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A New Journey for a New Bishop

New Bishop, Clarence Bester, Enthroned as 11th Leader of the Diocese of Wangaratta

BY DIANE GRANT

On a warm sunny summer's day, Sunday 23 February, over 500 faithful clergy and worshippers from across the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta's parishes from Kilmore, to Albury, to Shepparton, to Corryong and visitors from Victoria, NSW and across the world, as well as representatives from other local churches, came to celebrate the Enthronement of The Right Reverend Clarence Edgar

Bester as the 11th Bishop of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Wangaratta at the Cathedral Church of Holy Trinity. It was marvellous to see so many people in the congregation, sharing and singing their love and support for their God above and for their new Bishop.

Following the procession of clergy into the cathedral, the West door was closed and Bishop-elect Clarence knocked on the door three

times to ask for entrance into the cathedral. Just after the doors were opened the Bishop and congregation were welcomed to country by Bpangerang elder Aunty Betty Cherry. Representatives of the Diocese of Wangaratta questioned the Bishop elect. He solemnly replied to all these questions and was allowed entrance so the enthronement service could continue in front of the congregation.



Archbishop Philip Freier and Bishop Clarence Bester with his wife Michelle, Kian and Kyle

The Bishop-elect was joined at the nave platform by the Chancellor, the Advocate and the Registrar, who stood before the Dean as part of the recognition, declaration and assents.

After strong acceptance and support by the congregation for Clarence as our Bishop, he stood before the high altar, was invested and acknowledged as the Bishop of Wangaratta and received his Pastoral staff from the Dean. Bishop Clarence

was then led to the chair designated for the Bishop of the Diocese and the Primate and Metropolitan Archbishop of Melbourne, The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, and other Bishops of the Province joined them to pray for Bishop Clarence in his new role. Fervent and prolonged applause for our new Bishop followed Clarence's presentation to the congregation by the Dean.

The celebration continued

with the Collect and Bible readings read by representatives of the Diocese.

The Right Reverend Clarence Bester then gave his first sermon as the new Bishop and emphasised that he would like it to be a team effort by him, his clergy and his flock. He asked all to make the future of their Diocese not just one of maintenance, but one of mission together.

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Albury Fire Aid Gala a Blazing success

BY MARK CARDEN

On Sunday, 16th February, St Matthew's Albury hosted a fundraiser to support people in our Diocese that have been affected by the fires. In what has been called one of the best concerts ever seen and heard in the Albury community, more than \$5,370 was raised for the rebuilding of fences by Wodonga Belvoir Rotary and Blazeaid for fire affected regions including Corryong and the upper Murray.

One of Australian operas favourite Mezzos, Sally -Anne Russell, brought an International troop of musicians to join Albury-based Violinist, Kaori Sparks, and an ensemble of local classical

musicians delivering a programme full of variety with some of the best loved compositions from the opera and concert stage.

Some performers had been due to leave for an opera tour of China, but being prevented by the coronavirus, they chose to come up to Albury to join other professional musicians for a great cause.

ABC radio's Gaye Pattison compered the afternoon, and her warm introductions bounced off the good will of the audience and the humour and sparkling talent of the performers.

Great music, great performers, great fun for a great cause. The

event was assisted by generous sponsorship from Cofield wines and Touchstone Pianos, and St Matthews Music Association also assisted the event, but the real stars were the musicians who all donated their time and played with such passion and personality, and the community who came to support them.

In a surprise bouquet for Albury, building on the obvious success of the concert and the delight of the capacity audience, Sally Anne Russell and young European conductor and percussionist Mario Dobernig have agreed to be co-artistic directors for the Albury Chamber Music Festival



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Continuing support across Victoria by VCC Emergencies Ministry

BY MARGARET BRICKHILL

VCC Emergencies Ministry Personal Support Workers and Chaplains have been visiting homes of those who have been impacted by bushfire across the state.

They are accompanying local government staff as they undertake Secondary Impact Assessments. This work is likely to continue until the end of March.

The roles of VCC Emergency Ministry volunteers is greatly appreciated by people affected by fires and other emergencies, as well as by local government authorities which manage the response.

More volunteers are urgently needed in North East Victoria. Please consider being trained for this significant ministry.

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Anglicans Helping With Bushfire Recovery

BY REV PAUL DALZELL

Giving money is one thing, and the Wangaratta Anglican Diocese has established a fund to assist with bushfire recovery, but going to support business in bushfire affected areas adds a more personal touch to lending a helping hand.

On Saturday 1st February Anglicans from across the Diocese of Wangaratta braved

the heat to travel to Myrtleford and Bright to help the businesses affected by the bushfires by spending time and money in those towns. We gathered for morning prayer in Myrtleford, and then went to lunch in the local cafes. After that, the group went on to Bright, and finished the day with Evening prayer. The following Saturday (8-2-20) a similar group visited the towns around Corryong.



St Luke's Centre for Spirituality

BY REV EDEN ELIZABETH NICHOLLS

On Saturday 15th February 2020, thirty-six people gathered at St.Luke's Yea for the second event held by the St.Luke's Centre for Spirituality. Our Canon Theologian, the Rev'd Dr Canon Dorothy Lee, led us in an informative study on The Gospel According

to Matthew. She imparted her scholarly knowledge in an accessible way, using story, history, theology and laughter. We look forward to inviting Dorothy back next year to lead us in the Gospel According to Mark



DIOCESAN CALENDAR

MARCH	APRIL
7TH St Columb's Hall reunion. 10am at St Paul's, Milawa.	7TH Chrism Mass, 11am, Holy Trinity Cathederal Wangaratta
17TH Bishop in Council, St John's Village.	18TH Licensing of Maryann Leonard as Priest Assisting, Parish of Benalla
25TH Mothers' Union Lady Day, 11am Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta	26TH Patronal Festival, Parish of Numurkah.

from the Bishop



Dear People & Friends of the Diocese

As we begin a new journey as Bishop, Clergy and People of the Diocese of Wangaratta, we pray that God's blessing will be upon us as we navigate the future shape of our ministry together. This is indeed an exciting time as we are presented with challenges and opportunities, but with the blessed assurance that God is with us. We, as God's people, will strive to remain faithful to the promises of God and the promises made on our behalf at our baptism and renewed by us at our confirmation and the many other opportunities of faith renewal and affirmation.

We will move cautiously, carefully, collectively and collaboratively, so that we may be able to bring about newness in the redefinition, redevelopment, renewal and refreshment of our ministry. These are the concepts I would like us to explore over the next few months, so that we can establish the next phase of our ministry action plan and fully participate in it.

I would like to highlight the following extract from the sermon I preached at the service on 23 February:

"Within the gospel lesson Jesus sends out and the people respond. Their response was to 'go out and tell'. Theirs was to bring about healing and wholeness to the society in which they were called to minister. They were not only the worshipping or gathered community, they were also the scattered community who, as they scattered, would find people where they were and then, as the scattered community, would gather all together again. There was not merely a hope for things to change, nor a desire for the ways of yester-year, but a concerted effort to make the difference, to move from a maintenance to a mission mode, beautifully articulated in the Lambeth theme: 'God's Church for God's world'. Our reading from Ezekiel refers to the gathering of the scattered and the way in which the sheep are rescued - not by being innocent by-standers, but those who will move into action. This was the wonderful way in which the 70 set the tone for their ministry – a ministry of availability, visibility and presence, being with God's people in every way and through all circumstances, meeting people wherever they found themselves.

How wonderful to see the Church of God in action! How wonderful to see the involvement and full participation of the Church of God: a community who joins in the corporate worship of God, but also a community who lives up to the commandment to go out and tell: the gathered and the scattered community; a community willing to make the difference!

I believe that if we shape our ministry to these concepts of mission and evangelism, we will be met with great surprises like those who were sent out by Christ. Like the disciples, like the 70, we will probably get more than we bargained for. But we will have to go and tell; we will have to be willing to participate and not just hope and pray that things will change. We cannot be associates, we will have to be participants.

This is what our business should be about. To be a Church that will move like a mighty force bringing healing and wholeness to the world and those whom we encounter in our daily lives. A Church and a people who will look beyond ourselves, proclaiming the love of Christ to a broken and very often confused world! A Church that will go out and tell and not only come in and receive!

Jesus, in calling others, trained and equipped them for ministry. For, as we are reminded in our reading from 2 Corinthians... "We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord..." More so, we need to speak this language of love as we redevelop, redefine and refresh our ministry through these intentional discipleship initiatives and conversations. And who knows the surprise that we might experience – the joy that might just fill our hearts and lives, when we respond to the call of God, starting in small ways... but to do this as part of our responsibility as the Church of God in this place."

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all those involved in the organization, preparation, participation and attendance in both services of Consecration and Enthronement over the weekend of 22-23 February. Thank you for your commitment and dedication and I pray God's continued blessing on our Diocese, our congregations, our families and our friends.

Have a reflective and spirit-filled Lenten journey as you press on towards Easter with great joy.

Every blessing,

The Right Reverend Clarence E Bester
Bishop of Wangaratta

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News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

Mothers' Union branches will be planning their year's activities. One important activity is raising money each year for Australian MU projects in the Northern Territory and North West Australia and the Overseas project which the staff at Mary Sumner House in London ask us to support financially.

Wangaratta Diocese, one of the smaller Australian Dioceses, was formed in 1902, as were the Bendigo and Gippsland Dioceses. Our Mothers' Union Members are fortunate as most live within two hours travel to Holy Trinity Cathedral. The Diocese of North West Australia covers vast areas of land. It is the largest diocese in Australia, formed in 1910 and consists of some large towns with many scattered aboriginal communities. In the southern areas of the Diocese crops are grown and the crayfishing industry is important on the coast. The Bishop lives in Geraldton where the Cathedral was built. Last year Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator Christine Brain and her husband were happy to share time with ministry families at their Diocesan Conference held in Perth. The diocese stretches from Kununurra in the far north to Dongara, which is about three hours travelling from Perth. As these families must travel long distances they were very grateful for the financial assistance from our Mother's Union Members' Northern Outreach fund. Perth Diocesan members provided catering and joined in for the afternoon session on the last day to meet the families.

The Diocese of Northern Territory was formed in 1968. Almost half of the Territory population lives in Darwin. There is a large Aboriginal population and Nungalinga College trains people for ordained ministry and other areas of Christian care. Kate Beer conducts safe ministry workshops in the communities. On one occasion Kate left home at 6am, driving through Darwin to pick up passengers for a long drive to Minyerri, an Aboriginal community near Hodgson Downs cattle Station, about seven hours from Darwin. The day was held at St Barnabas Anglican church. Kate wrote that "by five pm there are 11 people in the training room, dinner is in the slow cooker and the workshop begins". To include all those present the training session was conducted in Kriol and English. Kate's aim was to help the participants understand risk management by planning a hypothetical church fun day to reach out into the community. There is a mutual concern to keep children safe so they can enjoy going to church. One participant commented "it is really good for us to talk about these things -it's good that you came". Kate "is grateful to Mothers' Union and this very practical support the members give to our culturally and linguistically diverse Diocese. It is clear that the mainstream packages would not be helpful here. So MU's support is making a real difference to the church's ability to provide meaningful training to congregations about making our churches safe places for children and vulnerable people."

Re-Dedication of St Paul's church, Euroa

BY HEATHER BAMFORD

THE Anglican Parish of Euroa was honoured to have the Primate of Australia, Archbishop of Melbourne, Philip Freier, perform the rededication of St Paul's Church Euroa on Sunday, December 22, 2019, at the 9.30am service.

This re-dedication service was the culmination of 18 months of hard work on a challenging and at times complicated building project.

A sub-committee was formed in 2018 and a National Trust building fund was set up to make sure that this project would be completed and that the parish would not have a debt 'hanging' over their heads, which is often the case with large projects.

Archbishop Freier, as principal celebrant and preacher, took responsibility for the re-opening and re-hallowing of the church, assisted by the Venerable Clarence Bester and the Reverend Canon William Squire.

The service was attended by parishioners from the three centres, Euroa, Longwood and Violet Town, and in addition many townspeople and particularly members of other local churches were there in support of this momentous event.

The communion service was followed by a delicious lunch in the Vicarage gardens.

From comments on the day, it was felt that Archbishop Freier and his wife, Joy, would take away an image of the only green grass in all the north-east and the much-reduced size of the pulpit.

During lunch, Archbishop Freier shared a little of his life's pathway up to this point in time and he

also honoured the presence of the three Melanesian Brothers who are currently working in the Shepparton parish.

He acknowledged the obvious hard work that had gone into the works at the church.

This included extensive earthworks outside the church to reduce access by termites; alternative and more suitable drainage has been installed; the replacement of the floor (restumping, a new sub-floor, and timber floor), extensive electrical work; painting of the nave; and extensive termite treatment.

To help with the overall aesthetic appearance of the church building inside and out, doors and doorways were rebuilt, the whole church re-carpeted, the pews stripped back to the basic

timber and re-lacquered and the pulpit rebuilt.

The addition of reverse cycle air conditioners and new LED lighting has further enhanced the indoor comfort.

So, St Paul's is now back fully functioning with church services weekly and is available for weddings and funerals.

The rededication church service and luncheon helped draw to a conclusion an extremely worthwhile project by a number of dedicated church workers.

PHOTO'S BELOW: Archbishop Philip Freier during the re-dedication service. Joy Freier, Archbishop Philip Freier, Archdeacon Clarence Bester, Helen Squire and Rev Bill Squire enjoyed the delicious luncheon that was served in the Vicarage gardens.



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A NEW JOURNEY

A New Journey for Nick Jones

BY CATHY CARDEN

This year, Cathedral College Wangaratta welcomed their new Principal, Mr Nick Jones. Nick comes to us from Perth, Western Australia, and brings with him his wife Jodie, and two children, Luke and Maddie.

Since arriving at the beginning of January, Nick has very much enjoyed getting to know the staff, students and families at Cathedral College. As Principal, he has identified his aspirations for the school, which early in the year, he summed up in the following two statements:

“Cathedral College Wangaratta is a school that inspires a passion for learning and a commitment to excellence”

“Our school is a safe and nurturing school where every individual is valued for their God-given talents. Students are inspired to be resilient, compassionate and proactive people who go on to contribute to a just, fair and loving world”

The school and community is very much looking forward to working with Nick and getting to know him and his family and we wish them all the best



as they settle into Wangaratta and this beautiful part of north-east Victoria.

Things to know about Nick Jones:

Full name: Nicholas Luke Jones
Born in: Subiaco, Western Australia
Married to: Jodie
Children: Maddie (Year 5); Luke (Year 3)
Supports: Fremantle

Dockers, Perth Scorchers, Perth Wildcats
Interesting fact: Nick once worked on a Gold Mine near Kalgoorlie. Some of his jobs included: Crusher & Mill operator, Loader Driver & Gold Pourer
Likes: Roast dinners, swimming at the beach and Aussie music from the 80's & 90's
Wishes he could: Play all the Top 100 Golf Courses around the world

One Journey Ends & Another One Begins

BY MOLLY CRAIG

The Parish of Benalla are concluding their journey with Rev David Still after eight years. Rev David arrived in 2012, once a curate in the parish, he returned as

our Rector. During the time David brought us together and changed our course, taking us from an inward focused parish to one committed to finding ways that we could and can work in our communities. We thank

David for his commitment and care for us and we wish him all the best at the Parish of Wangaratta West and the Warbys.

The parish now looks forward to its new journey as we welcome Reverend Maryann Leonard after Easter. We are eager to work with Maryann and to continue our efforts to bring God's kingdom to our local area and the wider world



Walking the Labyrinth - Navigating Life's Journey

BY REV HELEN MALCOLM

The journey through the labyrinth is reminiscent of our journey through life - the many twists and turned we encounter, plus the longer straight sections where everything seems to be going along smoothly.

As an aid to navigating the turns of life, whether physically, emotionally, spiritually, each one can be seen to consist of three sections - the approach, the turn and the new direction. Each part is important as we prepare, turn and take up our new path, while reflecting on the journey so far.

The approach can be long

- such as working towards retirement - or short - such as a bereavement; planned for - like a career change - or thrust upon us unexpectedly - perhaps the sudden ending of a relationship; it may be welcome or unwelcome. The turn might be easy and quick, or drawn-out when plans don't fall into place. Finally, the new direction may fulfil our dreams and be a positive experience, or might be disappointing and regretted.

The three stages of a transition can be likened to the 3 stages of walking the labyrinth. As you walk in, you let go, release; you give up what can be safely laid down at this point of

your life. In the centre, you take time, like slowing down to make the turn, opening to receive what you need for the next step. Walking out you take what you have received for your new direction - insights, appreciation, new attitudes, feelings of anticipation - to engage with the world in a new way. Preparation, acceptance, reflection all play a part on our journey's transitions and can help us navigate them with acceptance and a positive outlook. (An on-line course on this topic is available through Veriditas, a USA not-for-profit organisation: <https://veriditas.teachable.com/p/transitions>. I do not derive income from this course)

A Personal Reflection

BY GILLI M BRUCE

A personal reflection: It dawned on me, while listening to what was being said at our Parish Council meeting last week, that we, the Council, are indeed on a new journey - one that looks forward to pursuing our mission with confidence and hope - whereas, for decades, until

what seems like only a short time ago, we were stultified by a focus on debt that caused us to see our world and our people through the dull dark filters of 'saving money' and 'fundraising'. Yes, we must still fulfil our fiscal obligations, and that will involve significant effort, but those obligations are no longer ALL we can see. We're now FREE to

'make God's love known in word and action' and I thank God for sending us our locum priest who, by being prepared to deliver his ministry in only two days a week and by challenging us to truly 'offer ourselves as a living sacrifice', has made it possible for us to embark on an exciting new journey - filled with myriad possibilities.

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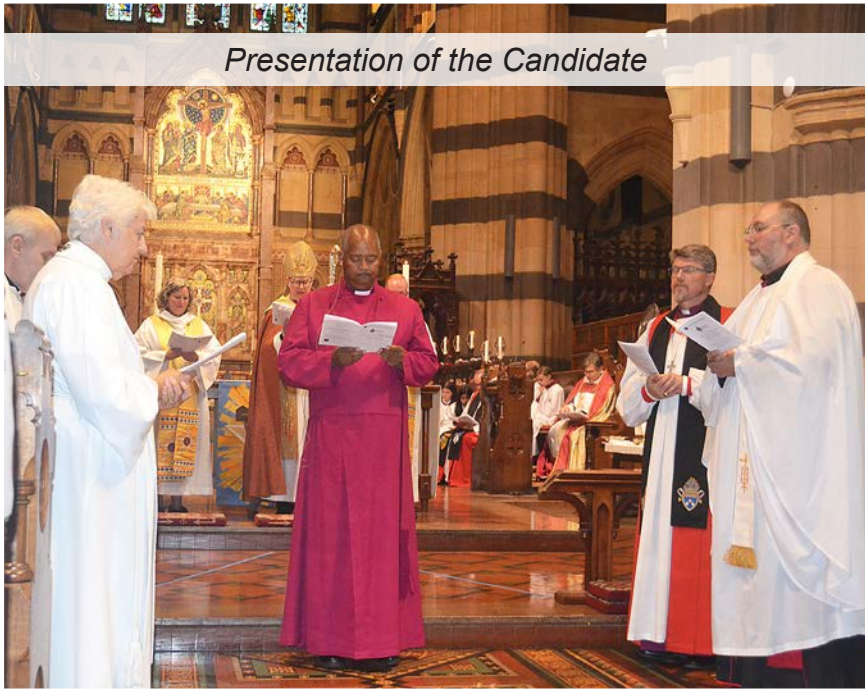
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Consecration of Bishop Clarence Edgar Bester



Presentation of the Candidate



The prayer of Consecration



The Newly-ordained Bishop



BY REV HELEN MALCOLM

On Saturday 22nd February the next stage of the journey for Clarence Edgar Bester commenced with his Ordination and Consecration as a Bishop in the Church of God in St. Paul's Cathedral Melbourne. It was a journey from South Africa to Australia; through Deacon, Priest, Archdeacon; through nomination, the selection process and appointment as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Wangaratta. After months of preparation - logistically, mentally, emotionally and, above all, spiritually - it was time for Clarence to fulfil this calling from God, to be presented, affirmed, accepted by the Anglican Church of Australia and consecrated.

St. Paul's was abuzz with excited clergy and parishioners from across the Diocese; family and friends from across the world; official guests - all who would contribute to this step in the journey but, importantly, would go forward with Clarence in mission, ministry, prayer and support for him and his family.

The long procession entered St. Paul's, culminating with Clarence, surrounded by those who would present him, followed by the Dean, the preacher and Archbishop Philip Freier, Primate of Australia.

The opening of the Eucharist, including readings appropriate for the occasion, led into the sermon by Bishop Andrew Curnow, Provincial Officer and retired Bishop of Bendigo. He drew on the readings for the day, all of which emphasised the duties and role of a Bishop. He stressed Jesus' words to Peter from St. John's Gospel: 'Feed my lambs'; 'Tend my sheep'; 'Feed my sheep' and encouraged Clarence to carry out these instructions in his ministry as Bishop.

The official Liturgy of Ordination was led by Archbishop Philip - Clarence was presented and affirmed and made the required declarations and assents. All those present in the Cathedral then declared their acceptance of Clarence as Bishop and their promise to uphold and support him in his ministry.

As Jesus prayed before choosing the disciples and as the apostles prayed before appointing Matthias, so the cathedral congregation then prayed the Litany for Ministry. Archbishop Philip outlined the duties of a Bishop, reminding Clarence that 'they are weighty' - Clarence responded clearly but humbly to each of the questions, affirming that he will carry out each of these duties with God's help and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

As the congregation prayed earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit to inspire our souls, Clarence knelt before the Archbishop and the other Bishops gathered round him for the laying on of hands. Clarence was duly ordained and consecrated Bishop in the Church of God.

Clarence was vested in convocation robes by Bishop Richard Treloar and returned to stand with the Archbishop as he received symbols of Episcopal ministry from family, parishioners and members of the Diocesan team. Finally the Archbishop presented Clarence to the congregation who gladly acclaimed him as Bishop.

The Eucharist followed and the service drew to a close with the prayer for the sending out of God's people and the dismissal hymn. Clarence was presented with processional attire - cope and mitre - by the Clerical Canons of the Diocese of Wangaratta, ready to leave the Cathedral. The recessional hymn was 'Siyahamb' ekukhanyeni kwenkos', the original Zulu hymn from which was derived 'We are marching in the light of God' - a fitting and celebratory end to an important, uplifting and splendid step in the life of the Diocese of Wangaratta and for Bishop Clarence.



Installation of the 11th *Bishop of Wangeru*

Entrance of the Bishop



Welcoming to Country



Recognition



The Enthronement



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Glorious hymns of praise were sung all through the service, led by the Cathedral choir and organist. The recurring message throughout the service - the Bishop's sermon, the readings and the hymns - was that Bishop, clergy and people are all called to play their part in spreading the Gospel of Christ. The offertory hymn outlined roles for every Christian in the Diocese, called as part of the priesthood of all believers at our baptism. Our response to Bishop Clarence's invitation during the service, to commit ourselves anew to our Christian calling, is as much a promise by each of us as Clarence's declarations are for him as our Bishop.

Following the Nicene Creed, the greeting of peace and Prayers of the People, read by representatives of the Diocese, community and Cathedral school, three members of the Melanesian Brotherhood escorted the sacraments to the altar with a flourishing traditional island fanfare.

After the Eucharist and sending out of God's people, Bishop Clarence and his wife Michelle were seated at the chancel step to be welcomed and greeted by the Right Reverend Matthew Brain on behalf of the Bishops of the Anglican church of Australia, The Reverend Neil Hicks on behalf of the clergy of the Diocese, Lesley Lewis on

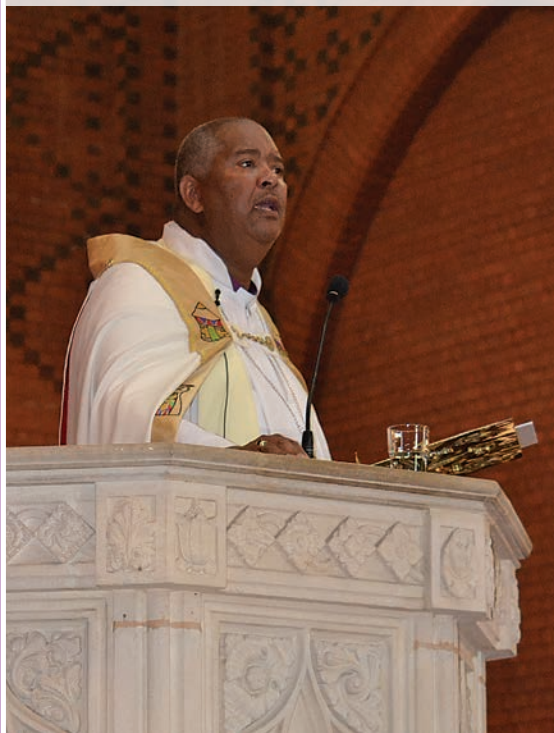
behalf of the laity and Tanya Grant as the community representative.

At the closing of the service, Bishop Clarence blessed the city and the Diocese from the West door, surrounded by his fellow clergy and Cathedral team.

Bishop Clarence's family, friends and congregation joined together for a welcome late afternoon tea in Purbrick hall and the Cathedral grounds.

Congratulations to the Dean and the Cathedral team for a wonderful service of praise and thanksgiving and thanks to all who contributed in any way to the memorable event.

Bishop's Sermon



Melanesian Brothers bring Elements



Bishop blesses the City & the Diocese



Australia Day in Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The traditional Australia Day parish BBQ was held on January 26 in Kilmore. This has been a parish tradition that has kept going for over 30 years. As well as being a day of giving thanks for this wonderful country of ours; prayers were said for those whose lives, properties and animals had been lost in the devastating fires at the start of the year; and we also prayed especially for the Taungurong People who were the traditional owners of the land where our parish lies.

For the last three years, it has also been a day of celebration as it was just two days after the Induction of Rev André to the parish in 2018, and in 2019 and 2020 we have given thanks and celebrated the anniversary of Rev André and Patty joiningus. This year we had a double celebration with the 63rd wedding anniversary of Tallarook parishioners Val and Barry Watts (pictured).

At the end of the celebrations, we stopped and paused to watch a video of the horrific fires

set to the music of “We are Australian”. There wasn’t a dry eye in the house as we watched the enormity of how our wonderful country had suffered.

Loving God look down on this country of ours - a land of flood, drought and devastating fires. We have had the lot in just the first two months of 2020. Keep safe your people, your land and your wildlife, and we give thanks continuously for those of the emergency services who help protect us in our times of need. Amen



Bob Humm, Norman Rose and Suzy Callaghan BBQing

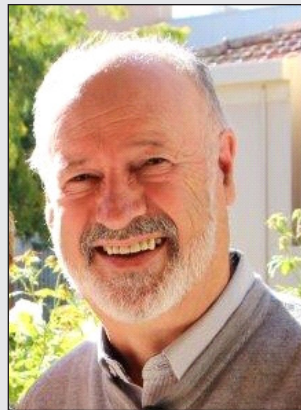
Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Shepparton 2020

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Shepparton in second semester 2020, from 14 July to 2 December. The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre. It will be coordinated by Dan Murphy, who works as Pastoral Care Coordinator at Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW) and is accredited as a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor, with the assistance of Maureen Beattie, who is an Anglican priest associate with Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta and Pastoral Practitioner with Northeast Health and Anne Wieczorek, a Hospital Chaplain at Bendigo Health, both of whom are accredited Pastoral Supervisors. It will be located at St Brendan’s Catholic Parish, Shepparton.

CPE is one of the most highly recognised programs of supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care, and is rarely available outside the metropolitan area. It carries extensive credit in tertiary religious and theological study programs. It is highly recommended for anyone contemplating working in pastoral or spiritual care especially in a professional role, or in a volunteer capacity, and also for those working in other helping professions.

The program will be conducted on Wednesdays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, with attendance on 3 Tuesdays also required (14 July, 6 October and 1 December). A further day each week is required for delivery of pastoral care in an approved placement and further time is also needed for writing reports on pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least about 2.5 days each week for the 20 weeks of the program.

Cost of the CPE program is approximately \$1,900.00, or for those enrolled in theological studies, the cost will be the equivalent of 2 Units of study, payable through their University. Prospective applicants should contact the Course Coordinator, Dan Murphy, at dan.murphy1949@gmail.com or on 0408 841 997, for further information and to request an application form. You will need to request an application form before 31 March 2020, and applications must be made by 30 April 2020



CPE Course Coordinator, Dan Murphy



Co-Supervisors, Maureen Beattie & Anne Wieczorek



Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

It is probably the case that most of us do not think of Ash Wednesday as a day of new beginnings. It was one of the wonderful innovations in the Book of Common Prayer in 1662 that there were instructions that the Collect for Ash Wednesday was to be said as an extra Collect, after the Collect of the day, at all services during Lent. The Collect for Ash Wednesday is one of Thomas Cranmer’s spiritual and liturgical masterpieces. It was a new composition by Cranmer. At its heart is the supplication, “create and make in us new and contrite hearts”. If we take the instructions in the Book of Common Prayer seriously then we will say or hear this Collect nearly a hundred times during Lent. It will become part our very being — create and make in us new and contrite hearts.

Lent is a time for renewal, for regeneration, for re-creation. It is a time for thinking about what we may mean when we use or reflect upon the traditional words in the confession in the Holy Communion in the BCP — “and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee, in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy holy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Day in and day out we ask God for something new at the centre of our lives. The transformation for which we ask is a transformation in ourselves. It is not about “them” — Create and make in us! And grant that we! It is personal and it is communal. We ask for a personal, individual renewal that carries over into social transformation.

Three and a half decades ago I went to a National Press Club lunch and address by Don Dunstan. He talked about his time as Premier of South Australia. In particular he noted the need for the Cabinet to take stock of what the government was doing. Ministers and their departments were going about their tasks and achieving quite a lot. But was what the government departments were doing separately coherent and contributing to the general and total welfare of the people and state of South Australia? I cannot remember the analogy but it was like ministers and departments were planting and nurturing all sorts of trees, but did the forest make sense? The Premier thought it necessary that the Cabinet escape from Adelaide and all the public service and political advisers and spend time together to examine what they were doing and whether or not it accorded with what they thought that they should be doing. They needed to assess and renew their agenda.

Christians, and our Jewish brothers and sisters long before us, have known for millennia what Don Dunstan discovered after a couple of years in government. We need to regularly stand back and reassess our priorities and renew our commitments. Early in our history the weeks before the great annual celebration of our salvation in the arrest, trial, death and resurrection of our Lord became the occasion for this reassessment and renewal.

An accident of history nearly four hundred years ago brought the Book of Common Prayer out of church and into homes. After the execution of King Charles I in 1649 the use of the Book of Common Prayer was banned in church. For the decade of the Commonwealth, until the Restoration of King Charles II in 1660, the use of the BCP in church was illegal. For thousands of families who remained faithful to the worship of the Church of England the daily round of Morning and Evening Prayer moved into their homes. The daily round of prayer did not need a priest. Faithful lay people could use the Daily Offices for family devotions. The Restoration of the King led directly to the restoration of the Church of England and the BCP. But a change had taken place during that decade and that was that the BCP belonged as much at home as it did in church.

Our Australian prayer books contain a wonderful set of daily services. (These begin on page 383 in A Prayer Book for Australia.) These provide the framework through which we can quietly reflect, reassess and renew our commitment to our Lord and our God. Lent is not the only time for saying our prayers but it is the time when we regularly ask God to “create and make in us new and contrite hearts”.

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Suzy Callaghan with the banner.

World Day of Prayer

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer is celebrated on the first Friday in March in over 170 different countries, with each year the worship service focusing on a different country and a specific theme. This year's country is Zimbabwe and the theme "Rise! Take your mat and walk".

On Friday 6th March, Christ Church, Kilmore will be hosting the service. Parishioner Suzy Callaghan, with her amazing gifts and talents, came up with the idea of having a banner

or poster being walked through the church showing different aspects of Zimbabwean life and, with this idea, went home to create a wonderful banner.

With parishioners from various denominations around the district taking part, it will be a true ecumenical occasion, bringing together people of various races, cultures and traditions in fellowship and love.

Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta

Bush fire fund raiser

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The season of Lent is a time for reflection, repentance and fasting as we prepare for our spiritual journey towards Easter. It is also a time when we consider giving to those in need.

The projects featured in the Anglican Board of Mission's 2020 Lent Appeal allows you to focus your Lenten giving across all program areas of the organisation's work.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants project is now into its second year. Its purpose is to support mission activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

With guidance from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSAC) ABM makes small grants available to projects which express the marks of mission and benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

ABM's Encounter Program has been responsible for building relationships between Australian Anglicans and visitors from partner churches for over ten years.

Visitors have come from Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Myanmar. During their three months stay, they experience the life of the local church

whilst honing their ministry skills. In turn, Australian church members benefit from the gifts they bring, and learn about faith in a different context.

ABM supports the Asset-based Community Development Program in the Philippines, working with church partners IFI-VIMROD and E-CARE.

The program aims to help families to lift themselves out of poverty by showing them how to build on existing assets and skills to grow small businesses.

Program participants, mainly local farmers, are empowered by the training provided which includes sustainable agriculture, care for environment, and financial management, and by working together as a community.

One of these farmers, Adora, says, "From the time I was able to harvest, I felt a sense of fulfilment. Aside from being able to provide enough daily food for my family, I am now sure that our food is both safe and nutritious."

Your Lenten gift will transform the lives of people like Adora and her family. To find out more and to donate, please visit www.abmission.org.au/Lent2020. or phone 1300 302 663.

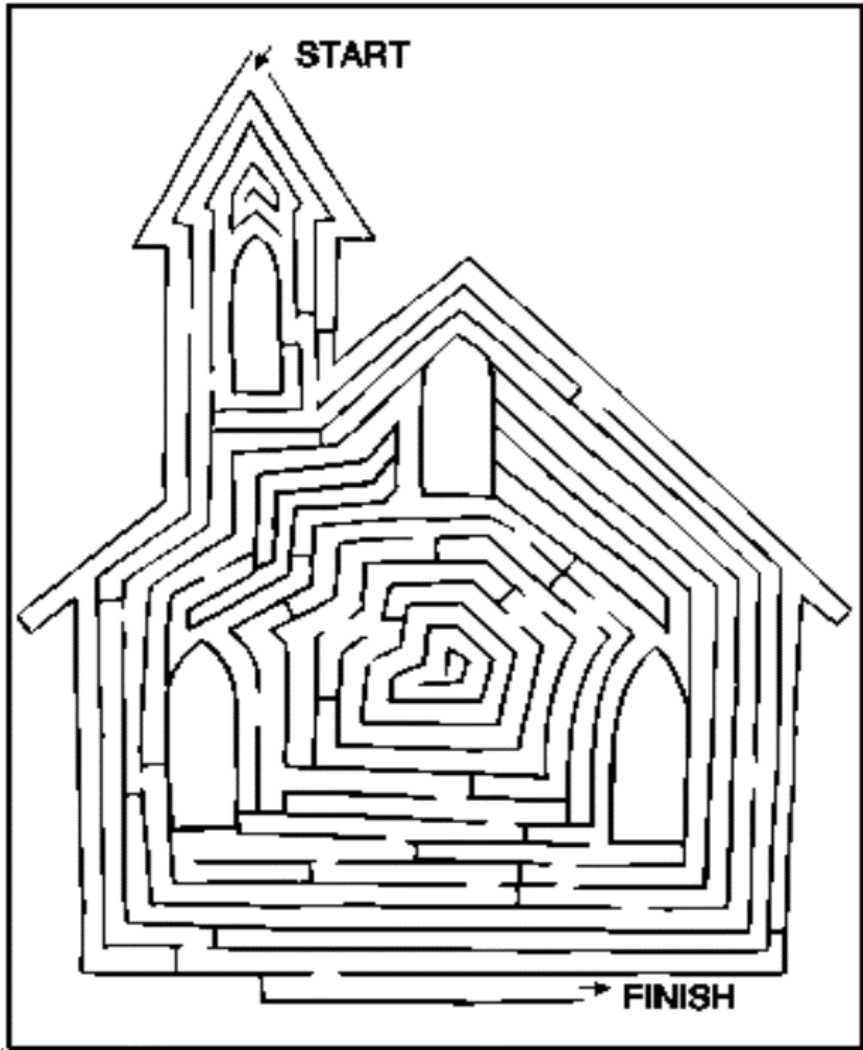
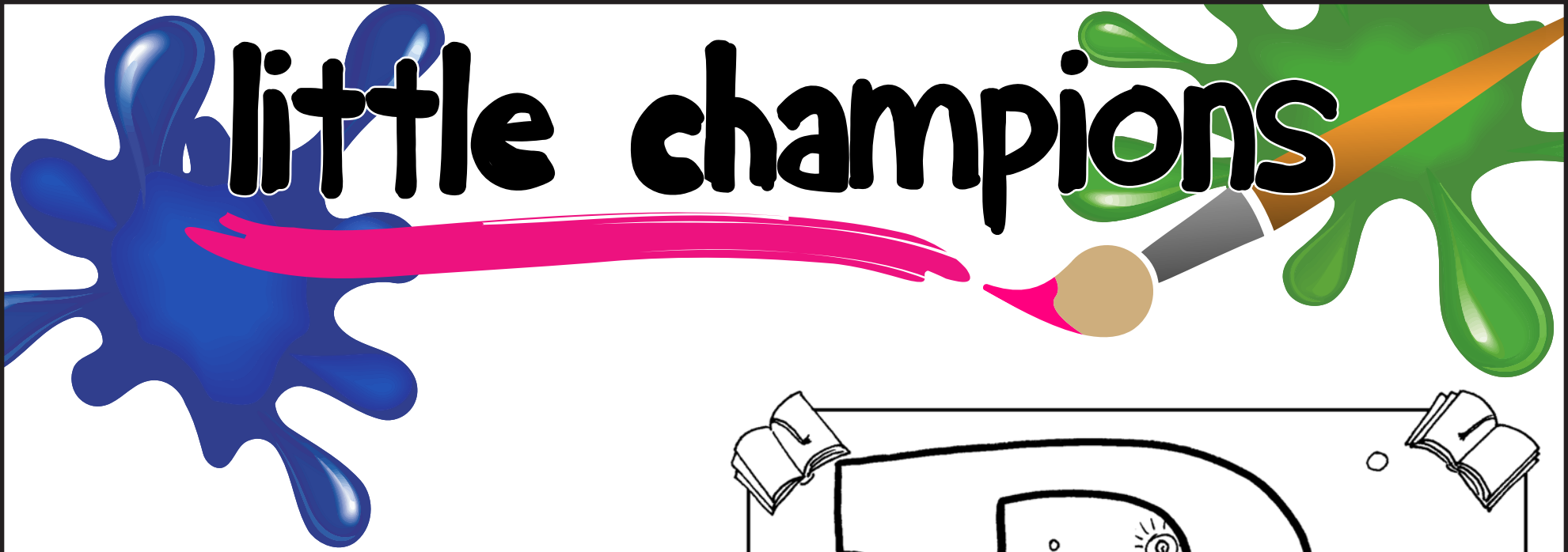
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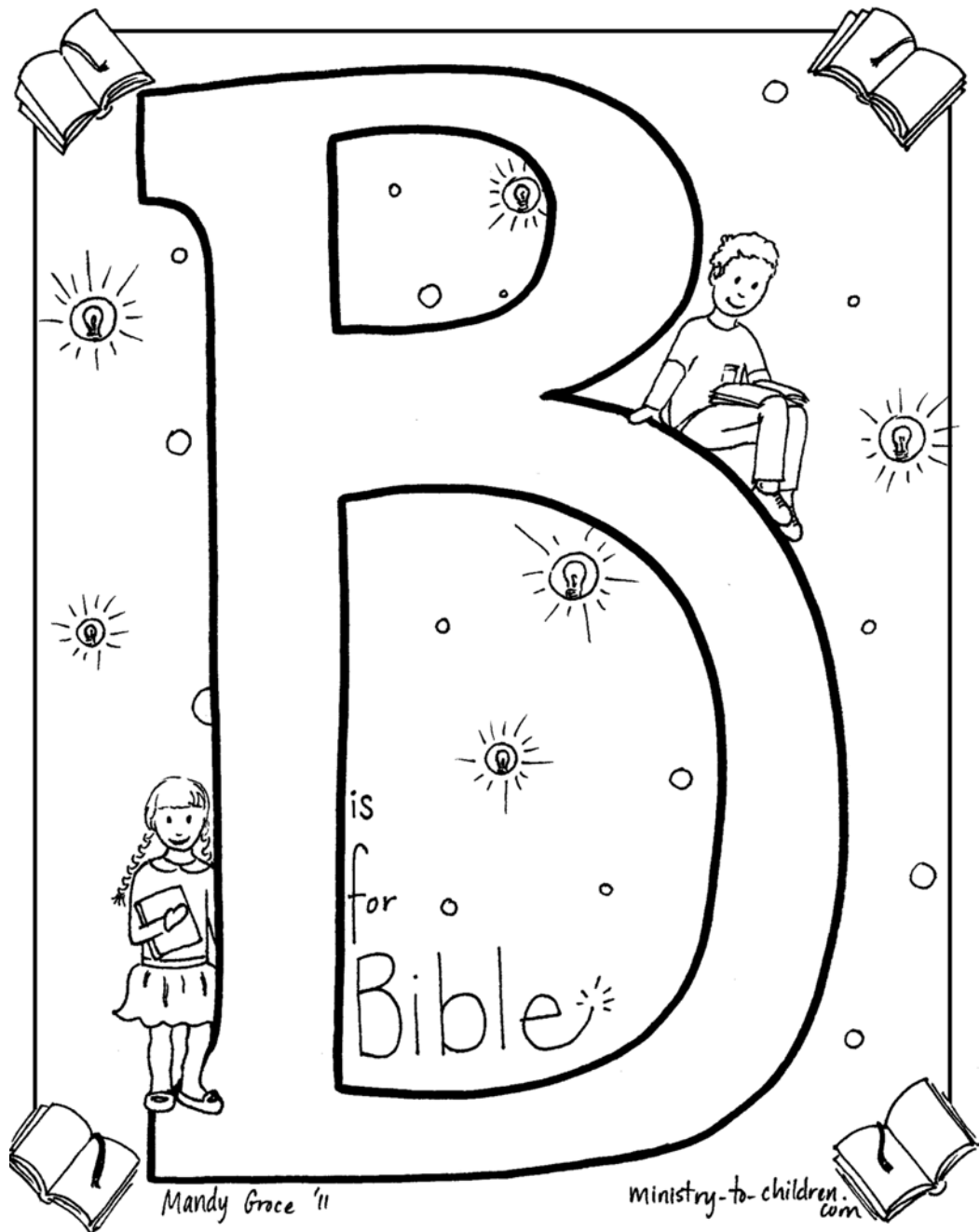
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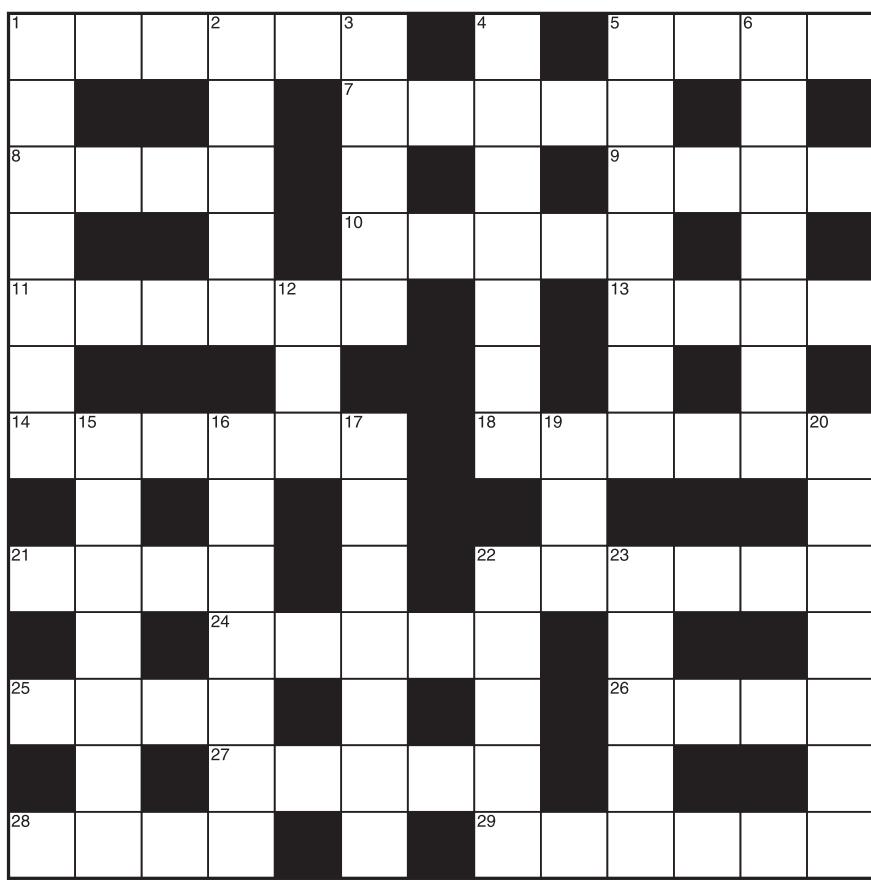


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Church Mice

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ACROSS

- 1. Movement
- 5. Walkway
- 7. Delete
- 8. Megastar
- 9. Streetcar
- 10. Parish minister
- 11. Beefy
- 13. Decorated (cake)
- 14. Adult (video) (1-5)
- 18. Most timid
- 21. Ammunition
- 22. Skewers of meat
- 24. Male duck
- 25. Nudge
- 26. Social slight
- 27. Older of two
- 28. Church song
- 29. Servile aide (3,3)

DOWN

- 1. Letters receptacle
- 2. Relative (2-3)
- 3. Jumpy
- 4. Incubates
- 5. Terrify
- 6. Journeys
- 15. Wed again
- 16. Stepped (on)
- 17. Insists
- 19. Garden tool
- 20. Nuclear agreement (4,3)
- 22. SW Irish county
- 23. Commuter vehicles

LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION

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REGULAR PARISH SERVICE TIMES				
HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA				
Sunday 8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist		Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist	Saturday 6.00pm Saturday @ 6	Morning Prayer Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday) Evening Prayer Daily at 5.00pm
ALBURY	St Matthew's, Albury Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month) 5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)	CORRYONG	NORTHERN ALBURY	TAWONGA
ALEXANDRA	St John's, Alexandra Sunday 9.30am Eucharist			
ALPINE	All Saints, Bright Wednesdays 9:30am Sunday 11am Eucharist St Paul's Myrtleford Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist St John's Whorouly Sunday 8am Eucharist St Etheldreda's Harrietville Sunday 9am Eucharist	EUROA	NUMURKAH NATHALIA	WANGARATTA WEST
BEECHWORTH	Christ Church Beechworth Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Tuesdays 4.30pm Hour of Silent Prayer Wednesdays 10am Midweek Eucharist St Jude's Eldorado Sundays 11am 1st & 3rd Sundays Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Prayer.	KILMORE	RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN	WODONGA
BENALLA	Holy Trinity, Benalla Sunday 8am Eucharist 9.30am Sung Eucharist Monday 10am Eucharist (Cooinda Nursing Home) Thursday 9.30am Eucharist St Paul's Goorambat 1st Sunday 5pm Eucharist St Aidan's Swanpool 2nd & 4th Sunday 11.15am Eucharist	MANSFIELD	SHEPPARTON	YACKANDANDAH
CENTRAL GOULBURN	Christ Church Seymour Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am St. John's Nagambie Sunday 11am St. Paul's Avenel 8am 1st Sunday of the Month	MARYSVILLE		YARRAWONGA
COBRAM	St Margaret's Cobram Sunday 9-9.15am reflection time 9.30am Eucharist 5th Sunday Parish Eucharist Wednesday 10am.	MILAWA	TALLANGATTA	YEA

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