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SYNOD 2018 - Motion passed

Synod motion on the blessing of all civil marriages

BY VEN DR JOHN DAVIS

After a debate involving five speakers, the Wangaratta Synod on Saturday June 23rd 2018 overwhelmingly passed a motion providing a clear mandate for the Bishop to continue in the process 'leading to the potential provision for the blessing of civil marriages', including same sex couples. The motion acknowledged the widespread national and local support for the recent changes in Australian marriage law and commended to the Bishop the pastoral value of an optional authorised Form of Blessing for use within the diocese of Wangaratta.

As the bishop indicated in the Presidential Address he is currently taking further advice on how best to proceed, including considering how Sydney Diocese has produced their own service book. There are constitutional ways forward for individual dioceses to make provision for various extra services not provided for in the Prayer Book.

The starting out on this process represents a first for the Anglican

Church of Australia. Wangaratta is the first diocesan synod in the country to vote in favour of a motion such as this. As a result, a number of other dioceses are considering starting out in a similar pattern. Wangaratta may well have provided a template for potential use in other dioceses therefore. It is after all the Anglican way of doing things to have synod debate on a motion, by way of support for any action a bishop may take. The inclusion of further discussion with the clergy and laity is good basic process in the consideration of any important matter.

As the public discussion and debate during last year's national postal survey on Same Sex Marriage made only too clear, this is a highly sensitive subject matter. However, if the mood and the expressed opinion of the Wangaratta Synod is anything to go by, there is clear support in at least some parts of our Church for these first new steps to be taken.

Motion can be found on page 7 of the Synod liftout.



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



Welcome to Country

I acknowledge the B/Pangerang people, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet for this 2nd session of the 39th Synod of the Diocese of Wangaratta, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.

I pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging and the Elders from other communities who may be here today. I acknowledge Auntie Betty who will welcome us to country at the Synod Eucharist and bless us with smoke according to the ancient way.

Introduction

I concluded the 1st session of this Synod last year with some words of St Paul:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Our resolve to honour the words of the blessed saint have been sorely tried since we last met. It is no exaggeration to say that the last year has been our annus horribilis.

Personal

In a personal sense, Margaret had a serious fall whilst on bus duty at School, landing on her head. She suffered an acquired brain injury which is proving slow to resolve. In addition our house at Carboor was extensively damaged in the gale which struck on 19 December. The old dairy was unroofed, the major shed had the roof destroyed by falling branches, the minor buildings lost roof sheets, the mains power cable was cut by flying iron sheets and the back veranda of the

house was destroyed. So the Parkes family has been doing it tough.

Aged Care

In a Diocesan sense things have been extremely difficult. These difficulties revolve around aged care.

Last year saw a significant epidemic of influenza which affected 4 states. The flu outbreak put a record strain on Victorian emergency departments, which recorded a 13 per cent increase in daily admissions to about 3964 admissions each day during August — the highest ever for the month.

More than double the numbers of people were affected by the flu in 2017 than last according to the Victorian Health Minister. Figures collected late in September last showed there had been more than 370 confirmed influenza deaths recorded in four states. Many of these were in aged care facilities. More than 120 elderly Victorians in nursing homes have died from the flu, after three horror strains infected more than 14,000 in the state and led to deaths of an 8-year-old girl and a young father.

Our own St John's family lost 10 residents from flu related illness, a tragedy for 10 families and for us. The effects of the epidemic were significant; around 79 residents and 53 staff contracted flu, putting an enormous strain on our resources. I pay tribute to the way that the staff rose to the challenge of continuing to provide the best possible care under such trying circumstances.

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Safe Church **Safe People**

BY FR DAVID STILL

As all who are a of part of the Diocese of Wangaratta should be aware by now, the safety of children in our churches has become an overt priority. Obtaining Working with Children Card Checks, or Police Checks that many across the Diocese have already obtained. We are also becoming more aware of the issues of safety and the potential for abuse for any person, regardless of age or experience, that can occur in any organisation and of which churches are just as much at risk as any other organisation is.

Hopefully many will be aware by now the significant progress that has been made within the Diocese that has enabled to meet the compliance issues of meeting firstly the Victorian Child Safe Standards and in the Albury Parishes complying with the NSW Child Safe Principles. The Diocese has adopted a range of new policies which have been sent to all of the Parishes and had also signed on the Safe Church Training Agreement and has now had a significant number of people participate in the Safe Church training that is being conducted periodically around the Diocese.

One of the requirements that the Diocese and each Parish needs to meet today is to have a Safe Church Officer. Up until a month ago, the Safe Church Officer for the Diocese has been Nikki Collins, who is Bishop John's P.A. We have been very fortunate in having Nikki work for the Diocese as she has brought a wealth of experience from the health industry and it has been this experience and knowledge that has enabled us to get to the point we are now at. The Diocese owes Nikki a debt of gratitude for the work that she has done

and enabled in the Diocese to be compliant with all that is now

The time has come for Nikki to step down from this role, and Bishop John has asked me to take on the role of Safe Church Officer in the Diocese of Wangaratta. There will be a changeover period while I take on this role, but generally I can be contacted through Benalla Parish or the Registry and shortly there will be a dedicated email address for the Safe Church Officer.

New Choral Scholars Commissioned at Holy Trinity Cathedral

BY FR KEN GOODGER

On Sunday the 10th of June, three new Choral Scholars were commissioned to sing in the choir of Holy Trinity Cathedral. Sophie Bussell, Demi Johns and Erin Stephens were welcomed by the congregation with their families and representatives from Cathedral College. The fourth new Scholar, Grace Fredsberg was commissioned on the 24th of June.

These scholarships mark an exciting new chapter not only in the life of the Cathedral, but also in the partnership between the Cathedral and Cathedral College. Two scholarships have been awarded by the Cathedral and the College. These are the first new scholarships for the Cathedral Choir

Hugh Fullarton said of the new "These scholarships scholarships, are significant in a number of ways. They are an important step in the expansion of the musical worship at the Cathedral towards a traditional high standard Cathedral Choral foundation, they add a rich pathway to the scope of the music program at Cathedral College, and they are an opportunity for students to experience a level of musical, spiritual, literacy and language training, and social integration,



Morning melodies loads of fun

supporting this venture."

BY DIANE GRANT

The church hall was rocking with all the laughter, singing, whistling and novelty dancing by guests who attended the Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn's : Morning Melodies"

Organisers would like to thank to all who supported the June 14 fundraiser Morning Tea and "Morning Melodies" with Trevor Dennis; a great entertainer from Bailieston.

The annual fundraiser event was held once again, at the Seymour Christ Church Hall with MU members from Avenel, Nagambie and Seymour hosting the event. Visitors came from Kilmore, Broadford, and surrounding districts...

Trevor and his counterpart, MU compere Di Grant, (me) had the guests up and dancing the Chicken dance and Hokey Pokey, and singing along to the old time favourites that Trevor melodiously presented on the day.

From "Rock around the clock" to "Unforgettable", many songs Trevor sang brought back many fond memories of years gone

The delicious morning tea provided by the church ladies was enjoyed by all, and the lucky door prizes and raffle ones were appreciated by the recipients.

Thanks to those who donated food, prizes, trading table items and donations. And who set up and cleared up the hall for the tea.

The funds go towards the annual Mother's Union Overseas and Outreach programs.

PHOTO BELOW: Caption 1. With a little bit of this and a little bit of that and you shake your butt! Enjoying the Chicken dance fun at the Parish of Central Goulburn's Mother's Union Morning Melodies





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MU tribute to Shirley Steel

BY DIANE GRANT & MARY MUNTZ

MU members from across the Diocese of Wangaratta, Victoria and Australia were saddened to hear of the death of Shirley Steel recently. Shirley joined the Young Wives in 1961, that progressed onto Caritas and M.U. She received her 50 year badge for service to the Mother's Union at Wangaratta Cathedral a few years ago.

Her M.U colleagues from Wangaratta Branch will miss her greatly and the Dean of Wangaratta Cathedral, Fr Ken Goodger spoke fondly of Shirley's dedication to her church and how the performance of her duties often helped him. Shirley prepared Intercessions to be used in Mothers' Union and the Guild of St Raphael meeting Eucharist's.

Mary Muntz related this short piece about her funeral service: "Many people from many places gathered at the cathedral to celebrate Shirley's life and accomplishments during the simple service that Shirley wanted. Amongst them were MU Members from across the Diocese.

The Dean lead the service and preached; her son Colin, supported by brother Robert, related the story of Shirley's life; and her positivity and courage when left as a young widow to rear four small children.

Shirley was with her youngest child Joanne in the Royal children being treated for meningitis, not expected to live, when her husband died unexpectedly. Joanne did

Shirley moved her family to the house they had built in Wangaratta and became involved in her children's activities, church life, her beloved golf games [come rain, hail or shine], and her garden and she made many friends.

Shirley's love of the Murray River and the red gum trees was evident in her choice of coffin which was beautifully decorated with river scenes from her childhood spent around Mildura. MU member Sophie Freischmidt read the lesson on behalf of the Ladies Guild.

The Recessional music was"O When the Saints go marching in"; Shirley was an enthusiastic St Kilda supporter.

Shirley was Diocesan MU President for seven years and State President during 2008-2010. She endeared herself to so many people in Mothers' Union as she visited the



branches during her tenure as State President, Diocesan President and Wangaratta Branch president. Shirley and Kaye Kennedy, then State Secretary, organised a three day State conference held at Holy Cross Centre in Templestowe. She would have

She would leave home around 6.30 am, and get the train down from Wangaratta. She walked from Spencer St (Southern Cross now) Station to St Paul's Cathedral and back after the meeting finished at 3.00pm arriving home late in the evening. That's how dedicated she was to fulfil her official duties as best she could.

been in her mid seventies."

Personally, I received a call from her the week I retired from my full time job at Puckapunyal army camp in 2004. She said that "Now I had time on my hands, would I take on the role of Pelican editor of the Diocesan M.U newsletter?" She was very persuasive. I said, "Both you and God have a sense of humour. You know I can't refuse."

Shirley and I became great friends from that time onwards. She encouraged me in all that I did for God, his church, the MU, and she always took a personal interest in my health and kept in touch often by phone or email. She was a very caring, loving person not just to me but to so many others.

I also enjoyed going to the MU retreats in the country and both Shirley and I had a love for Charnwood where the wild red spotted mushrooms grew and the autumn leaves looked splendid on the trees and by the small lake. We gained such spiritual peace while on these retreats away from our busy lives.

Mary Muntz said to me, "Shirley Steel's sudden death was a shock for everyone but it was a wonderful way to pass into God's keeping."

Mary mentioned that "Shirley managed the MU Publication Department, purchasing books, cards and tea towels, and sold 1000's of M.U Christmas cards to each branch. She had boundless energy and determination to get things done even when not always feeling well.

She will be missed by so many, but remembered with fondness by her family, church community, MU members, and many friends."

NATIONAL HONOUR

Shirley's life was honoured in the opening Eucharist of the Anglican Mothers' Union Australian Conference held the following week at Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe.

Reverend Anne Kennedy, President of Anglican Mothers' Union Australia, Reverend Libbie Crossman, Regional Zone Trustee of the Australian Mothers' Union, members of Australian Executive, State Diocesan Presidents, and others remembered her through her attendance at past conferences.

She was admired for her happy personality and keen participation in all aspects of conference days when she drove herself the long distance to Pallotti College at Millgrove."

All the people Shirley knew were woven strands in one way or another in the tapestry of her or her family's life. We give thanks for her life and the part she played in ours. If we can live a little better for having known her, then this will give continuing purpose to our lives and be a living memorial to her.

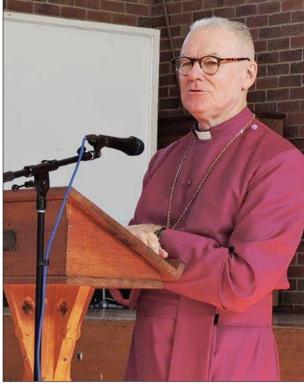
This is but a small tribute to a wonderful woman who lived her faith, loved her Mother's Union, and who will be sadly missed by the many people her life touched.

Archbishop Freier at St Augustine's Patronal

Festival

BY HELEN MALCOLM

St Augustine's Shepparton celebrated its Patronal Festival on 3rd June with The Most Rev. Dr. Philip Freier, Primate of Australia, as the guest preacher. The Archbishop, in his sermon, expounded the gospel of the day, Matthew 13:31-33, likening the outcome from the first steps of Augustine of Canterbury, apostle to the English, with the growth of the mustard seed into a tree. In his sermon and the talks after brunch by both him and his wife Joy, we were challenged to be like the mustard seed. We were encouraged to meet people where they are and find out what the church can do for them, what we can pray about on their behalf. Given the multicultural nature of the Shepparton community, the Archbishop was keen for parishioners to engage with others in the community, to hear their stories but also to tell our own, to start in



small ways to get to know people and for them to know what we believe and stand for. Given that one of the planks of our Strategic Plan is to develop outreach into the community, Archbishop Philip reminded us that it is all very well to have a plan - we must put it into

action.

Parishioners from all the centres in the parish came together for the service and joined enthusiastically in the hymns, the final one echoing the mission of St. Augustine and the Primate's sermon: 'Go forth and tell..'!



DIOCESAN CALENDAR

JULY		
17 th	Tue	Bishop in Council
AUGUST		
4th	Sat	St Matthews, Albury Book fair - see ad page 12
11 th	Sat	Cursillo Ultreya, Cobram

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MU Volunteers recognised in National Volunteer Week

BY DIANE GRAN

National Volunteer Week was celebrated last week over Australia. With the slogan "Give a little, change a lot!"

Where would our hostels, hospitals, churches, schools, community Houses, local groups or charities or in fact our country or world be without volunteers? They need to be treated with respect and gratitude! Volunteers are valuable assets to many organisations and should be appreciated as they save the workplace millions in time, effort and funds.

Thousands come from all walks of life, every nationality, and many provide cultural and community contributions on a daily basis.

Nagambie Healthcare's (NHC) hospital, hostel and nursing

wing and independent living flats receive wonderful support from a great band of volunteers who work at the facility, and some at the Miss Rodway's boutique style clothing and bric a brac shop in High Street.

A special morning tea prepared by NHC staff was held in their honour on Thursday, 24 May at Lakeview Lodge hostel dining room.

In the afternoon the Parish of Central Goulburn Mother's Union volunteers visited the residents at the facility and entertained the residents and staff with funny songs, guessing games and clever verses.

The church volunteers have been visiting NHC for many years and enjoy placing smiles on the residents faces. They were recognised during National Volunteer Week for all their spiritual and practical support given to many like those in the Nagambie aged care facility.

Long time Hostel resident and MU member, from St John's Anglican Church, 97year old Dorothy Jory said "Thank you to the MU volunteers for coming along and sharing a happy afternoon with us residents and for the hard questions you asked in the quiz. We had a great time!" The Mother's Union ladies replied "We did too!" Then they all enjoyed a cuppa together in the hostel dining room.

Thank you to all volunteers who give their time and effort to make this world a better place



PHOTO ABOVE: Nagambie Healthcare residents, staff, and volunteers and Parish of central Goulburn Anglican Mother's Union (MU) members who entertained the residents on Thursday 24 May during National Volunteers Week.

Parish Bunnings Fundraiser

BY CAROL DUNLOP

A big thank you to the over 300 Bunnings Stores Australia wide who provide the venue and the set up for Community BBQ's. The Parish of Kilmore is one community group that take advantage of this, and twice a year run a fundraising

to raise funds for the parish. This year, the team of workers was co-ordinated by Broadford parishioner and church warden, Bruce Radford. With a seemingly endless supply of sausages, bread, and onions, hundreds of sausages were sold between 8.00am and 4.00pm

BBQ at the Craigieburn store and nearly \$1500 raised.

As well as being a good effort in bringing in much needed funds, it is a great opportunity to be out and about bringing awareness that the church is alive and well in the community.





Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern Community Dinners

BY CAROL FURSDON

Over the last 2 years the Parish has been holding a community meal on the first Saturday of each month. The dinner is for everyone in the community who would like to come along for a hearty two course meal, friendship and the best trivia in town. The

evening usually brings about 30-40 people and many new friendships have been formed. It is held in the St. Stephen's Hall on High Street, Rutherglen and doors are open from 5.30pm. The meal is served at 6pm. We also offer a trading table for people to bring what they have in their garden or what they have

made to share.

Every month the Glenview Nursing home volunteers bring a group of residents down to enjoy the meal and to mingle with old friends.

Everyone is welcome. The next dinner will be held on Saturday 7th July.

Thy Kingdom Come in the Parish of Benalla

BY MOLLY CRAIG

From the Day of the Ascension until the Day of Pentecost, the Parish of Benalla participated in the global event that was established by Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

This is the second year that the Parish has participated. This year, there was a service or study around the theme of Thy Kingdom Come, often on the whole of the Lord's Prayer. It was a special joy to a wide range of people to join in, exploring aspects of their own faith and listening to others as they shared aspects of

theirs.

The Holy Trinity Study Group, the Steps of Faith Group of young people and the Holy Trinity Ladies Group shared what the Lord's Prayer meant to them. There were also some reflective or quiet times, with Midday Prayers and Stations of the Cross.

Thy Kingdom Come drew to a close on the Day of Pentecost, with a service which acknowledged the lives of the people of the Parish, with many coming up for anointing and prayer. The service closed with all who were there being commissioned for their own ongoing ministry

in the Parish and their wider lives.

There were two people who attended every activity during the ten day period and felt very fulfilled to join in the various prayer meetings and services. What they are most of aware of on a daily basis is the presence of God in their lives. So the opportunity to attend organised devotional services was greatly appreciated. It was particularly heartwarming for listening to the young people expressing their depth of faith at the Steps of Faith session. For them, their Steps of Faith are a continuing journey.





SYNOD 2018—

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS Conitinued from front page.

We spent over three weeks in lockdown, which must have been hard for residents and their families. This was required by state regulation which dictates how such an outbreak must be managed.

These tragic events caused a high level of critical media interest. As Chair of the Board I carried the responsibility of being the spokesperson for St John's. I was ably assisted in this high stress undertaking by our media advisers Good Talent Media.

At the direction of the Federal Minister for Aged Care the Hon Ken Wyatt AM, MP, the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency conducted a review audit between 19 and 24 September. A review audit is an in depth examination of the facility in the light of the 4 standards and 44 outcomes which need to be met to secure accreditation. It is fair to say that the review audit threw up some challenges for us to deal with.

What follows is a good news story of resurrection. The Board of St John's had already begun to reflect on our experience during the flu outbreak, and had appointed Michelle Harcourt to be our lead clinical consultant to assist in the process of continuous improvement. Michelle was assisted by Marg Foulsom and Prue Dear. They brought a mix of skills and very significant experience in aged care to the task of ensuring our continuous improvement. Michelle and Marg are both surveyors working with AACQA, and Prue brought with her great depth and expertise in clinical systems and change management

We had also been working with Michael and Aaron Goldsworthy of Australian Strategic Services on Board Governance for a period of time. I became Executive Director for the balance of 2017 as we worked through all levels of the organisation to remedy the failings which the Review Audit had identified. and to ensure that we have in place a process of continuous improvement. By the end of the year we were found by the agency to have met all 44 outcomes. Subsequently we have undertaken a process of Board renewal. Recognising the complexity of the task of governance in contemporary aged care we have resolved to remunerate the skills based board. Desiree Harker now chairs the Board and acts as managing director as we search for a suitable CEO to manage the operations of

St John's Village had emerged from this crisis renewed and strengthened and moves confidently in the delivery of high quality aged care in the North East.

Kellock Lodge (Alexandra) has also been under scrutiny by the Agency over unmet standards. An unannounced audit by the Agency in January found 2 outcomes unmet out of the 4 inspected. A subsequent Review Audit between 7 and 14 February caused the Delegate of the Agency to find the following 7 outcomes unmet.

- 1.8 Information Systems 2.1 Continuous Improvement (in Health and Personal Care)
- 2.4 Clinical Care
- 2.5 Specialised Nursing Care Needs
- 2.7 Medication
- Management 2.10 Nutrition and
- Hydration 2.14 Mobility, Dexterity and Rehabilitation

Intensive remedial action is currently underway under the guidance of the same team of expert aged care consultants.

The Trustees of the Diocese who are the Approved Providers of Aged Care at both St John's Village and Kellock Lodge continue to review their position in regards to aged care services with the intention of ensuring the continuation of high quality Aged Care whilst at the same time de-risking the Diocese.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

On 15 December 2017 the Royal Commission presented a final report to the Governor-General, detailing the culmination of a five year inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse and related matters. The report makes chilling reading into the failure of society as a whole to deal with the scourge of child sexual abuse. The Church is singled out for particular criticism - and so it should be. We set ourselves up to a higher standard, and should not be surprised when we are judged against that standard. Not only did significant abuse occur but there is ample evidence that on too many occasions abuse was covered up and perpetrators protected

As to the extent of the problem in the Anglican Church, this is specifically dealt with in a dedicated section of the report. I quote from it.

Seven of our case studies examined responses to child sexual abuse in institutions managed by or affiliated with the Anglican Church. Three of these case studies focused on the institutional responses of various dioceses and one associated organisation, the Church of England Boys Society. The remainder examined the institutional responses of schools, each of which had varying degrees of oversight and governance by the Anglican Church. Evidence in these

case studies provided us with information about institutional responses to child sexual abuse in Anglican institutions before and after the development national model procedures by the General Synod in 2004. These national model procedures were designed to bring greater consistency across all 23 Anglican Church dioceses in their responses to allegations of child sexual abuse.

Our institutional review involving hearing Anglican Church in March 2017 considered some of the key factors that may have contributed to the occurrence of child sexual abuse in Anglican institutions or affected institutional responses to this abuse.

As of 31 May 2017, of the 4,029 survivors who told us during private sessions about child sexual abuse in religious institutions, 594 survivors (14.7 per cent) told us about abuse in Anglican institutions. The majority (76.4 per cent) were male and 23.4 per cent were female. The average age of victims at the time of first abuse was 10.6 years. Of the 376 survivors who told us about the age of the person who sexually abused them, 309 survivors (82.2 per cent) told us about abuse by an adult and 90 survivors (23.9 per cent) told us about abuse by a child. A small number of survivors told us about abuse by an adult and by a child. Of the 309 survivors who told us about sexual abuse by an adult, 95.8 per cent said they were abused by a male adult. Of the 565 survivors who told us about the position held by a perpetrator, 26.0 per cent told us about perpetrators who were people in religious ministry. This was followed by teachers (21.8 per cent), residential care workers (15.0 per cent) and housemasters (11.5 per cent).

We also commissioned a survey to gather data from the 23 Anglican Church dioceses in Australia regarding complaints of child sexual abuse they received between 1 January 1980 and 31 December 2015. This data showed that:

1,085 compiainants alleged incidents of child sexual abuse in 1,119 reported complaints

the largest proportion of first alleged incidents of child sexual abuse occurred in the 1970s (25 per cent of all complaints with known dates)

per cent complainants were male and 25 per cent were female, and the average age of the complainant at the time of the first

alleged incident child sexual abuse was approximately 11 years for both male and female complainants

94 per cent of alleged perpetrators were male

of all known alleged perpetrators, 50 per cent were lay people and 43 per cent were ordained

472 complaints of child sexual abuse resulted in a payment being made following a claim for redress, with a total of \$34.03 million paid, at an average of approximately \$72,000 per claim.

The Commission identifies a series of factors which contributed to the failure of our church in the area of child sexual abuse.

- The lack of a consistent national approach in the Anglican Church to responding to allegations of child sexual abuse has led to inconsistent outcomes for survivors. Barriers to a consistent national approach include dispersed and decentralised authority, diocesan autonomy, and theological and cultural differences between dioceses
- A failure of leadership diocesan some bishops contributed to inadequate responses to child sexual abuse.
- some instances conflicts of interest arose for diocesan bishops and senior diocesan officeholders in their responses to individuals accused of child sexual abuse.
- In some instances in the Anglican Church, responses to child sexual abuse have been affected by particular lay cultures in a diocese. These local cultures, when they do not prioritise the safety of children, can have a significant impact on the ability of a bishop to effectively lead a diocese, and can contribute to inadequate responses to allegations of child sexual abuse.
- Aspects of clericalism that is, the theological belief that the clergy are different to the laity - may have contributed to the occurrence of child sexual abuse in the Anglican Church and impeded appropriate responses to such abuse. In some cases in the
- Anglican Church there was a focus on extending forgiveness and compassion to perpetrators rather than considering properly the needs of victims. One consequence of a culture of forgiveness, when combined with poor understanding of child sexual abuse. survivors

that



encouraged to were forgive the person who abused them. Similarly, third parties who raised complaints were encouraged to forgive the person suspected of they perpetrating child sexual abuse.

In addition to these cultural factors there were failures in the selection and screening of people for ordination. Clergy and church workers in the Anglican Church also need professional supervision and support.

The Commission concludes its section on the Anglican Church thus:

At its 17th session in September 2017, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia passed a number of canons aimed at achieving national minimum standards in many of these areas. It is now up to the 23 dioceses to adopt uniform legislation to ensure that the Anglican Church has a consistent national approach to child safety.

At this seminal time and in response to the Royal Commission Report it is fitting that we reiterate our apology as a Diocese to the survivors of child sexual abuse. At General Synod in 2004 by the General Secretary of the General Synod Office at the Royal Commission Public Hearing in March of last year and most recently by the Primate at the 17th Session of the General Synod of our church the following apology was made:

That this General Synod and we as members of it acknowledge with deep regret and repentance the past failings of the Church and its members. On behalf

of the whole Anglican Church in this country we apologise unreservedly to those who have been harmed by sexual abuse perpetrated by people holding positions of power and trust in the Church. We apologise for the shameful way we actively worked against and discouraged those who came to us and reported abuse. We are ashamed to acknowledge that we only took notice when the survivors of abuse became a threat to us. We apologise and ask forgiveness for the Church's failure at many levels to listen to and acknowledge the plight of those who have been abused, to take adequate steps to assist them, and to prevent abuse from happening or recurring. We commit the Church to listen to survivors of abuse to respond with compassion to all those who have been harmed, both to those who have come forward and to those who may choose to do so in the future, and to deal appropriately, transparently and fairly with those accused of abuse and negligence. (Moved by Bishop John Harrower - 4 October 2004)

The Diocese of Wangaratta should adopt this statement without reservation, and I will seek your endorsement so to do at the proper time.

General Synod 17, 2017.

The suite of legislation which comes before this session of Synod is that which is referred to by the Royal Commission. It represents the best efforts of our church to achieve a common national approach in relation to child protection. You will be advised in due course that we have no power in this Synod to amend General Synod legislation. We either accept it or not.



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commend the legislation before you for your serious consideration.

Safe Church:

As you heard at last year's Synod, a small team of diocesan staff, clergy and people from around the Diocese has been busy reviewing and improving our safe church systems and processes. A safe church review audit initially conducted in early 2017 was revisited in March this year and it showed the Diocese has made significant progress in implementation against the child safe / safe church standards over the past year. The Diocese has been working towards compliance with the Victorian Child Safe Standards as these are the legislated requirements for us. Other States and the Royal Commission have produced and promoted recommended standards, but for organisations in Victoria these are not merely an ideal or a "nice to have" but a "MUST have". It is important to note that in meeting the Victorian Standards, we will also be meeting those recommended by the Royal Commission and NSW. The Standards comprehensive involve almost every aspect of running an organisation. Most of us can't begin to fathom the complexity of what is required in order to fully comply with the Child Safe Standards, but our small, committed safe church team have worked hard to get their heads around it, to

Critically, the team is working towards real, meaningful change: The sort of change that will provide a safe environment for each and every one of us. This requires more than just ticking a few boxes or producing documentation that will never leave the shelf. It has involved communication, training,

guide the rest of us through

the necessary changes.

resource development. communication, looking at the local context for each parish, identifying where expert advice is needed... did I mention communication?

You should all have posters up in your parishes with important contact information. Some of you will already have attended a Safe Church Awareness Workshop. Each month you will find useful information in the Safe Church Safe People column in The Advocate. Our new website has a page dedicated to safe church information and resources, with more to come in Stage 2 of that development. Some of you will have received updates and briefings through different Diocesan or parish groups. This and much more, has been part of the process towards making safe church a

There is still work to do. Sometimes this will mean changing the way we do things. Sometimes it might not be clear why one thing or another needs to change, but I assure you we aren't changing things for change's sake. The changes are all necessary to build a strong system of protection and As the Royal support. Commission clearly showed, the way we have done things in the past has not provided that protection and the results have been terrible and confronting. Yes, change can also be pretty confronting, but doing nothing, changing nothing, is simply not an option if we want to prevent the horrors of the past from happening in the future.

Most of you will be familiar with my assistant, Nikki Collins, who has been leading and coordinating the safe church work over the past 18 months. Not long after starting as my PA it became that she brought with her more than basic administration skills. That extra skillset has proved

invaluable in progressing the safe church work for the Diocese. After a tough year and a half of juggling multiple roles, Nikki is stepping back from the safe church work. She is taking some much needed time off so isn't here today, but I would like to thank her in absentia for all she has done.

I am pleased to announce today that the safe church work will continue under the capable eve of our own Rector of Benalla, David Still. David has accepted the position of Diocesan Safe Church Officer and will replace Nikki as the Chair of the Safe Church Committee. David has been involved in the safe church work as a committee member since the work began. One of the proposed amendments to the Parish Administration Act which is before you is to mandate a Safe Church Officer in every Parish in the Diocese.

It also gives me pleasure to announce that Michelle Bester will take on the role of Safe Church Training Coordinator. Michelle will support our continued involvement with the NCCA Safe Church Training Agreement program.

Ministry Development:

A considerable challenge for the Diocese continues to be the struggle to find suitable clergy to parishes. This challenge is exacerbated by the general decline we encounter in parishes, especially the smaller parishes. Since October 2017, we have also had 2 resignations and 3 retirements. A strategic plan continues to be worked on by the Bishop and Archdeacon for Ministry Development to restructure some of the part-time Parishes larger Ministry Units where there will be the support of a Ministry Team of laity and clergy (Stipendiary, Non-Stipendiary and Retired. The Parish of Shepparton and its surrounding parishes provide the test tube experiment for this development.

During April I ordained four clergy to the Priesthood. The process of discernment of further vocations to the Distinctive and Transitional Diaconate continues. addition to his work in supporting, equipping and training Parishes within the Diocese in their reorganisation and redefinition, the Archdeacon for Ministry Development is also receiving enquiries about Vocations. We will soon be able to start a 'Fellowship of Vocations' programme as well as a Professional Development Mentoring Programme directed at those who have been recently ordained but open to the clergy generally. Following the report of the Royal Commission we are beginning to explore further professional development, supervision and accountability for clergy and will keep Synod advised of the progress of this

We are rethinking the structure of the senior leadership of the Diocese. We intend to replace what has commonly been known as the Senior Staff Team, with an expanded Bishop's Leadership Team to bring on board our newly Inducted Area Deans. As a Diocese and through the work of our Human Resources Task Team. we have been able to draw up position descriptions for the different Office Holders and Leadership Groups within our Parishes and the Diocese.

Schools

Our schools continue to be among the jewels in the crown of the Diocese. As the economy in the West has stalled, our schools are growing fastest in the system and making a significant contribution. You will hear the good news stories in the course of this Synod.

want to revisit the relationship

fledgling Anglican School in Samoa. In October 2017, as I foreshadowed last year, ASC CEO Peter Laurence, Adrian Farrer from CCW and I, with my son-in-law Tanumafili Nu'u as cultural broker, visited All Saints School in Apia. We met with the Primate of Polynesia, Archbishop Winston Halapua to gain his blessing for an exploration of partnership. At the recent meeting of Chairs and Principals of the ASC Schools in Wangaratta, the Chair of the Board and the School Principal from All Saints School presented. As a result a team of 20 from all the ASC Schools will be making a further scoping visit at the end of July.

exciting initiative will offer our students the opportunity to experience a very different culture, but also provide opportunities for support to this fledgling Anglican School as it seeks to develop.

Changes to the Commonwealth Marriage

On 15 November 2017, the Australian Bureau of Statistics announced the results of the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey. A total of 12.7 million (79.5%) of eligible Australians expressed their view. with the majority (61.6%) indicating that the law should be changed to allow same-sex couples to marry. All states and territories recorded a majority 'Yes' response.

As a result by overwhelming majority the Commonwealth Parliament passed Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Act 2017. This Act amended the Marriage Act 1961 to redefine marriage as 'the union of 2 people to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life'. In other words it legislated for same sex marriage.

I have been asked what the passing of this Act means for the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta. The position of the National Church remains as stated in 2004.

In a suite of resolutions, the 2004 General Synod considered questions ordination, marriage and blessing in relation same sex persons. The two resolutions dealing with marriage are as follows:

62/04 **SEXUALITY** GENDER RELATIONSHIPS - 2 Recognising that this is a matter of ongoing debate and conversation in this church and that we all have an obligation to listen to each other with respect, this General Synod does not condone the liturgical blessing of same sex relationships.

64/04 SEXUALITY & GENDER RELATIONSHIPS - 4 This General Synod welcomes the initiative of the Federal

Parliament in clarifying that marriage, at law in this country, is the union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for

Given the realities of the divisions within our Church this is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future.

Anglican clergy who are Authorised Celebrants under the Marriage Act are authorised to conduct marriages in accordance with the rites of the Anglican Church of Australia and not otherwise. A marriage conducted otherwise by Anglican clergy would not be

The authorised rites for marriage in or church are contained in the Book of Common Prayer, An Australian Prayer Book and A Prayer Book for Australia. None of these contain a rite for same sex marriage. Because changes have to be approved by General Synod this is not likely to alter in the foreseeable future.

Since the law of our church is that marriage is between a man and a woman and since same sex weddings cannot lawfully be conducted by Anglican Clergy, then it follows that they should not be conducted on Anglican church property.

I am deeply conscious that this statement will cause pain to our LGBTI sisters and brothers, and I take no pleasure in spelling it out. However for good or ill that is the position of our church. Whilst it remains not possible conduct marriages according to the rites of the Anglican Church of Australia, the question does arise whether clergy are able to bless civil unions. Questions of law and theology are being considered by the Church Law Commission and the Doctrine Commission. They will advise in the fullness of time what position the national Church might take.

I am taking my own advice as to whether I have the power at law and the proper theological, exegetical and hermeneutical justification to promulgate a service of blessing of same sex unions for use within the Diocese of Wangaratta. There seems to be some precedent for such an approach. Already the Diocese of Sydney uses a service book not authorised by the General Synod. Should I determine to proceed in this way, I will force no person to act against their conscience. Nevertheless, and despite the trenchantly expressed views of some, the question of same sex attraction is not a settled question in our church. And we need to deal with it.

Which leads me to the question of the need for an apology to LGBTI people,





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which I now address.

Apology to LGBTI People.

On the 12 June 2016 Omar Mateen, a security guard killed 49 people and wounded 58 others inside a gay nightclub, Pulse in Orlando Florida. This dreadful occurrence was the worst mass shooting in modern US history. The reverberation of this terrorist hate crime was felt around the world. On 15 June Archbishop Glenn Davies led a memorial service at St Andrews Cathedral. In his address His Grace said this:

As Australians, we abhor violence in all its forms domestic violence, street violence, xenophobic religiously violence, motivated violence, and especially violence against members of the LGBTI community... and if any members of our churches have participated in such acts of violence against women, against young people, against religious minorities or against those from the LGBTI community I offer my heartfelt apology...

We have all fallen short of the glory of God. None of us are (sic) without fault. Words of derision, mockery and exclusion so frequently fall from our lips when directed against persons who are different from us. This is especially the case for members of the LGBTI community, who have suffered the verbal abuse that so deeply cuts into a person's soul. (Davies, 2016)

I echo those inspiring words of Archbishop Glenn.

The history of the treatment of LGBTI people in society and in the church is not good. Rejection, marginalisation, violence, shaming even torture and death have been too often the experience of same sex people. The vicious anti-LGBTI campaign in the Russian republic of Chechnya provides a sobering contemporary example. The evidence is clear. Hundreds of men have been detained. beaten, humiliated and tortured — for the sole offense of being who they The 1998 Lambeth Conference marked a signal moment in the response of this church to LGBTI folk. We hear regularly the condemnatory aspects of resolution 1.10. We do not hear with equal emphasis the need for sensitivity in relation to LGBTI people which was recognised in that resolution.

(The Conference) recognises that there are among us persons who experience themselves as having a same sex orientation. Many of these are members of the Church and are seeking the pastoral care, moral direction of the Church, and God's transforming power for the living of their lives and the ordering of relationships. We commit ourselves to listen to the experience of homosexual persons and we wish to assure them that they are loved by God and that all baptised, believing and faithful persons, regardless of sexual orientation, are full members of the Body of

and again; calls on all our people to minister pastorally and sensitively to all irrespective of sexual orientation and to condemn irrational fear of homosexuals, violence within marriage and any trivialisation and commercialisation of sex:

The need for sensitive listening to LGBTI people has been endorsed by our General Synod in resolutions 61-63 of 2004.

It is fair to say that we have not always undertaken the task of sensitive listening well across our church. On occasions we have been more ready to talk to (perhaps at?) rather than listen to these our brothers and sisters. And some of our language has been less than kind, respectful or dignified. But words have power and wrongly chosen words can do damage.

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists has sobering reflections on the challenges to mental health for LGBTI people, who they identify as being at increased risk of exposure



to institutionalised and interpersonal discrimination and marginalisation which in turn increases vulnerability to mental illness and psychological distress (King & Nazareth, 2006). Mental health outcomes for our LGBTI population are amongst the lowest of any demographic (Chakraborty et al., 2011).

They report that In Australia, LGBTI people have very high rates of suicidality, with 20% of trans people and 15.7% of lesbian, gay and bisexual people reporting current suicidal ideation (Rosenstreich, 2013) . Samesex attracted people are up to 14 times more likely to attempt suicide, twice as likely to experience anxiety disorders and three times more likely to experience affective disorders compared with the broader population (Rosenstreich, 2013; ABS,

Rates of youth suicide in Australia are truly horrifying. The College reports that during adolescence, young people undergo biopsychological development phases where they must establish their social and sexual identities. This can be a particularly challenging period for young people who identify as LGBTI, and a time of heightened vulnerability to mental health

issues (Smith et al., 2014).

An Australian survey of gender variant and sexually diverse young people found that almost two thirds had experienced homophobia and/or transphobia, and that more than two in five young people interviewed had had thoughts of self-harm (41%) and/or suicide (42%). In addition, 33% of respondents reported having self-harmed in the past, and 16% had attempted suicide (Robinson et al., 2014) . LGBTI young people are at particular high risk of suicide in the period prior to 'coming out', or identifying themselves as LGBTI to others (Rosenstreich et al., 2013).

It has to be acknowledged that a significant amount of the vilification of LGBTI folk has emanated from religious communities. The love of God for all God's children is too easily transformed into the manufacturing of God's wrath on all who are not like me. This is both a distortion of the Gospel and the cause of great damage to the other. Acknowledging that all human beings are made in God's own image, loved by God and are full members of the body of Christ, it is timely and responsible that we repent the ways in which we have by words or behaviour which

have not displayed the love of God caused hurt or damage to LGBTI people.

It is right and proper that we offer our heartfelt apology and commit ourselves to foster church communities which abound in love where all of our sisters and brothers feel safe.

As a Diocese we continue

Acknowledgements.

to punch above our weight. The Registrar Tim and his team, Julie and Fiona do an extraordinary job with massively limited resources. The Diocesan Treasurer Norm Kenny continues to give freely of himself, his time and talents to manage our finances. The Archdeacon for Ministry Development Clarence has become an invaluable member the leadership team. My PA Nikki has taken on the load of ensuring our Safe Church compliance and has performed above and beyond the call of duty at some personal cost. Our advocate Rachel has given freely of herself not only to the Diocese and the Provincial Legal Committee but also to the National Church on fashioning our response to the Royal Commission. My Clyde Chancellor not only the Diocese but also provincial and national

church with great distinction. I could go on. But to every member of every committee of the Diocese, to every parish councillor, lay leader, worker, supporter worshipper, to my wonderful and inspiring team of clergy I give my heartfelt thanks. In the good and bad, in the light and in the dark, I remain deeply grateful that God has called me to be your bishop and privileged me with the task of leadership through these troubling times. May we continue to work to God's glory and in the service of God's people, for Christ's

And now unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace, in this Synod and forever.

Acknowledgements can be found on the Diocesan website.

SYNOD ELECTION RESULTS

BOARD OF ELECTORS Very Revd Ken Goodger Ven Dr John davis

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Mr Norm Kenny

COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE
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Revd Eden Elizabeth Nicholls Laity:

Mrs Gwenda Howard

MOTION OF MARRIAGE BLESSING OF CIVIL MARRIAGES

That this Synod

a) Acknowledges the widespread national and local support for the recent changes to Australian marriage law to include same sex

b) Commends the pastoral value of the Bishop authorising a form of Blessing for optional use within the Diocese of Wangaratta alongside, or in addition to, a wedding conducted by a Civil Celebrant, and

c) Requests that the Bishop of Wangaratta ensure opportunity for the clergy and laity of the Diocese to engage in further discussion as part of the process leading to the potential Diocesan provision for the blessing of civil marriages



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Mothers' Union report to Synod 2018

BY MARY MUNTZ

The last eighteen months have been quite challenging as I continued as President until the AGM held last November. Bishop John has been unable to appoint a new president so I discussed our situation with Provincial President Rev'd Anne Kennedy. The members agreed that my role be Diocesan Co-ordinator of Wangaratta and branches will alternate conducting the Diocesan Council meetings for Mary Sumner Day and the AGM in November and Council meeting in February.

Unfortunately our MU Chaplain Rev'd Sally Boothey has retired and moved from the Diocese. The importance of the structure and support MU members offer each other and their parish networks has ensured the continuation of MU in the Diocese. We are very fortunate that our secretary is also a priest in the Diocese. During the Lady Day service in 2018 Bishop John presented badges and certificates recognising 60, 50, 40 and 25 years of Mothers' Union membership. We are an enduring organisation with a great respect for the "Aims and Objects", and participation in prayer activities. The age and health of some members and their family situation is affecting attendance at Council meetings in Wangaratta but branches are continuing with their established activities and care for each other. Quiet Days, events that involve or support community luncheons, Simnel Cake for Mothering Sunday, Children's Church, Sunday School, befriending the elderly, families attending Court, or new mums, all help to foster knowledge of MU presence in our townships. The local participation at Overseas & Northern Outreach fund raising activities is much appreciated.

The first Mothers' Union Worldwide

Conference was held in Ireland in March 2016. A member from Ireland MU sent an email praising the Central Goulburn MU activity " Granny Day at Puckapunyal Army Camp". She could see the value of the children of defence force personnel interacting with someone else's Granny, if only for a day.

Mothers' Union articles are printed each month in the Diocesan Newspaper "The Advocate" to keep parishioners aware of the Mother's Union Aims and Objects and members' commitment to their activities. Last September Diocesan members visited Launceston for the MU Conference and the celebration of 125 years of Mothers Union in Australia. World Wide President Mrs Lynne Temby joined the celebration of the first meeting of Mothers' Union, which was held on the Rectory veranda in Cullenswood in 1892.

Communications from Mary Sumner House have been answered, which was quite challenging at times. It is a joy to meet members when visiting branches to attend a Quiet Day or for Fund Raising .It was a pleasure to be present at the Ordination service in April when the four deacons MU had supported became priests. It was a privilege to represent the diocese and meet so many women with the same Ideals and responsibilities at Anglican Mothers' Union Australia Conference last month. The next Conference and AGM is to be held in November 2019 at Holy Cross centre.

It was with great sadness that members of Mothers' Union joined with so many others to farewell Shirley Steel, a loved and respected member and her presence will be missed by so many people everywhere.



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Report to Synod 2018

BY SUZIE DON LEONARD

The SJC was established 2 years ago by the Bishop and Bishop in Council to give the Diocese a voice on issues of Social Justice as part of the Diocesan Strategic Plan. 1n 2017 the formal themes of Social Justice were presented to synod, this year Social Justice was presented simply as being proactive and challenging power and control against the Christian principles of love kindness and fairness with an aim to increase understanding and the capacity to feel to "walk a mile in their shoes" and not become immune to the challenges of Social justice by thinking it is not our business or "it is too big an issue for me to deal with"

Over the past 12 months the SJC has changed significantly with only 3 of the original 12 members still on the committee. Many members have left the Diocese, the cost to others who had to travel great distances to participate meant they were unable to participate and for some it meant having to act on SJ issues and not come together to just talk about them this resulted in an inability to commit the time to the role. The SJC has chosen 5 priority areas, based on the commitment and passion of the current members to take action on them, areas of work has included:

- The environment
- Aged Care
- Aboriginal issues
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Palestine.
- Setting up a SJC Facebook page to provide information and open a channel of dialogue.

Two handbooks on the Environment and Aged Care and fact sheets on working with Aboriginal communities; Refugees, the impact of bees on food security and a link to the Facebook page were prepared made available to each parish centre with information and ideas that Parishes could become informed about, adopt and act on.

Recommendations to Synod included:

- That parish communities move to think and act kinder and as for one planet
- To encourage and value every Social Justice action that parishes take, however small
- That the Diocese and parishes become agents of change at the local level through parishes
- Parishes are encouraged to use the SJC to help make the Diocese of Wangaratta a leader of Social Justice in the region
- That Diocese through Bishop in Council provides the basic resources to the SJC and all other Diocesan committees to be able to be a truly representative Diocesan Committee to achieve the goals on the Strategic plan.



Report to Synod 2018

Parish Partnerships: Creating positive communities.

BY TANYA GRANT

Anglicare Victoria's Parish Partnerships program creates opportunities for the Anglican church to explore ways to work in conjunction with Anglicare Victoria as part of our joint mission to support people most in need within our community. By utilising the key strengths of both Anglicare Victoria and the Church, Parishes are able to provide effective services that respond to local needs.

Parish Partnerships provide a variety of programs for the local community, including breakfast, lunch and dinner community meals; play groups, homework clubs, tutoring groups and youth engagement activities for schools; emergency

relief including food vouchers, advocacy and referral and helping community organisations including op shops, community drop-in centres, community gardens, community kitchens, craft groups, refugee and education support.

It's been a busy 12 months for Parish Partnerships. We have worked to consolidate the relationship between Anglicare Victoria and the Parishes within the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta so we can have a better understanding of the needs of different communities. We've also reviewed the Emergency Relief program in Wangaratta, Bright and Mt Beauty and built stronger relationships with community organisations and businesses.

So, what's next for Parish Partnerships?

Since last year's signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between Anglicare Victoria and the Diocese we have established the Diocese of Wangaratta Parish Partnership Steering Committee. The committee is made up of representatives from Anglicare Victoria, Diocesan Representatives including Clergy and lay church members and school representatives.

The first activity for the committee has been organising this year's Winter Appeal. This is the first time that an appeal has been coordinated in this way, involving Anglicare Victoria, all the Parishes and the three schools. The monetary

and material donations will stay in the local communities. Two of the schools have already hosted events and so far we have received donations of rugs, blankets, jackets and Parishes have commenced the Soup Sunday events. The money donated will be used within the Diocese by the steering committee to support parishes. This is a very exciting step in a positive direction for the Partnership.

We also held the first of the Emergency Relief Forums in Wangaratta last year. Since then, a Steering Committee has been formed and we have planned a second forum for July. This time the forum will have a guest speaker from the Homelessness Network as



well as a "speed dating" type networking section which will provide the opportunity for information sharing.

If your Parish would like to become more involved with Parish Partnerships, update us on what your Parish is doing or how we can help, then we would welcome an invite to your Parish Council Meeting to discuss the possibilities.

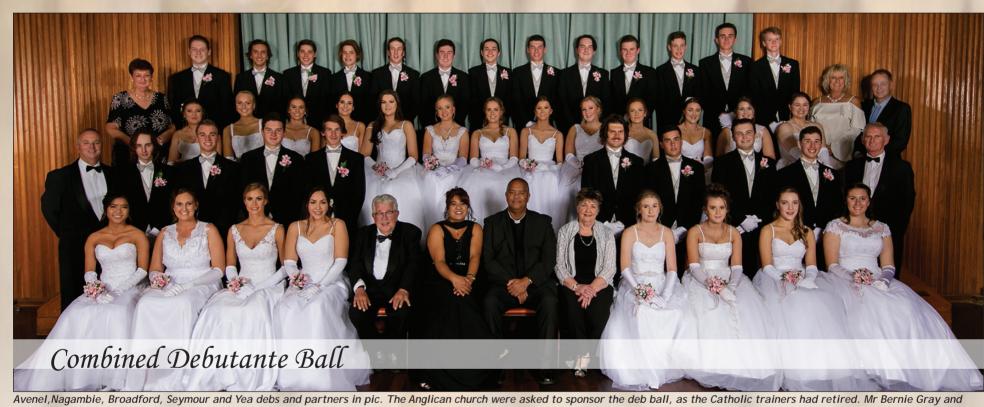
Please contact Tanya Grant, Anglicare Victoria's Community Development Worker on 5723 7900 or email tanya.grant@ anglicarevic.org.au

Debutante Season



Anglican
Parish of
Corryong
Debutante Ball
2018

The 2018 Anglican Corryong Deb Ball was held on Friday 4th of May and the Deb couples were presented to Bishop John Parkes.



Anglican Parish Of Rutherglen Chiltern Debutante Ball 2018

Mrs Moira Maher, Catholic trainers for 30-40 years were honoured on the night. Archdeacon Clarence Bester, from the Anglican Diocese from Wangaratta, and his wife Michelle were official

guests, and the Deb set were presented to them on the night. Photo courtesy of Catch the Moment Photography. Taken by Lisa Jayne Lyons.



Back: Matthew Curran, Jonte Maibaum, Flynn Kirk, Damian Monahan, Sean Dunning, Bailey Boyle, James White, Josh Bradfield-Hogg. Middle:Tyler Hawking, Sam Tynan, Crystal Hocking, Phillipa Williamson, Maeve Seymour, Brooke Hickling, Jayden Bryant, Shannon Leahy. Front: Alex Duursma (Page boy), Zara Winfield, Lily Buckingham, Hayley Luxford, Chiara Hocking, Shaylee Parker, Hayley Lewis, Taneisha King, Alysha Kilmartin, Clare Jessup (Flower girl). Special Guests: Reverend Maryann Leonard, John Leonard, Anthony Pepers (Dance trainer), Father Scott Jessup, Kate Jessup, Stephanie Coghill (Dance trainer).

Archdeacon visits Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

Sunday, 27th May, Archdeacon Clarence Bester visited the Parish of Kilmore. Taking advantage of being at the southern end of the Diocese for the pre-synod meeting the day before in Seymour, Archdeacon Clarence with his wife Michelle continued down the

in Kilmore, and celebrating Mass the following day.

The Eucharist at Christ Church was a wonderful occasion with Parish Priest Fr André DuPlooy baptising Lily Birney. It is always a joy to welcome a new Christian through the waters of Holy Baptism.

highway to spend the night Being Trinity Sunday, it was very fitting to have three big welcomes to the service - Archdeacon Clarence and Michelle; the family and friends of Lily Birney who was baptised; and parishioners from Shepparton who were visiting for the day.





Tallangatta Tales – Two "Gigs" in a Day

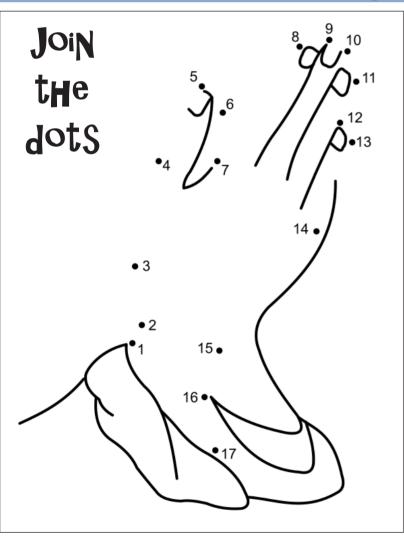
BY GRAEME ALDRICH

Our catering crews had an unusual and busy double header on Saturday, June 16th. Four "BBQ experts" started the day at an early hour to set up a Sausage Sizzle to cater for the hungry bargain hunters who

braved the wet and wintry morning at a Clearing Sale. At the same time the usual excellent crew of our ladies were in the Parish Hall serving up a full on roast meal to 40 family and friends who were helping Jack Inglis to celebrate his 102nd birthday. All the

participants went away happy and the Church received finances welcome boost.

PHOTO ABOVE: The BBQ Boys - Ross Smith, Graeme Aldrich, Richard Heather, Nicol Rumble



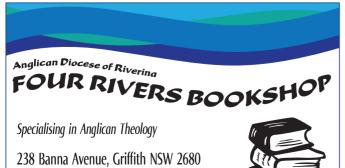
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Regular Parish Service Times

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

Evening Prayer Daily at 5.00pm (except Sunday)

ALBURY

St Matthew's, Albury Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am

10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month)

5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)

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 Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Tuesdays 4.30pm Hour of Silent Prayer Wednesdays 10am Midweek Eucharist

St Jude's Eldorado Sundays 11am

1st & 3rd Sundays Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Prayer.

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.

CORRYONG

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

2nd & 4th Sundays 9.30 am Morning Prayer

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.

MANSFIELD

St John's Mansfield Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion Friday 12 noon Meditation Christ Church Bonnie Doon

2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church

4th Sunday 11.30am - Uniting Church Service

St Peter's Jamieson 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion

MARYSVILLE

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

MILAWA

St Paul's Milawa 2nd & last Sunday 9am Eucharist

MT BEAUTY/TAWONGA

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

St. Mark's North Albury 10am Sunday St. James' Lavington 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays St. John's Thurgoona 8.30am 1st & 3rd Sundays. St. Paul's Jindera 10.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays. Messy Church

St. Mark's 4pm 2nd Sunday

NUMURKAH NATHALIA

St George's Numurkah Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Nathalia

Sunday 9.00am 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)

Fifth Sunday: combined service 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am

St. Luke's Dookie

2nd Sunday: 8.45am: Eucharist 4th Sunday 9am alt. with Uniting Church.

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 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth

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 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

1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Bethanga

4th Sunday 9.30am Eucharist

YACKANDANDAH

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

St Mark's Tangambalanga 2nd Sunday 10.30 Eucharist 4th Sunday 8.45am Eucharist

St Paul's Allan's Flat 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.45am Eucharist

St Andrew's Dederang 1st & 3rd Sunday 7.00pm Eucharist

YARRAWONGA

St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucha-Wednesday 10am

St Thomas' St James 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30am Eucharist

YEA

St Luke's Yea Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion

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PHOTO CAPTIONS

- 1. Irene Hay and Isobel Hood from St. Stephen's Church Rutherglen have together created this magnificent woolen blanket to donate to the Diocesan Winter Appeal. Each year they get together Isobel knits the squares and Irene crochets them together.

 2. Cathderal Choir with the new Choral Scholars

 3. Parishioners from the Parish of Rutherglen at their monthly community dinners.

 4. Baptism family of Lily Birney with Fr André and Fr Clarence at the Parish of Kilmore.

 5. Dean Saitta, Parish of Kilmore. Cooking up a storm at the Bunnings fundraiser.

 6. Archbishop Freier and Rev Helen Malcolm welcoming parishioners at the Patronal festival in the Parish of Shepparton.













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