

The background of the entire page is a classical painting of the Nativity scene. It depicts the Virgin Mary seated and holding the infant Jesus, with Joseph standing to the left. Several angels are shown in the upper portion of the scene, and a shepherd with his flock is visible on the right. The scene is set in a stable with a manger and animals at the bottom.

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You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth

Luke 1:14

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5 MARKS OF MISSION

- 1 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2 To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3 To respond to human need by loving service
- 4 To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5 To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth



Dear Readers

No peeking!

Open and enjoy this gift at your leisure. Happy reading!



Thank you, loyal readers and contributors, for your support over the past year.

Wishing you and your loved ones a holy, happy and safe Christmas and every blessing in the New Year!

The Editorial Team

Mission 2020+ prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!

Give us new confidence in your grace,
new words for the mission we share,
new strength to go where you send us,
new spring in our step, as we set out
to spread our faith in changing times,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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CHRISTMAS REFLECTION*

Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; John 1.1-14

What difference would it make if the Christmas story were not true? If God had not come to be born, live and die as a human being? Today's readings shout out that the Christmas story is the key to what the world is all about, from beginning to end.

Hebrews tells us that the incarnation is the climax of God's continuous, creative, communicating love. God's love, Hebrews says, is always 'son-shaped'. Through God the Son, the world comes into being; through God the Son it is sustained in being; and God the Son will bring it to fulfilment when he, the 'heir', rounds everything up. All the other ways in which God has chosen to communicate with the world he made and loves are interpreted by this great event that we celebrate at Christmas. The incarnation tells us that that is what we are here for - to be drawn into dialogue with God, hearing his word and responding to it.

The majestic language of these opening sentences in Hebrews should not blind us to the reality of the way God chooses to come to us. Hebrews piles up radiance upon radiance. The Son is 'the reflection of God's glory', the 'imprint of God's very being'. He is no mere messenger, but the actual presence of God. And what does this dazzling reflection of God look like? A small baby.

St John's great prologue makes that point perfectly clear. Like Hebrews, John's opening scene is the creation of the world through the same power of God that makes the incarnation possible. The Word of God, the Son of God, is the overflowing, incarnating, life-making power of God the Trinity. Our understanding of God as Trinity brings with it the belief that God's very being is relational love, and that love pours out into the world to bring us, too, into God's love.

Although the incarnation is an extraordinary overturning of everything that we thought we knew about God, both John and Hebrews suggest that it is, at the same time, consistent with the nature of the God who chooses to create the world in the first place.

But John takes that one stage further. Yes, God is consistent in creating, in becoming incarnate, in redeeming. And part of that consistency is that it does not force a response. John says, with terrible irony, 'the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.' The way in which God chooses to create and redeem us allows us the option of ignorance about the very purpose of our existence. The Incarnation, which Hebrews describes in such grandiloquent terms, still comes down to this, the child in the manger. You have to suspect that 'sensible' is not a word in God's vocabulary!

So here at the beginning of the Gospel John sets out what is to be one of his themes throughout - *you have to choose*. You can turn away from the light and choose the darkness, the darkness that represents not only evil but also ultimately



unbeing. It is the darkness that was over everything before God created. It is formlessness, hopelessness, ignorance of the purpose of our existence.

Or you can choose light. To choose the light, according to John, is to step into our proper created place, as God's children, alive in his love. God is the only source of life, John tells us, and this life is offered to us in the incarnation.

But the choice is ours. What we see now is the child, a symbol of life, but so vulnerable. To choose that life, to choose to nurture it and celebrate it is to choose God's kind of life, since it is the only kind on offer. To choose something without the ambiguities and uncertainties of Jesus' life is to choose the dark and that, says John, is actually not life at all. To recognize the life-giving power of the Creator in the baby Jesus, in his life, his cross and his resurrection, is the study of the Christian. Can we see 'the glory of the Father', here, at Christmas?

Would Isaiah have recognized this baby as the triumphant act of God that he longs for? In the incarnation, God does indeed bare his arm, but not to lead his armies to victory, but to show us the flesh. Isaiah proclaims the time when God will be 'in plain sight' (Isaiah 52.8) and, indeed, what could be more visible than another human being, just like us? What kind of a victory is this? It is the victory of God's consistent and unchanging nature, that cannot be deflected from its original purpose, which is to share his life - his life, and no secondhand, trumped-up copies - with us.



CROSSING THE BORDERS OF HOPE AND HAPPINESS

Christmas is just around the corner. Less than a month away, a time understood traditionally as one of glorious love and laughter, bringing people together in a spirit of harmony and joy, exchanging gifts and also giving the gift of time.

The whole community shares in this time for giving thanks and connecting with God, with family, with friends, no matter what their faith commitment may be.

These traditions have been disrupted over the past couple of years. Our physical connections have been tried by border restrictions, social distancing and the constraints of COVID-19. Even here in the 'safest place on earth', we are reminded every day of loved ones who have died, dangers of isolation, profound impacts on mental, emotional and spiritual health.

This Christmas, there is a bright ray of hope as some are able to cross borders, and so many can be together after so much time apart.

For others, however, this isn't possible, and for others again loneliness remains a fact of life which has nothing to do with the pandemic.

The past two years will be remembered as a period of global uncertainty and upheaval, an invisible virus holding us to ransom, fearing that life might never be the same again. United in fear, we have also been united in scrambling to discover a vaccine to protect ourselves against a terrifying new enemy, breaking every previous record to shield ourselves against sickness and death - only to find ourselves in the bizarre situation where some are more afraid of cure than disease!

Scientific successes aside, preachers of fear are about their usual trade this year, utilizing all their familiar tactics and all the new technique they can muster – sowing division and suspicion and disunity wherever possible. But what if national and state borders and physical isolation are the

least of our worries compared to walls of separation built in minds and hearts? What if all the talk of individual rights in the face of vaccination mandates is not the freedom we really need?

Whatever else it is about, first and foremost Christmas is about minds and hearts. It is about taking our eyes off ourselves long enough to be able to see each other, and about learning all over again to see God in each other. Just as we know that the pandemic will not be over until every living person is protected against its ravages, the Christmas story invites us to look up and look around, and reach out in concern and care for one another. In a word, the Christmas story is about love, discovering a bigger world where love is stronger than fear. God's love for the world born in Jesus.

The most significant border to come down this Christmas could result from replacing selfish fear with selfless love, but this is a matter of wishing and willing, and the weeks leading up to Christmas are perfect for practicing our dance steps. Choose to be kind, and find ways to show a little kindness – to the woman camped these nights outside your supermarket who still had a home last Christmas, and the unemployed men seeking cash at traffic lights. Encourage family and friends and neighbours to do the same, and hold governments to account in the way they spend our tax dollars.

God comes to us at Christmas in a new-born baby, just as God comes to us each day in others who are equally helpless, seeking our help, needing our care. In a world often short on hope, what a wonderful gift the birth of Jesus is, the beginning of a fresh new world and a fresh new way of living, of solidarity and justice and peace – peace on earth, and good will to all.

Happy Christmas.

+ Kay





CHRISTMAS 2021

There appears to be confusion in Australia about Christmas as city councils' street decorations depicting the nativity have been all but dispensed with. Glossy magazines proclaim that Christmas is the season of giving and goodwill shared over trendy Christmas dinners and elaborate gifts. On the other hand, other media outlets proclaim that the Christmas season emphasises sad memories, losses, separations and the worst humans can do to each other.

The secular conversation touches on one or two aspects of Christmas but it doesn't really seem to celebrate 'Christ-mass'. It is not Christ-mass but Christ-less. The very mystery, that which addresses human sadness and makes sense of our losses when we pause to be embraced by it and 'osmote' it ... is missing.

The mystery that is missing ... dare I try to put words to it without getting breathless and overwhelmed with the wonder and majestic awe of it ... is ... 'God-with-us'.

Christmas celebrates the birth of a child. That is breathtaking enough. Through faith this child who is born is recognised, by faith, as God-with-us. That is what makes Christmas much more than a season of goodwill ... and sadness.

Christmas is awe-some. God has come among us in a helpless, vulnerable baby regardless of what the secular culture makes of it.

The first people to respond to this mystery exercised great effort in their written and orally transmitted traditions to introduce Jesus, a helpless, vulnerable baby, as God-with-us, born to a poor couple in an obscure village in an occupied country.

The various responses to the baby and young child are presented in Scripture as a range of quaint but deeply impressionable and meaningful pictures or cameos:

- Mary and Joseph welcomed, embraced, loved and provided for the child.
- Poor shepherds, inspired by a vision of angels, dropped their ordinary work and concerns and went to adore the newborn baby.
- Later, Magi, wise men from the east, came bearing symbolic gifts for the growing young boy: GOLD as a tribute to the royalty of Christ, FRANKINCENSE in homage to the divinity of Christ; and MYRRH, pointing to the suffering of Christ ... for the whole world.

The expectations of the Messiah by different groups of people at the time were for a strong military leader, a righteous king, or a supernatural figure to intervene and bring greatness to their nation. Yet, the expected one appeared as a helpless, vulnerable child, shattering lofty expectations and drawing the response of the heart.

The response of the heart to Jesus as a baby comes alive each year in the Christian festival of Christmas. At Christmas it is as if for one moment people in every country of the world pause and receive in our hearts what we struggle to understand in our minds: that at the centre of the universe is LOVE of the most ingenuous kind that has the capacity to fill to overflowing in each person in every age and place.

God came to us in the form of a baby. Along with being almighty and transcendent, God is revealed as personal, approachable, vulnerable, love.

When celebrated, embraced and absorbed, this mystery fills and overflows out to others, to the natural order of God's creation, and back to God. The God of love comes to us first in Jesus the baby, then in the growing boy, and finally in Jesus the mature adult who dies for us and is risen. At Christmas we celebrate his coming *'for us and for our salvation'* to draw us into the life of eternal fullness in Love.





THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL

Christmas is one of my favourite times of year. Not because of the decorations or the food (although I do enjoy those), but because we get to celebrate one of the most important moments in history – the birth of Christ. *Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:15).

God's gift is better than anything that comes wrapped in colourful paper. It is everlasting, and, after more than 2,000 years, it continues to sustain us all. For that, I am so very grateful.

Christmas, for many of us, marks the beginning of a time of reflection, sometimes ending in a resolution for the year ahead. While it is always a good idea to want to live a healthier lifestyle, lose weight or give up a vice, resolutions tend to go out of the window pretty quickly. But I have one that is failsafe – practicing gratitude. It can be as simple as saying 'thank you' to the person who makes your coffee in the morning or someone who holds a door open for you.

Professor of Psychology at the University of California, Robert Emmons, is a leading expert on gratitude. His research shows that practicing gratitude promotes better mental health and also improves relationships.

It's not too difficult to find things to be grateful for. I am grateful that 2021 has been so much easier to navigate than 2020. COVID-19 is still a part of our lives and we have been in lockdown in the Perth metropolitan area and beyond twice this year due to community transmission of the virus. Thankfully, the lockdowns were short and effective.

Compared to other Australian cities, life in Western Australia has been relatively unaffected. We go to work, our economy is doing well, and there hasn't been a COVID death all year. We've managed to go on holidays, and we have had near-on record rainfall, bolstering our farmers' crops.

I am thankful the world worked together to develop COVID vaccines. They are a game changer in this pandemic environment.

I am thankful for the strategy to keep COVID at bay until the population is vaccinated, even though I long to visit my ageing parents in the United States.

I am also thankful for the Amana Living family. We have wonderful staff and volunteers, who go that extra mile to bring happiness to our residents and clients. Recently, one of our community support workers, Jacky, helped make a dream come true for a client, Sandra, who has mobility issues.

Sandra often mentioned that she would love to put her feet in the ocean, as she had done when she was younger. Jacky made sure that dream came true while Sandra was on one of our social outings to the beach. Jacky helped Sandra onto the beach and into the Indian Ocean. Sandra was so grateful, and Jacky was over the moon to see Sandra so happy.

This shows that while practicing gratitude is good for you, it's also good for those who receive the thanks.

This Christmas I will be giving thanks to God for so much, but especially for his Son. *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever* (John 3:17). I believe it has.

Merry Christmas everyone.



Client Sandra Melville and Jacky Thoburn



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A BLENDED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Schools run on a different timetable to the rest of society. They're not open when the major Christian festivals fall ... notably Christmas and Easter. Indeed, they often miss most of Advent and Holy Week also.

In schools, Christmas is celebrated in Advent. I've coined the term *ADMAS* to describe the seasonal and liturgical blending that we in schools do, to ensure the Biblical story of Christmas is retold annually during term time. While not the perfect singular description of what Anglican schools do in early December, it's better than '*Chrisvent*'!

As Anglicans, we're used to 'moveable feasts'. For schools, almost every great liturgical celebration or commemoration is moveable. Christmas is a case in point.

This year Advent Sunday fell on 28 November. We haven't even celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent, and schools are in the early days of this season of preparation for the retelling of the Christmas story. However, schools started preparation months ago, almost before David Jones and Myer had their Christmas Decorations departments open! How very 'Advent' of schools ... a time of preparation. Six-year-olds were busy rehearsing for their end-of-year Nativity Plays, which are being performed in schools as you read this article. Chaplains are conducting Advent or Christmas Carols Services for students, staff and families ... some were held even before Advent Sunday. The moveable feast of *ADMAS*!

With a majority of school families not being regular church attenders these days, it's so important that our schools take time to tell the Christian story, no matter what the season. Religious Studies classes complement occasions of worship, with parents, grandparents, carers and former students often joining in these significant liturgical occasions with students and teachers. For many of our school families, these services

are the only time they'll hear the Christian story in a clear, uncluttered way. Indeed, the storytellers will often be their own children.

Isn't it amazing that the truth of the Gospel can be told so simply to we adults, from the lips of our young? Then again Jesus did say, as it is recorded in Matthew's Gospel, 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven' (18:3) and 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' (19:14).

2021 has been full of challenges, living in a global pandemic, even if we've been largely sheltered from the spread of COVID-19 across WA to date. As we come to the end of the year, it's time to thank the Principals and administrators, governors, Chaplains, teachers and support staff, parent volunteers and all involved in Anglican schooling across our state, for your absolute commitment to the young people in your care. The many and varied contributions you make to the mission of Anglican schooling ensures the quality, culture, diversity and inclusion of our communities. Thank you.

ADMAS is a time to prepare our hearts, minds and spirits to again receive the good news of Jesus Christ being born into our world and our lives. At the heart of the mission of a church school is the daily preparation of young (and not-so-young) lives to receive the Christ-child, the Christ crucified and the Christ raised in glory.

2022 will be challenging for us in WA as borders open and we reconnect with the world. Amidst the uncertainty, may it be a time of hope, bringing new beginnings and opportunities.

Merry *ADMAS*!





SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

Christmas is an exciting and sometimes high-stress time for families. The school year comes to an end and holiday plans are on the horizon. Time with family, presents and food are planned. The focus of Christmas is on love, joy and peace.

At Anglicare WA we know all too well that for many families in Western Australia, this time comes with exceptional pressures. Our family and domestic violence services are pushed to their limits at this time of year, with women and children seeking support and refuge from violence at home.

Family and domestic violence is an incredibly isolating experience. Women who are survivors of violence in their relationships tell of the overwhelming sense of shame that they experience; that their family home is one of coercion, control and violence rather than the safe and loving space that they want to provide their children. This is particularly true at Christmas time, when happy families come together in the safety of their homes.

Family and Domestic Violence is, shockingly, on the rise in Western Australia. Last year 28 women lost their lives to family and domestic violence in our state. There were more than 3,000 victims of sexual assault and 22,257 people were assaulted in a family and domestic violence situation. In 2020/21, we supported 1,715 people through our family and domestic violence services across the state and another 3,273 children and young people who have been victims of abuse.

Anglicare WA's programs strive to keep children safe and together with their non-offending parent whilst holding perpetrators to account for their violence, coercion and control. Cycles of Family and Domestic Violence are fed by violence, coercion and control. However, family violence is not just about physical assault – the insidious nature of coercive and controlling behaviour can control a woman's autonomy and every facet of her life.

Around Christmas time, victims of family and domestic violence will have to be extra courageous in looking after their families:

- Samantha will be in the Anglicare WA Albany Women's Centre, where she will have fled after her violent ex-partner is released from jail. She will share this communal living arrangement with three other women and their children, who will all be supported by our Refuge staff.
- Kaye and her children in Kununurra will be staying with their grandmother again, supported by Anglicare WA's East Kimberley team whilst she seeks safety; Kaye's partner will invite his brothers to the family home for an extended drinking session in the lead up to Christmas Day.
- Roy is completing a Men's Behaviour Change Program in the Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison with Anglicare WA's Connect and Respect project, hoping to complete the program and be granted Parole prior to Christmas.
- Sue and her children in the southern suburbs will be hoping her violent ex-husband does not make contact on Christmas day; she will be relying on the safety plan she has developed with our Recovery After Violence and our Safe with Milli programs, who have supported Sue to install video safety equipment and develop a safety plan.

This Christmas, I encourage you to remember these people and others impacted by family and domestic violence in our communities.

But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23



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THE MAGIC OF OUR COMMUNITY

Summer is among us, Christmas is fast approaching, and the holiday season is on the horizon. While this is a joyful time of year for most, for some families, the festive season can be difficult. With the help and generous support of the community though, the children and young people at the heart of Parkerville Children and Youth Care are having their Christmas wishes fulfilled and can experience some extra magic during this time.

As we begin to move out of the shadow that COVID-19 has cast, we can reflect on the past year with gratitude. Not only have we provided both intensive and wrap-around support for children, young people, and families, but also hosted community events, partnered with other external agencies, and governments on a local and state level.

The experienced and very talented staff we have accrued this year have also been fantastic for Parkerville Children and Youth Care. We are incredibly grateful to work alongside some very passionate individuals who are collectively helping to make Western Australia the safest place in the world for children. Hand in hand with our staff, are the generosity of our sponsors and donors who believe in our shared purpose of hope that

propels us forward. As always, Parkerville Children and Youth Care is grateful for the philanthropic support we receive.

We have also had the chance to reflect on Parkerville Children and Youth Care's commitment to the community. Over the coming 12 months, we will continue to evolve the services we provide, better meet the needs of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, and at the heart of it all, support the healing, growth and development of children and young people. We are hopeful that with each year, we come closer to the stage where financial restrictions do not place limits on the number of people we can support.

As we acknowledge our achievements and challenges that 2021 presented us, we look forward to 2022, the new achievements and challenges waiting for us and the opportunity to continue working with exceptional organisations and community members.

From all of us here at Parkerville Children and Youth Care, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you for your generous support of the children, young people and families at the heart of all that we do.





CELEBRATING A YEAR OF COURAGE, COMMITMENT AND MISSION

Coming to the end of her term as Australian of the Year, Grace Tame has shared how challenging and re-traumatising it has been for her to be continually retelling the sexual abuse that she suffered at the age of 15. And yet, her courage and commitment are evident when she says: 'If I did not stand up and speak truth to power, which is what I have done, I would be a hypocrite,' and 'My job is to hear and stand with the oppressed'.

This message resonates with our joyous Christmas celebration of God, who is with us. That the divine mission of the Son is clearly proclaimed as that of 'bringing good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free'.

St Bart's is the Diocesan Agency whose mission is to provide and support people who have experienced the trauma of homelessness to secure affordable accommodation. Here is caring love in action through practical assistance that is designed to lead to long-term independence.

This is no easy task, as people who have experienced trauma and loss are often in a defensive mode of survival as they understand it. This means they can make decisions that we struggle to understand, and it is often the reason for self-medication through alcohol or drugs. They are simply trying to cope as best they know how. Grace has also shared of her struggles with this, as well as being in abusive relationships, due to lack of boundaries.

It takes dedicated, caring, and trained staff in trauma-informed practice to be by the side of these people who

are seeking to have what they believe to be meaningful, normal lives. This specialised ministry of St Bart's to those who have experienced the trauma of homelessness is only possible because our organisation is part of this marvellous network that we call the Church, or the Body of Christ. It is because of the support of the Diocese of Perth, Anglican schools, and our many dedicated parishes.

This enabling support has been demonstrated recently in the generous response to the Christmas Hamper Appeal. This is more than the wonderful practical items donated including toys for children - it is an enactment of compassionate caring and understanding. This breaks through the sense of blindness and isolation in suffering that trauma brings to people. This enables the staff to express to the consumers that they are not alone and marginalised and forgotten in society, for we as the church do care and seek to assist wherever we can.

This *Messenger* marks my last, as my time as the Chaplain of St Bart's comes to an end on 24 December. It has been an honour to serve the consumers that have come through the doors of St Bart's, and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our Anglican family for your wonderful support of the mission of the organisation over the years.

From everyone at St Bart's, may you all have a blessed and enriched festive season of Emmanuel. God is with us.

For more information on St Bart's services, please visit stbarts.org.au or get in touch with us by calling **9323 5100**.



St Swithun's Anglican Church handmade quilt donation - one of the many Anglican supports St Bart's has been privileged to receive this year.



OUR RICH LITURGICAL HERITAGE

The Christmas Day collect combines the sublime theology of the incarnation with God's graceful purpose in sending his Son into the world. What God did in his world some 25 average lifetimes ago, he continues to do in the lives of millions of men and women, boys and girls. Both of these amazing interventions are supernatural and life changing.

Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon him and at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

We are the visited planet. There is no doubt from the gospel accounts that this all happened at a specific point in history, in a particular place and in the mix of world events (Luke 2:1-7 makes this especially clear). It was no mere spiritual manifestation of the living God, nor a visit only, but the unique, eternal and uncreated Son of God taking our humanity. He was fully God and fully man, as spelt out in the second part of the Athanasian Creed. The mundane and the heavenly combine so that we might know God, be forgiven by God and enjoy his presence in our lives. George Whitfield's words 'Jesus was God and man in one person, that God and man might be happy together again', are full of challenge and comfort. Challenge because Christmas is a stark reminder that we are all by nature off-side with God. We either ignore him, as the Christmas Day gospel of John (1:10-11) reminds us, or we are content to remain his enemies as the apostle makes plain (Romans 5:6-11). In other words his coming was an urgent rescue operation, as the angel reminded Joseph with the words: 'you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21). These reminders will save us from the

sentimental and trivial trappings of our celebrations.

The challenge is also found in the request: *grant that we, being born again and made your children by adoption and grace*. Lying behind this is the unhappy but utterly realistic truth that we are not only enemies but dead in our sins, and like corpses unable to move toward God. Jesus's teaching 'that we must be born again' by the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-8), is confirmed by our experience of being drawn by God to put our trust in Jesus as our Saviour. God continues to work supernaturally in the lives of many to make them his *children by adoption and grace*. Here is the comfort and joy of the Christmas event. Enemies made friends. Sins dealt with as Jesus went to the Cross he came into the world for. With our nature, and our sins lovingly borne by him, he intentionally dealt with the consequences we deserve. Adoption is ours as we lay down our fancied merits, goodness and idols and receive him as our personal Lord and Saviour. But there is more.

The joyful journey has just begun. But not alone. So we pray that we may be *daily renewed by your Holy Spirit*. The very same Spirit who was responsible for our Lord's incarnation, as we affirm: *by the power of the Holy Spirit he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became truly human, comes to give us new birth and a new nature so we too may be truly human as we allow him to transform us daily*.

The Christmas event was a 'one-off' never to be repeated event, our new birth the starting point of real life, with our daily renewal continuing each and every day. Just as friends love to introduce their friends to each other we want to make this Friend known. He is so kind, so gentle, so radically different and life giving, we cannot but thank him for coming into the world, into our world, and open ourselves to his comforting presence and transforming Spirit.





A moonless night in the Goldfields is both very dark, and very bright.

It's easy to get away from house lights, street lights, and even the glow of the floodlights deep down in the Super Pit, where operations go on around the clock. If I drive a couple of kilometres out into the bush and allow a little time for my eyes to adjust, there are the stars, more of them than city-dwellers ever see.

By starlight I can see the horizon with its faint silhouettes of trees. I can pick out some familiar constellations. The Southern Cross and its pointers, tilted according to the season, show me the south. There is an arm of the Milky Way, our galaxy. There are dark places, cosmic clouds that block the light from the stars behind them. And there are the pin-pricks of a billion stars, some dim, some bright, nearby and remotely distant in astronomical terms. A planet or two wanders among them. Perhaps a jet blinks its way across the continent, a satellite orbits, or a meteor plunges earthwards in a flash of dying brilliance. In the bush, the night-time creatures go about their lives by starlight: tiny marsupials, busy insects, feral cats hunting, night birds foraging.

The stars belong to everyone. No matter who you are, the night sky is yours to wonder at. For as long as we have been human, we have craned our necks and looked for patterns. We tell the tales of the southern sky with European myths

or, better in this land, Aboriginal songlines, like the stories about the Seven Sisters who travelled the western desert long before the Greeks named Orion the hunter and the Pleiades.

At this time of year, stars are everywhere by day as well as by night. They glitter on our Christmas cards and trees. Stars are, perhaps, the last of the Christian symbols still visible among the secular decorations, shining bravely above Santa, Rudolph and the latest seasonal visitor, the elf on the shelf.

The first Christmas star may have been a comet or a supernova, or it may have been a storytelling spark of genius. It was a message to people who had neither heard of the God of Israel nor read Israel's scriptures. Since any star is everyone's star, it could become the guiding star of those wise travellers. It brought them to meet God-with-us, Mary's child, the Saviour of the world.

There are people today, like those first travellers, who have not yet heard of the God who loves us, and have not read the Gospel stories we treasure. Might they start travelling, beginning on a moonless night, in awe of the stars sprinkled prodigally over the dark heavens? It does not have to be a star of biblical significance to do the job. All the ordinary stars may serve to catch the eye of scientists and singers who may, in our day, glimpse the distant truth of a holy destination well worth the journey.



DETAINED BUT NOT DEFEATED

On Friday 30 January 2015 Jonathan and I embarked on a journey, one that continues to this day and one for which we are incredibly grateful to God. We attend Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre (YHIDC) to share the gospel message with keen detainees. We do this through bible study and Holy Communion once a week, a one hundred and sixty-kilometres round trip from Guildford. Our contact time is limited to two hours, the security is high as you would expect, but it is worth every kilometre and every minute. We are grateful to SERCO and the staff at YHIDC, who go out of their way to welcome us and make our visits possible. Over the years several detainees have come to faith in Jesus Christ, and it gives us such joy to journey with them and to see them encouraging and supporting one another in their faith.

Our ministry to detainees, asylum seekers and refugees does not stop at the detention centre, when asked, we endeavour to attend their tribunals, write letters of support where we can and we make every endeavour to stay in contact with detainees who have been released into community, helping with visa renewals, life's struggles, and challenges of which there are many.

A smile and gentle encouragement can go a long way, this year we gave the detainees packs of Mothers' Union Christmas cards for them to send to their family and friends, they were met with much appreciation, and we hope that closer to Christmas,

we will be able to give them chocolates to share with their friends as we have in previous years.

The Christian detainees run a Sunday service often taking it turns to lead. One of the detainees has been leading a service in Tamil and English and has recently written some Christian songs in Tamil. John Macpherson (Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming) is helping by creating a backing track. The title of this new song 'Two-fold Blessings' is very apt; Jonathan and I are greatly the privileged to be involved in the lives of the detainees each week, sharing the love of Christ through God's word, with music, joy and encouragement.

One of our hopes and dreams for YHIDC this Christmas is for a group called Island Breeze from Youth With A Mission (YWAM) to perform. The Island Breeze team believes '*God has placed beauty, art and celebration uniquely in every culture and that music, dance and performing arts have the power to bridge cultural divides, touch people's hearts and open doors for the gospel. As Island Breeze, we seek to unlock this potential to spark hope and share the Good News*'. We are grateful to SERCO and Border Force for giving approval for this performance to go ahead. We have seen Island Breeze in action over many years and hope that it will bring some joy and encouragement to the detainees and staff at Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre. And we are particularly thankful to St Mary's, West Perth, for their support which makes this ministry possible.



Two-fold Blessings
இரட்டதனையான ஆசிர்வாதங்கள்

CHILDREN AND PURE ADORATION

Before physical distancing and limits on church capacity were a consideration – an event occurred at a wonderfully packed Christmas service at St Luke’s Mosman Park whilst serving as Assistant Curate. Whilst we were administering communion – a little lad about 3 or 4 years of age came straight up into the sanctuary space and plonked himself down in front of the nativity set and stared intently at the little baby Jesus figurine, and occasionally reached out gently and reverently stroked the figurine. We kept on going about our business, joyfully giving out bread and wine from the common cup (those were the days!) and this little guy just stayed there as we moved around him. He paid us no attention as he was utterly transfixed with the figurine. It was one of the purest forms of adoration I have ever seen.

The Rector, Angela Webb, made the prescient comment to me at the time along the lines of ‘this is the sort of thing that will be sermon material for years to come’. And so, it has for the past couple of years, and now also an article in the *Messenger*!

Children can teach us a lot about adoration at just about any time, but particularly at Christmas there is something special to be gleaned. Having a three-year-old son myself – it still makes me laugh when he

sees something surprising or that sparks curiosity and awe and hear him say ‘Wow!’ with big eyes and an expression of unfeigned amazement.

Perhaps at Christmas in our worship planning we can have in our minds the goal of making one little person go ‘Wow!’, and engage in sheer adoration that even by our observing of it can help pierce the cloud of routine and Christmas stress which may threaten our ability to engage in joyful worship after having gone through the motions for however many years.

By telling the ‘greatest story ever told’ with colour, song, scent, images, a faux baby in a manger, strangers bearing exotic gifts, donkeys and stars – and the vital and uplifting presence of the Holy Spirit – we have the privilege of cultivating a place in which people of all ages can get a glimpse of the miracle that is God’s own self becoming flesh for us and for our salvation in Jesus. That is a gift we can offer at Christmas. But it is like a proverbial gift that keeps on giving – as the way in which children inhabit that space can teach us about things like wonder and adoration, which is their gift back to us! I pray God may bless us all with child-like adoration this season, that the gifts of faith, hope, love and joy may be kindled within us anew.





HUMAN RIGHTS DAY 2021

Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December every year. The day celebrates the day in 1948 that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The international community, in response to the ongoing devastation stemming from the horrors and genocides of World War II, came together as one body to declare that every human being has worth and possesses, by virtue of their humanity, common rights and responsibilities.

As Christians we may note many echoes from our own tradition. We gather together as one Body, and we affirm, as part of our worship and welcoming to all people, that everyone is created in the image of God. Everyone is therefore to be loved as we love God and one another. As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to do the work of loving God and Neighbour within our daily lives. Similarly, Eleanor Roosevelt, who wrote much of the Universal Declaration writes:

Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home -- so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world ... Unless these rights have meaning there, they have little meaning anywhere. Without concerted citizen action to uphold them close to home, we shall look in vain for progress in the larger world.

So today, 70 years on from the Declaration, we are still called, as people who are part of a universal humanity, and as Christians who are members of the Body of Christ working towards the Kingdom, to promote human rights at home, in our families, workplaces and our daily and political life.

This year's Human Rights Day theme is 'Equality - Reducing inequalities'. Some of the areas of inequality we may like to change through our small, though powerful lives are:

Domestic Work: Women in Australia do more domestic work at home than men, often up to three times the amount. This inequality can be addressed easily, today, in our homes.

Youth and Young Adult Inequality: More young people than ever are in temporary or 'gig economy' positions without a secure financial future. This has been exacerbated by the Covid pandemic. We can advocate for youth, talking with friends who are employers or business owners, to make a choice to try and employ youth in secure positions where possible. We can vote for representatives and parties who are committed to addressing this inequality.

Vaccine Inequality: As Western Australia prepares to open its borders, we can compassionately remember how blessed we are to have safe, free vaccine access which allows this choice. Global Vaccine Inequality is harming millions of people and can be changed. Advocacy information can be found here: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/end-vaccine-inequality-now/>

These small changes, at home and in the world, will promote human rights for all people made in the Image of God.

This is my last article on behalf of the Social Responsibilities Commission. Information about the SRC can be found by emailing Ian Carter AM at icarter@perth.anglican.org. Thank you.

DECEMBER 10

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY





NOR'WEST POSTCARD

Advent!

The beginning of the church year! The good news that Jesus, the Son of God, the Saviour of the world is born! The message of the angels 'Peace on earth to men of goodwill'. Who are the people of goodwill who receive this great news? When we are people of goodwill we accept this wonderful peace. How do we live with it, pass it around?

Most of our parish ministers are preparing/assisting with Christmas Carol services in their town which is our great opportunity to share the love of Jesus, the good news of Jesus with everyone in our community. Leading up to the season in Geraldton were three Thanksgiving Services, similar to the Harvest Festivals we had years ago, conducted at Geraldton's Holy Cross Cathedral at 8.00am, 10.00am, and 5.00pm! Bales of hay, quilts, farm and garden produce, a slide show of canola, wheat and barley crops growing around the city plus scenic features of the region, were added to depict some of the reason for which we have to thank God at the year's end.

On 21 November (the closest date to the opening on 17 November 1921) St Andrew's Church at Mullewa marked 100 years of ministry with a celebratory service attended by current and former members and descendants, led by The Revd Garry Hamersley (who ministered there in the late 90s), with Minister in charge The Revd Don Miller preaching the sermon.

Welcome to Sophia Susan Morrison, second daughter of The Revd Matt and Leonie Morrison, Minister at Dongara, born on Tuesday 2 November in Geraldton. Her 15 month old sister Zoe had started walking and talking a month before, just to keep their parents on their toes! The family is moving to Broome in the new year, for Matt to become Assistant Minister. In their place will come The Revd Allan and Jo Baird, with Andrew and Sarah, from Oxford in the UK.

The present Assistant Minister in Broome, The Revd Steve and Tamara Combe, with Hannah, Sarah and Nathanael, will be moving to Dampier as Chaplain at Dampier Mission to Seafarers, and assist The Revd Frank Nicol in Karratha. A big move for the family, with Tamara leaving a school chaplain's role in Broome and their children leaving friends behind and needing to adjust to new schools and life in the Pilbara.

The Mid West Anti Trafficking Group in Geraldton recently

hosted a five member Youth With a Mission team from Perth who spent three days speaking in Geraldton High Schools about the dangers of trafficking in our society and communities today. Their presentations were well received by Years 8, 9 and 10 classes as well as Shine students at Champion Bay Senior High School.

Holy Cross Cathedral will host two musical delights in December, a carols service 'Sing Noel', followed two weeks later by visiting Opus WA orchestra and chorale performing Handel's 'Messiah'. What a feast of Christmas music for the city.

'Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on earth.' Wishing you a holy and blessed Christmas.

For more news about the North West visit anglicandnwa.org | @northwestanglicans or sign up to receive the North West Network magazine



St Andrew's Mullewa Centenary, November 2021



Long time members Herb and June Richards helping Jocelyn Ross look at memorabilia.

Jocelyn



BUNBURY BULLETIN - LIFELONG LEARNING

If Advent is a time to wait, hopefully, Christmas is the celebration of hope delivered in Christ. That sense of thanksgiving which comes at Christmas has come early in the Bunbury diocese.

Despite 2021 continuing to be a time of Covid-19 worldwide, much has been achieved and enjoyed recently as we have managed to live largely free of restrictions here in the West.

We recently saw a number of harvest festivals around the diocese culminating in a weekend of thanksgiving at Hyden, near Wave Rock. Seventy people from around the diocese came together to share fellowship and delight in the abundant harvests. The event was conceived and led by The Revd Ian Mabey from Christ's Church, Mandurah, with the help of Bishop Ian and members of the Mandurah parish and the Northern Harvest Deanery.

The new Bunbury Cathedral hall is due to be completed within days of this article going to print and this project, which has been decades in the making, will be officially opened early in 2022. In clergy news, we have welcomed The Revd Paul Watson to the Secret Harbour parish, and

it was recently announced that The Revd Paul Bartley will be Priest in Charge of the Gateway Anglican Parish, centred in Williams, from early February. We are also looking forward to welcoming The Revd Nick Freeland to the role of Diocesan Secretary in January.

As we give thanks for what has been and eagerly await what God has in store for us in 2022, we wish all the *Messenger* readers a blessed Christmas and a joyful New Year!





REFLECTION

Some thoughts from Shirley Cloughton, Manager of St Johns Books as the bookshop has to close at the end of this year

ST JOHNS BOOKS – A FULFILLING AND REWARDING JOURNEY

‘No regrets whatsoever,’ says Shirley, ‘it has been a satisfying and amazing experience.’

When I opened the business we called St Johns Books Fremantle in 1995, I received two pieces of advice:

- The first was from a sales rep who said, ‘in a retail bookshop you can’t just stock the books you want’.
- The second was ‘the main purpose of running a business is to make money’.

Incidentally, I ignored both pieces of advice, only stocked the books which I could agree with from a theological point of view, and made no money!

Background

My working background was, for many years, in legal work, and later, in teaching. In the 1970s our whole family moved into St Francis College, Brisbane, where Dennis studied for the priesthood and I took the opportunity to gain credentials as well. We were both privileged to have studied under Dr Peter Carnley, amongst other leading academics at Queensland University, and there I started on a journey towards a progressive, open-minded and inclusive religious belief.

Gosnells and Cursillo Movement

In the 1980s, we moved from Queensland to Western Australia, to the lively and busy parish of Gosnells and, as we were part of the handful of Perth Anglicans who had already made their Cursillo, helped to launch this significant movement in the Diocese in 1992. A bookshop was essential for weekends and I readily commenced a small bookselling business, working from the Gosnells parish office. This ministry involved heaps of Gosnells parishioners and the bookshop incredibly has attended every Cursillo, usually several each year, for more than 20 years.

Fremantle Years – Support for St Johns Books

When Dennis became Rector of Fremantle in 1995, the bookshop was able to move with us and then became St Johns Books, leasing a shop in the parish commercial property. Similarly, the supportive Fremantle Parish encouraged and endorsed the bookshop during the course of its lengthy journey, and the parish remains keen to carry on a bookselling ministry in some form.

Diocesan Involvement

Bookselling (and sometimes leadership roles) at Summer Schools, retreats, conferences, Wollaston College, Tree of Life, book launches, parish bookstalls, and Synods, in addition to the Cursillo gatherings, kept the bookshop very busy for 30 years. We supplied resources to parishes and to the Diocese.

Fantastic Staff

I should clarify that St Johns Books has always been run by a keen team of voluntary staff, which includes myself.

The shop could not have existed without our dedicated staff, several who have been with the bookshop from its beginnings. That is a long time!

A Rewarding Ministry

Ignoring those two well-meaning pieces of advice many years ago meant that St Johns Books sourced theologically-appropriate titles, and was not interested in stocking ‘popular’ but narrow titles and authors which might have brought quick sales but would have compromised the good theological and biblical understanding on which the bookshop’s purchasing had been defined since its beginnings.

I have enjoyed providing, and wish to continue, book reviews for the *Messenger*. Thank you to the *Messenger* for good-naturedly publishing my reviews together with some earlier anonymous funny stories. The *Messenger* has always been a wonderful resource for book-lovers.

When asked this week ‘What will you do when you retire?’ I replied, ‘Read books!’

St Johns Books will cease regular trading on Sunday 12 December 2021. The shop is open with stock clearances every day from 10.00am to 1.00pm. It will be worth a visit and you are welcome to make offers for gifts and books. The shop is located at Highgate Court, 26 Queen Street, Fremantle (across the road from St John’s Church). Telephone 9335 1982 during opening hours for enquiries or parking if required. Email anytime at books@stjohnsbooks.com.au.





JOURNEYING WITH JOHN – Hearing the voice of John's Gospel in Years A, B and C

James Woodward, Paula Gooder, Mark Pryce \$20.00

Journeying with John encourages not only engagement with the Biblical text (which includes an extremely valuable introduction to John's Gospel), but offers a different approach using imagination and reflection and concludes each chapter with a helpful section of action, conversation, questions and prayer.

Many of the 'imagining the text' segments in this volume are poems. This poem offers a meditation on Jesus the bread of life who gives energy and sustenance to hungry disciples and in a more intimate way after the resurrection – he is the one who not only comes to them with reassurance in the storm but gets into the boat, and not only does he feed the hungry, but he feeds them spiritually through his word and in the Eucharist. This meaningful poem captures the imaginative approach used throughout the book.

Food for the journey
From the anxious hunger
fish and bread
feed him to us.
Out on fearful waters
a companion
rowing alongside us.
In the crowded questions
Fresh space
he opens up for us.
To our search for meaning
the signs
why we may trust him.
For uncertain futures
his eternal present
abiding with us.

The three writers of this Study seek to help the reader to enter into the shape of the Gospel; to enter imaginatively into its life, its concerns, and its message. This poem, with the image of Jesus 'rowing alongside us' is an example of how each chapter can lead us into considering the discussion in the light of our own understanding and experience.

Paula Gooder expounds the particular style of the Gospel, Mark Pryce offers these wonderful imaginative spiritual insights, and James Woodward offers pastoral and practical theological reflections.

The book is divided into eight chapters: Advent/Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Passion and Holy Week, Easter, Easter Season, Pentecost, Ordinary Time. Of course, there is no Lectionary year devoted entirely to John, so this approach is different – it helps to shape the Gospel of John, presenting some of the key characteristics of the Gospel through the seasons and makes inspiring reading.

Readers as individuals might explore the text with Paula Gooder's clear exposition and encounter a deeper message through poetry and then reflect on this. Groups can take this further with conversations, study and use of other resources.

This stimulating book could be used in many ways, and it makes good reading as it explores ideas and concepts which use the imagination. Let the reader engage with it.

Available at St Johns Books in store until 12 December 2021, then please enquire for availability by email at books@stjohnsbooks.com.au

DISASTER PLANNING

Mrs Elizabeth Riley was the wife of Archbishop Charles Owen Leaver Riley. On 18 October 1894 Bishop Riley was consecrated as Bishop of Perth and they arrived in Western Australia early the next year.

Mrs Riley was involved in several groups supporting women and children in Perth. As the founding president of the Girls Friendly Society (GFS), she was credited as developing strong links between the Society and the Anglican Church (McNamara, 2019).

Mrs Riley was also connected with the founding of the Lady Lawley Cottage by the Sea in Cottesloe. The cottage was formed in 1903 to provide respite and care for sick and recovering children and care for children with disabilities. The Cottage was taken over by the Australian Red Cross Society in 1945. (Find and Connect)

Mrs Riley was also involved in establishing the Burt Memorial Girls' Lunch Club. The Club was 'for girls of every denomination, it is for girls earning their living or preparing themselves to earn their livings' (*Women's Work*, 1924). The lunch club was one of several in the city catering to the growing number of women who were working in the offices of Perth.

We have several pieces of costume belonging to Mrs Riley in the collection which were donated in 2012. This includes afternoon wear, a hat and a feather boa. Mrs Riley died in 1950 at the age of 92.



2013/00019/002 – Feather Boa belonging to Mrs Riley circa 1890 – 1900



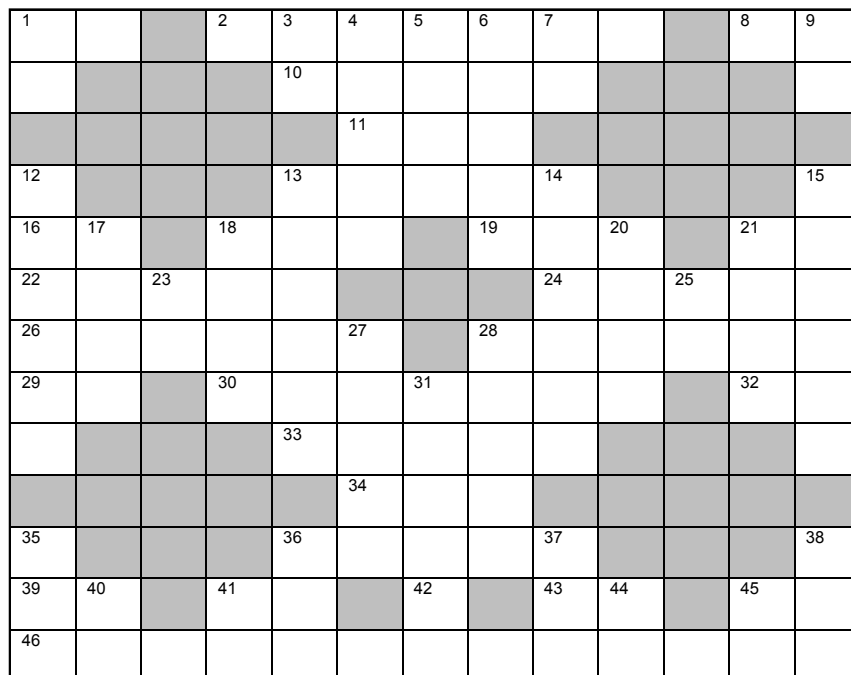
2013/00019/003 – Hat belonging to Mrs Riley circa 1890 – 1900. Hat is embellished with feathers and is beaded at the front. Has two black ribbons which tie the hat in place.

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CHRISTMAS CRACKERS



The Revd Ted Witham has been helping *Messenger* readers flex their brains for more than a decade, setting challenging crosswords in his spare time.

Ted is fascinated by linguistics and teaches French and Latin at the University of the Third Age.

ACROSS

1. & 8 across. The room turned upside down to secure the boat. (4)
2. Biblical snake curled around the Christmas gift! (7)
8. See 1 across.
10. A prophet coming down the crooked aisle. (5)
11. Cult left off last month. (3)
13. Credentials guided in neutral. (5)
16. A small edition. (2)
18. Paris Stock Exchange. (3)
19. And not Norwegian! (3)
21. Credit the Christian religion. (2)
22. Users' ploys. (5)
24. Exalted knob leads across. (5)
26. Catch up with the constitution. (6)
28. Banter, you are, at Jericho. (6)
29. O'Connor Library. (2)
30. False witness by twelve good men and true. (7)
32. And the French. (2)
33. Tumults among the patriots. (5)
34. Hose left off Nigerian river. (3)
36. Mediocre standard across the summit. (5)
- 39, 41, 42, 43 & 45 across. Cosy pints around the first three gospels. (9)
46. Let his theme be about the people among whom Jesus was born. (13)

DOWN

1. & 9 down. The mother of Jesus is joyful, I hear. (4)
3. Are left off Religious Education? (2)
4. Avoid slyly in a prelude? (5)
5. Window-frame caught in fusillade. (4)
6. Having consumed in threatening circumstances. (5)
7. A short nanosecond. (2)
9. See 1 down.
12. Composer Monsignor Cross preaches! (6)
13. Sure is about the one who puts it out. (6)
14. Rondos reprised for the givers. (6)
15. Energy in the crate to make it. (6)
17. Gemstone, I hear, is two-fold. (4)
18. Gets a sneak preview across agape epiphany. (4)
20. Pink in leprosy patients. (4)
21. Hint threaded. (4)
23. Silent Knight (2)
25. The language of the Old Testament. (2)
27. Previous leader of the monastery. (5)
28. Hemp fibres. (5)
31. Jesus' father's sixth letter. (6)
35. Bus crashed for computer connection. (3)
36. A cleft in the piccolo! (3)
37. Talk to me in the beginning! (3)
38. Off-world habitat in space spinning. (3)
40. People invited to Christmas carol – yes right away! (2)
41. New highway to New England. (2)
44. Two Romans. Aye, aye! (2)
45. Anglicans in ice. (2)

THE CHRISTMAS BOWL

IN THE MIDST OF TURBULENCE AND DIVISION, AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES COME TOGETHER TO SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH THE WORLD

Once again this year, COVID-19 has disrupted the lives of most of us here in Australia. As is often the case, the impact was not felt evenly, with the poorest among us hit the hardest. As Christmas approaches, you can join with Christians across Australia to share God's love with those who need it most through this year's Christmas Bowl appeal.

'Through the Christmas Bowl we can come together as Christians and reach out to help people uprooted by conflict and disaster who are in urgent need of food, shelter, and lifesaving support,' said Janet Cousens, CEO of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

In 2021, the pandemic has continued to have a devastating effect on so many communities around the world, especially the 82 million people uprooted from their homes by conflict or disaster, and the people caught up in the humanitarian crises caused by this year's conflicts in Ethiopia, Myanmar, Gaza and the fall of Afghanistan.

The contrast between the relative abundance we enjoy here in Australia and the needs of uprooted people is even more obvious at this time of year, and the Christmas Bowl was born of the desire to redress the balance.

One of the longest standing Christmas appeals in Australia, the Christmas Bowl was established in 1949 by The Revd Frank Byatt to raise money for refugees post-World War Two. On Christmas Day that year, Frank put a Bowl of Remembrance on the dinner table and asked his family to place a gift inside to help those less fortunate than themselves. The Christmas Bowl was born.

Today, the Christmas Bowl Appeal is held in churches and through online donations, but the sentiment is the same – to share God's love by helping our neighbours.

'The Christmas Bowl is needed as much now as ever. It enables us to actively express our unity in Christ, to share our faith through positive action and shine a light of hope into the darkness,' Janet added.



Since the first Christmas Bowl began over 70 years ago, more than \$100 million has been raised, illustrating the incredible impact that Australian churches can have when they work together. This year, more than 15 Christian denominations and 1,300 churches across Australia are expected to take part.

'In the Christmas story, we see God choosing to become our neighbour by taking on human flesh. This is an act of love from God that draws us into the story of God's love for all creation and invites us to be witnesses to God's love through our loving action in the world. The Christmas Bowl provides us with a practical way to show love for our neighbours most in need. Your gift to the Christmas Bowl will remind our neighbours around the world that they are not forgotten, that they are loved and that we are all part of God's love. As we celebrate Christmas, may our love for our neighbour grow,' The Revd Sharon Hollis, president, Uniting Church in Australia.



'At a time when the pandemic continues to have a devastating effect on so many communities around the world, your generosity through the Christmas Bowl is a powerful demonstration of our support for uprooted people. In a world that often feels divided, Australian Christians can stand alongside those forced from their homes by conflict and disaster. Together, we can share the joy of Christmas and help build a world where all people have a safe place to belong,' said Janet.

Share God's love this Christmas by giving through the Christmas Bowl and help provide uprooted people with the food, shelter, and lifesaving support they so urgently need: christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate.

About Act for Peace

For more than 70 years, Act for Peace – the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches – has brought people together to create a more just and peaceful world. As an expression of the life of churches in Australia we draw our inspiration from Jesus who demonstrated solidarity with those who were marginalised and oppressed. Today, our work has expanded in both reach and impact through programming with local partners, and advocacy with governments and others with power. We work to reduce forced displacement across Africa, the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific. We act to support uprooted people in their role as leaders, work in solidarity with long-term local partners, and leverage the strengths and reach of the global network of local ecumenical agencies of which

ACT FOR PEACE
CONFRONTING INJUSTICE TOGETHER
THROUGH THE **actalliance**

we are a part. We're joined by thousands of churches and tens of thousands of other members of the public in Australia who share our values. And we work collaboratively as a member of local, regional and global networks and alliances. Together, we're helping to create a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster have a safe place to belong.

For more information or to arrange an interview with Act for Peace contact Deborah Ivison at deb@baypr.com.au or on 0412 007 202



Advent and Christmas Appeal 2021

A future of hope

This Advent and Christmas, Anglicans in Development (AID) invites you to support projects which will make a huge impact on communities, both in Australia and Africa.

Your gift will bring a future of hope.



Donate online at

www.abmission.org/Christmas2021

or scan the QR code



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Nils von Kalm

LIGHTING THE WORLD OF WOMEN IN GAZA

Anglican Overseas Aid's (AOA) partner in Gaza, the Ahli Arab Hospital, is prioritising the health of women, like Amal, who often feel like they are living in darkness

It is often said that it is darkest just before the dawn. Times have often been dark for the whole world over the past two years, as COVID-19 has upended the lives of millions of people.

During these difficult days, we can easily feel overwhelmed by life. We can feel anxious, unsure and insecure. These are all normal feelings. In the midst of this, light brings hope. Light is a sign pointing to something better and beyond. The great Christian hope is that God-in-Christ has come into the world, beginning a process of making all things new. This is what we celebrate at Christmas. Light has come into the world and the darkness has not overcome it.

The Palestinians of Gaza experience darkness in the same part of the world that Jesus was born all those years ago. Living in the third-most densely populated region in the world, with electricity on for only six to eight hours per day and 95 per cent of the water undrinkable, makes for an extraordinarily difficult existence. Like in the times of Jesus, the people of Gaza are experiencing the heavy yoke of living under a dominant force. Since 2007, the Palestinians of Gaza have lived in what is often described as 'the world's largest open-air prison', as their land, sea and air remain illegally blockaded by the state of Israel. The blockade constrains the movement of Palestinians outside of Gaza, impeding their access to basic necessities like healthcare.

The Palestinians of Gaza experienced further devastation and loss of life when fighting broke out again in the region earlier this year. Anglican Overseas Aid's partner in Gaza, the Anglican-owned Ahli Arab Hospital, faced significant challenges as they worked to treat the many casualties of the escalating violence and rocket attacks at the hands of one of the world's most powerful militaries.

Even with these often overwhelming obstacles, the Ahli Arab Hospital team display amazing resilience. They provide light in the darkness, genuinely believing their troubles will one day come to an end and that peace will reign.

Despite the challenges, the dedicated medical team continue to support women who have breast cancer. For women facing the possibility of a cancer diagnosis, the Ahli Arab team are a beacon of light, helping them access early screening and supporting them with the psychological distress and the prognosis if they have the disease.

One of these women is Amal. She is 38 years old, with two children aged 4 and 2, living in a refugee camp in Gaza. After she felt a lump on her breast, she sought a mammography at the Ahli Arab Hospital upon a relative's suggestion. The lump revealed cancer.

Despite her diagnosis, Amal's attitude keeps her going.

'I remain positive in my breast cancer journey with all of its challenges ahead,' she said.

Amal's story highlights the successes of the Women's Health and Wellbeing Program at the hospital.

She adds that, 'The care I receive from Ahli Arab Hospital is professional and timely. I am also very thankful for the continued outreach of the breast screening program at the hospital.'

Inspired by Jesus, Anglican Overseas Aid's work in Gaza exists to shine a light in the darkness of the impact that breast cancer has on many women and their families. AOA wants people to live lives that are full and flourishing.

You can donate to Anglican Overseas Aid's 'Light Their World' Christmas Appeal by visiting the [AOA website](https://www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au), calling 1800 249 880 or sending a cheque made payable to Anglican Overseas Aid to: Anglican Overseas Aid, PO Box 389, Abbotsford VIC 3067.





Anthony Howes

Anthony presents more news of arts and entertainment every Saturday from 10am till 12 noon on Capital Radio 101.7 FM and Capital Digital

I have just returned home from a rehearsal of **A Very Victorian Christmas** by Jenny Davis OAM. You might recall I detailed this production in the Messenger of last month? It will play for one performance only in St George's Cathedral at 7 pm on Friday 17 December. As always, thespians, musicians, and technicians have donated their services to allow all ticket proceeds to go to aiding the homeless of our streets, including service veterans. Yes, the charity side is important, but, as this afternoon's rehearsal progressed, so much more registered with me, and my colleagues.

First, Jenny has set 'the book' in 1888, in Perth's (then) brand new Cathedral, with the Dean of the day, assisting two children 'dress' the Christmas Tree. They quiz the cleric about the Christmas story, which is then brought to life by 'story-tellers'. It was at this point, that we, in rehearsal, began to feel the depth of the heritage underpinned by the knowledge that the telling of Christ's Birth at the Cathedral's 'first Christmas', echoes that truth right into 2021.

For me, at this rehearsal, there was another factor which affected me. Only some nights before, I had been present when the Archbishop commissioned a friend of mine as parish priest in a suburban setting. Her Grace spoke of the journey and the stories that he and the parishioners were about to share. This would be a means of bringing the love of God into the wider community. It made me think of the way in which the Cathedral, down the years, had been doing just that, especially through the art of the drama. I left the rehearsal as the singers began to rehearse their input into **A Very Victorian Christmas; again, music of Christmas** 1888, robustly proclaiming the Nativity – a message as relevant with Queen Elizabeth on the throne, as when Victoria reigned!

Do join us on 17 December if you can: your participation will directly aid the homeless with hampers this Christmas; and prove that our heritage continues to provide joy to ourselves and aid to others. Tickets are \$30 adults; \$25 concessions; family ticket (of 4) \$45; Children under 12, free. Bookings are with Trybooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUYOB> The production is an annual project of the Cathedral, The Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller and Theatre 180.

With Christmas and the end of the calendar year fast approaching, many arts organisations have been busy 'launching' their 2022 programmes. In some instances, what they are offering in the way of subscriptions, might make attractive gifts for family stockings. Personal taste varies, of course, so use your server to check, is my advice. Theatre 180 carries my recommendation as a Company which understand the value of established plays to balance the new and innovative. Their website is www.theatre180.com.au - for all enquiries.

Also well worth researching, the WA Ballet Company - especially to learn of their amazing Swan Lake season! www.waballet.com.au The Black Swan State Theatre Company season for 2022 may be found via www.bsstc.com.au and the WA Opera Company and the Perth Festival websites should be contacted, as should WAAPA (at ECU) with its wonderful performance schedule for next year.

Lastly, a footnote! For just sheer great fun: **The Wizard of Oz** at Crown Theatre 31 December-16 January has a stellar cast of music theatre's most talented, and combines the best elements of the classic film, with totally compatible new material for the stage.

I look forward to reporting the arts in WA in 2022: and offer you every good wish for a happy and blessed Christmas.





BIG RELEASES DECEMBER 2021/JANUARY 2022

Dancing, dangling, desperate measures and the days of the Apocalypse

Sing 2 – 26 December

'There's always a choice. 'Just never had the guts to make the right one.'



Sing introduced us to Buster Moon (Matthew McConaughey), a koala and theatre opener with a taste for big performances. Swept up in his orbit last film were a range of creatures from Meena, a teenage singing elephant who's terrified of crowds (Tori Kelly) to Johnny, a hipster of a gorilla who hopes to out-perform his father's criminal career (Taron Egerton). In *Sing 2*, Buster convinces his troupe to travel to Redshore City and pitch their latest show to entertainment mogul Jimmy Crystal. They only capture Jimmy's attention, though, by pretending they have legendary rock lion Clay Calloway on board. Now they've made the claim, it's up to the team to bring Clay out of retirement before they're thrown off stage.

Sing 2 is in many respects a 'rinse and repeat' of *Sing*, lining up a staggering ensemble cast – Scarlett Johansson, Reese Witherspoon, Bono – to sing crowd-pleasing songs – *There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back*, *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*. What accompanies them is a storyline that's just as well known. Key characters find themselves facing crucial choices that stand between them and happiness. They can allow their past, lack of qualifications, or ability to cast them down, or they can embrace their potential for greatness. It's a sad moral because it suggests success is always up to us. And just as sadly, it's sweet to the taste and sticks like the fairy floss it is.

House of Gucci – 26 December

'Father, Son and House of Gucci.'

House of Gucci is a thriller in the vein of *The Godfather* and *I, Tonya*. The film concerns the rise and fall of the legendary fashion brand of the same name. Lady Gaga stars as Patrizia Reggiani, a penniless social climber who marries Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver), a third-generation member of the Gucci empire. The House of Gucci is controlled by Maurizio's father Rodolpho (Jeremy Irons) and his uncle Aldo (Al Pacino). Under Patrizia's influence, Maurizio edges his uncle out of the business in order to become chairman of the Gucci Group. However, Maurizio comes to resent his wife's influence and eventually leaves her for another woman. When Patrizia learns her husband intends to marry his lover, and that it will seriously impact her fortunes, she hires a hit man to solve her problems.

House of Gucci is directed by Ridley Scott and based on a



true story, with a real-life lesson to absorb. *House of Gucci* is a cautionary tale about the idols we set up in our lives. The challenge will be to take it seriously. The social level at which the story operates could leave us thinking we are just observers of this sordid struggle. However, everyone is in danger of coming under the thrall of an idol. For Patrizia it was power. For us it might be something as wholesome as family or as fleeting as health. Either way, idols are cruel masters that discover depths in us we never thought possible.

West Side Story – December 26

'If you go with him, no-one will ever forgive you.'



It's the love story of 2021, and what's not to love? Director Stephen Spielberg has recreated the legendary musical *West Side Story*, releasing its explosive drama just as the world comes out of lockdown. Loosely based on William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *West Side Story* introduces us to 1950s teenagers Tony (Ansel Elgort) and Maria (Rachel Zegler) who find themselves on either side of a bitter gang dispute. A Caucasian gang called the Jets is squaring off against a Puerto Rican gang called the Sharks. Tony helped found the former; Maria's friends fill the latter. Yet their affiliations don't prevent them from falling in love and hoping to find, 'a place for us'.

West Side Story went from hit Broadway musical to the big screen in 1961. It won an incredible 10 Oscars, and the update's release has ensured it will be in contention for the 2022 Academy Awards. Spielberg has been very open about his intention to ensure his production remains faithful to the Laurents/Bernstein/Sondheim original. What he will also stay close to is a storyline that is saturated in the right kind of love: one that sacrifices itself for its beloved. *West Side Story* is not a Christian tale, but it provides strong parallels for someone hoping to explain the colour-blind, status-ignorant love of Christ that transformed the ancient world and holds true today.

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GLEANINGS FOR THE HUNGRY

BREAD AUSTRALIA has launched a new project called 'Gleanings for the Hungry'. The vision behind this is to partner with Australian farmers in collecting their surplus harvest and exporting it to food-insecure countries. In the Old Testament, God instructed his people not to reap to the very edges of their fields. They were to 'Leave what remains for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow' (Deuteronomy 24:21).

Now Australian Christian farmers have the opportunity to help some of the most vulnerable and impoverished communities in the world. We aim to work with Australian farming communities to bring hope and nutrition to the world's most underprivileged communities. BREAD AUSTRALIA sees the value and effectiveness of partnering with regional communities in our humanitarian response. In our experience, coordinated humanitarian grain exports will

help to repurpose surplus grain and manage local pricing. In addition, it will help the Australian farmers to be directly and practically involved in humanitarian interventions.

The main objective of the project will make use of the surplus barley, grain and other food products, exporting them to food-insecure countries. We are very excited about what this project will hold for our suffering brothers and sisters overseas who struggle with malnutrition and combat hunger.

BREAD AUSTRALIA is a Christian Relief and Development agency initiated by Barnabas Fund Australia as its Relief and Development Arm to respond to humanitarian and development needs. Registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) and as a Public Benevolent Institution with Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status with the Australian Tax Office.

How Australian farmers can feed a famished world

...do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner...
(Leviticus 23:22)



BREAD AUSTRALIA are asking you to partner with us to feed the hungry who are struggling amidst the ongoing global food crisis.

Share the "gleanings" of your fields with hungry communities around the world.



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CLERGY NEWS

NOVEMBER 2021

LOCUM TENENS

The Revd Dr Ric Barrett-Lennard	Locum Warden, Wollaston Theological College	01.01.22-30.06.22
The Revd Dr Alan Forsyth	Lakelands	01.01.22-30.06.22
The Ven Jack Thomson	Woodlands-Wembley Downs	01.01.22-17.04.22
The Revd Bill Hawley	Heathridge	01.01.22-17.04.22
The Ven Lionel Snell	Locum Archdeacon to Sudanese Communities	01.01.22-30.06.22

RESIGNATIONS

The Revd Rowena McMicking	Chaplain, St Mark's Anglican Community School	31.12.21
The Revd Marie Aitken	Rector, North Beach	15.01.22
	Area Dean, Coastal Deanery	31.12.21
The Revd Canon Dr John Dunnill	President, Perth College of Divinity	17.11.21

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE – 24 FEBRUARY 2022

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Crossword solution

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The Parish of Caloundra-Glasshouse Country is seeking a new parish priest. Our Parish is located on the beautiful Sunshine Coast (one hour north of Brisbane), incorporating three worship centres: Caloundra (St Andrew's), Mooloolah (St Thomas') and the Mary MacKillop Worship centre in Beerwah.

The Parish strives to do justice, to spread love and kindness and to walk humbly with our God. We are seeking a Priest with good communication skills and the ability to lead worship and preach, in a way that helps our parishioners grow in their faith, and enables our Parish to keep pace with this developing region.

Find out more about our Parish in a short video:
<https://youtu.be/XMDBoRZKH0Q>

For further details, please refer enquiries to :

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We are looking to appoint an exceptional Anglican priest or lay person to the senior leadership position of Director of Anglican Identity, based in our Perth Head Office. The position reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and is responsible for working with the CEO to further develop the ASC's strategy for mission and ministry in our schools, driving our Vision, Core Purpose and Core Values in and through schools. Applicants should embrace a comprehensive and inclusive view of Anglicanism.

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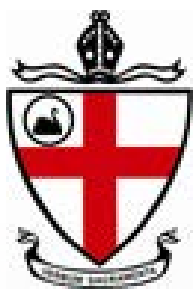
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MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICE TIMES

Mon-Sat	8.00am Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	12.15pm Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)
Wed	10.30am Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)
Mon-Sat	4.00pm Evening Prayer (except on Public Holidays)

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am	Holy Eucharist (BCP)
10.00am	Choral Eucharist
5.00pm	Choral Evensong

MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 12.15pm Holy Eucharist (except on public holidays)

Wednesday: 10.30am Holy Eucharist (except on public holidays)

Monday-Saturday: 4.00pm Evening Prayer (except on public holidays)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Tuesday 7 December	at 12.15 pm - Service for Healing and Wholeness A special celebration of Holy Communion that includes prayer for healing and wholeness
Saturday 18 December	at 10.00am - Children's Christmas Service
Sunday 19 December	at 7.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols
Thursday 23 December	at 7.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols
Friday 24 December	at 7.30pm - Festival of Lessons and Carols
Friday 24 December	at 11.00pm - First Eucharist of Christmas
Saturday 25 December	8.00am - Holy Eucharist with Hymns
Saturday 25 December	10.00am - Choral Eucharist with Hymns
Sunday 26 December	10.00am - First Sunday after Christmas

SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Wednesday 8 December - 9.30am-2.00pm

A Day in the Spiritual Life of the Cathedral: L'Arche Community: The Kingdom of God on Earth, with the Reverend Stephen Gibbs, Former Crosslinks Chaplain, and Literature on the Theme with Professor Christopher Wortham, Cathedral Scholar. Entry \$12. Lunch will be served. For catering, enrolments to Bishop David Murray by Monday 6 December are essential at 9325 5766 or spirituality@perthcathedral.org

Wednesday 15 December - 9.30am

Coffee, Prayers & Spirituality: St Bart's: The Kingdom of God on Earth with The Revd Ross Jones, Chaplain, St Bart's. Entry \$5. Enrolments by Monday 13 December to Bishop David Murray, Cathedral Centre for Spirituality at 9325 5766 or email spirituality@perthcathedral.org

THEATRE

Friday 17 December- 7.00pm

A Very Victorian Christmas. 'It is Christmas 1888 in Perth, the first Christmas to be celebrated in the brand new red brick St George's Cathedral on the Terrace. As two children decorate the festive tree, they listen to the seasonal Christmas stories that children were familiar with at that time.' This is a special charity event at St George's Cathedral in aid of Give A Feed and Andrew Russell Veteran Living Program. Tickets available through Trybooking