



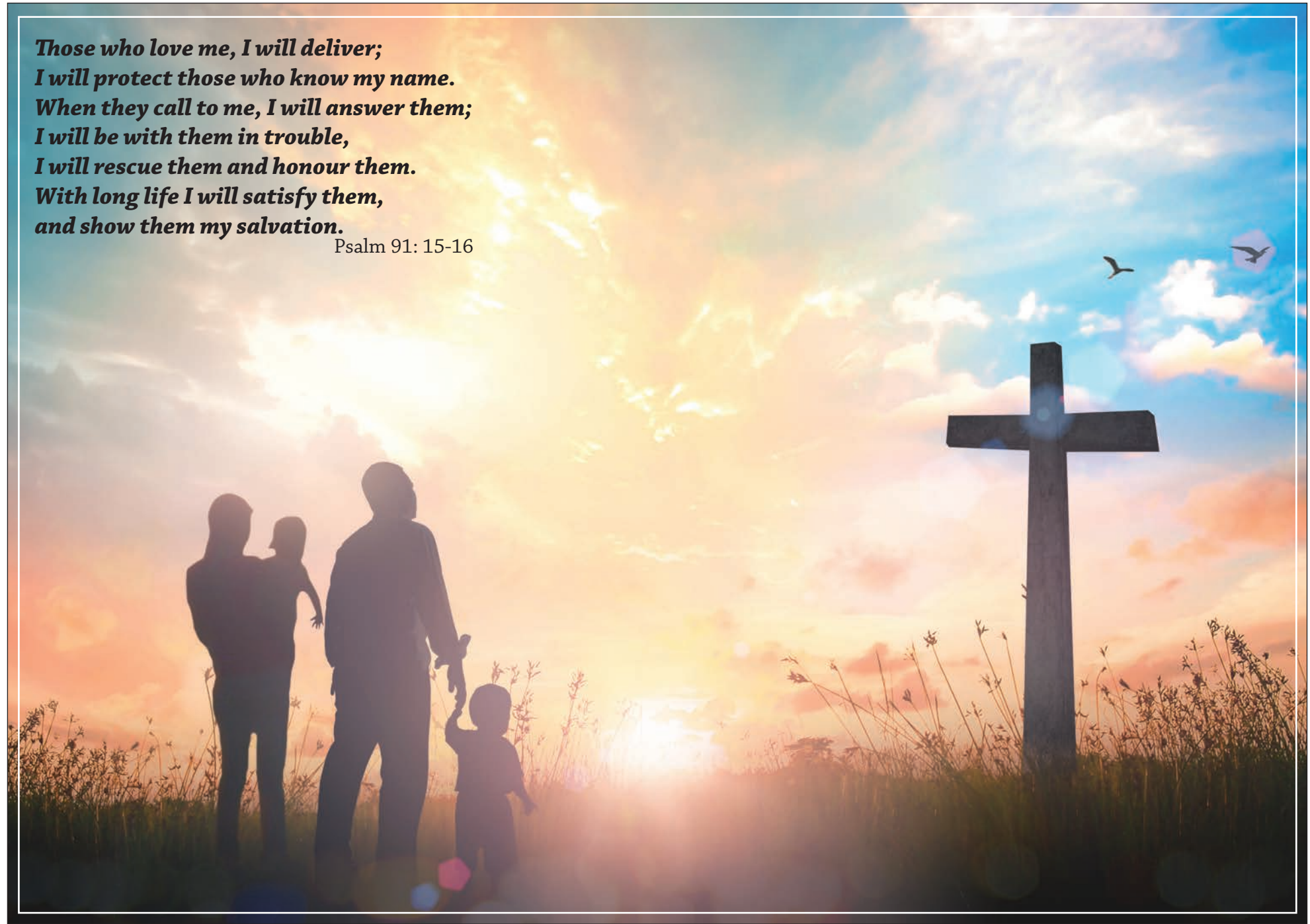
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GOD’S CALLING

*Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.*

Psalm 91: 15-16



READY TO OFFER SERVICE WHEREVER GOD CALLS

BY ARCHDEACON CLARENCE E BESTER

At my ordination service 22 years ago, one of the charges of the ordinal stated: “Be ready to offer service

wherever God calls. Little did I know that 19 years later and now for just over 3 years, that I would be living and working in Australia. I do however remember that while at Theological College

and being on retreat at a place called Hillandale in Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, three of us talked about the future and where we would see ourselves in ministry. One

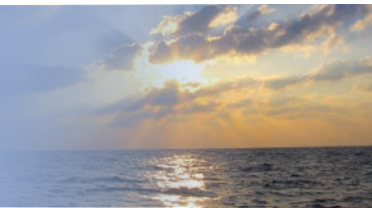
friend said that he would offer 10 years of ministry to the Church, after which he would prefer to go back into teaching. The other one shared his ambitions about the Parishes in which he would like to serve as a Parish Priest and I said that I will offer 20 years to the Anglican Church of South Africa and the rest somewhere else in the world.

This conversation and statements made by the three of us never crossed

my mind again until I spent a Sabbatical Leave in Strasbourg, France at the Anglican Church of St Alban during 2013. A conversation with a retired Priest of the Parish, who had just returned from New Zealand after conducting a six-month locum asked me if I would ever consider moving elsewhere in the world. It was then that I remembered the conversation during my Theological education years and the annual reflection of the exhortation to Priests which I still observe to

this day... “Be ready to offer Service wherever God calls.” This was the beginning of my exploration and discernment for the next phase within my journey and as I spent time in England, Germany and France at various intervals, my mind was set on either the UK or Europe, though connections in the United States were moving my mind in that direction.

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Ready to offer service wherever God calls

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Amazingly, a conversation with a German friend of mine had me then thinking about possibilities in Australia and New Zealand, partly because of the school terms and curriculum but more definitely the language. Having served the Anglican Church of South Africa and, in particular, my previous Diocese in various capacities as a Priest and my last Parish for 12 years, the time just seemed right to make the move. Michelle was at the height of her career doing very well with endless possibilities before her. The boys were doing well at a School they loved and in a place where we were all appreciated.

The difficulty in all of this was to upset the routine, move away from family and friends and to come into the unknown and unfamiliar. Sharing the news about the possibility of this move with Michelle and the boys was surprisingly embraced by them with not much reservation. The difficulty was with our family who did not think we were serious to make a move like this at such an advanced phase of Michelle's career and the boys schooling but we were ready to offer service wherever God called. This was charged to me at my ordination and my family supported me in this discernment process. For us it has always been about trusting God's purposes

for our lives, trusting God for sending us into the unknown. The direction for me was always to the north but God brought us to the south. Many ask us the question of why Australia and why did we make the move?

We often remind them

that it was not about seeking for a better life, because our lives were good and fulfilled within our previous context. It also has nothing to do with seeking better working opportunities, because we were fulfilled in what we did and many other opportunities presented themselves in different parts of the world and even within Australia. It is simply about 3 young men having a conversation over 22 years ago and who responded to the call from God heard in their hearts and one being ready to offer service wherever God calls.

Mothers' Day Luncheon at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The Parish of Kilmore has held a monthly lunch for the last 7 years. What started out as a summer BBQ, soon became a regular feature on the parish calendar with a BBQ in Summer and bring and share hot food in winter.

With the lunch always held on the second Sunday of the month, Mother's Day is always going to be a problem with many people getting together with their own families. This year, new Parish Priest Fr André Du Plooy, suggested that we spread the word to all those who don't get to see their Mothers due to distance, death or just busy lives. What a success!

The day started off with all Mother's receiving a fresh posy of flowers at the Eucharist, followed by the lunch. Between lunch courses, parishioners Doug Whitbourn and Norman Rose entertained all with some songs and ditties adding to the afternoon fun. What a joy to have one of our oldest parishioners Beris Hannam there plus the youngest - 3 month old Grace Davidson (daughter of Sarah and Paul Davidson) who came for the lunch.

PHOTO LEFT: Mothers with Mothers Day posies at Christ Church

"Reaching Out"

BY MARG RIPPON

On Thursday 4th May two ladies were spotted shopping in a Supermarket in Shepparton for goods of a somewhat curious nature. They had invaded the store with the sole purpose of purchasing copious amounts of nappies, baby wipes, baby cream, shampoo, deodorant, toiletries and other items which young mothers require in the raising of small children. One of the ladies was caught on camera and dubbed the "Nappy Queen" by her fellow shopper, much to the amusement of Marg and the Friday afternoon shoppers.

instigated under the auspices of 'REACHOUT', a mission group of the Anglican Parish of Shepparton based in St Augustine's Church.

Since the middle of 2017 this group of hard working people has been busy raising money for the less fortunate members of society, and after a highly successful Afternoon Tea with entertainment earlier that year, on 2nd October the sum of \$2926 was given to Anglicare Wangaratta for the purchase of 'swags' and a further \$500 given in February this year.

A similar function with the theme of "Bling is

The Thing" was held in April of this year when a further sum of \$1136 was raised, this time to purchase toiletries and baby needs as described above. Goods to the value of \$1000, together with a cheque for \$1500 to be used for the purchase of swags, will be donated to the Salvation Army in Shepparton to address the needs of those seeking help in the Shepparton area.

In addition to the afternoon teas, the Reachout group has established a Trade Table in the Narthex of St Augustine's Church where parishioners are able to continue this valuable fund raising on a weekly basis.

Lay Ministry Invigoration Day

BY VAL EDWARDS

On Saturday April 28th we gathered at Benalla for the second Lay Invigoration Day for 2018 and invigorating it was! Twenty eight from the parishes of Shepparton, Benalla, Murchison, West Wangaratta, The Cathedral, Kilmore, Central Goulburn, Yackandandah and Northern Albury came together at Benalla for a full informative day.

Presenters covered the topics of: Understanding Liturgical Perspectives in a Modern World ; Liturgical Cosmology and Seasons of the Church's Year ; Practical and Creative Discipleship & Intentional Discipleship.

Rev'd Andre du Plooy opened the day with a presentation on Liturgical Cosmology, which was designed to draw us a little from our comfort zones and introduce a new perspective on our faith and Christian life. This set the scene for the rest of the day.

Four workshops were offered, and the timetable for the day arranged to allow participants to attend each. Each workshop allowed for discussion and questions and was engaging, opening the way for further discovery and implementation of new ideas and the consolidation of current ones.

Two workshops were scheduled before the lunch break, and two after with Bishop John Parkes and Val Edwards presenting an informative session on the Church's Year, the Lectionary, Saints and Seasons, and A Prayer Book for Australia (APBA). At the same time, Father Andre Du Plooy assisted by Dean Saitta, spoke and encouraged discussion on Service Liturgy and Extension into action as life.

The afternoon sessions covered Creative Services and Programs, Good News and Success Stories, Strategic initiatives and stepping

out in faith, led by Father David Still and Molly Craig, and Intentional Discipleship, Leadership and "Followership" Conversations, facilitated by Archdeacon Clarence Bester and Lesley Lewis.

The topics were selected partly following feedback at the first Lay Training Day held at the Cathedral. They were designed to be practical, informative, inspirational, and challenging.

In his introduction and following the theme through into the workshop he presented, Rev'd Andre introduced the concept of Liturgical Cosmology. He challenged us to extend the liturgy of our weekly worship into the liturgy of our daily lives. Liturgy was defined as 'public work of the people'. The common definition of liturgy in the church was adapted to explain liturgy as the common understanding and language of speaking of and to God - the language of engagement with God.

As liturgy is world making, there cannot be a gap between liturgy and world. It was suggested that liturgy needs to create the world, the theological understanding of the world our Creator God brought into being.

Cosmology was defined as how we orientate ourselves in the world: how we see our place, our own location to the world, that being geographically, politically and culturally, spiritually, economically and socially. Liturgical Cosmology was thus introduced as spanning three levels: Astrophysics; Philosophical and cultural studies (the world view); and ecology. These were described as 'being the proponents of modern thought that critiques the very authenticity of Christian belief'.

The presenters introduced Tools of the Liturgy: Holy Things for Holy People: Liturgical space - the sanctuary and chancel; the Assembly of the people; Ordo

- the shape of the gathering, including penitence, the Word, the Great Thanksgiving and the sending out; the Orientation - Book, Water, Word, Font, bible, Altar . . . At the conclusion of the introduction and following through into the workshop, some thoughts to ponder were introduced: the concept that the ground is holy and the bush burnt but not consumed; 'Liturgy must orientate those who worship to the centrality of God. It must flow over into the liturgy of life'.

To conclude a busy, fruitful day, participants were asked to complete an evaluation, commenting on each session, on the catering, and on whether the day has sent them home with ideas to ponder on for the future. We asked attendees to let us know if they wanted more such training initiatives.

The responses were very positive, with each workshop being assessed as Excellent to Very Good, along with the opening and conclusion. The lunch and morning and afternoon tea we were spoilt with was greatly appreciated - thank you to the parish of Benalla and their caterers! Participants agreed that the day had been worthwhile. There were individual suggestions on what other topics people would like to see covered in future, and room provided for other feedback, comments or questions.

Each participant I believe found from the day inspiration, fresh ideas, new knowledge, endorsement of what we might be doing, ideas on how to bring church into our community . . . I do urge those of you who were unable to attend to keep your eyes open for the next Lay Invigoration Day! It will be wonderful to see you there, and to share and learn from your experience, which is as much a part of the day as is listening to the presenters and learning from them.



from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In the early 60s a rather naughty South African called Paddy Roberts wrote a little ditty about the English Character. Here is the first verse (expletives deleted)

Oh the Englishman is noted for his "sang froid"
Which translated means his usual b***** cold
And he loves his pipe and slippers and the missus and the nippers
And he's happy simply growing old
And he never says a word if he can help it
That's why people say he's always full of phlegm
He's quite unmoved by atom bombs and rockets to the sun
He never speaks to strangers for it simply isn't done
But when cricket starts his fury's uncontrolled
The Englishman with his usual b***** cold.

For those of you who like me were drawn to the recent Wedding in Windsor Chapel, the sang froid of the English was on display, supremely in the sermon of the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the USA, Archbishop Michael Curry (surely a bit of hot stuff!).

Curry took no prisoners. He was there to preach the Gospel and he did so with passion, with conviction and with animation. He channeled the theology of Martin Luther King Jnr and Theillard de Chardin. He spoke of the transforming power of love, the love supremely witnessed to in the Christ event. Love which knows no boundaries. The love of a young couple to be sure, but love which has not only personal but community and global implications.

The looks of shock which reverberated round the chapel bore witness to the fact that the English (and remember I am one) are not used to passion in their worship, certainly not in their preaching. But isn't the transforming power of the love of God something about which we ought to get excited? Should we not want to go tell on the mountain? Should we not want to shout for joy?

Archbishop Curry showed us how to tell the Gospel story with passion and joy. I wonder if we can do the same. Or are we too to be noted for our sang froid?

For Christ's sake!

The Rt Revd John Parkes AM
Bishop of Wangaratta



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God's Calling

Developing Ministry Together – Distinctive Diaconate Report

BY SANDRA TEMPLE & SUE HALL

Our theme for the month of June is about discerning Vocations in all aspects of ministry. We are privileged to have so many in our Diocese involved in various kinds of ministry within Parishes and without these contributions to the life, mission and ministry of the Church, we will not be able to portray an image of the Church as the Body of Christ. Lay and Ordained Ministry as a collaborative expression of our mission will deepen our ecclesiastical understanding of what we are about. Recently, Sue Hall and Sandra Temple, two of our Distinctive Deacons, attended the Australian Diaconal Conference which was held in Adelaide from 8-13 April and hereby offer their report of this event:

"Together with 22 others, we attended the Deacons' Conference where we shared and reflected on our ministry as well as forming new friendships. Each

day began with morning prayer in beautiful St. Peter's Cathedral followed by Bible study conducted by The Reverend Dr Cathy Thompson of St Barnabas Theological College. The Keynote speaker was Reverend Rosalind Brown of Durham Cathedral who is the author of "Being a Deacon Today".

The model for Diaconal ministry in Jesus is as one who did not come to be served but to serve. Deacons are called to this ministry. God in Christ shares our life and we as Deacons need to show this love and care to others as we journey into the unknown with God. Our privilege is to walk with others in their joys and sorrows, knowing God is there in all situations.

Rosalind offered the validity of our ordination as Deacons in the threefold ministry of the Church. This ministry of the Church has been integral to the church from its earliest days and we are called to be

ambassadors with authority to act on behalf of God and His Church. She reflected that Deacons are in a sense, a prism through which the light of the incarnation shines and they challenge to the church to live in and with the world which God loves.

The Diaconate has its own distinctive characteristics and responsibilities. We are not Social Workers and our ministry is not only in the church but in the world. It is a blend of being and doing, seeking God's presence in all of life, bringing the needs of the world to the church.

The theme of the conference was 'Walking Sacraments' and we were challenged to 'wonder'. The following is a sample of what we might wonder about as we reflect on our own ministry.

I 'wonder' how have I experienced an answer to the Bishop's prayer at my ordination, 'send down the Holy Spirit for the office



and work of a deacon'. I 'wonder' who are my heroes and heroines in the faith. Which people have been or are my role models for diaconal ministry?

The second day focused on Sustaining Ministry. I 'wonder' who can speak truth to me. I 'wonder' when I have been treated far more tenderly, gently and generously than I ever bargained for.

The ministry of hospitality was addressed on day

three. I 'wonder' whether the story of the "Good Samaritan" is relevant to all this. I 'wonder' what it is like to receive hospitality from a stranger. I 'wonder' if I can say 'no' kindly. I 'wonder' what diaconal ministry would be like if we put 'hospitality' at the top of its priorities.

We focused on the diaconate around the world on day four. I 'wonder' what stories you can tell of when you have the Holy Spirit at work through your

ministry. I 'wonder' how the ministry of deacons can be expressed in the care of God's creation." Sue Hall and Sandra Temple

We give thanks to God for the experience of Sue and Sandra and pray for the Ministry of our Deacons within the Diocese with a special prayer that God will stir the hearts of others to serve God's Church through this wonderful ministry of humble service.

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God's Calling

Walking alongside Libby

BY MARION BENNETT

Libby Gilchrist. Female priest. A tranquil yet tenacious warrior. Her book launch of 'The Tapestry' was an evening that all who attended will never forget. It was full of symbolism for those of us who had walked alongside Libby. It was held at the end of Evensong. The magnificent music soared through the building, linking this ancient service with those of earlier centuries; connecting Libby with all of those who heard

the call before her. Libby's friends and supporters had come to rejoice with her as she published the story of her call to the priesthood and the difficulties that she had had to face along the way. The church was full.

The book deals with the impasse created in the Diocese when Libby felt the call of God and wanted to respond, but found herself obstructed by men who felt strongly that only males should be priested. Others felt that this was not a

tenable position in the modern church.

A newsletter, 'Building Bridges', was sent throughout the Diocese and to all interested parties across Australia. It allowed daylight to fall on the views of all concerned. The responses were mainly those of people who wanted to move forward peacefully and respectfully. In horror others left the church, particularly the younger generation, voting with their feet. I wonder if and when they will find a way

back to church? Libby's book, 'The Tapestry', hints at the shocking responses of those who felt threatened by such a change, despite our stand of 'Building Bridges'. It was a torrid time.

God is love and we as God's people must love each other. This is the essential truth of life, proven to me over a not uneventful lifetime. In sharing some of Libby's journey that truth was only reinforced. It was a privilege to be there.



Trinity Certificate in Benalla

BY MOLLY CRAIG

One of the lovely things that came from members of the Parish of Benalla undertaking the Trinity Certificate, was the wanting to continue to meet together and discuss our faith and our spiritual journeys. From that the Benalla Home Group formed. The parish also has a home group out at Swanpool.

A small group began to meet, using studies from online, book form or watching a video series. At this point we have used the Pilgrim, A Course for the Christian Journey series a number of times and found them very accessible to everyone and a great way to allow people to be involved.

It's been wonderful to see people's self-confidence grow and feeling valued that they will speak and

put their views and feelings forward. Another benefit is the growing of leadership, with different people happy to guide and focus the group.

The group meets fortnightly and has continued to grow in number. Starting with five people, we now have a regular attendance

of up to ten, with people joining during particular seasons like Lent and also during recent events for Thy Kingdom Come.

Lay led, Fr David Still is occasionally asked to join us for various sessions or to help answer questions we may have. How great is that? We have questions to

ask, we want to know more and we want to continue to grow and journey with Christ and each other.

So, we can definitely say yes to home groups forming. If you and your parish are thinking about it, then do it. Start small with faith and eagerness and watch things grow and develop.



Rev'd Eden Elizabeth Nicholls at the Water Police - Search & Rescue base

Police Chaplaincy

BY REV'D EDEN-ELIZABETH NICHOLLS

For the past 6 1/2 years I have been the authorised Police Chaplain for the 10 stations within the Benalla Police Service Area (PSA). There are over 40 voluntary police chaplains in Victoria, plus 2 full-time paid Senior Chaplains based in Melbourne. Chaplains may be ordained or lay and represent all faiths, and attend an annual training conference. Some of us do extensive study in specialist areas to enhance our skills.

The role of Police Chaplain has many facets. I regularly visit the stations in my PSA (Kinglake, Yea, Alexandra, Eildon, Marysville, Benalla, Mansfield, Jamieson, Mt. Buller and Woods Point), usually taking a huge jar of Moccona coffee and cake or

scones. Conversations may be of a faith nature, but frequently revolve around the member letting off steam in a safe confidential environment about a family issue, or a conflict or tension in the station or with hierarchy. I have been involved in mediation meetings and I refer to Police Welfare Services if appropriate and with the member's permission. Baptisms, weddings and funerals are also part of my ministry.

As Police Chaplain for the Benalla PSA, I officiate at the Annual Police Remembrance Day Service and have attended many road fatalities, suicides and missing person searches. At a road fatality or during a Search & Rescue Operation, I am there for the police and other emergency services personnel, and of course for the

family and friends of the deceased or missing person. Searches where the person is found alive, are of course times of celebration. When the outcome is a deceased person or persons, or that the person is not found, I am part of the welfare team providing debriefing and ongoing care and support for police members. I contact the family of the deceased person each year on the anniversary.

I was the first recipient of the Blue Ribbon Foundation's Award for Excellence by a Police Chaplain. The ministry of being a Police Chaplain is one I value deeply. I am grateful that the Parish of Yea and Molesworth see the ministry as an important one within the local and wider community and are totally supportive of it.

Sharing Faith

BY SYLVIA MONTGOMERY

I have always pretended to be a Christian, knowing I was frequently doubting my true beliefs. A few years ago I decided to go to Cursillo and after an amazing weekend with people who were so full of hope and love I stopped pretending. I had a long drive home and I couldn't stop thinking how wonderful it was that

God had called me and was always there to help.

Our parish in Corryong has frequently been without a resident minister so I stepped up to read morning prayer on Sundays. With my limited biblical knowledge I needed to study each weeks readings and find Anglican reflections. I commenced studying the Bishop's certificate which

I hope to complete one day.

With the support of relieving priests and other parishioners I have held Advent and Lenten studies.

Everyday I give thanks that I don't need to pretend anymore, I know I truly believe and it feels so good that I want to share it.

Keeping our Churches

I enjoy my role as Lay preacher, having started with what I thought was a one off, as our then Minister wanted someone to do a church service so he could take some children to the snow. Since we no longer have a full time priest, I alternate Sundays, therefore trying to keep our church open. I also endeavour to visit our older members who are no longer able to attend church regularly, and assist with services in our Nursing home and Hostel. I am also President of AMUA and run Bingo afternoons, again bringing people together for a bit of sociability and friendship.

Yours in friendship, Jan Craig.

New priest for Parish of Yea

On Thursday, 19th April, 2018, The Reverend Eden-Elizabeth Nicholls was inducted as the Parish Priest for Yea and Molesworth. Angela Tenbuuren, a Taungurung Elder, commenced the service with a Welcome to Country. Representatives from all the parishes Mother Eden has ministered in over the years, were present at the service, and a wonderful supper was enjoyed afterwards. Mother Eden's office is located in the Parish's Op Shop in the main street of Yea.

PHOTO RIGHT: Bishop John with Mother Eden Elizabeth Nicholls at her induction in Yea.



PHOTO BELOW: Congratulations were extended for long service to MU, to Dawn Leece (40 years) and Muriel Andrea (60 Years) by Mary Greenshields MU President, and Fr Paul Dalziel.

Central Goulburn MU members acknowledged for long service

BY DIANE GRANT

The Mother's Union (MU) has been operational in Australia for over 130 years. Many parishes have faithful members who have earned recognition for their long service to the MU.

Two Parish of Central

Goulburn MU members could not attend Lady Day in March to receive their long service awards.

So, Fr Paul Dalziel presented them to them on Sunday, 29 April, in front of the congregation at the joint Parish service at Christ Church in Seymour. Dawn

Leece was presented her 40 years award certificate, and Muriel Andrea her 60th certificate and a MU long service badge.

Congratulations to these two and all those who were acknowledged on Lady Day at Wangaratta Cathedral.

Yackandandah student to sing in Royal Wedding chapel

BY LAWANA COULSON

Oliver Hendriks, a student from Yackandandah, will sing in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle - albeit a few weeks after Prince Harry and Meghan Markle exchange vows.

St George's Chapel is one of the venues on the itinerary for a month-long series of international performances by the renowned Choir of Trinity College.

Oliver, a Tenor with the choir, is currently living in Melbourne while studying. He will visit Spain, France, England and Scotland during the tour, which begins on June 30.

Trinity College's Director of Music, Chris Watson, said the choir was looking forward to rehearsing and

performing in southern France, before singing in some of the United Kingdom's great churches.

"This is an incredible opportunity for the choir and I look forward to bringing their prodigious talent to some amazing venues," said Mr Watson.

Performances will be held in venues including Montpellier Cathedral in France, St Paul's Cathedral in London, St George's Chapel, Canterbury Cathedral and St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh.

Mr Watson thanked Trinity College's donors and benefactors and said their support made the tour possible.

"The choristers give a month of their time and most of

their annual scholarship for this international tour, but it simply wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our donors and benefactors," he said.

Mr Watson joined Trinity College in January 2017 as Director of Music. He was formerly the Director of Music at St Edmund Hall at the University of Oxford, and has more than 25 years' experience in church music.

Trinity College was founded in 1872 as the first residential college of the University of Melbourne and provides a diverse range of academic programs for about 1800 talented students from across Australia and around the world.



Activity in the Parish of Tallangatta

BY GRAEME ALDRICH

"True Blue" Aussie "Do"

A happy crowd of revellers enjoyed the "Aussie" atmosphere of the "True Blue" Dinner on April 20 held in Tallangatta's Parish Hall. The event was the sixth of our annual "themed" dinners that have become part of the Parish's Annual Calendar - previous years have celebrated Winter Wonderland, Turkish Delight, Days Gone By, Great Gatsby, and Moulin Rouge. Australian flags, Akubras, moleskins, a pretty authentic campfire and other "Aussie" features created the atmosphere to be complemented by a menu of traditional Australian favourites - including the ubiquitous lamb shanks that have risen dramatically in gourmet favour in recent years. A small "army" of Tallangatta's Guides did a

great job helping to prepare the menu, serve up meals and clear away afterwards.

During the evening the gathering made a farewell presentation to our much loved Dr Roger Coleman who has left the area to live in an Anglican retirement facility in Sydney, closer to family members.

Community Markets

April's market boasted 28 stalls and continues to help the Parish both financially and as a means of strengthening connections with the general community. More markets are planned for June 23, August 25 and November 24. Coordinator, Margaret Rapsey, would love to hear from anyone wishing to book a site - 0260 725252 or Mob 0429 725252



Don Ingram takes advantage of the 'campfire's' warmth!



The short and tall of the Guides wait staff!



Farewell Val, God Bless

BY DIANE GRANT

Val Harvey, St John's long time parishioner, was farewelled by church folk from the four church denominations on Pentecost Day, Sunday, 20 May at St John's Anglican church.

Reverend Paul Dalzell, locum priest blessed her and parish folk laid hands on her during this time.

Peter Darbyshire wished her well on behalf of the parish and thanked her for all she has done for the church and community.

Margaret Hurren presented Val with some beautiful flowers from her garden and

a farewell card signed by all present.

Val was baptised at St John's, and has been a wonderful supporter of the church, with her Pub raffle organisation, Christmas In July Trivia quiz mastering, and her cryptic towns. She has also cleaned, sewn, polished, cooked, run fete stalls, played the music and loads of other stuff.

When she was farewelled, she humbly said "I only do what others do" but the parish folk knew better and thanked Val for all she has done for them and the church.

Val has been an integral part of the Nagambie church and

is moving to Kilmore soon. Her and husband Keith Harvey were well known for the Nagambie Bakery they ran but sadly Keith died just under two years ago, and Val would like a change for the autumn of her life.

Val is also a keen croquet player and has been a very important member of the Nagambie club.

She will be missed by the parish and community. Everyone at the lunch wished her well for the future.

PHOTO ABOVE: Val Harvey, centre, was farewelled by church folk from the four church denominations On Pentecost Day.



Cursillo weekend

BY MARY PEARSON

On the weekend of 11th-12th of May a small but dedicated group of Cursillo people gathered together.

We used the theme of Hebrews 10:24-25.

The idea of the weekend was to reconnect, rejuvenate and relax, to meet new friends and discover old ones, to step away from our busy lives and take time for ourselves and to enjoy fun, fellowship and the Kerford Hotel's excellent service.

We had people join us from 7 different parishes in Wangaratta as well as Cursillista's from Melbourne, Bendigo and the Canberra Goulburn Dioceses.

We took 'Selfie's', we sang songs, we drew posters about love, we sang songs, we listened to talks, we sang songs, we talked about Cursillo and we sang songs.

We laughed, we told jokes, we exercised, we shared knowledge, we ate, we had time to ourselves, we explored our beautiful surrounds and we worshipped.

We talked about Cursillo in Victoria as other Diocese are struggling. They are not running 3 day weekends but are still gathering for Ultreya's (worship services). We talked about what we should say to people about Cursillo, how to support and sponsor them to come to a weekend and how we can support and identify people

who are already Cursillistas. We also talked about finding a venue that is cost effective as well as accomodating to our needs.

We were blessed by our Bishop joining us for Eurcharist on Sunday morning where he also judged the best poster about love and we sang songs.

The weekend could not have been a success without the dedicated proctoring skills of Jane Boswell, the excellent musical skills of Arthur Myers, and the exuberant MC skills of Mary Pearson not to forget the wonderful Cursillo people themselves who all pitched in to help pack up so we could all go home to be with family for Mother's Day.



Mothers' Union News and Events 2018

BY MARY MUNTZ

The Council of Anglican Mothers Union Australia meeting was scheduled for the end of May and held at Holy Cross Centre in Templestowe. The Australian President, Rev'd Anne Kennedy and members of Executive gather for three days of discussions before the Diocesan presidents or a representative from all twenty three Australian dioceses arrive for the final three days of the conference. These conferences are held approximately every eighteen months, as Diocesan leadership positions change there are always new faces at dinner on Sunday evening. The days begin with breakfast at seven am and finish with Compline at 8.45 pm. During the day Morning Prayer, Bible Study, discussion groups, and Business sessions are interspersed with Diocesan Reports, food, drinks and kitchen duty.

Several years ago Mary Sumner House Staff created five different Zones for Mothers Union and Australia's Zone includes Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Melanesia. The presidents from these countries are invited to be part of the conference and members have learnt much about their countries, lifestyle and social issues.

A decision the Central Committee of Mothers Union made at Mary Sumner House in 1925 marks the "birth of the Australian Commonwealth Council". In her history of Mothers' Union, Violet Lancaster records "the recognition of the vast distances in Australia and consequent scattering of Mothers' Union membership made it essential for a central organisation to be established in the Dominion in order to coordinate the work. The Council first met in Melbourne in May 1925 with representatives from all over Australia. It was not intended that the Council should meet frequently. In 1926 The Federation of Mothers' Union Councils was formed and a Dominion Council was formed in New Zealand." The Central President in London was assured that the Dominion Council would abide by the Central Constitution." In order to promote fellowship between the branches and to keep members informed, a very successful magazine- Mothers in Australia- was produced."

The Rev'd Libbie Crossman was elected to the Mothers' Union Board of Trustees during her time as Australian MU president. The Archbishop of Canterbury commissioned the new Trustee Board at the Chapel at Lambeth Palace during the first Worldwide Council meeting held in March 2016.

Safe Church Awareness Workshops 2018

Shepparton
St Augustine's Church
Saturday 16th June

Mansfield
St John's Church
Saturday 24th November

Wodonga
St John's Church
Saturday 20th October

Contact the Registry office for more information and a registration form or email pabishop@wangeratta-anglican.org.au



Birthday Ultreya

When: Saturday 9th June 2018

Where: Wangaratta Cathedral Crn Oven and Docker Streets, Wangaratta

Time: 12pm for lunch followed by Ultreya

Please come and join us as we will be decommissioning our Lay Director



Future dates
11th August - Cobram
13th October – Benalla
8th December - TBA



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

June 20th United Nations World Refugee Day

BY VAL EDWARDS

I thought I would share a story of one Anglican Refugee Advocate, among many:

The Revd. Roberta Hamilton is the priest in charge of the Parish of Saint Dunstan's, Camberwell in the Melbourne Archdiocese. Roberta will be the guest speaker at the Cathedral College service in the Cathedral on June 20th. The Diocesan Social Justice Committee will host an evening to allow you to meet with and hear some of Roberta's story.

Roberta and her husband Stephen began their journey in refugee advocacy working towards resettlement for people fleeing the cruelty of the Pinochet regime in Chile. Then followed a period of helping people on the ground from South Sudan and Iran.

For the last six years, in the dioceses of Canberra/Goulburn and Melbourne: Roberta, while the Rector of Saint Mary in the Valley, Canberra, was an active participant in the Canberra Refugee Action, and started the Faith Based Working Group. She spoke at the 2016 Palm Sunday rally in the nation's capital, and organised events to benefit refugees and increase public and Anglican awareness. In 2015 Roberta was arrested while peacefully protesting in the first Love Makes A Way sit-in in Canberra.

In Melbourne she has been an active member of the Sanctuary Movement - which our Holy Trinity Cathedral parishioners supported by voting to offer the Cathedral as sanctuary for

refugees threatened with deportation. She is a member of the Social Refugee Advocacy Network and of the Diocesan Social Responsibilities Committee, heading the Refugee Sub-Committee.

Roberta led the Anglican contingent in this year's Palm Sunday march in Melbourne. She 'believes passionately in justice and righteousness that we are called to as part of our faith as Christians'.

Interesting statistics:

There are 5.6 million refugees from Syria seeking refuge today; 2.5 million from Afghanistan and 7.2 million Palestinian refugees, 4.3 million of them or their descendants listed for humanitarian assistance with the United Nations since partition in 1948.

Of countries accepting refugees, the ones accepting most are Jordan with 2.7 million, Turkey with over 2.5 million, Pakistan accepting 1.6 million and Lebanon 1.5.

A prayer for God's Holy Land so wracked by killing and bloodshed:

God of all true reconciliation, we dare to continue to pray for Your peace and justice to prevail over violence and oppression in Palestine and Israel, in the coming days and in the long term. We ask for hope for those in despair in Gaza today; for every precious life to be protected; for an end to all violence, fear and abuse of power; and that international laws that protect life be adhered to. We long for a just and fair way forward so all peoples can flourish in Your Holy Land. God of all true reconciliation lead us to just and lasting peace. Amen

COME ALONG TO...

Supper and discussion with The Revd. Roberta Hamilton, who heads the Refugee Sub-Committee of the Melbourne Diocese Social Responsibilities Committee and long-time Refugee Advocate

**6pm Wednesday June 20 -
World Refugee Day**

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Student Services
Cathedral College
344 Wangaratta-Whitfield Road, Wangaratta

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June 5th 'World Environment day'

'World Environment day is on 5th June, and this month's action could be to do our best to reduce our use of plastic - an uninhabited island 3000

kms from anywhere has its beaches covered in plastic waste, destroying both terrestrial and marine life close to it.'

The Social Justice Committee has a new Facebook page. Find it by searching; Social Justice Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta or use this link; <https://www.facebook.com/Micahchp6/>



Successful 14th Granny Day at Puckapunyal School

BY DIANE GRANT

Many army families do not get to meet up with their extended families very often, especially grandparents.

So, a small band of local Anglican Mother's Union members and Grandfathers 'Adopted the Pucka Kids for a day' close to 14 years ago with the great support of the Puckapunyal Primary School who have hosted the day at the Puckapunyal army camp each year

MU member, Grandma Dawn Leece, had a special link this year with the army. Her Grandson Ryan, has been in the army for 4 months, and she is very proud that the Adopt a Granny Day program is kept going to support army children and the school at the army camp.

This project has been very popular. The Mother's Union Grannies from Avenel, Nagambie and Seymour and some of the REAL Grans attended the "Adopt a Gran Day" on Thursday, 26 April to join in the fun with their adopted or real grand children. Some of the REAL Grans came from Darwin, Grafton, Wollongong, Shepparton, Tallarook, Tooborac, and Tucumwal.

Teachers of Prep Grades were awarded the honour of hosting

the Grannies visit for 2018 and the pupils were thrilled with the visit of the Grans for the day.

The Grans and pupils enjoyed doing the Pucka Kids song (to the tune of Old MacDonald had a farm) which broke the ice, and then the children performed "Hands, shoulders, knees and toes for the grans, and then chatted to the grans during their brain food time.

Half the children were entertained by some old time games or toys that the Grannies had brought along for show and tell time, whilst the other group joined in the ever popular and vigorous parachute games in the school yard. This was a first for many of the littlies and grans.

Close to 45 children kept Grandpa Len and Nanny Di, their teacher and other Grannies busy with their lifting of the chute, and enjoyed various games and movements and under cover mushroom (Fonzie - sit on it antics.) Ask them about the sharks and fishes game, or Hot potato atomic drop out actions.

After recess, and a well earned cuppa for the Grans and mornos with the staff was appreciated. The group gathered back in the general purpose room and played Musical dress ups, which is a favourite with the children, Grannies and teachers.

This fun game of musical dress ups, with colourful hats, wigs and costumes appealed to all age groups and some of the combined dress-up outfits were hilarious.

The Grannies were amazed at how cleverly the children danced the "Hokey Pokey and the Chicken Dance" and did the actions alongside the Grans. The children really enjoyed seeing the Grannies and teachers join in the merriment.

The children, teachers and Grannies enjoyed the get together at the school and the teachers and the Mother's Union Grannies are to be congratulated on the concept of "Adopt a Granny Day" where sharing Grannies friendship and rapport with the children at school really pays off.



PHOTO ABOVE: Granny day fun. Visiting Grannies and Puckapunyal Primary School teachers and Prep grade children dressed up for musical dress ups game.



PHOTO ABOVE: Up, Up and away! This old army parachute has served for 37 years for MU member Diane Grant. (who was an army wife for 23 years) It has been played with for 14 years at Puckapunyal army camp in the MU Adopt a Granny day program.



Broadford Friendship Group Fundraiser

BY CAROLINE BURGE

It was a sunny May morning, when sixty five visitors were welcomed to the Gavan Hall in Broadford. They had come along for St. Matthew's Friendship Group's Biggest Morning Tea; one of the many fundraisers being held in May for the Cancer Council's research program.

St Matthews, Broadford, Friendship Group have been running the Biggest Morning Tea for 10 years and over that period they have raised an amazing \$8,158, with this 10th year being the most successful raising \$1,100 for the Cancer Council. Prior to 2008 Mrs Annie Stanmore held the morning tea for Cancer Research at the RSL Hall for

many years so the amount raised by this community has been outstanding.

As expected the morning tea was an excellent "country spread". There were raffle tickets, door prizes, guess the weight of the pumpkin; all sorts of ways to make money and have some fun in the process.

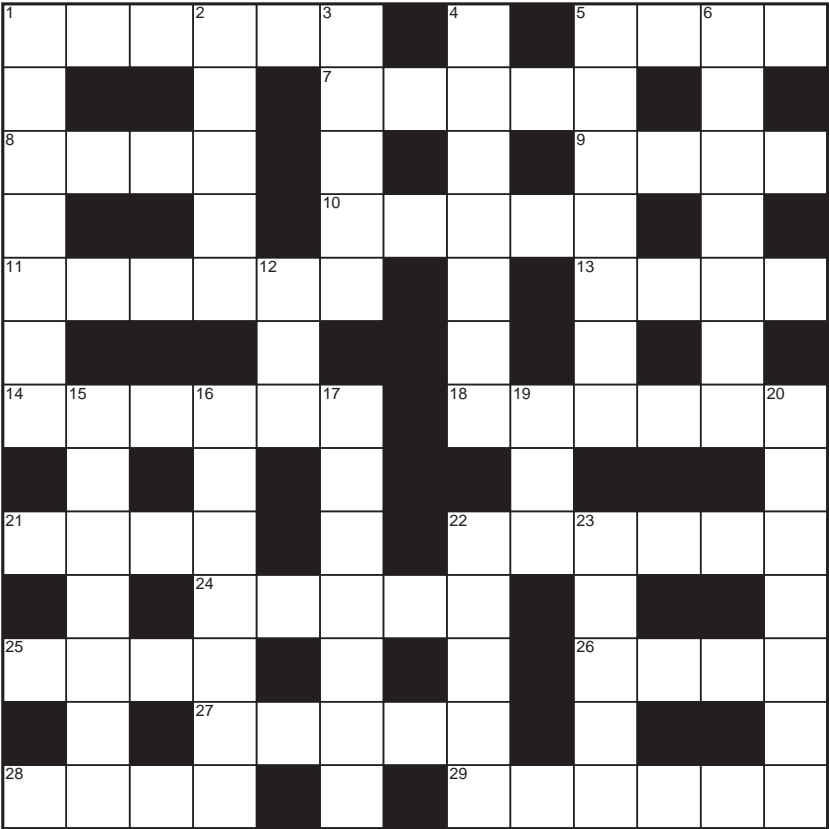
Parish priest, Fr. André Du Plooy, was the guest speaker for the occasion, and in his talk he said that we all have to die one day. He shared Brett story with us. A parishioner of his former parish in South Africa, who had to cope with his wife living with cancer. Every time she was in remission they would share their gratitude with those who had nothing to

eat, as they brought food to the church to be distributed. Brett grew in faith and became a lay minister. He found comfort and hope in his faith, in caring for others and his family. Families need help to cope when their love-ones live with cancer. Our faith so often becomes our strength he said, for God has given us the gift of eternal life to all who believe. He ended by telling us the reason why he was sharing Brett's story with us. Brett's wife, Sheila died that morning. Brett will now cope he said, for the community he helped will now embrace and comfort his own family. God always prepares us for every situation.

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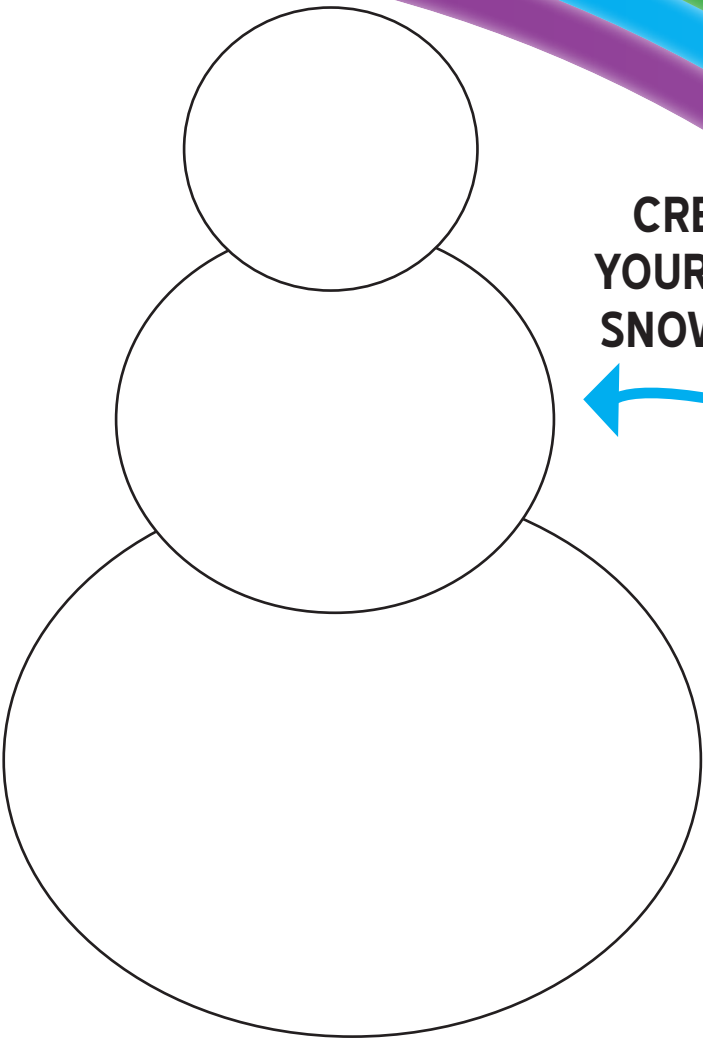
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Regular Parish Service Times

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

Sunday 8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist	Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist	Saturday 6.00pm Saturday @ 6	Morning Prayer Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday)	Evening Prayer Daily at 5.00pm
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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 <i>St. James' Lavington</i> 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays <i>St. John's Thurgoona</i> 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays. <i>St. Paul's Jindera</i> 10.30am 2nd & 4th 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 <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 Harrietville</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.	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> Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Tuesdays 4.30pm Hour of Silent Prayer Wednesdays 10am Midweek Eucharist <i>St Jude's Eldorado</i> Sundays 11am 1st & 3rd Sundays Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Prayer.	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	TALLANGATTA <i>Christ Church Tallangatta</i> Sunday 9.00 am 4th Sunday Family Service 10.30 am	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		YEA <i>St Luke's Yea</i> Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion
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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PHOTO CAPTIONS

1. Sister Patience with her twin sister Jean, celebrating their 96th Birthday at St Johns Village, Wangaratta.
2. Fr Clarence Bester and Bishop John helping Sister Patience and Joan blow out the candles.
3. Parishioners at Christ Church at the Feast of Pentecost in the Parish of Kilmore
4. Oldest - parishioner Beris Hannam with youngest Grace Davidson (granddaughter of Caroline Burge) from the Parish of Kilmore
5. A few parishioners from the Parish of Marysville with Fr Norm cutting the cake for his 65th birthday.
6. Fr Paul with his Tardis phone box, Kaye Jones, Marlene Brew, Lily and Mackenzie Brew at St John's of Nagambie Children's service.