



THE ADVOCATE

INSPIRED BY GOD’S LOVE, THROUGH WORSHIP, PRAYER AND SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION, WE SEEK TO LIVE OUR CHRIST-CENTRED VALUES BY MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH SERVING AND ACCEPTING OTHERS.

HEALTH, HAPPINESS & WELLBEING...

Positive Emotions
feeling good

Engagement
finding flow

Relationships
authentic connections

Achievement
a sense of accomplishment

Meaning
purposeful existence

...for Parishes

BY REV. DR. HELEN MALCOLM

The young science of Positive Psychology looks not at what is wrong with people to fix it, but at people who are thriving, to find out what makes them so and encourage others to do likewise. It is not about being happy all the time and doesn't deny life's difficulties, but helps us deal with them while concentrating on what's going well.

Positive Psychology uses the term

‘Wellbeing’ (or ‘flourishing’) and the components of this are Positive emotions, Engagement, positive Relationships, Meaning/purpose and Achievement/accomplishment - giving the acronym PERMA.

What if we applied PERMA to create parishes that are flourishing?

How often in meetings do we bemoan all the things that are wrong with the parish, or that don't work, or that we can't afford, harking back to the 'glorious' past

- a negative approach.

What would PERMA look like in a parish? Here are a few brief thoughts to get you started applying positive approaches in your parish.

Positive emotions - being conduits of God's love within and outside the parish; gratitude for all that God has provided; joy at being called as disciples of God.

Engagement - being enthusiastic in our praying and Bible reading;

choosing one or two projects we're passionate about, rather than being lukewarm about things we feel we 'should' do or 'always did'!

Positive relationships - taking time to nurture our relationship with God; helping those who don't have enough - food, transport, friendship - you will know what's most needed in your community.

Meaning or purpose - particularly relevant in parish health - let's ask

‘Does this further God's work and spread Christ's good news of love in this community or not?’ Remind yourself of your parish's Vision Statement.

Achievement - do we start our prayers with thanks to God for what has been accomplished rather than a litany of needs? Upcoming AGMs are the opportunity to rejoice in our achievements.

PERMA can work for individuals - would it work in your parish?



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Safe Church Safe People

BY NIKKI COLLINS

The process of reviewing and updating systems in the Diocese to ensure compliance with safe church and child safe standards and legislation continues. The latest body of work to be completed is the supporting documentation and processes for authorisation and clearance of people in lay roles. This material has been distributed to parishes to be introduced in the current annual meeting period and new lay appointment cycle.

A significant change this year is the introduction of Parish Safe Church Officers, appointed by Parish Council. These positions will work closely with Parish Council, Wardens, the Diocesan Safe Church Officer and each other to support their parishes with local safe church compliance and risk management matters. It is important to note that these roles will NOT be responsible for receiving or investigating notifications of abuse. The Safe Church Officer roles are administrative and advisory only. (All notifications are to be directed to the Director of Professional Standards

in accordance with Diocesan reporting guidelines.)

To support the implementation of the new documentation, processes and roles, an information session is being held in early November. The information session will introduce the new authorisation and clearance model and other safe church processes. A number of diocesan staff will be available on the day to walk people through the new processes and documentation and answer any questions about them. It is aimed at those who will have a primary role in safe church compliance, particularly parish clergy and future/potential safe church officers. Registration for this information session is required. There is no charge to attend. Details follow for your information:

Where: The Auditorium, St John’s Village, Wangeratta. Entry is via the SJV main entrance.
When: Saturday 10th November, 10am to 1pm. (Morning tea will be supplied)
RSVP: Please advise who is attending from your parish by Wednesday 7th November - to Fiona at registry@

wangeratta-anglican.org.au

The much-anticipated Safe Church Resource Kit will also be distributed on the day. Each parish will receive a hard copy of the Resource Kit. Resources will also be available online but feedback from parishes has indicated a hard copy version is desirable. Parish Safe Church Officers will ensure the hard copy resources are kept up to date.

If you have any immediate questions about the new clearance system, information session or Resource Kit, please contact any of the following individuals:

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Introducing Clergy to the Diocese

BY ARCHDEACON CLARENCE BESTER

As part of the Ministry Development aspect of our Diocese and the many questions I am often asked when visiting Parishes, I thought it might be good to introduce clergy of our Diocese, especially those who have been here for less than two years, over the next few editions of the Advocate. This might be especially helpful as many clergy don’t always get the opportunity to visit all the parishes and information, given as part of articles when they are licensed or inducted, basically only reflects the happenings on the day. Someone who arrived in Australia and the Diocese of Wangeratta exactly two years ago is The Reverend André J Du Plooy.

André is the Parish Priest of the Parish of Kilmore, Broadford, Pyalong and Tallarook and formerly served as the Associate Priest within the Shepparton Parish. He is married to Patricia (Patty) and they have two adult sons, one who is married and who with his wife, privileged André and Patty with the opportunity to be grandparents about a year and a half ago. He has been ordained for the past 14 years and has served within four Parishes in South Africa as Deacon, Assistant Priest, Priest-In-Charge and

Rector. During his tenure within his last appointment before coming to Australia, André served as Archdeacon of a Rural Archdeaconry covering a geographical radius of approximately 200 km’s and also served as an Examining Chaplain and Tutor to Ordinands in his former Diocese. As an Educationalist, having been a teacher for 25 years and principal for the last 7 years of that time, André sees himself as a scholar for life and is currently reading his PhD in Liturgical Cosmology which in brief covers the following rationale:

André says “I have always been troubled by the notion that people separate their daily lives and activities from their worship of God. Alexander Schmemmann seems to take up this very issue with the statement of Feuerbach, “[Humans are] what [they] eat ” as a secular and materialistic idea, turning it into a Biblical definition for all of humanity. The physical world is brought together with God: “In the Bible the food that [humans] eat, the world of which [they] must partake in order to live, is given to [them] by God, and it is given as communion with God.”¹ On the other hand, Lathrop thrashes the ‘pre-Copernican worldview and a self-serving focus of humanity and sees the



Reverend André J Du Plooy

Eucharistic meal as a “model of sustainable consumption in which everyone is welcome to eat with thankfulness, no one hoarding, no one hungry, no one excluded, just enough made available... a new order in the cosmos itself.”²

There is here a strong consensus: we who worship are God’s creatures, and there is a liturgical theology to be drawn from this worship/liturgy. This consensus has nevertheless led to two different interpretations of where this liturgical theology leads. One may here talk about two different cosmologies. In effect we get two outcomes: one is eschatological, the other immanent, this-worldly. Why this is so is what my thesis is

all about. A comparative study of the liturgical cosmologies of Alexander Schmemmann and Gordon W Lathrop has much to reveal in my quest for an answer.”

Though this is his scholastic approach, there is no doubt that André’s vision for ministry has always included growing communities of faith wherever he serves. We congratulate André and Patty on becoming Permanent Residents of Australia during August and we look forward to their ministry among us and within the Parish of Kilmore over the next few years.

1. Schmemmann, Alexander, 1973:14
2. Lathrop, Gordon W, 2003:3

Central Goulburn Farewells Rev Paul

BY DIANE GRANT

For the past few months Reverend Paul Dalzell has performed services, conducted funerals, and held hostel services as Locum for the Parish of Central Goulburn, which consists of St Paul’s Avenel, St John’s Nagambie and Christ Church Seymour, except

when he flew off to Switzerland for a holiday.

On Sunday, 30 September, the parish held a 5th Sunday service at St. Paul’s in Avenel, then a bring and share lunch in the renovated Memorial Hall supper room.

Reverend Paul’s wife Robyn,

and his faithful dog Gracie, joined the parishioners for the service and delicious lunch.

Pride of place after lunch was a decorated cake to say thank you to Rev Paul. It was made by Anne Foote for the occasion.

Rector’s Warden Peter Darbyshire made a short

speech thanking Rev Paul for his ministry amongst the parish centres and presented Rev Paul with a basket of goodies and Robyn with a bouquet of flowers.

Photo on back page.



PHOTO ABOVE: First service at St Dunstan's Violet Town people left to right: Yvonne Hargreaves, Paul Wood, Christine Challman, Barry Daley, Dru Green, Rev Michelle, Kieran Green, Helen Rankin, Meredith Ure and Ethne Green.

Rev Michelle Wood inducted into the Parish of Euroa

St Paul's Anglican Church, Euroa was packed full to welcome and install the new Anglican Priest Rev Dr Michelle Wood. It was a joyful occasion with representatives from all sections of the community present including CWA, Rotary, RSL, Schools, politician Steph Ryan—Local Member and Deputy Leader of The Nationals, health services and the wider church communities and over twenty clergy from across the Diocese of Wangaratta. Bishop John Parkes preached on the importance of St Francis, a radical monk who taught reverence of nature and care for people: “Preach the Gospel and when necessary use words”!

Community speeches were given to welcome Rev Michelle and her husband Paul by Deputy Mayor John Mason on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire, Revd. Glynis Gill on behalf of local ministers, and the Area Dean Mother Eden-Elizabeth Nicholls.

Rev Dr Michelle responded with the following words:

“Thank you all for coming today and for such a beautiful welcome.

I am honoured to be the new priest in charge of the parish Euroa and look forward to peddling my bicycle around and

getting to know people.

If you see me down the streets, please do not hesitate to come up and introduce yourself. I believe that everybody has a spiritual life, a sense of the sacred and whether you access that through nature, the arts, on the sporting field, helping out others, raising children, or doing yoga... coming to church can be a place to bring those things that are the deepest—to celebrate, give thanks, contemplate further, and at times mourn the loss.

We have three beautiful Anglican churches in the parish: St Paul's Euroa, St Dunstan's Violet Town and St Andrew's Longwood which have deep roots in the communities across the Strathbogies.

They stand as a testimony to the pioneers across this district who believed in the importance of the spiritual life and communities coming together. They also beg the question of what role can they play in the life of communities today. Could belonging, however loosely or infrequently to a church community, contribute any enrichment or depth to our own spiritual lives, could it offer a path that is transformative towards freedom, love and peace?

I hope that is what I will be

able to explore with you in my ministry here.

So, I would like all people to feel welcome to come in and out of these churches to find silence, rest and sanctuary.

Please feel free to come and go, please feel free on Sunday's to bring noisy children...I will always have something prepared to share with children.

My understanding of the modern life is that people don't want to be locked into coming to church each week, but this does not mean that people are not having deep and important spiritual journeys and contributing like in the stories of the gospel, selflessly, to actions of justice, peace and service in our communities. I am keen to listen to and support any such actions or activities.

So, pop in and out, guilt free...

And when you hear the steeple bells ringing across the creek, mountains and in the towns know that there is a faithful group of people gathered, connected across history to Anglican pioneers of this district in each of these churches who are praying and seeking blessings of goodness on all that is going on in our communities”.

from the Archdeacon



We are slowly moving towards the season of Advent with many Parishes preparing for their Annual General Meetings and the election of Parish Councils and Church Wardens. This year's elections in Parishes will be the enacted 3-year cycle as agreed at the 2018 Synod. Quite a few processes need to be completed in relation to the Safe Ministry practice adopted by the Diocese and I am sure that at the information session planned for Saturday, 10 November at St John's Village Auditorium, any unanswered questions will be dealt with, as well as all the documentation that was forwarded to Parish Council Secretaries and Clergy. For any further information, do not hesitate to contact the Registrar, the Diocesan Safe Church Officer or the Bishop's Executive Assistant.

To date, we have presented four Safe Church Awareness workshops this year at Yarrawonga, Wangaratta, Shepparton and Wodonga and a final one will be held at St John's Mansfield on 24 November. This will be the last opportunity to do it this year and I am of the understanding that four Parishes have already indicated that they would like to host workshops next year. Please book your spaces early as the venues cannot always accommodate more than 56 people and please see the advert. for more details and information. Having to deal with all the paperwork in ensuring our compliance as a Diocese and as Parishes, can be very daunting but I am sure that, as the process unfolds, we will find that it is not as complicated as it seems and there are always many who are willing to assist.

The theme for the Advocate during the month of November deals with the whole concept of Health described as “A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”. This is indeed important, as our state of health will determine what we are able to do or not. I am often reminded of a workshop at Trinity Anglican College in Melbourne in 2016 where the keynote speaker, Bishop Stephen Pickard, focussed on us needing to do things ‘slowly and organically’. The reality is that we live in a ‘push-button’ age, the age of technology and we are always trying to meet deadlines. This ‘instant’ and ‘quick’ age helps us to get things done quickly, but may prevent us enjoying those moments of creating special memories, when we are able to do things together or even for our own well-being. It is easier for us to get into our vehicles and drive around the corner to get to a shop than to enjoy a walk and the benefits that it brings. The microwave as the instant ‘heating’ method replaces the joy of families cooking together. The reality is that we are in this age, but I believe that we will experience the benefits of doing things ‘slowly and organically’ as this might bring about what is needed for our physical, mental, social, (and may I add, spiritual) well-being. I am no expert at these things but realise the change needed within my own life in order to foster a new understanding.

On 15 December at 11am, we will gather at Holy Trinity for the 10th Celebration of Bishop John Parkes as Bishop of Wangaratta. We are expecting quite a few visitors, including Archbishop Philip and Mrd Joy Freier but look especially forward to the clergy and people of the 23 Pastoral Charges and the Anglican Schools within the Diocese making this a memorable occasion. Dean Ken Goodger has sent letters to all Parishes and we have also sent invitations to as many people. This invitation is open to all, so do pass on the message and send in your responses to Fiona Van Bree at (registry@wangaratta-anglican.org.au) by the 3 December 2018.

Every blessing,

Clarence E Bester

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Diocesan Archdeacon

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

NOVEMBER		
10th	Sat	Lay Ministry Invigoration Seminar - POSTPONED See page 6 for details
20th	Tue	Bishop in Council
24th	Sat	Safe Church Workshop, Mansfield - see page 7 for details
DECEMBER		
11th	Tue	Bishop in Council
15th	Sat	Thanksgiving Service - 10th Celebration of Bishop John Parkes as Bishop of Wangaratta

December Edition of the Advocate

Celebrating Christmas

Deadline 16th November

Send submissions in to registry@wangaratta-anglican.org.au

Blessings of the Animals in Benalla

BY MOLLY CRAIG

Now an annual tradition in the Parish of Benalla, a warm Sunday afternoon saw a Blessing of the Animals service held.

We love our pets don't we? They are a part of our families and we care for them. In remembrance of St Francis of Assisi, who was known for his love of animals and all creation, we came together to pray for our environment and all creatures that live in it.

Led by Fr David Still, parishioners and visitors came with their pets to give thanks for their companionship and the joy they bring to our lives. Each animal was blessed individually and prayed for and there was even the opportunity to pray for pets who weren't able to come to the

service.

After the service, the many dogs and one cat had the chance to meet and play while owners chatted and enjoyed afternoon tea. How special it was to be able to be with your loved pet at church and to be with like-minded people.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

PHOTOS: Right; Susan with her puppies. Far right: Fr David, Gus and Jo.



Ministry opportunity: Compassion in the time of crisis

BY MARGARET BRICKHILL

We are facing a very dry and dangerous summer in the north of Victoria.

The Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry provides opportunities for people in faith communities to be trained to be present, with a listening ear, in relief and recovery centres in times of crisis.

Local governments across Victoria are increasingly recognising the important contributions which VCC Emergencies Ministry provides in times of crisis and trauma in may situations.

Given the urgent need for more Personal Support Workers and Chaplains across the diocese, training has been arranged in Wangaratta in November.

VCC EM training in Psychological First Aid/Personal Support is a comprehensive training package designed to equip members of faith communities to support affected residents during VCC EM deployments.

The training is a 2 stage process: self-paced learning and completion of a workbook, prior to a face to face training day with a variety of learning activities including instruction, discussion, personal reflection and scenarios, to enable trainees to assimilate information and understand the context, roles, responsibilities and processes involved.

Saturday 17 November is the date for the face to face training day. The venue is Wangaratta Uniting Church. Arrive for a prompt start at 8.45am and continue until 5pm.

The cost is \$80 waged or \$40 concession. This covers all catering, training materials and registration costs. Volunteers under 40 years pay only \$40!

You may like to request assistance with payment from others in your



congregation who are not able to train, but would like to support this important ministry.

This training opportunity is also relevant to those who have undertaken training three or more years ago and would benefit from a refresher, with new material. The cost is \$40.

Registration is now open and should be completed urgently to provide sufficient time for completing the workbook and sending it to the VCC EM state office prior to the training day.

Consult the website www.vccem.org.au for more information and to see a short video about this important ministry. Registration is also via this website. Other contacts for VCC EM at the state office are (03) 9412 8481 or emergencies@vcc.org.au.

Completion of the workbook and attendance at the training day are essential prerequisites for application for registration with VCC EM as a Personal Support Worker or Chaplain. Successful registration requires completion of safety checks and referee reports and will occur after the training has been completed.

This training is essential for all in faith communities intending to respond to emergencies and disasters in Victoria. The Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry is authorised by the Victoria Government to coordinate an integrated faith community response when disaster occurs.

VCC EM volunteers in your parish will also be able to tell you more about providing compassion in times of crisis.

The Rural City of Wangaratta's Area Coordinator, Margaret Brickhill: 0418 371 627 or brickhillmargaret@gmail.com is also happy to provide information, support and assistance in considering this ministry and/or preparing for training.

Glorious spring weather for St Matthew's Fair, Albury

BY JENNY PRINCE

Glorious sunny spring weather greeted the stall-holders and patrons in QEII Square, Albury on Saturday 6 October for the St Matthew's Fair on the Square. Setting up began at 6.00 am and by opening time at 8.00 am a brisk trade had been established.

Patrons could keep energised through the tantalizing aroma emanating from the BBQ or partake of a delicious Devonshire Tea while purchasing scrumptious cakes and slices. Garden enthusiasts could stroll around, while mulling over their choice of plants and those patrons searching for a special gift could peruse the book stall, toys, craft, clothing and trash-n-treasure..

Musical entertainment was provided throughout the morning with a special appearance from Cathie's Irish Dancers. The group have been performing at the Fair for a number of years now and are much appreciated by the onlookers.

This year there was a special treat organised by the indomitable duo, twin sisters, Lyn Winnel and Jenny Prince. They had spent many painstaking hours advertising the Pet Show and Champion Baby & Child Show and were not disappointed. The Pet Show offered numerous categories and Fr Peter was in his element as he selected his choice. He blessed all creatures, great and small, for long, happy and contented lives with their owners. Dogs big and small, hairy and smooth, dressed in smart outfits and looking like their owners took part. Other species were represented as well: three Tonkinese cats, rabbits, a very hungry chook, an albino python and a very

special appearance by a tiny toy dragon. There was also a photo competition. The winners received trophies, medals and prizes and a 1-metre tall trophy for Grand Champion winner.

The Baby Show was extremely difficult to judge as all entrants were equally beguiling and beautifully attired. Fr Peter couldn't choose and was imploring God's assistance. Eventually everything was sorted and a very satisfying outcome achieved. All winners and their parents were extremely thrilled with their prizes.

The organisers would like to thank the local community for their generous donations towards the BBQ, prizes and raffle and the stall-holders

for their herculean efforts in making this event such a success. Please join us again next October for another happy family funday event.

St Francis Day was celebrated the following day and the congregation brought their furbabies to be blessed by Fr Peter. There were several varieties of dogs, cats, chooks and sheep. Animal voices were also raised in song and commented on the address and during the Eucharist.

PHOTO BELOW: Organizers Jenny Prince and Lyn Winnel with Fr Peter and the Champion girl and boy winners, Neveah-Lea Benton 4 years and Archie Cooper Brendon age 13 months



St Luke's, Dookie Honours their Fallen -100 years On

BY DIANNE FELDTMANN

Being inspired by the Weeping Window installation at the Tower of London and having co-written, with Helen Rankin of St Dunstan's Violet Town, a book 'Remembering the Dookie Fallen-100 Years On', this year called for something special.

I learnt so much, not only about the Great War, but about the significance of our little Anglican church in Dookie. It is the only church of three in the town which recognizes those who gave their lives for our freedom. We have a church window for two soldier brothers, Edward and John Alexander, a brass altar cross given by the Stevens family and the Honour Board hanging proudly on the wall, which includes seven men



associated with our church who did not return. Dookie lost sixteen men, nearly half were Anglicans. And it was Charles Alexander, father of the brothers, who built our church

in 1892.

We decided to pay our own tribute to these men by creating our own Weeping Window. Twelve hundred poppies later and many hours from people making and collating poppies, we are very proud of our efforts from our tiny congregation. We have received amazing help from people as far away as Wales - UK (a niece of a Dookie soldier killed in action), France, ACT, NSW, Yarram, Yendon, Wyuna, Shepparton, Katandra and Earlston, as well as wonderful support from St Andrew's Dookie Uniting Church, Dookie RSL and St Augustine's Anglican Church in Shepparton.

Our poppy cascade falls from our central altar window which houses Soldier Steven's Cross. Apart from what we believe is a worthy and dedicated effort, we from St Luke's have relished each others' company, had a lot of fun spending time together in the local fire shed attaching the poppies to the frame (thanks to my son's engineering skills!) and, especially, reaching out into our local community with our generosity and presence.



St Luke's, Yea Celebrates 150yrs



BY REV EDEN ELIZABETH NICHOLLS

On Sunday 14th October 2018, St.Luke's Yea celebrated 150 years of worship and ministry in the Yea area. Bp John celebrated and preached at our

Eucharist service, which was followed by lunch in the parish hall. The church op shop had a window display of photos and items, and the Yea Historical Society had regular updates and photos on its website.

PHOTO ABOVE: Angela ten Buuren (Taungurung elder who did the welcome to country), Councillor Charlie Bissett (Mayor of Murrindindi), Councillor Bec Bowles (Councillor for Yea), Bishop John Parkes

Remembrance

BY FR JOHN JESSOP

This year Remembrance Day takes on more than usual significance for 11th November 2018 is the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice which marked the end of World War 1 (WW1). Now might be a good time to reflect on 'Remembrance' and what this means.

When I was a child, I seem to remember that 11th November was referred to as 'Armistice Day'. In more recent years, it has become known as Remembrance Day. This is because, since 11th November 1918 there have been further wars, at least one of which involved the whole world with utter devastation. Apart from the devastation, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have been killed, maimed, orphaned and widowed. Many of the men and women were killed or maimed in the service of their country, in the belief that they were serving a cause greater than themselves. It is the sacrifice of these men and women that we remember with thanks on 11th November. Yet on the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice, we should focus equally, if not primarily, on thanksgiving for peace.

We will gather at the Cenotaph on Sunday 11th November in solemn remembrance. When we do so we might reflect that the word cenotaph is a combination of two Greek words - kenos meaning 'empty' and taphos meaning 'tomb'. The Cenotaph is not a place where bodies are buried. Most of those who died in the Great War were buried close to where they fell, but it is nevertheless an important memorial.

'Cenotaph' has an unavoidably Christian connotation too: the empty tomb is clearly a reference to the resurrection of Christ. The resurrection is not just about the fate of the individual soul following death, but about the ultimate triumph of peace in a world of violence and hatred. Sadly, the effect of the harsh reparations inflicted on Germany after WW1 sowed the seeds for WW2 and there has been no shortage of wars since 1945. This is all the more reason for us to remember with thanksgiving, not only the ultimate sacrifice of those who died for a cause greater than themselves, but also that love does ultimately triumph over evil and hatred.



Vale Ian Staring

BY CAROLINE BURGE

It was with shock and sadness that parishioners in the Parish of Kilmore heard of the sudden death of fellow parishioner Ian William Staring who died on Saturday October 13th. Ian might not have been well known in person around the wider Diocese, but his recent work on the renovations at Christ Church Kilmore made him "known" by many. Whilst it could be said that anyone could have taken on the task of the renovation work, no-one could have done it with the care and attention to detail that Ian and his son Shaun applied when spending many weeks on the project in 2017.

Four years ago, 'The Advocate' ran a feature on "Great Men in the Diocese", and Ian was the choice of the parish, for his uniqueness and his generosity of spirit.

Ian was never been the stereotypical "Church of England" male. With his hippy outlook and long hair down his back, Ian was just Ian. He was the most genuine and kind hearted person and would stop whatever he was doing to help anyone in need.

Ian was baptised in his younger days and went to Sunday School until he was about 7 years old. He always saw himself as having faith but was never a church going person. However, he always wanted to 'dabble in the

church' and know more about it, but didn't want to go just because of a crisis - he wanted to understand all the interpretations of the Gospels.

Ian first became part of the parish in 1992 when he became a single father and decided to take his two young sons to St Matthew's Church in Broadford. There he met two men who had a huge impact on his faith journey - Parish Priest Fr Douglas Schofield and Church Warden Eric Hornsby. Their positive personality and their spiritual aura of enthusiasm and energy had an immediate impact on Ian.

Over the years, Ian was on Parish Council, a warden at St Stephen's in Tallarook, and an outstanding and knowledgeable member of the Building and Maintenance Committee. But most of all, Ian's ministry was as a Lay Assistant in the parish. Once a fortnight he took the Morning Prayer service at St Stephen's, where he was very well loved and respected.

We thank God for Ian's ministry within the parish of Kilmore; for his faith, his enthusiasm and his love for all around him.

Rest eternal grant unto him O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him and may his soul rest in peace. Amen.

80th Birthday Celebration for Nathalia Holy Trinity Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

Officiating priest Fr Geoff Poliness had been invited earlier in the year to celebrate the Eucharist, and was assisted by Fr Gunnar Rippon, who is Locum priest of the parish. The service began at 10.30am as we sang the Mothers' Union hymn "Holy and Gracious God" written by Elizabeth J Smith. Fr Geoff's sermon touched on the need

for and importance of the activities of four million Mothers' Union Members in 84 countries worldwide. Visitors were welcomed from St George's Numurkah, St Augustine's Shepparton, Mrs Elizabeth Woodyard, Lone Member Coordinator, Nathalia St Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Nathalia Uniting Church, and members of Holy Trinity congregation.

A delicious luncheon was provided by MU members and the parish hall was decorated with beautiful bowls of fresh flowers from President Nola Smith's garden. Fr Geoff had printed information from the MU website detailing the 84 countries that support the Aims and Objects of Mothers' Union and these were passed around the tables while we ate and chatted together.

Beverly Leaf, daughter of an original member, provided a photo of four of the original members taken when they received their 50 year service certificates in 1988. In September 1938 Mrs Dicker and Mrs Chesterfield travelled from Wangaratta to admit twelve women as members of Mothers' Union at a service in Holy Trinity. Five members celebrating today shared many years with Mrs Ivy Leaf, Mrs Vi Lewis, Mrs Amy Waite and Mrs Elizabeth Grinter. During the Lady Day Celebration this year four members were awarded their 50 year badges and Certificates. Mrs Beth Eldridge, who has been a member for 58 years, cut the birthday cake, which had been made and decorated by Nola Smith and her daughter in law Sherelle. Eight of our members were present but unfortunately our ninth member was absent due to a family tragedy. We all enjoyed a cup of tea and chat with our guests before tidying the hall and going home at 2.30 pm



Dorothy Jory turned 98



BY DIANE GRANT

I have recently had the privilege to write about three of our church ladies. Edie Perry (102) Ella Burt (100) and now my third elderly lady is Dorothy Jory who turned 98 on October 7. Between the three of them, they have seen 300 years of life. They each have wonderful memories to share with family and friends.

Edie Lives with her family in Nagambie, Ella in the Karingal hostel in Seymour, and Dorothy decided to move into Lakeview Lodge Hostel a few years ago whilst she still had some of her faculties.

Dorothy and her sister Joan sold their parents old house in Church Street, and it is now the Nagambie Medical centre.

It is not easy to decide to make a major change when one is older. It involves a massive change of venue, and home comforts.

Dorothy has never regretted moving into the Nagambie healthcare facility and accepting the care provided by the staff and volunteers there.

She said "I decided a few years ago when I went into the Nagambie Lakeview Hostel to write down some of my memoirs while I could still remember them and type them up." And she did, on her old typewriter and I had the privilege of typing it on the computer and disks and having it printed by the Euroa Printers in 2010 for her

SHORT HISTORY
Her father was Frank Percival Houston Alan Willett, an Englishman born in Tring about 1887. When she was born, Dorothy Margaret Willett in Sydney on 7 October 1920, he was serving as a Commissioned Warrant Officer, in the Royal Australian Navy (R.A.N)

During the Second World War he served in France, and was badly wounded in both legs. Following hospitalization and recuperation in England, he returned to the front and was sent to Gallipoli. He was wounded again and was finally invalided home to Sydney. He was sent to the George's Heights Repatriation Hospital on South Head for months and at this time he met then married Dorothy Louisa Johnson.

Dorothy remembers "Our family moved around a lot due to Dad's military service. My sister Joan Pamela was born soon after we came to Newcastle."

"My early home and school life, time in the Services, being a Police driver, life in civvy Street, working and living in Papua New Guinea are in my life booklet as are the subjects, a Man in my Life, boat trip around PNG, settling

into married life, life in Darwin and a Baby (Alan) in the House."

Dorothy spoke about her marriage break down and her time to move on, leaving the Northern Territory, coming back to Victoria, resuming life here, and then the time when it was just Alan and Me, mum and Dad and sister Joan and the family, also about her work for the shire; her other interests: gardening, croquet, overseas travels, and her Cub Scout days.

Dorothy was overjoyed to receive the Nagambie Australia Day "Citizen of the Year" award in 2006.

She was still a very keen gardener when she moved into the hostel, but nowadays she loves being taken out into the gardens to sit and ponder and smell the roses.

CHURCH LIFE
Dorothy also wrote about her beloved church life, running plant stalls at the fetes and especially about her induction on September 1992, with three other ladies into the Anglican Mothers' Union by Father Stephen Salmon. Daphne Connors the Caritas Leader from Euroa also attended the service.

Dorothy was the leader of the Nagambie M.U until the Parish combined with Seymour and Avenel, and formed the joint MU branch in 2004.


Dorothy is always mindful that the Anglican Mothers' Union is a group in the Anglican Church, dedicated to the support of marriage and family life.

Dorothy is still a member of the Central Goulburn Mothers' Union branch and she is remembered by many Wangaratta Diocesan MU branch members for carrying the St. John's Mothers' Union banner in parades at the Wangaratta Cathedral.

She was thrilled to take part in St John's 125th and 130th anniversary years and loves attending the hostel services in the Lakeview Lodge nowadays.

Dorothy would like to encourage older folk to write down their life's history for their families while they have their memories and faculties to do so. It will keep their mind active, and leave a wonderful legacy for their loved ones.

THANK YOU ALL
Dorothy thanks her family, friends, and Nagambie Healthcare folk for making her 98th birthday special. She hopes to achieve 100 years of age. It is her goal. Congratulations Dorothy on a life well lived.



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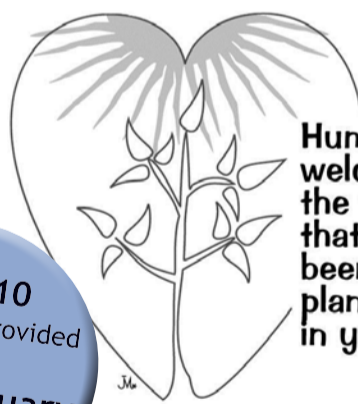
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DEVELOPING MINISTRY TOGETHER

BY FR CLARENCE BESTER



Change and Challenges, possibilities and opportunities

The Ad-Clerum dated 14 March 2018, indicates a development of a Ministry Model to assist with the continuing training of the newly ordained persons and a process that will be developed with experienced clergy and theologians in the ongoing formation of those who were ordained in April. Since February, the transitional Deacons at the time, have been alongside a clergy person who would be the president of the Mass with a few sessions with the Archdeacon for Ministry Development, focussing on various aspects of pastoral ministry as well as settling into their respective roles as newly ordained clergy. This continued with two persons specifically and

now with a third person who has just been inducted recently, this process will be formalised and different role players invited to assist with the ongoing formation of those ordained this year.

Understanding the traditional Curacy model and having had the privilege of serving my time as Deacon, first year Priest and second curacy under the supervision of two Rectors as well as 3 years at a Residential Theological College and a further 2 years in a Post Ordination Training Programme followed by another 2 years of Post-Graduate studies, any new model put together for any Diocese will never be able to compare with what we have

been privileged to experience many years ago. There are lots of changes and challenges but also possibilities and opportunities of how we can develop an authentic module/model within our context and given the financial constraints on many Parishes and the shortage of clergy, we need to do something different. The Bishop and Registrar have asked that we develop an 'Apprentice' Model, the content of which will be discussed at meetings early and later in November, and at its completion after discussion, will be published in the Diocesan newspaper.

It is amazing that what started out as a Parish Focus on Ministry Development is now including the continuous formation and training of clergy. My task is to support and facilitate the process and, with the advice of the Bishop, include as many as we can to share in this training programme even with the lack of finances. At the recent Victorian Anglican Provincial Council, the Archbishop suggested that Dioceses throughout the Province share their different and newly developed models so Dioceses may learn from each other in the face of a changing ministry pattern. He also stated that Melbourne Diocese has only been



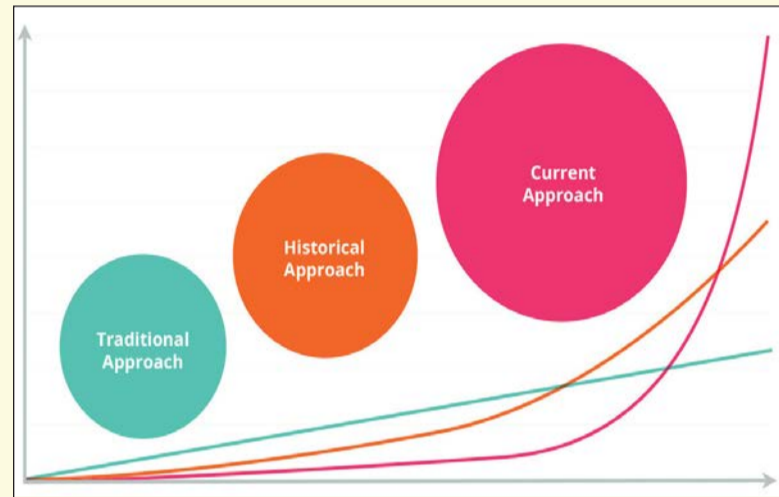
Reverend Neil Hicks

following the traditional model of training and would welcome new ideas.

Over the past few months, and through intentional conversations, we have been able to get at least eight expressions of interests for discernment as Deacons, Priest and specialised Lay Authorisations. The particular pattern followed was one developed by the late Canon Lyall Turley, continued by Revd. Sally Boothey and now coordinated by Revd, Neil Hicks who will be licensed as Director of Vocations on 11 November. Once again, and as coordinated

by Revd Neil Hicks, a curriculum was put together for this process that will start at the beginning of November. Fortunately, Mrs Loris Turley has offered us all the electronic copies of Canon Lyall's work on vocations which will be a huge help.

There is no doubt that there are exciting things happening in the Diocese and knowing that we have the capacity amidst all these changes and challenges to make a difference, possibilities and opportunities will arise, so do watch this space!



Safe Church Awareness Workshop

Saturday 24th November 2018

St John's Anglican Church
45 Highett Street, Mansfield

9.30am - 4.00pm

Please arrive by 9.15am to sign in

\$35 per person

BYO lunch

RSVP

Bookings close Tuesday 13th November
Pre-registration is required
Places are limited

Presented by the Baptist Unions of Vic and Tas, the Anglican Dioceses of Bendigo, Wangaratta and Gippsland, Uniting Church (Vic/Tas), Australian Christian Churches (Vic) and the Seventh Day Adventist Church (Vic), this workshop is intended to provide an introduction to Safe Church foundations, policies and procedures.

This introductory workshop is designed for all congregational members, all ministry leaders, children, youth and family leaders.

We will be covering:

- duty of care, codes of conduct, power, transparency and accountability
- protecting vulnerable people, indicators of abuse, responding to abuse and protective behaviours
- training, recruiting and supervising leaders
- how to establish and run safe church ministry programs (risk management)

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Fun at St John's Nagambie Kids' Club

BY DIANE GRANT

Activities for children during the school holidays provide a welcome breather for children and parents.

For quite a few years now, St John's Anglican Church in Nagambie has held a children's ministry "Kids' Club" school holiday activity program for a day in their hall and grounds a couple of times a year. The school holiday program is a children's outreach program and has proved to be successful for children on holidays in Nagambie.

Three children and three adults enjoyed the 2018 experience and, luckily for the group, the sun shone for some of the day and outside they could play racquet golf and chasey.

Inside activities included making chocolate bear cakes with Wagon Wheels and Oreo biscuit, homemade chocolates, making individual pizzas and doing ooey, gooey painting plaster models, poster painting and painting hands on the banner.

The best part they all felt was the dress up games and doing the musical dances to the Macarena, chicken dance, YMCA and the Time Warp while passing the costume bags around until the music stopped. They looked very colourful in their wigs, costumes, jewellery and

crazy hats that were placed on top of each layer. The winner was wearing ten costumes and necklaces at the final tally.

Grandma Marlene cooked the snags which were eagerly eaten by all. Grandma Marlene and local Mum Sandy helped Diane (me) with the kitchen chores, the cooking and craft activities and cleaning up.

It was fun to see the children load up their Loot bags with their craft, pizzas and chocolates and head off home very happy after their day's fun.

As discovered in past Kids' Club programs the key to success is to keep the kids occupied 90 percent of the time and let them eat for the other 10 percent of the time. This worked well once again.

St John's Kids' Club organisers Diane and Marlene, would like to thank all who supported the Kids' Club program in any way to make the holiday program a fun day once again.

PHOTO BELOW: Kids' Club plaster model fun. Crystal Gribbin, Jasmine Kettels, Sandy Gribbin, Ruby Gribbin and Marlene Brew.



More of "Beris's Beanies"

BY CAROLINE BURGE

Over the last three years, Beris Hannam from the Parish of Kilmore, has made hundreds of beanies to be sent over to East Timor with students from the local Assumption College. This year alone Beris seemed to knit faster than ever, and in September nearly 150 beanies were distributed to villagers in Laumana. The village of Laumana is nestled high upon the side of Mt Matebein, the second highest mountain in Timor Leste, in the Baucau region towards the east of the Island. Away from the coast, the temperature, especially at night, can become quite cool, with the locals feeling the cold more than their western visitors and therefore, the gift of these beanies was particularly welcome. The village of Laumana is quite poor with little access to many resources or comforts

that we take for granted in Australia. The beanies were originally given to the children, but now whole villages come out to receive their gifts from the parish of Kilmore.

Following this years Immersion visit to Timor Leste by a group from Assumption College, Beris was presented with a photo of one of the children proudly wearing one of her beanies which had travelled many thousands of kilometres. When presenting Beris with her thank you gift at a recent parish lunch, she immediately produced another bag of beanies for the next visit.

God bless you Beris in this wonderful ministry of yours.

PHOTO RIGHT: Not only the children receive beanies, but whole villages including the adults

Looking Down the Valley



A regular column on informed consent and the Eucharist
BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes

I am writing this in the middle of October from my vantage point in Harrierville, near the top of the Ovens Valley (hence "Looking down the Valley"). Leaves are beginning to appear on the trees and the camellias are in bloom. Seasonally it is the same time as Easter in the northern hemisphere. All around us are the signs of new growth and the chickens have started laying. The resurrection is in the air so why when we gather to celebrate the great sacrament of our union with our Lord and Saviour does Saint Paul tell us that we "proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26)?

We are fortunate, some would even say that it is by the providence of God, that we have one letter of Saint Paul that he did not write to people that he knew. That letter is the Letter to the Romans. In the history of the church the Letter to the Romans has become the most analysed document in the New Testament. In this letter Paul explains his understanding of what it is that God has done in the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Death and resurrection are a central motif in the Letter to the Romans. Christian identity is tied to the death and resurrection of our Lord. When we are baptised we are baptised into the death of Christ. (Romans 6:3)

The beginning of the Letter to the Romans describes the failure of both the imperial law of Rome and the religious law of the Jews to produce

justice and that all will come under the judgement of God through Jesus Christ. (Romans 2:16) The judgement has already come and that is that these authorities have killed the Messiah. The death of Christ is their condemnation. There is much more in the Letter to the Romans and it is well worth the time and energy required to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest ... the blessed hope of everlasting life" that is to be found there. But for the moment it is sufficient to note that the death of Christ condemns the authorities.

Saint Paul's instructions to the Corinthians are that they need to prepare themselves to come to the supper of the Lord. They need to be completely aware of what they are doing. Celebrating the death of Christ is something that is dangerous. We proclaim as our leader, our saviour, one who has been executed by the imperial authorities with the cooperation of the religious authorities in Jerusalem. Literally, we are thumbing our noses at the powers that be. We are doing something that is thoroughly insulting to the civil and religious authorities. The Christians were a seditious bunch of people who were undermining the imperial and religious establishment. A new reality has been inaugurated in the resurrection. The old order of threat and death has been set aside and been replaced by the new order of generosity (grace) and life.


The fellowship of the Christians turned the imperial world upside down. Status and patronage were totally set aside. An understanding that

death was the true gateway to life destroyed the power of the powers, but it placed the adherents of this faith in mortal danger. The imperial authorities made great attempts to destroy this faith and fellowship. There were periodic and often brutal persecutions of Christians — notably in the reigns of the emperors Decius and Diocletian. It certainly was dangerous to proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. You needed to know what you were doing and you needed to be well and truly prepared in order to identify yourself with this seditious mob.

Following the revolution led by Constantine the church moved to the centre of the imperial establishment and new understandings of what it meant to proclaim the Lord's death developed. We will look at them and their importance in coming months.

In contemporary Australian society we need to recognise that the church has been pushed away from the centre of the political and social establishment. Some of the antagonism experienced by Christians in our society resembles that experienced by the early Christians. It may be that once again we have a seditious message to proclaim. The perspective proclaimed by Saint Paul in the early decades of the church may well have its day again. We need to be aware that coming to the table of the Lord fundamentally identifies us as the followers of the Messiah who was killed by authorities that did not understand the true foundations of justice in the generosity of God.





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Mothers' Union News and Events 2018

BY MARY MUNTZ

The year seems to have passed very quickly as Parishes have held their Annual meetings and there may be new representatives nominated to serve in some Parishes. Members of Mothers' Union will hold their Diocesan Morning Coffee and Annual General Meeting at Purbrick Hall on 19th of November. It is an opportunity to gather together before most of us become involved with Advent and then Christmas preparations and planning for next year.

Bev Julian, CEO at Mary Sumner House, London has confirmed that the election of the new Mothers' Union Worldwide President took place under the new constitution overseen by current President Mrs Lynne Tembey. Violet Lancaster writes that "the Mothers' Union is registered as a charity in Britain, established through a Royal Charter granted by King George V in 1926 and was presented with the great Seal of England attached." The Privy Council, chaired by Queen Elizabeth, approved the new constitution when it met in April this year.

The counting of votes has been completed and the new worldwide president is Mrs Sheran Harper who will take over the position when Mrs Lynne Tembey steps down in December. Mrs Harper is the first person outside the British Isles to lead the 142 year old organisation that is active in 84 countries and has a membership of four million women and men.

Mrs Harper is from Guyana, part of the Anglican Church in the Province of the West Indies. Sheran is delighted to accept the role and I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our members who voted. As the new president she will continue the work of our organisation. She believes that Mothers' Union is as relevant today as the call to support families is even greater now. We are working with governments and other organisations in tackling issues which affect families wherever they are. In remote areas, where there are no social services, it is often Mothers' Union that is leading the way.

Born in the United Kingdom Mrs Harper grew up in Guyana. She is married to Roger Harper and has two adult sons. She studied physiotherapy and worked for the Ministry of Health in Guyana managing physiotherapy departments and lecturing on rehabilitation programmes. Seventeen years ago she decided to devote her time to Mothers' Union. During this time she volunteered at parish, Diocesan and also provincial levels.

Mrs Julian stated "We are extremely excited with the results as Sheran will not only bring her global expertise, but we have a board that is rich in diversity with eight different nationalities and also for the first time includes a man."

Anglican Mothers' Union of Australia is due to hold the election of new Office Bearers at the next Australian Council meeting at Holy Cross Centre Templestowe in November 2019.

Russ and Marg Hurren to boat along the Murray River

BY DIANE GRANT

In 2014-2015 Russell and Margaret Hurren of Nagambie ventured up the Murray to South Australia with other wooden boat owners. Russell said "It was a dream I had for many years, but due to periods of isolation on the river, a river group was formed which was safer for all concerned."

They called it the Great Australian Inland cruise along the Murray River, a distance that covered 1712 and a half kilometres from Echuca to Goolwa South Australia. They went through 12 locks and bridges were raised for the bigger boats. The first trip saw the boat group reaching Lake Alexandrina and onto Clayton Bay. This crossing took six hours.

I asked Russell after that cruise of the Murray if he would do it again. And he said "Yes, but with a bigger boat. Agnes was only 18 foot long, but she did a mighty job for her size and age."

Now the Nagambie couple will set off on November 4, on their second trip up the Murray River in their larger reconstructed boat.

Russell and Marg are very appreciative of all the help his mates and family have given him over many months to have the larger wooden boat ready for the water. They are thankful for the support given to them for their next river adventure which could take three months. They will be taking their little dog with them, and this time will be able to sleep on the boat, stopping at various ports of call on the way.

The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October and Margaret her 70th birthday on 22 October. Father Norm Hart and the St John's folk wished them both well on their adventurous journey on Sunday, 21 October, and wishes Fr Norm well for his upcoming leg operation. They also thanked him for ministering to the Parish of Central Goulburn for three weeks and those at the hostels. It was lovely seeing him and Rev Patti Matthews again.



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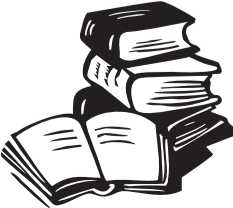
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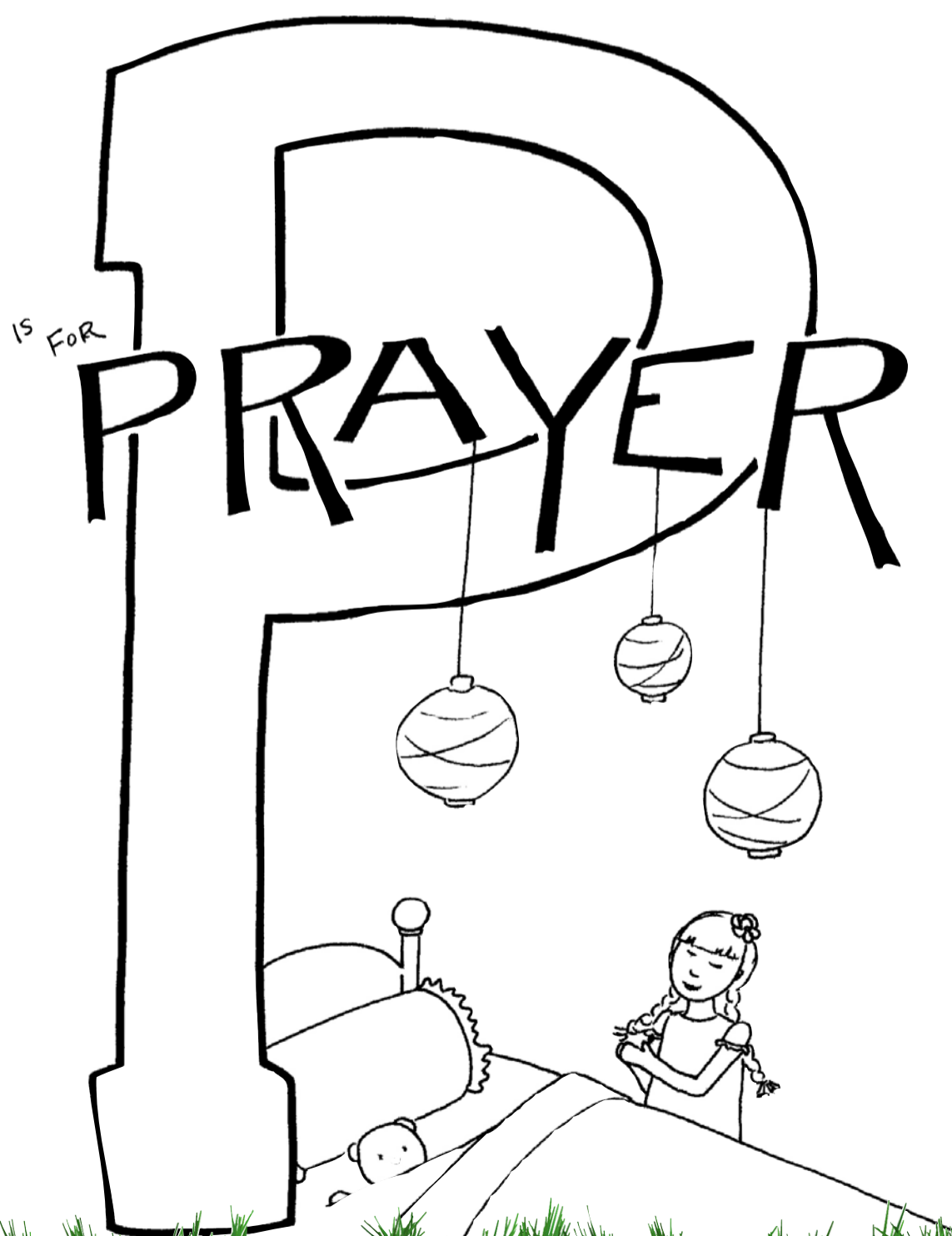
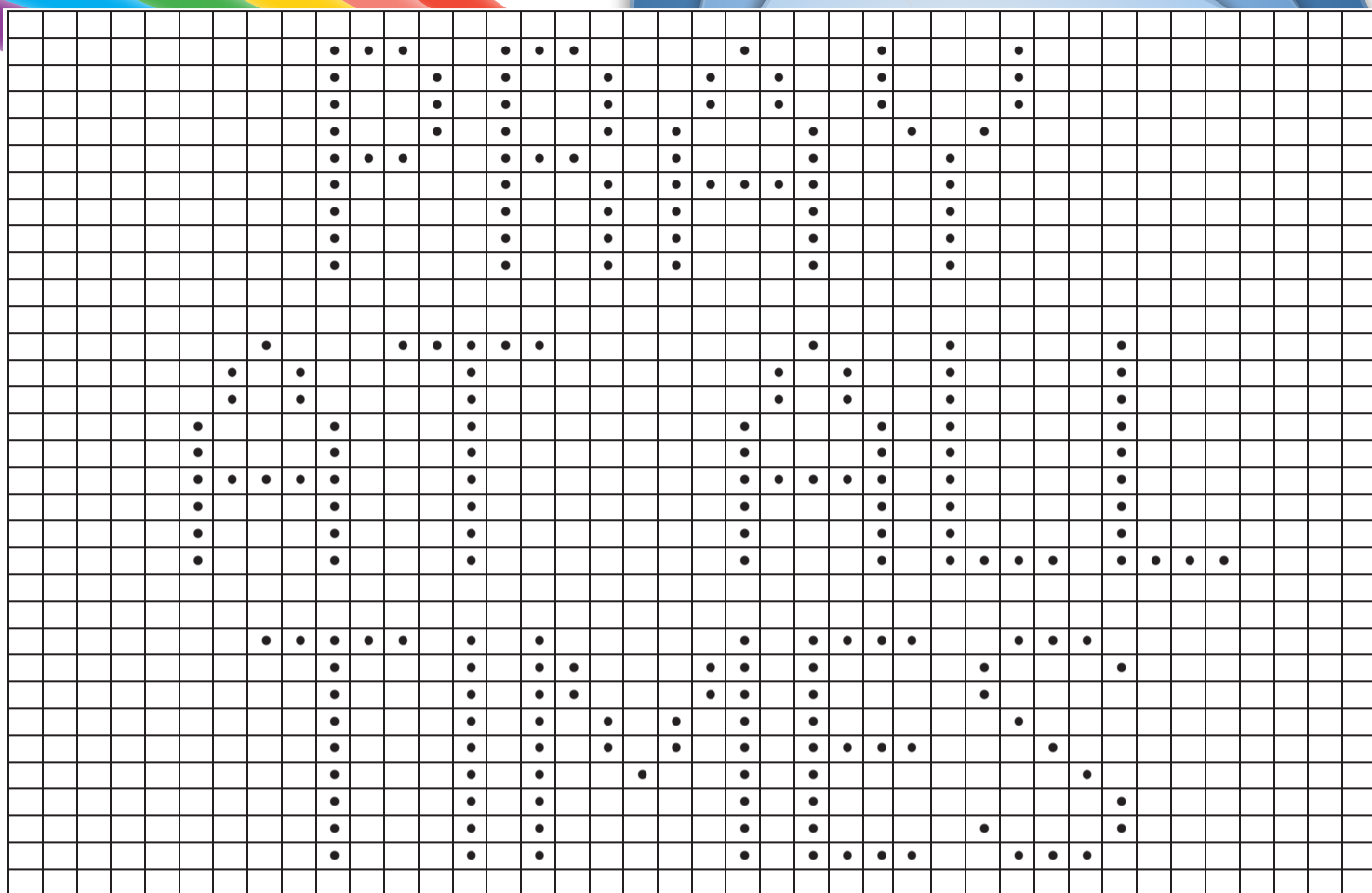


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Set aside a family prayer time each day.

Take turns taking a slip of paper out of the jar and praying about that thing. You may begin your prayer by saying:

Dear Jesus, we have so many things to thank you for. (Next, name a few things you are happy about.) We thank you for our family, our friends, and for the people we saw today etc.. Please hear our prayers today: (then read the slips of paper you took out of the jar -- take out just one slip at a time, or have each person take one).

End your prayer by saying the Lord's Prayer together and all saying AMEN together.

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> 1st Sunday 9.30am 3rd Sunday 9.30am <i>Holy Trinity Cudgewa</i> 3rd Sunday 11.30am <i>Tennis Club Biggara</i> 1st Sunday 2pm 2nd & 4th Sundays 9.30 am Morning Prayer	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 1.30pm Holy Communion	WANGARATTA WEST & WARBYS <i>St Michael's Wangaratta West</i> Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am <i>St Paul's Glenrowan</i> Sunday 11am <i>St George's Taminick</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 8am <i>St Johns Village Chapel</i> Tuesday 10am + Saturday 5pm
ALPINE <i>All Saints, Bright</i> Wednesdays 9:30am Sunday 11am Eucharist <i>St Paul's Myrtleford</i> Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist <i>St John's Whorouly</i> Sunday 8am Eucharist <i>St Etheldreda's Harrierville</i> 3rd Thursday 10.30am Eucharist	KILMORE <i>Christ Church Kilmore</i> Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist 4th Sunday 5pm Meditation Service <i>St Matthew's Broadford</i> Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist <i>St Stephen's Tallarook</i> Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist <i>Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong</i> 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm Holy Eucharist 5th Sunday 11am Family Service rotates between Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong. See parish website.	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 Wednesday 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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1. Dressing up for a fun dance. St John's Kids Club participants, Crystal Gribbin, Jasmine Kettels, Sandy Gribbin, Ruby Gribbin & Marlene Brew. *Story page 8*
2. Fr Thomas Leslie 'in full flight' during the St Francis Blessing of the Animals at Beechworth Farmer's Market, 6th October.
3. "Alma and Alan Garside with Little Dude and Steffy, suitably blessed in the annual Blessing of the Pets service at the Alpine Parish (St Paul's Myrtleford)"
4. Children admitted to Holy Communion in October at All Souls', Barnawartha.
5. Peter Darbyshire farewelling Robyn and Rev Paul Dalzell from the Parish of Central Goulburn. *Story page 2*
6. Fran McGibbon and Margaret Gibson at St Micheal's Fete, West Wangaratta