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WALK

in the Way of Christ

Our Mission is to:

Worship God through welcoming, creative and inclusive liturgy, prayer and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone.

Adopt appropriate training and skills development programs to equip all laity and clergy.

Liaise, connect and interact with parishes, people and agencies throughout the Diocese and the wider community.

Kindle and grow our love and care for, and connection with, our environment and all people regardless of circumstances.



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Diocese of Wangaratta Ministry Action Plan



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Key Priority	Elements - What	Implementation - How
<i>Invigorating & initiating training for clergy and laity</i>	Formulating & implementing best practice training for clergy and laity to enable invigorated parish ministry and outreach.	Develop position descriptions for clergy/laity. Organise regular trainings at parish/deanery/Diocesan level.
<i>Prayer and Spirituality</i>	Ongoing spiritual nourishment of parishioners to empower them to enable the voice of Christ and the Church to be heard more widely.	Monthly Prayer Diary, Diocesan Prayer Focus Diocesan/Parish Quiet Days/Retreats.
<i>Communication: Diocesan/ Parish/other organisations</i>	<p>Including remote parishes in strategy.</p> <p>Partnerships with other Christian/community organisations.</p> <p>Transparency in communicating Diocesan financial and operational activities.</p> <p>Cathedral connection.</p>	<p>Set up focus groups on issues to support each other to achieve our goals. Explore and develop pathways of communication to reach all members of the Diocese. Use of social media in all forms: websites, newsletters etc. Zoom services/meetings (less travel).</p> <p>Develop and foster partnerships across Diocese and beyond with other organisations through regular communication.</p> <p>Assess parishes' needs for training in financial/other management and implement.</p> <p>Special events at Holy Trinity Cathedral to encourage parishes to participate in Diocesan events.</p>
<i>Engaging with people of all ages to encourage greater participation.</i>	<p>Producing/accessing liturgy and events/activities appropriate to different groups.</p> <p>Focussing on young families/youth.</p> <p>Resources and training for engagement across all generations by clergy and laity.</p>	<p>Engage with Schools; technology; flexibility/creativity in worship; events: music/books/concerts.</p> <p>Consider funding for Diocesan youth engagement coordinator.</p> <p>Resources manual; Messy Church.</p>
<i>Social justice/environment</i>	<p>Caring for creation.</p> <p>Addressing Gender Based Violence.</p> <p>Promoting Reconciliation.</p> <p>Acceptance and Celebration of Diversity.</p>	<p>Liturgies/Activities for Seasons of Creation. Celebration of sentinel days eg . Environment Day.</p> <p>Explore issues that sit behind GBV through guest speakers/ workshops. Access Resources that address prevention of poor behaviours.</p> <p>Conversations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about their spirituality.</p> <p>Liturgy that reminds us of and celebrates our diversity.</p>

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DIOCESAN CALENDAR

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

21st

Ministry Conference - save the date, more information to come. **POSTPONED**

5th

Season of Creation - 5th September - 3rd October

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Bishop's Chapel Service

BY REV CANON SCOTT JESSUP

A small group gathers each Tuesday morning with the Bishop at his Chapel in Bishop's Lodge (Cusack Street, Wangaratta). We begin at 8:40am with the Office of Morning Prayer, followed by the Eucharist at 9:00am. We then enjoy tea

and good coffee and a time of fellowship. You are most welcome to join us.

During these Covid times please phone or text the Bishop's Chaplain (0418254158) if you intend to come to ensure that we adhere to the social distancing requirements.



Faith, Hope & Love

Spring Diocesan Quiet Day
 Saturday 4th September
 10:00am – 2:00pm

Bishop's Lodge, Cusack St, Wangaratta
 Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided.

Bookings (by 30th August): Scott 0418254158;
 email: chaplain@wangaratta-anglican.org.au



from the Bishop

Dear People and Friends of the Diocese

Winter to Spring

Winter hibernation to life giving Spring once again puts us in awe of Creation and God's creative design with these seasonal changes. It is exciting to be experiencing these joyous moments, these transformational changes, even in the midst of what seems to be gloomy and weary, through to the possibility of light and enthusiasm. It is through the winter rains preceded by the autumn falls that nurture this new growth and life that Spring brings about. I am looking forward to witnessing the blossoming of new flowers, new leaves, the sound of birds and the fresh smell of newness and renewal.

Season of Creation

One of the five marks of mission is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Over the past three years we have designated a Sunday in September as 'Creation Sunday' but, as mentioned at Synod, our Diocese will be embarking on a four-to-five-week program during September until the first week in October termed the 'Season of Creation'. This is the second step in our Ministry Action Plan and what a wonderful way for us to engage in one of those areas which were not high on the priority list of our Synod discussion. By courtesy of Green Anglicans and The Rev'd Dr Rachel Mash, a former colleague and Priest within the Anglican Church of South Africa, we will be using resources they have made available to the Worldwide Anglican Communion. Please see details elsewhere in this Advocate and be sure to be refreshed by Creative Liturgical Resources that will be used with very contextual hymns to well known tunes.

Ministry Action Plans (MAPs)

Since before and after Synod, a team of clergy and laity have been meeting regularly to navigate the next steps in our Ministry Action Planning as a Diocese and as individual Parishes. I have had the privilege of having conversations with 22 Parish Councils and hope that we will be able to put into action our various intentions. Understanding that our programs are often interrupted with Covid snap lockdowns, we are still excited about bringing to fruition all that which we have set out for ourselves over the next five years, God willing. To date we have provided a monthly 'daily prayer' focus, as well as a set of prayers for gatherings when that is possible. We have also agreed on a vision statement - which I hope you have noticed on the front page - and have finalised our acronym for our mission statement which will be the actioning of our vision.

I do hope that we, as clergy and people of the Diocese, are still excited about the 'God of Possibilities' and that which can come to fruition when we engage as God's people to bring about very effective ministry structures though our desired plans, hopes and aims, which Parish Councils have shared with me through intentional conversations. Please use the resources to the best of your ability and let us work together as a Diocese to make these things happen. The 'them and us' syndrome, 'the Diocese and Us', should not be part of our vocabulary; as I have clearly pointed out in my Synod Charge, the Parishes, parishioners, all of us are what makes up the Diocese.

Covid-19 Challenges & Snap Lockdowns

It is almost inevitable that, until most of the population is vaccinated, the challenges of Covid and snap lockdowns will remain a reality within our society. No roadmap will prevail against the severity of the Delta strain unless we have achieved the maximum vaccination rate. This could mean that we will have to be ready within a few hours for restrictions being re-implemented. As these uncertain times continue, we need to continue doing what we can do when we are able to do it and just be ready for any change to our situation.

It is wonderful to have zoom Diocesan connections when these lockdowns happen, but I am also aware of the need for smaller communities to gather, so I suggest that we get organized within our own contexts to offer these services for the local community and only move to the Diocesan Services when necessary, as arranged. I am, however, grateful for the wonderful response from so many of our parishioners in their desire to worship together. We hope to have two Diocesan Services this year at two of our oldest Churches, which will provide that opportunity of togetherness - information will be shared in due course.

Advocate Newspaper

As we have been challenged by Covid-19 but also for a very long time struggling to keep the Advocate Newspaper newsworthy, moving from monthly to bi-monthly, we will move to quarterly editions as from December. We hope this will be better planned and supported. The idea is to connect it to the seasons, Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring. I have written about this quite a few times and even mentioned it at Synod. We will of course keep on communicating through our Website, Facebook Page and regular email communication.

Every Blessing,

+ Clarence



News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

Mary Greenshields has sent this summary of the recent Mothers' Union meeting of Zone C.

The Provincial Council for Zone C recently met via Zoom and we were given a very good summary of recent events. Below are a few of the facts and ideas that were discussed.

"Mrs Sherryn Harper who has been re-elected as Worldwide Present, has spoken at a Multi Faith Conference in Rome.

The Trustee for Zone C to take over from the Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman is Pamela Amana from Melanesia.

Bev Julien, from Mary Sumner House, gave an excellent summary of their current position and the work they are doing.

Zone C was thanked for the support it gives to the whole movement. Australia was mentioned for their generosity in giving funds over the years. Australia is the most generous benefactor to MU outside of Britain and Ireland.

The 2020 appeal made a huge difference to their ability to continue at Mary Sumner House. Things are not as desperate as they were but the earliest they will be able to take guests will be August. Staff numbers at Mary Sumner House have been reduced from 40 to 25.

We have been asked to make a two minute film of ourselves whilst we are doing our activities. This could then be sent to Mary Sumner House. Last year 1.6 million people were helped by MU either personally or with money. Uganda was mentioned where a lot of work has been concentrated on helping young girls who had suffered from gender violence. There were over 9,000 unwanted pregnancies.

Midday prayers have been another way we have been able to join together. We were all encouraged to continue with these.

In the future, we can hopefully capture the spirit and strength which members have shown during the last twelve months so that we can create a new normal to continue into the future."

Mrs Pamela Amana is Provincial President of Mothers' Union Members in the Pacific Islands. The centenary of Mothers' Union was celebrated during a service in the Anglican Church of Melanesia in November 2019. The MU members of the Solomon Islands run a Positive Parenting Program which is empowering parents to raise healthy, happy children in a positive family life.

National Gathering to discuss the Response to Family Violence Project

BY DR JANE FREEMANTLE

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th of August members of the Anglican communion came together 'on-line' for a working conference to consider a national response to domestic and family violence. The aims of this working conference were to consider the National Anglican Family Violence Research Report, to hear reports of initiatives from others around the nation who are working in this space, consider where there might be gaps and/or opportunities for improvement in the document '10 commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia', and consider together the next steps in the prevention of and response to, domestic and family violence.

The 33 delegates to the conference represented Dioceses in the Anglican Communion of Australia, from the Diocese of Willochra to the Diocese of Tasmania and many Dioceses beyond and between. The delegates were welcomed by the Primate, the Most Reverend Geoff Smith; the Metropolitan of Victoria, the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier; the Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell and the Convenor of the Family Violence Working Group, the Reverend Tracy Lauersen. The Reverend Helen Dwyer set the tone for the conference with a powerful Acknowledgement of Country.

The first day included a comprehensive presentation from the researchers who led the National Anglican Family Violence Project: Dr Ruth Powell and Dr Miriam Pepper. They took us through

the methodology and results of three independent studies that made up the integrated report: Prevalence Study, Clergy and Lay Leader Study, and Experience Study. After each presentation, delegates were placed into groups in breakout 'rooms' to consider the following three questions: 'What surprised you?' 'What are the implications for your Diocese?' 'What else do we need to do or to know progress the outcomes of this research?.'

Day two provided us with the National Perspective with presentations from the Hon. Amanda Stoker (Assistant Minister for Women), Greta Doherty and Alex Whiteford (Family Safe Policy Branch, Department of Social Services) the latter spoke on the Commonwealth Government's National Plan to Reduce violence against Women and Children, and Patty Kinnersly (Chief Executive Officer, Our Watch). Of great benefit was the pre-lunch session that discussed elements of promising practice. This was led by Robyn Boosey Manager of the Diocesan Prevention of Violence Against Women Program. A spotlight was shone on a couple of innovative and successful programs with informative presentations from the Venerable Kara Hartley, Sydney Diocese and the Reverend Gillian Moses from the Diocese of Southern Queensland.

The conference concluded with a focus on the '10 Commitments for Preventing and Responding to Domestic and Family Violence'. It is important for us all to be aware of the '10 Commitments for Preventing and Responding to Domestic and Family Violence'. These 10 Commitments were developed

by the Family Violence Working Group as part of a brief from General Synod to develop a best practice model framework for responding well to situations involving family violence within our parishes and organisations. The conference delegates discussed the commitments and the strategies promulgated by the Working Group to enable each of the commitments.

This consideration of these commitments and approaches to the prevention of Family Violence is of vital importance to all in the Diocese of Wangaratta and initiatives are being planned to consider and address the findings of the National Anglican Family Violence Research Report. As outlined in the document Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia authored by the General Synod Family Violence Working Group: 'We start with lament so that we face honestly the problem of violence in our church. As our whole church responds, with members and leaders working together, we start the long work of change'. I would also refer you to an excellent article in the Gippsland Anglican Newspaper Volume 118, Number 6, July 2021 written by Sally Woollett: Ten Commitments: Anglican Church maps intimate partner violence.

There is so much to do in this space and the Bishop and the members of the 2021 Synod have signalled the Diocesan intention to more closely focus on this important issue through the Key Priority 'Social Justice/ environment in the Diocesan Ministry Action Plan. Further information will continue to be communicated back to members of the Diocese.

Thought Patterns

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Christ Church Kilmore, finally completed after 160 years

BY CAROLINE BURGE

Christ Church Kilmore is known to be the oldest inland church in Victoria, with the Parish of Kilmore being the fourth to be established after Portland, Melbourne and Geelong.

On the 17th February, 1850, the first Incumbent of the parish, Rev Singleton opened the first school in Kilmore in the purpose-built School House building. With the priest riding on horseback, communion services were held regularly at outlying homesteads.

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

Over many years, parishioners planned and held fundraisers to complete the tower of the church. These never came to fruition due to the huge costs and the likelihood that the main wall might not be strong enough to take a huge bluestone tower. The closest a tower came to being built was in 1989 when the Parish Council and Rector of the time, Rev Anthony Burge, engaged an Architect to build a glass tower to complete the church. Once again there was major fundraising. Sadly parish funds didn't allow this to go ahead.

Moving on nearly 30 years, a plan went ahead to build a new entrance to Christ Church, and more than 160 years after the first service, this has now been completed. Celebrations to give thanks for the final completion of the building took place on Sunday 15th August, with Bishop Clarence Bester coming to the parish to bless the new entrance.

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The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it
(Psalm 24.1)

Celebrating the Season of Creation

BY THE RT REV'D CLARENCE E BESTER & THE VEN (EM) CATIE INCHES-OGDEN, CSC

This year from September to the first week in October, our Diocese will embark on a four-to-five-week series on the Season of Creation. The material, resources and liturgies, all with the approval of the bishop, will be used on Sundays in the most creative and liturgical way. These resources have been designed and collated by the Green Anglican Team within the Anglican Church of Southern Africa spearheaded by The Rev'd Dr Rachel Mash from Southern Africa and a former colleague of some of our Clergy.

The theme comes from the Greek word 'Oikos' – a home/household for all which is truly encapsulated in the Psalm 24 verse 1 'The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it' (NRSV). This earth is our home and we have great responsibility to care for it, as we are called to care for all people. One of the five marks of mission within the Anglican Communion is 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'. Our aim as a Diocese is to play our small part in the bigger scheme of things and to create awareness around the need to conscientize ourselves and others to make us all aware of what we can do to protect our

'oikos' as the gift with which God has blessed us.

As Anglicans and as those who are part of the greater human family, we need to become aware that, as stewards of God's gifts, we need to take responsibility for these gifts. Just as with mission and evangelism, through the proclamation of the good news; teaching, baptizing and nurturing new believers; responding to human need by loving service; and transforming the unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation, our need to work towards sustaining and renewing the life of the earth is as important as life itself.

Over the five weeks of the Season of Creation, we will consider five themes:

- Economy - God's rules for our Common Home
- Ecology - Protecting our Common Home
- Ecumenism - The family of God in our Common Home
- Pray and Act - For our Common Home
- St Francis - Hope for our Common Home

As we explore the word 'oikos' in relation to: Economy, Ecology and Ecumenism, we will hopefully discover the connection between God's creation, economic justice and the role of all of us as the community of faith and inhabitants of this world.

If anything, the situation with COVID-19 has reminded us that we are all interconnected and that we share a common home. What has started in one part of the world has affected all of us and is still having devastating effects on our common lives. It is also true to say that during COVID-19 and times of long-term lockdowns, we have seen the earth restoring itself, breathing deeply and restoratively as it was eased of carbon emissions. Over the last two years, seasons mostly presented themselves as what they were meant to be and we have witnessed the rain, the green, the bearable heat in most cases and the tranquility of day and night. During lockdown, however frustrated, we had the opportunity of getting out and enjoying and appreciating nature and our surrounds as we could not travel far; to days when we hardly heard any vehicles touching the tarred roads. When we re-opened, we rushed to do the normal, to increase the activity and forgot about our creative and appreciative ways to live and celebrate our lives.

From the words of introduction in the book on the Season of Creation, The Revd Dr Rachel Mash reminds us:

'The web of life is unravelling. In one generation, the population size of mammals, birds, fish and reptiles has dropped by two thirds.

By 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish. Climate Change is pushing millions into poverty. There is no Planet B.

Scientists tell us that this decade is of vital importance for the Planet – we have a very short window of opportunity to keep the rise in temperature to below 1.5 degrees. Otherwise, increasingly severe heatwaves, fires, floods and droughts are coming our way with dire impacts for many countries – we face a climate change catastrophe. Our home is under threat.

This year 2021 is an important year for our common home. Six years ago, 2015, in Paris, 196 nations came together and, for the very first time, recognised not only that our Common home is at risk from Climate change, but that we must all contribute to protecting it. Each country agreed to make a pledge to cut their carbon emissions. These pledges were a very positive start but were not enough. Even if all nations fulfil their commitments, we will not keep the temperature rise below 1.5 degrees C. This year, in Glasgow, the nations will meet again at COP26 (Conference of the Parties) and they must deepen those commitments significantly. What happens in Glasgow may determine what kind of world our children will grow up in.'

Over the past few years we have looked at various aspects regarding Creation Care and I hope that our Diocese (which means all Parishes) will fully engage in this program, so that we can be true to our intentional conversations at Synod, but also ensure that we remain true to our vision and mission as a Diocese and as those who uphold the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.

There are indeed many challenges before us and I pray that, as the faithful within the Diocese of Wangaratta, we will engage as best we can and play our part to uphold this Fifth Mark of Mission. It is my hope that the Creative and Innovative liturgical resources will bring newness and renewal to all of us, as we pray for the same for the earth, our 'oikos'- our home.



For the Beauty of the Earth

BY MOLLY CRAIG



I'm a fan of spring. The time when the weather starts to warm up and we see what was dormant in winter beginning to bloom, flowers, trees... life, the wanting to come out of hibernation and start meeting with friends once more.

A favourite hymn of mine is For the Beauty of the Earth, words written by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint in 1864. Pierpoint was a teacher, poet and hymn writer. He was mesmerized by the beauty of the English countryside in which he lived and the hymn gives praise to God for the wonder of creation.

That creation includes the hills, the sky, flowers, the stars but also the creation of humanity and our relationship with one another:

"For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,

friends on earth, and friends above;"

But more than that it speaks of God's perfect gift to us, freely given both human and divine. What more could we ask for?

The tune I like best has to be John Rutter's version written in the late 1970s, which gives a lightness but also a richness to the beautiful words. The music follows the lyrics, reaching its heights with

"Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise"

What a wonderful way for us to connect with our Lord, by opening our eyes and ears to the beauty of creation.

If you've not heard the Rutter version, here's a link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bDoMflYERe>

WELCOME

Fiona Sawyer

Fiona Sawyer has recently commenced with Anglicare Victoria in the role of Community Development Coordinator. Fiona has taken over the role previously filled by Cathy Nesbitt and will be managing the Parish Partnerships Program as well as providing executive support to the Loaves and Fishes - Christians Caring Committee and emergency relief program.

Fiona brings with her a wealth of experience including general administration, corporate governance, and supporting volunteer committees. This experience has been gained from working in a wide range of sectors including local and state government, social housing, charity and tertiary education sectors. Fiona has also been a volunteer with St John Ambulance Victoria for the past three years.

Fiona moved to Wangaratta in January 2021 and is an active member of the Anglican community. She has recently joined the Cathedral Parish after several years with the Anglican Parish of Benalla where she had served on



Parish Council since 2019.

While still settling into her new role Fiona is looking forward to building stronger relationships between Anglicare Victoria and all parishes and Anglican schools within the Diocese of Wangaratta, with a view to developing and supporting programs that will assist their wider communities. Existing Parish Partnership programs within the diocese include the provision of emergency relief services, the Urban Food Garden at Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Community

Food for All Network, homework clubs to support students. In conjunction with Anglicare Victoria and the Parish Partnerships Steering Committee, Fiona is keen to help expand the range of programs offered across the diocese.

Queries regarding the Parish Partnership program can be directed to Fiona via email at fiona.sawyer@anglicarevic.org.au or by phone on 0409 020 362. Her work days are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Dr Kieran Crichton

It is a great pleasure to announce the appointment of Dr Kieran Crichton as the new Director of Music at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta.

Kieran was born in Shepparton and grew up in Violet Town and Benalla before relocating with his family to Melbourne in the early 1990s. Holy Trinity is the first cathedral he visited as a young person. His appointment to Wangaratta marks a return to home ground.

Kieran studied music at the University of Melbourne and Australian Catholic University. His degree studies included organ performance and research into the history of music education. These were followed by further studies in theology at the University of Divinity. He has played organ concerts in a range of venues in Australia, ranging from the Melbourne Town Hall to St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. During his studies he won the Herbert Davis Prize at the Booroondara Eisteddfod and was runner-up in the Sydney Organ Competition. He has been broadcast on radio, being featured on 3MBS FM.



Kieran has held organist roles in a number of Melbourne churches including St Peter's, Eastern Hill, Christ Church, Brunswick, and All Saints, Preston. He worked for several years as a conductor-tutor with the Australian Youth Choir, along with working as an accompanist and occasional conductor with a range of community music groups. He enjoys the energy that comes from building up a sense of community in choirs. He is always looking for ways to help singers feel they are being nurtured and given space to grow.

Kieran is looking forward to building on the music tradition at Holy Trinity Cathedral, working with Cathedral College, and being part of the Wangaratta community. He is also looking forward to getting to know the Cathedral's Willis organ. He remembers his parish priest asking what he thought about the possibility of playing the cathedral organ back on his first visit here. He thought about it for a moment and said it would be a huge inspiration.

Article courtesy of Holy Trinity Cathedral Facebook page

Well-deserved honour for Mrs Vivienne Ritchie, AM

BY THE VEN (EM) CATIE INCHES-OGDEN, CSC

Long term resident of Mansfield and member of the Anglican Church, Mrs Vivienne Ritchie was awarded a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours announced in June 2021. Her list of achievements is impressive, including an important contribution to the Anglican Church in Victoria and particularly the Diocese of Wangaratta.

Mrs Ritchie is most significantly remembered for her work of over 25 years as a Counsellor and Probation Officer in regional Victoria, working with, and supporting at least 80 families. She sees this community contribution as one of her most important achievements, which until recently was little known and confidential work. Vivienne has also been an enthusiastic supporter of Music

Organisations in Melbourne and locally over many years, and recently offered her 19th Century Baby Grand piano to the parish for its developing music program.

Mrs Ritchie married Robert Ritchie and came to Delatite Station near Mansfield in 1957. Vivienne and Robert had four children Stuart, Ros, David and Charles. In 1968 Vivienne and Robert established the first cold climate vineyard, later becoming Delatite Wines, this is now run by son David. Daughter Ros, the original wine maker, establishing her own label Ros Ritchie Wines. Vivienne has maintained an active and long term interest in the wine industry.

PHOTO BELOW: Mrs Vivienne Ritchie (centre) and dog Rattie with a few members of the congregation at St John's Mansfield celebrating her achievements.



William Church awarded Medal of the Order of Australia

William Church, a parishioner from Yarrowonga was recently awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to the Community of Yarrowonga and Mulwala

His many undertakings of note include Masonic Lodge active (60 plus years) and life member, Tungamah Shire Councillor and term as Mayor, founding member and various roles in Yarrowonga Mixed Probs club; founding member of the Yarrowonga Mulwala Historical Society and the establishment of the Yarrowonga Mulwala Historical Museum; 30 years' involvement with the St Cuthbert's Anglican Church and, prior to this, many years at the Katamatite Anglican Church.



St Luke's, Yea restoration

BY JOHN ANDERSON

The latest stage of repairs to St Luke's Anglican Church in Yea has been completed. The interior has been extensively repaired and painted. The interior is now clean and bright as shown in the attached photos

St Luke's congregation is very pleased with the restoration work done and thank all our supporters for helping us protect a building that has been at the heart of this community, from births to marriages and memorials, for over 150 years. . When COVID restrictions allow, we plan to have an open day to show the church to the

people of Yea.

The work was made possible by the generous donations to the National Trust 150th Restoration Appeal that commenced in 2018 to mark the 150th anniversary of St Luke's, as well as grants from the Colliers Trust.

The first stage of restoration saw the repair of stained glass in two windows that were in urgent need of a complete restoration. Following a comprehensive report by heritage architects Lovell Chen, the next stage was the repair of the window surrounds and other cracks in the walls by Abode Restoration who have

worked on restoring many heritage buildings including St Paul's Cathedral, the Old Treasury building in Melbourne and locally the Yea Butter Factory.

Abode Restoration will be returning in October to repair the roof of St Luke's and to repair and clean the external building fabric.

To support the ongoing restoration, an Information brochure on the National Trust Appeal is available at St Luke's church or visit <https://www.saintlukesyea.com/>.



Lenten Studies

BY ETHNE GREEN

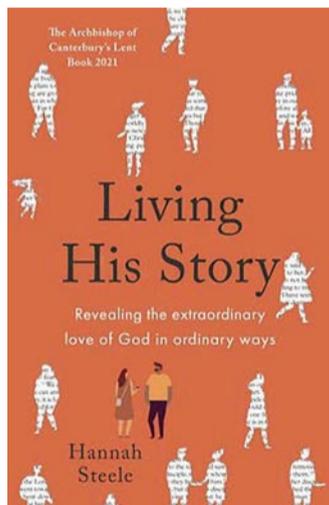
"Living His Story: Revealing the Extraordinary Love of God in Ordinary Ways: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021".

Our Bishop has been exhorting us, for the past 3 years, to look to 'mission and ministry' rather than 'money and maintenance' so we heeded his request and tackled one of the most difficult topics that we encounter (and usually avoid!) in our relationships – evangelism. Over a period of 3 months, we considered 6 different approaches to this matter by watching interviews with a member of either the clergy or laity in which they shared the story of their own journey to faith in Jesus Christ. Each interview was matched with a parable of Jesus and some questions to stimulate discussion. This process proved to be very fruitful, always sending us home with much to think about after hearing each other's thoughts, fears and hopes and reflecting on these in relation to those

presented in each video. We heard from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, Canon J Johns, an English evangelist, Bishop Jill Duff of Lancaster UK, and Dr Amy Orr Ewing, an apologist. Each one expressed a very personal view of what they believe and what approach they take to sharing the gospel with others.

All our discussions were assisted by sitting around a lovely open fire which allowed the time for ideas to be shared, to grow and develop, be challenged, maybe redefined and finally taken away to be worked on during the week. I think I represent at least some of us by saying that the most meaningful take away messages were: -

- (a) It is a good idea to be ready for and to practise what our response might be when asked about our faith.
- (b) Be honest with the other person about our own beliefs or doubts
- (c) Above all, be prepared to listen, carefully and respectfully, and to ask the questioner if they would



like to share their ideas or possibly experiences. In doing so, one is given signposts as to where to take the conversation, rather than proceeding along a path which is irrelevant to the listener.

We are presently planning the next series of 'Conversations about Christian Life' which will continue after the service with a shared meal, an open fire and much lively discussion – Covid willing!



Parish Partnership

Steering Committee is Up and Running

BY DR JANE FREEMANTLE

On 29th July, Bishop Clarence Bester reconvened and chaired the Anglicare Victoria Diocese of Wangaratta Steering Committee. The members were very pleased to be able to welcome Ms Fiona Sawyer to this meeting. Fiona is the newly appointed Community Development Coordinator, Community Services and Parish Partnerships of the North Central Region.

The Steering Committee is a partnership that will provide community services through the Parishes of the Diocese that are consistent with the Diocese of Wangaratta's Mission and the Strategic Plan of Anglicare Victoria. The Aim of this group is to support the work of community development/parish partnership initiatives operated as part of the mission of the Diocese and the work of Anglicare Victoria. One of the important roles of the Steering Committee is to coordinate the Bishop of Wangaratta's Anglicare Appeal.

The Steering Committee will be chaired by the Bishop or his delegate. Membership of this group will include six representatives from the Diocese, including a representative from each Deanery: South Deanery, Rev'd. Paul Hobby; North East Deanery, Rev'd. Emily Payne; North West Deanery, Rev'd. Jerome Francis and Central Deanery, Dr Jane Freemantle. The three Diocesan Schools will also be represented. There will be three representatives from Anglicare Victoria and will include the State Manager Parish

Partnerships, Community Development Coordinator and Manager Community Services or their delegates. The Steering Committee will have the opportunity to co-opt people for their specific expertise at various times.

The duties and responsibilities of this Steering Group have been agreed by members and will cover a number of initiatives. Among these will be a focus on strengthening the work of the Parish Partnerships through improving the governance, strategic planning, funding mechanisms, public relations and fundraising activities and protocols. Our activities will be consistent with the objectives of the Steering Group. Importantly, reflection of theological implications of the projects of the Parish Partnerships will be regularly discussed. In a proposed exciting initiative, the Steering Committee will focus on developing a shared central information repository to be managed by Anglicare Victoria that will contain information describing the many initiatives that are being undertaken in our Parishes and Anglican Schools.

The Steering Committee will meet at least three times a year and will provide regular updates to the Parishes and Schools through the Steering Committee members, and through articles that will appear in the Advocate. Further information about the Steering Committee is available through contacting Ms Fiona Sawyer Fiona.Sawyer@anglicarevic.org.au



Pictured above: Rev Paul Hobby, Dr Jane Freemantle, Rev Emily Payne & Rev Jerome Francis

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Compassion, Kindness & Hospitality – Refugees

BY REVD CANON DAVID JONES
Senior Chaplain
Cathedral College Wangaratta

‘He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?’ Micah 6:8

At the end of Term Two at Cathedral College Wangaratta, the Chapel service for Middle and Senior School students had the theme of Compassion, Kindness and Hospitality in relation to the UNHCR World Refugee Day, which is held on the 20 June each year.

The following is the text of the presentation.

Have you heard the phrase ‘Put yourself in someone else’s shoes’? My parents used this expression when I was growing up to try to get me to look at a situation from a different point of view. Lots of people think that if you could put yourself in someone else’s shoes, even for a moment, perhaps we would understand why life is not easy for some people.

But what about the lives of people who are living with the refugee crisis across the world?

How simple is it for someone who has never been touched by this type of devastation and violence to actually know what it’s like? Are you able to imagine what life as a refugee would be like?

I don’t think it is easy for us to comprehend what it would be like to become displaced as a refugee or asylum seeker.

We need to be aware of the plight of people who are Refugees and Asylum Seekers - to show compassion, kindness & hospitality.

Humanitarian emergencies in Syria, Afghanistan, a number of countries in Central Africa, the Rohingya in Myanmar, to name just a few are places where record numbers of people are forced to flee. Refugee and Asylum Seekers numbers have not been this high since World War II.

Protecting refugees and asylum seekers is the core mandate for UNHCR. For over six decades, UNHCR has helped tens of millions of people by providing protection, shelter, emergency relief, health care, education, legal and counselling services and long-term solutions for rebuilding shattered lives.

There are many in our world who don’t have these things and long just to live in peace. We simply need to show Compassion & Kindness and to offer Hospitality.

It is estimated that across our world 1% of humanity has been displaced. That might not seem like a large number, but that is 1 in 100 people on earth have been forced from their homes, or 80 million people.

An example, and it’s been on the news in recent years is the conflict in Syria, where over 6.6 million people have been forced to leave their homes as a result of the ongoing war and conflict in that country. Can you imagine the entire population of Victoria being forced to flee, for fear of persecution and war?



It’s hard to get our minds around such a thought, and just imagine the pressure that places on the rest of the country and surrounding countries as they struggle to care for that many people? But that is what the United Nations, the UNHCR and the relief agencies such as World Vision and the Red Cross are facing every day.

Who are Refugees and Asylum Seekers?

Many of us have a mental picture of a refugee as poor and homeless, this is true. But there is also another picture of a refugee. It is a picture of a person like you and me. A person who has been targeted with abuse for who they are, and what they believe.

What can we do?

The first thing we can do is be informed, to know what is happening with the Refugee crisis across our world, secondly, to show our support to the UNHCR and other organizations who help to support Refugees, thirdly, to follow the UNHCR or the Asylum Seeker Resource center on social media.

The Bible is very clear on what we should do, Jesus said that there are two great commandments, to love God and to love your neighbour as you love yourself.

The Golden Rule says, to do for others just what you want them to do for you.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a great example of what we need to do for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are not to be just bystanders, but to speak up with words and actions.

The key word from this is the simple word LOVE.

To offer Compassion, Kindness and Hospitality to all.

We pray for the Refugees and Asylum seekers fleeing from persecution and violence in troubled lands across the world, and for the refugees imprisoned in Australia. Give back homes and hope to those who have lost everything and soften the hearts of neighbours and strangers who meet them on their desperate journeys. God of justice. Amen.



PHOTO ABOVE: Left to Right: Rev’d David Jones, Cathy Carden, Bishop Reverend Clarence Bester, Erin Box, Jake Olenczuk, Principal Nick Jones, Reverend Canon Scott Jessop (back), College Captains Tess Palubiski and Henry Stephens, House Captain Mackenzie Clark, Neville McCormick, House Captain Flynn Carson and Deputy Principal Anne Harris.

A New Cross for the New Chapel

Recently a significant event took place in the construction of Cathedral College Wangaratta’s new Chapel. Following a brief service, the large cross was lifted and secured in place on the top of the Chapel. This Cross makes a clear statement, not only to the school community but the wider Wangaratta community, about the Christian values of Cathedral College. The school community is looking forward to the continued construction of this key building for The College. At this stage, the Chapel is due for completion towards the end of this year.



Food Drive for Refugees

BY THE VEN (EM) CATIE INCHES-OGDEN, CSC

The lockdowns caused by the coronavirus have affected everyone in the community but some groups more than others. This is true of the refugee community in many parts of Australia. RAR (Rural Australians for Refugees) brought their plight to the attention of the Churches in Mansfield, and as a result, non-perishable

food was collected. St John’s Anglican Church participated in the RAR drive and gathered food during June, National Refugee month.

The food has been collected by Maree Milinek, the President of RAR, and taken to the Brigidine Convent in Melbourne where it is being used as the ingredients for thousands of meals for those in need. Thanks go to all who so generously contributed to this cause.



Confirmation, Reception & Holy Communion at Cobram

On Sunday 20th June the Presider and Preacher, The Right Reverend Clarence Bester, Bishop of Wangaratta conducted a joyous service, confirming Madison McDermid, admitting Riley Heywood to Holy Communion, and receiving Bob and Shirley Davis, Beverly Fisher and Alex Monk into the Anglican Church

of Australia. The service was held in the Cobram Anglican Grammar School Performing Arts centre, providing a wonderful venue for the service.

PHOTO BELOW: Madison McDermid and Riley Heywood with Bishop Clarence



Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD

What are the divisions between the seasons? Colonial bureaucrats in the Australian colonies seem to have decided that it was easier to keep records if the seasons began on the first day of months. So Spring, for example, is said to begin on 1st September. Much of the rest of the world calculates the seasons from the relative positions of the Sun and the Earth — so seasons go from equinox to solstice to equinox — in which case Spring would begin on 23rd September. Certainly, near Mount Hotham the later date makes much more sense. The seasons for our worship cycles are most certainly decided by the Sun and the Earth. For us, in the Southern Hemisphere, our seasons are determined by the Autumn Equinox and the Summer Solstice. The timing of Easter, and so Lent and Pentecost, depends upon the relationship of the Autumn Equinox and the following full moon. For us Christmas is always a few days after the Summer Solstice, and it is the day of the week on which Christmas falls that decides the length of the season of Advent.

Sun, Earth and Moon set in place the great liturgical seasons but the days and dates of other festivals and celebrations have much more complex origins. A lot of Saints' days, perhaps even most of them, are celebrated on or about the date of the death of the person and so celebrate their entry into glory in the presence of our Lord and God. Some others may seem quite arbitrary — why, for example, do we keep the Feast of the Transfiguration on 6th August? It is an odd feast. It is a single event in the life of our Lord. Why this event? We do not have special feast days for walking on water or feeding the four and five thousand, for example.

The Feast of the Transfiguration came into the calendar at a rather late date, in 1457, but more of that in a moment, and it did not make it into The Book of Common Prayer in 1549, 1552 or 1662. It was included among the proposed changes for the 1928 book that did not get the approval of the British Parliament. But it has been an integral part of the calendar in Australia for a very long time.

Late July 1456 was a turning point in the history of Western Europe. Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. The great churches of the city, including Sancta Sophia, were converted to mosques. The Turkish forces moved on into Greece and the Balkans. On 22nd July 1456, at Belgrade, Serbian forces defeated the Turks and stopped their advance into Central and Western Europe. The news of this victory reached Rome on 6th August and Pope Callistus III instituted the feast as a yearly remembrance from 1457. It would seem that for late medieval Christians this victory was perceived as an example of the glory of our Lord, somewhat akin to that revealed on the mountain of the Transfiguration. More than five and a half centuries have severed the link between a victory in a battle at Belgrade and the celebration of our Lord's glory. Even stating it like this highlights the ambiguity of human life.

This ambiguity has taken on a whole new complexion since 1945. The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord is also the anniversary of the dropping of the Bomb on Hiroshima. In an instant there was destruction the like of which had never been experienced before and it was repeated a couple of days later at Nagasaki. On 15th August, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of our Lord, Japan surrendered and the War was over. Celebration and repentance are inextricably bound together.

Human life is compromised. It is never simply good or bad. The great theologian of the Reformation, John Calvin, noted that we are totally depraved. By this he did not mean that we are totally evil, quite the contrary for Calvin is also the great theologian of the glory of God. What he meant is that there is not any aspect of human life and existence that is not touched by sin.

When we gather to celebrate we gather to repent. Always we are compromised so it is probably salutary that our celebrations in August are so complicated.

Diocesan Advent Quiet Day

Saturday 20th November, 2021



Photo: Sunset, Rutherglen – Scott Jessup

A time to be away from the demands of your usual daily life, to stop, be silent, reflect, and be refreshed.

10:00am – 2:00pm

No charge. Tea/coffee provided. BYO lunch.

Two Locations:

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Yackandandah (8 Church St)

Leader: The Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup

Bookings (by 15 November): Scott 0418254158;

email: chaplain@wangeratta-anglican.org.au

Christ Church, Kilmore (9 Union St)

Leader: The Rev'd Andre Du Plooy

Bookings (by 15 November): Andre 0458155930;

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Queen's Community Condolence Book Appreciated by her Majesty

BY DIANE GRANT

In April, His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh passed away and the news reverberated around the world. Sympathy for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II emanated from countries far and wide, people in her United Kingdom and from nations in the Commonwealth of which she is the head.

Now you may not be a monarchist, royalist or a republican. But I have been a devoted servant to Her Majesty since I was a small girl when I saw the new Queen and Prince Philip ride down St Kilda Road, in 1954 on her first Royal Tour of Australia.

I have been to Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle and have admired the Royal Family for my whole life

I was saddened to see her Majesty sitting by herself at Prince Philip's funeral ceremony in Westminster Cathedral. I thought how sad that after so many years of marriage, and loyal service as our longest serving Monarch, the Queen and her family due to the Covid pandemic were very restricted at the service, like thousands of others suffering the same dilemma

In April, a day or so after the Prince's death, I wondered what we could do to show Her Majesty our feelings for

her at this sad time.

So I compiled a Queen's Condolence Book on behalf of the Nagambie community and felt it would be good if I could collect signatures or various group signatories in it. So for four weeks walked down the business precinct, attended various functions, Information centre, local schools, church services; asked group representatives to sign on behalf of their groups or organisations and visited many individuals and collected around 1200 signatures.

I also included over 80 photographs of various groups, schools, churches, people and scenes and buildings of Nagambie in the book.

I of course included signatures from our Nagambie church folk, and photos of our Central Goulburn MU branch, our St John's Nagambie church, our Wangaratta Lady Day celebrations, Our World Day of Prayer service group and then I sent the book over to Buckingham Palace in mid May.

On Tuesday, 13 July, I received two letters from Her Majesty's Lady in Waiting Susan Hussey and two thankyou cards with His Royal Highness, Prince Philip's photo on them. The letters were dated 23 June 2021 and came from Windsor Castle. I got very emotional reading them.

One letter was a personal one to me with thanks for the message I sent with the Condolence Book that I

organised on behalf of the community of Nagambie.

It read in part, that her Majesty was also interested to read my letter in which I told the Queen about myself and my family and of my lifelong loyalty to her and her family and expressed warm sentiments.

The second letter reads: To Mrs Grant and the Community of Nagambie.

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you very much for your splendid book of condolence containing your photographs and kind messages of sympathy on the death of Her Majesty's beloved husband, The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Queen has been deeply touched by the messages she has received from all around the world and is most grateful for your thoughtful words.

Signed. Susan Hussey. Lady in Waiting. 23 June 2021.

So thankyou Nagambie Community for supporting this worthwhile cause. As you can see it was most appreciated by her Majesty.

PHOTO RIGHT: Diane Grant - holding Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's reply to her and the Nagambie Community for the Condolence book they sent to Her Majesty.



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Safe Church Awareness Workshops

Diocese of Wangaratta

Last Workshops for 2021

St Michael's, Wangaratta West (full)

St Augustine's, Shepparton (refresher)

St John's, Wodonga (refresher)

11th September

18th September

25th September

(Full: 9.30am - 3.30pm; Refreshers: 9.30 - 11.45am. Numbers at each Workshop limited to 30)

Enquiries

Contact Fiona van Bree to register (03) 5721 3484
or email registry@wangaratta-anglican.org.au

Cost: \$5 per person

The full Workshop is 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)



Diocese of Wangaratta

Organisational Structure



The Bishop
*The Right Reverend
Clarence E Bester*

- Exercise leadership and take overall responsibility for the spirituality, administration, property, trusts and assets of the Diocese
- Care and oversight of clergy, laity and Registry Staff
- Lead the Mission and Ministry of the Diocese
- Exercise the sacramental ministry of the Office of a Bishop
- Exercise disciplinary matters
- Licensing authority within the Diocese
- Resourcing and deployment of Clergy, locums and Parish appointments.
- Mentoring, Training and Development, and coordinate or arrange vocational discernment processes and procedures.
- Preside as president/chair of Diocesan Bodies as regulated by the Acts of the Diocese.
- Exercise all duties as per the Ordinal for the Consecration of a Bishop
- Spokesperson on behalf of the Diocese in all relevant matters.
- Professional Standards Matters and National Redress
- Visitor to the three Anglican Schools Commission Schools in the Diocese



The Vicar General
*The Very Reverend
Ken Goodger*

- Dean of the Cathedral
- Act in place of the Bishop in the Bishop's absence or as requested by the Bishop.
- Responsibility as referred to in the Wangaratta Bishopric Act



The Bishop's Registrar & Diocesan Finance Manager
Mrs Julie Torpey

- Secretary to Diocesan Synod, Bishop in Council & Wangaratta Diocesan Corporation, Wangaratta Diocesan Trustees (WDT) and Property Committee
- Finances & Pay Roll, including Trust accounting and the Anglican Development Fund.
- Liaison person for General Synod, Redress and Professional Standards
- Maintain the Diocesan Registers in relation to the Bishop's Seal, Acts of the Bishop, Mandates, Faculties, Lands & Trust and Wangaratta Diocesan Trustees.
- Clergy Clearances and collating Ecclesiastical Licenses and Permission to Officiate in conjunction with the Bishop's Chaplain.
- Maintain and coordinate the Insurance data base through the Anglican Insurance and Risk Scheme (AIRS) portal, organise annual renewal, liaison with parishes and AIRS re claims, policy issues and representative at AIRS AGM.
- Management of non-parochial Diocesan property – Repairs and Maintenance, leasing and liaising re Parochial Property matters in conjunction with the Archdeacon who deals with Property matters.
- Trustee, negotiate through leases and other legal documents, organize signing, oversee Trusts
- Coordinate the Australian Charitable and Non Profit Commission (ACNC) – for the Diocese, Corporation, Anglican Development Fund, Music Fund, Emergency Relief Fund, some parishes and institutions.
- Registering of new entities as required, production of annual reports for the registered entities, updating registration details as required.
- Coordinate the Australian Security Investment Commission (ASIC) – Corporation and WDT (NSW)



The Archdeacon
The Venerable Neil Hicks

- Assist in administrative tasks as requested by the Bishop.
- Coordinate the appointments procedures, vacancy Consultations and Board of Nominators meetings.
- Advise Clergy and Parish Council on matters concerning Church Property and liaise regarding faculties to be issued for any maintenance or intended alterations.
- Coordinate the Clergy Review Process as per the Appointments Act.



The Bishop's Chaplain
*The Reverend Canon
Scott Jessup*

- Proofread liturgies, correspondence and other documents and provide feedback.
- Assist parishes in booking the Bishop for Pastoral visits and Divine Services
- Assist with the licensing of clergy, including ensuring safe ministry clearances are completed and licences are renewed in conjunction with the Registrar.
- Assist the Bishop in preparation for Diocesan services, including Ordinations, Inductions and Synod services
- Liaise with lay Parish chaplains.
- Undertake any research required by the Bishop.
- Coordinate Spiritual Enrichment programs for the Diocese and coordinate a weekly Eucharist at the Bishop's Lodge Chapel.
- Help with social media presence and engagement



Safe Church Officer
The Reverend David Still

- Lay Ministry Clearances
- Coordinate Safer Church Awareness Training and Refresher Courses with Diocesan Safe Church Trainers
- Chair Safer Church ministry meetings of Parish Safe Church Officers and Trainers.
- Ensure Parish compliance and liaise with Clergy & Parish Safe Church Officers
- Maintain an up-to-date database and report to the Bishop.
- Consult with other Provincial Safe Church Officers and relevant authorities about new compliance matters regarding Child Safety and Vulnerable persons.



The Diocesan Treasurer
Mr Norm Kenny

- Conduct a monthly Internal review of entries contained within the Financial Records of the Diocese and the Wangaratta Anglican Diocesan Corporation.
- Collate monthly Financial Statements comparing Actual results with Budget in accordance with Accounting Standards and report on same to Bishop-In-Council, the Wangaratta Anglican Diocesan Corporation and Bishop in Council Executive.
- Prepare Financial Statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and liaise with Auditors in relation to the Audit of all Financial Statements prepared for the Annual Financial Report.
- Report on Audited Financial Statements to the Bishop-In-Council Executive, Bishop in Council, Wangaratta Diocesan Anglican Corporation.
- Prepare and report to Synod on Consolidated Financial Statements prepared from Audited Financial Statements of The Diocese and Wangaratta Diocesan Anglican Corporation.
- Prepare and present to Synod a report on Comparison of Income received by Parishes for the past five years from Common Fund No 1.



Office Administrator & Assistant Finance Officer
Ms Fiona van Bree

- Initial contact person for the Bishop's Registry
- General Office queries, administration and organisation
- Assist Finance Manager with Accounts, Finance and Payroll
- Accounts specific: Receipting, Invoicing, accounts payable and banking
- Assist with Parish and Retirement Village Accounts managed by the Diocese
- Coordinate the Bishop's correspondence and responses.
- Assist Registry Staff with specific administrative tasks.
- Coordinate and book the bishop's appointments
- Upkeep of Bishop's and Diocesan Diary and liaising with Diocesan Groups and Boards on behalf of the Bishop and Registrar
- Coordinate Synod activities, correspondence, and arrangements
- Coordinate, collate and design Diocesan newspaper
- Maintain the Diocesan Website

People and Parishes



On the the 26th June a small gathering of people got together to farwwell the registrar Mr Tim Williams. We hope he is enjoying his retirement.



Bishop Clarence, Fr André DuPlooy, Fr John Young, and serving team Bruce Radford, Norman Rose and Caroline Burge at the blessing of the new entrance Christ Church, Kilmore.



Rebecca and Lucy Staring at the blessing of the new entrance Christ Church, Kilmore.



Pictured- L-R Bob & Shirley Davis, Beverly Fisher, Alex Monk, (all received into the Anglican Church of Australia) Bishop Clarence, Riley Heywood and family, Madison McDiarmid and family, Rev'd Victor Adams