



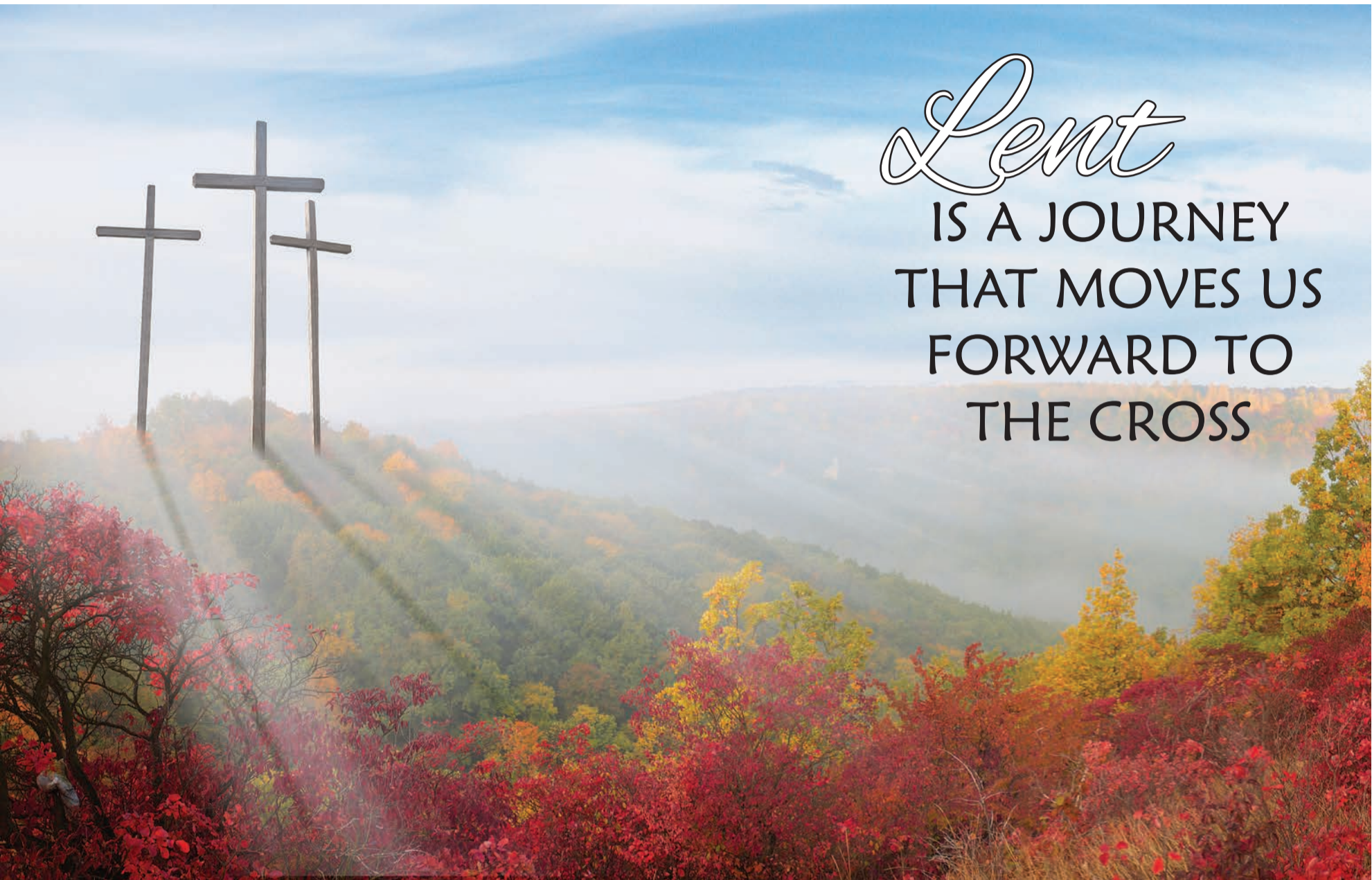
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Bishop brings flock together

BY JAMIE KRONBORG

A diocesan workshop led by Wangaratta Anglican Bishop Clarence Bester attracted 104 parish representatives and church officials to Cathedral College last weekend.

Church wardens, parish councillors and treasurers from the diocese's 23 parishes were called together by the bishop to discuss their responsibilities, administrative, financial and insurance issues and to hear about the agenda for the next synod – the annual 'parliament' of the diocese.

Each parish, from Picola in the west to Corryong in the east and Kilmore in the south, elects representatives to attend the synod and, together with parish and diocesan clergy and administrative officers, consider and decide policy, management issues and church legislation.

The synod also elects boards to

advise the bishop and consider clergy appointments, a tribunal, and diocesan delegates to the Anglican Church of Australia national synod.

Bishop Bester said the workshop was valuable and he was grateful for the strong, positive engagement of parish representatives, church officers including Archdeacon Neil Hicks, registrar Julie Torpey, treasurer Norm Kenny, legal advocate Rachel Ellyard, and insurance and risk management adviser Neil Bull.

"There is no diocese without parishes and no parishes without parishioners," the bishop said.

"We're all in this together and your participation is vital for the wellbeing and good governance of our diocese."

This week marks the start of Bishop Bester's fourth year as the eleventh bishop of Wangaratta Anglican diocese.

Clergy learning from & Supporting each other

BY REVD HELEN MALCOLM

Bishop Clarence invited clergy from all Deaneries to Trinity House Wangaratta on 7th February for a day of reflection, interaction, planning and support.

For the first session of the day clergy gathered in Deanery groups and reflected on the joys and woes of our ministry. This was a chance to understand that we share much in the way of opportunities, challenges, barriers and openings in our ministry across the Diocese and so can support each other in this work, along with the support we receive from Bishop Clarence and the Registry staff. There was discussion of ways we can avoid burnout by delegating to, empowering and equipping our laity – that vast resource of the priesthood of all believers. There was also acknowledgment of the challenge of covering long distances across parishes and the Diocese and stable or declining

numbers in our congregations.

Joys included celebrating the Eucharist with our parishioners; the blessing of our Anglican schools raising young adults in a Christian environment; the ability to make a difference through community outreach in times of natural disasters.

We then discussed the question 'Where do you see the Diocese going?' Answers ranged across the benefit of co-operative ministry arrangements; the need to streamline administration requirements and lighten the clergy load in other ways; clergy, people and parishes working together to have a greater impact; new initiatives to draw people in and invigorate parishes etc.

An oft repeated theme was the need to look after ourselves as clergy and to care for our Bishop with his very heavy workload, to give ourselves, and Bishop Clarence,

permission and encouragement to ensure breathing space rather than constant busyness. Very practical suggestions included an induction model for new clergy to the Diocese; appointing executive assistants to parishes so clergy are free to do what they were ordained to do; nurturing our spiritual needs with retreats etc.; succession planning; resources such as documents and courses to train and enable for new ways of doing things; making links and being visible in the community.

At the end of the day we re-gathered to hear the key points of each Deanery's discussion – and, no, we didn't have all the answers! We did however have some new ideas we may be able to try. Above all, we had a renewed sense of collegiality, of support for each other, of a cohesive Diocese well led and supported by Bishop Clarence. We have much to be thankful for – clergy and laity together – as we minister in this part of God's kingdom.



PHOTO ABOVE: ALL TOGETHER: Parish councillors, church wardens and Wangaratta Anglican diocesan officers at the workshop with Bishop Clarence Bester (centre) and Archdeacon Neil Hicks (far right). Photo taken by: Jamie Kronborg

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In the fourth year of the Bishop's consecration

It was a privilege for Bishop Clarence to enter St Paul's Cathedral on Ash Wednesday, 22 February, as he went into that sacred space with his son Kyle to give thanks to God on the 3rd anniversary of his consecration as a bishop. What a wonderful surprise for Bp. Clarence when the welcome included an acknowledgement of his presence, referring to his consecration three years ago. It is the kind of generosity of hospitality that the Bishop refers to in this edition of the Advocate, as well as the concept of 'Welcome' in the summer edition.

installation as the 11th Bishop of Wangaratta, he is mindful that he will never cease to be a Deacon.

The Bishop always celebrates his anniversary of becoming a deacon, as well as his ordination as a priest and consecration as a Bishop – because each one does not exclude the other – you don't 'unbecome' a deacon when you become a priest, or a priest when you become a Bishop – it seems you just add roles and responsibilities, but you must NEVER forget the emphasis of service to the world that the deacon's role entails.

place in the priesthood of all believers.

Please continue to pray for all clergy, that they may follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and please join the Chrism Eucharist service where clergy will renew their vows of ordination on Tuesday, 4 April at 11am at Holy Trinity Cathedral Wangaratta. As you extend your appreciation and support to the clergy at this service and celebrate your own ministry, there will be the opportunity to share generous hospitality through food and fellowship at Bishop's Lodge following the service.

If you are able to attend please let Fiona know by 28 March 2023 (registry@wangeratta-anglican.org.au) or 57213484 so that adequate preparation may be made.

PHOTO BELOW: Bishop Clarence's consecration

This can be taken one step further. The other thing we don't give up when we're ordained is our 'membership' of the priesthood of all believers. Every baptised Christian is part of this priesthood. Our baptism could be seen as our 'ordination' when every Christian takes their

Bp. Clarence holds fast to the concept of a ministry of humble service and the reminder that he has been called to heal and not to hurt and to be among our people as one who serves. As he gives thanks to God as he enters the fourth year of his consecration as a bishop and the enthronement and



from the Bishop



The Generosity of Hospitality

As I explored the concept of 'All are welcome, all are invited' in our summer edition of the Advocate, I would like to explore the concept of 'The Generosity of Hospitality' for this edition. Many of you might have heard me use these words in sermons, but this is a concept that I have upheld and exercised throughout my ministry. This generous hospitality has also become gracious hospitality as we gather people together for food and fellowship and create opportunities for the building and strengthening of relationships and the establishment of new ones.

At a glance, it might look as if the generosity of hospitality or gracious hospitality has to do with food but, in reality, it has to do with the opportunities created around the table for interaction. It also highlights that we are able to offer a drink to those who are thirsty and give something to eat to those who are hungry, or offer some relief through the shelter we may offer.

It is our custom and tradition as a family that, when people enter our place, we automatically share what we have with them, even when there is not much. Furthermore, we would always extend an invitation to others to join us without expecting anything in return. When we have plenty, it is customary to share generously, as we do not see the need to have more than what is necessary and because we believe that caring is sharing. Above all, these gatherings share love, bringing together the people who comprise the living Church, recognising and valuing them – nourishing them, then sending them out to continue their own ministry. Generosity of hospitality is an extension of Christ's hospitality to us in the Eucharist.

Generosity of Hospitality within the Church

It is always a delight to join Parishes on Sundays and weekdays and witness the generosity of hospitality extended to others. Morning tea after services creates wonderful opportunities for people to get to know each other, to extend a welcome to others, especially those who are new to our context. The sad thing, however, is that often people who know each other will group themselves together and sometimes (if not most times) simply ignore others. This is something that I have experienced as well as witnessed many times. A ministry offered where all are invited and all are welcome, needs to be extended and embraced beyond the service time. One almost needs to apply the concept from Luke 15 where we will find the one who is standing to the side, the one who is the stranger, the one who is lost, the one who does not say much – and give them a special and personal welcome.

Generosity of Spirit

Generous or gracious hospitality needs to be linked to generosity of spirit where we can offer the kindness that people often seek within our Church communities. As followers of Christ, we need to be extraordinarily nice people so that those entering our places of worship, those joining us for morning tea, will feel drawn to this generosity of spirit that will make them feel very comfortable and relaxed. Welcomers or sides persons in Church should especially be aware of those who enter through the doors of the Church and give special attention to those who might be visiting or those seeking for a sacred place to join a worshipping community. At the same time, when they join us for morning tea, hoping that someone will take them by the hand, they will also feel that generosity of hospitality and spirit throughout their time with us.

Transforming Generosity

I pray that, as we continue through our Lenten journey and press on towards Easter, we will become transformed communities of faith who will offer the generosity of hospitality to others through our generosity of spirit in acts of kindness upheld and overshadowed by love.

I really long for our sacred spaces and places of worship to become spaces where those who mourn can be comforted, those who are emotionally hungry will be fed, those who are lonely will find friendship and fellowship and that all who enter may find a welcome.

+ Clarence

Clergy Movements as of March 2023

VACANT POSITIONS

NIL

APPOINTMENTS

- Reverend Elwyn Enos** - Priest-In-Charge, Parish of Yarrawonga. Effective 1 April
- Reverend Andre Du Plooy** - Priest-In-Charge, Cooperative Ministry of Euroa, Longwood, Murchison, Rushworth and Violet Town. Effective 15 April
- Reverend Gunnar Rippon** - House for Duty Priest, Numurkah & Nathalia. Effective 15 May

PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

Reverend David Holloway. Effective 16 February 2023

CHRISM MASS

4TH APRIL 11AM AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH AT BISHOPS LODGE

Rsvp to Fiona at registry@wangeratta-anglican.org.au by 28th March



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Parish Partnerships Anglicare Victoria

BY REVD DAVID STILL

When it comes to thinking about the work of Anglicare Victoria in the Diocese of Wangaratta, it is easy to think of Anglicare as a large organisation that is able to cover a multitude of areas that relate to the life and mission of the Church. In some parts of the state, there is some truth in that idea. Not so much in the Diocese of Wangaratta.

The work of Anglicare in this Diocese is to work with the parishes of the Diocese to build partnerships that further both the goals of Anglicare and the Diocese and its Parishes. Historically, many parishes had a partnership program with Anglicare. Many of these were homework clubs. Others were breakfast programs or other ways to meet the needs of our wider community. There will be many who remember these programs from the first decade of this century. Currently the only Parish with an active Partnership Program is Euroa with their FoodShare service.

What is very exciting though, is that we have The Eldorado Homework Club about to restart after the challenges of Covid in the second school term, this originally began in 2007. This is a wonderful way to see the Church connected to the community in which the Church sits. It opens doors and connections with those who do not know and provides an alternative way to life in the Church.

Equally exciting is a new Parish Partnership with the Parish of Northern Albury. This too is an emergency food program which has been running out of St Mark's North Albury. The work towards creating the partnership has encouraged new volunteers and will promote the goals of Anglicare and the Parish. In partnership it will strengthen the work of St Mark's Emergency Food Bank and enable them to be more effective in what they do for the community in Northern Albury.

If your Parish is interested in creating a partnership with Anglicare, please contact David Still, 0437 902 234.

Shrove Tuesday at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

On Shrove Tuesday, parishioners gathered at Christ Church, Kilmore to make and eat pancakes in preparation for Ash Wednesday. Traditionally pancakes were made to use up the rich foods in the pantry in readiness for the start of Lent. Flowers were removed from the Church, and palm

crosses from last years Palm Sunday were burnt to use for the ash for Ash Wednesday. With Rev André lighting the fire of palms, each parishioner present them dropped one cross into the flames as a token of their own humility.

PHOTOS BELOW: pancakes with Sherine, Rev André, Gail and Helen and Rev André lighting the fire



Parish to Embark on a 3-year Strategic Plan

BY REVEREND JEROME FRANCIS

On Saturday, February 11, Parishioners from St Augustine's Shepparton, embarked on a three-year strategic plan after the election of new parish Churccouncillors and Churchwardens.

The day was led by Associate Professor Dr Jane Freemantle OAM. Participants were divided into groups, five persons around tables in the supper room. The five groups brainstormed Parish, and Diocesan suggested priorities, after which new and creative ideas and thoughts on reshaping current priorities were captured. Groups were encouraged to consider different ideas and initiatives that might be undertaken to implement three to four main priorities a year. The rest of the information on butcher's paper will be collated into a booklet.

There was great excitement amongst participants who wore different coloured hats in the two sessions, beginning with a green coloured hat in the first to encourage the groups to bring our 'originality, creativity, to cross boundaries and make the impossible possible and then, in the second, yellow coloured to encourage the groups to consider possibilities constructively and logically stimulated by the information gathered.

Our Strategic Plan helps us to see our future as a parish through the eyes of Christ. It reminds us of who we are as a church. It is about our mission and culture. It is about people and good stewardship. It is about collaboration and courageous conversations. It is about God as we join in what God is doing!



Lenten Array at Alpine

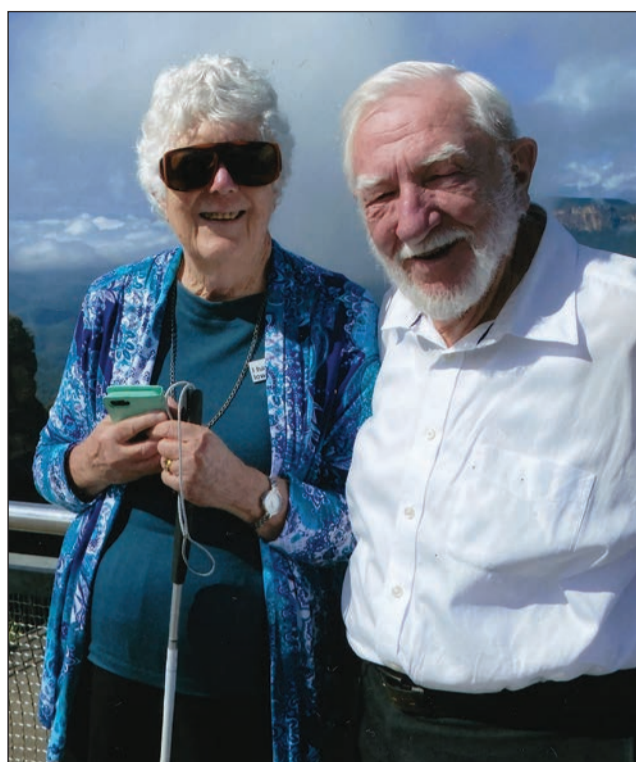
The Lenten array is up at the Alpine Anglican Parish. The Parish cover their beautiful icons, remove brass candelabra and flowers as a reminder that Lent is a season of stark simplicity. Alpine's focus on prayer, fasting and alms giving helps them to realign their priorities and prepare them for a deeper encounter with the Divine.



Rev'd Bill Ginns 1937 - 2022

Raymond William Ginns, Rev'd Bill, has had a peripatetic life, serving God's church, people and communities across several parishes and Dioceses – mostly in NSW but also the NT. It was while attending St. James King St. as a University student and joining the Young Anglicans that Bill met Rowena, his wife to be and the call to the priesthood emerged, with others recognising that calling before he did. It was not without some turmoil – Bill contemplated the training, the commitment, the poverty before accepting that becoming a priest was what he was meant to do.

Bill studied at St. John's College Morpeth and was deaconed in 1962. His first Parish after ordination as a priest in 1963 was Leeton. Wherever Bill was appointed he had a wide-ranging ministry - scripture classes, youth groups, contributing to Scouts, meals-on-wheels and schools. In Tenant Creek vast distances were covered and Bill added home duties and more sporting and community contributions to his portfolio while Rowena was teaching full time. The family also developed a greater understanding of the melting pot of cultures and customs from around the world, particularly the Warramunga people with whom he and Rowena formed strong connections.



Later, during his time in the Parish of Hay, Bill was installed as a Canon in the Diocese of the Riverina. Further postings were to the Parishes of Corowa with involvement in Cursillo - and becoming grandparents - and the Parish of Broken Hill South, before retiring from active ministry and moving to Albury - from here he did locums in the Dioceses of the Riverina and Wangaratta, as well as contributing to the Sanctuary Refugees group.

Being proactive in the management of their health, Bill and his wife 'really' retired to Lavington in 2015; diminishing opportunities

to celebrate the eucharist were a source of sorrow for Bill.

The outpouring of love, prayers and thoughts from so many people since Bill's death are testament to the effect he had in the many communities in which he worked. His generosity with his time, his community spirit and examples of his faith are evidence of a life lived in God's service. Rest in peace Bill.

We are grateful to the family for making Bill's eulogy available, from which the above is taken.

New Chaplain for CAGS

The first day of March signalled an exciting new chapter for Cobram Anglican Grammar School, with Reverend Victor Adams being licensed and commissioned as the school's Chaplain.

A key part of the service was the Presentation of Symbols including the Bible, the Baptismal Water, Stole and Oils Prayer Book, Paten and Chalice, and the School Roll containing the names of the school's students whom Revd Victor prays for each day.

The school was founded and built with the support of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, and there has been a strong relationship between the two parties ever since. The appointment of Revd Victor as the Cobram AGS School Chaplain will only serve to further enhance this partnership moving forward and ensure

the school's Anglican Identity remains its heartbeat.

Revd Victor's Commissioning was indeed a very special celebration for both the school community and Diocese. Students in Years 3-12 attended the service, while a large congregation from St Margaret's Parish Cobram were present to support Revd Victor. Bishop Clarence E Bester presided over the service, with Archdeacon Neil Hicks assisting with the formal commissioning and licensing. It was also wonderful to have The Reverend Cathy Carden (Cathedral College Wangaratta School Chaplain) in attendance.

Revd Victor said he could not be more thankful for the support he has received on his journey to becoming the Cobram AGS School Chaplain.

"The warmth I received on

the day from the Parish and school community was excellent, and my wife Elizabeth and two children Ruth and Nathan were there which was really special as they have always been a great support for me, especially since arriving in Australia from South Africa," Revd Victor said.

"The people within the parish are like a second family to me, they are beautiful people and they have really supported me because they know what me being School Chaplain means for the Parish and for the school and for the history of that relationship," he added.

Revd Victor said he is excited by what is to come and the positive community/social outcomes that can be achieved through his work at the school.



'Lent with Bach' Diocesan pre-Lent Quiet Day

BY REV SCOTT JESSUP

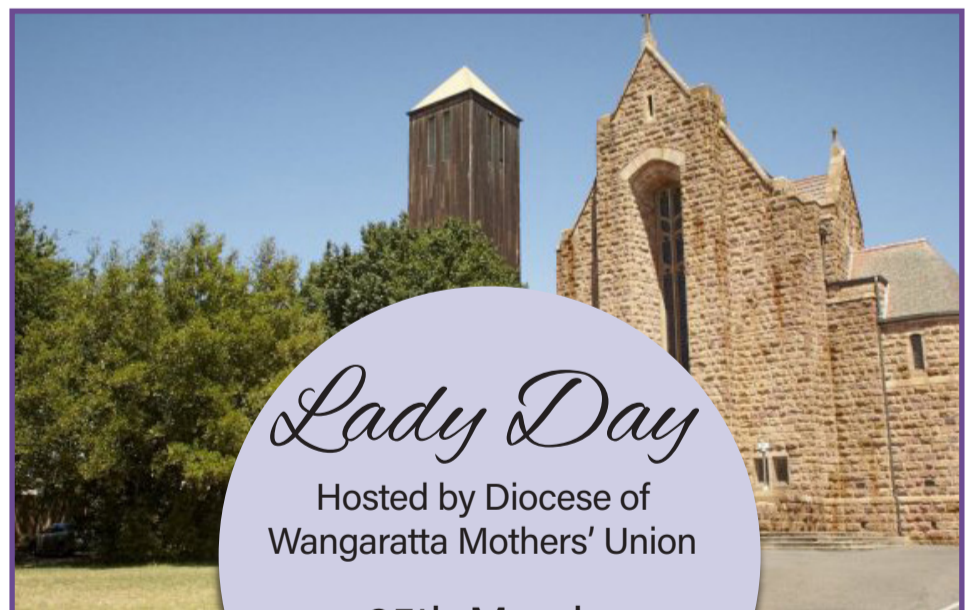
On Saturday the 4th of February, the Rev'd Canon Scott Jessup led the Diocesan Pre-Lent Quiet Day, 'Lent with Bach', at St Stephen's, Rutherglen. Canon Scott used paintings, words from Scripture, reflections and music from

Bach's St Matthew Passion as a springboard to pause and reflect on Jesus' passion and death.

A participant had this to say: 'Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you to Wang Diocese for offering this Quiet Day ... the way that Canon Scott wove the story of the

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ in with Bach's music was sublime. The day flowed effortlessly which doesn't just happen.

It was a reflection of the thought, preparation and love that Canon Scott had given it', Gillian Pearce, St Matthew's, Albury.



Lady Day

Hosted by Diocese of Wangaratta Mothers' Union

25th March

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Wangaratta



Eucharist for Lady Day at 10:30am

Followed at 11:45am by Prevention of Family Violence Workshop in Purbrick Hall to be led by Reverend Tracy Lauersen.

Representatives of Lay and Cleric Members of all parishes and parochial districts are warmly encouraged to attend this important Diocesan initiative. Workshop will conclude at 3pm.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Please RVSP to Fiona at registry@wangeratta-anglican.org.au by 21st March

Happy 20th Anniversary Cathedral College!

This year Cathedral College Wangaratta is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The College is looking forward to celebrating this significant milestone and give thanks for the foresight of the Diocese of Wangaratta, its leaders and community members who understood the importance of providing a low-fee-paying, independent schooling option for the children of Wangaratta and North East Victoria.

The first newsletter on record states: "A number of people are familiar with independent schools and are very supportive of the establishment of one in Wangaratta. Many others appreciate the proposal of a school that will strive for high academic standards within a caring and nurturing environment where every student is cared for as an individual and encouraged to work to his or her highest standard. Most families want a safe and happy environment where learning is valued."

Cathedral College started at the Close, in the grounds of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in 2003 with 34 students from Prep to Year Seven. Mrs Julie Findlay, the College's current Director of Studies and founding staff member recalls, "The students' uniforms hadn't arrived (they

came the next day!) but there was great excitement as the bell was rung to herald the start of a new era for education in Wangaratta".

In 2005 the College purchased the 'Murdoch Road' site and in 2006 the adjacent farmhouse. The sprawling 14-hectare site is to this day, the largest in the region. It was originally planned to be a second campus; however, as enrolments increased it became apparent that the needs of the students could not be met at the Close and it was decided that all students and staff would begin the transition to, as it was affectionately known, 'out the road'. In 2011, the Cathedral College Wangaratta joined the Anglican Schools Commission. The College was the first Victorian school to join the commission from outside Western Australia, the College stood as a beacon for the model.

By 2015, 800 students from Prep to Twelve were on one campus. Preceding this was a monumental building program that saw the campus develop rapidly to cater for increasing enrolments as the College grew from strength to strength. Today's campus hosts state-of-the-art facilities that include Science Labs, an Arts precinct, Food Technology

kitchens, a hockey pitch, a VCE centre, full size football oval, two libraries, Chapel and customised spaces for Junior, Middle and Senior School students.

Fast forward to 2023 and Cathedral College has over 1000 enrolments and has proved itself to be an outstanding educational provider in North-East Victoria. Over 700 students travel by bus, and the College is honoured to provide a quality education not only for students in Wangaratta but also for those from other regional communities. Proudly Anglican, the College has stayed true to what its founders envisioned Cathedral College Wangaratta to be; an inclusive, low fee-paying school where every child is known well and encouraged to strive to be their best.

This year, the College will celebrate and acknowledge its 20th anniversary with various celebrations and events including Founders Day celebrations, Alumni events, a historical display, and a Mid-Year ball. It is an important milestone, one where the College's past can be celebrated, and the future can be embraced.

PHOTO BELOW: Murdoch Road campus in 2006 and 2023



New Teacher Induction Day

BY REVD CATHY CARDEN

On the 23rd of January, 80 new staff (2022 and 2023) from the three current Anglican schools in the Diocese, Trinity Anglican College Albury, Cobram Anglican Grammar School, and Cathedral College Wangaratta gathered in Wangaratta. The primary purpose of the day was to introduce and familiarise new staff with the culture of our Anglican Schools. After a prayer and acknowledgement of countries on which the three schools are situated, Rev'd Peter Lawrence (OAM), CEO of the Anglican Schools Commission, spent some time outlining the history of the Anglican Church and more specifically explaining that Anglican Schooling in Australia, commenced with the arrival of the First Fleet. Reverend Peter explained the culture of the ASC schools, where faith, reason, worship, inclusivity, character and service are highly valued. This was followed by three existing staff sharing their experiences of teaching in an Anglican school, and a presentation by Rev'd Cathy Carden about what is taught in the Religious Education Curriculum. Following a shared lunch, the new staff, principals and executive members from the three

schools travelled to Holy Trinity Cathedral, where Rev'd Mark Mickelborough explained the role of Chaplains in schools, and then all staff participated in a Eucharist service, presided by Bishop Clarence.

Following the Eucharist service Bishop Clarence and Michelle hosted a lovely afternoon tea at Bishop's Lodge, facilitating great collegiality and fellowship

amongst us all. It was an inspiring and encouraging day, where it was evident that any staff who may have been feeling slightly nervous or unsure of what may be expected of them working in an Anglican school finished the day feeling confident, included, welcomed and excited about the opportunities that lay ahead in our schools in 2023.



Part-time Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in Shepparton 2023

A part-time Unit of CPE will be conducted in Shepparton in second semester 2023, from 3 July to 28 November. The course will be conducted by the North-east Victoria CPE Centre. It will be coordinated by Dan Murphy, who works as Pastoral & Spiritual Care Coordinator at Northeast Health Wangaratta (NHW) and is accredited as a Clinical Pastoral Educator, with the assistance of Maureen Beattie, who is an Anglican priest associated with Holy Trinity Cathedral in Wangaratta and Pastoral Practitioner with NHW, and is accredited as a Clinical Pastoral Supervisor. It will be conducted at St Brendan's Catholic Parish, 121 Knight St, Shepparton.

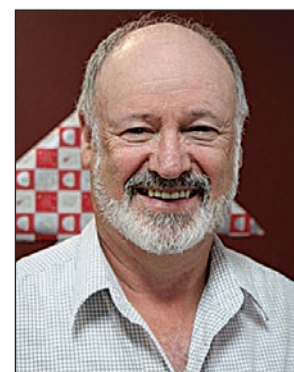
CPE is one of the most highly recognised programs of supervised education for provision of spiritual and pastoral care, and is rarely available outside the metropolitan area. It carries extensive credit in tertiary religious and theological study programs. It is highly recommended for anyone contemplating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

The program will be conducted on Tuesdays from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, with attendance on 3 Mondays also required (3 July, 25 September and 27 November). A further day each week is required for delivery of pastoral care in an approved placement and further time is also needed for writing reports on pastoral encounters, so participants need to be able to devote at least about 2.5 days each week for the 22 weeks of the program.

Cost of the CPE program is \$2,000.00, or for those enrolled in theological studies, the cost will be the equivalent to 2 Units of study, payable through their University. Prospective applicants should contact the Course Coordinator, Dan Murphy, at dan.murphy1949@gmail.com or on 0408 841 997, for further information and to request an application form. You will need to request an application form before 30 April 2023, and applications must be made by 15 May 2023.



Maureen Beattie,
Clinical
Pastoral
Supervisor



Dan Murphy,
Clinical
Pastoral
Educator



Rev Victor Adams final service

BY ROB ELLIOTT

29th January saw Rev Victor Adams preside at his final services in the Parish of Numurkah-Nathalia.

Rev Victor began his part time ministry in the parish 3 years ago, and twelve months later was also inducted as part time rector of the Parish of Cobram. It has been a busy schedule for him, involving a lot of travel between the two parishes. He leaves to take up full time ministry in the Cobram district, splitting his time as rector of the parish and chaplain at the Cobram Anglican Grammar School.

At the early morning service

at Holy Trinity, Nathalia, the parishioners were joined by the members of the Uniting Church, as the two congregations share services on the third Sunday of the month. The Uniting Church people attended the special service as a recognition of, and thanks for, Rev Victor's ministry to the wider Nathalia community. Afterwards, the people were able to have some time over a cup of tea to individually express their gratitude to him.

Holy Communion at St George's, Numurkah was a time for reflection on what had been achieved during the three years since Rev

Victor's arrival, just before Covid hit. At the morning tea following the service, the congregation members had time to personally farewell him, as well as Elizabeth, Ruth and Nathan. Rector's Warden, Lou Hamon, spoke of Revd Victor's contribution to the parish and the challenges presented by the Covid pandemic. He wished him and his family well upon starting this new phase of their lives, and presented him with a parting gift of a painting by Geoff Lugg, a parishioner at St George's.

Rev Victor thanked the parish for its support of his ministry and the friendship shown to him and his family. We pray for them in their new home and for Rev Victor in this new phase of his ministry in the diocese.

PHOTO ABOVE: Revd Victor Adams and his family



Welcome afternoon tea in Cobram

Cobram combined churches held a 'Welcome' afternoon tea on the 1st February for 100 Solomon Islanders who have come to work in Cobram at the JBS meatworks.

As well as welcomes from all local church leaders, a sumptuous afternoon tea and fellowship was enjoyed in the grounds of their accommodation and provided a time for

getting to know these new additions to our community.

The Islanders then delighted everyone with some of their wonderful singing.

Arrangements have been made to transport those who wish to attend local church services with about 35 Islanders attending different churches in our area following the welcome.

Nine Lessons & Carols at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, an ecumenical Nine Lessons and Carols was held at Christ Church, Kilmore. The true story of Christmas was read from nine bible passages by members of the congregation from various churches in the area. With a limited number of children, all adults present were

given a 'mask' depicting people, animals, stars and gifts from the wise men, and as the Christmas story unfolded, each person with the relevant mask, joined Mary and Joseph at the front of the church. It was a wonderful way to involve the whole congregation, and by the final reading, all were present around baby Jesus.

The Christmas story had a slight variation during the visitation of the angels, as the youngest angel (20 months old) 'stole' baby Jesus from his mother and ran off through the church. It was a delight to see to the enjoyment of those present.

The evening opened with Revd André and Patty DuPlooy singing the first verse of Silent Night in Afrikaans with everyone joining in from the second verse. The Carols, both traditional and modern, were beautifully accompanied by organist Kathleen Taylor.



PHOTO ABOVE: Davidson family as Mary, Joseph, Herod, a King and two angels.



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Book Summary

FAITH, HOPE AND CARNAGE By Nick Cave & Sean O'Hagan

SUMMARY BY ANNE BAUMGARTEN

If you are interested in how a highly productive and gifted person, at the pinnacle of worldly success, reflects on grief, spirituality, love, relationships, and creative processes, this is a book for you. The style is conversational, honest, open, and easy to read; like the manner of Nick's online question-and-answer site, The Red Hand Files.

Nick is a musician, songwriter, author, lyricist, poet, and screenwriter - amongst other gifts - and is sometimes said to be a genius. However, there are people in our Diocese, especially in Wangaratta, who have memories of Nick the Cathedral choir boy and high school student and his family's everyday involvement in the community.

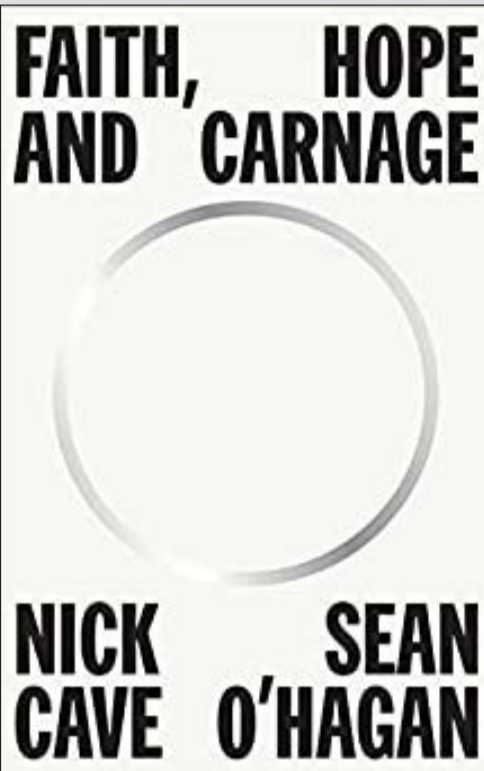
The book is a dialogue with his friend Sean O'Hagan and presents innumerable thought-provoking ideas, worthy of discussion in an Anglican study group. For instance, it discusses the intimate relationship between spirituality and creativity and the 'utility of belief'.

It was written after Nick's son Arthur died and before his son, Jethro died. While the theme of grief does not pervade the book, Nick has some powerful remarks to make about it. He reflects on the grief he and his wife Susie had to deal with and how his life has pivoted into something quite different.

He explains that Arthur's death made him a religious person, though not a traditional Christian. He gained a sense of his profound, deep inclusion in the human predicament, an understanding of our vulnerability and a sense that each of us is imperilled: anything can immediately turn catastrophic. He now feels a new, urgent, and fundamental kind of empathy with people (ref pp 105, 106).

Of course, the book presents one human's unique experiences, but you may be surprised to find many of Nick's insights can connect with and inform your own life. Similar to music, religion (Nick prefers to use this word instead of spirituality) is a marvellous social leveller.

His album Ghosteen - a product of collaborative work with his friend Warren Ellis - is mentioned fondly in the book. A 2019 Guardian review gave the album five stars and described it as 'stunning' and 'beautiful'. Through listening to it, you might further develop your connection with Nick's emotional landscape. It complements the book.



ARNA - Anglican renewal network australia

BY SUE HICKS

The Anglican Renewal Network Australia desires to see renewal in people from diverse backgrounds and ministry experiences though growth in intimacy with God by the Holy Spirit.

We seek to champion renewal in the local church through life-giving relationships. We work to encourage, resource and support the people of God through: events, gatherings and retreats; training information; and, experiences of worship and prayer ministry.

We have local hub leaders who provide communication for the network and coordination of local hub gatherings, training and ministry opportunities, as well as on-line events.

There is a core steering group which meets regularly for prayer and worship, and provides energy and direction to the network, as well as supporting the local hub leaders.

For further information contact Sue Hicks, sehicks@outlook.com.au Wangaratta Hub Leader.



MU Celebrate Christmas With Lessons & Carols

BY DIANE GRANT

The Christian season of Advent began on Sunday November 30. It is the lead up to Christmas and Christians throughout the world are preparing for the Holy Season celebrating Jesus Christ's birth.

Christmas carols held in various communities announce this message also and on Thursday, 8 December members of the Anglican Parish of Central Goulburn Mother's Union (MU) branch from Avenel, Nagambie and Seymour gathered together for their annual Advent Seven

Lessons and Carols service at St Paul's Anglican Church in Avenel.

The annual communion service was led by Revd Richard Pennington who gave a reflection on Mary's conception. Bible readings were read by MU members and all enjoyed singing along to the traditional Carols during the service.

President Mary Greenshields thanked Revd Pennington for conducting the service and supporting the Mu all year and she wished everyone a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

This year the Anglican Parish and Mother's Union group are donating goods towards Salvocare for local people in need as their project for 2022

The Parish thanks all who have donated goods or funds for the Christmas project, and they were dropped off to the Salvation Army for them to distribute locally on Monday 12 December.

To end their annual Advent outing the MU members partook of lunch at the Nagambie Rowing Club bistro.



Australia Day Celebrations at Kilmore

BY CAROLINE BURGE

The Parish of Kilmore is very sensitive to the varying concerns regarding celebrating Australia Day, and with this in mind, the celebration in the parish is always one of acknowledging the Tungurung People - the traditional owners of the land in which the parish lies; in giving thanks for this amazing country we all live in; and also as an added bonus, celebrating the anniversary of Revd André and Patty being in the parish (this year was their 5th, and sadly last anniversary with us).

In the prayers giving thanks for Australia, everyone present called out the country of their origin. Out of 25 people present, an amazing 17 different countries were represented. We are a country certainly proud of our multiculturalism and all that we bring to our communities.

Over 2000 photos (yes, we take a lot of photos in our parish) from the last five years of Revd André's ministry were shown in the background as a slideshow to

the day. As people came and went, they took a moment or two to remember the many different parish occasions that have been celebrated in the DuPlooy's time in the parish.

Hand held flags (Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island) were provided by the local member of Parliament, as well as a larger flag being donated by a parishioner on the day.

PHOTO BELOW: Host Caroline and parishioners



Looking Down the Valley

BY REV'D DR EDWIN BYFORD



It is probably the case that most of us do not give much thought to why we read what we read from the Bible Sunday by Sunday. The readings around Christmas and Easter are obvious. What we read on other Sundays may be less so.

A couple of years ago I told the story of why we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration on 6th August. It was 1457 that the feast was kept for the first time and because it was so late it did not make it into the English liturgical calendars of the Reformation. It did come into the proposed calendar for the revisions of the Book of Common Prayer in 1928 and I suspect that it was about then that the celebration became common in Australia. It was with the introduction of A Prayer Book for Australia in 1995 that the lectionary placed the account of the transfiguration on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday each year.

In the three synoptic gospels the Transfiguration happens just before Jesus and the disciples set out on the journey to Jerusalem that will lead to his arrest and crucifixion. With Jesus, Peter and James and John experience the mysterious interaction of eternity and the world of time and space. If we had not already done so, on Ash Wednesday we turn our faces towards Jerusalem in anticipation of Holy Week and Easter.

On the Sunday we are taken out of the mundane world of time and space and on Ash Wednesday we come back with somewhat of a crash — remember you are dust and to dust you will return. On Sunday we were conveyed into the bliss of the Law and the Prophets as they come together in the kingdom and on Wednesday we are confronted with the reality of this world and our own mortality.

Lent is a strange season of seaming contradictions. At one and the same time we are urged to be very self-centred and self-denying. We were called to self-examination just before the imposition of ashes at the beginning of the season. If we are serious about self-examination we need to be at least a little self-obsessed — Who am I? Who do I want to be? How do I need to change? While the self-denial has one end in focussing our attention on our priorities there is another end in focussing our attention on the fundamental needs of others. Our self-denial is to bring benefit to others. Our friends in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America remind each other in one of their Lenten prefaces to the Great Thanksgiving of the Holy Communion that they are called to be fervent in prayer and in works of mercy.

Lent is a very this worldly season. The gospel reading for Ash Wednesday, from the middle of the Sermon on the Mount, is all about our charitable and prayerful motivations. It is thoroughly down to earth yet it is very out of step with the contemporary culture of celebrity and the influencer. One does good for the sake of doing good. One faithfully lives the faith for its sake alone. Lent is a season in which we are confronted but we are also inspired. Failure is real and we know that it is real. The grace of God does not undo our failure. Time is not turned back so that we can avoid whatever it was. In the story of creation the man and the woman are not restored to the state they were in before they ate the fruit. The rest of their lives is lived in and through that experience. The grace of God clothes them with quality clothing so that they can live out their lives in their new state. They are given the wherewithal to live creatively in the circumstances in which they find themselves.

Lent is a time for facing the reality of living in the real world with all of its problems and all of its joys. Our stocktaking is done in the full awareness of the grace of God. Our prayer is not for escape but for the courage and the determination to live faithfully and actively amidst the ambiguities of this mortal life.

50th Anniversary of Dedication St Andrew's, Dederang

BY REVD MATTHEW HEALY

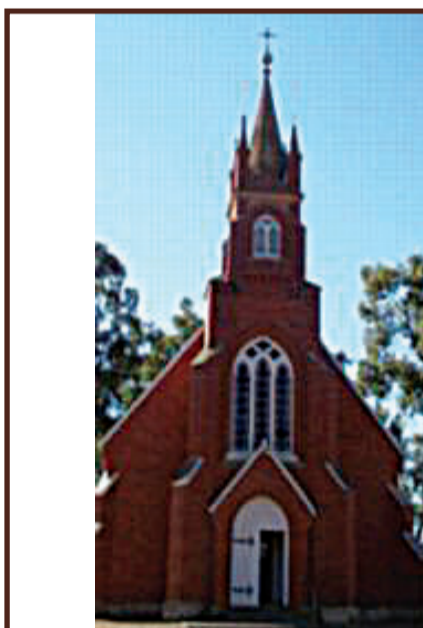
On Sunday, 19 February 2023, St Andrew's, Dederang, celebrated its 50th Anniversary of Dedication with a Festive Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Clarence. Close to 70 current and past parishioners attended, together with local friends, including representatives from St Joseph's Catholic Church, Dederang. Scot Coulston, Church warden, welcomed all present and conveyed the apologies of those unable to attend. Pat Muller, Parish Treasurer, then delivered an address on the history of the church on behalf of Doug Heiner

who was unable to attend due to illness. It was good to have Reg Larkin, an original building committee member, present at the occasion. Following the service and formalities, the majority of those present adjourned to the Dederang Hotel, known locally as "The Ranga", for lunch.

In the early 1970s a concept was developed to bring together the three churches of the surrounding district into one, St Andrew's, Gundowring, Dederang Union Church, and St Alban's, Running Creek. The church is of a contemporary design by B & J Johnson

Architects, Malvern, Victoria, and was built by Heather Brothers, Myrtleford. It was dedicated by Bishop Keith Rayner on 18 February 1973. The beautiful 2.7 metre solid timber Altar was crafted of red box by local parishioner Rod Barton. The church was consecrated by Bishop Max Thomas on St Andrew's Day, 30 November 1979.

St Andrew's looks forward to marking it's 50th year of consecration on St Andrew's Day 2029, and to living out the next 50 years of mission and ministry in Dederang with much hope and joy.



NEXT MAPS WALK
27TH MAY, 3 PM
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MORE INFORMATION
TO COME.



Climate Action: Where are we now? Air & Water - Part 2

BY ANNE BAUMGARTEN

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, Psalm 8:6

As stewards of God's creation, we are empowered to face the truth about our environment. As it is not possible for this series to explain all the factors, I invited an environmental research scientist, Dr Mehak Nawaz Khan, who currently lives in Wangaratta, to present a few of the fundamental factors from her area of expertise (air and water) we can consider.

Here are the factors she shared.

Air: Climate change is produced by greenhouse gas emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas. Australia's air quality is normally among the cleanest in the world, yet the nation is prone to short-term high pollution increases caused by bushfires and dust storms. Furthermore, since the commencement of the industrial revolution, our air quality has deteriorated in numerous ways.

Australia compares national air quality to its own standards, through the National Environment Protection Measure for Ambient Air Quality (Air NEPM). The NEPM regulate seven pollutants to which most Australians are exposed: carbon monoxide (CO), lead, nitrogen dioxide (NO₂),

ozone (O₃), particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀), and sulphur dioxide (SO₂). PM and ozone are Australia's primary pollutants of concern; nevertheless, PM_{2.5} is the most dangerous pollutant to Australians' health. These harmful gases are seriously affecting health and causing increased respiratory problems and lung cancer.

Water: Conserving and maintaining water quality is especially important in Australia, the world's driest inhabited continent, [further affected by climate change]. The quality of surface and groundwater, coastal and marine water continues to decline globally, owing mostly to human activities. A consistent and supportive approach to water quality

management across Australia is an important outcome of the National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS).

Individuals pollute water with household wastes especially plastics, littering (including cigarette butts), pouring oils down the sink, microbes, industrial wastes, agricultural wastes like fertilisers and chemicals on their gardens. These pollutants are then washed or blown into stormwater drains and local waterways.

Heavy metals from acid sulphate soils and other manufacturing industries also contribute to Australia's water pollution. Toxins like these disrupt the dissolved

oxygen levels and pH. Furthermore, flooding and other natural calamities cause heavy metals to leach into bodies of water. Water quality can be impacted by bushfires, especially if there is a lot of rain just after the fire.

The NWQMS develops systems for handling problems with water quality. Case studies demonstrate the steps taken to stop Australian water resources from becoming contaminated and harming the environment as a whole.

It is often said that 'all things are connected'. This is certainly true of our environment and climate change. Part 3 of this series will present some current facts about earth and fire.

Diocese MU to host workshop on Prevention of Family Violence at Lady Day

BY DR JANE FREEMANTLE

'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'. (General Synod Family Violence Working Group)

Back in September 2021, there was 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 conference concluded with a focus on the 10 Commitments. The proceedings of the conference and the 10 Commitments were reported in the August/September 2021 edition of the Wangaratta Advocate.

The consideration of the 10 Commitments and approaches to the prevention of family violence are of vital importance to all in the Diocese of Wangaratta. The Bishop has strongly encouraged a Diocesan wide response, and the development of a plan of action. To this end, the Mothers' Union, together with lay and ordained members of the Diocese are developing a Diocesan wide workshop to be held on Lady Day, Saturday

25th March. The workshop will commence with a service to commemorate Lady Day in Holy Trinity Cathedral and will be followed by a workshop to consider how we can develop initiatives to support the 10 Commitments in the Prevention of Family Violence.

We are absolutely delighted that the Reverend Tracy Lauersen has accepted the Bishop's invitation to lead this workshop. Reverend Tracy is currently the Rector of St Paul's Warragul. She has chaired The Family Violence Working Group and, from 2019, the Family and Culture Commission. Under her chair-ship the Australia's first known national research into family violence within faith communities was launched in June 2019. The results were reported at the 19th General Synod in 2022. It is hoped that lay and ordained representatives of all parishes and parochial districts, will attend this important workshop. If we are to honour the commitment made by our Diocese to develop initiatives to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence, then attendance at the workshop is a first and vitally important step. Further information regarding the agenda and process for the day, including relevant background information will be distributed via the Diocesan website and through individual Parish network channels.

PHOTO LEFT: MU Meeting at Wangaratta saw Bishop Clarence Bester as their guest and Dr Jane Freemantle, who is co-coordinating the Gender Based Violence- Family Violence workshops for March. They were welcomed by MU DOW President Jan Craig, and Revd David Holloway MU Sec/Treasurer. Photo by Diane Grant



News from Mothers' Union

BY MARY MUNTZ

Each year Mothers' Union members find various ways of raising money for Overseas and Northern Outreach activities. The members of Australia's three Northern Dioceses face long distances to meet each other for friendships, sharing ideas and caring for those who are in need of a friendly face. Each year money raised is sent to Mary Sumner House in London and is dispersed where the staff at Mary Sumner House feel it is needed. The current Overseas target fund project is Disaster and Climate Change in the Pacific.

Darren, from Anglican Overseas Aid has forwarded this brief summary to Wendy Mabey, our MU Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator.

Families living in the Pacific are increasingly experiencing the impacts and adversity of climate change, with cyclones flooding becoming regular events.

The impact of repeated disasters not only destroys infrastructure and homes but can produce instability in family life and place children at risk.

The project works to equip and empower youth in the Pacific to create safer communities that are prepared for, and equipped to respond to natural disasters, and provide the necessary equipment through prepositioned supplies to support an emergency response. Early this year, two new containers were prepositioned in Fiji and filled with emergency supplies thanks to the support of Australia Mothers' Union members.



BY JANETTE KETTYLE

November 25th 2022 to 16th December our branch at St Matthew's Albury participated in the 16 days of activism against Gender Based Violence.

We attached strips of purple and white fabric

to the front fence of the church to attract community interest, along with laminated sheets explaining GBV.

At the church service on 27th November our secretary Kirsty Coyle spoke to the congregation about GBV and asked that they participate in this

activity of the World Wide MU.

At the end of the service prepared sheets of 16 prayers were handed to parishioners so that they could join us in this activity, one prayer for each of the 16 days.

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Confirmation at St Stephen's, Rutherglen

BY REV SCOTT JESSUP

Five young parishioners from the Parish of Rutherglen and Chiltern were Confirmed by Bishop Clarence at St Stephen's, Rutherglen on Sunday the 12th of February.

Please continue to pray for - Katie, Jacinta, Hamish, Isabel and Clare.

Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.



EASTER PARISH SERVICE TIMES

EASTER DATES

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, WANGARATTA

Palm Sunday 2nd April
Maundy Thursday 6th April
Good Friday 7th April
Easter Sunday 9th April

Palm Sunday
 8.00am – Holy Communion
 10.00am - Blessing of the Palms
 and Procession with Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday
 Liturgy of the Last
 Supper ~ 7.30 pm

Good Friday
 Liturgy of the
 Day ~ 2.00 pm

Easter Day
 Vigil Mass ~ 6.00 am
 Holy Communion ~ 8.00am
 Choral Eucharist ~ 10.00 am

King Valley
 Moyhu ~ Easter Day
 9.30 am
 Whitfield ~ Easter Day
 11.00 am

ALBURY

Maundy Thursday Evensong at 6pm
Good Friday Service 9am
Easter Sunday Service 9am

ALEXANDRA

Maundy Thursday
 7.00pm Combined Service with Washing of
 the Feet and Holy Eucharist
Good Friday
 12.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
 10.00pm The Solemn Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday
 9.00am Celebration of the Lord's
 Resurrection Eucharist

ALPINE

Holy Thursday
 7pm St Paul's Myrtleford
Good Friday
 10am Walk of Witness meet at St Mary's
 Catholic Church; 11am ecumenical service
 in the Piazza, Myrtleford; 3pm St John's
 Whorouly
Holy Saturday
 7pm St Paul's Myrtleford
Easter Sunday
 9am St Paul's Myrtleford; 11am St John's
 Whorouly; 11am All Saints Bright

BEECHWORTH

Palm Sunday
 9.30am Beechworth; 11.00am Eldorado
Maundy Thursday
 7.00pm Beechworth
Good Friday
 11.00am Eldorado; 3.00pm
 Beechworth
Holy Saturday
 7.00pm Easter Vigil, Beechworth
Easter Day
 9.30am Beechworth; 11.00am Eldorado

BENALLA

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 times.

CENTRAL GOULBURN

Palm Sunday
 9.00 am Christ Church Seymour
 11.00 am St John's Nagambie
Maundy Thursday
 5.00 pm Christ Church Seymour
Good Friday
 10.00 am Christ Church Seymour -
 Ecumenical Combined Church service
 5.00 pm St John's Nagambie
Easter Sunday
 8.00 am Christ Church Seymour
 9.30 am St Paul's Avenel
 11.00 am St John's Nagambie

COBRAM

Palm Sunday
 (procession) 10am
Holy Monday to Holy Wednesday
 (Stations of the cross) - 7pm
Maundy Thursday
 (Washing of the feet) - 7pm
Good Friday
 (Devotion Service) - 10am
Easter Service Dawn Service - 7am
Easter Service of Light - 10am

CORRYONG

Palm Sunday
 9.30am All Saints Corryong
 2.00pm Biggara Anglican
Maundy Thursday
 5.00pm All Saints Corryong
Good Friday
 3.00pm All Saints Corryong
Easter Vigil
 6.00pm All Saints Corryong
Easter Day
 10.00am All Saints Corryong

EUROA

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 times.

KILMORE

Palm Sunday
 9.00am Christ Church, Kilmore
 11.00am St Matthew's, Broadford
Tuesday 4th April
 7pm St Matthews, Broadford Tenebrae Service
Wednesday 5th April
 7pm Christ Church, Kilmore Station of the Cross
Maundy Thursday
 Feet washing with Holy Eucharist:
 10am St Matthew, Broadford
 7pm Christ Church, Kilmore followed by a Vigil
Good Friday
 9.00am Christ Church, Kilmore
 11.00am St Matthew's, (MP)
 11.00am St Stephen's, Tallarook
Holy Saturday
 7.00pm Christ Church, Kilmore
Easter Day
 9am Holy Eucharist, Christ Church, Kilmore
 11am Holy Eucharist St Matthew's, Broadford

MANSFIELD

Palm Sunday:
 9.30am St John's Mansfield,
 11.30am St Peter's Jamieson followed by
 parish picnic
Maundy Thursday:
 Service with Footwashing, stripping of the
 altar, and watch St John's 7.00pm
Good Friday:
 11am Ecumenical stations of the cross Highett St
 Midday Service St John's
Holy Saturday:
 7.00pm Service of light St Peter's
Easter Day:
 6.00am Service of light & breakfast St John's
 9.30am Celebration of the resurrection St John's

MARYSVILLE

Palm Sunday
 10.00am Christ Church, Marysville
Maundy Thursday
 7.00pm: Commemoration of the Last
 Supper, Christ Church, Marysville
Good Friday
 12noon: Good Friday Liturgy, Christ Church,
 Marysville
Easter Day
 8.30am Holy Communion, St Thomas Buxton
 10.30am Family Eucharist, Christ Church,
 Marysville

MILAWA

Good Friday
 9.00am
Easter Sunday
 9.00am

MURCHISON RUSHWORTH

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 times.

NORTHERN ALBURY

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NUMURKAH NATHALIA

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RUTHERGLEN CHILTERN

Palm Sunday
 8:45am St Stephen's, Rutherglen, Holy Eucharist
 10:45am St Paul's, Chiltern, Holy Eucharist.
Maundy Thursday
 7:00pm St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Holy
 Eucharist with footwashing, stripping of the
 altar – followed by the Watch until 10pm.
Good Friday
 8:45am St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Liturgy;
 10:45am St Paul's, Chiltern – Liturgy.
Saturday
 7pm St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Easter Vigil
 with liturgy of new fire, renewal of Baptismal
 vows and the first Eucharist of Easter.
Easter Day
 8am All Souls', Barnawartha, Holy Eucharist
 9:30am St Stephen's, Rutherglen – Holy
 Eucharist;
 11am St Paul's, Chiltern – Holy Eucharist.

SHEPPARTON

Palm Sunday
 9.30am (service)
Holy Week – St. Augustine's
 Mon – Wed Evening Prayer 7.00pm
Maundy Thursday
 7.00 pm (Vigil Service)
Good Friday
 9.30 am (service)
Holy Saturday
NO midnight mass
Easter Day
 6.30 am (Lighting of the New Fire &
 Eucharist)
 9.30 am (Service)

TALLANGATTA

Good Friday
 11.30am
Easter Day
 11.30am

WANGARATTA WEST & WARBY'S

Maundy Thursday 7pm St Michael's
Good Friday
 8am St George's, Taminick
 9.30am St Michael's
Easter Eve 6.30pm St Paul's, Glenrowan
Easter Day 8am St Georges's Taminick
 9.30am St Michael's

WODONGA

Palm Sunday
 9.30am St Johns Wodonga
 9.00am Emmanuel
Holy Wednesday
 10.00am St Johns Wodonga
Maundy Thursday
 7.00pm St John's Wodonga
 7.00pm Emmanuel
Good Friday
 12noon St John's Wodonga
 9.00am Emmanuel
Saturday
 7.00pm St John's Church - Easter Vigil
 6.00am Emmanuel
Easter Day
 9.00am Emmanuel
 9.30am St John's Wodonga

YACKANDANDAH

Palm Sunday
 9.00am Yackandandah; 10.30am Tangam-
 balanga; 12.30pm Tawonga
Maundy Thursday
 6.00pm Yackandandah
Good Friday
 9.00am Yackandandah; 9.00am Allans Flat;
 11.00am Dederang
Easter Day
 9.00am Yackandandah; 9.00am Allans Flat;
 10.30am Tangambalanga;
 11.00am Dederang; 12.30pm Tawonga

YARRAWONGA

Palm Sunday
 St Cuthbert's, Yarrowonga
 9.30am Liturgy of the Palms (Ecumenical)
 0.00 am Sung Eucharist
Maundy Thursday
 St Cuthbert's, Yarrowonga
 7.30pm Eucharist and ceremonies
Good Friday
 St Cuthbert's 9.00am Family Liturgy
 St Thomas at St James, 11.30am Good
 Friday Liturgy
 Boomahnoomoonah Holy Ground: 5.00pm
 Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday
 7.00pm St Thomas at St James Lighting of
 New Fire; Eucharist & Renewal of Baptism
 Vows
Easter Day
 7.00am St Cuthbert's, Lighting of New fire;
 Eucharist; Renewal of Baptism Vows
 10.00am Sung Eucharist: Renewal of Bap-
 tismal Vows

YEA

Palm Sunday
 11.00am Solemn Procession, Blessing of
 Palms and Holy Eucharist
Good Friday
 10.00am Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday
 7.30pm The Solemn Easter Vigil
Easter Day
 11.00am Celebration of the Lord's Resurrec-
 tion Eucharist

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People and Parishes



Bishop Clarence sharing around dessert with Revd Matthew Healy and Revd Melissa Clark at the clergy lunch held at Bishops lodge back in early December.



India republic day held in the gardens at Bishop Lodge.



Archdeacon Neil Hicks, Bishop Clarence, Bishop Gabriel with Revd Moira Evers as she is licensed as Area Dean at the Clergy Day in February



Parishioners from the Parish of Kilmore enjoying some pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.



Revd Alan Kelb, Revd Helen Malcolm, Revd Victor Adams, Rev Richard Pennington and Revd Mark Mickelborough having lunch at Bishop's Lodge on the Clergy day held in February.



Revd David Still's 30th Ordination celebration at the Bishop's Lodge Chapel.



Revd Victor Adams with Keith Willet (principal) students and teachers of Cobram Anglican Grammar at his commissioning as the schools chaplain.