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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

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.

Movie, Theatre or Book Reviewers

Our regular Movie reviews have been well received by readers however our dedicated contributor has left and we are looking for people to provide monthly reviews of any kind. If you are a regular movie or theatre goer or enjoy a good book perhaps you could write a review for our monthly Diocesan paper.

Proof Readers

To assist with making sure that our publication is the best it can be we are looking for a small team of people who could proof read the paper prior to publication. This will require people with a keen eye and a good understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people to assist in these roles in a volunteer capacity. If you feel this is something you could help with, please contact Fiona Van Bree in the Diocesan Office -

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The Advocate Team

A MODEL OF GOOD WORKS

BY FIONA TINNEY

A Requiem Eucharist in Thanksgiving for the Life of David Parsons was celebrated at Christ Church, South Yarra on Wednesday April 12th, 2017. The word thanksgiving could not be more true when it came to the dedication and commitment that David Parsons shared with the world.

He was a man of great passion who gave generously of himself to family, friends, colleagues the community and his church. David Leonard Parsons was born on 26th October 1958, he was a gifted student and was educated at Mansfield Secondary College. After completing his final year, he applied, and was delighted to receive a Scholarship to Germany. On returning he started at Monash University and excelled in an Arts/Law Degree.

After graduation he returned to Mansfield and accepted a position at Mal Ryan &

Glen, Solicitors and in 1994 he purchased the practice and ran it until his diagnosis with Cancer about 4 years ago. David had a close relationship with Senior partner Bill Glen who was the Advocate for the Diocese of Wangaratta which led to David taking over that role from Bill in 2003.

David met Jenny who was working as a teacher in Mansfield and they were married on the 14th January 1989. They shared a love of music and theatre which had led them both into local productions and musical groups in the area. They had two children, a son Nathaniel in 1992 and their daughter Amy arrived in 1994. He was a dedicated father and they were a close family who enjoyed time together.

David's strong sense of community and care for others was always an important part of his life and he became very involved in Apex and went on to become the State and then National President



of Apex Australia. He was also involved with the Masonic lodge and became a Worshipful Master of the Mansfield Lodge.

On a Parish level David was a committed and faithful member of St Johns Parish Mansfield, extending his care and warmth to others. He played an active role in the Parish, as a member of the choir, an organist and as a Synod Representative and then as Legal Advocate for the Diocese. When they moved to Melbourne they embraced a new Parish family at Christ Church South Yarra which offered them care in their journey.

The amazing sense of determination and David's wonderful sense of humour held him in good stead and he continued to offer his support and assistance to Bishop John and the Wangaratta Diocese right to the end.

David Parsons shared his passion for life in all that he did and he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our thanks for the use of content provided from the Funeral Eulogies.



Farewell to Fr Glyn Rees

BY FR DAVID HOLLOWAY

Father Glyn Rees was farewelled from St. John's Anglican Church Wodonga after his final service on the 30th April with a large morning tea/ lunch in the Hall. Parishioners from our three centres were on hand. Emmanuel Anglican and Uniting Church even thought they had farewelled him a week before turned up in a strong numbers and Bethanga was represented by their churchwarden. Elizabeth Le Lievre, a churchwarden spoke

for the parish on his 12 year ministry and its achievements and presented him with a gift. He was also given a Stanley Bear by Eunice Eiseman dressed as a priest in an alb and gold cope. Margery Glanville made him a magnificent cake decorated with the churches of the parishes. Fr. Glyn thanked the parish and wished us well in our future ministry and mission.



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Farewell Father Kim Benton

BY CAROLINE BURGE

It was January 17th 2013 on what seemed to be the hottest January evening ‘ever’ that the Rev’d Kerry William Benton became our Rector of the Parish of Kilmore. Who was this man with the strange New Zealand accent? What did he have to offer? How would he cope with all of us? And worst of all - will the psychologist in him analyse everything we say or do? The questions seemed endless, but in true Kim fashion, he charmed his way into the lives of his parishioners with his captivating sermons, his inspirational liturgies, his thought provoking study groups, and last but certainly not least, his amazing cooking!

As all Kilmore Op Shop workers, and certainly most parishioners would attest to, Kim would have to be the best scone maker in the parish. But... it was not just his wonderful cooking - it was also the generosity in sharing this with others. On many a Friday morning he would make his way across to the Op Shop with a hot batch of freshly baked scones. However, the Op Shop workers weren’t the only recipients of his culinary skills. Every year Fr Kim hosted a Parish Council Christmas breakup dinner. In previous years this had always been the Parish Council time to thank the Parish Priest for the year past; but no, Kim always felt that it was HIS time to thank Parish Council. The first year we tried to change his mind about this, but then tasted what he had on the menu and we didn’t argue after that.

It certainly wasn’t been all about his wonderful cooking skills. On behalf of those who took part in the Advent and Lent Study Groups; the fortnightly Faith Enhancement Groups; the Bible studies on a Thursday morning at Broadford; the Meditation Services; the Holy Week Tenebrae Liturgies; the annual Celtic Festival; and so much more - Kim was a fount of knowledge and inspiration.

At the end of April, the Parish farewelled Fr Kim as Rector and Mentor, but it was not only a parish farewell. The Diocese was also farewelling a wonderful priest as he leaves Australia to go back to his homeland. A priest who first came to this Diocese in 2009 as Priest in Charge and then Rector of the Parish of Numurkah/ Nathalia. Since that time he has served on Bishop-in-Council; been a member of the Anglicare Advisory Committee; been the Diocesan representative for ABM; a member of the Diocesan strategic task force; has been involved in Social Justice within the Diocese; been on the Board of Electors; written a monthly “Movie Review” for the Advocate and also been ‘Area Dean for the South’ - no mean feat, given that he was also studying and running a parish at the same time.

We welcomed the Reverend Kerry William Benton in January 2013, but in April 2017 we farewelled the Reverend Doctor Kerry William Benton, as in 2014 Kim completed his Doctorate. What a proud moment for the parish as they celebrated this occasion with him at a parish Graduation party.

Kim - on behalf of the whole parish and diocese, we thank you for your knowledge and wisdom, your discernment and trust. You will be sadly missed, but we wish you well for the next stage of your life.

In the words of the lovely hymn - “Kim..... Father bless you as you go, may Jesus walk beside you, and the Holy Spirit guide you”. Amen



Bishop John Parkes and Fr Kim Benton

from the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters

As we enter Winter, nature reminds us in a grand way that the beauty of life is in its variety and in change. We know that the dying leaves and bare branches of Autumn and Winter are necessary down-time that allows nature to regroup and gather strength. Rather than mourn the loss of Summer, we spend the Winter looking forward in hope to Spring. As Christians we understand the power of hope - that even in darkness, loss and sorrow, there is always a light ahead of us.

Loss and sorrow are certainly things many of us in the dioceses have felt recently. In the past couple of months we have farewelled Fr Lyall Turley and David Parsons, both of whom lived their lives for God, their church, their community and families. Both played very important roles in our diocese and will be greatly missed, not the least by this Bishop. But alongside the sorrow, we also celebrate their lives and their legacy.

Loss through accidents and violence has also had a great impact in the communities of the diocese recently, particularly in our school communities. Many have been touched one way or another by these deaths. When tragedy strikes it is usually met with a strengthening of that community as people come together to offer support. Where there is sorrow, we also see hope and strength.

The diocese has felt another form of loss in recent months, but one with a far more immediate sense of light. A number of our valued clergy have made the leap from the diocese into retirement. Although, truth be told, semi-retirement would probably a more accurate description for “retired” clergy. When you give your life to God in service that service tends to continue in other forms, as our departing clergy would no doubt attest to. I give my thanks to The Ven. Alan Jarrad, Rev’d Canon Michael Jones, Rev’d Kim Benton, Rev’d Peter McKeague, Rev’d Christine Page and the Rev’d Bethley Sullivan for their leadership and service in the diocese and wish them each a bright future.

There is also much in place and in progress that will ensure the future is bright for the diocese. The new Archdeacon for Ministry Development, the Ven. Clarence Bester, is settling in well to the role, and the strategic plan has been steadily coming to life through the work of a number of action-focused committees that have done a tremendous amount of work in the past 12 months. Additional assistance from across the diocese would greatly increase the capacity of these groups to implement the plan. I encourage each of you to consider how you can contribute to the future of the diocese and contact the Registry if you can help.

God gives us light and hope even in the darkest times. It is easy to be distracted by the hubbub of our lives so it is important to be deliberate in our faith; to recognise that it is through God we are here and ask, “How can I serve you?”

The Right Reverend John Parkes AM
Bishop of Wangaratta

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

JUNE

2nd & 3rd	Fri - Sat	SYNOD
10th	Sat	Cursillo Ultreya, Wangaratta - <i>details page 9</i>
10th	Sat	Induction of Canon Glyn Rees, Shepparton, 10am.
20th	Tue	Bishop in Council

JULY

2nd-9th	Sun	NAIDOC Week
18th	Tue	Bishop in Council



Mothers Union News and Events for 2017

BY MARY MUNTZ

The theme of this edition of The Advocate is “Active Aging”. Growing older is part of everyday life, some changes in how we fill our day are often necessary. Physical limitations and forgetfulness do not mean we have no value to our church or community. The difficulty is accepting that we are unable to continue as we have for so many years. As we grow older we need to be positive in our outlook and share our experiences so younger generations will come to respect and make use of the wisdom that comes with aging.

Groups that have continued successfully for many years are now experiencing difficulty finding members able to commit to executive positions. With so many younger women committed to family activities and a career most volunteers in Australian community organizations are “Golden Oldies” who are finding it difficult to offer the same commitment as they have done in the past. This became apparent when State Council members considered the future of Victoria’s State Executive. Victoria has been the one state to have an Executive consisting of Diocesan President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and Immediate Past President. With so many methods of communication technology available it was apparent that continuing to travel to Melbourne for meetings was becoming difficult. Sharing our Diocesan activities through newsletters and reports are easily accomplished. After prayer and careful discussions the decision was made to close accounts and divide current monies between the five Dioceses according to membership numbers with a sum to be given to Tasmania. There may be time when a Diocesan team may organise a day similar to the excellent event held in Ballarat last September. The State committee members deserve our thanks for their choice of venue, caliber of guest speakers and the catered meal.

We are fortunate there are so many avenues available to stimulate our brain and keep our bodies active and healthy as we age. The reality of the “electronic cyber space age” allows us to communicate so easily with family and friends when it may be difficult to visit in person.

Albury MU Quiet Day

BY SUE FYFE

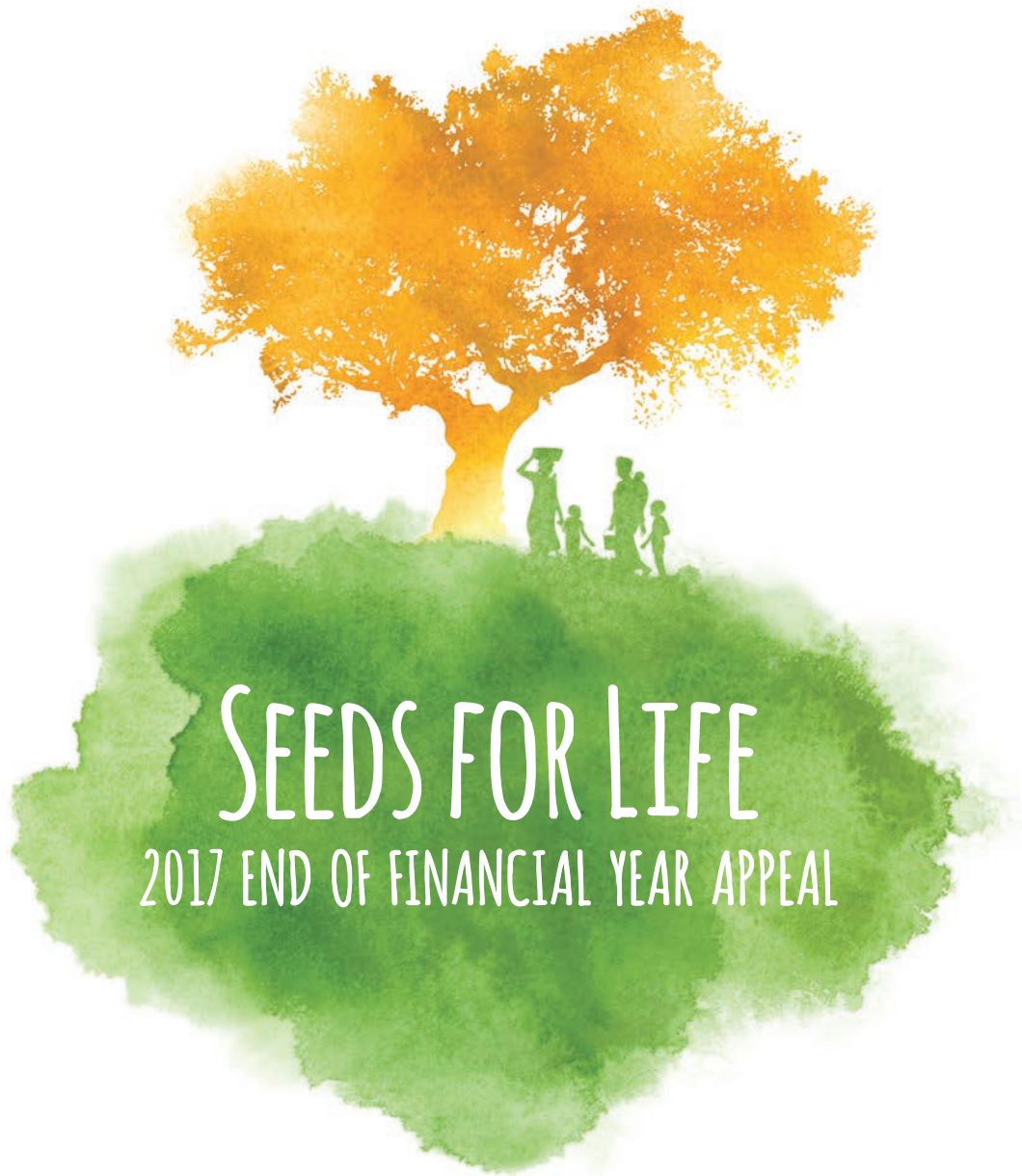
On 3 April the Albury branch of MU held their annual Quiet Day at Jill Aplin’s place near Jindera. Her lovingly tended and extensive garden is an ideal venue for such an activity. A place of beauty and peace.

The day was led by hospital chaplain the Rev’d Catherine Dawson, who began by celebrating the Eucharist, using a form of service prepared by the Abbey of Iona. Then, taking as her theme the Parable of the Good Samaritan, she looked in turn at each of the characters in the story (there are actually 7) and asked us to imagine that we were that character. Such an exercise really gave us a fresh perspective on this well-known story as well as enabling us to reflect on similar situations we might encounter in our own lives.

For example, the innkeeper who takes on the care of the wounded man. How does he know the Samaritan will return? Do we accept what comes our way? Do we trust Jesus to look after us and give us the resources we need?

We were blessed with warm sunny weather and everyone truly appreciated the opportunity for fellowship, relaxation and refreshment of body, mind and spirit.

Jill Aplin was as ever a thoughtful and generous host. She participated fully in the day herself and enjoyed the chance once again, to share with us her beautiful garden.



The theme for this year’s End of Financial Year Appeal comes from the parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 13. We are all familiar with the phrase ‘from small things, big things grow’, or the many variants of it.

This year we are celebrating the many ways in which the work of our partners overseas is like the mustard seed growing into something bigger than its beginnings. Over the years we have worked with Anglican and like-minded partners to provide the smallest of ‘seed’ investments in projects. We have continued to work with them in the belief that God’s generosity will nurture these initiatives in unexpected ways.

From Gaza, to Mozambique and Solomon Islands, Anglican Overseas Aid has worked in committed partnership for many years, supporting life-changing work. Often the results of our work have blossomed in unexpected and abundant ways; ways in which we give thanks for the generosity of our God.

In turn, we are thankful for the generosity of people like you. This support really does make a difference. Your donation to our End of Financial Year Appeal will help us to continue to sow new seeds.

HOW TO DONATE

- 1 Online: anglicanoverseasaid.org.au
- 2 By phone: 1800 249 880
- 3 By post: 2017 End of Financial Year Appeal
Anglican Overseas Aid
PO Box 389, Abbotsford Vic 3067

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Active Aging

*In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,*
Psalm 92:14



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BINGO AT CORRYONG

BY FAY WHITEHEAD

Here in Corryong we Anglicans seem to do things differently. We hold a weekly BINGO session. There are a number of us who have learnt over time to activate our minds and not go to sleep while the bingo numbers are being called.

People come by taxi, from Day Care at the hospital, with friends and by themselves, using sticks and wheelie walkers, just to attend our weekly social event. As well as keeping our minds active, friendships have been developed. We don't play for money but enjoy picking out of the baskets the little newspaper wrapped prize winnings, should we have been lucky

enough to have managed to concentrate long enough to successfully mark off our numbers and call out the elusive Bingo or 'I have it what do I have to say'.

The social benefits as well as the benefits of getting otherwise housebound people to our weekly sessions are enormous. Financially it has also provided extras for upgrading our hall. So if you are in Corryong on a Wednesday afternoon, come down to the Corryong Sporting Complex and activate your mind!

13th Successful Granny Day At Puckapunyal School

BY DIANE GRANT

Many military families do not get to meet up with their extended families very often, especially grandparents. It is very hard when distance stops grandparents from being able to see their grandchildren and in some military member's cases, Mum or Dad may be serving overseas, so it is hard for Grans to even see their own family.

Many Grans have to travel long distance to see their loved ones who serve in the defence forces or the defence families have to travel long distance when their holidays permit them to go and see their families.

In 2005, a small band of local Anglican Mother's Union (MU) grandmas and grandfathers 'Adopted the Pucka Kids for

a half day" with the support of the Puckapunyal Primary School teachers at the Puckapunyal army camp.

Some of the Grans had been defence force wives and grandparents, so they knew how it felt to not be close to their immediate families and how precious it is when some time could be spent with them. Quality time!

This project has been very popular. The Mother's Union Grans from Nagambie and Seymour and some of the REAL Grans from Rutherglen, Tallarook and Frankston of the Prep and Grade 1 pupils attended the "Adopt a Gran Day" on Friday, 28 April to join in the fun with the children.

The Granny day participants received a cloth Granny day badge to wear, and a wombat or owl craft project to do to

remember the visit by the Grans.


Singalong time, parachute fun, show and tell and musical dress up dances kept everyone on their toes all morning.

One of the highlights of the morning was when Reverend Gary Atherton and his wife Karen gave a short puppet show with Toby the puppet. Who donned his super hero costume when it was dress up time.

Some of the children didn't want the grannies to go; they had so much fun with them there and the Grannies loved being with the children and thanked teachers Sally O'Connor and Mercy O'Meara for their support once again for "Granny Day."



The Adopt a Granny day pupils, grannies and teachers in their dress up finery at Puckapunyal school on Friday 28 April.



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

NAIDOC 2nd to 9th July 2017

BY REV'D DAVID JONES

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. The importance, resilience and richness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages is the focus of this years NAIDOC week celebrations.

The 2017 theme - Our Languages Matter - aims to emphasise and celebrate the unique and essential role that Indigenous languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

Some 250 distinct Indigenous language groups covered the continent at first (significant) European contact in the late eighteenth century. Most of these languages would have had several dialects, so that the total number of named varieties would have run to many hundreds.

Today only around 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Elders pass on.

National NAIDOC Committee Co-



Chair Anne Martin said languages are the breath of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the theme will raise awareness of the status and importance of Indigenous languages across the country.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait languages are not just a means of communication, they express knowledge about everything: law, geography, history, family and human relationships, philosophy, religion, anatomy, childcare, health, caring for country, astronomy, biology and food.

This year for NAIDOC week why not; invite local Indigenous Elders to speak or give a Welcome to Country, or organize a smoking ceremony at the start of the Sunday service, or start your own hall of fame featuring Indigenous role models, or learn the meanings of local or national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander place names and words.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

BY VAL EDWARDS

The week 18 - 25 June is United Nations International Week for Refugees. The Social Justice Committee (SJC) is asking parishes to make their Sunday Service on the 18 June a service for refugees. Worship resources around refugees are available to assist with planning services. The Cathedral parish and the parish of West Wangaratta and the Warbys have already agreed to do this.

You have a chance to show in your community SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION. Saint Michael's West Wangaratta is hosting, on Tuesday 20 June - World Day for Refugees - a refugee lunch. We are inviting anyone to join us to share a lunch consisting of rations a Syrian refugee in a camp in Jordan would eat: a small portion of rice and a few sardines. The Bishop is joining us for this. We will show a DVD on refugee issues with discussion to follow.

The \$10 requested "price" for the meal will go towards the Act for Peace (The international aid agency of the Australian National Council of Churches) Refugee Week ration challenge. You might like to join this Social justice initiative? I am happy to assist with ideas and resources.

Participants taking the challenge, as I am, ask for financial sponsorship for the week, during which we will eat only what a refugee is given for their weekly ration pack: 420g rice; 170g lentils; 85g chick peas; 125g tinned sardines; 300ml oil. If you would like to sponsor me in the Ration Challenge, please contact me on edwardsvf@gmail.com. Or 0439 433475. My aim is to raise \$1240, and so far I have raised \$820. \$144 feeds a refugee for a month; \$67 provides a hygiene pack for infants; \$215 provides full medical treatment for a family.

DEVELOPING MINISTRY TOGETHER

BY FR CLARENCE BESTER



On May 13, fourteen people from three parishes had the privilege of attending a workshop at Holy Trinity, Benalla facilitated by an experienced and enthusiastic Leanne Palmer from Scripture Union Victoria. It was an encouraging and empowering six hours for the participants.

In Australia, we learned, church attendance has halved since the 1950's. Every year thousands of young people brought up in a Christian faith environment are abandoning their faith roots. Only about 30% of Australians now attend church regularly. However, there is still a sizable percentage of the population that remains open to connection with faith communities despite not being interested in church attendance

Leanne then introduced us to a framework for faith formation having two 'foundational pillars' which recognise that while the family is the primary place where a child may have faith explained and nurtured, all people in that child's life have the opportunity to contribute to his or her spiritual growth.

She explained that this conceptual framework also contains eight 'formational pillars':

- Big story of the Bible;
- Encounters with Jesus;
- Compassionate response;
- Serving on Mission;
- Mentoring and Coaching;
- Positive Peer Groups;
- Peak experiences;
- Rites of passage.



As foundational to working with children, Leanne took the group through the details of developmental stages from the pre-school to late teenage years. After lunch, we utilised this information in a lively and practical session: Engaging Children with the Bible. Two particular techniques - using Entry Points and identifying Emotions (of characters in the story) - were identified and then Steps for Storytelling were outlined and discussed. We read through some short passages and looked for moments of knowledge and emotion, things that we could talk about that children would be able to build on.

During the day, formally and informally, we shared some of our ideas and experiences and learned from each other. I led the final session, asking 'Where to from here?' He encouraged everyone to continue the conversation, sharing stories, and suggested resources and partnerships which could support our ministry.



SYNOD

FRIDAY 2ND JUNE & SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

SPECIAL SYNOD LIFTOUT

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Holy Week & Easter at Benalla

BY MOLLY CRAIG

What a special time it was, from Palm Sunday to Easter in the Parish of Benalla. Our parish is fortunate to have such importance place upon these services. Palm Sunday began with parishioners meeting outside and processed with palm branches into the church. The joy of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem soon turned to sorrow as the Passion gospel was read.

Maundy Thursday saw a dinner held in the Parish Centre with over 20 people attending. The meal with a Middle Eastern feel saw people enjoying a magnificent meal, while learning about the Seder meal that is held during Passover for the people of the Jewish faith.

The Maundy Thursday service saw the people gather in the sanctuary where Fr David washed parishioners’ feet in reenactment of Jesus washing the disciples’ feet. The last supper and institution of the Eucharist was also celebrated. Then the time came for the sanctuary and altar to be stripped and people move into the chapel, where the altar of repose was situation for a time of quiet and reflection on what Jesus went through in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday saw services held in Swanpool in the morning and Benalla in the afternoon. This solemn and sad service saw the procession of the cross through the church and placing it in the sanctuary where parishioners were invited to come before it

and pray.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday began outside in the dark, with the lighting of the new fire and the blessing of the new paschal candle. The people processed into the church, lighting their own candles from the paschal and in the darkness hearing the Old Testament readings and sung psalms before the Exultant was read and the lights turned on as the celebration of the risen Christ began. What joy it was to sing the Gloria and renew our baptismal vows.

Easter saw four services celebrated in the parish, with all centres celebrating that Christ is risen from the dead!



Parish Partnerships

With Synod taking place in Wangaratta as well as the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Anglicare Victoria and the Wangaratta Dioceses, we thought it would be timely to dedicate our newsletter to the beneficial relationship of Parish Partnerships Program.



Anglicare
Victoria

Anglicare Victoria’s Parish Partnership program creates opportunities for the Anglican church to explore ways to work in conjunction with Anglicare as part of our joint mission to support those most in need in the community. The most effective way of supporting the community is through addressing the needs of the local area. By utilising the strengths of both Anglicare Victoria and the Church, parishes are able to provide effective services that respond to local needs. Parish Partnerships operate in areas that receive no or little government funding. They provide resources to vulnerable families and individuals with the aim of reducing the risk of increased vulnerability.

These partnerships also enable Anglicare Victoria to reach communities where services are not currently based. We currently oversee a number of parish partnerships operating in the Dioceses of Ballarat, Gippsland, Melbourne, Bendigo and Wangaratta that provide programs in a range of areas including emergency relief, youth mentoring, counselling and support for migrant communities.

Community Programs


Community Programs are developed responses to identified community need and are often undertaken in partnership with individual parishes. Identifying community need is developed through a consultation / research process involving the parish, Government, local agencies, local schools, local police and community leaders. Such a process can lead to shared resources where the parish and Anglicare Victoria together may provide facilities, equipment, services supplies, volunteers, paid staff and financial support to a project.

Community Program activities include: Provision of meals through Breakfasts Programs for persons experiencing homelessness and school children, community meals to meet socialisation needs, playgroups and Mainly Music programs for preschoolers; Homework Clubs, Tutoring Groups, youth education engagement activities as well as specialised groups that provide social experiences for children effected by autism, Thrift Shops, Community Drop-in Centers, , Community Gardens and Kitchens, Neighbourhood Houses, Computer Classes, Craft groups and Refugee support activities.

Volunteers

Anglicare Victoria relies on the generosity of volunteers and supporters who contribute to our work in many different ways. By volunteering your skills regularly, or by raising funds for Anglicare Victoria, you will be providing new opportunities to vulnerable children, young people and families across the State.

One of the better known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together, strengthens it and makes it a better place. Volunteering allows people to connect to their community, make new friends,, broadens people’s support network and is great at developing social skills. Helping out with the smallest of tasks can make a difference to the lives of people.



ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION
Working for Love, Hope & Justice

NO CHILD SHOULD SUFFER - SUPPORT ABM’S TAX APPEAL

ABM’s 2017 Tax Appeal supports the Child Nutrition project based at the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

Parents and children are benefiting from this assistance in Beit Hanoun, a poor area of Gaza, near the Israeli border that was hit hard in the 2014 bomb attacks.

Since the attacks, ABM’s partner, the Al Ahli Arab Hospital - a medical facility of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem - has continued to help children restore and maintain their health.

The Child Nutrition Program seeks to build health profiles for children and help families that are struggling to cope. Over the course of three months, children are given a medical assessment by an expert paediatrician and a program of nutritional supplements is developed. The hospital provides the necessary supplements and monitors the children for signs of improvement.

ABM’s Programs Director, Dr Julianne Stewart visited the Gaza Strip last year and met with some families that have been supported by the hospital, including three year old Abdullah and his mother, Hyat.

Hyat is just 34 years old and has nine children under 18. Abdullah is the youngest and completed the program. Abdullah’s father is unemployed and struggles to feed his family.


Hyat said, “Abdullah is doing well. I thank God he has improved. We give him his vitamins, enhanced milk, and food parcels from the Ahli. He is 12kg now.”

Staff members at the program told Dr Julianne Stewart that being underweight shouldn’t be the only criterion for entering the program. Many children are anaemic, since the most common meal for poor women and children is bread and tea. It is clear there are complex needs on the Gaza Strip.

Julianne said, “All families are grateful for the program. Many mothers were shy when speaking to me, but their concern or happiness comes across in their facial expressions and gestures. One mother, Tahreer, said her two year old boy had improved a little after completing the program. She would like him to go for a second round of treatment so that he could continue to improve.”

“I felt privileged to meet these families, and was touched by their kindness and determination in the midst of such hardships. The importance of this Child Nutrition program, not only for the vital supplements it provides to needy children, but also in the support given to mothers in health education, cannot be under-estimated. It is indeed expressing the love of Christ to those who need it the most,” Julianne said.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift before June 30 so children on the Gaza Strip can continue to receive quality care and nutrition support.



Picture above: Abdullah and his family benefit from the Child Nutrition Project supported by ABM. Copyright; ABM / Dr Julianne Stewart, 2016

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.

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 a 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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From Fr Peter Macleod-Miller - St Matthew's Albury

These words were written through the collaboration of two men whose lives were full of ups and downs. They knew economic realities and were involved in the cutting edge of life as well as spiritual ideas.

As time goes on the aches and pains of life are also met with the jewels of experience and they shine brightly although the setting can get a bit worn. Our position within our communities is much the same, there are real treasures to be offered but the setting and our position within communities relevance in daily life and our place at the table of government or everyday matters can no longer be assumed. We can use our Christian identity to hide from reality or we can dangerously up anchor and look at new ways of being church. Doing new things is unsettling but the alternative calls out for a caretaker or undertaker. We are not monuments of a past but as Rowan Williams former Archbishop of Canterbury reminds us we are messengers from the future.

*Through all the changing scenes of life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.*

*O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his Name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.*

*The hosts of God encamp around
the dwellings of the just;
deliverance he affords to all
who on his succor trust.*

*O make but trial of his love;
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they
who in his truth confide.*

*Fear him, ye saints, and you will
then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your
delight;
your wants shall be his care.*

*For God preserves the souls of
those
who on his truth depend;
to them and their posterity
his blessing shall descend.*

*Words: Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
and Nicholas Brady (1659-1726),
1696*

Building towards a future has brought the Governor of NSW to launch our Chamber Music Festival and highlighting the opportunity of St Matthews Music Association for country kids and the gift of music and inspiration that has been brought individuals, families and communities. Building new partnerships with schools and community organisations both caring, cultural and artistic are weaving a new vitality into our parish life.

Prayer our parish reps and Bishop as SYNOD meets, with the many critical decisions to be made about the future. Matters of justice in daily living and working with other faiths and building community bridges toward better shared outcomes continues to be theme that we are flexibly exploring in the daily adventure at St Matthews.

The NSW and Victorian Society of Organists will be visiting St Matthews over the weekend of the June long weekend and our organ scholar James Flores and Dr Allan Beavis with our choir will present the music for the Sunday service. Please note the forthcoming concerts by very famous musicians and as always looking at our website for more details and booking early to avoid disappointment -
28th May - Matthew Fagan
22nd June - Slava and Sharon Grigoryan



Photo L to R: Maureen O'Neill, Maree O'Neill, Fr.David Holloway, Gaye Petzke and Rev'd Sandra Temple

Good Friday in Wodonga

BY FR DAVID HOLLOWAY

The Wodonga Christian Ministers Fellowship decided that for the first time this Good Friday they would hold a static Stations of the Cross at Woodland Grove. The theme was to show to the

community the churches and their agencies mission work done in the name of Christ. At least 6 churches set up stalls to show their outreach from 12 to 1pm. Then the Stations were done in a circle in the centre. St. John's displayed a massage

bed for their Revive outreach, a café table for its Two Birds and One Stone Café outreach and a display of rags from Jacks Rags. It was declared a great success and will be bigger and better next year

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

BY FATHER CHRIS RILEY

CEO and Founder at Youth Off The Streets

National Reconciliation Week is held annually on 27 May to 3 June in celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and to nurture and grow on the relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. It is important to recognise that Indigenous history and culture is Australian history and culture.

These two dates, 27 May and 3 June, hold great significance to Australians as they represent two major events in our nation's reconciliation journey. This year is especially significant for indigenous rights as 27 May is the

50 year anniversary of the 1967 referendum where Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the constitution to include Aboriginal people in the census and allow the Commonwealth to create laws for them.

3 June 2017 is also the 25 year anniversary of the Mabo decision, where the High Court of Australia decided that terra nullius should not have been applied to Australia. The landmark decision recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have rights to the land - rights that existed before the British arrived and can still exist today.

Australia's mistreatment of Indigenous Australians is a national shame. These two cases

are significant in our attempt to rectify our wrongdoings; however our journey to complete reconciliation is far from over.

My organisation, Youth Off The Streets takes great pride in reconnecting young Indigenous Australians with their history and culture. I employ Aboriginal youth workers and case workers to connect to young people and encourage them to be proud of who they are and where they come from.

This reconciliation week I implore all Australians to get involved in your communities reconciliation events. I invest in the Aboriginal youth of today, so they can be the leaders of tomorrow.

Safe Church - Safe People



BY NIKKI COLLINS

The National Council of Churches Australia, Safe Church Program hosted the 8th Safe as Churches? Conference in Melbourne on 16-17th May. The two-day event covered a wide range of aspects of Safe Church.

Some standout keynote speakers included The Hon. Justice Peter McLellan AM, Chair of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse who provided an update on the work of the Royal Commission, and Carl Collins who spoke about the different types of offenders and how to deal with people of concern and known offenders. There were also

excellent presentations from Mary Barry on Domestic Violence and the Our Watch program, Gerard Mansour on Elder Abuse, and Greg Gebhart who provided some eye-opening statistics on eSafety and useful information on how to respond to online abuse.

In line with the diocesan commitment to Safe Church and to support implementation of stronger, clearer organisational structures and processes, the diocese subsidised attendance for representatives from parishes. Twenty-two representatives from 15 parishes and the Registry participated, with a good mix of clergy and lay people.

Not only did we learn a great deal from the speakers, but also from one another as the presentations prompted a lot of discussion. Some good contacts were also made with conference attendees from other churches - Anglican and other denominations. The new knowledge and connections will help to shape the diocesan response to legislative changes arising from the Royal Commission.

Some of the presentations will be made available by the speakers. If you are interested in more information on the conference, particular presentations or the diocesan Safe Church processes contact the Registry.

In Review

with guest writer Gill Baker

Play: ‘Coranderrk’

Book: ‘Coranderrk - We will show the Country’- by Giordano Nanni and Andrea James.

The play ‘Coranderrk’, presented by the IlbiJerri Theatre Company at The Cube in Wodonga on the 4th May, is touring Australia this year. The story is derived from documents discovered in archives that had been gathering dust for years, and was certainly not well known until taken up by this company of indigenous creative artists and actors. It describes the fight for self-determination by the Aboriginal people living on the Coranderrk Reserve, near Healesville in central Victoria in the early to mid-1800’s.

White colonisation in Victoria had dispossessed the indigenous tribes of their ancestral lands and decimated their populations. Whilst protectorates were set up, they were largely ineffective until a leader and skilled orator of one of the clans, Wonga, successfully petitioned the government for a parcel of land where “they may sit down, plant corn and potatoes....and work like white men” .

To cut a long story short, land was given and taken away, and promises made and broken, with no real change to the fate of the indigenous populations, until some members of local clans with powerful voices were befriended by a Scottish Presbyterian Lay Preacher, John Green, and his wife. Working in harmony they set up Coranderrk Station and ran it very successfully, and in a spirit of co-operation, mutual well-being, and peace for years.

The four actors cleverly play many parts, using verbatim script to delve into the various inquiries of events at Coranderrk. It makes fascinating history and leads us to question where Christianity sits when those in power make judgement over the lives of those who are powerless.

At the end of the play it was possible to ask questions of the actors, and when asked what one factor, in their mind, would make a really significant move towards improving relations between indigenous peoples and the rest of us, there were three outstanding comments, 1) Recognition in the Constitution, 2) Involving Indigenous Communities in decisions about their lives, 3) Listen to the stories.

This is one story not to be missed.

Doyou have a review you would like to share? Whether it’s a movie, theatre, play or even a book then please send them in to - registry@wanganatta-anglican.org.au

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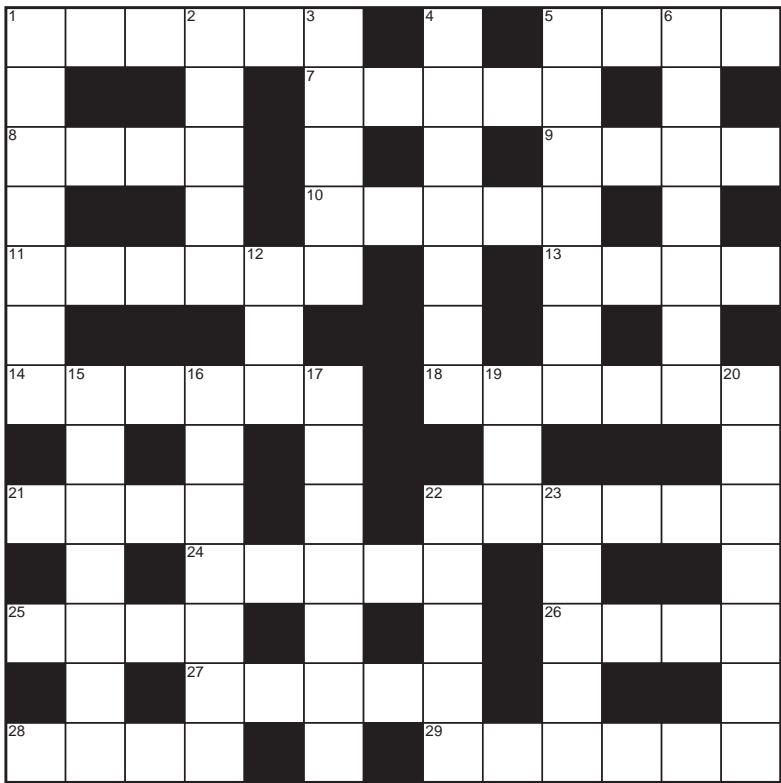
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18. Locating

21. Trip over

22. Stared angrily

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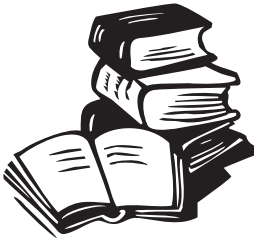
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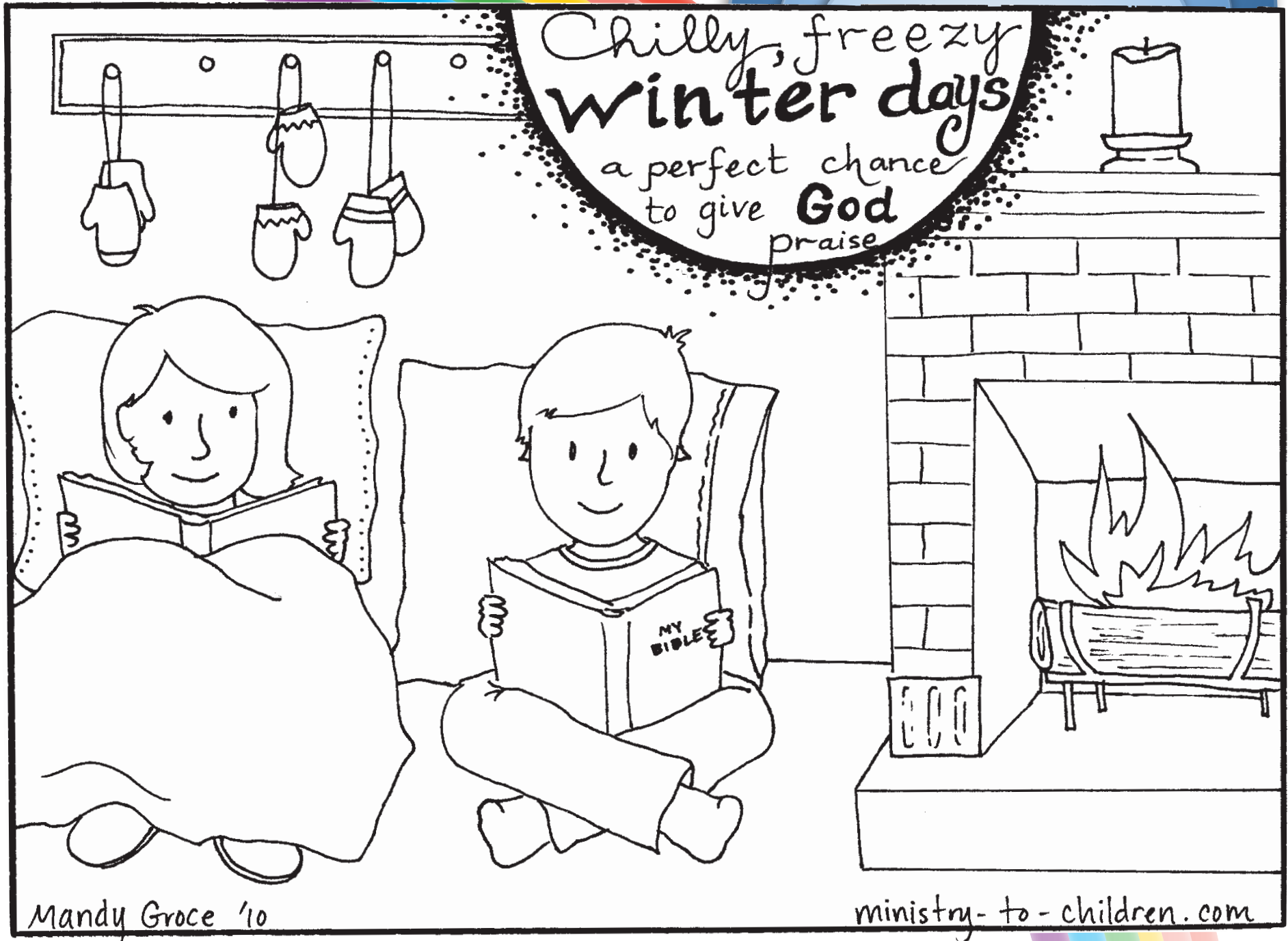
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THE JELLY BEAN GAME

You need jellybeans, a jar, a bowl, a glove and electrical tape. Tape a line on one side of the room and tape a line on the other. Fill the jar with jellybeans. Have the kids line up at the starting line. You'll call their names one by one and then pick a jellybean from the jar. (Put your glove on first.) Have an extra bowl handy to keep the jellybeans you draw in. Whatever color you pick call out the activity to the player.

- Purple: Hop three times forward.
- Yellow: Take five tiny steps forward.
- Blue: Spin three times like a tornado.
- Pink: "Float" forward two times like an angel.
- Orange: Take one big slide-step.
- White: Uh-oh. Go back to the starting line.
- Green: Do nothing. March in place.

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

BENALLA

Holy Trinity, Benalla
Sunday 8am Eucharist
9.30am Sung Eucharist
Monday 10am Eucharist (Cooinda Nursing Home)
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
Wednesday 10am.
St Aidan's Strathmerton
2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist.

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

MANSFIELD

St John's Mansfield
Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion
Thursdays 10.30am Holy Communion
Thursdays 5.30pm Meditation
Friday 12 noon Meditation
Christ Church Bonnie Doon
2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church Service
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
Emmanual
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

St Luke's Yea
Sunday 9.15am Holy Eucharist
Thursday 9am Morning Prayer

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller presenting Lyn Winnel (left) & Jenny Prince (right) their Voice for Life Awards from the Royal School of Church Music, England, UK on St George's Day
2. John Leonard, Nikki Collins, Trevor Noonan, Val Edwards and David Still at the Safe as Churches conference.
3. Sister Patience and her sister Joan celebrate their 95th Birthday.
4. Agape meal at the Parish of Benalla held on Maunday Thursday
5. Some members of the Anglican communion delegation visiting Trinity Wall St. Back row: Khushbakht Peters (Pakistan), Okkyung Lee (Korea), Lesley Lewis (Australia)
Middle row: Sar Kabaw Htoo (Myanmar), Odete Liber de Almeida Adriano (Brazil)
Front row: Nomfuzo Mangisa (South Africa), Mariana Lang (Argentina), Pumla Titus (South Africa), Isadora Ah Kiau-Betham (Samoa)
6. Sar Kabaw Htoo of Myanmar, Khushbakht Peters of Pakistan & Lesley Lewis

Bequests

John has been enriched in life. He has been blessed by God with a wonderful family 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.

For more information please contact;

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