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BISHOP'S WINTER APPEAL LAUNCHED



Bishop John Parkes serving up soup for the Winter appeal

Cudgewa's Holy Trinity Church reopens for services

BY JOHN STAR

Several years ago the future of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Cudgewa looked bleak.

The floor was riddled with white ants and the inside was in great need of patching and painting.

Discussion was held on whether it would remain open, considering the nature of the repairs needed and dwindling church attendance. A small committed group felt strongly that it was worth saving and went to work, asking for donations of money and manpower to put towards the repairs. So commenced the work. The entire contents of the church were removed, pews, altar etc. and stored in the Cudgewa Hall. The Murray Pine floor boards were lifted, it actually can be done, and each row numbered and stored in order under the

pine tree on the side of the church. The boards were wrapped in black plastic, which became the perfect home for our local guard animal, a five foot black snake. All the original bearers, joists and stumps were removed, but prior to removal every row was marked on the walls and measured down the centres so they matched the floor boards when they were returned. The holes for the stumps were dug and many barrow loads of soil were removed from the church from these stump holes and from relevening of the floor. The exact height of the stumps had to be calculated to allow for the width of the joists, bearers and floor boards. Conmix and gravel came for concreting the stumps and this was mixed at the front door and delivered by wheelbarrow.

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Cathedral College takes part in Bishop's Winter Appeal

BY REV'D DAVID JONES

Cathedral College will again this year be actively involved with the Bishops Winter Appeal to support Anglicare's work with those who are homeless or struggling this winter.

Feathertop House is behind this year's appeal, which looks to not only raise much needed donations of food, warm clothing and blankets,

but to create a greater awareness among the school community of the problem of homelessness.

This will be done with the school's winter sleepout in June, where students from Year 8 to 12 will be asked to give up a night of warmth and comfort and sleep in the school's stadium with only a blanket and cardboard for warmth and comfort. A pop-up kitchen will appear for a very

simple dinner and breakfast and then the students and staff who have slept out will need to survive the next day of classes. Those who participate in the sleepout will be asked to obtain some sponsorship, which will be donated to Anglicare. There will also be a guest speaker, discussion and a film on homelessness.

We do not need to look too hard as the weather gets

colder to see this problem in our local communities. If we can raise awareness and some donations along the way, then this will help those who are less fortunate than ourselves this winter.

Get behind the Bishops Winter Appeal this year as every little bit we do will help.

More information on how you can contribute to the Bishops winter appeal can be found on page 5 of the Advocate.



PHOTO ABOVE: Inside of the restored Holy Trinity. Photo by Tony Jarvis

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Developing Ministry Together

BY ARCHDEACON CLARENCE BESTER

Ministry Development through Worship, Work and Witness

The 2017 statistical and synodical report which included an overview of the Diocesan Strategic Plan, is soon to be measured against our interaction with the five strategic directions that were collated for the ministry and activities of our Diocese. There was this sense of moving to a pattern of ‘business unusual’ but for many it might have felt like ‘business as usual’. What has happened since then is the reality of changes to our operation with Child Safety standards and Safe Church practice that captured the attention and action of the Diocese and the Church throughout Australia. The new Lay Authorization guidelines, Safe Ministry Awareness workshops and compulsory required documentation is all part of the process of developing our ministry together. It might be deemed as a rather ‘crazy time’ and knowing that many people feel rather frustrated at this process, I do believe that once we have gone through it all, we will be in a better position to reset our eyes on our primary focus of ministry development.



The reality is that through all of this, we have continued with our worship, work and witness as God’s people within the Diocese. On Sundays, the faithful gather for worship of the almighty God when hymns of praise are sung, God’s word proclaimed and shared, and people gather to feast on the gifts of Christ’s body and blood. There are also those who will take the word and love of God into the community to bring wholeness and empowered service to others through their own witness as those who are commissioned to ‘Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord’. Then we continue to do our work to ensure that all things necessary are in place in relation to the many facets of our ministry as God’s people to the sick and infirm, the lonely and the vulnerable, the needy and those who would welcome our friendship.

This could all be part of our program of intentional and responsible discipleship as we carry the weight of our various responsibilities and not losing sight of the fundamental part of the gospel imperative described so many times through these ministry development articles. There is no doubt that we are fulfilling our task faithfully and inasmuch as we desire to see the outcome or results of our efforts, our worship, witness and work will continue faithfully as we are inspired by God’s love at all times.

Cudgewa’s Holy Trinity Church reopens for services - continued from page 1

There is now a lot of concrete and steel under the floor. The Murray Pine boards were then laid and screwed down. Our guard snake never left until the last board was removed and the plastic cover wrapped up, his job well done. Every old nail was punched and holes were filled. Many hours of machine sanding then took place to remove the original dark stain in the wood in order to bring out the beautiful natural colour of the Murray Pine. The walls had many cracks which were then filled over many hours and then sanded for painting. A new colour scheme was decided and every internal wall, window and door were painted. At the beginning of the restoration, skirting boards were removed and numbered, stripped of old paint, repainted

and then replaced. A new cupboard and bench were installed and new carpet has been laid in the entrance, the sanctuary and down the aisle. A local contractor with a cherry picker was hired to help remove the vent cap on the very top of the church roof. The open ridge line was then capped to exclude the birds and then the original vent cap was placed back.

This is a quick summary of the work done, there are many large and small details not covered. As with all restorations there are still more things to do and they will be worked on in the future. The Holy Trinity Church community would like to thank all those people who donated funds, provided manpower

and encouragement. All these people should be very proud of what they achieved. All the people involved have very busy working lives but have found the time to commit to what has been a long project. A whole-hearted thank you to you all.

On Sunday the 19th May we celebrated the reopening of the church with a church service, followed by a shared lunch at the Cudgewa Hall. It was a wonderful turn out. It was a very special service with all three minsters Archdeacon Clarence Bester, The Rural Dean Rev Alan Kelb and our own Rev Mitch Porter taking part. (Photo below).

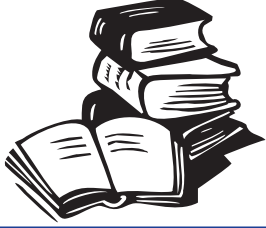


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Blessing of a new Walsingham Shrine & Confirmation Service at Beechworth

BY CANON THOMAS LESLIE

A sizable congregation of laity and clergy from across the Diocese gathered at Christ Church Beechworth on Sunday the 12th of May to celebrate in style the blessing and dedication of the newly installed Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham by Bp Lindsay Urwin (former Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, UK, and now the Vicar of Christ Church Brunswick, Melbourne), and to rejoice as parishioner Maree Lee was confirmed by Bp John.

The beautiful hand-carved Italian limewood statue of the Madonna and Child at the centre of the new shrine was donated by parishioner Bill Coish, and was sourced from Walsingham in England. The carved surround for the shrine, incorporating a 19th Century French oak canopy, was constructed and installed by parishioner Robin Holt. Various other parishioners made generous donations towards the costs of installing this beautiful new devotional image, which, in the words of the liturgy of dedication, may help many to ‘contemplate the face of Love here on earth, and one day see and know it face to face in heaven.’

Sunday the 12th of May was an opportune time to bless the new image of ‘the Blessed Mother’, given that it was Mothers’ Day, and, in some calendars the feast of Our Lady of Power. Bp Lindsay, in his sermon, spoke of Martin Luther’s reflections on Mary’s unique role as the Mother of God: one who turns our face towards her son, and reminds us to ‘do everything that he tells you’. Reflecting on Maree’s confirmation, Bp Lindsay suggested that this might be an appropriate directive for all Christians to reflect upon.

Maree’s confirmation by Bp John was a moment of great grace as she joyously affirmed her membership and role within the life of the Church. This important step in a life-long pilgrimage of faith was celebrated with champagne and finger foods following the service, but not before one of Maree’s sponsors, journalist Jamie Kronborg worked his paparazzi magic: lining up photographs of the newly confirmed with the sanctuary party, and standing with the new shrine.

The Parish also marked the fact that this was the last service in the parish Bp John was to officiate at before retirement, by presenting a suitably local gift. Bp John spoke briefly of his fondness for the Parish, as one of the first centres he visited after his enthronement.

It is hoped that, over the years, the new image of Our Lady

of Walsingham will continue to inspire the meditations of all who visit Christ Church Beechworth, for, in the words of Martin Luther, *“She became the Mother of God, in which work so many and such great good things are bestowed on her as pass our understanding. For on this there follows all honour, all blessedness, and her unique place in the whole of Humankind, among which she has no equal, namely, that she had a child by the Father in heaven: and such a child!.... Hence men have crowded all her glory into a single word, calling her Theotokos (the Mother of God, or God-Bearer).... None can say of her nor announce to her greater things, even though he had as many tongues as the earth possesses flowers and blades of grass: the sky, stars; and the sea, grains of sand. It needs to be pondered in the heart what it means to be the Mother of God.”* - Luther’s Works, 21:326.





from the Bishop

Dear friends

On Tuesday I drove from Wangaratta to Alexandra for a meeting. I was shocked to find Lake Nillahcootie as empty as it was when I came to the Diocese in 2018. The Brankeet Arm of Lake Eildon, full only a few years ago is empty, as it was when I stayed at the Lakeside Caravan Park at Bonnie Doon for Easter 2009. I am reminded how fragile is our relationship with the environment, and how we must learn to tread more lightly upon it.

Herman Daly, one of the early pioneers of ecological sustainability, looked at the problem from a maintenance of natural capital viewpoint. In 1990 he proposed that:

- 1. **For renewable resources**, the rate of harvest should not exceed the rate of regeneration (sustainable yield);
- 2. **[For pollution]** The rates of waste generation from projects should not exceed the assimilative capacity of the environment (sustainable waste disposal); and
- 3. **For nonrenewable resources** the depletion of the nonrenewable resources should require comparable development of renewable substitutes for that resource.

The list can be shortened into a tight definition. Environmental sustainability is the rates of renewable resource harvest, pollution creation, and non-renewable resource depletion that can be continued indefinitely. If they cannot be continued indefinitely then they are not sustainable. There is an irreconcilable conflict between this notion of sustainability and the confidence we have in an economy that can continue to grow unchecked.

In the first account of creation in Chapter 1 of Genesis we are told that God gave humanity dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth. Dominion is not destruction. God looked over the creation and declared it to be very good.

The question for each of us to ponder is how can we act to play our part in the preservation of God’s good creation? How can we make our choices to limit the effect we have on the destruction of God’s good creation? For us this is primarily a theological and not a political or an economic issue.

The Psalmist tells us: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. May it ever be so.



The Right Reverend John Parkes AM
Bishop of Wangaratta

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

JUNE

18TH Bishop in Council. St John’s Village, Wangaratta

20TH Forum on World Refugee Day - for details see advertisement on pg 3

22ND Safe Church Awareness Workshop, Cobram - for details see advertisement on pg 7

JULY

16TH Bishop in Council. St John’s Village, Wangaratta

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St Dunstan's, Violet town Celebrates 140th Anniversary

BY REV'D MICHELLE WOOD

The 140th Anniversary of St Dunstan's Anglican Church Violet Town was celebrated with great joy and a full church on Sunday 19th May 2019. Bishop John Parkes presided and preached on the love commandment: 'love one another and you will be happy, it is as simple as that and as complex as that.' I believe churches should be places where love is celebrated and for 140 years St Dunstan's has been a beacon of love, life and light in the Violet Town and district communities.

How wonderful to see so many locals, new people and those who have had a past connection with St Dunstan's: 'I was married here,' my great grandfather played

the organ,' 'I was baptised and confirmed here,' 'my mum's funeral was here,'... 'I grew up here and have taken time off work to come up from Melbourne with my family...'

The Bishop planted and blessed an Illawarra flame tree to mark this significant anniversary whilst sherries were served. A scrumptious lunch followed, interspersed with trivia, fun facts about St Dunstan's and entertainment by 'Slim and The Singing Vicars' headed up by myself on uke, my husband Paul on guitar and a friend singing. I wrote a song specially to commemorate the 140th anniversary of St Ds. Our MC Robyn Machin kept the afternoon rolling with good humour and thoughtful speeches. Ethne

Green led a community singing segment which had us all in fits of laughter. Behind the scenes a faithful team worked tirelessly in the kitchen Dru, Alex, Kieran and Barry (thank you)!

The anniversary cake was lovingly made by the talented Barb Ramage who also arranged flowers for the church in the most glorious autumn hues. The cake was cut by Yvonne Hargreaves the oldest living member of St Dunstan's and the Bishop.

Happy 140th Birthday St Ds Violet Town - may there be a 140 more!

PHOTO RIGHT: Rev Michell Wood and Bishop John Parkes planting the Illawarra flame tree.



Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern Debutante Ball

BY CAROL FURSDON

The Anglican Parish of Rutherglen Chiltern Debutante Ball was held on Friday 10th May 2019 at the Rutherglen Memorial Hall. Eleven debutantes and their partners were presented to Cathy Carden, Chaplain at Cathedral College Wangaratta.

The debutantes carried a bouquet of mixed blue silk flowers that were made by Brenda Tuddenham. The debutante cake was made and decorated by Jean Henderson and Brooke Rasmussen. Sarah White and Henry Smits had the honour of cutting the cake and Sidney Kirk and David Coulthard thanked all the debutantes and partners for joining them and for the support of their families and friends and the volunteers who helped make the evening such a success. This year the debutantes and partners were trained by Anthony Pepers, Linda Rieslig and Brenda Tuddenham. Music was provided by Scott Solimo & Co. Photo courtesy of Occasion Studios Wangaratta.



PHOTO ABOVE: Back: Nicholas McMahon, Samuel Jackson, Koby Harris, Mitchell Cofield, Sean Dunning, Nathan Cranston, David Coulthard. Middle: Jarrod Soul, Blair Hanson, Eden Creamer, Alanah Maloney, Dainah Stone, William Seymour, Henry Smits. Front: Sidney Kirk, Kiara Simpson, Emma Ronnfeldt, Rose Hymus, Jasmine Exton, Foo Tubsang, Amy Arnold, Sarah White. Sara Duursma & Isabel Neil (Flower Girls) Cathy Carden, Reverend Canon Scott Jessup, Mark Carden, Linda Preisig, Anthony Pepers.

Corryong Anglican Debutante Ball

BY FAYE WHITEHEAD

The Corryong Anglican 2019 Debs and their partners were presented to Bishop John Parkes on Friday 3rd of May at the Corryong Memorial Hall. Bishop John spoke to the group and wished them all the best for their future. Rev Mitch Porter and Mrs Sylvia Montgomery were also part of the Official Presentation Party.



Last Clergy Retreat for Bishop John

BY ARCHDEACON CLARENCE BESTER

The surrounds at Palotti College in Millgrove were where the clergy of the Diocese gathered for the past few years. What made it extremely special this year was that this was the last year that Bishop John would be with us as Bishop of the Diocese, but also that we were privileged to be led by the Archbishop of Perth, The Most Revd. Kay Goldsworthy (OA) who took us on a journey of deep spiritual reflection that led to a sense of renewal for the 27 of us who attended.

Gathering together for

the daily office and the Eucharist, moments for rest and reflection and good food and fellowship at times was all part of what made this time so special. The sense of collegiality, even in silence was a reminder to us that we are all together in this 'business of God'.

Knowing that distances between Parishes are sometimes far and the opportunity for interaction often limited, we created a space in the evenings for colleagues who wished to, to join in for some food, fellowship and a good yarn. In wanting to maintain the intended silence, our group was

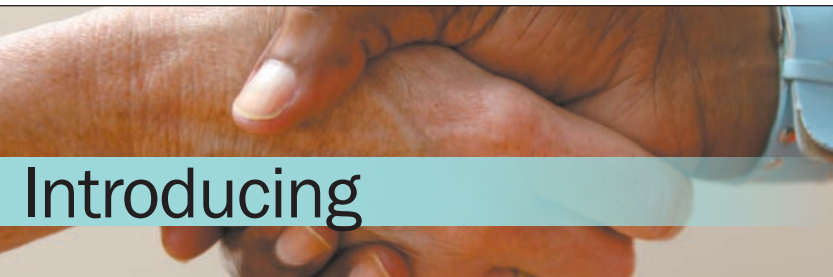


challenged by another group of about 30 Catholic Priests who also used the facilities at the time and were very interested in chatting to many of us.

It was a lovely time of worshipping, listening and learning together and we wish to thank

our Area Deans for all their organization of the Retreat.

PHOTO ABOVE: The Most Revd. Kay Goldsworthy (OA) and Revd. Eden Elizabeth Nicholls **PHOTO BELOW:** The Right Reverend John Parkes presiding at his last retreat with the Diocese.



THE REVD BR KELLIOT BETU

Towards the end of January 2019, two of our Melanesian Brothers arrived to start the Melanesian Brotherhood House (MBH) in the Parish of Shepparton. One of them, also a Priest, is The Revd. Br Kelliot Betu who was born in Popendetta, Papua New Guinea and was part of a family of 7 siblings. After completing school, Kelliot helped at home with farming and also worked with the Youth group in the local Anglican Church in Popendetta.



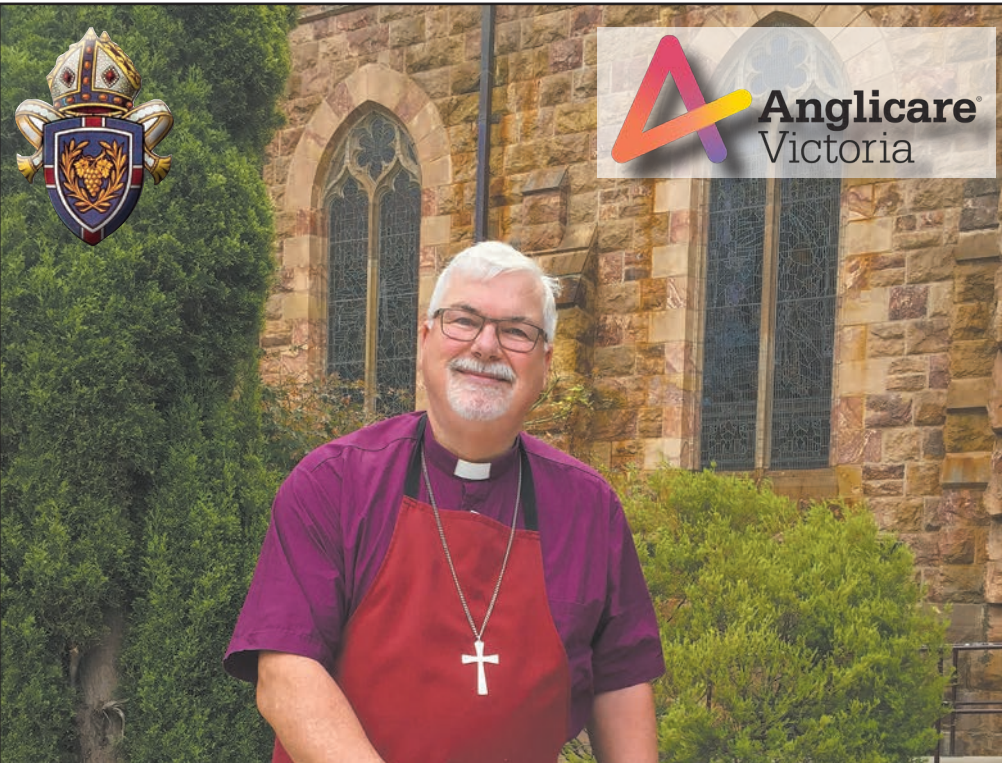
In 2003, he joined the Melanesian Brotherhood as an aspirant for three years and then four years as Novice and was admitted as a full member of the MBH in 2007. Kelliot served as Regional Secretary until 2008 until he was sponsored to take up an Administrative Course at Port Moresby Business College for a year but did not complete it. In 2010 Kelliot set off for the Solomon Islands where he started and completed 4 years of Theological Studies which led to his ordination as a Deacon in April 2016 and Priesting in August 2017.

Kelliot was delighted to be nominated to be part of the MBH in Shepparton and, with a vigor and excitement for ministry outreach, he looks forward to using his gifts and skills within the Parish and Community of Shepparton. Please continue to pray for the MBH in Shepparton.

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For to the snow he says, "Fall on the earth";
and the shower of rain, his heavy shower of rain,
serves as a sign on everyone's hand,
so that all whom he has made may know it.
Then the animals go into their lairs and remain in their dens.
From its chamber comes the whirlwind,
and cold from the scattering winds.
By the breath of God ice is given,
and the broad waters are frozen fast.
Job 37:6-10



2019 Emergency Relief - Winter Appeal

Again this year, the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta and Anglicare Victoria are working together to support Emergency Relief programs which assist members of our communities who access these services.
Over the three months of winter we will be asking members of the community and organisations to donate food, blankets or money to assist Emergency Relief throughout the Diocese.

You can get involved in a few ways;
Parishes - will have a few Soup Sundays after mass for a gold coin donation. There will also be donation boxes for non-perishable food and blankets.

Anglican Schools - Please support Trinity Anglican School, Thurgoona Cathedral College, Wangaratta Cobram Anglican Grammar, Cobram as they organise activities and bring awareness to the needs of those in their community.

Donations can also be made to the Anglicare Wangaratta office.

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News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

MULOA- a new initiative of Mothers Union was first trialled at the Worldwide Conference held in Ireland in 2017."MU: Mothers Union, Listening : to God, to each other, to the marginalised, to external learning, to creating a safe space. Observing: Identifying and celebrating what we have, looking to the future. Acting: taking responsibility, feeding back honestly." Provincial Presidents and all MU Trustees "met in family groups, geographical groups and Zone groups to communicate with each other." Members from Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Australia and Papua New Guinea met in Auckland last August to help develop priorities as part of a survey from Mary Sumner House in London. MULOA has now reached over 400,000 people. Last year Australian members provided funds for a meeting of Bishop's wives in South Sudan. Attended by 160 members with many differing tribes and languages and some instances of conflict with each other one Bishop's wife said she "will be able to do all I see with my own eyes here, and will be able to teach our people who say they do not know what to do. Now I will mobilise them."

With a more local focus Diocesan MU members have been contributing financially each year to the Overseas and Northern Outreach Committee. The proposed funding includes : subsidising the cost of travel in the northern areas of Australia so \$12,000 has been allocated for MU members to meet each other. This year \$15,000 has been allocated to Safe Ministry training in the Northern Territory, some of this money will also be used for other activities in the communities members visit. North Western Australia has a Family Conference each year so \$17,000 is made available for family travel and accommodation. \$ 10,000 is available for Indigenous women clergy who are helped through the professional supervision fund.

MU Australian Provincial President, The Rev'd Anne Kennedy and the Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman, MU Zone C Trustee, will be attending the Worldwide Council Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda in June. "This is the first meeting to be held under the new constitution. Although smaller in number it will be truly global, as most, if not all Provincial Presidents will be able to attend." We pray for all who will be preparing the venue, travelling and participating in this meeting. The outcomes will be of interest to all of us.

MU Wodonga Luncheon with Lone Members

BY REV'D DAVID HOLLOWAY

For its May meeting instead of a Coffee Morning the Wodonga MU Branch decided to have a Social Lunch for any Lone Members of the MU who would like to come with or without their partners (Lone Members are those who are now not attached to any branch because of distance,

retirement or age). Other MU branches as well as our own were also invited to attend with partners.

The day was excellent, being held at the Wodonga Golf Club Bistro Bar and although we had lots of apologies because of holidays and funerals etc. the small band that attended found a good deal of fellowship

and companionship in the gathering. The chatting and remembering went on for a long time and we all felt it was an excellent start to perhaps having another in the latter part of the year. The Lone Members and the branches see the need to keep in contact even though some are not involved any longer in the activities of a branch.



PHOTO ABOVE: Left to right: Peter Saggors, Robyn Aulmann (LM), Cate Rankin (LM), Frances MacGibbon (LM), Shirley Jamieson, Pat Muller (LM), Betty Saggors, Georgina Edgar, Sylvia Gillard, Necia Searle, Margaret Andrews, Janne Oborn (LM), Xavier Jefferies and Fr .Jacques Jeffries.

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Successful 15th adopt a Granny Day at Puckapunyal School

BY DIANE GRANT

Many military families do not get to meet up with their extended families very often, especially grandparents. It is very hard when distance stops grandparents from being able to see their grand children often. Many Grans have to travel long distances to see their loved ones who serve in the defence forces or the defence families have to travel long distances when their holidays permit to see their families.

Fifteen years ago, a small band of Seymour, Nagambie and Avenel (Victorian Parish of Central Goulburn) Anglican Mothers' Union members and Grandfathers 'Adopted the Pucka Kids for a half day' with the support of the Puckapunyal Primary School teachers at the Puckapunyal army camp.

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

This project has been very popular. The Mothers' Union Grans from Nagambie and Seymour and some of the REAL Grans of the Prep and Grade 1 pupils attended the "Adopt a Gran Day" on Tuesday, 30 April to join in the fun with their adopted or real grand children.

Teachers of the small children, Miss Mercy O'Meara and Miss Sally O'Connor were awarded the honour of hosting the Grannies visit for 2019 again and they and the pupils were thrilled with the visit of the Grans for the morning. Mrs Warne helped out at the dress

up and reading time.

To break the ice and as a warm up for the "Adopt a Granny day" Nanny Di Grant welcomed everyone to the morning and taught them how Pucka has an army camp song; to the tune of Old McDonald has a farm.

The pupils and teachers then entertained the visitors with their "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and the "Chicken Dance song" which the Grans couldn't keep up with at all.

Half the children were entertained by some old time games or toys that the Grannies had brought along for show and tell time, whilst the other group joined in the ever popular and vigorous parachute games in the school yard. Then each group swapped over the activities.

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

The Grannies were amazed at how cleverly the children danced the Granny Hokey Pokey and sang and did the actions. It was then the children read some books to the grannies.

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

Safe Church Safe People

BY NIKKI COLLINS

POSITION VACANT - Safe Church Systems Implementation Assistant

The Diocese is looking for someone with good attention to detail to assist with implementation of our safety and data management systems. The position will work closely with the Safe Church and Systems Officer and other members of the Diocesan office to establish data tracking systems and undertake other administrative tasks. A high level of computer and data entry skills is essential.

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The Diocese of Wangaratta is committed to providing a safe, respectful, welcoming and positive environment for children and adults from all backgrounds. The successful applicant must provide a police check issued not more than three months ago, or be willing to have a police check conducted. A Victorian Working with Children Check will also be required. The Diocese will assist in obtaining a WWCC if one is not already held.

Applications must address the requirements as identified in the position description. A current resume and the names of two referees are also required.

For more information and to obtain a position description please contact Nikki Collins at safechurch@wangaratta-anglican.org.au

Applications close: Tuesday 18th June 2019

Safe Church Awareness Workshops

Upcoming dates for 2019

10th August Northern Albury
19th October Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta
16th November Benalla

For further information please email Michelle at;
training@wangaratta-anglican.org.au

Safe Church Awareness Workshop

Saturday 22nd June 2019

St Margaret's Church Hall
Hight Street, Cobram

9.30am - 4.00pm
Please arrive by 9.15am to sign in

\$35 per person
BYO lunch

RSVP
Bookings close Monday 10th June
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)

Registration

Registration forms are to be returned to the Diocesan Registry office at 138 Williams Road, Wangaratta or by email to training@wangaratta-anglican.org.au

Enquiries

Contact the Registry on 03 5721 3484 or email training@wangaratta-anglican.org.au for more details.

Endorsed National Council of Churches in Australia Safe Church Training Agreement



The Baptist Unions of Victoria and Tasmania, the Uniting Church (Vic/Tas), the Anglican Dioceses of Bendigo, Gippsland and Wangaratta, Australian Christian Churches (Vic) and the Seventh Day Adventist Church (Vic) have joined with other denominations in recognising the Safe Church Awareness Workshops of other denominations as part of the National Council of Churches in Australia's SAFE CHURCH TRAINING AGREEMENT (SCTA). Safe Church Training will be carried out by endorsed training partners based on national standards and recognised by all the SCTA members.



Messy Church in the Parish of Cobram



BY REV'D MARYANN LEONARD

Messy Church in Cobram is held on the third Sunday of the month. The theme for the May Messy Church was 'One Body Many Parts.' The Messy Church team planned a full two hours of stories, songs, activities, a play performed not only with students, but parents too. Once again we had music played by Geoff Brown and the two course meal was enjoyed by all, which is at no cost. There were 30 participants this month. You are most welcome to encourage family and friends to come along and participate in a very Messy Church in June. Our next Messy Church will be the 16th June, 4.30-6.30pm.

Messy Church is not a 'stepping stone' to Sunday services. It is a service in its own right. Messy Church can be sacramental. Baptisms,



Weddings, Confirmations and Eucharist can be part of any of these services. Our growing number of families come from all walks of life. Messy Church fits in with our lives which can be messy at times. It is not 'Kid's Church'. Parents stay with their

children, parishioners participate in activities, teenagers enjoy activities as well. The program is differentiated to hopefully meet the needs of all participants. The most important thing about Messy Church, is it is Christ centered.



Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD



Australian Christian or Christian in Australia

Who are we? Does our Christian faith lock us into a set of social and political understandings? These are questions that ran around in various ways during the recent election campaign. I found that many descriptions of so-called Christian values did not mesh well with what I understood about myself and what I thought it meant to be Christian. It is obvious that there are different attitudes among faithful Christians in rural northeast Victoria from those in inner urban Melbourne or Sydney and even those in rural and regional Queensland or Western Australia. Where we live seems to matter when it comes to what we think is important in our faith and the way that it translates into our attitudes and our actions.

So is being Christian in northeast Victoria different from being Christian somewhere else? How specific is it to be Christian? In the earliest years of the Christian movement the Good News was spread almost exclusively in Greek. The whole of the New Testament is written in Greek. Greek culture was dominant all around the Mediterranean—from Gibraltar to the Persian Gulf, from the Sahara to the Danube. Greek culture and Greek language were the vehicles for spreading the Christian faith. This is one of the reasons that the Church has thought it essential for would be clergy to learn Greek.

But we speak English. Those of you who read this column regularly will have noticed how often it is that I have quoted from classic English formulations of what it means to be Christian. The Book of Common Prayer is never very far away. Christian

faith came to this continent and to this region in English. Until four or five decades ago it was taken for granted that the religious question in the census was about which particular Christian denomination was one's affiliation and only very peripherally about other major religions or no religion at all. By and large we understood that being Australian was being Christian of some sort or another. In recent years the census has shown that while a majority of Australians still identify themselves as belonging to a Christian denomination it is becoming an ever decreasingly slender majority.

In this season of the year it becomes obvious that our faith and practice is linked to the seasons of the northern hemisphere. Soon we will see how the communities of which we are part will start all sorts of advertising for holding celebrations for "Christmas in July". I must admit that I find this a little odd of our secular brothers and sisters because 24th June, the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, is the calendar equivalent of Christmas on 25th December. Our secular culture is adapting to the fact that the winter solstice is in June but our church calendar remains stuck on the other side of the world. Wangaratta, or Australian for that matter, Christians operate as if we live in Europe or North America.

It has not been just the election that has sparked my interest. I have been reading Holy Ignorance — When Religion and Culture Part Ways, by the Frenchman Olivier Roy (Columbia University Press, New York, 2010). He notes the way in which religions with universal claims, such as

Islam and Christianity, have tried to separate themselves from their traditional cultures in order to spread their universal messages. This dissociation means that religious faith necessarily becomes something for the individual rather than the community or the whole society. It is about me rather than about us.

But Anglicans, from at least the time of the Reformation, have seen their faith in communal, social and national terms as well as individual terms. (Once again I return to the classic English formulations of Christian faith — look at how prominent is the King or Queen and Parliament in the prayers and the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Book of Common Prayer.) Anglicans are concerned about being Australian Christians. We are concerned about the connection between our faith and everything else that is involved in being a citizen of this great nation. Our Lord is described as Prophet, Priest and King. Our Lord is not divorced from society and nation. Our Lord is not guru for dissociated individuals.

The great twentieth century theologian, Paul Tillich, wrote of grounding faith in culture. He wrote of God as the "Ground of Being". Tillich understood that Christian faith and theology answer the fundamental questions of what it means to be human. We are human in society. We worship in community. The vehicle of our worship in this diocese is English. Our feet are on the ground in northeast Victoria. This winter, instead of pretending that we are European, let us contemplate what it means to be an Australian Christian rather than a Christian in Australia.

WANGARATTA CATHEDRAL ORGAN APPEAL FUND

In July last year, a maintenance inspection found that rats had caused substantial damage to the bellows of the Cathedral's Henry Willis & Sons organ, rendering the instrument unplayable

An initial estimate of the cost of repairing the organ is in the order of \$100,000. The Cathedral has started a public appeal for donations.

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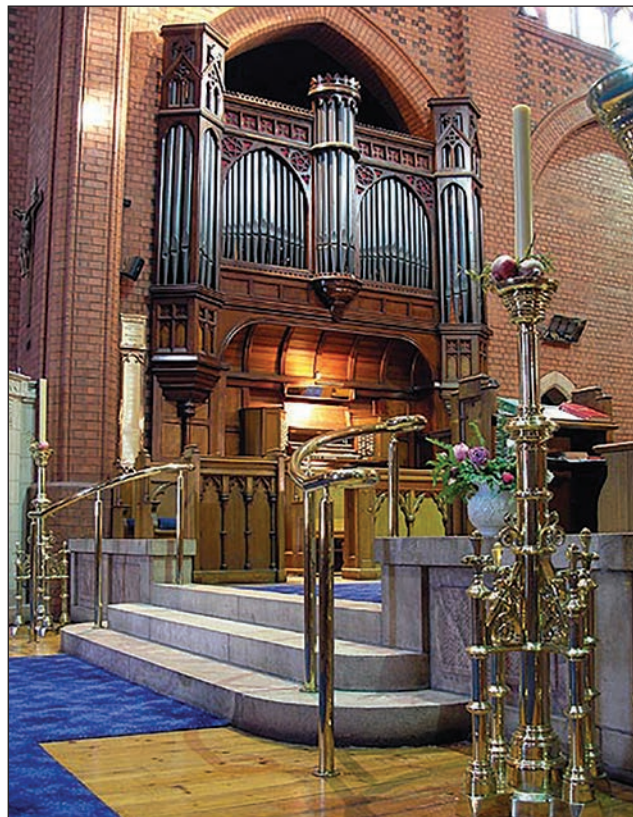
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The organ built in 1922, was initially placed in a Church in Dublin, Ireland. It was rebuilt and installed in its present location in 1993. It is considered one of the finest instruments in Australia.

Mother's Day Luncheon

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The Mother's Day luncheon in the parish of Kilmore this year, took the form of a 'community' lunch rather than just a parish lunch. Whilst anyone in the community is always more than welcome to attend a parish function, this year the aim was to open it up to any one who was alone on Mother's Day, or who couldn't share the day with their own family. Advertising was shared far and wide on the parish social media page, and in just two weeks, the message had reached nearly 7,500 people!

The response from those in the community was one of

encouragement, love, and very grateful thanks. There was even an offer from a qualified chef who offered their services to help with the cooking should we have needed it.

The day was planned and organised by parishioners Betty Daly, Helen Buck and Patty DuPlooy, with help from others in the parish with the cooking, and setting up and cleaning away on the day.

Whilst we were very grateful the 7,500 people didn't all turn up, it was always in the back of our minds on how to create a "loaves and fishes" lunch should more come than were expected.

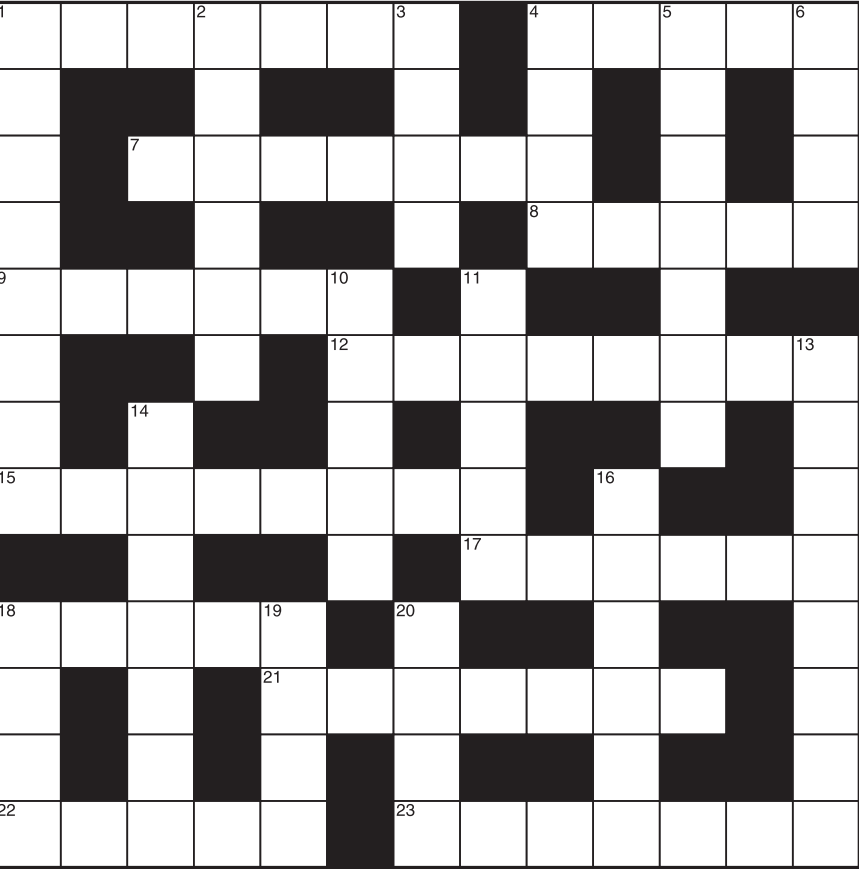
The venue for the lunch was the Senior Citizens Rooms in Kilmore which is situated opposite the local park. If needed, we would have moved to the park for our venue, and cleaned out the local pizza and chicken shops for extra food if required. Thankfully most of those who turned up had all responded, but it was still great to have people walk in off the street. One young family who were alone for the day, travelled from Roxburgh Park (nearly 50km away) after reading of our lunch on Facebook. In true Anglican fashion, of course we didn't run out of food, and of course many went home with plates full to see them through the following days.



PHOTO ABOVE: Fr Andre DuPlooy with the luncheon organisers - Betty Daly, Patty DuPlooy and Helen Buck

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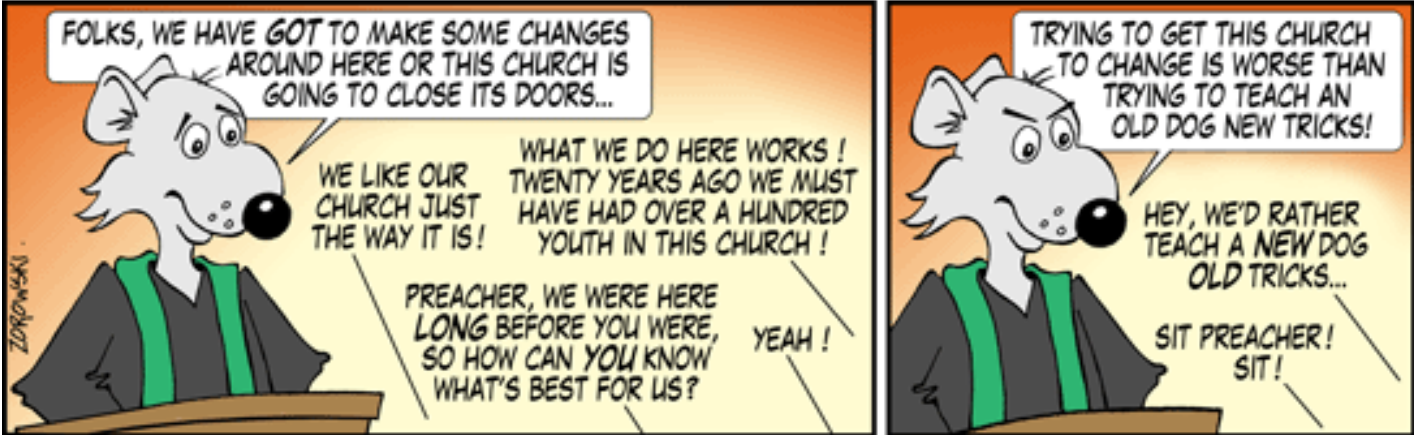
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 - 18. Torment
 - 21. Technical sketch
 - 22. Literary style
 - 23. Perspired
- DOWN**

 - 1. Lawsuit contestant
 - 2. Enrages
 - 3. Tie in race
 - 4. Viewed
 - 5. Delighted
 - 6. Shout
 - 10. Perishing
 - 11. Erupted
 - 13. Foiled
 - 14. Untouched (of meal)
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Church Mice



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

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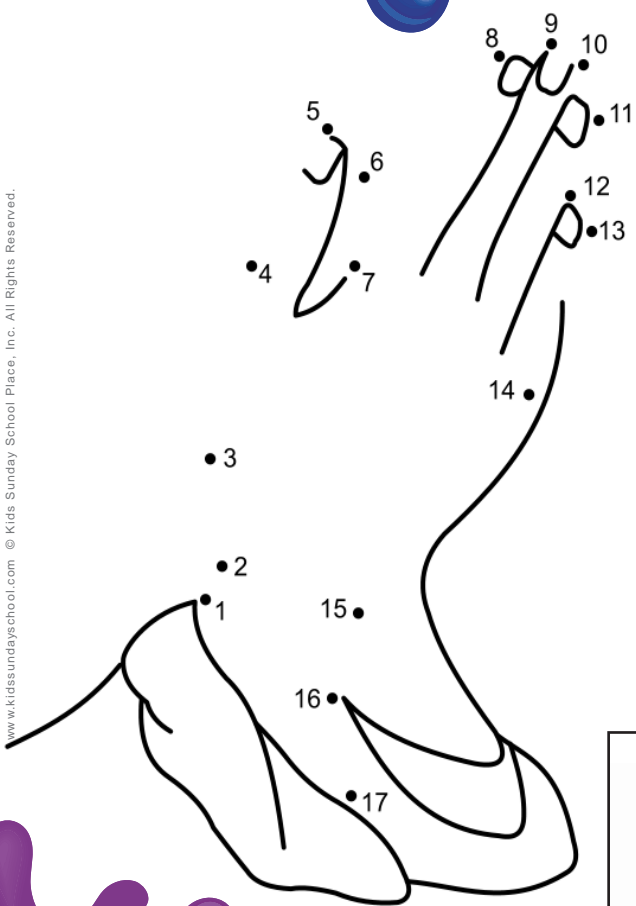
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little champions

JESUS PUZZLE

How many times can you find the word Jesus throughout the puzzle.

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JOIN THE DOTS

Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:9-13

Time to Pray

...for family...

...for friends...

...for those in need...

for family...

for friends...

for those in need...

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REGULAR PARISH SERVICE TIMES				
HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA				
Sunday 8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist		Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist	Saturday 6.00pm Saturday @ 6	Morning Prayer Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday) Evening Prayer Daily at 5.00pm
ALBURY	St Matthew's, Albury Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month) 5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)	CORRYONG	NORTHERN ALBURY	TAWONGA
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	EUROA	NUMURKAH NATHALIA	WANGARATTA
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	KILMORE	RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN	WANGARATTA WEST
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.	MANSFIELD	SHEPPARTON	WODONGA
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Bequests

John has been enriched in life. He has been blessed by God with a wonderful family and good health. After full filling his dreams with a successful career he has now retired and spends his time volunteering within his parish as a church warden. During his time volunteering he learned that his fellow parishioners have been generous and supportive of the work of God through the church and he wanted to follow in their foot steps.

So John went to visit his family lawyer to revise his will and to find a way he could help support the work of God. His lawyer suggested to him that he could name his parish as beneficiary in his will. So in addition to providing bequests for his grandchildren's education, John decided to provide ten percent of his estate to his parish church. This way, what he practices every Sunday as a committed parishioner will continue on. John's generosity will make a significant difference with in the life and work of his parish.

For more information please contact:
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Bequests can really make a difference.

People & Parishes



Jessica, Lucinda and Liam, confirmed at St Jude's El Dorado by Bishop John the week after Easter, with Deacon Sue and Canon Thomas Leslie, a very happy occasion.



Comparing the years that we became part of the Anglican Parish of Cobram church community - Erryl Noonan, 1960, Lynette Ainsworth, 1958 and Rene Stanyer, 1942.



Parishioners Beris Hannam and Caroline Burge at the Mothers' day luncheon held at the Parish of Kilmore.



Cameron Wallace and Harrison de Oliveira with Bishop John having a wonderful conversation about age.



Deacon Sue Hall, Canon Thomas Leslie, Vicar Bishop Lindsay Urwin OGS, and Maree Lee, who was confirmed during the Mother's Day service, at the new shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Walsingham, Parish of Beechworth.



Yvonne and Bishop John cutting the cake at St Dunstan's 140th anniversary.