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HISTORY IN THE MAKING



HISTORY IS LOCAL

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

One of the matters that emerged from the election back in May is that most politics is local. This is true also of history. It is usually the case that the greatest effects on our everyday lives are local. What we do, when we do it, how we do it, etc grows out of local events and

practices. This is especially true of the church.

When I went to Broken Hill, a quarter of a century ago, I asked the gathered servers and liturgical assistants how things were done. I was told, "we will do whatever you do." What followed was complete chaos. They did not know what I

was doing and I have to admit that I had little understanding of what they were doing. The text of the liturgy had not changed even one tiny little bit, but the actions and the movements created chaos. We sorted it out. We all adapted. A lot of that change had to be mine as many of the movements and actions were peculiar to that parish because of the particular architecture of the church. Local practice had a long history that

clergy and laity had developed over more than half a century before I arrived. The laity were the custodians of the knowledge even if, at first, they did not understand that.

Clergy find that local practices often have a venerable place in the local church because of the people who introduced them and nurtured them. Lay leaders within churches last a lot longer than the clergy.

The clergy come and go and the laity last for ever. It is usually lay people who tell the stories of their churches. It is always lay people who find the resources, money and personnel, to build and sustain the infrastructure for the mission and the ministry of the church. When we tell the stories of our churches we are usually telling the stories of lay people.

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Dedication of Stained Glass Window at St Paul's, Avenel

BY KATIE FISHER

A great number of local parishioners attended St Paul's Avenel Church on Sunday September 29th to celebrate the Dedication of the Dame Meryln Myer (1900-1982) Stained Glass Window.

The Rev'd Gunnar Rippon celebrated a service which saw young and old join together for a day of true fellowship and dedication.

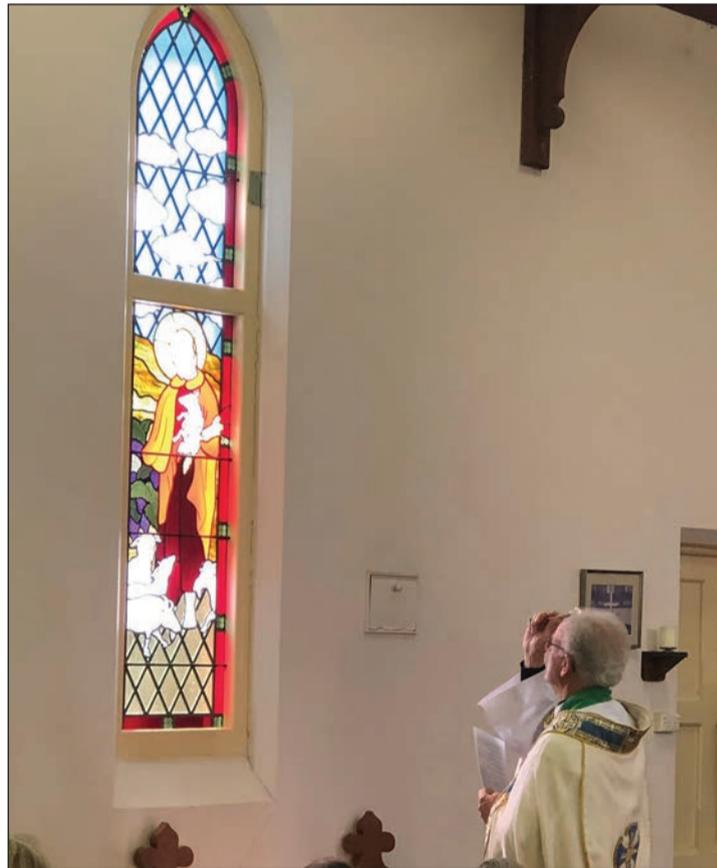
For the past two months, the Rev'd Gunnar Rippon has been the Locum for the Parish

of Central Goulburn. The Dedication service was Father Rippon's last one for the Parish – a fitting end.

In 1942, Dame Merlyn Myer purchased a local property at Avenel – Booroola - and became a strong and dedicated parishioner at St Paul's.

During this time Dame Merlyn continued to support St Paul's Avenel as well as local activities until her death in 1982.

PHOTO RIGHT: Rev'd Gunnar Rippon dedicating the stained glass window.



Shepparton Parish Celebrates Spring

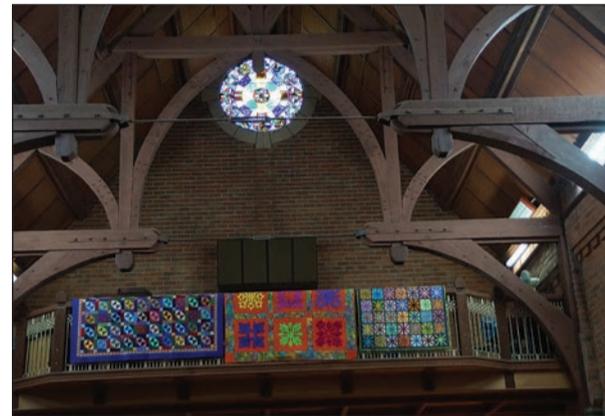
BY REVD DR HELEN MALCOLM

Spring was the theme for Shepparton Parish's annual Fair and Garden Party on 19th October and many stalls, tables and people were appropriately adorned. It is our biggest event for outreach to the community, welcoming them into our beautiful church and gardens. Of course they are also invited to contribute to our income by taking home jams and chutneys, cakes, Macedonian delicacies, treasures from the garage sale, glassware, books to read, gifts, handbags, jewellery, toys and plants to get the garden growing. It was also possible to just keep eating – from a BBQ breakfast, then Devonshire tea through to a gourmet lunch and heavenly desserts. Children entertained themselves in the jumping castle or

tried for prizes with various games.

The church pews and organ loft balustrade were adorned with stunning and colourful quilts from GV Quilters. These were moved in time for the free concert, with former and new artists of amazing calibre making the most of the acoustics and compèred by Rev. Gunnar Rippon. The minor raffle winners were announced and the six winners in the major raffle were drawn by the Rev. Helen Malcolm before workers and visitors had a cuppa and scones.

The weather was cool, a little windy, a little rainy – but then we were celebrating Spring! Parishioners, friends and families worked hard for weeks under the capable hand of Pat Gibson to produce another wonderful Fair – well done everyone.



St Luke's Centre for Spirituality

BY MOTHER EDEN NICHOLLS

On Saturday 17th August 2019, twenty two people gathered in the hall of St. Luke's Yea, for the first event of the St. Luke's Centre for Spirituality. The Celtic Christian Spirituality day was led by Cath Connelly, who is a spiritual director in the Diocese of Melbourne, a retreat leader and a professional Celtic harpist. Using prayer, poetry, art and music, Cath helped us explore the major themes of Celtic Christian Spirituality. The majority of those attending were not members of the parish and expressed interest in future events, placing their names on the mailing list.

UPCOMING EVENTS...



A DAY ON PRAYER - a day exploring prayer

Saturday 16th November - St. Luke's Yea

10.00am – 4.00pm

Morning Tea & Afternoon Tea provided

BYO Lunch or purchase from one of the local shops

\$5.00 per person (correct money appreciated)

RSVP for catering and handout purposes 0437-937-433

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THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW - SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2020

Our Canon Theologian, The Reverend Canon Professor Dorothy Lee, will lead the day. Details to be finalised.



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Creation Sunday at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The Parish of Kilmore kept Creation Sunday in September as a time of reflecting and giving thanks to God for all he has given us. The gift of light and life; the gift of plants and all living things; and most of all the gift of water which sustains us and feeds us. Our Collect for the day spoke of Jesus Christ who came as living waters to quench the thirsty - God, the very source of life, whose spirit hovered over waters at the time of creation; God in Jesus Christ, who came as living waters to quench the

thirsty; God the Holy Spirit, who waters and brings forth the fruit; grant us the wisdom and fortitude to preserve the waters of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almost 'everyone' has been brought up knowing the words of All Things Bright and Beautiful. How great that our Australian hymn books have a different version than the original traditional hymn written in 1848 by Anglo-Irish hymn writer Cecil Frances Alexander, as we sang joyfully "The wildflowers in their beauty, the mountain ranges tall, the billabongs

and rivers, and friendly birds that call" - (Together in Song - words written by Brian Black).

Our wonderfully talented and gifted Patty DuPlooy created a wonderful area in front of the altar at Christ Church, depicting life and water in our world with plants, running water (water feature), 'animals' (of the concrete garden ornament kind) and a globe representing our world.

PHOTO BELOW: Patty DuPlooy - creator of the Creation Sunday display at Christ Church



from the Dean



This month in The Advocate, we are taking a look at history. As a keen student of history I enjoy looking through human history and seeing how often we humans have not come very far, in spite of the great advances we have made in technology.

Many of the divisions and conflicts we see around our globe and even in our church are no different from those of previous generations and centuries, no matter how much we like to think our civilisation has advanced. As the Uruguayan author Eduardo Galeano once wrote, "History never really says goodbye. History always says, "See you later."

History can have both positive and negative aspects. We can tend to have an overly positive memory of the past. This is known in the field of psychology as 'Rosy Retrospection'. For our churches, this means we can often view our history in a more positive way than it actually was. The problem with this is that we can tend then to look at our present and our future in a more negative light, constantly reminding ourselves how wonderful the 'good old days' were and not seeing our present and our future as positive times we can live in with courage and look forward to with hope.

History is great, as long as we are willing to learn from it. How can the history of our Diocese and parishes teach us lessons about how we will move forward into God's future? It will not be just by remembering what worked well in the past, and hoping that might somehow work again, but by encouraging us that the church can, if faithful to God, learn new ways of telling the world the Good News.

As history shows, this may be a painful and at times difficult process, but if history teaches us anything it is that, as our Lord promises, 'with God all things are possible.'

The Very Rev'd Ken Goodger

DIOCESAN CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

9TH Bishop in Council. Bishops Lodge, Wangaratta

12TH Ecumenical Refugee Support & Action Network meeting. See ad on page 6 for details.

16TH SCAW refresher - Benalla. See ad on page 7 for details.

16TH A Day on Prayer - St Luke's, Yea. See page 2 for details.

16TH Parish Fete - Braodford. See ad on page 9 for details.

30TH Celebrating the Patronal Festival - St Andrew's, Longwood. See ad on page 7 for details

DECEMBER

10TH Bishop in Council. Village Hall, Respect, Wangaratta

21ST Bishop John's last service. See this page for details.



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The Bishop's Leadership Team

INVITES

Clergy, their families & all congregation members within the Diocese

To a Choral Eucharist at which Bishop John Parkes AM will lay up his Pastoral Staff

on the Feast of St Thomas, Apostle and Martyr
Saturday, 21st December 2019

11am at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta. Following the service, you are invited for a light luncheon to be held in the grounds of the Cathedral.



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Developing Ministry Together - Reflecting on ministry discussions

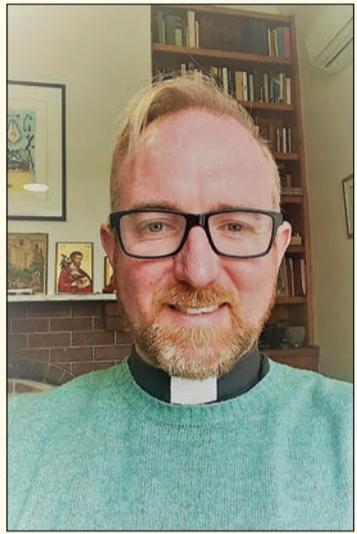
BY ARCHDEACON CLARENCE BESTER



During the months of August, September and October, a few of our number have been engaged in Ministry Conferences to help shape our understanding and be part of discussions with others in our field regarding their experiences and hope for the future.

The first of these was from 5-9 August in New Zealand where the focus was on Collaborative Ministry, a course which I attended in 2016 and 2017. The course for 2019 changed in shape and style with new presenters and coordinators and those who attended this course, will be able to lead discussions at future professional development days.

Canon Thomas Leslie reflects on his experience...



The Auckland Diocesan Collaborative Ministry Conference functions primarily as an annual resource to inform and strengthen Local Shared Ministry Units in the diocese. A number of clergy of the Diocese of Wangaratta attended the 2019 conference, with a view to examining the Local Shared Ministry (LSM) model and its potential application within the Diocese of Wangaratta. As the Diocese of Auckland states, in the LSM model, which has been running successfully for over twenty years, 'emphasis is on being a "ministering community", rather than being a community gathered around a minister. The intention is to find ways to express all the varied gifts of the people who are part of the communities. All the members of the congregation, led by a Ministry Support Team, share the responsibilities that are traditionally carried by a Vicar.'

The LSM Ministry Support Teams are comprised of both clergy and laity with a variety of gifts, who all share and contribute in supporting congregations by providing liturgical leadership, preaching, music, and pastoral care. The Team works in collaboration with Parish Councils to ensure good governance of the parishes or ministry districts with which it works. A Ministry Team may work alongside a single ministry district or be responsible for working with a number of ministry units.

The key element of the model is that the Ministry Support Team is a shared and collaborative resource for the ministry units it works alongside. It is not a 'pseudo-Vicar' or an alternative to a locum arrangement, but rather a new model of providing liturgical, pastoral, and theological support to a network of worshipping communities or congregations. In order for such a model to work, members of the Ministry Support Team have a policy of equal value and equal voice: there is not a single 'leader' who dominates, but a recognised system of consultation and active listening which takes into account the various skills and experiences of the members of the team. Alongside this, the LSM structure works best when congregations or communities adopt the same attitude: learning to share - a process which has often involved forming one combined Parish Council in what was previously a collection of separate parish districts, as well as learning to accept that a variety of lay and ordained persons will be involved in exercising various roles within both worship and pastoral care. The same person or people may not necessarily be involved in leading worship or extending pastoral care in the same centre every time: but rather a dynamic of different voices and skills (drawn out of both the local congregations and the Ministry Support Team) enrich the varied experiences for all centres involved.

There is much potential for such a collaborative approach within the Diocese of Wangaratta, but it will first involve individual centres and parishes bravely being willing to 'let go': not only potentially of previous models, associations, or clerical arrangements, but also of locally-held power or long-held rivalries. Our Diocese presently has a rich resource of musicians, lay ministers, clergy and pastoral carers, but at present many of these are restricted by parochial 'ownership', whether explicit, implicit, or unconscious. If this model is one which begins to be adopted in centres within our Diocese, we may need to learn, as one Body of Christ, to share - not only with the out-centres within our own parochial district, but perhaps even with the Parish next door, down the road, or across the river. As the Parish of Yarrowonga would attest - there are already good examples of such generous collaboration at work within the Diocese. Perhaps, as we discuss the future through the lens of appointment of a new Bishop, we will also begin to look towards new models of being God's people in the North east. As we do so, the LSM model may be one which might merit our consideration.

The second conference was a Rural Ministry Conference hosted by the Province of Victoria that took place in Blampied in Ballarat. Dr Jane Freemantle of the parish of Mansfield was one of those who attended and shares the following experiences with us.

Jane writes...

On a glorious spring weekend in October 2019, clergy and laity from 23 Anglican Diocese from around Australia came together in Blampied to explore the issues, challenges and opportunities for ministry in our rural and remote parishes and parochial districts.

The weekend was auspiced by Bishop Matt Brain of the Bendigo Diocese, ably supported by the Very Reverend Chris Chataway, Dean of St Peter's Ballarat. The weekend's deliberations were opened by an excellent paper from the Rev Neville Naden, Indigenous Ministry Officer BCA who gave an overview of Ministry within Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Bishop Cam Venables from the Diocese of South Queensland presented the results of a comprehensive survey of rural ministry that he had conducted. The paper provoked a discussion around common themes and difference across Australian ministering communities

A further sound foundation for the weekend was provided by Bishop Andrew Curnow, Provincial Officer, Province of Victoria, whose comprehensive paper on an underlying theology outside of the city underpinned a debate on foundational impetus and character of ministry in the bush.

The weekend focussed on the opportunities as well as the particular challenges of ministering to isolated communities separated by long distances. We were able to pray together as we heard about the particular challenges of supporting our

people gripped in the consequences of the most devastating drought in Australia's history followed, in a number of places, by destructive early season bush fire.

Meenal Selvaratnam, the Safe Ministry Officer (National Redress & Child Safety) at the Anglican Church of Australia, led an informed and comprehensive discussion on managing safe ministry in rural diocese. These were important discussions in light of the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and the expectation of significant change within church ministry.

We were delighted that Archbishop Philip Freier, Primate of Australia, joined us for the whole weekend and presented snapshots of what is happening in rural ministry throughout Australia. He drew on his own experience in bush ministry as well as reflecting on his experiences from his recent extensive tour through Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. Most importantly, he articulated what he saw were the imperatives for the future. The Primate's passion for rural and remote ministry was clearly evident and reflected his many years of experience working in rural and remote communities.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the obvious optimism and dedication of our clergy and laity, in not only providing support for people, in the most difficult of conditions, but also in believing so strongly in their mission and God's grace in their ministry.

A significant component of the weekend was the opportunity for the group to



share initiatives and solutions and space in the proceedings to pray together and for one another as we face different challenges in ministry in the regional and remote communities

The weekend concluded with agreement on a number of initiatives that included: determining to hold another rural ministries conference in 2021; establishing a Rural Ministries Network; enabling the sharing of resources, initiatives and reflections through establishing a (closed) monitored FaceBook group: remote and rural Anglican Ministry in Australia <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2472936049654757/>; acknowledging and supporting the ministry of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council and agreeing to use nomenclature that more accurately described rural and remote ministry.

On Friday 10 and Saturday 11 October, Rev'd André Du Plooy represented the Diocese at a National Ministry Conference organized through General Synod focusing on various aspects of ministry that are challenges throughout the national church.

André shares the following...

The intention of the conference was to start a National conversation on how we do ministry and mission. "We cannot continue doing the same thing and expect different results." The theme of the conference proposed radical changes as the two-day event was called the "Disruptive Ideas and Dangerous Questions Forum". This was to find new ways of leading the Church out of crisis in which more people become lapsed and unchurched.

Sam Sterland from the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) shared 25 years surveyed data to help shed light on our Context, Focus and Calling. He claimed that the data could help us in connecting with our community, in church health and vitality and in ensuring effective and sustainable leadership.

Reflections were offered on the following:

- The failure to attract migrant communities.
- Large proportion of disengaged people.

- People are looking for community; how is the church adapting.
 - Rural church lost 1/3 of its weekly attendance.
 - For everyone Anglican going to church there are 19 that do not go.
- The rest of the conference was held in conversation groups on:
- Models to stimulate innovative change.
 - The Role of laity in growing effective missional effectiveness.
 - Reaching millennials and young adults; The place of smaller communities in mission.
 - The role of the Bishop in hindering or promoting mission.
 - Crossing cultures for mission.
 - Pathways for developing entrepreneurial mission leaders; Different Parish models for mission.

Many success and sad stories were shared together with good ideas. Yet sadly, we were locked in a theme that was crisis driven and again we failed to listen deeply. It is not about the survival of the church and its buildings. The understanding of who we are and our calling to be the community of the



gospel that proclaim God's love for all of God's people regardless of race, creed, persuasion or culture is so often lost. Focusing on the King for the Kingdom to be manifested is primary. The Church that was called into being at Pentecost inaugurated a New Way, a way of living and being as a community of Faith, the very children of God. We need to find our way together.

In conclusion, reading these reflections and looking at the contextual development within our own Diocese, we will have to seriously engage in radical and intentional discipleship programs as we are faced with serious questions about our financial viability and ministry sustainability. In determining the status of Parishes in terms of section 8 and 9 of the Parish Governance Act, 12 parishes will now be termed Parochial Districts with two under close watch. It is our intention as we focus on our ministry and activities as a Diocese for 2020, to have a series of discussions, workshops and conferences on how we will be engaging to re-define and re-develop our ministry as a Diocese. The program and plan will be discussed further by the Diocesan Leadership Team, Bishop in Council and the leadership of our Diocesan Ministry Teams.

Every blessing, Clarence

History in our Diocese

The oldest inland church in Victoria!

BY CAROLINE BURGE

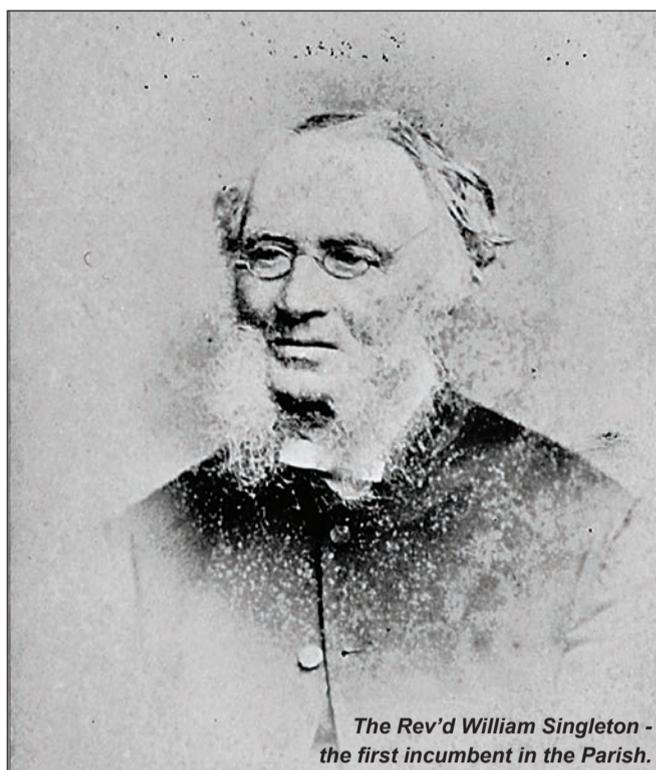
Christ Church, Kilmore, is proud to be the oldest inland church in Victoria. When celebrating the 150th anniversary of the parish this was disputed by a parish from the Melbourne diocese, but it was found to be correct with the word "inland", rather than the whole of Victoria.

The following words are part of the history on the Parish website.

The Parish of Kilmore was the fourth to be established after Portland, Melbourne and Geelong. It was the first inland Anglican Parish in Victoria.

The Reverend William Jones Thomas Singleton, M.A., a sincere and dedicated Christian from Ireland was invited to come to Kilmore as first Rector. He arrived in 1849 together with "his excellent wife, Frances" and a large family of children. He conducted his first service on 24th January, 1850 in the school house which also served as a chapel. The land had been donated by the Crown.

17th February, 1850. Rev



The Rev'd William Singleton - the first incumbent in the Parish.

Singleton opened the first school in Kilmore in the purpose-built School House building. Riding on horseback, communion services were held regularly at outlying homesteads. Victoria was made a separate colony from New South Wales in 1851. In the same year, gold was discovered and prospectors from many countries flocked to our districts. Many of these immigrants were married, buried and baptised by our early rectors.

On 19th November, 1857, the first stone of Christ Church, Kilmore was laid by Bishop Charles Perry. By January 1861 the first service was held in Christ Church, Kilmore. There had been 3 architects: Perrot, King and Fleury in succession, but despite many set-backs Christ Church, Kilmore was completed (except for the Bell Tower) in 1864.

On 22nd May, 1867 Christ Church, Kilmore was dedicated by Bishop Perry.



St Thomas' Buxton

BY SUE BOYLE

In April 1895 a site for a church in Buxton was gratefully accepted from James Batchelor, a local landowner, and Thomas Jackson was appointed to build it. The church of St Thomas was consecrated on 3rd May 1895 by the Bishop of Melbourne, the Right Reverend Field Flowers Goe—three months after the concept was first conceived.

PHOTO LEFT: St Thomas' Buxton as it is today



Christ Church, Marysville

BY SUE BOYLE

The original Christ Church was opened and dedicated on January 5th 1912 by the Right Reverend Thomas Armstrong, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Wangaratta. At that time it was part of the Parish of Alexandra which covered Marysville, Buxton, Narbethong and Taggerty. During WW2 the congregation was increased when students from Melbourne Church of England Girls' Grammar School and the Victorian School for the Deaf were evacuated to Marysville. It was decided

the church had to be enlarged. So, after the service one Sunday in 1942 the church was cut in two, a new section inserted and everything was finished in time for church the following Sunday!

In 1959 it was decided the church would be better placed closer to the road, so the whole church was moved down the very steep hill to the site the present church now occupies

PHOTO ABOVE: A sketch of the original Christ Church, destroyed in the Black Saturday bushfires

History is local

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In most of our communities we will find that it will have been a committee of lay people who raised the funds necessary to build our churches and rectories. It will have been lay people, and especially women, who have contributed most to sustain ministry in our communities. The stories of their faith, generosity and commitment must not be lost.

Saint Etheldreda's Church in Harrierville is an outstanding example of the faith, generosity and commitment of lay people. This church started out life as a Methodist Church. It was built as a place for the worship of almighty God. It has always been a church. By the middle of the twentieth century it had fallen on hard times. The windows were broken, the doors hanging off. It was a mess. Into this stepped a lay woman, Catherine Staff, who made a significant contribution to funds to buy the building and the land so that it became a Church of England Church. It was,

perhaps, not a particularly auspicious moment. The gold had largely run out, the dredge had stopped work at Harrierville and the village population was falling. Nevertheless, church life developed and another significant donation, ten years later, from Dorothy Pearson, enabled its refurbishment and purchase of new furnishings to significantly improve the building. Dozens of people have been involved in maintaining the building for worship. There are wonderful stories of magnificently idiosyncratic parishioners that have given life to St Etheldreda's. Faith and commitment mean that more than a century on from the building of a Methodist Church there is weekly Anglican worship in Harrierville.

These stories risk being lost since we stopped writing on paper. (I have a significant number of computer files from the late eighties that I can no longer open.) Local history requires local scribes

to keep the records and the stories. We often hear it said that the church is not a building but a community of the faithful. The building is the place where we meet and worship together. The community is held together by its stories. Our stories are our memories and it is from those that we have developed our connections and our commitments and it from all these that we have our hopes.

I do not know what the Methodists who first built their church in Harrierville were thinking more than a century ago. I am not sure what a bunch of Anglicans, more than sixty years ago, were thinking when they bought a largely derelict building and dedicated it under the patronage of Saint Etheldreda. But what I do know is that their vision and commitment mean that there is regular and visible witness to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in Harrierville in the twenty-first century.



The shrine in the church grounds of St Etheldreda, Harrierville

Parish Partnerships

BY CATHY NESBITT



Can you believe it is October already? I am approximately 4 weeks into the role as Community Development Worker and thoroughly enjoying it. So what has been happening?

Loaves & Fishes – Christians Caring AGM
Loaves and Fishes – Christians Caring held their annual AGM on Thursday 17th October 2019 at St. Michael's Church. Thank you St Michael's Church for your hospitality.

The new committee was elected with Ron Webb accepting nomination for Chairperson and Robert Bridgfoot accepting nomination for Deputy Chairperson.

If anyone would like a copy of the annual report, please contact the Anglicare Victoria office in Wangaratta.

Emergency Relief

I have visited the Emergency Relief centres in Bright, Mount Beauty and Euroa and met all the wonderful volunteers that operate these centres. They all do a great job, well done to all. The ER centres are well into their preparation for the Christmas season.

ER Forums

Benalla ER Forum was on Wednesday the 16th October and was well attended. Some great ideas were discussed regarding moving forward and what next.

The next Wangaratta ER forum will be held on Monday 28th October at the HP Barr Community centre.

Grab A Grocery

Loaves & Fishes – Christians Caring will be holding their next Grab a Grocery on Saturday the 23rd November at both Coles and Woolworths, Wangaratta.

In the next week I will send out an Expression of Interest to the parishes regarding the Grab a Grocery campaign to see if anyone else may be interested in doing something similar in their town.

Christmas

In November we will commence taking details of families for Christmas gifts. This is in partnership with The Salvation Army.

Brick Club

I currently have boxes and boxes of Lego sitting in my office. I will meet with key stakeholders in the near future to look at getting a program start date.

What next?

I would love the opportunity to meet with as many of you as possible at some stage, so please if you want to make a time to catch up, contact me on 03 57237903 or Cathy.Nesbitt@anglicarevic.org.au

Christian Meditation

BY REV'D MICHELLE WOOD

Dear Friends,

I have a dream about ministry and future possibilities in this diocese. It is not big; it is very small. In its smallness is a sense of the eternal unchangeable God and the human heartbeat of Christ.

In the Gospels we listen to the heartbeat of Christ and subsequently seek to fashion our lives in accordance to the highest form of love which Christ reveals.

St Benedict wrote that we need to listen with the 'ear of our heart.'

However, to open one's 'ear of the heart,' to really hear the Gospel and live it, requires a type of psychological growth and spiritual insight that cannot be found easily in the busyness of modern life.

The contemporary person rarely has an opportunity to pray on bended knee and in silence. The sound of prayerful silence was once so present in our churches. If you attend any church in the diocese and look closely at the furnishings you will see that we were once a people who knelt in quietness, in humility, in reverence, and in awe. The artistry and beauty of our kneelers are like archaeological remains of a bygone devotional practice.

How can we find new ways of opening the beauty and depth of our tradition to ourselves and the outside world, and be living examples of people transformed by the ancient sacred prayer practices and liturgy of the Anglican tradition?

Christian Meditation assists one to re-find this inward posture of humility, reverence, devotion and expansion through the prayer of silence.

I began to meditate 20 years ago. I went to an Anglican Church in this diocese and first learnt by attending a weekly Christian Meditation group. Each week the group met for about 30 mins, we listened to a talk by John Main OSB (1926-1982) and meditated for 20 mins in silence and then finished with a prayer or a poem. Through this regular practice in a group a door was opened for me, and the 'ear of my heart' began to listen more in church services, more to people in my work, and more attentively to my then small children. I became more aware of the presence



of God in every aspect of my life. I developed a regular 20 mins silent meditation practice before morning and evening prayer each day. I have kept it faithfully over all this time whether I was in Istanbul or on the banks of the Murray. I have been to monasteries all over the world but mostly what I have found is that it is really your own daily dedicated faithful practice that is your best teacher.

So, when I think of my hopes for future ministry in this diocese, I hope to support the growth of Christian Meditation.

In 2020 I will be developing services and teaching about solitude, silence and meditation as a creative spiritual path.

Through silence we can find a prayer posture of attentiveness and openness to God and communion with one another.

I believe Christian Meditation can assist us to attend to things with the 'ear of the heart' as St Benedict coined.

If you are interested in Christian Meditation and would like to learn more, connect with others, have help to start a local group or share your experiences, please email me: michelle.wood2010@gmail.com

Wangaratta and District Ecumenical Refugee Support and Action Network Meeting

3 pm 12 November 2019

Uniting Church meeting
room Rowan Street
Wangaratta



Guest Speaker: Maris Berry - Corowa "Who is My Neighbour Inc"

Topic: The Experience of a rural Ecumenical Social Justice network

Maris will tell us how the churches in Corowa set up an Ecumenical Social Justice network with a focus on bringing refugees and new migrants to the community and how they engaged and partnered with service providers, local Government, businesses, and real estate agents.

For further information and to RSVP to: Suzie Don Leonard
Email: suziedl@westnet.com.au or phone / SMS— 042857597



MU Australia
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

The Anglican Mothers' Union Australia conference is held every eighteen months. The members of the Executive generally meet for two days before the Diocesan presidents or Diocesan representatives gather. The last meeting was in May last year. On two occasions there have been representatives from the Province of Papua New Guinea, The Province of Melanesia and the Province of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia.

During my first conference I met two ladies from PNG. They represented different areas of the country. I remember Ida well, she lived in the coastal region and her activities differed from her companion who represented the inland members. Ida was a delightful lady who was very concerned about family life in the cities. During the last MU elections Ida was elected as a MU General Trustee attached to Mary Sumner House.



Enjoyable Spring Cruise on Goulburn Explorer

BY DIANE GRANT

The little "Goulburn Explorer" boat that cruises around Lake Nagambie, the Goulburn River to the local wineries and the waterways to Kirwan's Bridge has beautiful scenery to enjoy.

The Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn Mother's Union (MU) booked a boat cruise on the Goulburn Explorer for Sunday, 13 October for an outing for their parish folk and friends.

The pleasant sunny day, welcomed the boat cruise guests as they boarded the vessel to enjoy their social cruise.

The passengers and Chris Pinner and Glen Swan, the two crew men and hostess Jill Chugg enjoyed the two hour cruise to Kirwan's Bridge.

The boat cruisers enjoyed the Devonshire tea en route.

It was very pleasant cruising the waterways and seeing the water bird life, the spring growth on the river bank trees and reflections of the stately gums along the river with a fluffy white cloud and blue picture post card sky above

The boat passed the small little islands of the Goulburn River wetlands,

lily pad gardens, little holiday shanties on the river banks and people enjoying recreation along the banks or using their watercraft on the river and lake now the warmer weather is here.

The cruise guests enjoyed the scenery, good food and fellowship and all agreed it was a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon and have a happy social time together

PHOTO ABOVE: Going ashore! Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn Mothers' Union and their guests from the "Goulburn Explorer" river boat cruise leaving the vessel on Sunday 13 October, at Lake Nagambie.

Safe Church Safe People

BY NIKKI COLLINS

So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, adieu...

Four years ago I started work in the Diocese as assistant to Bishop John. After years of complex systems change and project management work I was looking for a quieter time in an administrative role. Little did I know that 2016 would see the beginning of a series of changes that would significantly affect the Diocese, and reshape my role here.

Starting with the Victorian Child Safe Standards and continuing with the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse,

religious organisations and any organisation involving children have had to review just about every aspect of how they operate. It has been something of a roller coaster ride ever since for all those who have been involved in this work.

For personal reasons I will be finishing up in the Diocese in mid-November. The safe church implementation work is not finished yet and will be continued by the Diocesan leadership team and the Safe Church Committee, who have been involved in this journey from the beginning. I understand a new Diocesan Safe Church Officer will be appointed

soon. I am extremely happy that the Safe Church Officer Network has recently been established and will be strengthened over the coming months. That Network includes people from right across the Diocese who will support each other and their parishes with safe church processes.

I want to thank everyone I have worked with, from this Diocese and elsewhere, in my time with the Diocese. Together, we have achieved a huge amount in just a couple of years. I wish you all the best for whatever lies ahead.

Nikki



Celebrating the Patronal Festival

30th November, 6.30 pm

all former parishioners, clergy and any visitors are invited to join us at St Andrew's, Jean Street, Longwood.

For a service of celebration conducted by the Vicar General followed by a Pub Tea.

Please contact Jim Brooks at 57953329 or Libby Woodhouse at 57953200 to confirm your attendance.

Safe Church Refresher Workshop

Saturday 16th November 2019

Holy Trinity, Benalla

The Old Court House at Holy Trinity
69 Arundel Street, Benalla

10am - 1pm

Please arrive by 9.45am to sign in
Registration from 9.30am

\$20 per person

Morning tea provided

RSVP

Bookings close Thu 7th November
Pre-registration is required
Places are limited
Eventbrite registration link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/safe-church-refresher-workshop-benalla-tickets-76160745841>

The Safe Church Refresher Workshop is for church leaders and volunteers who have previously attended a Safe Church Awareness Workshop and are looking to update their skills and knowledge.

Topics:

- Relevant changes and updates to legislation, policies and procedures
- New areas of focus and information regarding Safe Church practices
- Review and discuss progress of implementation at your church
- Share experiences since initial workshop
- Explore and Review key issues
- Share resources
- Explore new scenarios, hypotheticals, various sub-culture adaptations, protective behaviours

Registration

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

Enquiries

Contact the Registry on 03 5721 3484 or via email training@wangeratta-anglican.org.au for more information.

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.



SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS...

**On Climate Alarmism**

BY HELEN VOOGT

Readers of the October 2019 edition of the "Advocate" would have noted the article relating to "Climate Alarmism"

Readers may not understand that the denying of the science of climate change is a well funded, well organised and very effective industry. The proof of just how effective the misinformation industry is is well documented, as was the case with the risks of smoking tobacco, and the use of asbestos etc.

Secondly, many climate deniers make the most fundamental mistake that can be made in researching any topic. Believing what an expert is reputed to have said as distinct from what the expert actually said is certain to lead to incorrect conclusions.

Readers may care to look at <https://www.planning.org.au/documents/item/164> which are notes used by Prof Pitman in a talk. In case readers do not have access to the Internet, here are some quotes from Prof Pitman's slides:

- It is virtually certain that humans are warming the planet and will continue to do so.
- It is now extremely likely that this warming is causing changes in climate, climate extremes and will continue to do so in the future.
- Earth has warmed 0.74oC over last century
- Warming of the climate system is unequivocal – atmosphere – oceans (to at least 3000m) – snow and ice are melting, flora and fauna are changing
- More intense and longer droughts have been observed over wide areas since the 1970s
- The current drought cannot be attributed to global warming, but is consistent with the sorts of changes projected

It is perfectly understandable that people think that climate change is just a media beat-up, because that is what is portrayed in most media, - newspapers, TV and social media. However, if readers care to go to the source documents, they may form a different opinion. A good short-cut to reliable information is to look at <https://skepticalscience.com/>

I could go on, but I only want to convince readers to be careful about what they read.

On a more personal level, we have 6 grandchildren growing up in this diocese, currently attending Wodonga Primary school, Wodonga Catholic College, and Wangaratta Cathedral College. All three schools support the very best of family and community values and we are very thankful for the excellent education they are exposed to. I was both proud and encouraged when three of our grandchildren asked to participate in the recent Climate Change Strike. They were accompanied by their mother and grandparents.

Everyone is invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas to this section. Submissions must include a name to be printed with the article and should be kept to around 300 words.

Publication of all contributions is dependent on space availability and are printed at the discretion of the publisher. The views expressed in this section are not necessarily the views of the Diocese of Wangaratta.

This column will be the last one on the topic of Climate Alarmism.

Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

For Christians history is fundamentally important. Whenever we gather together we talk about what was said and done two thousand or more years ago. A wandering healer and preacher from the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea is at the very centre of our faith. What Jesus said and what Jesus did are critical for who we think that we are. What was going on in Galilee and Judaea when Jesus was walking around concerns us greatly. Why were so many people so significantly affected by this Jesus? Why, two thousand years later, do we think that it is important to remind ourselves of what was said and done all that time ago? When I was a young teenager at an ordinary high school in Cooma I learned Latin and read poems by Ovid and parts of Caesar's accounts of his wars in Gaul. It was great fun, it was very interesting, but nobody gathers each Sunday to read and reflect on this great literature. Every Sunday, at least, hundreds of millions of people gather to remember Jesus and to hear about what he said and did amidst the tumultuous times of the establishment of the Roman Empire.

One of the criticisms that I often hear of the church is that it is bogged down in the past. How can we be any other? At the very least at the centre of our common life is the Bible. Most scholars think that the stories began to be written down during the reigns of Saul and David, a thousand years before the birth of our Lord and that the final documents in the New Testament were written about a century after the events of the death and resurrection of our Lord. The youngest part of the Bible is nearly nineteen hundred years old. Of course, we are bound to the past. This is why we need to understand history.

In just considering the Bible we probably need to ask ourselves why it was thought important during the reigns of Saul and David to write down the stories about Abraham and Sarah, that date from a thousand or so years earlier, along with those of the Exodus. The same is true of the stories about Jesus. Saint John, at the end of his gospel, tells us that he has told us only a limited number of stories, but he has chosen them as they tell us enough to give us faith. Why do the evangelists tell us what they

tell us? What was going on in the church and the surrounding society that made these particular stories so important?

But are we really bogged down in the past? Why do we tell these stories week in and week out? Just as the Bible was written for its contemporary audience so we tell the stories for those of us who gather at the end of the second decade of the twenty-first century in rural and regional Victoria. The stories about Abraham and Sarah were not told just because they were interesting but because they told the Jewish people something very important about themselves a thousand years after Abraham and Sarah left Haran. They still tell Jewish people something very important about themselves. They tell Christians something very important about ourselves.

Our history is bound to these stories and these stories open us to the future. We are not bogged down in the past. We are bound to the past because it is our past that propels us towards the future. We have memories and we have hope. Our hope is founded on our memories. We trust in God because we know of God's faithfulness. God was faithful with Abraham and Sarah, and at the least, that was very important for those who were trying to establish the Kingdom of Israel trusting in the faithfulness of God.

Jesus emerged in Galilee preaching good news about the coming of the kingdom of God. The coming of the kingdom of God is still good news. Why it is good news now partly depends upon why it was good news then. For nearly two thousand years Christians have thought about the good news of the kingdom and the good news of the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. The history of Christian reflection opens us to a wealth of ideas about the good news for now and for the future. The good news is good news — as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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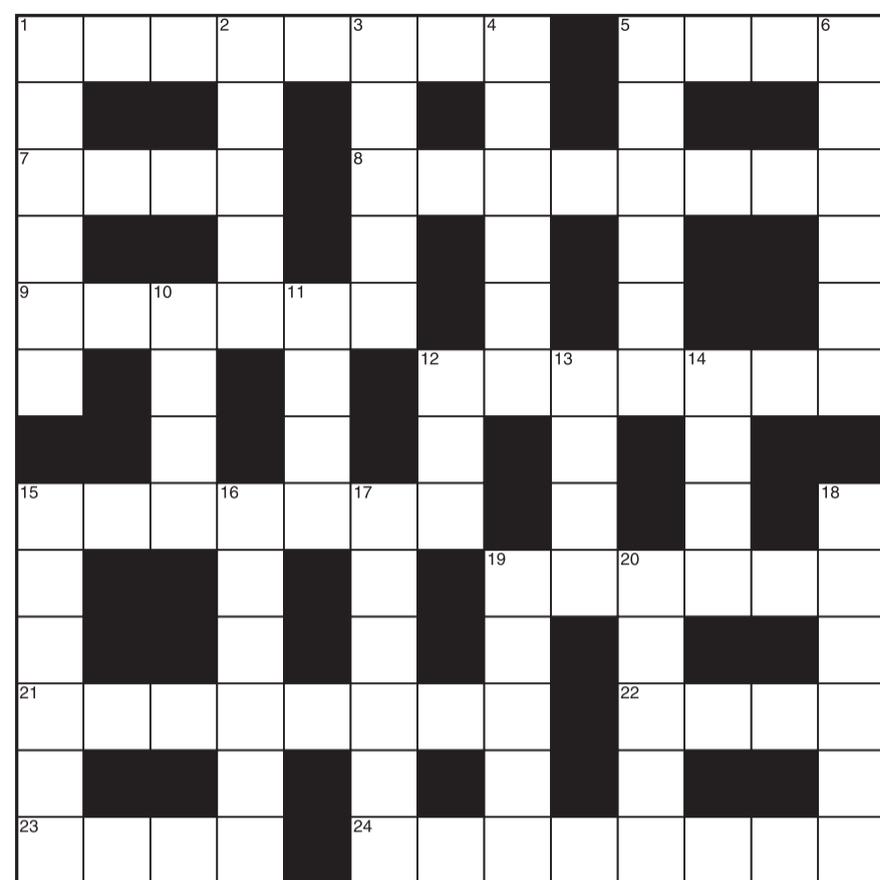
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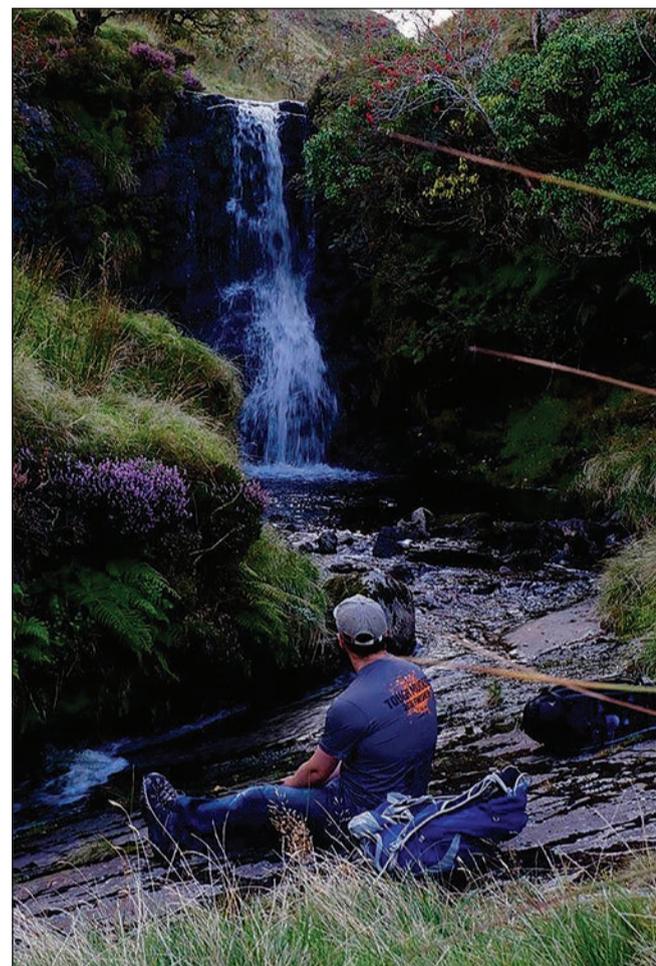
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Thank you,

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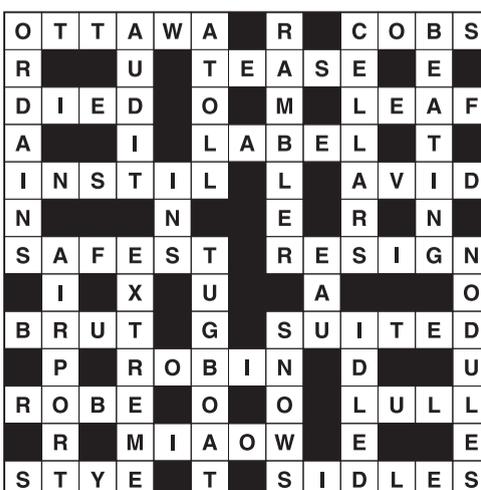
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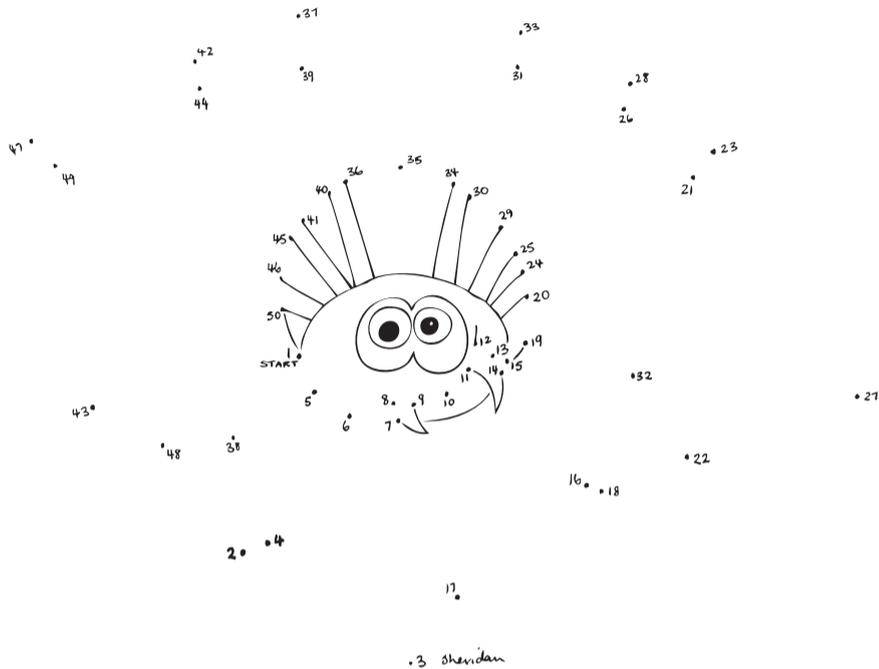


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	Sunday 8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist	Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist	Saturday 6.00pm Saturday @ 6	Morning Prayer Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday)	Evening Prayer Daily at 5.00pm
ALBURY	St Matthew's, Albury Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month) 5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)	St John's, Alexandra Sunday 9.30am Eucharist	St Mark's North Albury 10am Sunday 9.30am Wednesday Eucharist St. James' Lavington 8.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays 6pm 1st Saturday, Prayer & Meditation Thursday 10am Eucharist St. John's Thurgoona 8.30am Eucharist 1st and 3rd Sundays Family service 4th Sunday. St. Paul's Jindera 10.30am 2nd & 4th Sundays.	St Aidan's Tawonga 2nd and 4th Sunday at 5.00pm	
ALEXANDRA	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 Harrierville Sunday 9am Eucharist	St Paul's Euroa Sunday, 9.30am Holy Communion Morning prayer: TBA First Thursday of the month: 10.30am Anglican Prayer Service and Holy Communion at Granite Hill St Andrew's Longwood Sunday (1st, 3rd & 5th) 8am Holy Communion St Dunstan's Violet Town Sunday (2nd & 4th) 11.30am Holy Communion Second Thursday of the month: 10am Anglican Prayer Services and Holy Communion at Violet Town Bush Nursing Home	St George's Numurkah Sunday 10.30am Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Nathalia Sunday 9.00am Eucharist St Paul's Wakiti Creek 1st Sunday 1.30pm Holy Communion	All Saints Moyhu 1st Sunday 9.30am Eucharist Holy Trinity Whitfield 3rd Sunday 11am Eucharist Christ Church Greta 3rd Sunday 9am Eucharist	
ALPINE	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.	Christ Church Kilmore Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist 4th Sunday 5pm Meditation Service St Matthew's Broadford Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist St Stephen's Tallarook Sunday 11am Holy Eucharist Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong 1st & 3rd Sunday 4pm Holy Eucharist 5th Sunday 11am Family Service rotates between Broadford, Tallarook and Pyalong. See parish website.	St Stephen's Rutherglen Sunday 8.45am Eucharist Thursday 9.00am Eucharist (M.U. on 2nd) All Soul's Barnawartha 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Browns Plains 3rd Sunday 7.45am Kids Church during Term 5th Sun 10.45am St Paul's Chiltern 1st & 3rd Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Wednesday 9.00am Eucharist Christ the King Wahgunyah 4th Saturday 6pm Eucharist	St Michael's Wangaratta West Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am St Paul's Glenrowan Sunday 11am St George's Taminick 1st & 3rd Sunday 8am St Johns Village Chapel Tuesday 10am + Saturday 5pm	
BEECHWORTH	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	St John's Mansfield Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion Friday 12 noon Meditation Christ Church Bonnie Doon 2nd Sunday 11.30am Anglican Church Service 4th Sunday 11.30am - Uniting Church Service St Peter's Jamieson 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	St Augustine's Shepparton Sunday: Eucharist 8.30am, 10.30am (Family Service) Fifth Sunday: combined service 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am St. Luke's Dookie 2nd Sunday: 8.45am: Eucharist 4th Sunday 9am alt. with Uniting Church. Christ Church Murchison Sunday: 11am: Eucharist 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays; Morning Prayer 2nd Sunday St. Paul's Rushworth Sunday : 9am: Eucharist 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays; Morning Prayer 4th Sunday 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service.	St John's Wodonga Saturday 5pm Vigil Eucharist Sunday 7.30am Eucharist 9.30 am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 9am Meditation 10am Eucharist 4th Sunday 6pm Taize 5th Sunday 6pm Choral Evensong Emmanuel 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Holy Trinity Bethanga 4th Sunday 9.30am Eucharist	
BENALLA	Christ Church Seymour Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am St. John's Nagambie Sunday 11am St. Paul's Avenel 8am 1st Sunday of the Month	Christ Church Marysville 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday 10.00am Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion St Thomas Buxton 2nd and 4th Sunday 10.00am	Christ Church Tallangatta Sunday 9.00 am 3rd Sunday Family Service 10.30 am	Holy Trinity Yackandandah 1st & 3rd Sundays 10.30am Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30 Morning prayer St Mark's Tangambalanga 2nd Sunday 10.30 Eucharist 4th Sunday 8.45am Eucharist St Paul's Allan's Flat 1st & 3rd Sunday 8.45am Eucharist St Andrew's Dederang 1st & 3rd Sunday 7.00pm Eucharist	
CENTRAL GOULBURN	St Margaret's Cobram Sunday 9-9.15am reflection time 9.30am Eucharist 5th Sunday Parish Eucharist Wednesday 10am.			St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10am St Thomas' St James 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30am Eucharist	
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Photo captions - ① Face painting at the Shepparton Parish Fair and Garden Party - article on page 2. ② 'Mr Prickles' joined in the fun at the Annual Blessing of Pets and Animals at the October Beechworth Famer's Market. Afterwards, Fr Thomas discovered just how prickly a character this little visitor was. ③ Parishioners from St Paul's Avenel at the dedication of the Dame Meryln Myer Stained Glass Window. ④ Reader - Gareth at St Matthew's, Broadford, Patronal Festival in September ⑤ Attendees at the recent Rural Ministries Conference - article on page 4. ⑥ Fr André DuPlooy with St Matthew's, Broadford serving team - Eleanor, Beryl Kirby and Bruce Radford

