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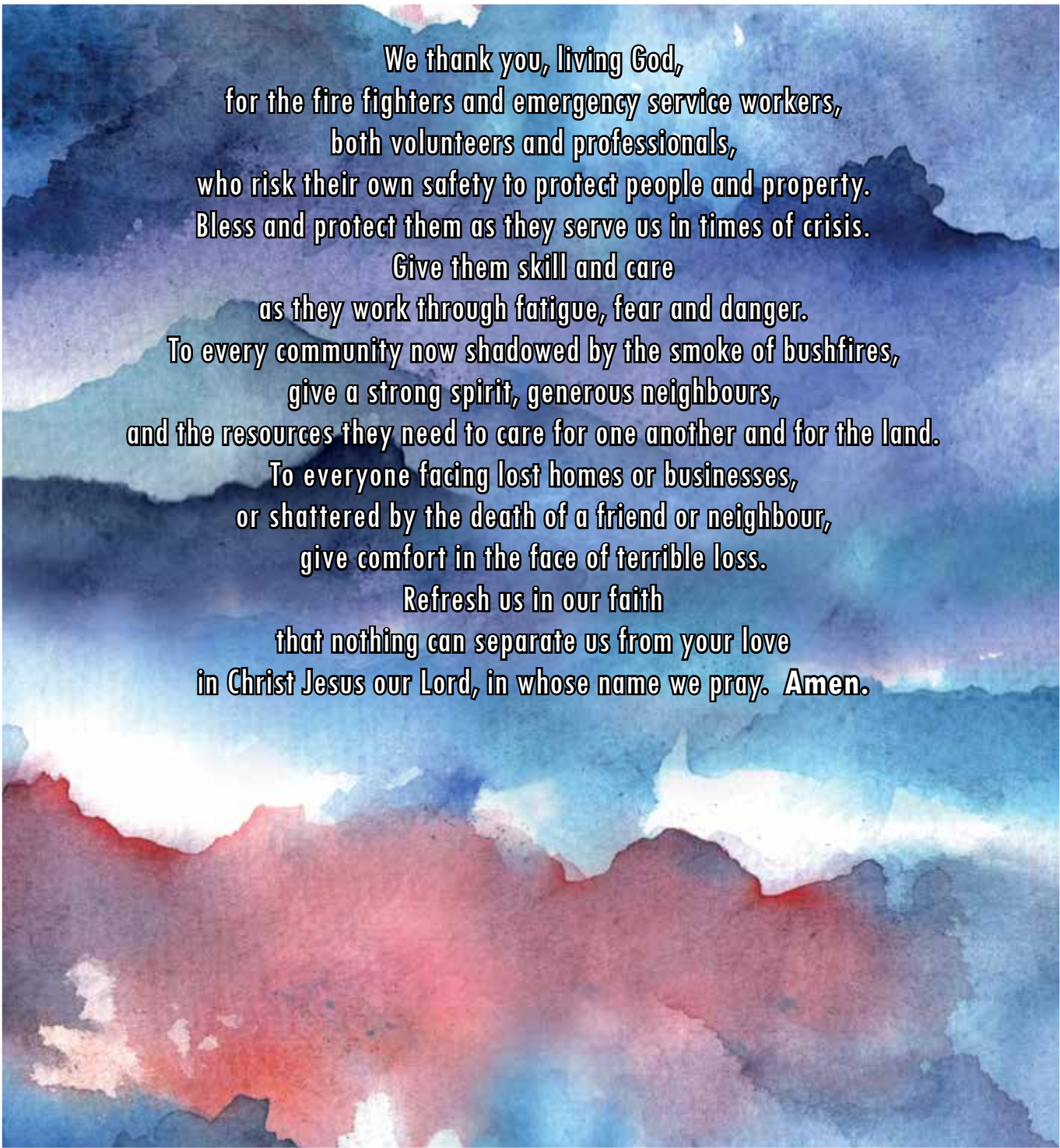
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# MESSENGER

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We thank you, living God,  
for the fire fighters and emergency service workers,  
both volunteers and professionals,  
who risk their own safety to protect people and property.  
Bless and protect them as they serve us in times of crisis.  
Give them skill and care  
as they work through fatigue, fear and danger.  
To every community now shadowed by the smoke of bushfires,  
give a strong spirit, generous neighbours,  
and the resources they need to care for one another and for the land.  
To everyone facing lost homes or businesses,  
or shattered by the death of a friend or neighbour,  
give comfort in the face of terrible loss.  
Refresh us in our faith  
that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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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





Welcome to the Messenger 2020 and the beginning of Mission 2020+.

The bushfires that were part of Australia's New Year continue to dominate in the news as we hear of the day-to-day impact for people and communities across the country. We hope the prayer on the cover of this February edition of the Messenger will be one you will pray and can give to others who are also praying.

This month we read more of the issues associated with the climate crisis, to take into our prayer and action.

The school year is just beginning and the ASC article highlights issues to do with schools, bushfires and Lent.

Make sure you read the article about the installation of the new Dean of St George's Cathedral, The Very Revd Chris Chataway.

Elizabeth Smith writes about the Church's calendar. Paula Gooder has written a wonderful Lenten reflection and the list of some Lent study materials will help readers get ready for Lent 2020.

Wishing you all a very happy new year.

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.



## EARTH CRY

*It was coming through the trees, and we stayed awake until it impacted us. The fire had crowned - it was on the ground and in the treetops. It was a massive wall of flame. It was horrific, the absolute intensity of it.*

*Just trying to survive was the main issue, and trying to save as many properties as we could. Some people were trying to defend their homes with rakes and shovels and garden hoses. Some houses we could save, some we couldn't, and there was only so much we could do at each property before we had to move on and help others.*

*Most of the population was down at the river. They were there all day on New Year's Day, and most were at the water's edge the next day as well. I stayed where the fire was active. I worked probably thirty-six hours. I had a couple of hours sleep and then I was back out again.*

*Two days later there was a huge flare-up. Myself and another volunteer went up and down the best we could. We could barely breathe, because when buildings go up there's a lot of toxic materials – plastics and rubber and mattresses. A couple of residents were trying to defend their own homes, but at one point we had to get them out. They were totally exhausted.*

*It was the middle of the day, but the smoke was so thick you would have thought it was night time – that's how dark the sky was.*

*Then the wind changed, so the flames blocked the road, and we had to drive the truck through the fire front to get ourselves out. The sky was red and burnt orange. Embers were everywhere. Flames shot as high as forty feet. I've fought a few bushfires in my time, but nothing like that...*

His name is Paul Parker, an ordinary bloke from a small NSW town, now a global celebrity who stopped his truck when he saw a TV crew and told them in good honest 'strine' exactly what the PM could do with himself! His words went viral, straight around the world.

It didn't matter if you were a family on holiday in Hawaii, or going about your business in New York or Tokyo or Paris. Within hours we all knew Paul Parker. We saw him and heard his voice as he spoke with authority – for the bush, for the country, for the people, for the animals, for the earth.

No more ideology, no more denials, no more excuses, no more idle talk, no more self-serving politics.

Time is up, and what we need is action.





# MISSION 2020+

The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO | Archbishop

This year as we welcome a new decade, the Archbishop of Canterbury will host the 15th meeting of Bishops from around the world at the Lambeth Conference. The first Lambeth Conference was held in 1867 with 76 Bishops in attendance. The 2020 conference will see more than 1000 bishops as well as many bishop's spouses gathering in Canterbury to pray, study, listen, confer, discuss, learn, and share together in Eucharist in the sure and certain hope that God's love will be present, that God's grace will be experienced and that the hospitable love of God will be received. Bishops from the 40 Provinces of the Anglican Communion, the five 'extra Provincial' areas and representatives of Churches which are in Communion with the churches of the Anglican Communion will take part under the banner and theme of Lambeth 2020 God's Church for God's World.

One of the Churches which will be represented will be the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church. The Mar Thoma traces its history as an oriental orthodox church understood to be one of the oldest churches in Asia, claiming St Thomas as its founder in 52AD. In 2019, a Mar Thoma Church was consecrated in Perth, and I have been invited to attend the Mar Thoma church's 125th Maramon Convention being held later this month in Kerala, India. This honour has been extended to a previous Archbishop of Perth, however, when that Archbishop is a woman, it's particularly gracious of the Mar Thoma Christians to recognise me in that office.

Among the other engagements, this will mean that I will be speaking to the women at the gathering, presenting bible studies on John's gospel. Hearing a woman Archbishop teaching the Bible may be a new experience for many. It will also be a new experience for me. Not perhaps the slower style of speaking with a translator to assist those who are listening. This happens regularly when an English speaker is preaching in a Sudanese church community, or in a Chinese speaking congregation, and translation is needed, and is therefore part of the experience for many Perth Anglicans. This kind of experience means taking time to speak carefully and slowly and being alert to the nuances of certain words. No doubt in Kerala, just like in Malaga and Murdoch there will be

moments of confusion and humour.

From my own perspective, this is one way in which Perth is able to send its Bishop as an ambassador for Christ, and also an ambassador for our Diocese with our values of being as inclusive as Jesus. Taking you along will be part of this journey, as I tell stories of faithfulness and mission in action in this beloved diocese. It will be a time of sharing how varied the ministry we have across the Diocese and how often I see people growing in confidence in the ways in which they serve in the love of Jesus' gospel. This has been evident as people have responded in the National fire disaster in the midst of so much loss and mourning. Being with Christians from another culture and language will be an opportunity to speak and experience new ways of praying, new ways in which Christian service and care is lived out, new ways of being in Christ, in a community and a culture vastly different from that of Perth.

Please pray with me, for our Diocese to grow in all our ecumenical partnerships both around Perth and beyond, for our Mar Thoma brothers and sisters, for the scriptures and sacraments to strengthen all for the journey we make in Christ. I will also pray for home, for our parishes, for our people, ordained and lay, for our schools beginning a new academic year, for agencies adjusting to the changing demands being made on them as they seek to serve the people of our communities.

The bishops and senior leadership staff met over two days of strategic planning a couple of weeks ago. One outcome of our deliberations is the clear desire to be alongside the clergy and lay people of our parishes in their growing and flourishing. This is a top priority for the bishops this year. One of the key learnings for me has come from reflecting of the difference between our understanding of a what it means to be parish and what it means to be a worshipping community. In all our plans the Mission 2020+ will be a useful tool as we seek how best we can show forth Jesus' transforming love, confidently, compassionately and courageously.

Peace and grace

+ Kay

## 2020 മാറാമൺ കൺവൻഷൻ പ്രസംഗകർ



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Jarrod McKenna | Diocesan Mission Advisor

Easter Tuesday, our lil' family is expecting a baby boy. Kat's third trimester coinciding with this season has me meditating on Lent in new ways. I'm doing things I've never done before. Setting up a cot. Making room for a nappy draw. Getting a car seat. Arranging baby's room. Baby-safing the house. Enjoying sleep while it lasts! And things are arriving from around the world that I've never seen in the mail before; cute little jumpsuits, hand knitted booties and today a handmade rug for baby from our dear friend Peri Zahnd sent all the way from Missouri! In the midst of this, here's the humble revelation that is resting in my heart:

Lent isn't about giving stuff up. Lent is preparing for the new world God has birthed at Easter. Lent is about making room for the arrival of new life, Easter-life, the New Creation, now.

Remember all that good stuff we sang at Christmas? The hope of the Hebrew prophets not off-somewhere-else but at hand? Here are a couple of stanzas to hum from two of my favourites to help connect the dots between Christmas and Easter. Between the birth of Christ and the birth of God's Kingdom at the Cross and in the Resurrection:

No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
No thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and his Gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother;  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.

Here is Easter's outrageous claim: the hope of the Hebrew prophets (all that 'peace on earth' stuff we sang at Christmas) isn't far-far-away but is in fact underway. Underway in the strangest of ways! How strange? Well, apparently transformation doesn't come through political manoeuvring, or power-struggles, or dropping bombs. Viewed through the resurrection we can now see true transformation came through the non violent-suffering-love of God at the Cross. Turns out God was reconciling the world to Godself in Christ, not counting our sins against us. This is why reconciliation is our passion (2 Corinthians 5:19). Lent is the season when we again prepare for new [kingdom] life. With those preparing for baptism at Easter, we renew our commitment to live out our baptism. To again hear God's invitation in Christ:

In My power, by My grace, be My resurrection people.  
Live My love. Live as a witness to My dream for creation. Deny your old-self, take up your cross, and in My power and by My grace, walk as Jesus walked. Look at the news and its clear God's kingdom is not

here in its fullness. The nightmares of catastrophic bushfires, ecological crisis, wars and rumours of wars, poverty, cruelty to refugees... it's clear that the love we see at Calvary is not [yet] a universal reality. Yet lent calls us again to our baptism, a once off event that is to become our daily way of life where we die to all that Christ has conquered, and do so in the power that raised him from the dead. (Romans 6:4-10) Lent is not about giving stuff up. Lent is the season in the church calendar when we are rearranging our lives to welcome the birth of God's kingdom of Calvary-like-love that broken into history at Easter.

'But Jarrod, can we really expect that from the church?'

If Christ has not been raised, grace-filled lives of non violent-Calvary-like-love is a ridiculous expectation in our fallen world. But if He is, this adventure of grace is what the Holy Spirit empowers us for!

'But Jarrod, can't I just give up wine and chocolate?'

I wonder if the Apostle Paul might respond with something like: 'Lent isn't a matter of what we do or don't eat and drink for 40 days. Lent is about healing-justice! Lent is about peace! Lent about joy in the Holy Spirit!' (Romans 14:17).

God in Christ has birthed a new world.

Lent asks: Are we ready?



# THE WAY FORWARD ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Media Statement from the National Council of Churches of Australia (NCCA)

The Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Canberra and the NCCA co-hosted a seminar on Thursday 6 February to reflect on and inform the way forward on Australia's climate change policy.

The seminar was addressed by Australia's Ambassador for the Environment, Mr Jamie Ibbister, which was followed by a question and answer session.

In the lead-up to the seminar Bishop Philip Huggins, President of the NCCA who attended the UN Climate Change Conference UNFCCC – COP25 in Madrid in December 2019, shared his reflections on the way forward on climate change policy.

'In charity, let us assume we are all learning together about climate change. Most of us are on a learning curve' Bishop Philip Huggins says.

'With the fires still raging and after much loss, aware too that brave and exhausted folk are still hard at work, the national debate about climate change is nevertheless occupying our hearts and minds more and more' the Bishop points out.

Bishop Huggins, who is also Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture's



Centre for Ecumenical Studies, says that 'going to COP25 was an act of faith that I feel was guided by the One who, as an Epiphany prayer conveys, 'brought the universe into being' and who has 'given us this earth to care for and delight in'.

'I knew I had much to learn, even as I tried to make a prayerful, loving and helpful contribution in various seminars and meetings. The one thing I had been made aware of was that those who have been much involved in this international framework and program to prevent climate change, need our pastoral care and encouragement.'

Bishop Huggins comments that 'it is quite a burden to carry the knowledge of what is happening to the planet at the same time as knowing that the necessary political co-operation is not evolving fast enough'.





## LENTEN REFLECTION

Dr Paula Gooder

*Dr Paula Gooder is a writer and lecturer in Biblical Studies. Her research areas focus on the writings of Paul the Apostle, with a particular focus on 2 Corinthians and on Paul's understanding of the Body. Her passion is to ignite people's enthusiasm for reading the Bible today, by presenting the best of biblical scholarship in an accessible and interesting way. She is currently the Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London.*

One of the things that some people love to do is to tell you how to be who you are. The minute they find that you are a '.....' (fill in the blank), they begin to offer direction about what a 'good' version of you would do. Invariably, I find, this is the opposite of what I think I should do. This can be particularly true of being a Christian. People love to tell you what a good Christian is and how they might respond to any particular situation.

It is therefore reassuring to discover in the Gospels that exactly the same thing happened to Jesus. The temptation narratives are, effectively, the devil doing precisely this to Jesus. We already know that Jesus was the Son of God because he had been declared to be so at his baptism in the previous passage ('This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased', Matthew 3:17 also in Mark 1:11 and Luke 3:22). However, no sooner had Jesus been driven out into the wilderness than the devil began to press him: 'If you are the Son of God....turn these stones into bread; throw yourself off the temple and bow down and worship me (Matthew 4:1-11 and Luke 4:1-12).

The point of the temptations was not to work out if Jesus was the Son of God – we already know that he was - but what kind of Son of God he would be. Would he use who he was for his own benefit (by turning stones into bread when he was hungry) or for the benefit of others (by feeding the 5000 or turning

water into wine)? Would he get God to save him just because he could (by throwing himself off the temple so the angels would catch him) or give his own life so that he could save others? Would he worship the devil as a shortcut to having power over the whole world or live a life of love and service caring for that world and giving up the power he already had?

Of course we know the answer to all these questions, we've read the Gospels and heard the stories so often that we know how it ends. We know exactly what kind of Son of God Jesus chose to be. During Lent, however, we are invited back into these stories to look again with fresh eyes. The question this time is not what kind of Son of God will Jesus be but what kind of follower of this Son of God will we be? Will we use who we are as Christians for our own benefit or the benefit of others? Will we use our prayers to ask God to intervene to help us in our own lives, or seek to find ways to transform the lives of others? Will we take shortcuts and easy routes – the equivalent of selling our souls to the devil – or live with integrity the life God has called us to live?

There are many people in the world who would like nothing more than to tell us who we should be, how we should act and what decisions we should make but the Jesus whom we follow is not one of them. He invites us to follow in his footsteps and in doing so to find those answers for ourselves and, then, to





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work out what they mean in practise. The season of Lent is a time that creates space – 40 days just like the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness – in which we can ask these questions of ourselves and of God. The season of Lent invites us to step aside, to take time in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, to reflect and to ask ourselves these deep, soulful questions. Who am I really? What kind of follower of Jesus am I? What kind of choices should I make to reflect that? How do I choose to live the precious life God has given me?

However as you observe Lent this year – whether you give things up or take new things on – may it be a time in which you can ask these deep questions . . . and, freed from the many voices that clamour to give you their pre-packaged, one size-fits-all answers, to hear the still, small voice of God declaring you to be a beloved child of God.

## Lenten Resources

### Online Resources

#### Anglican Board of Mission

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=28>

#### Anglican Overseas Aid

<https://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/news-and-resources/bible-studies-and-reflections/>

#### Church Mission Society

<http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk/CMS%20Lent%20Reflections%201.pdf>

#### Common Grace

<https://www.commongrace.org.au/lent>

## Books

### Lent for Everyone: Matthew Year A

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Lent-for-Everyone-Tom-Wright/9780281062218?ref=grid-view&qid=1578968744069&sr=1-2>

### Sacred Space for Lent 2020

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Sacred-Space-for-Lent-2020-Irish-Jesuits/9780829448986?ref=grid-view&qid=1578968836898&sr=1-87>

### Lent with the Saints: Daily Reflections

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Lent-with-Saints-Greg-Friedman/9781616361310?ref=grid-view&qid=1578968937249&sr=1-121>

### The Art Of Lent: A Painting A Day From Ash Wednesday To Easter

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Art-Lent-Sister-Wendy-Beckett/9780281078554>

### Coloring Lent: An Adult Coloring Book for the Journey to Resurrection

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Coloring-Lent-Christopher-D-Rodkey/9780827205475?ref=grid-view&qid=1578968968646&sr=1-180>

### Bring Lent to Life: Activities & Reflections for Your Family

[https://www.bookdepository.com/Bring-Lent-Life-Kathleen-M-Basi/9780764820045?ref=pd\\_detail\\_1\\_sims\\_b\\_p2p\\_1](https://www.bookdepository.com/Bring-Lent-Life-Kathleen-M-Basi/9780764820045?ref=pd_detail_1_sims_b_p2p_1)

### Stations of the Cross

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Stations-Cross-Timothy-Radcliffe/9781472916761?ref=grid-view&qid=1578969003101&sr=1-2>

### Meditations on Stations of the Cross

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Meditations-on-Stations-Cross-Cardinal-John-Henry-Newman/9781784690298?ref=grid-view&qid=1578969073757&sr=1-6>

### Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the Great Fifty Days : A Ceremonial Guide

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Lent-Holy-Week-Easter-Great-Fifty-Days-Leonel-L-Mitchell/9781561011346?ref=grid-view&qid=1578968858972&sr=1-114>

### The Novello Book of Music For Lent & Easter

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Novello-Book-Music-For-Lent-Easter-Hal-Leonard-Publishing-Corporation/9781780388403?ref=grid-view&qid=1578968858972&sr=1-112>



# AMANA LIVING



John Langoulant AO | Chairman of the Amana Living Board

I was approached to join the Amana Living Board at a time when the quality of aged care had been on my mind. The opportunity to participate in the sector in an active way was attractive, and as an agency of the Anglican Church, Amana Living was a good fit with my religious tradition and personal values.

Since joining the Board in March 2019, I've visited many Amana Living locations from Kinross to Mandurah and witnessed the genuine care and engagement of every staff member. The consistently high quality of Amana Living facilities has also been impressive.

Commitment to care and quality services is a clear indicator of the importance Amana Living places on its values and guiding principles. The culture is positive, and this is reflected in the high level of respect our staff have for each other and the people they care for.

This is why I was incredibly honoured to be appointed by the Archbishop to the position of Chairman in October, taking the reins from Steve Scudamore after eight years of dedicated service.

Taking over as Chair of an organisation that deeply cares for its staff, volunteers, residents, clients and community is a big responsibility but it's one I accept with gusto.

The organisation faced some challenges last year and will continue to do so in 2020, but it has also celebrated considerable achievements.

Amana Living now supports more than 5,800 people across the State, which is 1,000 more people than last year. The organisation climbed from WA's sixth largest provider of home care services in 2017 to third in 2019.

We successfully implemented the new aged care quality standards across residential care and home care. And we developed a new approach to gathering feedback from our customers which will inform how we design and deliver our services.

And the McCusker Nurse Service was recognised by Anglicare Australia at their

national awards, receiving a high commendation in the Excellence Category.

The future looks bright with projects like the redevelopment of Kinross Care Centre progressing with the plans approved by the City of Joondalup; the introduction of a graduate program for healthcare professionals in partnership with Edith Cowan University; and the pilot of the internationally recognised palliative care program, No One Dies Alone, at Lady McCusker Home.

These achievements were only possible because of the combined efforts of the team at Amana Living. I'm proud to be part of an organisation that strives to deliver its mission to excel in providing Christian care, accommodation and services to older Western Australians.





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### DUNCRAIG Lady McCusker Village



#### 2/3 Bedroom Villas from \$449,000

This intimate village is located in Perth's leafy northern coastal suburb of Duncraig. The boutique villas offer a sanctuary, while the village is conveniently located close to public transport, parklands, Hillarys Boat Harbour and a short drive to Whitford Shopping Centre.

Facilities include a clubhouse, gated security, swimming pool, lounge/dining areas and kitchen facilities.

Contact Sandra on 0448 915 968  
Tour times: Wednesdays 11am-1pm

### KARRINYUP Moline Village



#### Apartments from \$179,000 2/3 Bedroom Villas from \$550,000

A social and community-minded village surrounded by parklands, playing fields and nature reserves. Moline Village is within easy reach of the popular Karrinyup Shopping Centre and local transport, and a short drive to Scarborough and Trigg Beach.

Facilities include a swimming pool, mini golf, library, village shop, hairdressers and beautician.

Contact Sandra on 0448 915 968  
Tour times: Tues & Thurs 11am-1pm

### MANDURAH Meadow Springs Village



#### Villas and Apartments from \$210,000

Meadow Springs Village is ideal for the sports enthusiast, adjacent to Meadow Springs Golf Club and close to beaches. The village is within walking distance of a Shopping Centre and Medical Centre, and just minutes from Mandurah town centre.

Facilities include a swimming pool, bowling green, library, gym and clubhouse.

Contact Pauline on 0438 009 214  
Tour times: Tues & Fri 11am-1pm

### AUSTRALIND Treendale Village



#### 3 Bedroom Deluxe Houses from \$359,000

A resort-style village located just north of Bunbury, boasting wide streets, detached homes, and a high quality leisure centre. This village offers a lock-up and leave lifestyle with secure caravan and boat storage.

Facilities include a swimming pool, spa, gym, theatre room, bowling green, games area, and a residents' workshop.

Contact Jo on 0417 061 573  
Tour times: Tues & Fri 9am-1pm

### MOSMAN PARK Dorothy Genders Village



#### 1 Bedroom Unit from \$196,000

Dorothy Genders Village is in an attractive quiet location between river and sea.

Just a few minutes from the Swan River on one side and 4kms from the coast on the other, residents enjoy a healthy and relaxed lifestyle.

Local shops are a 10 minute stroll away and can be reached by public transport.

Contact Laura on 0459 819 169

### SALTER POINT Peter Arney Village



#### 2/3 Bedroom Villa from \$599,000

Villa in small group of 6 located on the banks of Canning River.

2 spacious bedrooms, study, semi-ensuite bathroom, Chef's Kitchen, stone bench top, plenty of storage, large pantry, full swing corner pull out cabinets.

Double garage with extra storage and low maintenance gardens.

Contact Sandra on 0448 915 968



# HELPING RURAL INDUSTRY

Ian Leverington | Executive Officer | Anglican Community Fund



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A little bit of down time in the New Year allowed me to catch up on some long overdue filing. During this I came across my notes from the Diocese of Perth's 2019 Synod that reminded me of a highlight of that Synod being the Rural Conference held on the Sunday morning.

It was a pleasure to hear a presentation from The Revd Dr Brian Ludlow who attended the Rural Ministry Conference held in Bendigo in September 2019. Brian provided a summary of the conference including five common themes faced in rural ministry and importantly how the challenges are being faced with optimism and enthusiasm.

During the presentation, I could not help but think about how the Anglican Community Fund can assist rural parishes. At the end of the presentation I was grateful to have the opportunity to mention to the Rural Conference how the ACF might help with the key themes.

## **Distance** (a factor of geography)

Isolation is an important factor in rural communities. The ACF is only a phone call away and with our small team we provide personalised and friendly service. There are no separate departments or call centres to contend with.

## **Depopulation** (a factor of mechanisation)

With depopulation comes the inevitable withdrawal of Banks from regional areas. While the ACF can't have a physical presence, we do provide electronic transaction services, contact by phone and email.

In locations not serviced by our banking partner Westpac, we can discuss alternatives with you.

## **Small Congregations** (a factor of smaller rural communities and ageing congregations)

This is a difficult issue although it was noted that only 6-7% of 'nominal' Anglicans engage with Church worship. To me this means that there is a much larger base of Anglicans that while they are not regular worshippers, may still attend occasionally such as at Christmas and Easter. They will give when they attend and may be happy to give regularly to support the mission of the parish by using the ACF's direct debit facility. This regular electronic giving may encourage greater connection and worshipping at the parish.

## **Funding** (less people, same or greater costs of infrastructure)

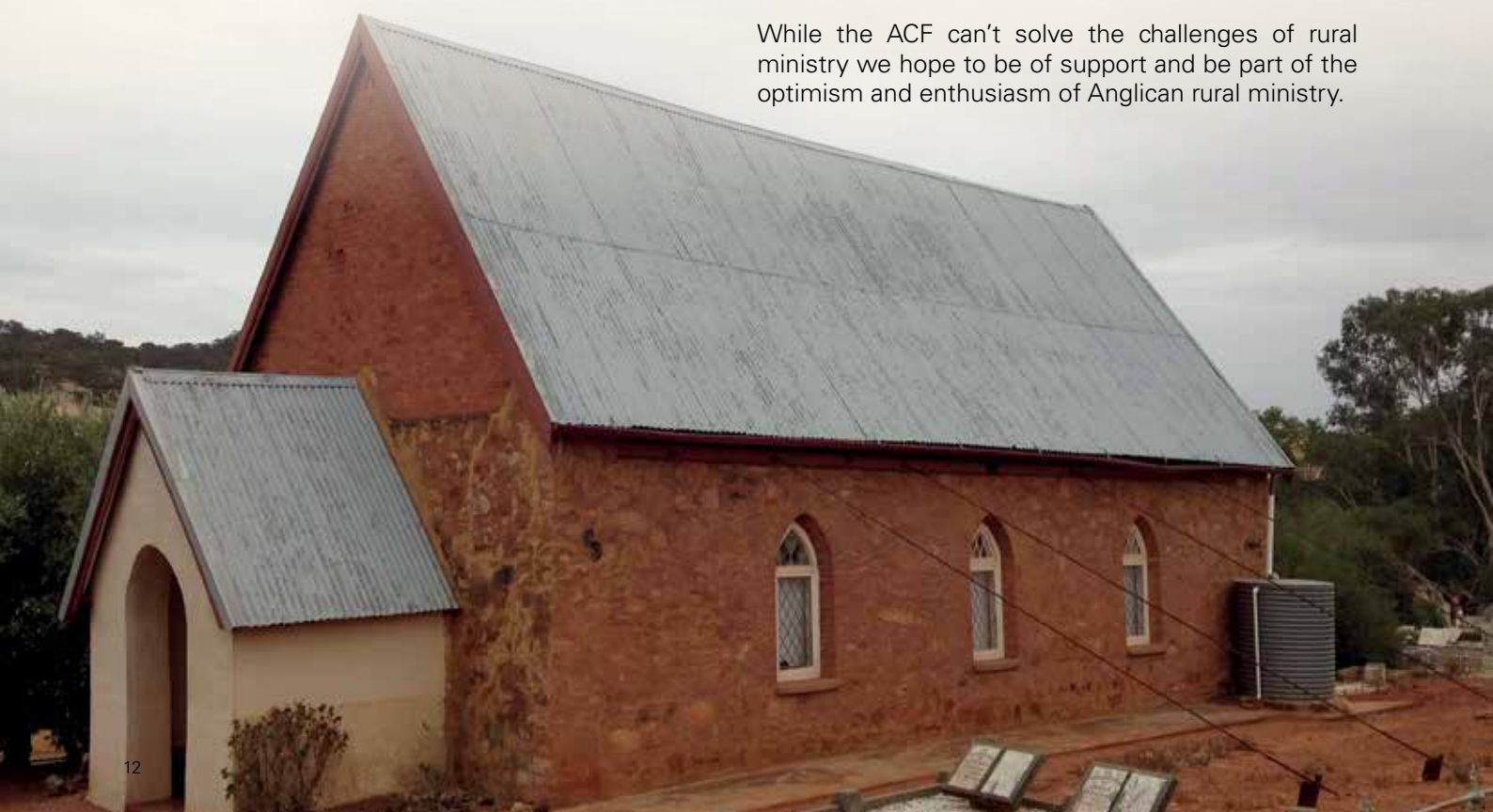
The ACF can assist with reducing climate impact and energy costs by funding energy efficiency projects such as solar energy, lighting upgrades for Church property by using our low interest 'Eco Loan'.

We can also provide funding for clergy motor vehicles for vehicle upgrades to reduce costs such as maintenance and running costs.

## **Suitability of Buildings** (changing centres of population)

The cost of replacement buildings, upgrades and major maintenance may be spread over time using a loan provided by the ACF. Our loans are competitive and we don't charge establishment fees or ongoing fees.

While the ACF can't solve the challenges of rural ministry we hope to be of support and be part of the optimism and enthusiasm of Anglican rural ministry.





# BUSHFIRES, OUR SCHOOLS AND LENT

The Revd Peter Laurence OAM | CEO Anglican Schools Commission

How many times have you said 'Happy New Year' this new decade? The beginning of a new school year is always a time filled with much joy and anticipation. Unlike our tired states at the end of the year, we start 2020 refreshed and ready to face a year of new learning, new experiences and new friends.

For many in ASC school communities, in WA and on the Victoria/NSW border where three of our schools are located, I've been told many stories of school families having to be evacuated from their homes and spending many days and nights, even weeks, in emergency evacuation centres. Indeed, at the end of last year, St James' Anglican School at Alkimos opened its doors as an evacuation centre to families who were impacted by the bushfire in the Yanchep area.

All of us have followed with horror the awful January bushfires in Victoria, NSW and South Australia. The news told of tragic losses of lives, devastation of animal populations and destruction of property. The stories have touched every Australian and millions around the world. At the time of writing in January, one Anglican school (St Peter's Anglican College at Broulee in NSW) had been partially destroyed by fire. Principal Darren McPartland (a former teacher at St Mark's Anglican Community School in Hillarys) spent many hours fighting the fires as a volunteer 'firie' together with the thousands of others giving their time to do this essential yet dangerous act of service.

Nick Jones moved from Perth (where he was Deputy Principal at John Wollaston Anglican Community School) at the end of December, to take on the position of Principal of our Cathedral College Wangaratta. From the moment of his arrival, Nick was confronted with the reality of a large number of school families having been displaced from their homes.

There's much of summer remaining. There's an uncertainty about what further devastation might come to our vast country over the coming weeks. We pray earnestly that no further lives are lost.

Times such as these remind us that Anglican schools are so much more than just schools. Our schools are communities of caring people. For some one hundred thousand Western Australians, at any one time an Anglican school is their only real connection with our church; for many, it is the only real community to which they belong.

The parish church, Rotary or Lions Club was once central to the connected life of the average Australian adult. Today, they are more likely to connect through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and not belong to any parish community or service organisation. This is a harsh reality of the new world order.

As schools, we don't resile from the challenge of being a community. It's easy to complain of crowded curricula and not enough time to teach the basics, but really, schools have always been places where students and teachers, parents and carers belong 24-7 and 365 days a year, not just from Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 3.30pm, forty weeks a year.

This year Lent takes on a different perspective for many Australians, especially if they have lost loved ones, livestock or property; but also if they are in privileged positions of government and decision-making, as they take time out to reflect on the horror of the bushfires, and the actions that we as a nation should and must take moving forward, rebuilding lives, homes and communities. The selfless sacrificial actions of so many this past summer reflect a true Lenten spirit. Our challenge is to use this Lent to set aside time to prepare ourselves, our schools and parish communities for the challenges of living in a changed and changing world.







ANGLICARE WA

Mark Glasson | CEO Anglicare WA



At Anglicare WA, we believe everyone deserves a safe place to call home. We know access to safe, affordable accommodation is essential for people – and indeed, communities – to be healthy.

Yet in Western Australia, despite our abundant resources, on any given night more than 9,000 Western Australians are without safe and secure housing. Frighteningly, more than 3,000 are children and young people. Some are sleeping rough, many more are in unsafe or untenable situations.

The stark reality for many in our community is the risk of homelessness is never far away. Many families coming to Anglicare WA for help are living on the precipice, where just one unexpected bill, reduced work hours or a period of illness or injury will be the straw that breaks the camel's back. It is concerning that despite our State's great wealth, more and more people are living under this ongoing burden.

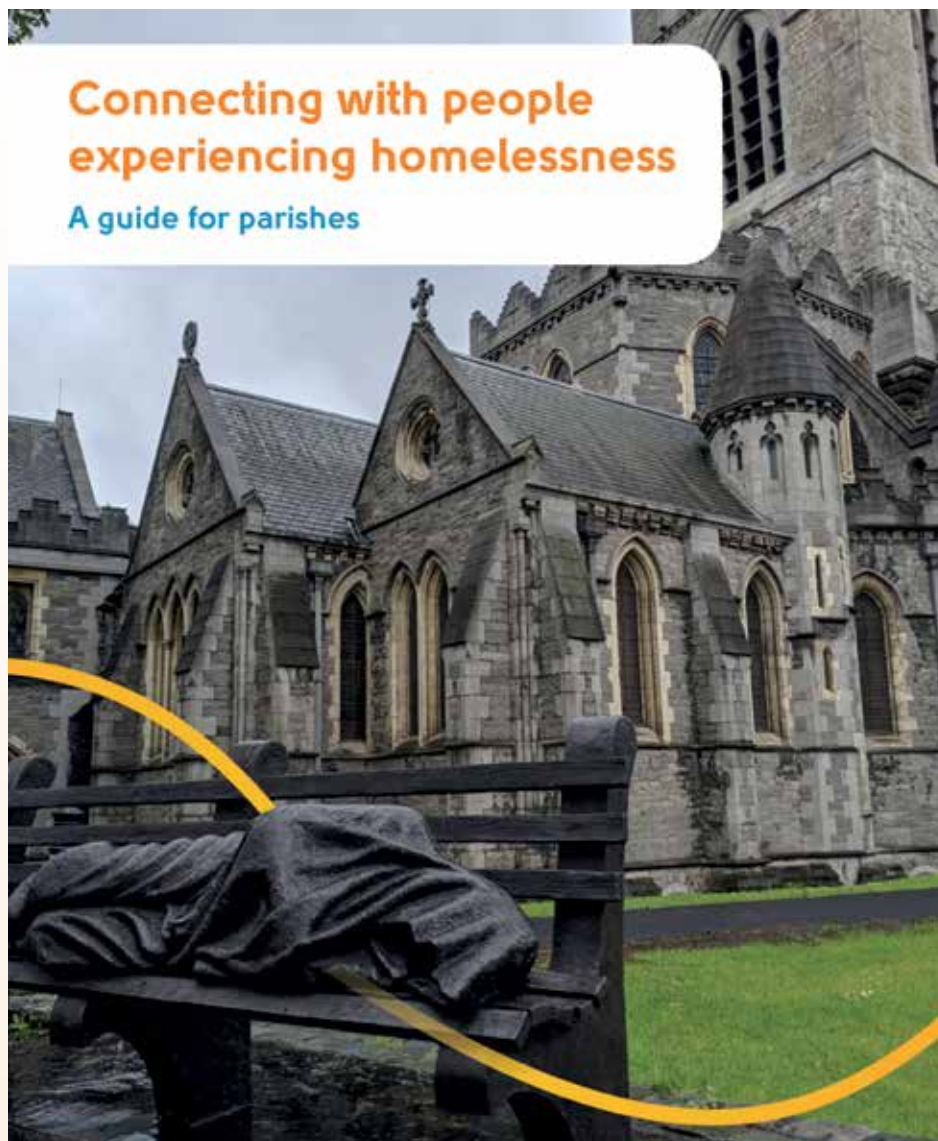
Our mission at Anglicare WA is to reach out in ways which respect the dignity and choices of people who find themselves homeless, whilst offering an opportunity for them to have a stable home. This year the team at Anglicare WA will work with more than 2,500 people, young and old, who need assistance with their housing or homelessness.

We know no matter how skilled we become at Anglicare WA, we are only one part of the solution to homelessness. In recognition of this, last year we launched a new resource to assist parishes to be part of the solution and connect with people experiencing homelessness.

Connecting with people experiencing homelessness: A guide for parishes includes an overview of the dimensions of homelessness, as well as a reflection on how our practical response to homelessness can be informed by our faith. It has been created to provide Anglican parishes with ideas and advice on how to

## Connecting with people experiencing homelessness

A guide for parishes



safely and effectively respond to people experiencing homelessness and to enable the best possible Christian response to homelessness when it reaches the door of the local parish.

The guide provides ideas and advice on how to offer hospitality to people experiencing homelessness with a focus on support, and referral to opportunities that will begin the transition from homelessness to having a home.

If you would like a copy of the guide please contact Fr Mark McCracken, our Mission Leader and Chaplain at [mark.mccracken@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:mark.mccracken@anglicarewa.org.au).





## SELF-GIVING FOR LENT

Samantha Drury | CEO | St Bart's

# St Bart's

Lent means many things to many people. For some, it is a time for reflection and contemplation. For others, it is a time for renewal and refocus. For us at St Bart's, it's about looking beyond the traditional focuses of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and towards opening our doors wider to those in need.

Focusing on right relationships presents multiple benefits and opportunities to grow. It allows us to examine our faith and spirituality; review and, where possible, simplify our lives by prioritising better; sharing with family, friends and the community; and taking concrete steps to contribute to a more just and humane world.

While abstaining from chocolate, alcohol or your favourite television show all in the name of Lent is commendable, we should ask ourselves if this type of discipline benefits anyone else around us. Is there something that we can do rather than abstain from that can create meaning and change for a better tomorrow?

This Lent, we look to the seven themes of Christian social teaching for inspiration in how we can help foster social justice within our communities.

- 1 Dignity of the Human Person
- 2 Call to Family, Community and Participation
- 3 Rights and Responsibilities
- 4 Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- 5 The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- 6 Solidarity
- 7 Care for God's Creation

Our world today presents plenty of opportunities to perform acts of service, justice and kindness based on the above teachings. Writing to a member of parliament on the need to raise the Newstart Allowance is one example. Supporting the Centre for Asylum Seekers, Refugees and Detainees is another. You could donate to St Bart's, a Wildlife sanctuary caring for animals affected by the Australian bushfire crisis, or any number of deserving organisations. Something as simple as having a lonely neighbour over for a meal can also have a huge impact.

Whether they be family, a friend, a neighbour or a complete stranger, every person we come into contact with is a gift. By recognising the value in others and that everyone deserves acceptance and respect, we ultimately open our hearts to greater connection and valuable life lessons.

As the new CEO of St Bart's, I look forward to working on the wonderful relationship we have built with the Anglican community, and coming together in our vision for a world where everyone has a home.

For more information on St Bart's services, please visit **[stbarts.org.au](http://stbarts.org.au)** or get in touch with us by calling **9323 5100**.





## MISTLETOE

The Revd Dr Elizabeth J Smith | Senior Mission Priest | Parish of The Goldfields

In the bush, all the shrubs and trees are biding their time. It is so hot and so dry through this time of year that leaves are dropping to save moisture. So, what is this showy red flower, blooming in the intense January weather, on what looks like remarkably like an August-flowering wattle?

It is mistletoe. It's a cheeky parasite that doesn't bother with roots of its own. It has tasty red berries that birds love to eat. The berry may be delicious, but the sticky seed is indigestible. The bird leaves it behind on another branch. It sticks for long enough to germinate. But instead of searching for soil in which to grow, the mistletoe taps into the branch of its host. In a piratical move, it inserts itself into the host's hard-won supply of water and nutrients. Then it can produce its own branches, leaves and even flowers, at a time when every other plant is struggling.

It's not in the mistletoe's interests to overdraw on its host's resources. If the host dies, the mistletoe will die, too. But if its demands are modest, there is moisture and food enough for both. I wonder what benefit, if any, there is for the hard-working wattle that gives up its water to the mistletoe. Maybe visiting birds, attracted by the berries, provide bonus guano to fertilise the roots of the wattle. But the benefits clearly flow mainly in one direction: from the wattle to the mistletoe.

The relationship between the mistletoe and the wattle is a dry-country expression of the relationship between Jesus Christ and the people he loves – provided we see it as a gift, rather than theft. I am not stealing abundant life from a reluctant Christ. Even at great cost to himself, he willingly gives me everything I need for spiritual flourishing. He opens himself to my intrusive and demanding presence. He has access to deep wells of grace and power that I can only dream of, and that I have certainly not worked for; yet he freely shares all those good things with me. He makes the sacrifice from his own body, to feed me, body and soul.

How have I become connected, and how can I stay connected to this Christ who gives me everything? The Holy Spirit began the work, like the birds that spread the seeds. The Spirit put me in place and conditioned me to be ready to grow into Christ. Baptism connected me irrevocably to Christ, and permeated me with the power of the gift of life he offers to everyone who is thirsty. The Eucharist is the ongoing refreshment, the regular nourishment that I can rely on, when the world is dry and harsh, and my own resources are inadequate or exhausted. My mission is to blossom in season and out of season, in the fiery colours of the Spirit, to draw attention to the gift that Jesus Christ offers to everyone.







## LOVING THE LITURGY

The Revd Dr Elizabeth J Smith | Senior Mission Priest | Parish of The Goldfields

### The Calendar

Most Anglicans know that our liturgical New Year begins on Advent Sunday. It's that day in late November or early December when we look forward to the end of everything, when Christ will come again with judgement and mercy. It's when we switch from Matthew to Mark, or Mark to Luke, or from Luke back to Matthew for most of our Sunday gospel readings. It's a moveable date, unlike the first of January (for secular calendars) or the first of July (for the financial year). We count back four Sundays before Christmas to kick off Advent, and forward the famous twelve days towards Epiphany.

The other moveable dates in our liturgical calendar wander around with the moon. Western and Eastern Christians have slightly different systems for calculating the date of the March equinox, so there is ecumenical slippage. Generally, Easter is the Sunday after the first full moon after the equinox. Once you know when Easter falls, you can count backward to Lent and Ash Wednesday and forward forty days to Ascension and thence to Pentecost and Trinity, before everything calms down and we settle into 'green' Sundays for the long haul.

The Calendar is our guarantee that we will recall all the key events in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is the reason for every season. But some of his friends pop up in the Calendar, too, not on their birthday, but on their anniversary of their death. Some are given celebrity treatment: John the Baptist, Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, the blessed Virgin Mary, and other biblical personalities are celebrated with their own special readings and prayers. We used to call them 'red-letter days' for the ink used in old manuscripts to highlight their importance. Other saints, less foundational or more local, pop up as needed to remind us of their unique and often eccentric contributions to Christian life: the mystics and martyrs, the argumentative, the creative, the outrageous lovers of God.

A word to the wise: we don't much go in for 'special Sundays' in the Anglican Church. Occasionally we might highlight a theme for focussed prayer or thanksgiving, perhaps during that long stretch of 'green' Sundays. But we treat every Sunday as a miniature Easter, a top-priority feast of the Resurrection, and we let each Sunday take its tone from where it fits into that useful liturgical artefact, the Calendar.

### Liturgical year







## ANGLICAN CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Mark Davis | Team Leader ACYM

It only feels like yesterday that I was in the throes of Christmas where every day felt like a feast where it's ok to eat the glazed ham for breakfast, lunch and dinner and no one bats an eyelid.

But as the tree and decorations are packed away for another year, it feels like it will be no time at all before we have to start planning and preparing for Lent and the stresses that can come with that.

When I was working as a Parish-based youth worker Lent was the time of year that I always felt I could have done better. All the young people knew the right answers when someone would ask them if we're giving anything up, but the problem was that it nearly seemed false because I don't think they thought through what the purpose of it was. It was just a badge of honour that they were proud to show off.

So, as we move towards Lent this year, I thought it might be useful to share some resources and thoughts that might help you prepare for Lent 2020.

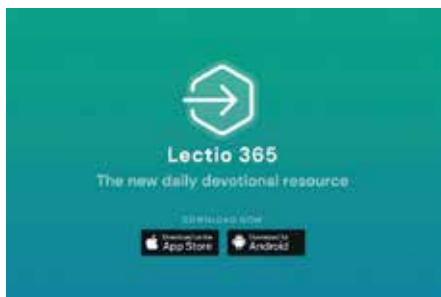
This is not an exhaustive list, and there are many more ways to engage and acknowledge how God is trying to speak to us through this period of Lent, but here are some things that might be useful:

- Fuller Youth Institute is part of the Fuller Theological Seminary that looks to take practical research into useful resources. This site (<https://fulleryouthinstitute.org/blog/lent>) suggests several thoughts and ideas as to how to creatively look at Lent. Of course, the writer

uses the blog to point people towards using one of the specific Fuller resources which are very good, but the writer also highlights some thoughts on the practice of Subtraction and how removing things can help us appreciate more of what God is doing.

- 40acts is the generosity challenge for Lent, created by UK Christian charity, Stewardship. For ten years, 40acts has asked a question: what if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline? Over the years, 40acts has become a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities with generosity – during Lent and beyond' (taken from the [40acts.org.uk](https://40acts.org.uk) website). One of the areas of 40acts that I like is the family wallchart that allows lent to be a discipline that can happen within the entire family. This not only encourages family members to share their experiences, but it also helps teach the discipline of generosity to children in a positive way.
- A final resource that I have found to be personally useful is Lectio 365, which is a resource made by 24/7 prayer, an international prayer moment (<https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>). This app-based resource works on phones or tablets and has content that is inspired by Lectio Divina and is well worth a try.

No matter what resource or process you use over this Lent 2020, the important thing is to acknowledge why we are doing it at all.



# Fuller Youth Institute



# BUNBURY BULLETIN

The Revd Dr Lucy Morris

The Christmas festivities around the Diocese of Bunbury was a time of great joy with communities gathering from near and far to celebrate the birth of Jesus and worship together. Some of our remote rural communities meet and celebrate in spite of difficult circumstances. For many farmers, the potential for fire following on from the long drought is very real, so the celebrations also carried their own deep prayers for help and support; and for new life.

Over the last few weeks, many churches have been holding special services to pray for rain, to heal the land, to end the fires and drought for those living over east and locally. There is much grief at the ravages to the land and the deaths of fire fighters, livestock and wild animals and the significant loss of property and livelihoods. St Boniface Cathedral held its own prayer service in early January as people around Bunbury gathered to pray for rain and healing.

The Diocese is also busy picking up the demands of the new year. The diocesan team moved into its new office over the Christmas

break and work is back to normal. An open day is being planned for the general community; and, a formal opening and blessing will be taking place in late February. The open plan office has archiving facilities, a storage compactus, a conference room for training and easy access for everyone which is transformational and adds to the Cathedral precinct.

The Bunbury diocese has also been selected with several other Anglican dioceses across Australia to undergo its first independent Safe Church audit. This is part of the Church's commitment to and compliance with the Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017 and with its own QA system. This audit is now underway.

The Diocese also currently has full time Priest-in-Charge vacancies in the two Parishes of Dunsborough and Busselton and a part time position in the Parish of Collie. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact The Ven Julie Baker through the Diocesan Office on 9721 2100.





## NEWS FROM THE NOR'WEST

Jocelyn Ross OAM

'Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One' goes one of the lovely songs we sing often. At the start of a New Year it is great to give thanks to our holy and loving God for all He has given us. This often leads us to think of those who have been faithful servants, great examples for us who follow on.

A number of saints who have moved on to glory since New Year include The Revd Peter Harris (honorary assistant minister in Northampton Parish), The Revd Dennis Reynolds, Dean of Geraldton's Holy Cross Cathedral (1989-92), and Penny Ashton, a recent parishioner of Holy Cross Cathedral. We do indeed thank our God for them. Peter Harris lived in Northampton from the time he arrived from England about the age of 18. He met and married his wife Dot and with her had an amazing ministry in Scouts as a leader, his trade as a butcher, a farmer, in St John Ambulance, parenting five children, and in the Anglican



Peter and Dot Harris at their gate, Northampton

Church right up to the end (he was ordained as a Local Priest by Bishop Ged Muston in the 1980s), as well as conducting services in most of the churches in the Midwest.

Our Diocese welcomes Matthew and Leonie Morrison from Sydney, to Dongara Parish, where Matt will serve as assistant minister under Bishop Gary Nelson. Matt's ordination as deacon will be conducted in Holy Cross Cathedral at 10am on 9 February.

Several youngsters from Geraldton featured well at Junior Cricket Country Week Carnival in Perth in January: Mim Grice and her brother Eddie, Luke Harris, and two grandsons of former Bishop Howell Witt, Thomas and Anthony Witt. The boys in the U14 development team were champions and the Midwest girls also won their final.

Regular leaders in January at Scripture Union's Jurien Bay SU Beach Mission are The Revd Paul and Melinda Spackman and their daughters, Gabrielle and Anneka. Meanwhile Eugenie Harris and some of the family were down south at Denmark where they participate in that Beach Mission every year.

Bishop Gary and Christine Nelson, Nigel Vaux and Daniel Faricy (Kununurra senior minister) are preparing for a mission trip to Karamoja and Lango in April, Karamoja is our link Diocese in Uganda. They are seeking to raise funding to bring Christian families to the diocesan centre, to provide accommodation and meals and resources for training. There will be intensive teaching for clergy and lay evangelists, and they plan to conduct a children's mission. In Lango, Northern Uganda, Bishop Gary will lead preaching workshops.

*Jocelyn*



# PURPLE PATCH FEBRUARY 2020

9	Archbishop Bishop Jeremy Bishop Kate	Mar Thoma Global Women's Convention, India Ellenbrook Bull Creek-Leeming
16	Archbishop Bishop Jeremy Bishop Kate	Mar Thoma Global Women's Convention, India Crosslinks Service Wollaston Formation Commencement Service
23	Archbishop	Lynwood-Langford-Ferndale

## CLERGY NEWS

### APPOINTMENTS

The Reverend Jane Hawkins	Honorary Assistant Priest, Gosnells	01.01.20
The Reverend Linda Pilton	Chaplain, Perth College	01.01.20
The Reverend Peter Hotchkin	Assistant Priest, Yanchep	30.11.19
The Reverend Annette Desfosses	Honorary Deacon, Carine-Duncraig	05.12.19
The Reverend Kim Thomas	Chaplain, Peter Carnley ACS	06.01.20
The Reverend Frida Lemi	Sudanese Women's Ministry Support Priest	01.01.20 – 30.06.20
The Reverend Stuart Fenner	Rector, Midland	24.01.20
The Reverend Matthew Smedley	Rector, Mosman Park (from Diocese of Grafton)	21.02.20
The Reverend Tony Drayton	Archdeacon of the North	20.01.20
	Priest-in-Charge, Nedlands	01.02.20
The Venerable Lionel Snell	Chaplain to the Retired Clergy and Clergy Spouses	08.01.20

### ORDINATION – MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020, ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL – 7.00PM

Dr Sue Boorer	Deacon (Honorary Assistant Curate, Fremantle)	25.02.20
Mr Mark Grobicki	Deacon (Assistant Curate, Dalkeith)	25.02.20
Mr Matt Harding	Deacon (Assistant Curate, Kallaroo)	25.02.20
Mr Luke Hoare	Deacon (Assistant Curate, Mt Pleasant)	25.02.20
Mrs Sarah Stapleton	Deacon (Assistant Curate, St George's Cathedral and Chaplain, St George's Anglican Grammar School)	25.02.20

### LOCUM TENENS

The Reverend Jan Boyle	Morley-Noranda	01.01.20 – 30.06.20
The Reverend Sebastiana Pienaar	Beaconsfield	01.01.20 – 30.06.20
The Venerable Jack Thomson	Woodlands-Wembley Downs	01.02.20 – 30.07.20
The Reverend Sidney Middlemost	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	02.02.20 – 31.07.20
The Reverend Oliver Yengi	Mundaring	19.01.20 – 12.04.20
The Venerable David Ingleson	Dianella	01.02.20 – 31.08.20
The Reverend Jon Reinertsen	Como-Manning	28.02.20 – 31.08.20

### PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Reverend Paul Howells	12.11.19
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### RETIREMENTS

The Reverend Robert Anderson	29.11.19
The Reverend Lindsay Hore	31.07.20
The Reverend Graham Wright	13.08.20

### RESIGNATIONS

The Reverend Joyce Polson OAM	St Mary's Anglican Girls' School	31.12.19
The Reverend Robert Anderson	HOD Pastoral Care Services, Women's and Newborn & Child and Adolescent Health Service	29.11.19
The Reverend Kim Thomas	Rector, Mundaring	05.01.20
The Reverend Lindsay Hore	Chaplain, Amana Living	31.07.20
The Reverend Graham Wright	Chaplain, Casuarina Prison	13.08.20
The Reverend Kelvin Harris	Honorary Assistant Priest, Warnbro	08.12.19
The Venerable Kathy Barrett-Lennard	Archdeacon Assisting	11.11.19
The Reverend John Ward	Diocesan Co-Spiritual Director, Cursillo	30.11.20
The Reverend Jonathan Cornish	Chaplain, St Hilda's Anglican School for Girls	01.01.20

### RIP

The Reverend Dennis Reynolds	29.12.19
The Reverend Russell Davis	29.12.19

# THE ORDINATION OF DEACONS

On Monday 24 February, the Archbishop will be ordaining five men and women to the Holy Order of Deacons:

**Sue Boorer** - to be Curate in the Parish of Fremantle

**Mark Grobicki** - to be Curate in the Parish of Dalkeith

**Luke Hoare** - to be Curate in the Parish of Mt Pleasant

**Matt Harding** - to be Curate in the Parish of Kallaroo

**Sarah Stapleton** - to be Curate at St George's Cathedral and Chaplain to St George's Anglican Grammar School

As Deacons, they will be 'an ambassador of Christ, serving God as they serve others in Jesus' name, and they will take their part 'in reading the holy Scriptures in the church and in assisting the priest to teach the doctrine of Christ and administer the sacraments' (The Ordinal).

The Revd Graham Wright, Senior Prison Chaplain, will be leading the ordinands on their retreat at St Catherine's House of Hospitality, Yokine, and he will also be the preacher at the ordination.

Please pray for Sue, Mark, Luke, Matt and Sarah as they prepare to respond to God's call. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the ordination which will take place at 7.00pm at St George's Cathedral.





Shirley Cloughton

## *SAYING YES TO LIFE*

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2020



**\$19.95**

This newly published creative book was commissioned by Justin Welby as a book to lift our focus from everyday concerns to issues that are affecting millions of lives around the world. For many decades, Archbishops of Canterbury have commissioned a Lent book, concentrating on theological or devotional Christian themes around the topic of Lent. Accordingly, when we read the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book, we know we are in good company!

Ruth Valerio is a theologian, environmentalist and social activist. In *Saying Yes to Life*, she draws on the creation stories from the book of Genesis to illuminate the most vital issues of our times. She relates their themes, including light, water, and the seasons to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern. She will challenge us to do the same this Lent, asking ourselves foundational questions about what it means both to be human and to be a follower of Jesus. Biblical reflection, discussion questions and prayers make this, as the Archbishop of Canterbury said 'a perfect book for the individual and group to think, reflect, pray and be challenged together'.



## *LIGHT FROM WITHIN*

Garratt Lenten Program Year A by Maeve Louise Heaney \$9.95



**MAEVE LOUISE HEANEY**

**\$9.95**

This brand-new full colour 34-page booklet follows the Lectionary readings, starting on Ash Wednesday (26 February) continuing with five weekly studies and the sixth week for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

The publication is always ecumenical, always spiritual and should work well for a Parish Lenten group study. The scripture readings (from the Lectionary) are included, together with a wealth of resources including reflections, prayers and a time for sharing.

We are introduced to different ways of praying, including the Examen (the concept of reflecting with gratefulness) Lectio Divina, Praying through song, and Imaginative Contemplation. The author, Maeve Louise Heaney is a consecrated member of a young Catholic community. She has a doctorate in theology on Music as Theology. An accomplished musician and composer it is pleasing that four of her new songs have been included in a CD which can also be purchased from St Johns Books to complement this book (CD is \$11.00).

An exercise 'Prayer Alone' puts it this way: 'Praying the psalms alone can be a wonderful way to begin praying, to find our voice when prayer is less spontaneous. In the past, monks would walk slowly around a cloister as they read aloud...the rhythm of their poetic phrases marked by our gentle walking can help us bring our body into rhythm with our mind and soul'.

Another example is in 'Prayer as a Group', 'Praying the psalms as a group can be a wonderful way of allowing the words and prayers of those who have gone before us express needs...read the psalm slowly together, in one voice or taking turns in two groups or 'choirs' as they do in monasteries'.

The weekly reflections are intelligent, interpretative and relevant, the exercises are creative and there is an added bonus of the availability of the music and the user-friendliness and minimal cost of the booklet.



## BOOK REVIEWS

*DON'T LOOK AWAY - SNAPSHOTS OF CONGO AND THE PYGMIES OF MUBAMBIRO***Barbara Rose Ferguson**

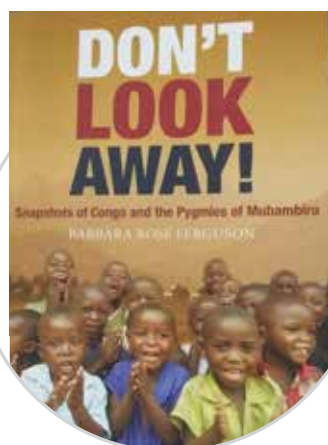
Reviewed by The Revd Chris Albany

In the Prologue of this surprisingly positive and optimistic book the author tells of looking for a new preoccupation to give meaning to her days, after the death of her 101-year-old mother for whom she had been the principal carer.

'You must read this!' a friend said as she thrust an edition of The Sydney Morning Herald in front of her. 'The world continues to look away. Don't!' was the headline above an article about the brutality being inflicted on tens of thousands of women in the civil war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). That was 12 years ago. Despite being close to 70 and retired from teaching social work and social development at UNSW, Barbara was moved to act. Looking away was not an option!

In the ensuing years, she has made 11 trips to Goma in the DRC, predominately after the second visit to a group of Pygmies at the nearby village of Mubambiro. Pygmies are arguably the most disadvantaged people in the world. In that time, she has helped them move from living as nomads and beggars in abysmal poverty with no access to schooling for the children. Today, there is rudimentary mud-brick housing, and a pre-school for the 138 children under 7; 14 of the older children are in primary school and three in high school. This development was/is being paid for from funds donated by friends, churches and community groups back in Australia.

*Don't Look Away! Snapshots of Congo and the Pygmies of Mubambiro* chronicles the successes and failures, the highs and the lows of each visit chapter by chapter. Over this time, she has formed precious relationships especially with the women who had survived unimaginable brutality and found a new passion in life in working for, her now friends, the despised Pygmies. It is an inspiring and challenging account of how one person can be the catalyst to make a difference for people who are living under the threat of ongoing conflict in a failed state.

**Barbara Rose Ferguson****\$26.96***BLESS YOU HEART ATTACK FOR BEING IN MY LIFE***Bishop Bruce Wilson**

Reviewed by The Revd Ted Witham

Bruce Wilson explores life after suffering a heart attack and complications. As he rides the roller-coaster ride of his emotions through hospital and in recovery, Bishop Wilson comes to a new understanding of himself, his place in God's world, and the nature of God.

Bruce Wilson's pastoral experience as bush bishop, city priest and University chaplain is evident everywhere. Where necessary, Bishop Bruce explains theological concepts in shaded text that could possibly be skipped.

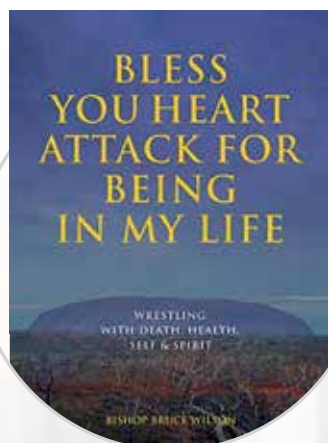
I devoured *Bless You Heart Attack* in a day. I related to the experience of submitting to medical indignities which take away identity. One of Bishop Bruce's key learnings is that, after serious illness, you cannot go back to being the person you were.

For Bruce after serious illness, ideas of God-hood must be exploded and expanded to something new and more mysterious.

*Bless You Heart Attack* tells a compelling story; the opening hook so compelling and funny that I won't reveal it here! It is a deeply honest account of illness aimed at a general readership. I would highly recommend it to people whose life-direction has been steered by sudden illness or disaster – but with caution: the reader is invited to a similar honesty of emotional reflection.

The book could have been improved by more judicious editing. In his effort to maintain the conversational style, the Bishop sometimes writes in clauses, not sentences, which I found jarring. I also wondered at the sensitivity of putting Uluru on the cover, as if enough cultural appropriation has not already taken place!

I heartily recommend Bishop Bruce's honesty of emotion and clarity of reflection. If life throws up bad stuff, read it!

**Bishop Bruce Wilson****\$19.00**

# CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL STUDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

## 'For the boys, by the boys'

The idea of a student led and funded scholarship for boys entering Year 9 or 10 underwent multiple incarnations before its official launch in 2019.

Senior School boys at Christ Church Grammar School raised 50% of the School's tuition fees and with fundraising matched by the School, created a 100% financial-need based scholarship known as *The Students' Scholarship*.

With the financial details sorted, *The Students' Scholarship* was introduced to the Christ Church community in May 2019 with backing from the School's Prefect group and a campaign committee. The committee was responsible for creating the plans for fundraising and communication with the target of raising \$15,000 per year over the next three years.

Thanks to the boys' commitment and the generosity of the Christ Church community, the deserving young recipient, who will remain anonymous during his time at Christ Church, commenced his journey this month and is now enjoying all that the School has to offer.

'We are very proud of all the boys who worked incredibly hard to make The Students' Scholarship campaign such

a success, who donated their own money and who have enabled a young man the opportunity to attend Christ Church,' says Christ Church Grammar School Director of Philanthropy, Carolyn Turner.

'The campaign was intense with the boys fundraising in three weeks. Incentive prizes for weekly challenges took the form of skip the canteen queue 'golden tickets', hot chocolate stations and lunchtime table tennis matches against our School Executive.'

'The fundraising campaign was definitely unique and we are delighted to see Christ Church nominated as a National Finalist at the upcoming Fundraising Institute of Australia Awards under the category – *Most Innovative Campaign*.'

'There are many ways our boys learn about the importance of philanthropy during their time at Christ Church. This ranges from a persuasive writing essay on how to support charities, to pitching for a donation to the entire Senior School at an assembly.'

If you would like to be part of providing the gift of an education through scholarships, visit [philanthropy.ccgswa.edu.au](http://philanthropy.ccgswa.edu.au) or call 9442 1535 to speak with a member of the School's Philanthropy team.



The boys gave up something small to be a part of something so much bigger than them.



## CONTEMPLATIO

The Revd Michael Wood

'Contemplatio' is an ecumenical group which meets for contemplative prayer at 5.00pm every Sunday night at the Anglican Church in Scarborough. The service includes a seasonal reading, reflection, music, and 15 minutes of silence.

The gathering grew out of a visit by Dr Sarah Bachelard to the Perth Clergy Conference in 2017. Sarah started Benedictus Contemplative Church in Canberra which places contemplative silence at the centre of a simple liturgical form. Contemplatio is experimenting with the same practice.

During the fourth century increasing numbers of Christians began to leave the cities for the Egyptian desert, seeking a disciplined life of simplicity and prayer. They did this in response to what they saw to be the spiritual risks of a church falling into lockstep with the political and military aspirations of empire.

John Cassian's (c365-435) 'Conferences' is one of the great records of this movement. Cassian lived as a desert monk before establishing monasteries in Marseilles. Cassian tells a story about a student who seeks advice from the monk Isaac, on a method, or formula, for prayer, recognising the challenge of one's mind constantly jumping from one thing to another during prayer (10th Conference). Isaac responds, 'to keep the thought of God always in your mind you must cling totally to this formula, 'Come to my help, O God: Lord, hurry to my rescue' (Psalm 69.2).

This teaching became one of the foundations of contemplative prayer (Contemplatio) in Christianity although we can intuit Jesus' teaching on prayer lying behind it (Matthew 6:5-13). The practice of the repeated and gentle repetition of a phrase or 'word', is a way in which I can bring my distracted mind (even distracted by holy and good things) back to God. In this prayer I trust that God is present and active in the depths of my being even when I don't appear to be 'doing' anything very useful at all. The



prayer is intrinsically Christological, in which I align my own prayer to the eternal prayer of the Son to the Father.

The tradition of Christian contemplative prayer has been revitalised in the 20th century thanks to the work of Benedictine monk, John Main, who along with Laurence Freeman started the World Community for Christian Meditation ([www.wccm.org](http://www.wccm.org)). The prayer-word recommended by the WCCM is 'maranatha' (Come Lord), which is most likely one of the earliest prayers of the church (1 Corinthians 16:22).

For more information:  
[www.contemplatioaustralia.org](http://www.contemplatioaustralia.org)

Michael Wood is Anglican Chaplain to UWA and Rani Wood is a Hospital Chaplain



# PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION - ELDORET

Sue Saunders and Jill Bowman | Members of the PIM Team

The Partners in Mission team has been working closely with our partners in the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya. This vital work will begin in early 2020 with the funding of three new projects from the missional budget.

The first project involves installing an internet and voice network system to the Diocesan office, the Bishop's house and the Community Based Rehabilitation Centre. This will have an enormous positive impact on communication and outreach. The cost of this project will be \$9,000.



The second project involves installing solar panels in the Community Based Rehabilitation Centre to supply a much-needed constant supply of electricity and hot water, enabling the facility to function more hygienically and efficiently. This will expand the use of the facility and its services to more people living with a disability and provide an income stream for the centre. The cost of this project is \$23,000.



Thirdly, a borehole and solar pump will be installed at Karbongo School. Access to a clean water supply will not only benefit the students but also the surrounding villages and farms. The much-needed immediate and ongoing benefit on the health of the students and the impact on the local community will be measurable. The water taken from the existing well has become even more contaminated due to the drought. The cost of this project is \$55,000. The Diocese of Eldoret and the village will install the storage tanks.

The ongoing Disability Inclusion project, developed and enabled through our partnership with ABM is going into its third year of offering small seed loans with some amazing and unexpected outcomes. Amos, a young man who participated in the pilot



project has continued to grow and develop his business. After receiving simple book keeping and financial management training, he has a regular supplier, which has enabled him to grow from a shoe repairer to a shoe maker. Recently, Amos relocated his business to a location with better access near the Market and life for him and his family has improved significantly. He has become a strong role model for other people living with a disability.

The small disability inclusion project provides eight people with the opportunity to improve their circumstance, and for the first time the women involved are able to afford the necessary medical insurance for their families. Most recipients have exceeded their goals and have started repaying their loan, allowing others to come onto the project. By 2021, six of the eight participants will be included in the decision-making processes within their communities, four will access leadership and community programs, and all eight will be competitive in the market place. In June 2021, 35 Parishes will have a person with a disability on their parish council and 10 parishes within the Diocese will have made changes to their buildings and services.

In the Diocese of Eldoret, the dedication and energy of Reverend Evelyn Jerotich has enabled individuals with a disability and their families to access the services provided by the Community Based Rehabilitation Centre. This leads the way when some people with a disability are still tied up and hidden away. Individual lives are changing, families empowered and communities are growing in understanding.

We are in a missional partnership that is beginning to bear fruit; an empowering relationship enabling learning from and supporting each other. If you would like to give to the ABM as individuals and Parishes to enable the ABM disability inclusion project to continue or to be linked with Eldoret, please let us know.

Please keep praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ.



## THEATRE

Anthony Howes

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

On a warm evening late last month, I found myself at St Matthew's Church, Armadale. I was there to witness the installation by Archbishop Kay, of my friend, The Revd Jeff Astfalck, as Priest-in-Charge of the parish. As the simple drama of the liturgy unfolded, it was at the Archbishop's sermon, when I was strongly reminded of why I believed that the Theatre has so much to offer the Church. Her Grace spoke of the importance of understanding the 'identity' of each and every one of us, those known to us and those unknown. And further, the relationship of that identity to heritage shared or divergent. She likened these factors as vital for the parish priest to understand for his or her ministry, and the ministry of parishioner to each other and for the wider community. This, Her Grace saw, as the means for a positive growth of us all, within a parish, within a city, within a nation.

So, why did this affirm my belief in the importance of the Church-Theatre relationship? It is in the theatre, where playwrights have, for centuries, been asking the question 'Who am I?' In trying to answer that question, they have examined the lives of kings, of gods, of nobles and peasants. In all this, the drama that has lasted and stood the test of time, there has been revealed 'identity'. Identity within the context of relationships with others. Others, not only existing alongside them, but who have gone before. When the Church has used the drama, either in creating opportunities for performance or nurturing the writer and the performer, the benefit to communities (be they parishes, religious associations, villages, or city dwellers) it has seen understanding of the stranger, compassion for the needy, and awareness of 'self', grow significantly.

Of course, there are the obvious examples of theatrical/church association. Eliot's 'Murder In The Cathedral', Arden's 'The Business Of Good Government', traditional and modern version of the 'Passion Play' - there's a long list here. Perhaps not as obvious, but equally important, have been such works as 'Look Back in Anger' by John Osborne, Albee's 'Whose Afraid Of Virginia Wolfe?' and Ray Lawler's 'Summer of The Seventeenth Doll'. In all these, the understanding of individual identity and cultural heritage are the keys to the audience's self-knowledge; their intellectual recognition and growth. When Church and Theatre share insights; both gain immeasurably.

I know that the Archbishop's words spoken in St Matthew's have certainly made me very conscious of immediate opportunities for balancing identity and heritage; especially for those of us who see things

in a Christian perspective. To test the identity and heritage messages as outlined above, I recommend the Australian Opera Conference's production of Jimmy Chi's and the band Knuckles, **Bran Nue Day** (from 6 February at the Regal Theatre) starring Ernie Dingo as Uncle Tadpole; set in Broome and directed by Andrew Ross.



Theatre 180 premieres A B Facey's **A Fortunate Life** at Ace Cinemas, Midland, using both stage performance and screen visuals, re-imagined by Jenny Davis OAM and Stuart Halusz. This is the forerunner of many more WA stories from this energetic new company. The play tours country areas after the February 20 premiere in Midland.



Another exploration of identity and heritage on 22 February in the Supreme Court Gardens; one only performance of WA Opera's, Humperdinck's **Hansel & Gretel**.



Thank you to the people of St Matthew's, Armadale, Father Jeff and Archbishop Kay for prompting me to think again about the value of Theatre to the Church. May both benefit each other here in the West.





# A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Mark A Hadley | Reviewer

A skilled communicator and writer for more than three decades, Mark has scripted and produced TV shows including *The Christ Files* and *The Life of Jesus*, as well as reviewing films, TV programmes and children's books

Rated PG    Distributor SONY    Release date 23 January 2020

Mr Rogers will only be a childhood name for the Americans amongst us. But by the time this film is finished, you're going to want to wish you'd grown up with him too.

*A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood* stars Tom Hanks as the legendary children's television presenter, Fred Rogers, better known as 'Mr Rogers' to millions around the world. Rogers presented programs to America's youngest minds from 1954 to 2001, but this particular story is set in 1998 while he is hosting his benchmark show, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Award-winning *Esquire* journalist Lloyd Vogel is given the job of writing a 400-word profile on Rogers as a sort of 'time out' by his editor. Vogel has been so successful revealing unflattering truths about people that no-one wants to be interviewed by him anymore. It doesn't take the audience long to realise, though, that this journalist's deep distrust of exteriors is an extension of his own early life. Vogel's father abandoned his family while his wife was dying of cancer to run off with another woman. When the writer arrives in Pittsburgh to meet the real Mr Rogers, he is determined to find the man beneath the mask. Yet he is profoundly disturbed by the gentleman waiting to meet him.

Tom Hanks portrays a television host who is unearthly and attractive at the same time. He is amazingly patient as he addresses his pre-school audience, clear in his affection for every little thing that makes them who they are, and profoundly helpful in the advice he offers:

'There is always something you can do with the mad you feel.'

'I can stop, stop, stop any time I want.'

'Forgiveness. It's a decision we make to release a person from the feelings of anger we have at them.'

It's this last piece of wisdom that forms the moral backbone for the film. *A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood* is the true story of how Roger's patience with Vogel led to the journalist reconciling with his father. His eventual, feature-length article was titled, *Can you spell... Hero?* Yet this film contains much more to consider than just a single storyline. Mr Rogers provides us with a pattern for life that left me longing to be a better person.

Vogel meets a man who is intensely interested in



whoever the day has placed before him. 'So, you know what is the most important thing to me right now?' he asks the cynical journalist. 'Talking on the telephone to Lloyd Vogel.' It's a gentle challenge to a digital generation used to dividing its attention six different ways. Rogers is also a man who uses self-discipline to subdue his darker side. He swims every day; lives frugally; visibly thinks before he answers, then uses his words precisely and carefully. Again, his habit of self-denial contrasts starkly with a world used to expressing every feeling and indulging every desire. Most importantly, though, Rogers loves people. We may live in a world that mouths the importance of every human being, but Rogers stops to listen – really listen – to children. He asks parents to remember what it was like to be their age. And he

asks the film's angry antagonist to take one minute's silence to think of all the people who loved him into being. Then *A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood* does it – in real time.

In one scene Vogel meets with Rogers' wife, Joanne, and asks her what it's like to be married to a living saint? She responds,

'I'm not fond of that term. It makes his whole way of living sound so unobtainable. He is a normal person. He has a temper. He has to work at it.'

The film does show Rogers working at it, but it's also clear he doesn't work alone.

Mr Rogers' determination to treat everyone he met as a much-loved neighbour finds its roots in a faith that has largely fallen out of favour in the Western world. Rogers was a committed Christian who saw Jesus' call to, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' as more than just an aphorism. He made it his life's goal – he reads the Bible every day, prays for people by name every night – but his peace doesn't come from himself. 'There is no life free of pain,' he assures Vogel. And so, the film shows him turning to God for the strength to do what he knows he cannot do on his own. What emerges is a picture of Christianity's most powerful argument: the life of its founder, shining through dedicated men and women, into a dark world. Watch *A Beautiful Day In The Neighborhood* and you'll see the truth of Jesus' words, millennia before we ever turned on a TV set:

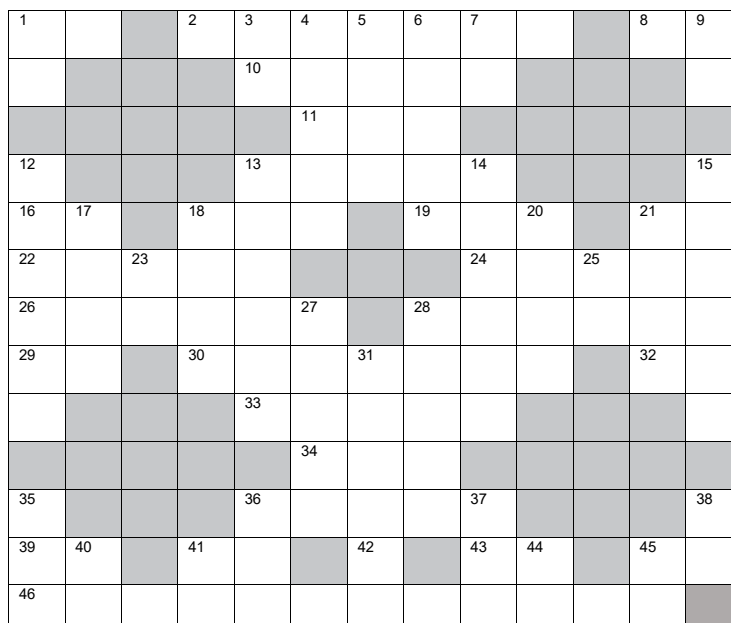
'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'<sup>1</sup>

## PRESENT AND FEBRIFIC



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. Aslan on the folded lino? (7)
2. Include me in the quire for the funeral liturgy. (7)
8. See 1 across.
10. Larkspur daintily crosses to women segregated in religion. (5)
11. Beginnings of Office of Gospel Education. (3)
13. Rob the broken slate. (5)
16. Find better model of Holden car. (2)
18. Consumed in accurate quantities. (3)
19. Fermented beer on the meadow. (3)
21. Short iron. (2)
22. Fifty into fame catch fire. (5)
24. The soup I stir with religious devotion. (5)
26. You are briefly in care for strychnine poisoning. (6)
28. Offers aromatic smoke in chaotic scenes.
29. I hear mistaken for Chaldeans' early city. (2)
30. Re: berth for priest-poet. (7)
32. Living evangelist. (2)
33. Moroccan spice mix, sirs, from root of plant? (5)
34. Ocean Isle Beach begins here. (3)
36. Part of the body that makes church music. (5)
39. Order of Australia. (2)
41. Assisted living. (2)
43. Belongs to Old French. (2)
45. Small company. (2)
46. Transcribed note pertains to Jesus in the Temple. (12)

## DOWN

1. & 9 down. Borrowed for church. (4)
3. Short epistle. (2)
4. Cite trimmed toque? (5)
5. Incite in surgery. (4)
6. The shady deal I made is a paragon. (5)
7. Evangelical Alliance. (2)
9. See 1 down.
12. The mixed up little copper dandy reaches for trimmings. (6)
13. Mix seer to boombox. (6)
14. Their presence repels: Jesus heals. (6)
15. Container for our muddled selves. (6)
17. Smudge in doublures. (4)
18. A ham processed for Asian nanny? (4)
20. Sounds like aunt left off paint. (4)
21. Across Corfu elected a source of power. (4)
23. A little Arabic. (2)
25. Send a little osmium overseas. (2)
27. I hear this mistake in a lengthy period of time. (5)
28. Caducei barred across from kapok tree. (5)
31. Can the little bee correct to brilliant? (6)
35. Blueprint in semaphore. (3)
36. We are out of role with our corrido cry. (3)
37. Knot left off by no means. (3)
38. Too old for direction. (2)
40. On real French gold. (2)
41. Ash right away, like. (2)
44. Franciscans International. (2)
45. Canonical name. (2)

# WEBSITE AND GOOGLE MAPPING

Grahame Bowland

## With half-an-hour's work, you can make it much easier for the public to find your parish churches

Most people have an Android or Apple smartphone, creating a huge opportunity to make our churches visible to the public. Both providers let you 'manage' your listing, after going through some simple verification steps. Make sure you're near the parish phone before proceeding through the following steps.

### Google (Android):

- 1 Go to <https://business.google.com/create>
- 2 Follow the sign-in process, and if necessary create a Google account.
- 3 Search for the church you wish to manage (by address or name). If there's a match, click on it, otherwise follow the prompts to add your church property.
- 4 You will be prompted to verify, either click to receive a phone call (and then enter the code), or click to receive an email (to your listed email address).
- 5 You now control the listing!

### Apple:

- 1 Go to <https://mapsconnect.apple.com/>
- 2 Follow the sign-in process, and if necessary create an Apple ID.
- 3 Search for the church you wish to manage (by address or name). If there's a match, click on it, otherwise follow the prompts to add your church property.
- 4 You will be prompted to verify by receiving a phone call.
- 5 You now control the listing!

For both providers, once you control the listing you will be able to update the name of the property, set the hours it is open, and list the website address and phone number. Consider listing your church with its full name (eg St Augustine's Anglican Church), so that people searching for the church by its patron can find it.

If you have more than one church in your parish, simply follow the steps above again for each of them.

If you run into any snags, feel free to contact me for assistance by emailing [grahame@oreamos.com.au](mailto:grahame@oreamos.com.au)





# COUNTDOWN TO LAMBETH 2020



From the official Lambeth Conference website: <https://www.lambethconference.org/>

The Lambeth Conference is a gathering of all active bishops of member churches of the Anglican Communion. It takes place approximately every ten years at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and enables senior Anglican leaders to meet, pray together, discuss common concerns and, in prayer, to seek a common mind. The Lambeth Conference 2020 runs from the 23 July until the 2 August.

The theme for 2020 is 'God's Church for God's World: walking, listening and witnessing together'. In his letter of invitation to the bishops and their spouses, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: 'It is my fervent hope and prayer that this will be a significant moment in the history of our extraordinary global family as we witness to our shared love in Jesus Christ, attentive to the call of the Spirit, and prayerfully seek God's direction for an Anglican Communion equipped for the 21st century.'

'We will listen to God through one another,' he added. 'We will seek God's wisdom to find ways to walk together build one another up as leaders and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world that needs it more than ever.'

For the first time there will be a joint programme. Spouses of bishops will attend combined sessions at key points in the overall programme. There will also be separate sessions on the specific responsibilities of the ministry for bishops and spouses.

The Conference will take place over 11 days. Bishops and their spouses will arrive at the

University of Kent in Canterbury on Wednesday 22 July 2020.

The first two days of the Conference – Thursday 23 and Friday 24 July – will be spent in a spiritual retreat. There will be two separate retreats: one for bishops and another for spouses.

On Sunday 26 July, Canterbury Cathedral – the mother church of the Anglican Communion – will host a special Lambeth Conference Eucharist.

For the week of Monday 27 July to Saturday 1 August, the Conference will work through a daily programme which includes Bible studies based on 1 Peter, special guests and keynote speakers, seminars, plenary sessions and discussions.

The agenda for the Conference is being drawn together by the Design Group taking into account feedback from regional Primates' Meetings taking place in 2018 and 2019, working with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Lambeth Conference team.

Most of the events of that week will take place at the main Lambeth Conference venue – the University of Kent in Canterbury; but there will also be a London programme day, which will be based mostly at Lambeth Palace, the historic official residence and offices of the Archbishops of Canterbury.

On the final day of the Conference, Sunday 2 August, the bishops will return to Canterbury Cathedral for the second and final Eucharist at the Anglican Communion's mother church; ahead of departures on Monday 3 August.



# INSTALLATION OF THE DEAN OF ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

The Ven Kathy Barrett-Lennard | Senior Canon

Great celebrations accompanied the installation on 1 February, of The Very Revd Chris Chataway as St George's Cathedral's 18th Dean. After an extensive and lengthy search, we believe God's hand was firmly on the election process and we welcomed Dean Chris and Heather amongst us with much joy and anticipation.

Chris is South Australian born and educated, and he would describe himself as a delegator, facilitator, good listener, hard worker, resourceful and committed to building community.

In 1985 Chris was ordained deacon in St Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, and priested the following year. He has been in full-time ministry for the last 28 years, serving as parish priest in four parishes, as an Archdeacon in Adelaide while Rector of the Parish of Walkerville, and as both Dean of Ballarat and Archdeacon of Ballarat, Victoria.

Dean Chris holds degrees in both music and theology. Musically, Chris is a gifted composer and skilled performer who understands how musicians exercise their gifts for the good of the Church, and values the role that music plays in mission, especially the mission of a Cathedral.

Theologically, Chris has a broad grounding in Catholic Christianity while having genuine openness to the gifts of evangelical and charismatic Anglicans. He is experienced in planning and leading cathedral-style worship and as a Liturgy Commission member for 14 years, has contributed much to the development of many authorised Australian liturgical resources. He both treasures tradition and works to expand it, so that it can be handed on to future generations enriched and in conversation with the movements of today's multi-cultural Australia.

Dean Chris is married to Heather Wray, a music teacher and accompanist, and they have four adult children: Anthony 29, Jonathan 24, and twins, Gillian and Francis, aged 18. Gillian and Francis will remain in Ballarat to study at the University of Melbourne. Jonathan is an engineer in Adelaide and Anthony plays viola for the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. Our warmest welcome is extended to the family.

The Cathedral is delighted to recognise in our new Dean, a leader who will add to our resources through his experience, spiritual maturity, creativity and diligence. As a discerning senior priest of the Australian Church, Chris's ministry will enrich the ministry and mission of the Cathedral, both within the City of Perth and within our Diocese.



Please pray for the Cathedral as we form our new team, working constructively with Dean Chris, as we bring Christ's presence alive in this sacred place and in the Diocese of Perth.



Christine Smith





**St George's Cathedral**  
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**8.15am Holy Eucharist**

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 (Except on Public Holidays)

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 10am Choral Eucharist  
 5pm Choral Evensong

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### SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS IN FEBRUARY 2020

#### SERVICES

**Saturday 1 February 10.00am**  
 Installation of Chris Chataway as  
 Dean of St George's Cathedral

**Sunday 2 February 5.00pm**  
 Evensong for Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord Jesus

**Sunday 23 February 5.00pm**  
 Evensong for St David of Wales

**Monday 24 February 7.00pm**  
 Ordination of Deacons

**Wednesday 26 February 6.30pm**  
 Choral Eucharist with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

#### SPIRITUALITY SERIES

**Wednesday 12 February 9.30am-2.00pm**  
 C1 Jesus of Nazareth:  
 The Treasure of the Kingdom of God

**Wednesday 26 February 9.30am-11.30am**  
 Spirituality and The Pen

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## 2020 World Day of Prayer Service from Zimbabwe

**The Interdenominational World Day of Prayer Service will  
 be held on Friday 6 March 2020**

**Theme: *Rise! Take your mat and walk!***

**Local services, locations and times are available at [www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)**

## Around the Diocese – Parish of Midland

Fr Ted Doncaster has advised that in the December issue of the *Messenger* there was an omission in the article on the Anglican Church in Midland, which was featured on pages 20-21. Nowhere in that article was the name of the church mentioned!

The Anglican Church in Midland is dedicated in honour of our Lord's Ascension. It was consecrated as The Church of The Ascension on 2 February 1899 by Bishop Riley and it is still the one and only church in the Province of Western Australia bearing that lovely dedication.



## Crossword solution

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# Anglican Community Fund

Helping Anglicans be Financially Stronger  
Giving back to the Anglican Community since 1966

## To celebrate a New year we have the following offers

- Special Term Investment Interest Rates
- Free review of your accounts

### Special Term Investment Interest Rates available for a limited time!

To help you maximise any spare cash an additional 0.25%pa above our standard rate for new Term Investments for amounts of \$1,000 to less than \$500,000.  
See Conditions below

### The New Year is a great time to review finances and the ACF can help with a free and no obligation review of your accounts

Contact the ACF office for a review of:

- The best accounts to suit your needs
- Making surplus funds work as hard as possible
- Managing & accessing accounts
- For Parishes maximising giving and Direct Giving forms are available by contacting us

#### Conditions:

- Applies to **new** Term Investment funds for terms of 1 -6 months lodged before the 30 April 2020
- The additional 0.25%pa applies to the initial term only
- Interest paid at maturity
- Only one Term Investment per customer at this very special rate
- Other usual Term Investment conditions apply

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