00am Eucharist (M.U. on 2nd) <i>All Soul's Barnawartha</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am Eucharist <i>Browns Plains</i> 3rd Sunday 7.45am Kids Church during Term 5th Sun 10.45am <i>St Paul's Chiltern</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Wednesday 9.00am Eucharist <i>Christ the King Wahgunyah</i> 4th Saturday 6pm Eucharist	WODONGA <i>St John's Wodonga</i> Saturday 5pm Vigil Eucharist Sunday 7.30am Eucharist 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 9am Meditation 10am Eucharist 4th Sunday 6pm Taize 5th Sunday 6pm Choral Evensong <i>Emmanuel</i> 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist <i>Holy Trinity Bethanga</i> 4th Sunday 9.30am Eucharist
BEECHWORTH <i>Christ Church Beechworth</i> Sunday 10am Sung Mass 5th Sunday 10am Healing service One service for the Parish <i>St Jude's Eldorado</i> 1st & 3rd Sundays 10am Morning Prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays Contact Sue Hall (03) 5725 1477	MANSFIELD <i>St John's Mansfield</i> Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion Friday 12 noon Meditation <i>Christ Church Bonnie Doon</i> 2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church Service 4th Sunday 11.30am - Uniting Church Service <i>St Peter's Jamieson</i> 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	SHEPPARTON <i>St Augustine's Shepparton</i> Sunday: Eucharist 8.30am, 10.30am (Family Service) Fifth Sunday: combined service 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am <i>St. Luke's Dookie</i> 2nd Sunday: 8.45am: Eucharist 4th Sunday 9am alt. with Uniting Church. <i>Christ Church Murchison</i> Sunday: 11am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday <i>St. Paul's Rushworth</i> Sunday : 9am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service.	YACKANDANDAH <i>Holy Trinity Yackandandah</i> 1st& 3rd Sundays 10.30am Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30 Morning prayer <i>St Mark's Tangambalanga</i> 2nd Sunday 10.30 Eucharist 4th Sunday 8.45am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Allan's Flat</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.45am Eucharist <i>St Andrew's Dederang</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 7.00pm Eucharist
BENALLA <i>Holy Trinity, Benalla</i> Sunday 8am Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist Monday 10am Eucharist (Cooinda Nursing Home) Thursday 9.30am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Goorambat</i> 1st Sunday 5pm Eucharist <i>St Aidan's Swanpool</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist	MARYSVILLE <i>Marysville</i> 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday 10.00am <i>St Thomas Buxton</i> 2nd & 4th Sunday 10am		YARRAWONGA <i>St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga</i> Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10am <i>St Thomas' St James</i> 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30am Eucharist
CENTRAL GOULBURN <i>Christ Church Seymour</i> Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am <i>St. John's Nagambie</i> Sunday 11am <i>St. Paul's Avenel</i> 8am 1st Sunday of the Month	MILAWA <i>St Paul's Milawa</i> 2nd & last Sunday 9am Eucharist	TALLANGATTA <i>Christ Church Tallangatta</i> Sunday 9.00 am 4th Sunday Family Service 10.30 am	YEA <i>St Luke's Yea</i> Sunday 9.15am Holy Eucharist Thursday 9am Morning Prayer
COBRAM <i>St Margaret's Cobram</i> Sunday 9-9.15am reflection time 9.30am Eucharist 5th Sunday Parish Eucharist Wednesday 10am.	MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA <i>St Aidan's Tawonga</i> 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5.00pm		

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PEOPLE & PARISHES



PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Central Goulburn MU group after their Advent Service on 7th December at St Paul's, Avenel.
2. Families decorating the empty Christmas tree at Christ Church, Kilmore
3. Parishioners from St John's, Mansfield on Christmas Day making their Christmas angels
4. Mothers and Grandmother - Emily, Shirley and Sarah Davidson from the Parish of Kilmore
5. John Plemming getting ready for the Shepparton Parish Fair
6. Three fathers being interviewed for Father's day at the parish of Shepparton - Fr Andr'e Duploy, Hanson Nhanhanga, Paul Wambugu & Michael Parnell

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