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No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends

John 15:13

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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

Lest We Forget . . .

In this month's *Messenger*, we remember and honour those who gave their lives in the service of their country, with articles on Remembrance Day and Defence Force Sunday.

We also look back on a very memorable Synod with a two-page spread of happy snaps!

The Anglican Community Fund offers helpful and timely advice on how to avoid being a victim of scams and cybercrime, in preparation of the high season of retail shopping. While a feature article on Advent and the 'Spirit of the Season' by Anglicare WA remind us of the what the yearly commemoration of our Saviour's birth points us towards.

This month's contribution from the ASC on 'Service Learning Partnerships' and from the ACYM on 'Renewed Hope' are also worth highlighting, along with the November Postcard from the Nor'West and Bulletin from Bunbury.

Finally, please pray for our three deacons to be priested on 30 November at 7.00pm in St George's Cathedral - all welcome!

The Editorial Team

Mission 2020+ prayer

Come, Holy Spirit!

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

ADVENT - THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' (Matthew 3:3)

The season of Advent takes its name from the Latin word 'adventus' (meaning 'coming') in reference to Christ's coming among us as a baby in Bethlehem. While the historical origins of the season are sketchy, we know that from at least the fifth century, Advent was observed as a six-week spiritual preparation for the solemnity of Christmas, and it mirrored the penitential character and disciplines of Lent. Hence, to this day, violet vestments are used, flowers are absent in church, the Gloria is omitted; and fasting is still observed within the Orthodox churches throughout Advent.

Like 'Laetare/Mothering Sunday' in the middle of Lent, a break from the austerities of Advent traditionally took place halfway through the six-week season on the third Sunday (called 'Gaudete Sunday') when restrictions were eased and rose pink vestments were worn to symbolize the mingling of Advent's penitential violet with Christmas' festive white – which is also why the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose pink.

In 1095, Pope Gregory VII reduced the number of Sundays in Advent to four, and the focus on preparing for the anniversary of the Lord's coming at Christmas shifted to preparing for the Lord's second coming on the Last Day. The liturgical antiphons, prayers and readings for each of the four Sundays were intended to arouse in the Christian faithful an expectant longing for Christ's return to the same degree that Israel longed for its promised Messiah.

Advent eventually took on its own unique significance, and for centuries – unlike today – there were no signs or mention

of Christmas prior to 24 December. In 'A Reflection on Advent', Rowan Williams explains the value of resisting the rush towards Christmas and the importance of fully entering into the Advent season in this way:

'During Advent, Christians go back to that time of waiting as the Bible shows it to us. They read again the prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Old Testament. They read about how people were longing for an end to slavery, longing to be back home in some sense, longing to be at home with God again, longing for reconciliation. And all of that is expressed in the most powerful metaphors, especially in the prophecies of Isaiah; metaphors about the desert blossoming, metaphors about the rain falling, metaphors about day dawning after there's been a long, long night.

So during this four weeks before Christmas, that's what Christians are reflecting on. When Jesus comes into the life of the world with something unplanned, overwhelming, something that makes a colossal difference, we long for it and yet we don't quite know what it's going to involve. But this is a bit odd isn't it, you might say. Surely Jesus has come into the world and by now we ought to know what sort of difference he's made. But the truth is that we don't yet know the difference Jesus might make. We know some of the difference he's made to our lives as individuals, to the life of the Christian community, the Church, to the whole world. And yet there's more. We're still waiting to see what might happen if Jesus was allowed into our lives that bit more fully; that bit more radically.'





A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION

For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic-all of us, whether poor or wealthy, weak or strong. Some were more protected or vulnerable than others, but the rapidly spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realised that, in facing this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow.

These are not new lessons, but we have had to face them anew. May we not waste this moment. We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates: 'Choose life, so that you and your children might live' (Dt 30:19). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.

September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God's creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what the choices we must all make.

Accordingly, as leaders of our Churches, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

The Importance of Sustainability

In our common Christian tradition, the Scriptures and the Saints provide illuminating perspectives for comprehending both the realities of the present and the promise of something larger than what we see in the moment. The concept of stewardship-of individual and collective responsibility for our God-given endowment-presents a vital starting point for social, economic and environmental sustainability. In the New Testament, we read of the rich and foolish man who stores great wealth of grain while forgetting about his finite end (Lk 12.13-21). We learn of the prodigal son who takes his inheritance early, only to squander it and end up hungry (Lk 15.11-32). We are cautioned against adopting short term and seemingly inexpensive options of building on sand, instead of building on rock for our common home to withstand storms (Mt 7.24-27). These stories invite us to adopt a broader outlook and recognise our place in the extended story of humanity.

But we have taken the opposite direction. We have maximised our own interest at the expense of future generations. By concentrating on our wealth, we find that long-term assets, including the bounty of nature, are depleted for short-term advantage. Technology has unfolded new possibilities for progress but also for accumulating unrestrained wealth, and many of us behave in ways which demonstrate little concern for other people or the limits of the planet. Nature is resilient, yet delicate. We are already witnessing the consequences of our refusal to protect and preserve it (Gn 2.15). Now, in this moment, we have an opportunity to repent, to turn around in resolve, to head in the opposite direction. We must pursue generosity and fairness in the ways that we live, work and use money, instead of selfish gain.

The Impact on People Living with Poverty

The current climate crisis speaks volumes about who we are and how we view and treat God's creation. We stand before a harsh justice: biodiversity loss, environmental degradation and climate change are the inevitable consequences of our actions, since we have greedily consumed more of the earth's resources than the planet can endure. But we also face a profound injustice: the people bearing the most catastrophic consequences of these abuses are the poorest on the planet and have been the least responsible for causing them. We serve a God of justice, who delights in creation and creates every person in God's image, but also hears the cry of people who are poor. Accordingly, there is an innate call within us to respond with anguish when we see such devastating injustice.

Today, we are paying the price. The extreme weather and natural disasters of recent months reveal afresh to us with great force and at great human cost that climate change is not only a future challenge, but an immediate and urgent matter of survival. Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents. Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people. We have already seen this in places where people rely on small scale agricultural holdings. Today we see it in more industrialised countries where even sophisticated infrastructure cannot completely prevent extraordinary destruction.

A JOINT MESSAGE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CREATION

Tomorrow could be worse. Today's children and teenagers will face catastrophic consequences unless we take responsibility now, as 'fellow workers with God' (Gn 2.4-7), to sustain our world. We frequently hear from young people who understand that their futures are under threat. For their sake, we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future benefits. We repent of our generation's sins. We stand alongside our younger sisters and brothers throughout the world in committed prayer and dedicated action for a future which corresponds ever more to the promises of God.

The Imperative of Co-operation

Over the course of the pandemic, we have learned how vulnerable we are. Our social systems frayed, and we found that we cannot control everything. We must acknowledge that the ways we use money and organize our societies have not benefited everyone. We find ourselves weak and anxious, submersed in a series of crises; health, environmental, food, economic and social, which are all deeply interconnected.

These crises present us with a choice. We are in a unique position either to address them with shortsightedness and profiteering or seize this as an opportunity for conversion and transformation. If we think of humanity as a family and work together towards a future based on the common good, we could find ourselves living in a very different world. Together we can share a vision for life where everyone flourishes. Together we can choose to act with love, justice and mercy. Together we can walk towards a fairer and fulfilling society with those who are most vulnerable at the centre.

But this involves making changes. Each of us, individually, must take responsibility for the ways we use our resources. This path requires an ever closer collaboration among all churches in their commitment to care for creation. Together, as communities, churches, cities and nations, we must change route and discover new ways of working together to break down the traditional barriers between peoples, to stop competing for resources and start collaborating.

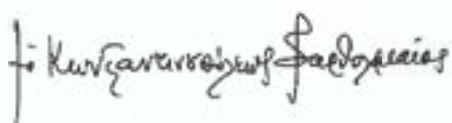
To those with more far-reaching responsibilities-heading administrations, running companies, employing people or investing funds-we say: choose people-centred profits; make short-term sacrifices to safeguard all our futures; become leaders in the transition to just and sustainable economies. 'To whom much is given, much is required.' (Lk 12:48).

This is the first time that the three of us feel compelled to address together the urgency of environmental sustainability, its impact on persistent poverty, and the importance of global cooperation. Together, on behalf of our communities, we appeal to the heart and mind of every Christian, every believer and every person of good will. We pray for our leaders who will gather in Glasgow to decide the future of our planet and its people. Again, we recall Scripture: 'choose life, so that you and your children may live' (Dt 30:19). Choosing life means making sacrifices and exercising self-restraint.

All of us-whoever and wherever we are-can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation.

Caring for God's creation is a spiritual commission requiring a response of commitment. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common home depend on it.

1st September 2021



Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew



Pope Francis



Archbishop of Canterbury

Prayer

God of all creation,
we pray for wisdom, for boldness,
for a spirit of innovation, and for courage.

We pray for clear policy, rapid action,
and bipartisan support to take us to a net zero economy;
for the sake of your name. Amen.

(Adapted from Knit for Climate Action prayer by Dr Mick Pope, Common Grace)

[Anglican young people share a message of hope about the environment
to the bishops of the Lambeth Conference – The Lambeth Conference](#)

Ordination to the Priesthood

30 November 2021

7.00pm

St George's Cathedral



The Reverend Justine Coverdale

What I am most looking forward to about being a priest is being able to conduct the sacraments of baptism and eucharist, especially at John Wollaston Anglican Community School where I am the chaplain. The school has been without a priest for some years and dependent on guest clergy. It will be wonderful to celebrate the eucharist regularly at student and staff chapel services, and a great privilege to welcome new members to the Church in baptism. I am overjoyed at the prospect!



The Reverend Rowena McMicking

As a School Chaplain, it is a great privilege to walk alongside members of our community, through moments of joy and sorrow. To be called to this ministry of Word and Sacrament is an honour. I am very much looking forward to sharing the Lord's Supper with our graduating Year 5 students in early December, participating fully in the liturgical life of our school. As I embark on this journey, I am encouraged by the example of many faithful men and women of God, and will seek to imitate them as they imitate Christ.



The Reverend Belinda Newman

I look forward with joy and dedication to a ministry of service grounded in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Central to me is sharing God's love with God's people; establishing and building meaningful relationships; and intentionally participating with God in God's work in the world today. I look forward to walking alongside the people of God with humility and big pastoral heart as their priest, pastor, and teacher – in gathering, growing, and enabling community and their ministry.

LETTER FROM THE REVD GRANT DIBBEN ANGLICAN BISHOP TO THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE



Our heart is to provide ministry in the Australian Defence Force, to be ambassadors for Christ, and to represent the Anglican Church in the complex secular context that is Defence. Your Anglican Chaplains are your in that context.

On 7 November we will commemorate Defence Sunday across Australia. Since the creation of our nation – your Anglican chaplains, alongside other denominational chaplains, have served on point – for the country – in war, national emergencies and peace. Through and through, be it toil or harmony, the ethos of your Anglican chaplains has remained constant – to care for service members, their families, and the communities where they live in what has, and continues to be, an ever complex and continuously changing world.

This year Defence Force members have been supporting Australia through Bush Fire Assist, COVID restrictions and on deployments around the globe. In our nation COVID-19, economic issues, isolation and extremism are testing the resilience of all, and your chaplains are living out the gospel, showing the love of Jesus which is impacting our whole nation.

A General once quipped 'the soldier's heart, the soldier's spirit, the soldier's soul are everything. However, unless the soldier's soul sustains them, they cannot be relied on.' Your Anglican chaplains are the ones at the sharp end caring for the soul of the ADF. By ensuring and delivering spiritual attention and moral leadership to our service members, their families and the communities where they live, they are contributing to, and are a vital component of, the ADF's and our nation's readiness.

Since Anglican chaplain Walter Ernest Dexter, the most highly decorated chaplain in the Australian Army during World War I, being awarded the Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross for his actions at Gallipoli and Pozieres, your Anglican chaplains have proven themselves absolutely vital to building and sustaining the ADF's preparedness. Our ability to bolster our ADF's spiritual readiness, and to be beacons of comfort and hope contribute to the well-being of others.

I am confident that through the leadership of our Anglican chaplains, the continued focus of our ministry, sufficient resources and sustained prayer, we will achieve our vision in His name and continue to build spiritual readiness across the ADF for decades to come – be it on the bridge, in the foxhole or in the cockpit.

May Defence Sunday be a celebration of our Defence Force and in particular of our Anglican leadership in service to our nation, but more importantly to God our Father and the soul's he has entrusted to us.



For the glory of God

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We are very grateful to God that our government pays the wages of our Defence Chaplains. What a tremendous blessing that is! Yet there are other costs and expenses for which we need a small amount of financial support that will better enable our Anglican Chaplains to minister to the Defence Force. As many of the denominational activities undertaken by me are not funded by the Commonwealth, your generous gift will both enhance and extend the Church's mission and ministry to service personnel both overseas and at home.




I would invite you to make a small contribution to this vital work either by taking up a special offering for Defence Sunday and/or by going to our Defence Anglicans website and clicking on the donate button. Just \$10 per person will make a significant difference. Go to our website www.defenceanglicans.org.au and hit the donate button to do that.




PRAY WITH US

DEFENCE SUNDAY

07 November 2021



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'And the Word became flesh and lived among us...'
John 1:14



Remember to Remember

This Remembrance Day, RSL is asking all Australians to Remember to Remember – to commit to pausing for just one minute to remember those who gave their lives in service to their country, those who returned home injured or ill, and those who bravely serve our country today.

Learn more at

[Remembrance Day 2021 | RSL Australia \(remembertoremember.com.au\)](http://remembertoremember.com.au)

REMEMBRANCE DAY

LEST WE FORGET



A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

On 2 December, St George's Concert Series officially launches the Cathedral's female voice choir, Sonus Angelorum, onto the Perth classical concert scene.

Sonus Angelorum will sing *A Ceremony of Carols*, Benjamin Britten's much-loved classic, in St George's Cathedral at the start of Advent. The concert also features a new version of the work by up-and-coming young WA composer Lydia Gardiner, commissioned for the concert by Master of Music, Dr Joseph Nolan. With harp accompaniment and a solo piece by the highly accomplished Yi-Yun Loei, this will be a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of Christmas.

The Sound of Angels

Sonus Angelorum (The Sound of Angels) comprises the female voices of St George's Cathedral Consort. Often described as the leading choral ensemble of its type in Australia, the Consort is heard regularly on ABC Classic and in Perth Concert Hall alongside the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. Sonus Angelorum is therefore expected to step straight into the limelight with its pure, angelic sound.

'The name Sonus Angelorum matches their sound perfectly, the sound of angels,' said Joseph Nolan. 'This outstanding group of female singers deserves widespread recognition, here and internationally.'

WA's Lydia Gardiner

Lydia Gardiner won the Ransom Prize for composition at UWA in 2019, participated in the 2020 WASO composition project and is now receiving prestigious commissions. Joseph Nolan believes in supporting young musicians, and on recognising Lydia's outstanding ability, he commissioned her to write a new version of *A Ceremony of Carols* for Sonus Angelorum to perform alongside Britten's classic.



'Britten was a musical genius of the 20th century and his *Ceremony of Carols* is a beloved choral work,' said Joseph. 'Lydia Gardiner has written a work that is exactly the same duration, using the same movements and libretto, and the same choral forces and harp. Such is my belief in Lydia, that I gave her a brief that has to match up against one of the greatest musical works in the canon.'

Sonus Angelorum's official launch, including the world premiere of Lydia Gardiner's new work, is on 2 December in St George's Cathedral at 7.30pm.

Tickets for *A Ceremony of Carols* are \$50 standard, \$40 concession, available from Perth Concert Hall via perthconcerthall.com or by calling 9231 9999.

Visit www.concert-series.perthcathedral.org for more information on St George's Concert Series





SERVICE LEARNING PARTNERSHIPS

Schools have always been about the formation of young people. Anglican schools are characterised by six pillars – faith, reason, worship, inclusion, character and service. It is the last two pillars that I wish to address in this article.

In recent decades, faith-based school such as those run by Catholic Education and ourselves have used the term ‘service learning’ to describe the service experiences our students undertake as part of their character formation.

Inspired by the life of Jesus, who came to serve and not be served, and Christ’s death which was the ultimate act of service for humankind, our schools go to great lengths to engage students in life-giving opportunities to serve others. A century ago, service to others was central to your humanity - who you were and how you lived your life. These days, society’s message to young people seems to be more about looking after oneself first. It can be argued that modern life has ‘deprived’ young people of the many service opportunities of the past.

Anglican schools view the formation of character and preparation for a lifetime of service as at the heart of our Anglican Identity and deeply rooted in the Christian way. In the paper ‘Enhancing our Anglican Identity’, The Revd Dr Daniel Heischman writes: ‘Anglican schools ground their character formation in the teachings of Jesus. In the many ways we teach and deal with character we are seeking to be more Christ-like in our everyday behaviour. This deep connection to Christ differentiates Anglican schools from other schools that seek to teach and build character; our efforts to build character have a transcendent dimension and foundation, with profound roots in repentance, forgiveness, and redemption. Both call us to go beyond ourselves and be more than simply people existing for ourselves alone.’

So, it is important that Anglican schools see a key part of

character development being grounded in opportunities for students to learn how to serve our world and its people, from locally to globally.

Partnering with fellow Anglican agency Anglicare as well as other community-based organisations, our schools provide numerous service-related activities throughout the year for students. In recent years, we have celebrated such partnerships by coming together at Optus Stadium for the Schools Sleepout. How appropriate that this peak service learning event is one of ‘challenge’ rather than ‘party’. Always held on a cold winter’s evening, hundreds of students from across our schools spend the night outside at Optus Stadium ‘sleeping rough’ as hundreds of homeless people do in Perth every night. From simulated activities around homelessness to soup kitchens and sleeping on cardboard, ‘learning’ takes place by ‘doing’. That is what service learning is all about.

Service learning comes in so many other ways during a year, when students fundraise for any number of charities, spend time each week in an aged care facility talking with elderly residents, assist in a local soup kitchen, compile food and care package for those in need, plant trees, take responsibility for keeping an area rubbish-free, or of necessity take on the role of carer in their own home.

As Daniel Heischman writes: ‘Together, service and character are a response to Christ’s call to honour the dignity of every human being and to share more fully in our common humanity.’

Teaching the three Rs is as important today as ever it has been. But learning doesn’t stop there. It never has. Engaging in service learning to help shape a young person’s character for life is what our schools do so well. Such engagement is another aspect of being an Anglican school.





GOING DAY CLUBBING

Caring for a parent or partner who is living with a cognitive impairment can be challenging. I have spoken to many families and carers who have told me of the rollercoaster of emotions they ride each day, and the overwhelming sense of responsibility they feel to ensure the needs of their loved ones are met. These carers and families are tired and stressed, trying to balance work, other family needs, and their own needs and wants with their role as carer. It's not easy.

Amana Living's day clubs may be the answer to finding balance. Our clubs offer a safe and secure environment where people over 55 years of age can relax, meet new friends, and participate in a variety of activities while forming and maintaining social connections and continuing to be a part of their communities.

Our highly trained and kind staff are instrumental in developing and implementing well-balanced programs that are focused on enrichment and therapeutic objectives. Importantly, each client is encouraged to participate in the monthly activities planning to ensure the activities are tailored to their interests and needs.

These in-centre activities are complemented by activities conducted in a community setting. Back in July I wrote about our Treasuring Life program, where a group of children from a local day care centre joins in activities at one of our clubs. We have also established relationships with a variety of other organisations including local schools, a Vietnamese cultural group, and even Bunnings. Clients have gone into Bunnings

to take part in workshops and have afternoon tea, and Bunnings have come into the clubs to hold craft sessions.

Daily activities include games, arts and crafts and even age-appropriate exercise classes. All of our clubs cater for people living with dementia, and can help you access our other dementia services, including the McCusker Nurse Service.

All of our activities and programs are regularly reviewed and evaluated to ensure the activities remain relevant to the client and provide positive therapeutic and social outcomes. By doing this we can continue to inject some fun into the lives of those living with cognitive impairment.

If you don't have the ability to transport your loved one to an Amana Living day club, we can help organise appropriate transport.

While your loved one is at day club, you can take the opportunity to breathe. As Jesus invited us all to do: *Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest* (Matthew 11:28).

Amana Living's day clubs offer an opportunity to rest, or to go and have some 'me' time. Whether you need to go to work, get a haircut, play a round of golf, or catch up with a friend, our day clubs offer you the peace of mind that your loved one is having a great time, hanging out with new friends, and is a part of our amazing Amana Living family.



“Like most people, Joan found getting care for her husband at home really complicated. Until she called me.”

Leonie Demunk, *Amana Living Customer Care*



“Joan was finding it harder to care for her husband Arthur, as his needs increased. She was also finding it overwhelmingly complicated to get the added support he needed to continue living at home.

My professional training and hands-on experience at Amana Living meant I was able to explain things in plain language and help her through each of the steps, just like we’ve done for thousands of other people.

If you’re also finding all this a bit complicated, just call me, and we’ll sort it out together.”

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HOW TO AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF SCAMS AND CYBERCRIME

The COVID pandemic has led to an alarming upsurge in scams in Australia, a record \$211 million has been stolen from Australians so far this year. This is up 89% compared to the same period last year, according to Scamwatch¹.

You probably don't need anyone to quote you figures about the increase in scams and cybercrime. You have probably seen the increase in fake emails, text messages, and phone calls. What prompted me to write this article is a personal experience where I received a scam phone call and was surprised by the sophistication of the scammers and how people might be easily tricked. Luckily I avoided being a victim!

Some of the current trends in this type of crime were highlighted by the Deputy Chair of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Delia Rickard, who said:

- While the proportion of reports involving a financial loss has dropped this year, the people who do lose money are losing bigger amounts.
- Overall, average losses are \$11,000 compared to \$7,000 for the same period in 2020.
- Investment scams are more prevalent than ever, and scammers are capitalising on interest in cryptocurrency in particular.
- More than half of the \$70 million in losses were to cryptocurrency, especially through Bitcoin, and cryptocurrency scams were also the most commonly reported type of investment scam, with 2,240 reports.
- People aged 65 years and older have lost the most money so far in 2021, losing \$49.1 million - 23% of total losses for the year. Investment scams against over-65s accounted for \$18.8 million.
- Indigenous Australians have reported \$4.3 million in losses to scams, an increase of 172% on the losses reported in the same period in 2020.

The ingenuity and sophistication of scammers are increasing as evidenced by the recent tsunami of Flubot scams. Flubot is a text message that ask you to tap on a link to download or access something. There are a large number of variants of the Flubot text messages, but often they ask you to download an app to track or organise a time for a delivery, hear a voicemail message, or view photos that have been uploaded. However, the message is fake, there is no delivery, voicemail, or photos uploaded and the app is malicious software called Flubot.

We all need to protect ourselves, our Parish, fellow Parishioners, employers, family and friends from this type of fraud. The best way to do this is to educate yourself on types of scams, how to spot a scam, have a healthy amount of suspicion, and help others not be scammed.

The good news is that there is plenty of information available to educate yourself on the types of scams and how to protect yourself and others. I won't go through the information here but the top three resources I recommend on the subject are:

- The government website Scamwatch <https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/> provides a great deal of useful information such as how to protect yourself, help

family and friends, and your business – scammers see a Parish or a Not for Profit as just another opportunity!

- Another excellent resource is the Australian Cyber Security Centre² <https://www.cyber.gov.au/> which has information for individuals and families and small to medium businesses. Businesses can access a Cyber Security Assessment Tool.
- Westpac has the Westpac Security Hub <https://www.westpac.com.au/security/> which is one of the best non-government resources on preventing scams.

If you spend a little time reviewing this information you will be well informed and here are a few reminders from us at the ACF:

- Use passwords that are impossible to guess, don't write down passwords or share passwords, regularly change passwords especially if you think you may have had your information compromised;
- Don't click on attachments or links in emails or text messages unless you are absolutely sure of the source. A phone call to the person you think it is from is the best way to verify;
- Don't change Bank payment details for suppliers or employee pays unless you have verified the source;
- When receiving payment instructions check that the email address is exactly as it should be eg. info@anglicancf.com.au and not slightly changed such as info1@anglicancf.com.au;
- When authorising Online payments ensure you have sighted the relevant purchase order, invoice etc. before authorising. Don't just trust the person inputting the payment as they may have made an error or been scammed.

Unfortunately, this time of year leading up to Christmas and the Christmas/New Year break is a period of high activity for scammers due to people being busier and maybe not so attentive, taking holidays and others filling in, people being lonely, and preying on emotions.

We encourage you to educate yourself on this subject and help others to protect themselves and stop scammers. As part of our commitment to Help Anglicans be financially stronger, the ACF Team is very happy to talk to you about any issues or concerns about potential scams. If you need help please contact the ACF on 9325 4182 or info@anglicancf.com.au.



¹ Scamwatch is run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC). It provides information to consumers and small businesses about how to recognise, avoid and report scams.

² The Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) leads the Australian Government's efforts to improve cyber security. Its role is to help make Australia the most secure place to connect online.



Anglican Community Fund

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Interest rates* for new and existing loans are currently

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Eco – 2.25% pa

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(Special Offer) ** – 0.50% pa!!!!



To enquire about a new or existing Parish Loan please contact the ACF team

*note that as we don't charge set-up or ongoing fees the interest rate is equivalent to a comparison interest rate.

** Repairs & Maintenance (Special offer) loans have a maximum amount of \$10,000 for each Parish with a maximum term of 24 months.

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SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

This year I have shared with readers of *Messenger* the work of Anglicare WA in supporting those in our community who have not fared well over the last 18 months; first from the impacts of the pandemic and then from the wider social issues that have followed.

As we approach the Christmas season after such extended disruption, I ask that as part of your preparation that you please also think about the experience of these people and how you might help bring them some of the hope and joy we ourselves will enjoy.

For too many in our community this Christmas will not be a time of celebration. One of the biggest challenges facing too many in our community right now is the challenge of affordable housing. The end of the rental moratorium in March saw rents soar and for many the loss of stable housing. As I write this the waiting list for social and community housing stands at more than 17,000 applicants, representing more than 35,000 people looking for housing relief.

At Anglicare WA in March, we did all we could to help people to find new accommodation, though with vacancy rates at record lows our efforts were often without success, meaning many were sleeping on a friend's couch, in tents in the back yard or in their cars. We helped several people with car registration payments just so they could be secure knowing their car would not be taken off the road.

More recently we are seeing lots of families that cannot afford their daily living costs - for food, bills and other essentials. Rather than face homelessness when their leases were renewed these people signed up for higher rents that they now cannot afford, and who would blame them?

The Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report released this year identified Australia, from all the countries in the world, as the country with the highest individual median wealth. Yes, we really do live in the lucky country and in Western Australia we live in the wealthiest State in the wealthiest country.

So how did we get here and what can we do? The pandemic response showed us how easy it is to ensure everyone has a liveable income. The Coronavirus Supplements

immediately lifted the members of our community facing the most disadvantage out of poverty. We saw children able to undertake activities previously unaffordable, we saw prescriptions being filled and bills being paid. We saw the peace that comes with respite from hardship, we saw dignity that comes from self-sufficiency, and we saw joy in the faces of children whose parents could say yes to school excursions, new school uniforms and after school activities.

While ensuring everyone has a liveable income is something we should all sign up to we can also keep an eye out for those that are doing it tough within our own communities and networks. Each year we receive a generous donation from a family that has committed to help others at Christmas. It is amazing how one donation can create so much joy as it lifts the burden of finding gifts, enables a special lunch and for some, helps with preparations for going back to school.

Our donors spend time as part of their Christmas lunch giving thanks for what they have and thinking about the needs of those they have supported. Together they have built a wonderful tradition truly capturing the spirit of the season.



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WESTERN AUSTRALIANS COMING TOGETHER AT THE 2021 PARKERVILLE CHARITY LUNCH

Parkerville Children and Youth Care was once again fortunate to welcome over 300 guests to the annual Parkerville Charity Lunch to raise vital funds for our Child Advocacy Centres. The generosity received throughout the lunch was heart-warming and helped make the lunch successful in many ways, but none more important than raising funds to help more children, young people and their families begin to heal from trauma and their experience of abuse.

The Parkerville Charity lunch is a celebration of the strength, tenacity, fortitude, and bravery we see in children and young people every day, despite all that has happened to them. It's a celebration of the work of our incredible Parky team in partnership with the WA Police Force and Department of Communities, Child Protection and Family Support to provide wrap around supports and exceptional clinical interventions to help children and young people start to heal from the experiences of abuse.

The funds raised this year will enable us to continue to deliver essential services to children and young people who will benefit from our Child Advocacy Centres next year and make an enormous difference to the lives of some incredible children who deserve to have the opportunity to dream, to thrive and to reach their fullest potential.

With Western Australia experiencing the second-highest rate of reported child sexual abuse in the country*, Parkerville Children and Youth Care's Child Advocacy Centres are a necessary and safe place of hope where professionals from different disciplines come together to provide specialist services for children and young people who have experienced abuse and their families where it is safe to do so.

The children and families arriving at our Child Advocacy Centres are in crisis trying to navigate through one of the most

distressing situations imaginable. Our team of advocates, psychologists and support services are privileged to guide each child and family on their path to recovery and find the resilience and strength to rise above their experience to flourish.

With thanks to our Major Sponsor Hancock Prospecting, proudly supported by Telethon, our Match Giving Sponsor the Stan Perron Charitable Foundation, and every one of our guests, the Parkerville Charity Lunch raised \$427,000 towards our Child Advocacy Centres.

We are grateful to have members of the Anglican Diocese of Perth join us on the day in celebrating the children and young people at the heart of all that we do.

Through the generous support we received, together we can create a brighter future for every child, young person and family who needs the support of our Child Advocacy Centres.

For more information and to support Parkerville Children and Youth Care, visit www.parkerville.org.au/donate.



*Australian Bureau of Statistics; Recorded Crime - Victims 2020; 2021



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Synod on Saturday the 9 October was a wonderful, joyous and affirming gathering for the Perth Diocese. One of the heartfelt messages of Synod was its overwhelming support for two important motions that highlighted the issue of homelessness in Western Australia.

It is incredible to think that in this wonderful state, with some of the highest standards of living in what is arguably one of the world's top nations, people are still falling victim to circumstances that they have little control over.

In WA alone, 9,000 people experience homelessness every night – 1,000 of whom sleep out in the open. In the 2020-2021 financial year, St Bart's had 2,503 enquires for its services and supported 661 men, 332 women, and 13 families. There are almost 17,000 people on the wait list for social housing, but only 119 social housing properties built in the last three years. A staggering 80 per cent of the homelessness issue facing our state comes down to a lack of affordable accommodation, and yet median rents have increased 17 per cent.

The remaining 20 per cent includes people suffering with mental ill health. As a society, we have failed these vulnerable people since the 1980s when they were moved out of mental health institutions and into the community. While the Western Australian Association for Mental Health initially set up community supports for these people, they all collapsed through lack of sufficient funding.

Every night St Bart's is providing accommodation to 560 consumers across its various services with the support of 150 employees. A very practical and supportive contribution that schools and parishes can make to the consumers of St Bart's is through donating items to our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Please refer to the list below, and for any further Hamper queries please contact Warren Nel **0409 377 257** or warren.nel@stbarts.org.au.



St Bart's

Christmas Hamper Appeal

This Christmas 400 men's, 200 women's and 60 children's hampers are needed!

We are accepting donations now through to the end of November.

Due to the current climate, we hope you understand that we can only accept new/unused items.

<p>GIFTS</p> <p>For men:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caps • Socks • Aerosol deodorant <p>For women:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face & body moisturiser • Perfume/body spray • Socks <p>Unisex:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toiletries (toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, soap, sunscreen) • Refillable water bottles • Mugs • Gift packs (miscellaneous) • Crossword/activity books & coloured pencils • Books/novels • Art supplies (paint, brushes, paper, pens) 	<p>CHRISTMAS TREATS</p> <p><i>All food items must be non-perishable and within the use-by date.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lollies (ideal) • Mince pies (ideal) • Chocolates & confectionery (ideal) • Chips/Crackers • Individual Christmas cakes or puddings • Individual juices or cans of drinks • Tea/coffee • Long life milk (1L) • Tinned food
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If you would like to be involved in the Christmas Hamper Appeal, please contact Warren Nel:
warren.nel@stbarts.org.au or 0409 377 257.



OUR RICH LITURGICAL HERITAGE

O Almighty God who in thy wrath didst send a plague upon thine own people in the wilderness for their obstinate rebellion against Moses and Aaron; and also, in the time of King David, didst slay with the plague of Pestilence threescore and ten thousand, and yet remembering thy mercy didst save the rest; Have pity upon us miserable sinners, who now are visited with great sickness and mortality; that like as thou didst then accept of an atonement, and didst command the destroying Angel to cease from punishing, so it may now please thee to withdraw from us this plague and grievous sickness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This little known prayer, included in the 1552 Prayer Book, possibly because of the terrible Sweating Sickness of 1551, is from the 1662 BCP. It has not found its way into either the AAPB (1978) or the APBA (1995). The heading: *In the time of any common Plague or Sickness* is an encouragement for us to intercede for our world in this way during COVID-19.

God's wrath is never to be thought of as a fit of rage but rather his settled attitude toward sin and unrepentant sinners. As such it is the flip side of his love. A love that so cherishes the allegiance of his people, both for their own good, faithful witness to the world and for the glory of his own name, that he would use pandemics to secure our wholehearted allegiance. Indeed the two occasions alluded to in the prayer, the sins that were punished, were those of his own covenant people. Their rebellion against their appointed leaders Moses and Aaron (Numbers 16:44-50) and King David's wilful disobedience of seeking security in the size of his army (2 Samuel 24:15-25) were at heart, rejections of God's love and security.

In praying like this we do so as those who recognise our own sin as God's people, not as an attack on the world around us. Rather we show our love for the world and our dependence on God as we pray for the withdrawal of the pandemic. We recognise God's sovereignty over

all things as we ask that it may please Him and flows from our conviction that his nature (property) is always to have mercy. Mercy comes when we repent and seek God's forgiveness as the General Confession has us pray: *But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.*

Any and every act of God, whether the provision of our daily bread, the regularity of the world that makes scientific endeavour possible, the gift of the Bible in our own languages and his gospel offer of grace through faith in the crucified and risen Saviour, are to be received with gratitude. But so too, when God brings us to an end of our self-sufficient pride of rejecting or taking these good gifts for granted, through debilitating personal traumas, national droughts or world-wide pandemics. In reminding us of this fatal folly there is opportunity to turn back to him in repentance and to his Son for forgiveness whilst there is time. If this seems too harsh, we only need to consider the grace of the loving parent who seeing the threat of an out of control vehicle that their child cannot see shouts directions to their child to secure their safety. Even loud warnings are marks of God's love.

We pray prayers like this out of sheer love for our fellows. It is part of our responsibility as a kingdom of priests, to pray for temporal security but above all that in turning to Christ, many may find the assurance of wrath removed, and replaced with the undeserved welcome proclaimed in the fourth of the comfortable words: *If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins (1 St John 2:1).* In the Cross of Christ we see the love of God magnified since it is there that his wrath was fully satisfied for all who would come humbly to him through Christ.





SPEECH

Pastoral care training consists mostly of learning to shut up and listen. But at Edward Collick Home, Amana Living's Goldfields nursing home, some of the people I care for cannot speak easily, or at all.

When I hold their hand and sit with them, that may be enough to help them know that I care, that God cares, that they are not alone. When someone is dying, they are usually beyond speech. But perhaps they can still hear, and a gentle voice reading a psalm, singing a familiar hymn or saying the Lord's Prayer may reach their heart and help them know they have company on the journey home to God.

Some people with dementia or disability can't put a sentence together, but can readily answer 'Yes' or 'No'. My pastoral challenge is to frame questions that don't need complex answers, but that are still interesting for the person to think about, and respond to. Some can speak quite well, provided the topic is far enough in the past to be part of their long-term memory. We have a long chat, often the same chat, week after week. But at least it's on a topic they care about, and can speak about freely.

Some of the Aboriginal residents at Edward Collick Home speak very, very softly. I need to come physically close, alongside them, speak softly myself, and tune in to their gentle voices and their accents. Most of them grew up speaking several desert languages, with English a latecomer to their linguistic world. Aboriginal English is

an academically recognised variety of Australian English. Its vocabulary and cadences have distinct patterns. I am getting better at understanding its speakers, sometimes admitting I haven't heard properly, and asking humbly for something to be repeated.

Coralie is an Aboriginal woman who is disabled after having a stroke. She struggles to speak, but she's an extravert and often enjoys a chatty interaction. Most of all, Coralie loves to sing. She has a strong, clear voice, and is always in tune, whether we are singing 'Click go the shears' or 'The old rugged cross'. When Coralie sings, almost all her speech difficulties disappear. The music frees her up. When we are wheeling up and down the corridors on our way to and from chapel services, I sing 'Marching to Zion' or 'Blessed Assurance,' and she joins in. For Coralie, a song trumps both silent empathy and friendly chat.

Bernie also had a stroke, after being in a motorcycle accident. For Bernie, speech is extraordinarily frustrating. I can see he knows what he wants to say, but his brain injury stops him from getting the words out. Sometimes, with a supreme effort, he manages a short sentence. As I left Bernie recently, I said 'God bless you'. Bernie took a deep breath, and said, slowly and carefully, 'And God bless you, too'. I thanked him from the bottom of my heart. His costly words were one of the most beautiful blessings I will ever receive.



Having run numerous youth and children's ministry programs, I have experienced how difficult it can be to keep them on track.

I would constantly be keeping a check on leaders to make sure that they weren't getting burnt out, that they had the right resources and, of course, that they were up-to-date with all their screenings and training requirements.

Out of all the different jobs that I had to do, the one that stressed me the most was making sure that we had enough funding to do the extra things in the holidays when the regular program was on a break.

Finding the correct type of funding support can be difficult, especially for Church groups. However, at our recent Diocesan Synod, we were reminded of a wonderful foundation within the Diocese that was created to help parishes develop new ways of reaching children and young people and who want to develop their leaders.

The Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation has existed since 1996 when it was launched by the now Governor of Western Australia, The Honourable Kim Beazley AC, with the words 'If you want something to succeed, invest in it'.

These words by Governor Beazley are still as applicable today as they were when he spoke them some 25 years ago. Having a Foundation with a board that is passionate about investing in parish ministry is something we are proud to support in the Diocese.



RENEWED HOPE



ANGLICAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

FOUNDATION

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With objectives to promote unity between people of all ages, empower young people to pursue their spiritual life, have young people contribute to the Anglican Church's decision-making process, and encourage and facilitate Christian education and youth leadership, it is hard to believe that, as the Foundation shared with Synod, more people have not approached or asked for some financial support to try new things.

Over the next few years, the Anglican Children and Youth Ministries Commission I work for has a vision based on a simple idea to help develop the children and youth ministry in the Diocese.

This idea - 'Renewed hope comes from renewed leaders' - means we want to not only help those long serving leaders see there is still a purpose to what they are doing, but we also want to inspire them and the next generation with new ideas and practices.

If we truly want things to succeed, we need to invest in people, and with the help of the Anglican Youth Foundation, you can start doing that today.

In practice, this might mean something as simple as sending your leaders to a training day and afterwards taking them out for dinner to discuss how to include some of the ideas you had heard; or parishes having lunch after the feast day of Christ the King where all generations of the congregation are invited to celebrate what has happened over the past year and to suggest ways that the whole church can work together on over the year ahead.

The opportunities are endless, and ACYMC is here to help you . . . but first, email the Anglican Youth Ministries Foundation at **aymf@perth.anglican.org** for an application form. Together we can dream about seeing parish communities flourish again.

For any help and support with children and youth ministry, feel free to contact me at **mdavis@perth.anglican.org**.

SYNOD 2021 **HBF Stadium, Mt Claremont** **Saturday 9 October 2021**



Floor of Synod



President's Address



Procession



Mark Glasson, Archbishop and Margaret Bennett



Bishop Jeremy and Oliver Yengi



Mike Brown, Philip Goldsworthy, Elizabeth Carr



Gift Makwasha, Des Smit & Jeff Astfalck



Lay Representatives -
Richard Offen and Tom Carmody



AROUND THE DIOCESE



CMS display



CCWA display



Mark Jennings and Robert Myles



Mothers Union display



WAASA display



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Jackson Lisok, Lawrence Surur and
Obede Morgan



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Lay Representatives - Peter Curtis and
Mitchell and Jemima Halls



Nick Freeland & Michael Wood



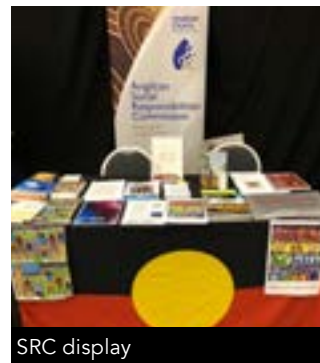
Rosemary Clifford and
Shirley Cloughton



Matthew Smedley & Keith Stephens



Peregrin Campbell-Osgood and
Sandy Kennedy



SRC display



Lyn Harwood & Mark Arney



Anglican Community Fund display



Peter Smith & David Elsing



Lay Representatives -
Judith Sioneholo and
Bethlyn Jarvis



LKatrina Holgate & Marc Dale



NOR'WEST POSTCARD

What a wonderful weekend! Went to Kalbarri for Bill to conduct the service on Sunday morning, and there was Allan and Alison Chapple, Maureen Lissiman and Joy Brann at church whilst holidaying there! With five other visitors and us adding to the locals we were 18. Such a good service and a beautiful town!!

Then back to Geraldton in time for the annual 'Songs of Praise', with visiting organist John Beaverstock, Heritage Co-ordinator at All Saints' College, accompanying the Cathedral Choir singing the hymns, and items from the Cathedral Boys and Girls Brigade, Geraldton Grammar School Choir, Geraldton Choral Society, Sing Australia, and the Cathedral Music Group. A full Cathedral really enjoyed the songs of praise and the afternoon tea following.

Watching the temperatures especially in the Kimberley, with Kununurra receiving the hottest October temperatures and entering into the 'build up', during which the hot and sweaty weather is very draining. Please pray for all our Kimberley ministers and their families during these months. In Kununurra, the church is planning an evangelism month in November, with opportunities for members to invite their friend to special events.

Newman Anglican church is calling for all those people interested in presenting a Nativity Play in December. It's not long now! Such a great way to reach out to a community.

Karratha minister, The Revd Frank and Jo Nicol are looking forward to taking long service leave in the new year, with former nor westers Rev'd Ray and Lyn Arthur serving as locum tenens for a part of that time. The Revd David Mitchell AFES (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students) Leader at Curtin University, with his wife Traci and their children will be in Carnarvon to provide Christmas and the new year Services. So good to have these wonderful friends come back into the Diocese and care for our parishes.

Broome and Karratha Parishes are focussing on training up members in growth groups as leaders. A comment was made that often they leave the parish soon after – but what a good grounding they have to be ready for the Lord's work when they get to their next home, work and church!!

Dongara Parish is grieving the sudden death of Howard Clark a lay reader. This added to the number of members

who have died, some who need to travel to Perth regularly for medical appointments or have moved to be closer to family, over the last 18 months, affecting congregation numbers. Matt and Leonie Morrison are certainly doing their bit to grow the congregation with the expected birth of their second child early in November. Lovely to see little Zoe now walking everywhere!! They are planning to conduct 'Two Ways to Live' before the year ends, a brief course to assist Christians share the gospel with their friends.

And some photos of our Fellow Workers Conference! Again our thanks to Anglican Mothers Union Australia, whose generosity enables us to hold these bi-annual conferences with their generous donation through the MU Department of Overseas and Northern Outreach.



Jocelyn



BUNBURY BULLETIN - LIFELONG LEARNING

As we come towards the end of another church year and approach advent, the Diocese of Bunbury is moving forward with the strategic plan launched at synod beginning with deepening our prayer life.

As we look forward to a new church year, each of our parishes, communities and ministries will have differing priorities and concerns. However, at the core of each place and group will be the reliance on prayer. For some of our parishes this new year will be a time to say goodbye to their clergy as they move on or retire, for others it will be the start of a new chapter with the arrival of a new priest in charge. Some will be looking forward to what new and exciting opportunities lie ahead while others will be concerned about whether their church

or ministry will be able to continue as finances and numbers continue to fall.

Whatever we think is inevitable – good or bad – we do well to remember that God is full of surprises! We have much to be thankful for with the St Boniface Cathedral Hall almost finished and a new Diocesan Secretary on the way (more about him in the next edition).

We continue to seek clergy to join us in ministry here with details at <https://www.bunburyanglican.org/vacancies.html> and we trust that God continues to guide the work we do in this place. Our clergy will meet in November for their annual conference and we would appreciate your prayers as we take time to share in fellowship and professional development.

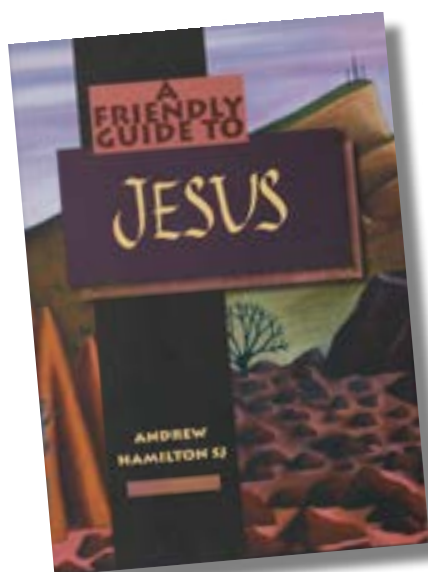


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BOOK REVIEWS

Shirley Cloughton



A FRIENDLY GUIDE TO JESUS Andrew Hamilton SJ \$24.95

Brilliant in appearance, bursting with colour, embodying enlightened and inclusive understanding this is an exciting way to introduce a reader to an understanding of Jesus.

The book is without doubt, introductory – meaning that there are chapters which will encourage the reader to explore, to discuss and to ponder. While the target readership is young people eg teenagers, young adults, confirmees, new to church, how many times has an enlightened understanding of a concept been made clearer for adults by reading a book written for young people? Extremely helpful charts and summary boxes appear when needed.

The book starts with a sketch: The sign outside a church announced, 'Jesus is the answer'. Underneath someone had written loudly 'Yeah, but what is the question?'

Accepting that young people and all people have the right to be asking big questions, this book proceeds to address these using personal stories, examples from culture, and Biblical stories in a framework of open-minded up-to-date Biblical scholarship.

The setting for the narratives and the striking original artwork is Townsville. Yes, Townsville Queensland! We visit the local cemetery, an outdoor meeting place on the beach, Mt Stuart (a wilderness full of symbolism) and we picture a Baptism at local Balding Bay beach, chock-a-block with symbolism. The imagery is amazing; the artist is Jan Hynes, and her stunning paintings of both urban and wilderness landscapes of Townsville illustrate the life of Jesus in a fresh and vivid way, with a respect for indigenous culture.

The book, whilst brief (50x A4 pages) is attractive and engaging, never losing sight of the desire of the author to help the reader who is seeking answers to the big questions. Key probing chapters are 'Christians' responses to the gospel stories', 'Finding meaning in Jesus' death' and 'Finding Jesus'.

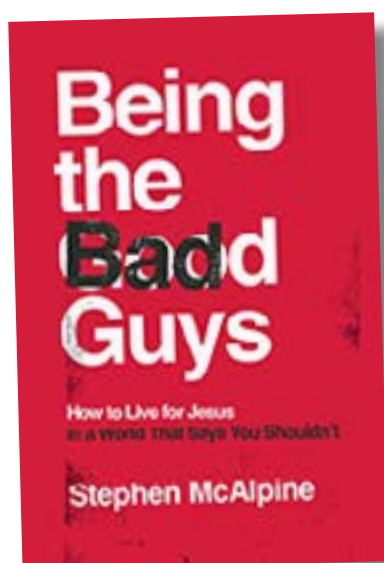
Andrew Hamilton references the Kevin Rudd's Parliamentary apology to indigenous Australians in 2008 when 'Indigenous Australians spoke of their long journey and their joy that so much discrimination and dismissal had ended in this day of reconciliation'. Likewise, he references the inauguration of Barack Obama in 2009 when US African American speakers began to see their journey in a way which gave them new hope in their living.

For 'the early Christians, the resurrection also spoke to all the other hopes they had' such as freedom and justice, and a meaning to life. And, says Hamilton, 'In the gospel people meet the risen Jesus' - Jesus is with them in rooms and eats fish with them. 'But he comes through locked doors, is sometimes recognized and sometimes not'.

If we could analyse and explain all the stories in the Bible, 'it would be the answer only to the small questions which we ask; not to the large questions ... the stories in the gospels are not about explaining ... they show what the risen Jesus means for us if we believe and trust in him'.

Throughout the book the author uses examples from communities of refugees where much of his work has been centred. He concludes that 'If Jesus is the answer to our deep questions, we will find him in community with others who, with us, form the body of Christ'. This volume, set boldly in the environment of bright and colourful Townsville, is one which can only be positive and useful for young people and likewise for all who look to be affirmed in the Christian faith.

It is informative, inspirational and inspiring.



Being the Bad Guys: How to live for Jesus in a world that says you shouldn't

Stephen McAlpine, The Good Book Company, 2021, 139 pages

The winner of the 2021 Australian Christian Book of the year, is written by Perth pastor, Steve McAlpine. Showing skills of brevity and focus learnt as a journalist and combined with the heart of a pastor we have been gifted a very readable and timely book. His diagnosis in the first section: How did we get to be the bad guys, helps us to get over this reversal, and suggests, rightly in my judgement, that this should not surprise us. The second section describes what it looks like to be the bad guys calling us away from victimhood to display the radical self-denial called for by our Lord.

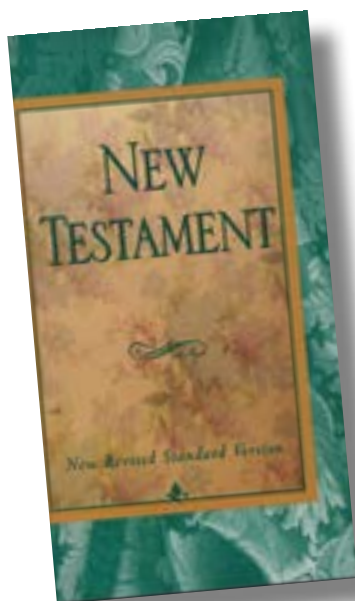
Thankfully having described the situation the abiding value of the book comes in the third section: How to be the best bad guy you can be! Far from despair our opportunity to be like Christ to the world that is showing all the expected sadness of refusing the Saviour is highlighted. Our readiness to be credible and gracious witnesses, who offer grace when people come to an end of themselves is set before us, as reflexive like Christ rather than reactively angry. The joy that will be lost if we withdraw, compromise with nothing distinctive to attract or offer, or stand in opposition to the world our Lord would have us live in, is winsomely set before us.

With examples where opposition came, but paradoxically, was where God's grace shone through, it is neither 'Polyanna-ish' nor unmindful of the strength of opposition, cost for living for Christ and struggles this brings in every aspect of life. For this reason it is an excellent book for us all. It will challenge us, young and old alike. But it is full of hope as it encourages us to be the blessing we have been called to be.



BOOK REVIEWS

Shirley Claughton



NEW TESTAMENT New Revised Standard Version with Appendices

Only \$10.00

This is a useful discovery – a very inexpensive New Testament with 15 pages of helps.

Cheap enough to give away.

It is a budget edition – small print and looks a little shelf-worn, but has a bright, welcoming cover, is light to hold and sits flat when opened, includes section headings, and cross-referencing clues to pronunciation often only found in more expensive printings.

The Appendices are the practical extras and are well written. Some budget editions of New Testaments feature rather heavy outreach material – this is not the case here – it is very good traditional teaching material which would fit in with most Anglican teaching. The fifteen pages of helps include:

- Three pages of maps
- An overview – a well-researched and helpful summary of all the books in the Bible and charts
- A practical reading plan – exceptionally clear and easy to use
- Guide to finding well known passages

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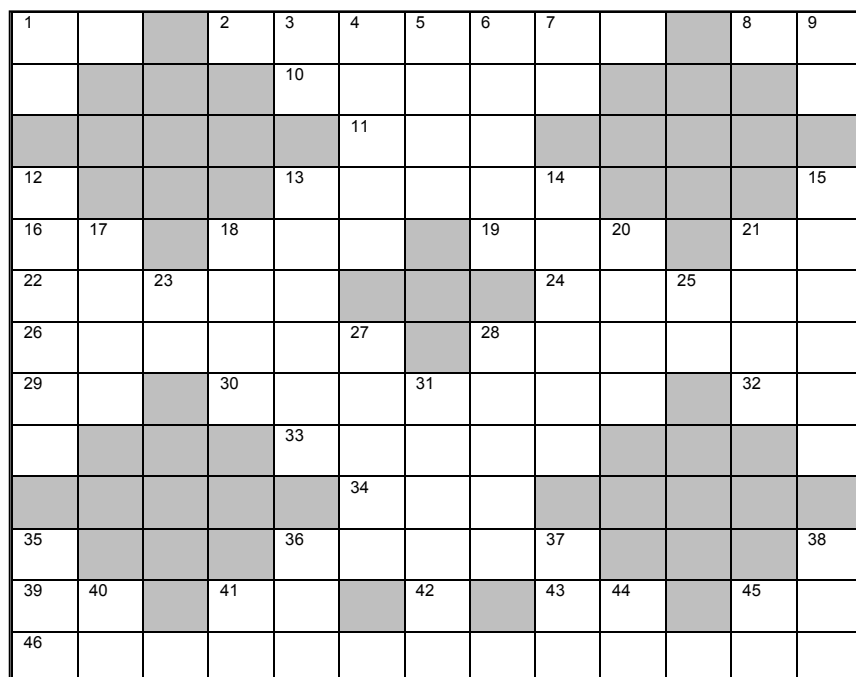
Inspirational – an opportunity to express oneself as well as indulge in the art of creative colouring-in. The art of colouring has been shown to engage the brain in a focused and mindful task, one where there is no competition.

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WHEN IN ROME?



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. Wander around Vatican city. (4)
2. Chucking dominoes across the realm! (7)
8. See 1 across.
10. Paler mix of precious stone. (5)
11. Making fuss of the Madonna. (3)
13. Snappy round scrip. (5)
16. Jupiter's moon ten? (2)
18. Ethiopian king in the candelabras. (3)
19. Posed in conversation. (3)
21. Trooper with tummy problems? (2)
22. A ring around for cereal. (5)
24. Fracas come in threes. (5)
26. I hear transgression bobs at church governments. (6)
28. Condescends around design. (6)
29. For chopping into laxity. (2)
30. Back it for an item giving a tenth. (7)
32. Put a little agriculture back into US State. (2)
33. Parody erstwhile crosses colourists. (5)
34. Coming late in villages. (3)
36. Variable number mixed up in love story. (5)
- 39, 41, 42, 43 & 45 across. The playful pets' creed is well thought of. (9)
46. An aging motor turns over bringing it up to date. (13)

DOWN

- 1., & 9 down. Sister Church around more. (4)
3. Send Greek letter back to Ipswich, UK. (2)
4. The saner the closer it comes around. (5)
5. A dig around the royal family from Northern Israel. (4)
6. Dregs for Doctor of Social Science? (5)
7. Leaders in Old Latin. (2)
9. See 1 down.
12. Country dances, or, I hear, wooden tangram? (6)
13. The tin performed, to be honest. (6)
14. Set pan boiling to hold the communion bread. (6)
15. Young woman heads Australian laity, to celebrate the Eucharist. (6)
17. Antelopes, or haystacks I hear. (4)
18. Threesome caught up in tumult. (4)
20. Girt about with maths. (4)
21. Clock strike in wobbegong. (4)
23. Heads up as needed. (2)
25. Immunoglobulin initially. (2)
27. Too sly to turn to writing? (5)
28. Lamentation for a corrugated ridge! (5)
31. Pitch a variable number into paradise. (6)
35. Pray in Roma. (3)
36. Head of a non-profit organisation. (3)
37. Local church ministry. (3)
38. Fictitious monk left off Ludo. (3)
40. Arab Republic, for example. (2)
41. Head of Saint Ignatius'. (2)
44. Theological Education. (2)
45. Abyssinia in earlier times. (2)

DISASTER PLANNING

In archives, one of the ways we care for the collection is to plan or prepare for disaster such as flood, fire, insect damage, mould. This is part of a well-established approach within collecting institutions to reduce the impact of these disasters ensuring continued access to collections. (AICCM, nd)

This year, we are fortunate to be recipients of a Community Heritage Grant from the National Library of Australia. The grant will enable us to be prepared with supplies and a plan should we need to respond to an emergency. The grant also includes funding for the digitisation of magnetic media, which is at risk of degradation, so we need to migrate to another format.

Disaster planning includes keeping a stock of supplies on hand to respond to a disaster as soon as it is safe

to do so. Items such as mops, torches, drop sheets, PPE and absorbent cloths are all included in a disaster recovery bin which is easily accessible. Contact details of people who can help are also included and a detailed plan for recovery. Knowing what your significant items are and where they are in the shelving is also important in being able to prioritise recovery.

Magnetic media includes media such as cassette tape, video tape and film. Within the collection we have several original recordings that we need to migrate to a digital format. Advice from the National Film and Sound Archive is to migrate our magnetic media by 2025 with the risk of loss due to the degradation of the tape. The National Library grant provides us with the funding to migrate approximately 30 tapes ensuring we can access this material in the future.



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16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Every November for the last 30 years the international community has held the *16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence*. It begins on 25 November, the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women*, and runs until 10 December, *Human Rights Day*. Our Western Australian Government has promoted this campaign since 2017.

As Christians we lament that such day, and such a campaign exists. All people, of all genders, are made in the image of God and loved by God, and we are called to love as God loves. And yet, as made clear by the recent *National Anglican Family Violence Research Report*, the prevalence of 'intimate partner violence among Anglicans was the same or higher than in the wider Australian community'. Women suffered this abuse more than men, and worryingly 'most Anglican victims of domestic violence did not seek help from Anglican churches.'

This systematic problem in our church and wider community can only be addressed by facing it clearly. We need to acknowledge our part in creating a church culture that allows gender-based abuse to occur. We then need to create and re-create constantly a living biblical theology of equality and love which is expressed in action. The WA 16 Days of Action this year also calls us to action, to speak out, to not be silent when we witness gender-based abuse: 'don't be silent when you see violence'.

As our Fourth Mark of Anglican Mission states, it is our baptismal duty to 'challenge violence of **every** kind'. Gender-based violence is often masked, and often begins, with disrespect or disparaging remarks or comments, or objectification. Every gender-based slur, even when coached as a joke, is still violence.

The Social Responsibilities

Commission, along with the Church of the Ascension in Midland, is holding a 'A service of listening and a call for action to end Gender-Based Violence' on **Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.00pm**. This will be an ecumenical vigil to prepare for the International Day and 16 Days Campaign. Rebecca Bydder, SRC Commissioner and Ecumenical Chaplain at Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison will give the address. Everyone is invited to come, listen and act.

For more information please contact src@perth.anglican.org or 9425 7276.

WA Resources for the day can be found here: <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-communities/16-days-wa>

A summary of the National Anglican Family Violence Research Report can be found here: <https://anglican.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/NAFVP-Top-Line-Results-Report-NCLS-Research.pdf>

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THEATRE - AND OTHER ARTS

Anthony Howes

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

You probably feel that travel is very difficult at present? 'The Messenger' is about to ease at least some of those restrictions for you. At 7.00pm on Friday 17 December, you are cordially invited to go back in time to Christmas 1888; to **A Very Victorian Christmas** - the first Christmas to be celebrated in the brand new red brick St George's Cathedral on the Terrace. Indeed, the Dean of Perth at the time, the Very Revd Frederick Goldsmith, will welcome you, and two very special young children who have been invited to 'dress' Prince Albert's wonderful innovation - the Christmas Tree! As they do this, the Christmas Quartet sings some of the periods most loved Yuletide Carols, and Story Tellers relate various ways in which the message of the season has been captured; from Hans Christian Anderson's **The Match Girl** to the Turkish legend of **St Nicholas** and, of course, the **New Testament** and the **Nativity**. You will also have the opportunity to sing those old Christmas hymns with Victorian gusto! As in 1888, the Cathedral's concern, emanating in all it must do, is for the Poor and the Sick: so, all proceeds from ticket sales, organized with the support of the Order of St John Knight's Hospitaller, go to provide Hampers

for Christmas for the homeless; and assistance to homeless veterans. All the performers give of their talents, free of charge. The musicians, Stephen Adams, Alinta Carroll, Anita Saxby, Steve Sherwood are directed by Sarah Menogue. The thespians are Saskia Haluszkiewicz and Samuel Brown (pictured) Jenny Davis, Bernie Davis, yours truly Tony Howes, and, as Dean Goldsworthy, our current dean, The Very Revd Chris Chataway. Jenny Davis OAM has written **A Very Victorian Christmas** for this Cathedral production. Tickets are \$30 adults; \$25 Concessions; Family ticket (of 4) \$45; Children under 12, free. Bookings are with Trybooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUYOB>

When you read this, Roald Dahl's tale **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** which has delighted audiences all over the world, will be playing at Crown Theatre. The story is unchanged: Young Charlie Bucket dreams of meeting Willy Wonka, the mysterious world-renowned candy maker. When news breaks that his idol is opening the gates of his factory to a lucky few, Charlie is desperate to get his hands on a life-changing golden ticket. This production features Stephen Anderson as *Willy Wonka*, Robert Grubb as *Grandpa Joe* and Lucy Maunder as *Mrs Bucket*. The role of *Charlie* is shared by four young performers. Songs from the original film including 'Pure Imagination', 'The Candy Man' and 'I've Got a Golden Ticket', feature alongside a new score from the songwriters of *Hairspray*. I assure you: great entertainment.

His Majesty's Theatre is the setting from 18 November to 12 December of WA Ballet's **The Sleeping Beauty**. Tchaikovsky's music, played by the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, will be conducted by Jessical Gethin while Petipa's 1890's original choreography is re-imagined by WA Ballet guest, Javier Torres. There must be very few who have not heard much of Tchaikovsky's score or who do not know the plot of the ballet! Suffice it to say it is the time old tale of Princess Aurora falling into a deep slumber under the wicked spell of Carabosse, and the battle her prince charming must face to find his one true love.

Next month, I shall give some detail from announcements by our major companies of their seasons planned for 2022. But do look out for a particularly wonderful announcement from the WA Ballet of a truly exciting, new and innovative production of *Swan Lake* for His Majesty's Theatre next year!



Photo by Stewart Thorpe

Saskia Haluszkiewicz and Samuel Brown



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



Chihiro Nomura, The Sleeping Beauty. Photo by Frances Andrijich

APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Marie Aitken	Rector, Yanchep	16.01.22
The Revd Barry Moss	Rector, Murdoch-Winthrop	01.02.22
The Revd Peter Boyland	Archdeacon Assisting	01.11.21
The Revd Canon Gillian Rookyard	Archdeacon Assisting	01.12.21
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Sunday 21 November at 5.00pm, St George's Cathedral		

LOCUM TENENS

The Revd Kieran Carr	Cottesloe	14.10.21-31.01.22
The Revd Dr Alan Forsyth	Lakelands	10.01.21-31.12.21
The Revd David Prescott	Como-Manning	24.10.21-31.12.21
The Revd Canon Theresa Harvey	Lesmurdie	01.11.21-06.11.21
		24.11.21-01.03.22
The Revd Steve Warren	South Perth	01.01.22-17.04.22
The Revd Jonathan Deeks	Yanchep	03.01.22-10.01.22

RESIGNATIONS

The Reverend Nick Freeland	Rector, South Perth	26.12.21
The Revd Jon Cornish	Priest-in-Charge, Balga-Mirrabooka, and Chaplain, John Septimus Roe ACS	01.01.22
The Revd Chris Bedding	Rector, Darlington-Bellevue	early 2022
The Revd Ross Chaplain	Chaplain, St Bart's	24.12.21

ST PHILIPS

Anglican Church Cottesloe

The Parish of St Philip's Cottesloe, Perth, Western Australia is seeking an experienced priest, rooted in biblical teaching and prayerful spirituality, who is gifted with vision and energy to lead our congregation with its vision of "growing young" and its mission of making disciples who make disciples.

The role of Rector of St Philip's is a demanding, multifaceted one, well supported by a skilled and passionate Associate Minister, a part time church administrator, lay volunteers, sound finances, and a committed, multigenerational congregation eager to build on its strengths to share Christ's love in our community and for our world. St Philip's is situated in the well-to-do coastal western suburb of Cottesloe and is surrounded by multiple private and state schools.

We are seeking a priest who is

- committed to biblical teaching in the evangelical tradition of the Anglican Church of Australia
- committed to strong pastoral care
- committed to develop and upskill lay leadership by women and men
- committed to support the equal role of women in ministry
- committed to developing our vision to grow the parish's ministry among young adults in partnership with nearby schools
- experienced in successful effective leadership of a Christian community, and in fostering positive relationships within and beyond the church walls
- skilled in leadership of a ministry team
- spiritually uplifting and compassionate and able to inspire adults and children through preaching, teaching, example, and pastoral care

We would welcome a dynamic Senior Minister to inspire and lead us in love, in faith, and in mission.

The closing date for applications: 30 November 2021.

For more information about St Philip's please visit our website at stphilips.net.au

All enquiries and expressions of interest including curriculum vitae to be addressed to Bishop Jeremy James at jjames@perth.anglican.org

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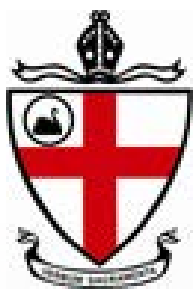
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Mon-Sat	8.00am Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	12.15pm Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)
Wed	10.30am Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)
Mon-Sat	4.00pm Evening Prayer (except on Public Holidays)

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Monday-Saturday

8.00am Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
4.00pm Evening Prayer (except on Public Holidays)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

12.15pm Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)

Wednesday

10.30am Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Tuesday 2 November

at **12.15 pm - Service for Healing and Wholeness** - A special celebration of Holy Communion that includes prayer for healing and wholeness.

Sunday 7 November

10am All Saints' Day

Sunday 7 November

5pm Requiem for All Souls'

Sunday 7 November

at **2.00pm – Commemoration of Kristallnacht**. This service that commemorates the 83rd anniversary of The Night of the Broken Glass. The guest speaker is Canon Dr Bill Leadbetter, "Christians and Kristallnacht: The brave sermon of Helmut Gollwitzer"

Thursday 11 November

at **10.30am – Remembrance Day Service with the students of St George's Anglican Grammar School** for this service of remembrance for the fallen in war. The Villiers Bretonneux cross will be displayed as part of this service.

Sunday 14 November

at **5pm – Remembrance Day Evensong**

SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Wednesday 10 November

9.30am-2.00pm A Day in the Spiritual Life of the Cathedral with the Reverend Brett Gibson, Rector of Canning and Professor Christopher Wortham, Cathedral Scholar. Entry \$12. Lunch will be served. For catering, enrolments to Bishop David Murray by Monday 8 November are essential — 9325 5766 or spirituality@perthcathedral.org

Wednesday 24 November

9.30am Coffee, Prayers & Spirituality: Spirituality and The Gift of the Theatre with the Ms Jenny Davis, Founding Director, Theatre 180. Entry \$5. Enrolments by Monday 22 November to Bishop David Murray, Cathedral Centre for Spirituality — phone 9325 5766 or email spirituality@perthcathedral.org