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# CHRISM MASS STIRS WINDS OF CHANGE



BY REV DAVID KERR

On Tuesday March 30th, many of the diocesan clergy gathered in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta, for the yearly Chrism Mass, including the blessing of the sacramental oils and the renewal of ordination vows. The weather was

perfect and a sense of relief was in the air; relief that we could gather almost as normal after churches have spent many months in a state of tension and uncertainty thanks to the Covid pandemic. Hymns were sung heartily by all in attendance, with refreshingly modern words and sentiments applied to familiar

tunes. Bishop Clarence Bester delivered a stirring and heartfelt homily, bidding clergy to remember that they are dealing with God's people and that they must bring those people back to the God who made them, just as Christ drew all people to himself. There was a sense of closeness, collegiality and

community between long-serving clergy and some fresh new faces to the Diocese. As we have seen, every year brings new challenges to the Anglican Church, but, at a time of waiting on the mystery of Our Lord's death and resurrection, the Diocese of Wangaratta hums gently with the energy of a God

of surprises, as Bishop Clarence once put it. In 2021, God stands ready to surprise us yet again, and it was wonderful to see such a solid community of clergy contemplate and commit to meeting a fresh call to discipleship with both humility and vigour.



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# Governance Day held at Diocese of Wangaratta

BY DR JANE FREEMANTLE

The Bishop of Wangaratta, Bishop Clarence Bester, called representatives from the Wangaratta Diocese's 23 Parishes/Parochial districts to Wangaratta for a Governance Day of training on 20th February. Fifty-three people attended the day, representing 20 Parishes/Parochial Districts. This was an excellent response, which speaks to the importance of understanding and complying with the Acts that guide our Diocesan and Parish/Parochial District activities.

The day was also blessed by the attendance of the Metropolitan, the Most Reverend Dr. Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne – an additional 'draw card' that encouraged the positive response to the Bishop's invitation to attend the day. The Archbishop addressed the gathering, providing a fascinating review of the formation of the Anglican Church of Australia, which was, until 1981, known as the Church of England in Australia. From this date the Anglican Church became an independent church within the Anglican communion.

The Archbishop provided examples of the responses of the National Church to the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses into Child Sexual Abuse. These included the Victorian responses initiated through legislative changes and improved protocols for clearances for ministry and management of professional standards.

The role of Job Keeper in the

maintenance of parish life was also raised by the Archbishop. He emphasised the importance of integrity and probity in providing the necessary information to support the provision of JobKeeper and the reliance on the provision of this information on best practice in bookkeeping. He also emphasised that the Church must exist at a grass roots level, whilst continually exploring how the Diocese might work centrally with parishes by considering such activities as innovative technological solutions and centralised book keeping through 'one-touch data entry'.

After thanking the Archbishop, our Bishop briefed the gathering on procedures, protocols and practicalities. He walked the gathering through the Governance Act (2019) and the Appointments Act (2019) and these were explained in more detail by the Registrar. He referred us to the recent Administrative Circular (2021) which is a comprehensive document that contains a range of administrative matters applying to the Diocese of Wangaratta. Discussions included administrative information relating to Faithfulness in Service, the Clergy, Safe Church (referring to the 'Orange Folders'), management of property and pertinently updated information for Parish office-bearers in the parish. Matters pertaining to Governance included the importance of the development of the Diocesan/Parish Ministry Action Plans (MAPs).

The Bishop updated us on the status of these plans, identifying his objective to visit all the parishes

to discuss their MAPs with them. The Bishop also provided the gathering with an update on the progress of the ongoing review of Bishop in Council. The opportunity to review and discuss in groups the roles, responsibilities and eligibility of Parish officers and incumbents and the role of and process for Parish and Diocesan nominators proved to be extremely valuable and well received.

An interactive session to explore

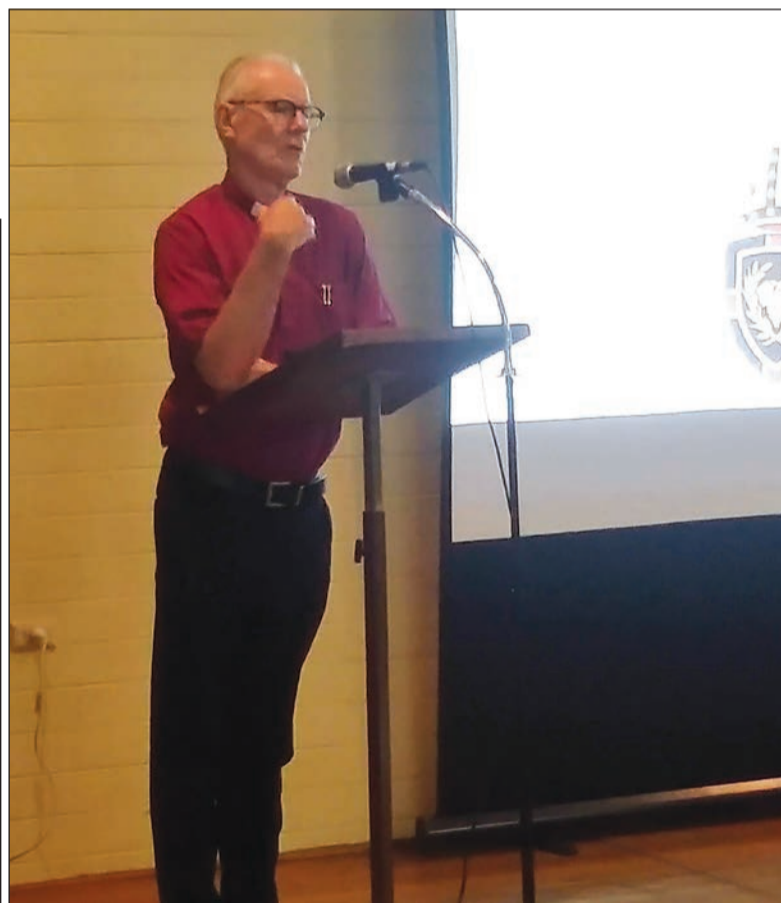
the ways in which we as Parish communities might live the Five Marks of Mission was ably led by Rev'd. Emily Payne. The Rev Payne encouraged us to consider our role in mission in the creating, reconciling and transforming action of God, enabling discussions as to how we might utilise the five Marks of Mission to help us to think about God's mission locally and globally. The content of the vibrant discussion was captured and the summary of these discussions will

be forwarded to all participants in time.

Sincere thanks were offered to both the Archbishop and the Bishop for leading us in what was unanimously agreed to be a most worthwhile and valuable day of discussion and we were sent out with the blessing from the Archbishop and the Grace.



PHOTO ABOVE: Parishioners in attendance at Governance Day.  
PHOTO RIGHT: The Most Reverend Dr. Philip Freier



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# Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup appointed as Bishop's Chaplain



After much contemplation about what further assistance would look like for Bishop Clarence, The Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup, Priest-In-Charge of the Parish of Rutherglen/Chiltern, has been appointed as Chaplain to the Bishop. This position will be in addition to his ministry as Priest-In-Charge and Scott's Diocesan days of work will be mainly Tuesdays and Fridays.

Scott is no stranger to chaplaincy work, as he served as Chaplain of St John's Village for a period of almost 10 years, though this new position will be slightly different. Scott will be mainly responsible for liaising with clergy and Parishes regarding the Bishop's visits and appointments, liturgical arrangements, as well as some administrative functions to do with the Bishop's diary and the shaping of Ministry Action Plans for Parishes and the Diocese.

Liturgically, Scott will be responsible for arranging a weekly service at the

Chapel at Bishop's Lodge, as well as beginning to work towards programs that will enrich the spiritual life of the Diocese through Quiet Mornings, Retreats and other experiences to be developed. Scott will also perform the function of Chaplain at Diocesan events and will be liaising

with, as well as training, lay chaplains who can assist the Bishop when visiting parishes.

Please pray for Scott, Kate, Ruby, Maggie and Clare as Scott navigates his way through this new ministry.

## Come Celebrate with us

150 Years of services at St Jude's Anglican Church, El Dorado will be celebrated with an Open Weekend on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of May this year, providing there are no further Covid restrictions.

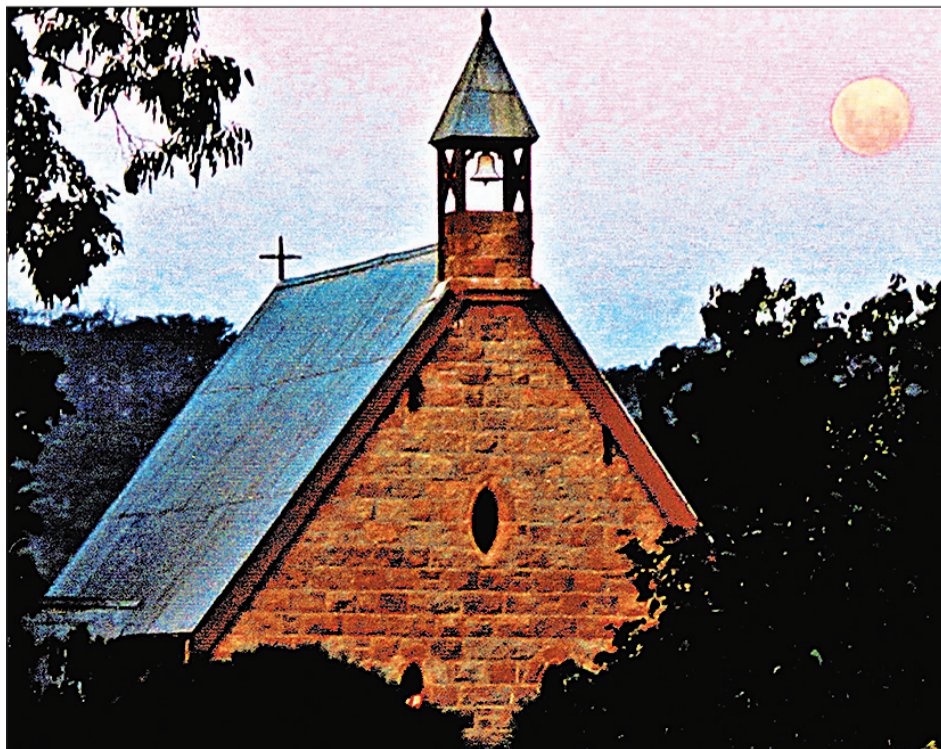
On the Saturday the church and hall will be open from 10.30am till 3pm, with displays of memorabilia for those interested in the

historical and architectural aspects of this National Trust classified church, or who have family connections, with a (free) sausage sizzle and cuppa at 12noon.

On Sunday 2nd May The Right Reverend Clarence Bester, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, will conduct a service at 3pm, followed

by Afternoon Tea. Anyone from the local community or Diocese is welcome to come along. (As there may still be some Covid regulations regarding numbers, seats will also be available in the hall and outside, weather permitting).

For further information ring Rev. Susan Hall on 03 57251477, or Gill Baker on 03 57251668



## from the Bishop



Dear people and friends of the Diocese

### Easter Joy & Opportunities

Having just celebrated the joy of Easter and the new life associated with it, I pray that this Eastertide will create opportunities for our spiritual enrichment as God's people within the Diocese, especially as we navigate the shape of our ministry in the months ahead. I would like to recommend for your further investigation the article shared by The Rev'd David Still about the 'Thy Kingdom Come' program which we hope to conduct (via zoom) and once again connect many within the Diocese. As we settle into autumn and the days and nights become colder, I am also hoping that we can re-start our weekly Morning Prayer Services led by different parishes within the Diocese.

### Spiritual Enrichment

On 20 March, The Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup conducted a Quiet Morning Retreat and, with his new appointment as Bishop's Chaplain, will organize more such opportunities in different parts of the diocese for us to get together, pray together, listen together and grow together. There will also be a weekly Eucharist Service on Tuesdays at 9am in the Chapel at Bishop's Lodge for a few to gather and share in the breaking of the bread and fellowship after the service. Please contact Scott if you would like to preside, participate, or just be in attendance on any Tuesday.

### Ministry & Mission Action Plans

Engaging in intentional conversations about the shape of our ministry together within parishes and deaneries will assist us greatly with a 'grass roots' approach and give us good substance to further engage when we meet for Synod from 21 to 22 May. Over the next few months, we will be able to see the financial effect within parishes as we no longer receive any JobKeeper payments - this will coerce us to develop and engage in different models of ministry in relation to cooperative ministry structures. As necessary as this will be, I do hope that our parishioners, where possible, will support the ministry of their local churches to the best of their ability. I do anticipate quite a few radical changes but, if so, it will once again happen through intentional conversations.

### Synod 2021 & Synod Eucharist

It will be a great joy to welcome all congregation members as well as Synod Representatives to this year's Synod Eucharist on Friday, 21 May at 6pm. The Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia and Archbishop of Adelaide, The Most Rev'd Geoff Smith, will be our visitor and guest preacher and we hope that he will be accompanied by Mrs Lynn Smith. Please diarize the date and time and join us for this celebration.

### The Diocesan Newspaper

This edition of the Advocate marks the 100th edition and we just about made it to a 12-page edition. Since the change to electronic editions for part of last year, we have been struggling to produce more than an eight pager. I fear that, should our next edition not have enough newsworthy stories and articles, we will have to reduce it to a quarterly magazine with effect June. Should there be any parishioners who would like to be part of an editorial committee, please contact Fiona Van Bree. You may just want to be a regular contributor and contact person within a parish or deanery.

I wish you all a very blessed fifty days of Easter.

+ Clarence

## DIOCESAN CALENDAR

### APRIL

17th Licensing of Rev Mitch Porter into the Parish of Wodonga

24th Bishop in Council

26th - 29th Clergy retreat - Bright Chalet

### MAY

1st Safe Church Awareness Workshops - see page 10 for details

2nd Celebrating 150 years of service at St Judes Eldorado - See left for details.

21st - 22nd Second Session of the Fortieth Synod





## News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

After its early beginnings in Tasmania membership of Mothers Union continued to grow in other states and members realised that there was no link between members in the other Australian Dioceses. At the Australian Council meeting in 1916 members read and accepted a proposal that a magazine was needed to keep the increasing number of members connected. "The History of Mothers' Union in Australia" records that Mrs Teresa Pattinson of Sydney was the first Editor and in order to print the first issue each Diocese was asked to lend two pounds (only five dioceses sent money). 2,500 copies of "Mothers in Australia" were printed quarterly, and Mrs Pattinson was happy the magazine was paying its way. In 1921 the name was changed to Mothers in Australasia as New Zealand Mothers Union members expressed interest in the project and in 1929 the magazine was known as MIANZ. In 1960 the name "Mia Mia" was adopted when New Zealand Mothers Union members decided to publish its own magazine.

The magazine must have been a bit ahead of its time as it published a variety of articles including subjects "relating to sex and birth control, and informative articles on these and related subjects". Mrs Pattinson was Editor for seven years. Positions on Australian MU Council are usually three or six year terms dependent upon the wish of the member and recently editors have usually continued for six years. Mrs Christine Brain commenced her position as Editor in the Autumn 2020 edition of Mia Mia. Each Australian Diocese has a Correspondent who can send our diocesan activities for publication.

For many years now MU members have received a small magazine in January and July. This booklet called "Families First", which later became "Families World Wide" had a prayer for each day and also stories and accounts of activities in branches around the world. World Wide President Mrs Sheran Harper has thanked all who contributed to these little books. There is now a new format and name change to "Mothers Union' Prayer Diary 2021". This has a section compiled by Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman, Zone Chairman and past Australian Mothers' Union President.



Mothers' Union, Nathalia have had a new member admitted. Rev Victor Adams and branch President Mrs Nola Smith admitted Mrs Jenny Brown to Mothers' Union during the Eucharist on Shrove Tuesday. Jenny was to be admitted last year, but this was delayed due to the postponement of Church services and gatherings.



# MU Lady Day Celebrated at Wangaratta Cathedral

BY DIANNE GRANT

Anglican Mothers' Union members from branches across the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta gathered for their annual Lady Day celebration at Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta on 25 March.

Under COVID 19 restrictions, the annual celebration service began with the Dean of Trinity Cathedral, The Very Reverend Ken Goodger, Reverend Sue Hall and The Right Reverend Bishop Clarence Bester leading the procession down the centre aisle followed by representatives from around the Diocese carrying MU and Parish banners.

The Bishop led the Lady Day Eucharist with assistance from Reverend Sue and the Dean, with hymns of praise and prayers included in the service. Then Bishop Clarence installed Reverend Sue Hall as the new MU Chaplain .

The Bishop and Mary Greenshields, MU Diocesan Vice President, presented a 50 year long service award

certificate to Jan Craig of Corryong.

Mary Muntz accepted a 60 years long service award for MU member Beth Eldridge from Nathalia and a 30 year award for Dot Gemmill from Nathalia.

Others to be handed out as they were unable to attend were for: 50 years for Lorna Crawford and 50 years Joyce Thompson both from Corryong and a 10 year award to Gladys Burgoyne from Seymour.

Following my traditional group photo of banner parade folk outside the Cathedral, lunch was enjoyed in Purbrick hall.

Guest speaker was Reverend Catie Inches-Ogden from Mansfield. Reverend Catie spoke on her Reflection of Life, beginning with her early life in Singapore, life with her family and at school, becoming a teacher, nurse and ending up as a church Minister and army chaplain.

Rev Catie spoke of the seven main areas of things that have shaped her life:

1. The Haves and Have Nots.
2. All people and all creation are created in the image of God.
3. God has a particular interest in the marginalised.
4. Role of the people of God – mission – sharing good news.
5. Other strong women in her life
6. No good having a life of ministry and mission if we don't have a balance.
7. We need each other.

With her power point presentation, her Reflection on Life photos showed her life's memories, experiences and travels and, as they were displayed she explained the significance of them and that of her 35 years in ministry in civil and military life.

Mary Muntz thanked Rev Catie for her enlightening presentation and gave her a small thank you gift.

Happy Easter was wished to all present before they journeyed home.

**PHOTO BELOW:** Long service awards - Jan Craig, Bishop Clarence Bester, Mary Greenshields and Mary Muntz







# Bishop & Archbishop join service of celebration

BY LYNN ELDER

It was a significant occasion on Sunday February 21 in the Anglican Parish of Mansfield at St John's with a celebration of the first anniversary of the Right Reverend Clarence Bester's, Bishop of Wangaratta's consecration, with sermon by guest preacher Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne.

On the first Sunday in Lent in the parish for the Venerable Catie Inches - Ogden, she was "thrilled" that Bp Bester

had chosen to share his special day with us at St John's. A full church, adhering to COVID safe procedures, joined in the service that was presided over by Bp Bester. Archbishop Freier's sermon spoke of how the ashes burnt on Ash Wednesday was a "sign of something dying within us" as we head towards the final journey of Jesus on the cross on Easter Sunday.

A gift of an icon was presented by Archbishop Freier to Bishop Bester during the service to mark his

anniversary.

The service was followed by morning tea outside under the pin oak where guests including Michelle Bester and Joy Freier and parishioners were able to catch up. A presentation was made to Bp Bester by church warden John Gilson on behalf of the Mansfield parish.

**PHOTO LEFT:** Archbishop Philip Freier, Bishop Clarence Bester, Warden Dr Jane Freemantle and the Venerable Catie Inches-Ogden Photo taken by Lyn Elder.

# Celebrating quietly twenty-five years as Deacon

On Wednesday, 3 March, Bishop Clarence celebrated the 25th year since his ordination as a Deacon within the Parish of Christ the Redeemer Westridge in the then Diocese of Cape Town South Africa, an anniversary he shares with The Rev'd Jerome Francis. A small gathering met at the Chapel at Bishop's Lodge at 6pm where the Dean, The Very Rev'd Ken Goodger, presided and preached and the Bishop served as Deacon. Under normal circumstances, when a bishop is present and participates in a service, he/she would preside, even 'from the chair', but Bishop Clarence insisted that he wanted to exercise the office of a Deacon that he holds so close to his heart.

This concept of Diaconal Ministry is what the Bishop outlined in his Synod Charge as the one order

of ministry that speaks volumes about what is described in another article within this edition... 'Once a Deacon, always a Deacon'. The Dean, through memorable story-telling, illustrated a significant concept of power not as power over, but power to. The Dean stated that much of the authority and power of clergy, including bishops, would be best exercised to bring about change and significant difference, rather than to use their power and authority over a situation.

Bishop Clarence often refers to The Rev'd Dr Ed Byford's article in the Advocate in February 2020 which talked about bishops who have much authority but not much power. Given that he has been blessed to serve in the three orders of ordained ministry, the bishop believes that our ministry together as God's

people is what will shape our future. In his Synod Charge he especially focused on the fact that service to others can bring about the communion that we need to have and share as God's people. His emphasis, once again, is that 'in serving others, we are serving Christ.'

An amazing discovery around the dinner table was that both the Bishop and the Dean will be celebrating 25 years as Priests this year in December, so we might see a double celebration of The Right and The Very Revd. Please continue to pray for Bishop Clarence and Dean Ken Goodger as they share collaboratively in caring for Clergy and People within the Diocese of Wangaratta. Also remember their spouses, Michelle and Stephanie and children, Kian and Kyle and Zoe and Jacob respectively.

# Once a Deacon.....

BY REV HELEN MALCOLM

Once a Deacon, always a Deacon. Priests and Bishops whom I respect and admire have told me how significant becoming a Deacon is in their memory and their ministry. They regularly return to acting as Deacon and serving, rather than presiding, at the Eucharist. Reflecting on recent anniversaries of ordination as deacon, including my own, I revisited what I explored then to find out what it all meant.

The deacon, the servant, who waits on tables, is separated off from those who 'devote [themselves] to prayer and to serving the word.' (Acts 6:4). This is not the priest, who presides, stands up the front, looks important, is seen by the congregation and the world. Nor is it the Bishop - enthroned in the Cathedral.

The deacon is somewhat invisible - even many churchgoers don't know exactly what it is that a Deacon does, seeing it merely as a

step towards being a priest.

The Deacon is the threshold between the world and the church, whereas the priest and bishop are very much in the church. Zabriskie, in a book called "Total Ministry", describes the deacon as a postmaster - bringing in the "mail": which holds the needs, concerns and hopes of the congregation, sorting it out by helping to train some in the congregation for service and response and sending the mail on in dismissal for service.

Two American Anglican liturgists differentiate the ministries of priest, deacon and laity by distinguishing between intensive and extensive liturgy. Intensive liturgy is the church's eucharist, which each week brings together a people living, serving and heralding Christ's reign.

Extensive liturgy is that living, serving and heralding in the world; it is the Christian

mission of God's people in life. This is primarily the task of the laity, coming together each week to share the vision of the eucharist and then going out to represent Christ's church in the world. It is not properly the priests and bishops who are out changing the world. Their task is rather to build up the church and equip the laity so the laity can change the world. The bishop and priest preside at the eucharistic altar of intensive liturgy, while the laity preside at the altar of Christian life in the world - at work, in relationships, in community activity, in public life. By contrast, the deacon is called not to preside anywhere, but to serve, whether the altars for each deacon are primarily in the church or in the world.

Once a Deacon, always a Deacon - always a servant, whether that progresses into service within and to the community, a Parish, a Diocese or beyond. Always a Deacon; always a servant; always empowered and sustained by God.

# Sitting with Prophetic Discomfort

BY REV KASEY HOLYMAN

There's a profound discomfort when we see power protecting power. But, if we're honest, that conflict isn't just that an allegedly horrible thing has happened, but that we don't want to believe that those we place in power would abuse their positions to do horrible things. It's easier for us not to believe, rather than to dismantle the power structures that perpetuate this kind of abuse.

We've watched this very real and deep personal and social conflict unfold within our communities, culminating in responses to the allegations of sexual assault and gender discrimination in political offices. But for many of us, it's watching the same story unfold. It's easier to disregard, shame and minimise the voices of the women's experiences than to believe that a man would ever abuse his position to exploit a woman. No wonder we're sick of it.

What will it take for us to dismantle the structures that protect the powerful and the privileged? The temptation is for us to think that we sit outside the problem, but the response of the church is hardly a part of the solution.

We constantly fall into the trap that we sit on the side of justice when, as a whole, we are not being a part of change, except when it's easier, convenient or doesn't challenge our own worldview. This tends to be the rule, not the exception. And we see this narrative played out time and time again through the gospels, through the bible. It never seems to be the majority that disrupt power structures, it's the crazy, passionate voices who change the world at great personal cost.

Easter should remind us that it was not the power structures, the Pharisees, the Roman government, that changed the world, but a lone

person. The message is repeated so frequently that it can lose meaning to us and change can feel so big, so far away, that it's easier to pretend we're doing better than we are, but Easter, if any time, should remind us that we can change the world, but that change comes at great cost.

What would us being on the side of justice truly look like? It would require us to take the voices of the victim/survivors seriously, to believe those who gain nothing from calling out the actions of those in power. It would require us to demand accountability and change. But it would also mean giving up some of our own power and comfort to allow change to happen and giving platforms to voices that are authentically prophetic in their desire for justice; to make space for Christ to be present and driving change in the world, like he did 2000 years ago on a cross and risen from a tomb.

**PHOTO RIGHT:** Rev Kasey Holyman





# Diocesan Lenten Quiet Day - 'Tiny drops of stillness'

BY REV CANON SCOTT JESSUP

Some reflections from two participants in the recent Diocesan Quiet Day conducted by the Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup at St Stephen's, Rutherglen:

Scott's first address captured the essence of the day – wonder, waiting, silence and attentiveness. The resources drew my attention to the small wonders of God's world – the insects, plants, birds. The music lifted my soul and Ann Lewin's poems drew me to the beauty and the challenge of the present moment – daring me to 'trust the silence', The Rev'd Dr Helen Malcolm, Shepparton.

A Quiet Day! A chance to switch off, no rushing about and the freedom to not have to make conversation with anyone. Shut the world outside the boundary fence. Listen to the air, feel the approaching weather. What will I do here? Will I sit here or will I see what is in the garden? I rescued a grasshopper from a bird bath and it just wanted to stay and stay on my thumb. Wow!, Carol Dunlop, the Parish of Yackandandah/Kiewa.

The day consisted of three addresses 1. Wonder, waiting, silence & attentiveness; 2. Dadirri – a gift to us from the Aboriginal People of the Daly River. Dadirri is an inner, deep listening and quiet; 3. 'Prayer of the Heart' – Christian Meditation. The addresses were interspersed with music, prayer and poetry. Time was available



for reflection in the garden, church or, for the more adventurous, a walk down to Lake King, as participants were encouraged to allow attentiveness to grow into reverence for the complex bits of creation they were invited to look at, namely insects, flowers and birds – and the Creator behind it.



# Thank you Thy Kingdom Come

BY REV DAVID STILL

Thy Kingdom Come is an initiative of the Current Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. It began in 2016 primarily in the United Kingdom for Church of England Parish Communities, as well as those in the Episcopal Church in Scotland and the Church of Wales. From there it has gone around the world and into many Christian traditions.

In 2017 and the following two years the Parish of Benalla joined in with Thy Kingdom Come by offering a range of opportunities and services to enable as many people as possible to join in with the ten days of prayer that is "Thy Kingdom

Come". There were different types of services from what would normally take place, chances for people to share favourite hymns and psalms and why they were important parts of an individual's faith story and also an opportunity for those who wanted to explore something of the Church in a more open environment. It is a great opportunity to invite those on the fringe of a parish or those who are wanting to explore what Church or Christianity is all about.

If your parish is interested in exploring more of what "Thy Kingdom Come" is all about, visit the Thy Kingdom Come website for more information. <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>



# Keeping prayer in the picture

BY REV DAVID KERR

Parishioners at St George's Numurkah swapped their prayer books for paintbrushes at their parish Quiet Day on Saturday March 20th. Rev. David Kerr, from Alpine Parish, facilitated a workshop he calls Pray Painting: Spirituality and Creative Practice.

In addition to his pastoral duties, David is an emerging abstract artist, inspired by the work of Aboriginal painters such as Glenn Loughrey. 'I am fascinated by the practice and methodology of our First Nations artists', says David, 'how their work has evolved from circles in the dirt, much like how Jesus drew in the sand, to producing spiritual

roadmaps of their heritage in paint.' During the workshop, David demonstrated how he paints, sitting on the floor rather than using an easel, connecting lines to form cells on the canvas; a pattern without destination, but growing organically. He says the secret to his style is patience and receptivity, two thematic cornerstones of the

workshop, wherein participants pondered music and scripture, before letting their subconscious loose on the canvas. 'Painting is a form of prayer and prayer isn't just asking God for things. It's about opening oneself to what God has to say, listening, receiving, and acting upon that conversation. Creative practice, such as painting, helps to get us into a receptive, listening posture before God, so that we can process our daily thoughts and experiences'. Numurkah

parishioners produced some really interesting interpretations of the man by the pool from John 5, focusing on the question: do you want to be made well? Though not everyone finished their paintings in the allotted time, David insists that this is a good sign: 'in every little chat with God, there is always more to say'. He hopes to be able to lead more of these workshops in the future.





# World Day of Prayer Observed at Nagambie

BY DIANE GRANT

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative

It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The service is carried out with millions of people attending them on the same day.

The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

On Friday, March 5, Nagambie World Day of Prayer group joined with the worldwide celebration of the international "World Day of Prayer" (WDP) observance, alongside 250 churches just within Victoria alone.

This year the women of

Vanuatu World Day of Prayer committee, was made up of women from member churches in the small country of islands in the South Pacific region.

The Theme was "Build on a strong foundation." The local service was open to members of the local churches and interested folk.

On Friday, March 5. St John's Anglican Church Nagambie hosted the WDP service from 11am co-ordinated by the Nagambie ecumenical WDP committee.

The service consisted of readings, prayers and a hymn of praise; Bible readings and words of inspiration compiled by women from the WDP service committee Vanuatu.

The music and DVD Vanuatu presentation was organised by Sally Fyfield, and the guest speaker for the day was Carol Wallis who had been to Vanuatu for her daughter's wedding. Carol spoke on the

island nation and it was great hearing someone who had been personally there and was able to pass on so much that was interesting and helped our understanding Carol spoke well on the theme for the day "Building on a strong foundation."

An offering was donated by all present and it will be used by the ladies of the Bible Society to support the women of Vanuatu in trauma, domestic violence or in any need.

At the conclusion of the service, the St John's parish priest Rev Richard Pennington commissioned St Malachy's Catholic Church to host the 2022 WDP service which will take in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Those who attended knew that around the world, on the same day, the traditional international hymn "the day you gave us, Lord has ended" completed the 2021 World Day of Prayer service as it did in Nagambie.



# Wangaratta West Pilgrimage

BY REV DAVID STILL

On the 20 March, the Parish of Wangaratta West and the Warbys held its first Parish Pilgrimage. This involved Morning Prayer at St George's, Taminick; a Eucharist at St Paul's, Glenrowan and a final Eucharist at St Michael's, Wangaratta West. In between each of these services, members of the Parish walked between each centre, beginning with an eight kilometre walk from Taminick to Glenrowan. This took around an hour and forty minutes. We were welcomed with lunch and a drink and the opportunity to put feet up for a bit before Mass.

The next step was more challenging, with a near seventeen kilometre walk from Glenrowan to St Michael's in Western Wangaratta. This took a little over three hours for those who went all the way. Nearly all who had participated in the day finished off with pizza and a chance to reflect on what had been a very rewarding day. The idea for the pilgrimage came from an old tradition of beating the Parish bounds, where the boundary of the parish would be walked around by the parish priest. This of course came from England, where parish boundaries are a bit smaller than what we are used to here.

There was a great opportunity for prayer at each of the churches in the parish reflection around why pilgrimage was important and lots of opportunities for conversation and enjoying each other's company. This is something that we will do again as a part of Lent in the coming years.



PHOTO ABOVE: International World Day of Prayer group that gathered at St John's Anglican Church for the 2021 service on Friday, March 5.

# Daily Prayer

BY REV HELEN MALCOLM

The following was on my desk calendar on 1st January this year. It's a quote from Dag Hammarskjöld, one-time Secretary-General of the United Nations. He was Christian by faith, but many of his writings echo other religious traditions. I read this as not simply a prayer - but as an imperative.

Each day the first day:  
each day a life.  
Each morning we must hold out the chalice of our being  
to receive, to carry and give back.  
It must be held out empty - for the past must only be reflected in its polish,  
its shape, its capacity.

This invites us, every morning, to consciously leave behind everything from the past that is not helpful on our forward journey - regrets, mistakes, sins, all the times we haven't gone the extra mile for God, when we've hurt or neglected people, but also times when people have hurt

or neglected us, even our 'successes' and highlights. We're invited to take into the future only the useful things - our God-given gifts, love, a longing to do God's will, the valuable lessons and skills learned by experience.

And I find I can't say it without actions..... holding out cupped hands, drawing them back to my heart, spreading them wide again. Turning my outstretched hands over to empty, facing outwards to reflect, to outline a shape, then held out cupped once again - a sign of my readiness and capacity to receive - from God.





# Commissioning of Nick Jones - fifth Principal of Cathedral College

BY KELLIE CAIRNCROSS

The Commissioning of Nick Jones as the 5th Principal of Cathedral College Wangaratta by The Right Reverend Clarence E Bester Bishop of Wangaratta took place in The College Stadium at 11.30 am on March 22, 2021. The Commissioning ceremony was postponed due to COVID-19 in 2020 and whilst Nick has been fulfilling his role as Principal for the past year, it was wonderful to gather to honour the commitment and responsibility bestowed upon Nick and formalise his Principalship at Cathedral College Wangaratta.

It was a wonderful ceremony, rich in symbolism and ritual. In attendance were The College Captains, House Captains and Executive; The College Chaplains, The Reverend Canon David Jones and Mrs Cathy Carden; The Chair of College Council, Ms

Victoria Mallinder; The CEO of the ASC, The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM; The Bishop of Wangaratta, The Right Reverend Clarence E Bester; Uncle Darren from the Bpangerang People; distinguished guests, including Mr Justin Beckett, Principal of Trinity Anglican College; Mr Keith Willett, Principal of Cobram Anglican Grammar; board members of The College Council; representatives of the College's Parents and Friends Association; students from Years Four, Seven and Eleven; staff members and members of Mr Jones's family who travelled from Perth and Adelaide.

This warm, inclusive and symbolic service is a significant event in The College's history. As part of the ceremony, Nick was welcomed by various members of The College community, including representatives of the teaching, administrative and maintenance staff,

Ms Michelle Lloyd, Mrs Vicki Roberts and Mr Steven Brown. These representatives welcomed Nick and asked him to lead and inspire the College Community to which Nick pledged that he would 'lead and inspire The College in the work of teaching, administration and care for the people and the fabric of this community'.

**PHOTO TOP RIGHT:** Victoria Mallinder, Bishop Clarence, Nick Jones and The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Bishop Clarence and Nick Jones



# A New Era and Direction for Cobram AGS

BY JORDAN

It was a special day at Cobram Anglican Grammar School last Tuesday 23rd March with the Commissioning of Mr Keith Willett by The Right Reverend Clarence E Bester - Bishop of Wangaratta who was supported by The Reverend Victor Adams of the Anglican Parish of Cobram.

The school was thrilled to warmly welcome many distinguished guests to the campus, in particular, The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM, CEO of the Anglican Schools Commission who has been able to travel interstate again from Perth.

The service, held at the School's Performing Arts Centre was attended by the School Council, Executive staff and representatives of St Margaret's Anglican Parish. A special group of students and school leaders were in attendance at the ceremony, as were ASC colleagues from Trinity College Albury, Mr Justin Beckett and Mr Nick Jones from Cathedral College Wangaratta.

Mr Willett, in his speech, said he "was humbled and privileged to be Cobram Anglican Grammar School's 5th principal, and was very conscious of the honour and responsibility conferred on being commissioned to lead this remarkable School."

When asked about the significance of a Commissioning service, Keith reiterated that, whilst it was about his own inauguration, it was most importantly about the school community.

"Being part of our school community means that we are supportive of one another and must always remember that, as a unified collective, we are much more powerful than working on our own" said Keith.

Keith grew up on a farm just outside of Yarrowonga and started his teaching career in the regional town of Rushworth. The staff, students and families of Cobram AGS are delighted to be welcoming Keith into the local community.

With a teaching

background in English, Physical Education and Humanities, Keith has worked in many different areas in education, already demonstrating in recent months, one of his greatest strengths – the tremendous rapport he establishes with both the staff and students.

Keith has had teaching roles in various schools across Victoria and was more recently the Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School at Cathedral College Wangaratta. His experiences in Wangaratta make Keith the ideal acquisition for the growing and emerging school as it has moved beyond 400 enrolments for the first time in its 21 year history.

Keith's glowing resume and extensive experience in Education certainly speak for themselves. Our school is fortunate to be able to take advantage of Keith's ideology, determination and vision in leading Cobram AGS into the future. We are truly delighted to welcome him, his wife Carolyn and family to the Cobram Anglican Grammar School family.

# Lent at Cobram Anglican Grammar School

BY SHEA DOYLE

During Lent at Cobram Anglican Grammar School, we are encouraged to renew our commitment to living our lives in a way that reflects the life of Jesus. We are called to look at the world through a lens that enables compassion, empathy and love. "Showing up" by being present in the moment and giving our full and undivided attention to the needs of others allows us this opportunity. This Lent, the students in our Year 9/10 elective pathway Service Unit are relishing time spent with students from the Cobram District Specialist School. They plan and implement a variety of activities aimed at building friendships and breaking down the misconceptions people

might have about young people with specific learning needs. I'm proud of the way our students are "showing up" to these sessions. The smiles on the faces of their buddies from CDSS are proof of the commitment of our students to put the needs of others before themselves.

*Lord,  
Give me a heart like the heart of Jesus,  
a heart more ready to serve than be served,  
a heart moved by compassion towards the weak and oppressed,  
a heart ready to choose understanding over judgement,  
a heart filled with your grace.  
Amen.*





# Bishop's Lodge Gardening Party

BY REV CANON SCOTT JESSUP

'The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed ... to till and keep it ... And the Lord God walked in the garden at the time of the evening breeze' (from Genesis 2&3). Gardens are a recurring feature in the Bible. Whether in Genesis, the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah or in the Gospels, gardens play a prominent role in God's plans. It even starts in one!

Our Bishop and his family have now taken up residence in the Bishop's Lodge and are keen to rejuvenate and enhance the garden. Not only does it provide a space of beauty and reflection for the Bishop's family and the wider Diocesan family, it also is a prominent feature of Wangaratta, appearing on walks brochures produced by the Rural City of Wangaratta. The garden has a good structure – mature trees, an agapanthus and shrub border, a couple of ponds, a Wisteria arbour, and some lawn areas.

Last month a small team of volunteers from a few parishes came together to make a start on the garden guided by me. They worked hard to: define the garden beds with a spade edge, remove suckers from the base of the Olive trees, remove palm seedlings and straighten brick garden edging, removed Agapanthus seed heads, clean the fountain, and remove some of the ornamental grapevine that had smothered the shrubs. It was wonderful to watch the young and 'not so young' working side by side in the garden. It was not all hard work – we enjoyed good food and fellowship (breakfast, the Rev'd David Still's famous scones with jam and cream and a BBQ lunch cooked for us by Bishop Clarence).

If you are interested in taking part in a garden working bee at the Lodge (held on a Saturday morning), please contact: Scott Jessup on 0418254158, or email: s.jessup@hotmail.com

Perhaps you could provide cuttings or plants to enhance the garden? At the moment we are looking for cuttings or plants of: Sedum 'Autumn Joy', Cotyledon, other succulents and Aloes.



And plants: Salvia, Kniphofia (orange, yellow or red), Phlomis (Jerusalem Sage), Aster (Easter Daisy – any variety), Geraniums and Pelargoniums, Achillea (yarrow – any colour), Rudbeckia (Coneflowers), Euphorbia rigida, Euphorbia myrsinites, Aquilegia (Columbines or Granny's Bonnets), New Zealand Rock Lily, Bergenia

(Elephant's Ears) and Abutilon sp. (Chinese Lanterns). Please contact Scott if you can provide any of these. Alternatively a gift voucher from Park Lane Nursery, Wangaratta (95 Park Lane – ph: 0357216955) or 'The Out of Town Nursery & Humming Garden' (980 Beechworth-Chiltern Rd, Beechworth - ph: 0357261554) would assist.

## Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFÖRD



Fifty days after the Passover comes the "Feast of Weeks". A week of weeks has passed since the great celebration of God's action of setting the Children of the Hebrews free from slavery in Egypt. This was the day when the first fruits of the corn harvest were offered, and it came in later times also to commemorate the giving of the Law to Moses. When our Lord was walking around in Galilee and in Judaea it was more than three centuries since Alexander the Great had conquered the region and had introduced Greek as the administrative language. This meant that the feast also became known by its Greek designation of "Pentecost" — the fiftieth day. So as the events of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection had happened in association with the Passover the Jewish Feast of Pentecost occurred ten days or thereabouts after the Day of Ascension of our Lord.

From the earliest of times Christians have kept a week of weeks of immense celebration on and following the celebration of the resurrection — fifty days of celebration in which there are no fasts. Strict fasting during Lent, especially in Australia, disappeared a very long time ago so it may seem in that respect that little changes from Lent to Easter in our ordinary daily lives. Our diets do not change except that, perhaps, there is a little too much chocolate in the immediate aftermath of Easter. We do not have seven weeks of eating and drinking all the wonderful rich food that was not around during the six and a half weeks of Lent. February and March drift into April and May. We need to begin to wear warmer clothing and if you are not interested in football little else changes.

In contemporary Australia Christians do not stand out for their celebrations over the seven weeks from Easter to Whitsunday. The seasons of Christmas and Easter were traditionally great times of merry making — Shakespeare wrote Twelfth Night for the culmination of the season of Christmas. It is increasingly the case that C of E is no longer shorthand for Christmas and Easter. The celebration of our great festivals is now something for those of us for whom it is not unusual to regularly be involved in Church worship all year through. Probably this means that we have to think about how we make it obvious that Easter and its fifty days are much more than ordinary.

So, what have we got? Easter follows the autumn equinox. In my experience this is a truly wonderful season — cool nights and relatively warm days. The gold miners and early European settlers of the mountain valleys introduced a wide range of trees and that now means that these places are flooded with colour in the season of Easter. This is the time of year that we should be rejoicing in the abundance of what has been produced through the spring and summer — harvests are in, fruit and vegetables are going into store, vintage is complete, perhaps the barley is malted and ready for brewing and the local pastures have brought forth livestock, milk and cheese to gladden the hearts of all. We are in the equivalent time that is September and October in Europe and North America — times of festivals and celebrations that culminate in Halloween and All Saints' Day.

We have what it takes and we have the greatest reason for celebration that is possible. In fact, if we stop to think about it, the reason that we celebrate is that the truly impossible has happened. We celebrate the fact that our Lord, Jesus Christ, is risen from the dead. In the evening of Good Friday Jesus was so dead that he was buried. The grave was closed and guarded through the very holy Sabbath that followed. In the early dawn of Sunday, a series of encounters took place that revealed that this Jesus, who was dead, was now alive. It was as if he were more alive now than he had been before he was killed. God has changed the world forever. You can hear the sermons for seven weeks as this transformation is proclaimed.

Celebration takes a great deal of planning — ask anybody who has planned a wedding. We have the wherewithal so let us keep the feast. Christ is risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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# Mothering Sunday Celebrated by Central Goulburn Parish

BY DIANE GRANT

St John's Nagambie MU members Di Grant and Marlene Brew arranged over 40 posies for March 14th Mothering Sunday service.

Some Christ Church folk made posies for the ladies at church there.

Simmnel cake was made by MU members Mary

Greenshields of Seymour and Jenny Moran of Avenel. This was distributed between the parish folk of the three centres.

The posies and cake were blessed by Rev Richard Pennington to celebrate Mothering Sunday and keep up this church tradition in honor of Mother Church and mothers.

Over 30 posies were delivered to the ladies of the Nagambie Lakeview Lodge hostel. This has been a tradition for many years and the hostel folk love being remembered.

**PHOTO BELOW:** MU member Marlene Brew with some of the posies made for St John's Nagambie and Lakeview Lodge hostel folk.



# Trinity College offers first & only unit on Anglican church law and governance.

In July 2021, Trinity College Theological School, a college of the University of Divinity, will be offering Australia's first unit that covers Anglican church law and governance.

The intensive unit will be taught over five days, separated into two, 2.5-day sessions, at Trinity's Parkville campus in Melbourne.

The unit is designed for anyone interested in church law and governance, including Australian Anglican clergy members and parish officers, including bishops, chancellors, advocates and registrars.

"We're incredibly excited to be offering this new unit, which covers important topics that apply to the governance of the contemporary church," said Dean of Trinity College Theological School the Revd Canon Dr Bob Derrenbacker. "Participants will come away with a thorough understanding of Anglican church law, in both a theoretical and a practical sense."

Topics will include theological understandings of the church and law in the New Testament and early church; the status, role and responsibilities of the clergy; canon law of the Church of England and Anglican Church of Australia; law and governance of dioceses, provinces and the Australian national church; and governance of parishes.

The unit will be taught by bishops, diocesan chancellors and theologians, led by Prof the Hon Clyde Croft AM, SC. Distinguished teachers include Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, Garth Blake, Judge Elizabeth Brimer QC, the Hon Keith Mason, Michael Shand, Rachel Ellyard and Dr Robert Tong, among other experts.

"We are honoured to have a reputable cohort of guest lecturers teaching this unit, who are leaders in their field and have exceptional knowledge and credentials. I don't know of any other arena where people have the opportunity to gain insights from such a respected group in such a short space of time," said

the Revd Derrenbacker.

The Anglican Church Law and Governance intensive can be taken for credit or audited as a single unit, or as a unit within the Graduate Certificate of Divinity, specialising in Advanced Church Leadership.

#### Dates:

Session one: 1–3 July (Thursday–Saturday) 2021  
Session two: 22–24 July (Thursday–Saturday) 2021 (Note: This unit will not be available online.)

#### Cost:

The registration fee if this unit is taken alone for audit is \$400. Those interested in taking Anglican Church Law and Governance for credit should contact the Trinity College Theological School at [tcts@trinity.edu.au](mailto:tcts@trinity.edu.au)

#### Location:

Trinity College Theological School, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville (Melbourne) VIC 3052

#### Registration:

Visit [trinity.edu.au/church-law](http://trinity.edu.au/church-law) for more details and to register.

## Safe Church Awareness Workshops

### Diocese of Wangaratta

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta

St John's, Wodonga

St Luke's, Yea

Saturday 1 May 2021

From 9.00 am at each site

#### Enquiries

Contact David Still for a **Registration Form** through [safechurch@wangaratta-anglican.org.au](mailto:safechurch@wangaratta-anglican.org.au)

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**These workshops are for individuals who have not completed a Safe Church Awareness Workshop previously.**

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)



# REGULAR PARISH SERVICE TIMES

## HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

	<b>Sunday</b> 8.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am Sung Eucharist	<b>Wednesday</b> 10.00am Eucharist	<b>Saturday</b> 6.00pm Saturday @ 6	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Daily at 9.00am (except Sunday)	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Daily at 5.00pm
<b>ALBURY</b>	<b>St Matthew's, Albury</b> Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10.30am Children's Church (3rd Sunday every month) 5pm Evensong (1st Sunday of every month)	<b>All Saints Corryong</b> Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday 9.30am Morning Prayer 2nd & 4th Sundays 9:30am <b>Holy Trinity Cudgewa</b> Holy Communion 3rd Sunday 11:30am <b>Biggara</b> Holy Communion 1st Sunday 2pm (Biggara Hall)	<b>St. Mark's North Albury</b> Wednesday 9.30am Sunday 8.30am Sunday 10am <b>St. James' Lavington</b> Thursday 10am <b>St. Paul's Jindera</b> Sunday 5pm	<b>St Aidan's Tawonga</b> 2nd & 4th Sunday 4.30pm HC	
<b>ALEXANDRA</b>	<b>St John's, Alexandra</b> Please contact Parish for service times	<b>St Paul's Euroa</b> Sunday, 9.30am Holy Communion Wednesday Eucharist 10am First Thursday of the month: 10.30am Anglican Prayer Service and Holy Communion at Granite Hill <b>St Andrew's Longwood</b> Sunday (1st, 3rd & 5th) 8am Holy Communion <b>St Dunstan's Violet Town</b> Sunday (2nd & 4th) 11.30am Holy Communion Third Thursday of the month: 10am Anglican Prayer Services and Holy Communion at Violet Town Bush Nursing Home	<b>St George's Numurkah</b> Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist <b>Holy Trinity Nathalia</b> Sunday 8.00am Eucharist <b>St Paul's Wakiti Creek</b> 1st Sunday 1.30pm Holy Communion	<b>All Saints Moyhu</b> 1st Sunday 9.30am Eucharist <b>Holy Trinity Whitfield</b> 3rd Sunday 11am Eucharist <b>Christ Church Greta</b> 3rd Sunday 9am Eucharist	
<b>ALPINE</b>	<b>All Saints, Bright</b> Sunday 11am Eucharist <b>St Paul's Myrtleford</b> Sunday 9.15am Eucharist Wednesday 11am Eucharist <b>St John's Whorouly</b> Sunday 11am Eucharist <b>St Etheldreda's Harrierville</b> Sunday 9am Eucharist	<b>Christ Church Beechworth</b> Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist Tuesdays 4.30pm Hour of Silent Prayer Wednesdays 10am Midweek Eucharist 5th Sunday <b>St Jude's Eldorado</b> Sundays 11am 1st & 3rd Sundays Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays Morning Prayer.	<b>St Stephen's Rutherglen</b> Sunday 8.45am Eucharist Thursday 9.00am Eucharist (M.U. on 2nd) <b>All Soul's Barnawartha</b> 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.45am Eucharist <b>Browns Plains</b> 3rd Sunday 7.45am Kids Church during Term 5th Sun 10.45am <b>St Paul's Chiltern</b> 1st & 3rd Sunday 10.45am Eucharist Wednesday 9.00am Eucharist <b>Christ the King Wahgunyah</b> 4th Saturday 6pm Eucharist	<b>St Michael's Wangaratta West</b> Sunday 9.30am Tuesday 10am <b>St Paul's Glenrowan</b> Sunday 11am <b>St George's Taminick</b> 1st & 3rd Sunday 8am	
<b>BEECHWORTH</b>	<b>Holy Trinity, Benalla</b> Sunday 10am Eucharist followed by morning tea. Thursday 11am Eucharist <b>St Aidan's Swanpool</b> 2nd & 4th Sundays 11.15 am Eucharist followed by morning tea	<b>Christ Church Kilmore</b> Sunday 9am Sung Eucharist <b>St Matthew's Broadford</b> Holy Eucharist every 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am 2nd Sunday Morning Prayer at 11.00am Thursdays 10.00am Holy Eucharist 10.00am <b>St Stephen's Tallarook</b> 2nd & 4th Sundays Holy Eucharist 11.00am 1st & 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer 11.00am <b>Church of the Transfiguration Pyalong</b> No Services until Further Notice	<b>St Augustine's Shepparton</b> Sunday: Eucharist 9.30am Wednesday: Eucharist 10am <b>Dookie</b> 2nd Sunday: 9.30am: Anglican Eucharist celebrated at the Uniting Church. <b>Christ Church Murchison</b> Sunday 11am: Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays; Morning Prayer 2nd Sunday 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service. <b>St. Paul's Rushworth</b> Sunday : 9am: Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays; Morning Prayer 2nd Sunday 5th Sunday combined Murchison/Rushworth service.	<b>St John's Wodonga</b> Saturday 5pm Vigil Eucharist Sunday 9.30am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10am Eucharist <b>Emmanuel</b> 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am Sung Eucharist	
<b>BENALLA</b>	<b>Christ Church Seymour</b> Sunday 9am Wednesday 10am 5.00 pm 3rd Saturday of the month <b>St. John's Nagambie</b> Sunday 11am <b>St. Paul's Avenel</b> 10am 5th Sunday of the month 5.00 pm 1st Saturday of the month	<b>St John's Mansfield</b> Sunday 9.30am Holy Communion Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion Friday 12 noon Meditation <b>Christ Church Bonnie Doon</b> 2nd Sunday 4pm Anglican Church Service 4th Sunday 4pm Uniting Church Service <b>St Peter's Jamieson</b> 1st Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion	<b>Christ Church Marysville</b> 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday 10.00am <b>St Thomas Buxton</b> 2nd and 4th Sunday 10.00am	<b>Holy Trinity Yackandandah</b> 1st & 3rd Sundays MP 2nd & 4th Sunday 10.30am HC <b>St Mark's Tangambalanga</b> 1st Sunday 10.30am HC 3rd Sunday 10.30am HC <b>St Paul's Allan's Flat</b> 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 am HC <b>St Andrew's Dederang</b> 2nd & 4th Sunday 1.30 pm HC	
<b>CENTRAL GOULBURN</b>	<b>St Margaret's Cobram</b> St. Margaret's - 9.30am Messy Church - 3rd Sunday at 3pm Evensong - 4th Sunday at 4pm Wednesday Eucharist - 10am	<b>St Paul's Milawa</b> Please contact Parish for service times	<b>Christ Church Tallangatta</b> All Sundays 9 am HC	<b>St Cuthbert's Yarrawonga</b> Sunday 7am Eucharist 10am Sung Eucharist Wednesday 10am <b>St Thomas' St James</b> 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8.30am Eucharist	
<b>COBRAM</b>				<b>St Luke's Yea</b> Sunday 9.30 am Eucharist For Mid-week Morning Prayer & Evening Prayer times please contact the Parish <b>Christ Church Molesworth</b> Sunday Service on 3 occasions pa - for dates & times please contact the parish	

*Wishing all of the Mothers across the Diocese a Mothers' Day full of love and happiness*

*Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all'*  
Proverbs 31:28-29



# People and Parishes

St. Margaret's Cobram celebrated Australia day in colour and style, notwithstanding the covid19 restrictions



The new Dean of Griffith, Rev Thomas Leslie, flanked by the 9th and 11th Bishops of Wangaratta and the inducting Bishop Donald Kirk



World Day of Prayer speaker Carol Wallis at St John's church Nagambie with her bougainvillea branch that reminded her of Vanuatu where she visited some years ago.



St. Paul's Wakiti Creek starts Lent at the beautiful cross outside the Church, that has been planted by Doug Warshenhoff.



Felicity, Dianne & Lorraine, from the Alpine Parish, at the Bright "Make-it, Bake-it, Grow-it" market.