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## Welcoming in the New Year....and a new Bishop!

BY REV HELEN MALCOLM

The Venerable Clarence Edgar Bester, currently Administrator of the Diocese of Wangaratta, has been an ordained priest in the Anglican Church for almost half his eventful and productive life. He was born, raised and educated in Cape Town, South Africa. Prior to his ordination Clarence worked as a library assistant, preparing

him well for all the documents he will deal with as a Bishop, as well, it seems, as training his mind to retain and catalogue information and reactivate it as required. This is evidenced by his seemingly encyclopaedic knowledge of dates, places, rules and regulations and, perhaps most noticeable to members of the Diocese, peoples' names and circumstances – a great gift for a Bishop.

In 1993 Clarence entered theological college and in 1996 was made a Deacon in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. In his first posting as a Deacon he met Michelle and, impressed by her zest and love for life, they were married four years later. In 2001 Kian, who has just completed year 12 in Wangaratta, was born. Kyle was born in 2004 and will do Year 10 at Cathedral College this year.

Just nine months after becoming a Deacon, Clarence was ordained as a Priest. His subsequent journey is one of rising steadily to positions of increasing responsibility, often as the youngest person to occupy those roles: curate, parish priest, rector, territorial archdeacon and then, in 2010, Archdeacon to the Ordinary (Bishop) in the Diocese of False Bay. Over those years, wherever he was posted, the story is one of growing congregations, establishment of ministry education, Parish visiting programs and Strategic Plans, as well as ensuring sound financial and pastoral management of parishes and beyond. He also set up social development initiatives and partnered with local and USA organisations to initiate relief and skills development programs. His passion for youth ministry and the environment also bore fruit in parishes where he was based.

Clarence's belief in the importance of the empowerment of laity led to an 'Every Member Ministry Style' which was 'lay driven and clerically serviced' to great success, enabling parishes to stay alive.



The Venerable Clarence Edgar Bester



New grass growing after the fires.

## Turning to God in times of trouble

BY REV MITCH PORTER

Some readers may be familiar with a series of books by Giovanni Guareschi about a Roman Priest in a small Italian village in the 1950s named Don Camillo. By the will of God, and often his own idiosyncrasies, he finds himself mixed up in all sorts of amusing and amazing adventures. I recommend it highly to all, especially my fellow clergy as a source of great inspiration for ministry.

In one of his stories he finds himself in disguise in communist Russia on board a ship that runs into a great storm. As the ship starts to take on water the men and women on board, all card-carrying communist party members of course, cry out to be saved. Don Camillo reveals himself to be a priest at this point, stands on the deck and raising his silver crucifix on high, (which had been well -hidden), calls on the almighty for protection and safety.

The storm passes. The ship and her crew are all safely delivered to port and nothing is said on the matter until, as Don Camillo

is leaving the ship, now safely disguised again, the ship's Captain comes to him and says in a very Russian way "In dire extremity man remembers his God".

Up here in what we lovingly refer to as 'God's own country' there has been an awful lot of dire extremity and even more remembering of our God. Having spent the first 8-9 days primarily at the Corryong relief center as hundreds and hundreds of people came through, I lost count early of the number of times I was asked for blessings, for prayers, for words of hope or just a quite smoke in the corner. These encounters happened not because of who I am, but because of the uniform we Priests wear: a uniform that still stands out as a big old signpost that here is a person who works for the God of the universe; a person who works for the God who offers hope and comfort and peace and who works all things for good for those that love him. Despite what we often think, the vast majority of people have not forgotten God. Not up here anyway.

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## Turning to God in times of trouble

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As the fires roared closer and closer to town on Tuesday morning and as the CFA went door to door hurriedly making sure we were out of the way and when it looked as though the flames were at our heels and the main street was on fire the local Baptist minister and I stood on the lawn out the front of his Church and prayed. We invoked the most precious name of Jesus and prayed for God's mercy and protection over Corryong, its people and its surrounds. He and I are both convinced that God heard us both and the many people that would have been praying the same thing that day.

Now the fires are out and the rebuilding and recovery stages begin we are learning how to continue to praise God in the midst of a disaster. We are learning how to be grateful for the great generosity of our fellow Australians and how to support each other locally. We are learning how to listen and speak with those who have lost so much and we are learning how we can offer the strength and peace of God

to uphold and sustain them in all that is still to come.

You will not find a sense of hopelessness in Corryong or surrounds at the moment. You will find tough tired people getting on with the next step in rebuilding alongside countless tough tired volunteers helping where they can. You will find a lot of humour amongst the grief and loss and you will find countless stories of self-sacrifice, courage and bravery that one will struggle to comprehend. Yet they are true.

And you will find a new slogan up here in God's own country. One that will hopefully last a very long time and stand as a reminder that in dire extremity man remembers his God and that we have been blessed in all things. "God rides shotgun in Corryong".

With every thanks for your help, prayers and concern.

Fr Mitch Porter  
Corryong and surrounds.

### Bushfire Relief Fund

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# VCCEM volunteers provide support for victims of bushfires

BY MARGARET BRICKHILL

For most of January there have been Anglicans, other Christians and some from other faiths, in blue polo shirts and white vests in Relief Centres across our diocese, and in the Diocese of Gippsland.

They were trained volunteer Personal Support Workers and Chaplains accredited by the Victorian Council of Churches, providing Psychological First Aid and Emotional and Spiritual Care for people affected by the bush fires across the north and east of the state.

There have been fourteen Relief Centres set up by Local Government Authorities across the state. Some volunteers have travelled long distances into our diocese to meet the demand for support.

More volunteers are needed to provide this important ministry which is acknowledged with appreciation by LGA staff. VCC Emergencies Ministry volunteers provide a calm presence in Relief Centres and listening ears for those who need to visit for a variety of support and resources.

VCC Emergencies Ministry has prepared a draft statewide training calendar for the early part of 2020. Clergy and laity are all encouraged

to find out more about the work of VCC Emergencies Ministry and the training provided.

Training is planned in both Broadford and Beechworth on Saturday 21 March. You can get more information by visiting the website [www.vccem.org.au](http://www.vccem.org.au) or by phoning 9412 8481.

It is hoped that support can be provided to assist with the cost of training. One way could be for parishioners who are not able to train for this ministry to contribute to the cost of training for someone else in the congregation.

There will be more information



about training and financial support in the March Advocate. In the meantime 'save the date' and consider becoming a VCC Emergencies Ministry volunteer.

**Photo Below:** Lesley Baker (Yackandandah Parish) & Denis Martin (Indigo Shire), were at the Relief Centre that was set up in the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre in early January.



## Only one Earth: The Spirit of God is the power behind new beginnings

BY GILL BAKER

Deep and profound is the empathy we feel for those whose lives have been put into turmoil by the bushfires; the sadness we feel for the suffering of livestock, so cruelly burned; for the wildlife that suffered a similar fate, and for those left alive but disoriented and in pain. In paddocks that were already turning to dust, and forests that were tinder dry, even the tiny organisms in the soil will be decimated.

It will take great physical and emotional strength for those who lost their homes and livelihoods, and in the saddest of cases, family members, to regain any sense of direction in their lives. But somehow

that new sense of direction must belong to us all because, as those closest to the land and those fighting the fires have said, we are moving into uncharted territory, and as such, we need to look at how, as a nation, we can adapt to this.

For decades now the majority of us have had access to a plentiful variety of foods, more clothes than we ever need in a lifetime, comfortable homes and the ability to travel at will. Our children have been indulged to the point where they expect to be indulged at a whim, and in order for all this to happen financial gain has become the priority in life. Economic growth has become the driving force of governance, and consumption

has become more important than contentment. To achieve this way of living we have used the resources of the Earth and turned them into things we have to have or do, producing consummate levels of waste in the process. The consequences have crept up on us unwittingly, until now.

It's time to look seriously at changing our value systems. As we walk through the burnt forests in a few months' time and see green twigs sprouting from some of the less badly burned trees, and tiny green fronds popping out of the tops of tree ferns, we may be ready to look with a new sense of wonder and responsibility for the Planet and all its creatures.

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# Induction of Rev Jerome Francis as Priest in Charge, Parish of Shepparton

BY REV HELEN MALCOLM

The Parish of Shepparton started the new Church year with the induction of our new Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Jerome Francis, who, with his wife Amanda and sons Caleb and Connor, we are delighted to welcome to Australia and the parish.

Jerome has had extensive experience in the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, most recently in Capetown. He has also had international experience in the USA, Jerusalem and Mauritius and has attended the Anglican Consultative Councils in Lusaka and Hong Kong and the Community of the Cross of Nails International

Gathering in Coventry, England. He comes to Shepparton with a passion for community building, pastoral care, social and environmental justice and ecumenism.

At the induction service the Vicar General, Archdeacon Clarence Bester, preached on the Gospel of the day, Matthew 9:35 - 10:8, the sending out of the disciples. He reminded us of the importance of setting our priorities to those of the Gospel - mission and ministry - deciding where our time, talents and treasure should be focused. He quoted, the Dean, Rev. Ken Goodger, who, on a previous occasion, had reminded us that we

must be willing to knock on the doors of others. As Jesus encouraged and empowered the disciples, the Church needs to re-engage people who will be willing to go out and make connections with others.

In the short time Jerome has been in the parish, this imperative has been evident in his approach to ministry. He comes with the experience and the enthusiasm to do these things and parishioners look forward to working with him, as we speak to people of Jesus and the love he has for us all.

PHOTO ABOVE: Rev Jerome Francis and his family.

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020	MARCH 2020
<b>8TH</b> Safe Church Awareness Workshop, Wangaratta. See page 7 for details.	<b>7TH</b> St Columb's Hall reunion. 10am at St Paul's, Milawa.
<b>22ND</b> Consecration of Clarence E Bester as Bishop, St Paul's, Melbourne. See this page for details.	<b>17TH</b> Bishop in Council, St John's Village.
<b>23RD</b> Installation of the 11th Bishop of Wangaratta, Holy Trinity Cathedral. See this page for details.	<b>25TH</b> Mothers' Union Lady Day, 11am Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta
<b>28TH</b> Induction of Rev David Still as Priest in Charge of Wang West and Warbys.	

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## from the Administrator



Dear People and Friends of the Diocese

### What a start to the new year!

The theme for this month's Advocate is new beginnings and here we are, right at the beginning of a new year. We are presented with opportunities to embrace the newness that life offers and to make the best of it as the year unfolds. The year however has started with the devastation of what is known as the 'worst Australian bushfire'. This has certainly impacted on communities within our Diocese as well as our neighbouring Dioceses of Canberra/Goulburn and Gippsland. What a beginning to a new year, but also what a wonderful sense of community, support, care and outreach. As a Diocese, we will certainly assist as best we can. We will plan co-ordinated action to support those affected, using the donations that were given so generously. Our thanks to all those who have coordinated and supported disaster relief within their parishes, within the Diocese and through the Victorian Emergency Services. The picture on the front page of this edition about the green grass coming through the burned fields 'tells a thousand words'.

### Safe Church Officer

In addition to the appointment as Priest-In-Charge of the Parochial District of Wangaratta West and the Warbys, the Rev'd David Still will also serve as Diocesan Safe Church Officer with effect mid-February. We have spent a lot of time, energy and money to ensure our systems are up and running and I hope that Clergy and Parish Safe Church Officers have ensured that all those who are involved in ministry are up to date with all clearance processes. As mentioned previously, the end of February is the cut-off time for this process. Recently, we have received information from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) about Mandatory Reporting and the Reportable Conduct Scheme which affects all of us in ministry. Information has been sent to all clergy and I encourage all to familiarize themselves with the information on the following websites:  
<https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mandatory-reporting>  
<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/Protecting-kids/mandatory-reporters>  
<https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/mrg>

### Synod 2020

The first session of the 40th Synod, which will also be an election Synod, will be held from 15 to 16 May at the Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre. Mandates will be issued towards the end of the month asking for the election of synod representatives. This new session of Synod also provides us with an opportunity to create space for conversations around our mission and ministry plan. More details will follow, but please diarise the date.

### A new ministry

While the TV and newspapers captured the reality of what was happening with the fires, which is of utmost importance, something else also happened within our Diocese. As the 10th Bishop of Wangaratta laid up his Pastoral Staff, it was announced that, after an intense and prayerful process of discernment by the Bishopric Election Board, the 11th Bishop of Wangaratta will be ready to take office after being consecrated on 22 February at 11am at St Paul's Cathedral and then installed/enthroned on Sunday, 23 February at 3pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral. We are expecting quite a few visitors and we hope that parishioners in the Diocese will support either or both services to inaugurate this new ministry within the Diocese.

### What does this new ministry hold?

The privilege of serving as Archdeacon for Ministry Development over the past three years is a firm base for me to get on with the task of being your Bishop, as I do know many of the needs and workings within the Diocese. Having visited most Churches within the Diocese and knowing the challenges being faced, a re-definition and re-development of a Diocesan Ministry Action Plan will hopefully help us to re-focus and re-direct our mission and ministry. Knowing the Diocesan structure does not mean that we will rush into changes, as we will have to move together as Bishop (Elect), Clergy and People of the Diocese. This reminds me of an old African Proverb that says: "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." As we navigate together over the next few years, I ask that we immerse our process deeply in prayer and the firm conviction that 'together we can'. We will off course create opportunities for intentional and constructive conversation as the year unfolds.

Every blessing,

Clarence E Bester  
Administrator



# Christmas around our Diocese in 2019

## New Nativity Set for Christ Church, Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

On the day before Advent Sunday, on a random shopping trip, a beautiful nativity set was seen in a shop window in Craigieburn. The shop sold hundreds of small miscellaneous Christmas goods and one large ten piece traditional nativity set. The set seemed almost out of place in the shop window amongst the sparkling tinsel, gaudy baubles and Santa hats, but the set just had to be bought.

The original nativity set at

Christ Church was many decades old with broken legs, cracked bodies, and sadly a beheaded King. It was definitely time for a new set. With the shop prepared to offer a discount for the church, the set was bought in faith. The challenge was put to the family of Christ Church to help pay for the Holy Family in time for Christmas. With just four Sundays to go and no advance warning, parishioners dug deep and each week the donations came in. On Advent 4, with just threedays to go before Christmas Day, the money

was added up from the four weeks of donations, and the amount raised was exactly the amount that was needed. Not a dollar more and not a dollar less. This was truly an act of faith.

On Christmas morning, as baby Jesus was carried through the church, the new nativity set was blessed by Parish Priest Rev André and adored by all present. With thanks to all who helped make this happen.



## Christmas at St Jude's, El Dorado

BY GILL BAKER

For their Christmas Break-Up each of the Homework Club kids lights a candle for something that needs special thoughts and prayers. In the past the grown ups have suggested

intentions such as refugees, or those living in War torn areas, the sick or those in poverty. This time the children were allowed to choose their own, and without exception they mentioned the importance of love in the world, their

family, and those suffering from bushfires. One of the most poignant was 'to bring my dad (a firefighter) home safe'.

It was so lovely to see the church full, and the children, parents and grandparents, as well as the volunteers enjoying afternoon tea afterwards.

**PHOTO BELOW:** Keira tells us why she likes Christmas



Friendlies

## Christmas Celebrations for Yarrawonga Parish

BY CAROL HENDERSON

Christmas Celebrations began in Yarrawonga with the Ladies Auxiliary organizing their annual ladies Christmas Lunch at Burke's Hotel on Monday 2nd December for a social get together. Next was 'Friendlies' our elderly persons afternoon on Thursday 5th December commencing with Devotions including a talk by Rev'd Neil Hicks on St. Nicholas. Entertainment was provided by Lakeside Voices (formerly the Ecumenical Choir) singing Christmas Carols. After the choir's entertainment everyone enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea with lots of chatter.

The following day (Friday 6th) our Mainly Music playgroup celebrated Christmas with a music/activity session based on the Christmas Story in the hall. The children came dressed as part of the Nativity Play and we moved into the Church where the stable back drop in the sanctuary was the scene for the children to come forward, as their part of the nativity scene as the Christmas Story was read by Rev'd Neil Hicks. At the conclusion of the story the Children in each family were presented with a Christmas Story from mainly music called "Don't be Afraid God is with You." Morning tea for children and parents/grandparents followed on the lawn outside.

"Small is Mighty" was the theme for St Cuthbert's Messy Christmas celebration on December 15. The Christmas story was told from the perspective of God choosing ordinary people, (Joseph, Mary and the shepherds) to do extraordinary things. The people who attended were able to reflect on their own lives and how they could

spread God's word by doing special things. Activities included an obstacle course, representing Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and a cardboard Bethlehem village, representing how God chose a small place for an important event. The celebration included a re-enactment of the Nativity and prayers written by the participants. The celebration concluded with a Christmas feast of roast meat and salads followed by plum pudding and other decadent desserts. The St Cuthbert's Messy Church is an all age celebration held bi-monthly on a Sunday. Everyone, even those who are not regular church goers, are welcome to attend.

Christmas Eve was an All-Age Eucharist Family

Service at 7pm at St. Cuthbert's based on the Bible Society Video and book "Who? What? Why? How? Christmas" by Susannah McFarlane. The Christmas Story was told in the video as a powerful response to children's questions about God and how our world was made, what went wrong, why God saved us in Jesus, the visit of the Kings Herod's response, Jesus's move to Egypt before safely going back to Nazareth. This was very well attended with all ages concentrating on the video and celebrating with Christmas Carols, reading, prayers and the Eucharist.

The next service was a Sung Eucharist at St. Thomas's at St. James at 9 pm Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day at 9am a Sung Eucharist Service at St. Cuthbert's.



Mainly Music Playgroup



# Christmas around our Diocese in 2019

## Nativity Service on Christmas Eve at St John's, Wodonga

BY ANNIE SAYER

As a newcomer from the Gold Coast, I was warmly welcomed to St John's in Wodonga in November.

I soon found that having been part of the presentation of then Children's Nativity at the Holy Spirit for 10 years, I was invited to help prepare and present it once again at my new church home.

First, our small group looked for the long stored costumes-masses of large and small, some excellent, some no longer suitable due to our very hot weather.

Yes, costumes for angels, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and kings. Now for the angels we need tinsel for their halos, and at least 6 stars on sticks for them to hold, also, of course,

the big star to hold above the stable.

OK, next, what will we use for the manger ? Lyn says " No problem" , so she's in charge of the Baby's crib . . . .she turns up with a beautiful woven basket - just right.

Now, what about Baby Jesus ? Annie says " I'll find the Baby" and she does, and he's lovely dressed in blue . . . . perfect.

Sandra is our 3rd helper, organising live music. Val plays cello, her friend Charity brings her harp, and Val's student Brendan plays guitar. The children on stage will sing "Away in a Manger" "Twinkle, Twinkle little Star" and everyone will sing "Joy to the world" at the end.

The musicians play appropriate carols as a background to the

activity on stage, while Sandra will tell the story from the pulpit.

Annie makes the halos for the angels and their stars to hold, and with all the costumes laid out on tables in the narthex , the fun begins.

Annie has to catch the actors from the congregation as they arrive for the service. . . .Not everyone is really willing . . But all is well, by the time to start we have all ready and dressed.

Paul is a great help with getting the children people into their place on stage, and also takes photos.

Even the reluctant actors are happy to be a part of this Wonderful Story on Christmas Eve, hopefully understanding that Jesus is the reason for Christmas.



## Nine Lessons and Carols at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

A wonderful family service of Nine Lessons and Carols with a children's nativity was held at Christ Church, Kilmore on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Sadly the parish isn't inundated with young people, however, it was great to see so many grandparents bring their grandchildren along to participate. The angels in particular were all granddaughters of parishioners Shirley Evans, Sherine Copeland and Caroline Burge. The true story of Christmas was

read throughout the service, which was acted out by many of the children and adults in the congregation.

The Carols were accompanied by parish organist Kathleen Turner, with one of the highlights being Silent Night sung by the Christ Church singing group in Afrikaans - the native language of Rev André and Patty.

The new nativity set was in place for the first time (minus the bambino) much to the delight of those present.



## Parish of Benalla – Look Back on 2019

BY MOLLY CRAIG

Once again, the Parish of Benalla has had a busy year and as we look back on it, we rejoice at how much we were able to continue to do God's work in our community.

The parish continued to support Benalla P-12 College's Breakfast Club, with several parishioners attending across the week at different campuses to help with the preparation, serving and washing up of breakfast for students. It's so important for students to not only get some brain food to start the day, but important for them to have a positive interaction with others to begin the day. Parishioners also read with students at Peranbin College, highlighting the important of literacy and once again meaningful relationships were built with others.

Supporting Anglicare was a major focus for us, and we collected for the Bishop's Winter Appeal, gathering blankets and other items to help support the homeless including raising money to buy a good number of swags for those who have no roof over their head.

In our community we also raised money for students to attend the annual camp at Portsea, run by Rotary. This is such a special and invaluable camp for students, and we are more than happy to assist students to attend.

We provided support for those suffering from cancer and their families, with a Biggest Morning Tea being held in Swanpool and a Daffodil Service held at Benalla, both offering solace and help for those dealing with this disease.

The parish continued with providing the opportunity for people to live and grow in their faith, with its two home groups in Benalla and Swanpool and for the third year running Thy Kingdom Come, an initiative of the Church of England, with the parish holding various services as well as prayer resources to help people grow closer to God and others.

We held our bi-annual Festival of Flowers, with many gorgeous arrangements depicting the stories of Jesus and the weekend culminated with a Hymnfest, inviting all from across the community to come and join with us in singing beloved hymns and faith songs. What a joy it is and an uplifting of spirit to sing the praises of Jesus together and with what gusto we did so!

Many thanks to Rev David for his encouragement, support and care and to all those who helped organise and arrange these many events and activities and we celebrate that we can work and worship together to bring glory to God.

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MATTHEW

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# Welcoming in the New Year...and a New Bishop! - contiued from front page

In his time in this Diocese we've seen evidence of Clarence's desire that both lay people and clergy be appropriately educated and supported through opportunities such as the Lay Invigoration Days and Clergy Development Days.

Clarence's experience in various Synods and assisting Bishops in South Africa, as well as his time as Vicar General and, now, Administrator, of this Diocese prepares him well for the many challenges that he will face in his new role.

The family arrived in Australia in 2015, settling first and somewhat briefly(!), in the Parish of Shepparton. It was evident from the beginning that Clarence's abilities, experience and the person that he is, would take him beyond our boundaries in the not too distant future (just twenty months down the track!). We were privileged to have him as our associate priest and are grateful for the initiatives he started, the way he built up the parish and the pastoral care he lavished on parishioners. After this auspicious start in a new country, the family became true Aussies in a citizenship ceremony on Sunday 26th January 2020.

The next move for Clarence, as if one role wasn't enough, was to become Diocesan Archdeacon, Archdeacon for Ministry Development – a passion obvious from his early ministry in Sth. Africa – and Rector, Parish of Wangaratta West and the Warbys. In his

role as AMD he continued to empower the laity and clergy through initiatives relating to theological, liturgical, spiritual and practical aspects of ministry. He enabled parishes to establish Ministry Action Plans leading to authentic programmes for mission, engagement and evangelism. Other hallmarks of his time as AMD include establishing the Fellowship of Vocation and the Apprenticeship Model of Ministry. As Diocesan Archdeacon, Clarence supported the Bishop, as well as clergy throughout the Diocese – not just with administrative requirements but also with pastoral care and encouragement for mission and ministry strategies. As an unexpected Priest-in-Charge with no preparation for this role, I was personally very grateful for this support.

Clarence has also undertaken ministry in Cologne, Bonn and Strasburg as well as visits to York in England. He is currently licensed to officiate in the Diocese of Europe within the Province of Canterbury.

Those are the facts, but what about the person behind them? One of the ways Clarence describes his ministry is one of 'availability, visibility and presence', which he says he developed during his formation as a young curate. I have frequently seen this in evidence when working with Clarence and we can all be grateful for it. Clarence further says of his own life and ministry 'I have always

exemplified servant, adaptive, inspirational and innovative leadership qualities with a strong sense of collegiality and collaboration.' He holds to the belief that 'I would like to care for people in the way I hope they would care for me.'

Clarence once described himself as exercising a 'chameleon ministry' – one that changes 'colours' in new contexts. Given the rapidly changing world in which we live and the different 'place' of the church in our current world, this seems eminently useful, while not suggesting any lack of adherence to the tenets and doctrines of the Anglican Church: rather the ability to express them appropriately in different contexts, while respecting that others may hold different views.

When, if ever, Clarence is 'off duty', he loves retreating to the beach (and he started in Shepparton and has ended up In Wangaratta??) and travelling to different places. He also, somehow, finds the time to be a committed husband and father.

Clarence will be consecrated as a Bishop at St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on Saturday 22nd February and installed in Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta the following afternoon.

Please continue to pray for Clarence and his family as he looks forward to this new beginning, both for himself and for the Diocese.



**MU Australia**  
Part of the World Wide Mothers' Union

## News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

The celebration of Christ's birth and the party atmosphere generated by the beginning of a New Year were overshadowed by the prevalence and ferocity of bushfires in the southern areas of Australia. We continue to pray for the members of all the communities in the Dioceses of Wangaratta and Gippsland who have been impacted in any way. The continuing welfare of all who have been evacuated to different areas is very important. The commitment of everyone fighting the fires has been amazing and deserves our praise and gratitude.

I am very grateful to Mrs Denise Jefferies for agreeing to attend the Australian Mothers' Union Conference two days before the conference began at Holy Cross Centre at Templestowe between the 9th -13th November. Denise came to Nathalia so she would have some idea of the conference activities and collect information papers. The Coffee Morning and AGM was held at Purbrick Hall on 18th November and fortunately for our members Denise accepted her nomination as Diocesan President. We extend our thanks and best wishes as she begins her new role leading the first meeting on Monday 3rd of February.

The Rev'd Anne Kennedy received a request from Rev'd Libbie Crossman who is Mothers' Union Trustee for our Zone C. The Worldwide President

Mrs Sheran Harper sent Rev'd Libbie ten cards to be given to members who were 90 years old. Rev'd Anne was amazed at the response as she received so many names of members who were in their nineties and some 101. It was a lovely thought but the people at Mary Sumner House have really under-estimated the age of our membership. Our Australian President is hoping that, providing the information is given to her early enough, it may be possible to arrange cards from the World Wide President some time in the future. Anne may be able to send a card for a 90th or 100th birthday celebration or 70 Year Membership, as long as details are sent early enough.

There were a few changes made on the Australian Executive at the recent conference. After nine years as secretary Mrs Marilyn Robey is now MU Treasurer. Christine Jenson from Sydney MU and Elaine Longford, Melbourne MU are the Vice Presidents. Dr Robin Ray from Brisbane is Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator. Susan Skowronsky has moved from Mia Mia Editor to Social Issues and Actions. Christine Brain is the new Mia Mia Editor. Denise Lay remains Promotion and Development Coordinator. Narelle Blunt will carry on with Publications for a few more months. The position of Education Officer is temporarily suspended.

The Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta  
The Very Rev'd. Ken Goodger

invites

*All people of the Diocese*

to attend the service of Consecration of

*The Venerable Clarence E Bester*

as a Bishop in the Church of God,  
within the Anglican Church of Australia,

**on Saturday 22 February 2020 at 11am**  
at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne

and his

Installation as the Eleventh Bishop of the Diocese of Wangaratta

**on Sunday 23 February at 3pm**  
Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta.

RSVP: Fiona Van Bree 03 5721 3484  
or registry@wangaratta-anglican.org.au

# A Labyrinth for Marysville

BY SUE BOYLE

Since the beginning of the year, the parishioners at Marysville and Buxton have been planning a labyrinth for the space between the church and the adjacent State Forest.

Last Saturday 15 people from the church and local community came together to complete the labyrinth.

The forecast rain held off and the temperature was mild – ideal for working outdoors. People arrived with buckets, trowels and kneelers and work began.

The 10 metre circular site, set against a backdrop of tall eucalypts and tree ferns, had been prepared with a firm base of cream toppings edged with timbercrete bricks. The labyrinth pattern had been marked out and a large rock to sit on positioned at the centre of the circle. The last task was to embed river rocks along the lines of the pattern.

They say many hands make light work and in the space of about 2 hrs we had dug in and laid about 200 metres of river rocks, and the labyrinth was complete. The morning concluded with a labyrinth walk by a number of the

workers.

In the next couple of weeks seating and signage will be installed and information about the labyrinth and how it can be used will be available at the Marysville Information and Regional Arts Centre (MiRa), in the church and on site at the labyrinth.

An official opening and blessing of the labyrinth by Parish priest, Rev John Jessop is planned for Sunday 15th December after the Sunday service.





# Christ Church Kilmore to be completed in 2020

BY CAROLINE BURGE

It has been over 160 years since the first stone of Christ Church, Kilmore was laid by Bishop Charles Perry, and finally the church is about to be completed. The original plan was to have a tower, but it is believed that lack of finances stopped the full completion, and for 163 years the church has remained incomplete.

There have been many plans and suggestions over the years on how to raise enough money to complete the huge tower, but several years ago, Parish Council agreed that it was never going to be possible, with money tight and smaller congregations. What was possible, however,

was to complete the building with a new entrance. This would not only complete the buttresses out the front, but would also create an airlock which would keep the building so much warmer throughout the cold Kilmore winters.

Stage 1of the renovations at Christ Church, which included the inside of the building, took place throughout 2017; and it was hoped that Stage2 (the new entrance) would be completed in the following 12 months. Sadly, project manager and parishioner Ian Staring, who was instrumental in getting the work done, died suddenly before the final work was completed. Ian's loss was so much more than getting the renovations finished, and he

is still so sadly missed today. Ian, however, would have wanted the work to continue, and so using his plans and engineering skills, a new builder was approached to finish off the job. This work was started in December 2019 and should be finished in the first few months of 2020.

As pictured, the frame work is up, and work has restarted in early January (at the time of writing). Once completed, the new entrance will be blessed with a special dedication to Ian who had put many hundreds of hours of work into making, once again, the building a beautiful place to worship.



## Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) has been reviewing our future priorities and processes with Rev Clarence Bester as our new Bishop elect. There is a great desire to create the opportunity for more people to become involved based on issues that are of real concern and interest through the Diocese. For this reason Clarence would like to take more of a parish and deanery approach, so that more people have the opportunity to engage and benefit from the SJC. The intent is to consult parishes first and then combine your thoughts within each of the 3 Deaneries to determine sub regional priorities for Social Justice Action in the Diocese. The combined thoughts will be collated and brought to the next Synod so that it can inform the new Strategic Plan for action in the Diocese of Wangaratta. It will also mean that the direction the plan and actions take will be understood and owned by all Diocesan members.

In the meantime, till Synod meets, priorities have been set for SJC actions that have already commenced or are seen to be of vital importance in the Diocese at the moment. They include:

- **Refugees** – via the Wangaratta and District Ecumenical Refugee support and action network, which is Ecumenically very active at the moment, and would welcome more Anglicans to be part of the network
- **Environmental issues** - to continue to be led by Gill Baker, building on the Seasons of Creation and by making connection with Catholic Earth Care project.
- **Bush Fire recovery** – This is having a major impact on the Diocese and we need to explore a strategy that could be rolled out to every parish that has been affected by the fires. This will require an initial planning meeting by the impacted parishes to be able to develop a long term recovery plan and action strategy. Parishes and members who were not

fire affected but want to support parishes who have been directly impacted, are encouraged to join us.

- **Aged Care** – This is a significant issue that impacts on the greater numbers of current Diocesan members. This is a complex area and one in which the Diocese could play a more significant advocacy and education role and be far more supportive to our members who are ageing. Join us to make this possible.
- **Aboriginal affairs** – A significant motion was put to the last Synod and limited follow up action has been taken. Also the presentation made by Aunty Vicki at Synod made a major impact on everyone who was there. Both these issues need follow up as does the invitation given to us by Aunty Vicki to form local partnerships.

We are seeking new members to join us to help shape the new look Social Justice Committee and to be more relevant to our Diocese. In particular we are seeking a new Secretary (as our very effective Secretary of 4 years – Rev David Jones- has picked up new school chaplaincy roles, which has reduced his time to be able to work with the SJC). Please contact me if you may be interested in the role.

Our first meeting for the year will be held on 11 February from 4 – 5.30 pm at St John's retirement Village. Anyone interested in what has been outlined above is encouraged to join us. We could possibly organise to phone link you in if you are unable to attend in person. Please consider this opportunity.

To register your interest and for further information please contact:  
Suzie Don Leonard: Email [suziedl@westnet.com.au](mailto:suziedl@westnet.com.au) Phone: 0428 575 071  
Diocesan postal address: PO BOX 457. Wangaratta 3676

# Safe Church Awareness Workshop

## Saturday 8th February 2020

**Purbrick Hall, Holy Trinity Cathedral**  
Cnr Ovens and Docker Streets  
WANGARATTA VIC

**9.30am - 4.00pm**

Registration from 9.00am.  
Please arrive by 9.15am

**\$35 per person**

BYO lunch

**RSVP**

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@wangeratta-anglican.org.au](mailto:training@wangeratta-anglican.org.au) or through Eventbrite Please use the following link to book online: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/safe-church-training-wangaratta-8-february-2020-tickets-83750464895>

**Enquiries**

Contact the Registry on 03 5721 3484 or email [training@wangeratta-anglican.org.au](mailto: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 Diocese 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.





# New Minister for Central Goulburn

By DIANE GRANT

For nearly two years the Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn has been without a priest in charge. St Paul's Avenel, St John's Nagambie and Christ Church Seymour parishioners now look forward to getting to know their new priest who was licensed as priest-assisting at Christ Church Seymour on 23 November by the Vicar General, The Venerable Clarence. E. Bester; who led the service in front of fellow clergy and parishioners from the three centres.

The Welcome was given by Parish of Central Goulburns warden Peter Darbyshire and the preacher was Reverend Canon Eden Elizabeth Nicholls, Area Dean of the South.

Locum priests have provided support for the parish on a regular basis over the past two years while the parish has been without a priest in charge and the parish was very thankful for their support.

Reverend Richard Pennington has been selected to lead the parish as their pastor, and to get to know his flock and become involved with district church matters and the community at large.

His enthusiasm to carry on God's work in the parish and his approachable nature has already warmed him to the parish folk who have met him. The parish folk look forward to working



alongside Reverend Richard and bringing new life back into the parish and communities in which they live.

He arrived in the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta from the Melbourne bayside suburb of Hampton where he was an active member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Hampton for 25 years. In that time he undertook roles as Lay Minister, Warden, Parish Council Secretary and Parish Council Member. He was also the Lay Chaplain at Mount Buller for 14 years.

For the past 18 months Richard has been the priest in the Anglican Alpine Parish servicing Whorouly, Myrtleford, Bright and Harrierville whilst living in Myrtleford.

Richard said "I am excited to be serving in the Parish of Central Goulburn which includes

Seymour, Nagambie and Avenel, and I'm looking forward to becoming immersed in Parish and community life."

Richard's interests include music, reading, cooking, skiing, snowboarding and browsing the local farmers markets. Richard and his fiancée Jen Fitzpatrick are currently planning their wedding which will take place in May 2020.

Jen has a Publicity Company based at Southbank and specialises in the television industry.

Richard has three children, Chris (28) Louise (25) and Angus (22). Chris and Angus and Jen were at the licensing service and fully support Reverend Richard on his new spiritual journey and as leader of the Central Goulburn parish.

## Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

We are about to have a new Bishop. Rev Clarence will be solemnly and canonically consecrated Bishop in the Church of God in the Metropolitan Cathedral in Melbourne on 22nd February. The next day, Quinquagesima, he will come to the great door of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta and ask to be admitted, recognised and placed in the place of authority, the seat of the Bishop of Wangaratta.

I have been really fishing for words as I have written these two sentences for I want to write about the importance of what will happen on that Sunday afternoon. The importance of the Office and Ministry of Bishops will have been the centre of attention at Saint Paul's Cathedral the day before.

After being admitted to the cathedral the Bishop will ask to be seated in the special seat of the Bishop of Wangaratta. The significance of this seat is not in question, but quite what we call this seat is a matter that can lead to some animated exchanges. In Greek this seat is called the "cathedra", hence it is in the cathedral. Seats were rare in the ancient world. Those who sat down on seats usually had some special office. As we see at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount our Lord sat down to begin that great episode of teaching in the Gospel according to Saint Matthew. Kings and emperors sat on thrones, judges on the judgement seat and great teachers sat. We still say of professors at our universities that they occupy the chair of whatever is their discipline.

While the chair of the Bishop, and the office itself, is of ancient origin there is a timelessness about them that means they are perpetually contemporary. The chair of the Bishop is the symbol of the authority of the Bishop. Over the centuries the authority of bishops has not shifted very much, but the way that that authority manifests itself keeps changing with the times. The great authority of bishops is in matters of the faith. In most places the Bishop is the public face of the

the church. The Bishop is the principal public interpreter of Christian understandings of who we are and how we interact with the world and each other. But the Bishop has no power to enforce any of whatever these interpretations may be. Basically, the only power that the Bishop has is that of persuasion.

Given this, how are we to understand the chair of the Bishop. I am perfectly happy to call it the Bishop's throne. I do not like the idea that it is called the Bishop's stall. Traditionally there are many stalls in a cathedral. There is the principal stall that is the stall of the Dean. There are the stalls of the canons. In 1976 I was present when a close friend was installed as Chancellor and Canon Residentiary of the Old Foundation Cathedral Church of St Mary at Lincoln. As one who was installed in the cathedral he was subject to the authority of the Dean and Chapter. The authority of the Bishop is independent of the authority of the Dean and Chapter.

What is it about thrones? In our polity there has been little in the way of power attached to the throne since the civil war of the 1640s and the Glorious Revolution of 1688. The Queen has immense authority and virtually no power. Power is vested in the Parliament. Our Bishops have great authority and very little power. The real power in any diocese is that exercised by the clergy and laity in synod. The only power the Bishop has is that of veto. The Bishop is the President of the synod without a deliberative vote.

I think that it is essential that the seat of the Bishop is categorically distinguished from all other seats in the cathedral. I cannot think of a suitable verb associated with cathedra. Traditionally, in the context of cathedrals, the cathedra of the Bishop has been called a throne. There is only one Bishop's throne in the cathedral. So to distinguish the Bishop's place in the cathedral and the diocese I am happy to say that we recognise our Bishop and his authority among us by enthroning him.

## 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.

If you would be interested in helping to restore this jewel of the Diocese you can make a donation (*tax deductible*) by using the following options;

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## Holidaying on Lake Como Italy

In 2020 it may be that some of you will holiday or travel to Lake Como Italy. You might like to consider calling in at the Anglican Church of the Ascension Cadenabbia . The Church is open daily and has a regular Sunday morning service to which all are most welcome, at this very inspiring and beautiful part of the world.

The Church of the Ascension at Cadenabbia on Lake Como will be holding another Holiday Retreat attended by people from all over the

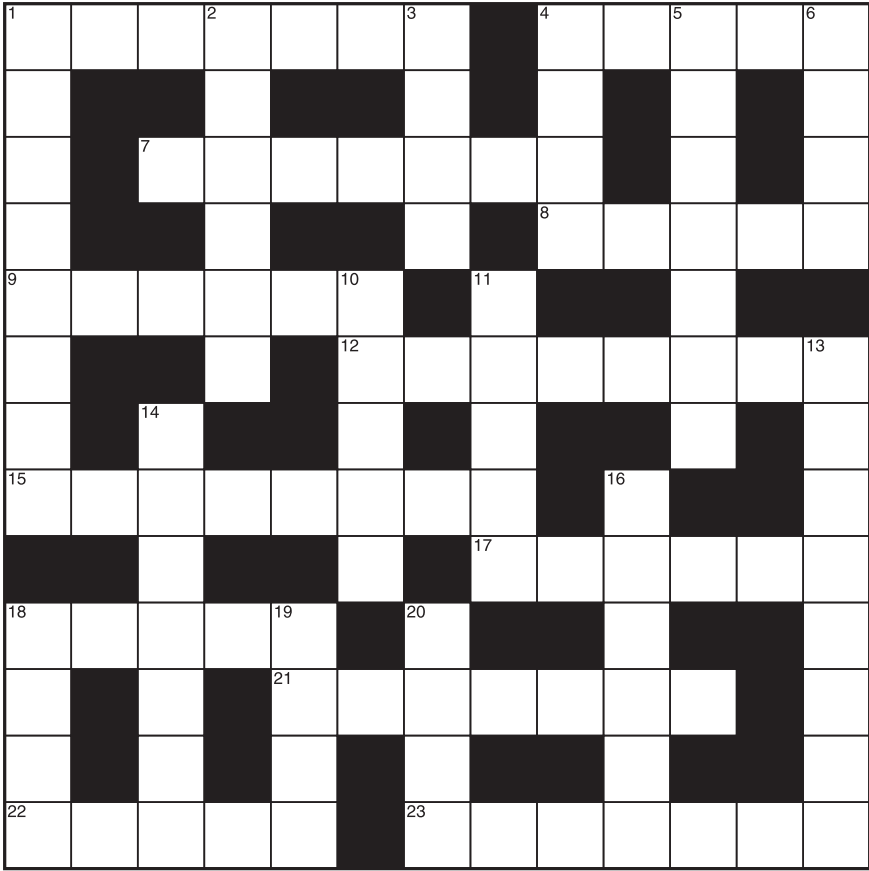
world from the Anglican Communion.

The retreat will be held on the 11th and 16th of October 2020 and will be led by Bishop Michael Coclough. It has limited places - just 25 participants. If you would like a brochure with more information on this unique opportunity please email Fiona at the Diocesan office - [registry@wangeratta-anglican.org.au](mailto:registry@wangeratta-anglican.org.au)



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# New Bible study explores the Book of Acts and the 5 Marks of Mission

Where do we go from here? is the title of a new Bible study by the Anglican Board of Mission which is based on the Book of Acts and can be used during Lent or anytime.

The season of Lent has a very clear direction. It leads us to the cross, and in the great Festival of Easter, takes us through death into the joy of the Resurrection.

Good so far, but, once we have arrived on the other side of death, where do we go?

This has always been the question faced by the church. At the Ascension, we are told Jesus commanded us to 'go out into the world to make disciples'. But how? Which direction first? With whom? For how long? Are we there yet?

There are easy, pat answers to these questions, answers grounded in the mission, tradition and theology we have breathed in since we first started to attend church, answers that may have more to do with 'then' than they have to do with 'now'. As with most 'easy' answers, a closer look reveals that each answer contains within it many more questions.

So, let's look at the early church and once again celebrate the passion, enthusiasm, miracles, unity and determination that are so evident in the Book of Acts. Surely the answers are there? Perhaps. Or, more likely, in re-reading Acts, we will discover questions and clues about how we might enter into the great adventure of 'mission' in our own time and place. In Australia. Today.

Whether it be in your home, your church, your suburb or the wider world, the call of mission is the call to be engaged with, to love and to honour all that God has made. We walk the Gospel into the world not simply through words but through our actions. Mission is the continuation of the great Incarnational love story between God and all that God has made.

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Written by Steve Daughtry, ABM Missioner and Parish Priest, and Matthew Anstey, Hebrew Scholar and emerging Public Theologian, these studies will cajole, challenge and encourage you to think deeply about mission in the here and now.

Where do we go from here? is available as a printed book. Please visit [www.abmission.org/lent](http://www.abmission.org/lent) to order your copy now or to preview an online version of the study.



## LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

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# little champions

## Colours

Find all the words hidden in the grid. They can be found in straight lines forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally. The leftover letters will spell out the mystery answer.

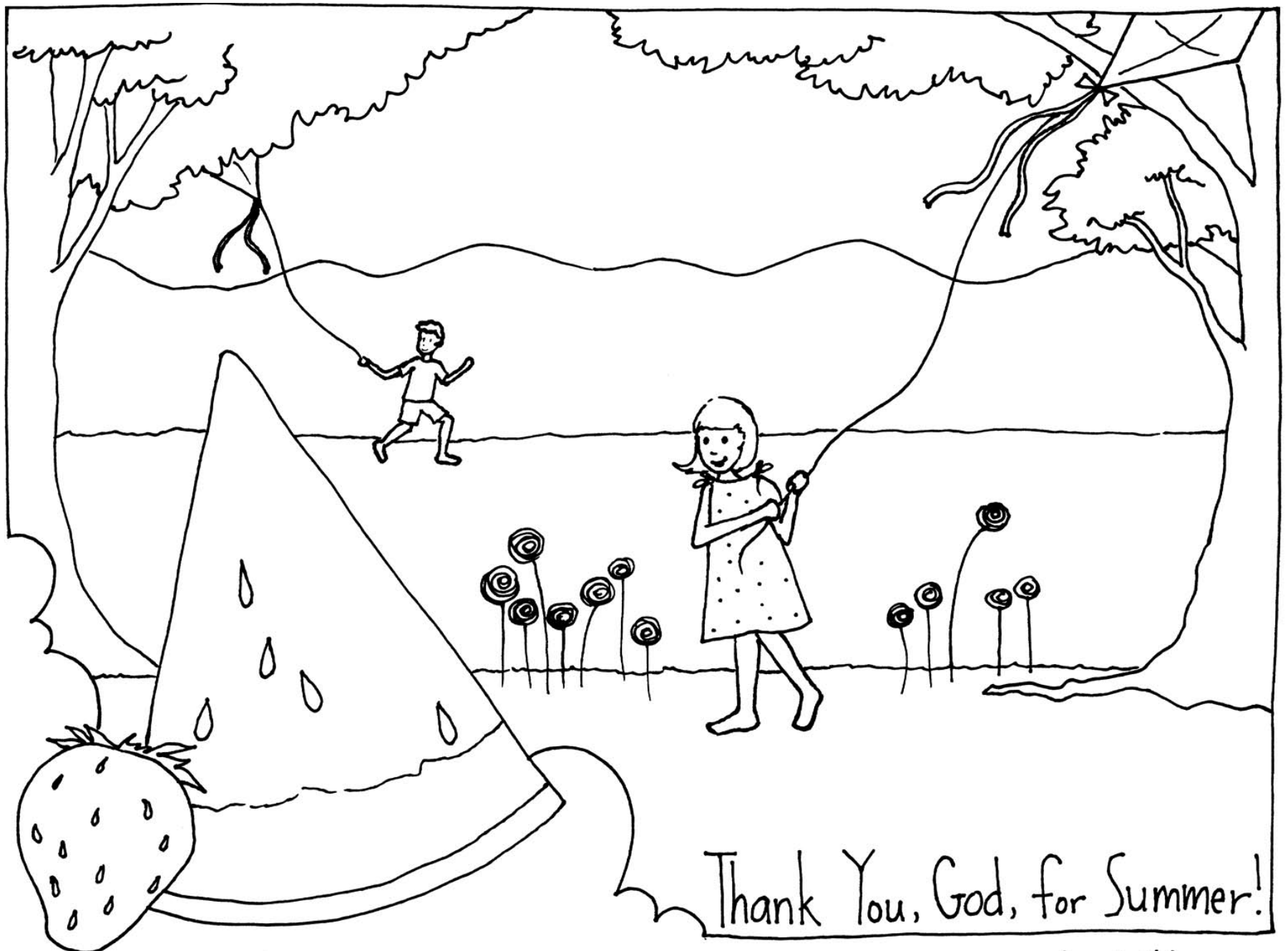
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**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Kids Maze

Help Damon the diver find the jellyfish.





## HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

## Church Mice

THINK OF ALL THOSE ANIMALS NOAH HAD WITH HIM ON THE ARK ... THINK OF ALL THE THINGS HE NEEDED JUST TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEM ... THINK OF ALL THE GRAIN AND SEEDS HE NEEDED FOR FEEDING ...

THINK OF ALL THE FRESH WATER HE NEEDED FOR THEM TO DRINK... THINK OF ALL THE STRAW THAT HE NEEDED FOR THEIR BEDDING...

THINK OF ALL THE AIR FRESHENER HE NEEDED !

AMEN !

ZOROWSKI

## A black and white illustration of a building with a sign that reads "Cathedral Square". The building has a brick-like texture and a large, arched entrance. There are some trees or bushes in front of the building. The illustration is in a simple, sketchy style.

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# People & Parishes



Photo captions - 1. Mainly Music Playgroup, Parish of Yarrawonga. 2. Ven Clarence Bester, Rev Richard Pennington and Jen Fitzpatrick at the licensing of Richard at Central Goulburn in December. 3. Nativity - Family Service, Christmas Eve - Christ the King, Wahgunyah. 4. The four angels - Phoebe, Alyssa, Selena and Grace from the Parish of Kilmore.



Farewell to Bishop John Parkes AM  
Laying up of staff 21st December 2019

