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*Blessed are those who die in the Lord - Revelation 14:13*

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## All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

'One family, we dwell in him,  
one Church, above, beneath;  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.'

*Charles Wesley*



All Saints' Day (1 November) and the commemoration of the faithful departed on All Souls' Day (2 November) both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. All Souls' Day celebrates the faithful departed in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith. Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy.

*(Adapted from Common Worship)*



## 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

## 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.**



*They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more (Isaiah 2:4).*

**As Anglicans have been celebrating All Saints' Day and praying God's eternal mercy, love and grace for our own dear ones on All Souls' Day, it has been hard to hold the images of so many dead and injured as a result of the terrorist attack in Israel and the responding violence in Gaza.**

The terror which has left so many dead and held hostage was played out against the ongoing carnage of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. And that alongside the ongoing outbreaks of violence in Sudan and South Sudan.

So much destruction. So much hatred. So much grief and fear and aggression. And so many lives caught in between them instigators of these terrible events.

I have just returned from the National Bishops' Meeting in Ballarat. Each day we prayed for peace between Israel and Palestine

We have heard so many experts speak, military experts, political leaders, United Nations delegates, all giving consideration of possible outcomes which will bring an end to fighting in the situation in the Holy Land. Each is only a moment away from the next incursion, the next action, the next step forward or back.

War isn't new. The impact on wars across the centuries are well documented. Impact on nations, on communities, on culture, on family, on individuals.

Writ much smaller but still devastating war-like attitudes are also possible in the personal circles we inhabit in family or community, and often come as the result of a breakdown in human relationships and a failure to live by God's standards of justice. Whether in our intimate circle or on the world stage peace and true reconciliation cannot exist when there is inequality between people, abuse of power, and disregard of human rights.

In these days as we pray for peace in the Holy Land, for a ceasefire, for the safe return of hostages, for food and medical supplies for

those trapped inside Gaza, for time to mourn, for leaders to take the first step toward meeting the call to peace, we need to be relying on the promise of God's loving grace and mercy for the whole world. Rather than being held by fear, we need to lift our voices and ourselves to that place of trust and rest in God's love, signs and witnesses for others of our steadfast faith and hope in Jesus for the life of the world.

In his 2017 World Day of Peace message Pope Francis urged for a non-violent style of politics for peace: 'when victims of violence are able to resist the temptation to retaliate, they become the most credible promoters of nonviolent peacemaking. In the most local and ordinary situations and in the international order, may nonviolence become the hallmark of our decisions, our relationships and our actions, and indeed of political life in all its forms'.

In 2022 the Lambeth Conference of Bishops called for all efforts for peace and justice:

**2022 Lambeth Conference  
Statement from The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East**  
(Sponsor: Archbishop Hosam Naoum)

We, the bishops of the worldwide Anglican Communion, called together by the Archbishop of Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference in 2022, affirm the vital historic presence of Christians in the Holy Land, the "Living Stones", where our Saviour Jesus Christ lived, died and was resurrected. In our commitment to the common good of all ethnic and religious communities in Israel, and to those in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, we reiterate our conviction that a two-state solution offers the best hope for

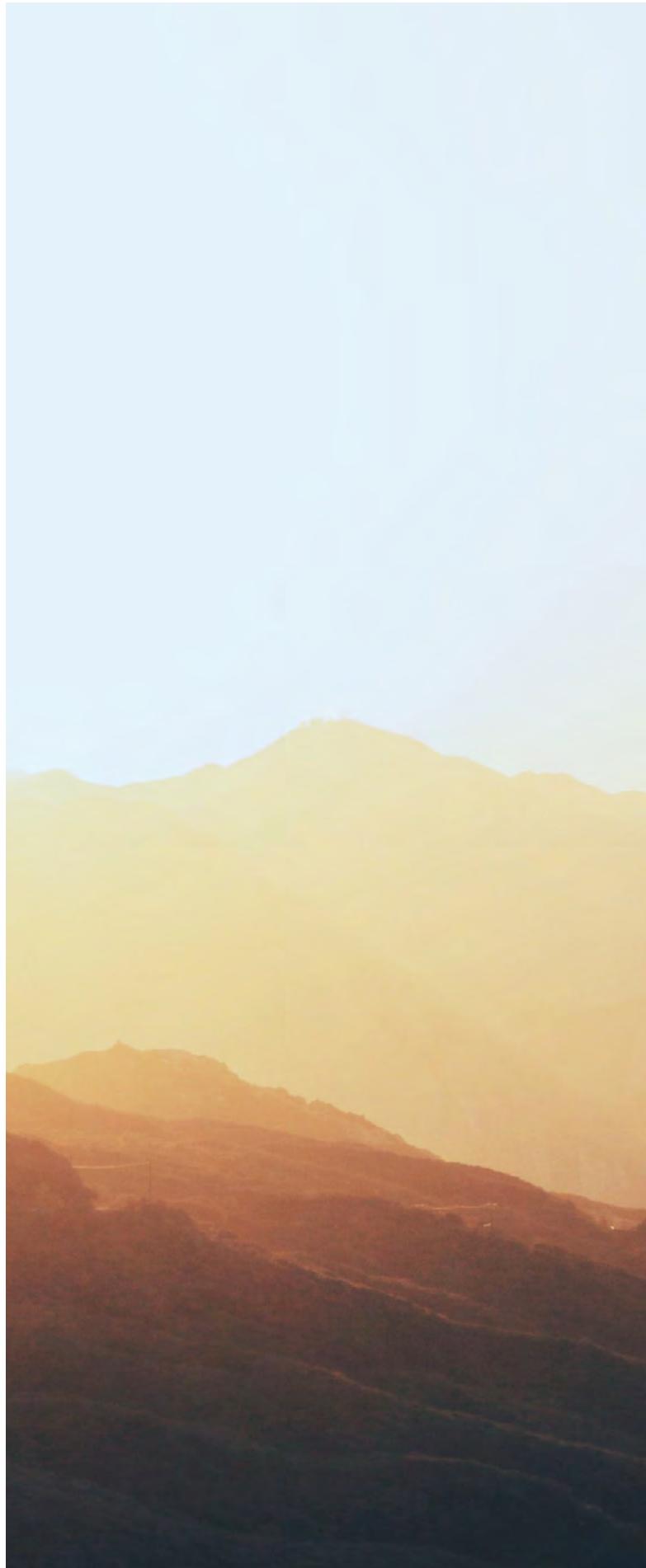
a sustainable future for all, where both states live side by side in security peace and dignity of all their citizens.

Jerusalem remains a historic part of that future hope, and the existence and indeed flourishing of the Christian presence within Jerusalem should be respected and guarded. We therefore affirm that:

- Israel is a state that deserves the security and protections of a free state, but is also subject to the demands of international law just like any other state.
- A two-state solution to the aspirations for self-determination of the Palestinian people in the West Bank and Gaza, and the end of the occupation, remains the best hope for a just and peaceful resolution to all peoples in the region.
- Jerusalem is a city that is precious to Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities. Therefore, in accordance with the United Nations, we regard Jerusalem as an intrinsic issue with respect to any future political settlement for Israel and the Palestinian Occupied Territories.

I leave you with this prayer from A Prayer Book for Australia

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace,  
have mercy on our broken and divided world.  
Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all  
and banish from them the spirit that makes for  
war,  
that all races and peoples may learn to live  
as members of one family  
and in obedience to your law,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



# Appointment of Assistant Bishops

***The following motion was carried with acclamation:***

That this Synod:

1. extend a message of welcome to The Venerable David Bassett and Mrs Susan Bassett and The Reverend Hans Christiansen and Mrs Ruth Christiansen;
2. assures them of the prayers of this Diocese as they prepare to move to Perth; and
3. looks forward to their ministry among us as we serve God's purpose and mission together.

**In addressing the motion at Synod, Bishop Kate Wilmot said:**

It's my happy task to extend a message of welcome to The Ven David and Mrs Susan Bassett and The Revd Hans and Mrs Ruth Christiansen.

It's often the custom to keep Assistant Bishops designate in a cool, dark place before their consecration – a sort of pre-episcopal refrigerator where they won't go off.

So it's very plucky of all of them to be here.

Many of us have been to a pre-wedding meet-the-parents event either because we're the betrothed or a one of the potential in-laws ourselves. These events can be demanding but a small number of people means they're well controlled and everyone is usually on their best behaviour.

It's the first big family gathering that really packs the pressure on.

The sweet but unusual behaviour of the wider family is on display – showcasing all the things that no-one else's family does but that we all take for granted as normal.

Many previous appointments of Assistant Bishops of Perth have been made from within the Diocese – perhaps that's because you can't be surprised by the family if you're one of the eccentric cousins yourself.

Inviting Hans and Ruth and David and Susan to this Synod shows the Archbishop's great confidence in all of them and in all of us.

So David and Susan, Hans and Ruth we want to express how much we are looking forward to you being part of this Diocese.

With its diverse and beautiful natural landscapes, lively people and good wine where the sun sets in its God given place, over the Indian Ocean.

We look forward to joining your gifts to ours, to your finding a home here and to all of us doing the work God calls us to together.

Please be assured of our prayers as you prepare to come to us and we look forward to being part of your consecration in February.



## Photo highlights from the Second Session of the Fifty-First Synod

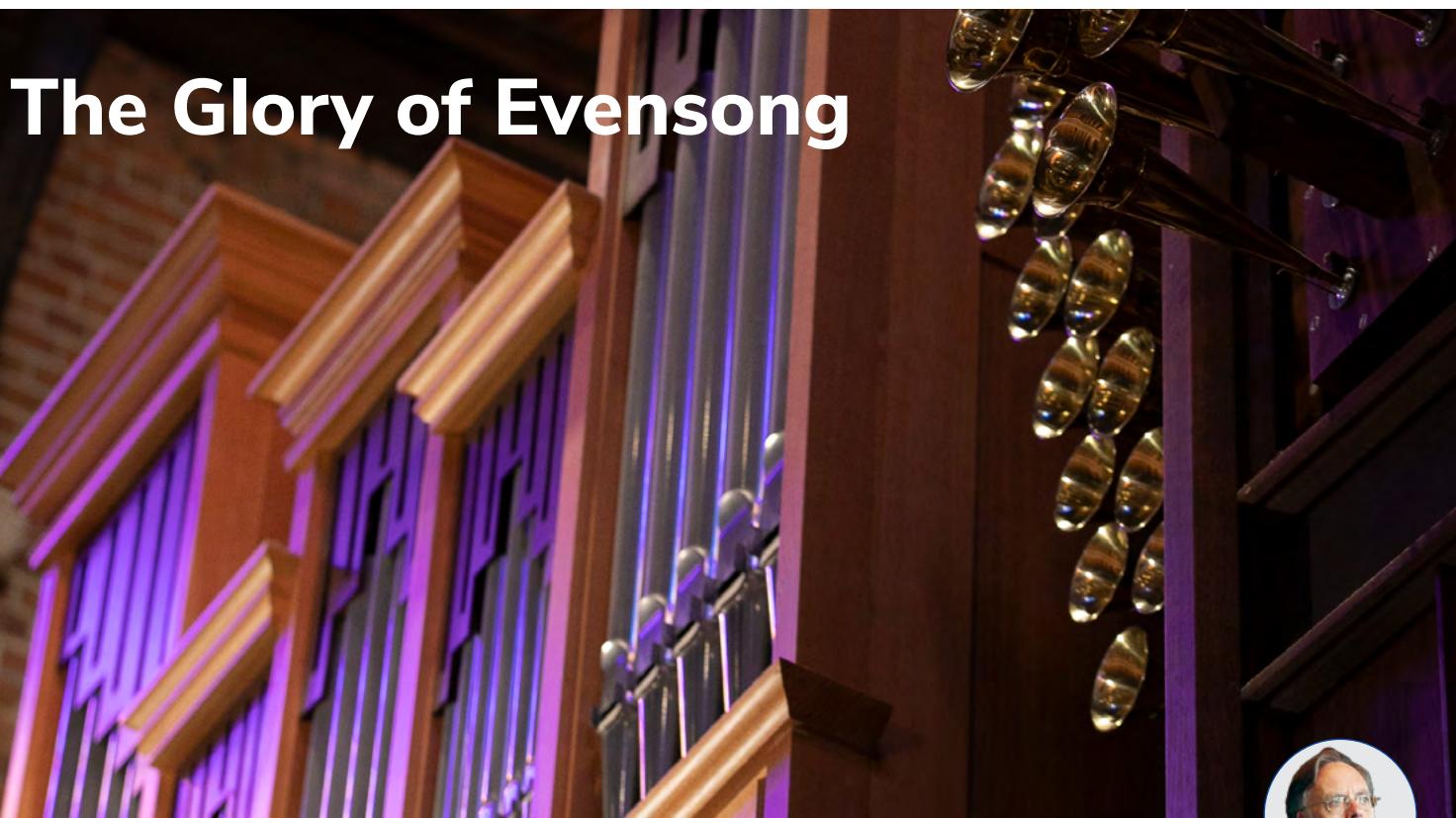
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### Pre-Synod Preparations



# The Glory of Evensong



THE VERY REV'D DR JOHN SHEPHERD AM



**It was recently my privilege to return to St George's Cathedral for a Sunday Evensong. Once again I was struck by the sheer beauty of this Service. Deeply embedded in Anglican spirituality, it has held a treasured place in our worship since it appeared in the First Prayer Book of Edward VI in 1549.**

This Prayer Book was the work of various reformers under the guidance of Thomas Cranmer, egged on by the continental theologians Huldrych Zwingli and Martin Luther. It contained some commendable features - the use of the vernacular, the gathering of all services in one book, and the introduction of Mattins and Evensong as public offices shared by both clergy and laity. Evensong included two canticles taken from mediaeval Sarum services: the *Magnificat* from Vespers, the *Nunc Dimittis* from Compline.

With Edward's death, Queen Mary froze the reformers in their tracks, but her influence was short lived. On her death in 1558 Elizabeth came to the throne and her desire to preserve cathedrals and maintain an elaborate choral tradition put paid to the reformers' hopes of extinguishing choral music altogether. She kept her Chapel Royal choir singing and her

composers producing quality music. The Chapel Royal, Westminster Abbey and the cathedrals fostered what is now known as the 'cathedral ethos': that is, dedication to a regular round of beautiful ceremonial and sacred music and to a thoughtful consideration of the faith in a contemplative atmosphere.

These institutions provided a balance to worship far removed from the Protestant emphasis on communal praise by the people, and continues to lead the way in establishing the beauty of liturgy, architecture and music as an authentic road to divinity. The title 'Evensong' was restored in the Prayer Book version of 1662, from which musical settings of the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* and the anthems sung after the Third Collect have evolved as works of great beauty.

The worship of a cathedral is different from the worship of most of our churches, but that

does not mean it is out of touch with historic Anglicanism. To the contrary, it represents a sheet anchor independent of transient moods and impulses and detached from trendy enthusiasms in spirituality and liturgy. It is also detached from the (let us hope) transient poverty of the English language so often on display.

The worth of Evensong becomes particularly apparent in the words of the psalms, taken from the Great Bible produced by Myles Coverdale in 1539. A welcome antidote to the shrivelled language of the Gradgrind bureaucrat, this translation of Coverdale's is stylistically accomplished, rich in imagery, and appeals to what T S Eliot calls 'the auditory imagination' - that 'feeling for syllable and rhythm, which penetrates far below the conscious levels of thought and feeling, invigorating every word'. As Rudolf Otto has it in *The Idea of the Holy*, this is the only way concepts of the 'transcendent' can become 'designations for a 'wholly other' reality and quality, something of whose special character we can *feel*, without being able to give it clear conceptual expression'.

The Coverdale psalms, so deeply embedded in Evensong, have a rhythm and musicality that is in sharp contrast with liturgical rhetoric which is lifeless and ineffectual. Rhetoric, which as Eliot put it, 'astonishes in its combination of the vulgar, the trivial and the pedantic'.

Evensong, with the Coverdale psalms as their centrepiece, gives permission to imagine what cannot be made explicit: the *fascinans*, the *mysterium tremendum*, the 'beyond' of the divine, whereby the mind is exalted to explore and engage with the holy.

Much of Evensong is sung by the choir alone. This is not to say that the congregation is excluded or that the service has become a concert. The congregation participates fully, but by listening rather than speaking. As any good conversationalist knows, listening is a crucial aspect of communicating. The idea that we are not worshipping unless we are actually saying something is an extraordinary one. By our own quietness at Evensong we are given space to pray at a level of awareness deeper than that which can be expressed through actual speech.

It is sometimes suggested that the conservatism of cathedrals in liturgical matters is an indication that it is out of touch and that they should forgo choral settings to allow for greater congregational participation. My experience of cathedrals is that they have warmly welcomed the idea that services for special groups, including diocesan occasions, should be specially devised to meet their particular needs, and take it for granted that these should have congregational singing without the choir. These special cases aside, most of those choosing to worship in a cathedral would expect (and all, I think, should have the good sense to expect) to participate in the cathedral's tradition.

It is also true to say that Evensong is particularly attractive to those who find a prescriptive, signposted theological freeway, straight as an arrow, to be an unconvincing route to experiencing the divine. It is also attractive to those who are repelled by the bleak certainties and bullying self-righteousness of much organised religion, whose strident dogmatism continues to repel.

In contrast, Choral Evensong, offered in the majestic, poetic language of the Book of Common Prayer, affords understated, gentle, accepting hospitality (Diarmaid MacCulloch: *All Things Made New*). Its patterned liturgical beauty sensitively encourages those searching for a deeper appreciation of the divine. Again MacCulloch: 'Less strident and less excluding than the Christian invitation to approach the eucharistic table, Evensong's understated presentation of the sacred may yet be the solace of those who find other, more demonstrative, expressions of Christianity beyond their powers of assent'.

In the words of A N Wilson, *The Faber Book of Church and Clergy*, 'to the new noddle Born Again believer all this would seem to have little to do with true religion, but for centuries has formed an authentic and welcome part of the life of the Anglican church'.

Choral Evensong is the most popular service in English cathedrals, and it deserves to be so in Australia.



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Celebrate the influential legacy of Sir Francis Burt with a rare musical juxtaposition of the trumpet and organ, featuring renowned musicians David Elton and Joseph Nolan. This concert is a vibrant echo of brilliance and versatility, illuminating the intricate textures of sound and emotion, encapsulating the profoundness of Sir Francis Burt's life and contributions to law, governance, and the arts.

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31 October 2024 | 7:30 pm

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Explore the world of strings with the Australian String Quartet, acclaimed for their innovative and emotive musical journey. Within the acoustically divine precincts of St George's Cathedral, experience a riveting array of classical and contemporary compositions, a musical narrative weaved with precision, passion, and eloquence, presenting a unique experience for connoisseurs and novices alike.

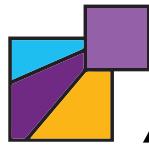
## Ave Rex: A Harmonious Advent to Christmas

14 November 2024 | 7:30 pm

St George's Cathedral

Conclude your musical journey with "Ave Rex – A Musical Journey to the Advent of Christmas," a glorious combination of WASO's Brass Octet, the Cathedral Consort, and organist Stewart Smith. This concert is a blend of sacred and secular classics, highlighted by the premiere of the Magnificat by Ruben Davies, blending tradition with contemporary elegance, enveloping the audience in the spirit and joy of Christmas.

The 2024 St George's Cathedral Series is not merely a musical extravaganza: it's a journey - a journey through waves of harmony, corridors of history, and the ethereal beauty of sound. It's a rendezvous with musical legends, a conversation between genres, and a dance of notes under the divine arches of St George's Cathedral. Whether you seek the blissful divine, the rhythmic pulse of legacy, the harmonious whisper of strings, or the joyful symphony of Christmas, this series promises a musical escapade that resonates with every soul, every emotion. Be a part of this unforgettable symphonic journey and let the music speak the unspoken, paint the unseen, and reveal the unknown.



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# Growing old on purpose

STEPHANIE BUCKLAND *Chief Executive Officer, Amana Living*

**The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus”, which means coming or arrival. During this season, we reflect on the anticipation of Jesus’s birth, as well as the spiritual preparation for Christ’s second coming. The theme of preparation is central to Advent.**

Preparation is a theme we also need to extend to the way we approach later life. I recently attended the Anglicare Australia national conference where we heard from Professor Nancy Pachana, director of the Healthy Ageing Initiative at the University of Queensland, about the impact of ageism.

Ageism colours our everyday experiences. Society sees old age as a period of decline and loss. A period of life that is solely about needing care to survive. As Nancy has said, people are being judged by their chronological age rather than their capabilities.

Yet, thanks to science, we are all living longer and many of us could reach 100 or more! There are so many years left to live so shouldn’t these be full of satisfaction, purpose, and contentment?

Amana Living’s vision is for a community where every older person is honoured and valued, and our mission is to enable older people to maintain their individuality, providing what is needed to support a fulfilling life.

We’re challenging the stereotype that older people are a homogenous group, recognising every older person is unique. As our staff know, people become even more different from one

another as they grow older thanks to their vast experiences and knowledge.

This individuality should be cherished and it’s our role as an aged care provider to deliver services, whether in residential care, home care or retirement living, that enable older people to live the life they want.

It’s also our role to listen and to work with older people to understand what is meaningful to them. It’s turning the concept of care on its head by looking at what is needed to help each individual feel fulfilled rather than simply delivering a task like dressing a wound or helping someone to shower.

This involves preparation on the part of the older person too. It involves truly thinking about what matters most in life, both now and in the future. As authors Richard Leider and David Shapiro have said, we need to grow old on purpose.

From my point of view, that means discarding the stereotypes of ageing and embracing the longevity of our years to design the life we want. Just as Advent calls for spiritual and emotional preparation, so does later life.



From left: Club Kinross knitting blankets for Cat Haven; Flower arranging at The Lake House; Parry Care Centre visit to Araluen

# Where Have All the Teachers Gone?

THE REV'D PETER LAURENCE OAM CEO, Anglican Schools Commission WA



**Australia has a teacher crisis. It's been decades in the making. Put simply, teachers are leaving the system at a greater rate than those entering. At the same time, Australia's population is growing, further compounding the problem.**

The statistics are concerning. Some 35 per cent of teachers leave the profession within their first five years of teaching (AITSL Australian Teacher Workforce Data National Trends Report, June 2023). This is staggeringly high and unsustainable when considered alongside the rapidly growing rate of teachers 'retiring early'. The global pandemic only served to increase the number of teachers choosing to retire rather than work through the challenges of Covid-19.

Here in WA, we face exactly the same challenges as the eastern states in attracting and retaining teachers. Recently the WA Minister for Education, The Honourable Dr Tony Buti MLA, described our predicament as "staring down the barrel of an unprecedented teacher shortage". As one media outlet put it, WA teachers are "in stampede for the exit".

In Anglican schools, we are somewhat fortunate. Teachers, like parents, choose our schools over others because of the values they live each day. Standards are high, whether in the academics, achievement or behaviour management. Students respond well to such high expectations, making Anglican schools great places to work for our teachers and support staff.

Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) schools are fortunate to be in the position where they attract high quality, dedicated teachers, with many staying within the ASC system for most or all of their career. Staff retain all their entitlements when they move between schools, as they remain with the one employer - the ASC. This is one of the many advantages of working in an ASC school.

One of the real joys for me each year is the presentation of service awards to staff in our schools. You qualify after 20 years of services, and then again after 25, 30 and now 35 years. Several members of staff have received their 35-year service award, an incredible achievement in a school system which only turns 40 in 2025. Simply remarkable commitment to one or more of our schools. At the ASC, we value and reward loyalty, something that seems lost to many in the 21st century workplace.



The Rev'd Peter Laurence presenting service awards to staff at Peter Moyes Anglican Community School

The media reports of government schools across Australia where there are not enough teachers for every classroom, requiring classes to be combined, or students supervised by education assistants in open classrooms, halls and the like. The problem is greatest in regional, rural and remote areas, and some urban 'hard-to-staff' schools.

Our principals tell me that the applicant pool today is far shallower in many subject areas than it was a decade ago. This is because there are simply fewer teachers to cover an increased number of classes and schools. The position is dire for schools across Australia, and something urgently needs to be done, far more than any government or university is achieving right now.

I have often written in *Messenger* of the crisis Anglican schools currently face in recruiting suitable priests for the position of School Chaplain. There are far too many vacancies across Australia, including in our own Perth and Bunbury Dioceses. Well, when we add to that the challenges of a nation-wide teacher shortage, and the long-term prospects are grim.

Please pray that school graduates will see teaching as a wonderful and fulfilling vocation, and older people with life experience also will be called to the ministry of teaching. All are welcome and needed. Our kids need good teachers; our future depends on it.



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# Cost of Living

CHRIS THOMASON *Lay Chaplain*

## The Lucky country, but are we?

At the Second Session of the Fifty-First Synod of the Diocese of Perth, an amended motion was put forward in my name. The original motion, motion 17.12 can be found in the Synod business papers<sup>1</sup> on page 13. The amendment was an increase of \$2 in the amount sought, from \$76 to \$78 because the cost of living has continued to rise since the motion was submitted. When speaking to the motion I gave the following example, based on the income of a single adult person.

- The average weekly income for an adult is \$1,838.10<sup>2</sup>.
- The National Minimum wage is \$882.80 per week<sup>3</sup>.
- The JobSeeker payment for a single adult with no dependents is \$374.60 per week<sup>4</sup>. The maximum amount of Federal rent assistance is \$92.40 per week<sup>5</sup>.
- This means you can get a maximum of \$467 per week as a single adult.

REIWA lists the average rental property as **\$460** per week for a **1-bedroom unit** leaving **\$7** a week to live on<sup>6</sup>, pay utilities, food, vehicle, and other living expenses, let alone money for training or upskilling opportunities to make yourself more competitive in the job market.

The motion was passed in the amended form and calls on all Anglicans to take action. Specifically, for Parishes to write to their federal member of parliament to advocate for a permanent rise in JobSeeker and other support payments, to a minimum of \$78 a day; still below the minimum wage. The suggested rate is only \$546 per week.

[\*\*ACOSS \(raisetherate.org.au\)\*\*](http://ACOSS (raisetherate.org.au))

You can also advocate for change as an individual. Anglicare WA has information on our website about how to call for fair and effective Government policies and **Advocate for Change** ([anglicarewa.org.au](http://anglicarewa.org.au)). Please assist us, in assisting those struggling.

Last month I attended an Anglicare WA Service Managers conference and they agreed that whilst permanently raising the rate will not fix all problems it is the most obvious solution and will go a long way to making a lasting improvement in millions of lives. The consensus amongst the Service Managers was, that two things will make a substantial difference:

1. Having adequate public housing, and
2. A permanent increase in income support payments.

At Anglicare WA we believe the full impact of this cost-of-living crisis has not yet hit home. We are seeing many people every day, doing everything they can, to pay their mortgage or rent to ensure a roof over their heads. They are going without power, food and medicine and these are sacrifices that no-one should have to make.

Housing is now being seen as a major problem for many in our community. We need your help to ensure that inadequate income gets the same attention.



1 Synod 2023 - Book Two - Business Paper | Anglican Diocese of Perth ([www.perth.anglican.org](http://www.perth.anglican.org))

2 Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, May 2023 | Australian Bureau of Statistics ([abs.gov.au](http://abs.gov.au))

3 Minimum wages - Fair Work Ombudsman

4 How much JobSeeker Payment you can get - JobSeeker Payment | Services Australia

5 How much Rent Assistance you can get - Rent Assistance | Services Australia.

6 Perth Median House Prices, Sales Volume and Rental Market Data | REIWA



# Introducing Parkerville Children and Youth's Innovative Homicide Support Program

**We are excited to share with you the latest development at Parkerville Children and Youth Care - our groundbreaking Homicide Support Program.**

Proudly supported by the Government of Western Australia's Criminal Property Confiscation Grants Program, this program is designed to provide specialised psychological support and assessment services tailored to children, young people and their families who have been affected by homicide, helping them cope with the trauma and loss that comes with such devastating events.

The need for Parkerville's Homicide Support Program stems from a growing concern. In 2021, Western Australia witnessed 74 homicides, with a staggering 25% of them being directly related to family and domestic violence. These alarming statistics highlighted the urgent need for specialised psychological services tailored to the unique challenges faced by children and

young people impacted by trauma, particularly within the context of homicide.

Parkerville has a long-standing commitment to providing trauma informed services, making it a natural choice to address this pressing need. With a history of expertise in this field, we recognise that children and young people impacted by homicide likely experience similar symptoms and difficulties as those facing other traumatic situations such as Child Sexual Abuse and Family and Domestic Violence.

In a bid to address the complex and deeply emotional aftermath of homicide, Parkerville's program takes a unique and comprehensive approach. Our mission is to help children, young people, and their families rebuild their lives by offering tailored treatment plans that



focus on improving daily functioning, reducing anxiety and depression, addressing grief and loss, and providing support for trauma resulting from their experiences. Our ultimate goal is to alleviate symptoms, enhance functioning, and facilitate trauma processing when appropriate.

The foundation of our program lies in evidence-based treatment strategies. We use a range of proven methods, including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (TF-CBT), Eye Movement Desensitisation and Reprocessing (EDMR), Behavioural Therapy, and Dialectical Behaviour Therapy, among others. These therapeutic approaches help individuals and families heal and recover, adapting to their unique needs and circumstances.

One of the key elements of the Homicide Support Program is the consideration of victim-offender dialogue. Before facilitating contact between family members and the accused while they are in prison, a psychological assessment is conducted to determine the appropriate supports and interventions. This assessment is vital in assessing the readiness and emotional well-being of family members, guiding the decision-making process regarding whether and how contact should occur.

Our focus is not solely on reducing symptoms; we also aim to empower children and young people to manage feelings of grief and loss, ultimately improving their emotional well-being. Through the program, we have been supporting clients to develop their emotional competency, emotional regulation skills, and adaptive coping strategies, enhancing their capacity to heal and recover.

Another key aspect of our program involves providing psychoeducation and support to clients and their caregivers. This helps them better understand trauma and its impact on psychosocial functioning and the broader family unit, as well as themes related to grief and loss. By increasing awareness and knowledge, we equip families with the tools to navigate the complex emotions and myriad of challenges that often accompany such a traumatic experience.

Additionally, we provide comprehensive support to primary caregivers, helping them gain a better understanding of trauma-informed strategies and support the implementation of attachment-focused and behavioural management strategies. By strengthening the support network around the child or young person, we foster an environment conducive to healing and growth.

Parkerville Children and Youth's Homicide Support Program is a testament to the organisation's dedication to supporting the most vulnerable in our society. It is a lifeline for those who have been impacted by homicide, offering hope and healing.

For more information about this groundbreaking program, please contact [homicide@parkerville.org.au](mailto:homicide@parkerville.org.au) or call (08) 9391 1900.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by homicide.

## VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS

L'Arche is a not-for-profit, faith-based organisation for people living with an intellectual disability. We offer high quality, person-centred support for adults with intellectual disability who make home together in cities across Australia (Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Bendigo, Brisbane) and around the world.

The community in Perth is expanding and seeking expressions of interest to join our volunteer board and be part of a trusted and integral community organization, in particular those with professional background and experience in the following:

**Secretary | Accounting/Finance | Fundraising and Marketing | Legal | NDIS and Disability Services**

These positions are non-remunerated. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday (6-8pm) each month in Scarborough.

*If you would like to make a difference in the lives of people with an intellectual disability, get in touch to discuss the possibilities with: Derek Meates, Chair on 0438 372 743 or Chris King, Secretary on 0403 804 620*



# Say G'Day Day

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**Each Year WA Mental Health Week highlights the important connection between social determinants and mental health. This year the week ran from 7-13 October and it always coincides with World Mental Health Day and World Homeless Day, which both fell on 10 October.**

Since our beginnings in 1963, St Bart's has been a leading provider of services for people experiencing homelessness and mental health challenges, helping people to recover from their traumas and their hardships.

From our experience when we speak to people who have experienced living on the streets, people sleeping rough experience feelings of invisibility and worthlessness, largely due to the fact that the people passing by do not acknowledge them. That lack of acknowledgment can be incredibly dehumanising. Some people actively cross the street, some bury their head in their phone, while others avert their gaze in an attempt to avoid eye contact with the person experiencing homelessness.

These actions have a profound impact on the mental health and wellbeing of people living on the street, which is why St Bart's conceived its #SayGday campaign two years ago. We positioned the focal point of the campaign, Say G'Day Day on the Friday before Mental Health Week. The confluence of homelessness and mental health is clear and the compounding impact on someone's mental health of being made to feel as though they don't exist, can be severe.

From the stories we hear from the people who have walked through St Bart's doors, we know that homelessness doesn't discriminate, it can and does happen to anyone. The very least anyone can do is treat street-present people with the same dignity and respect that we all deserve. When we see someone living on the streets, it is dangerous to take that snapshot of the person's life and call it the whole story. Freeze framing someone's life at random moments only feeds judgement, condemnation

and despair. We are all more than a series of moments. At St Bart's we see the whole person, we get to know their story, help them set goals for themselves, see their potential and support them through their recovery journey.

Our aim for the #SayGday campaign is to influence public opinion on what it is to be homeless, and encourage everyone to say a simple "G'day" the next time they walk past someone living on the street. The power of a simple acknowledgement of someone's existence through a simple greeting can have a significant positive impact on that person's mental health and wellbeing. It can make them feel human again.



# God-Talk: Trauma

THE REV'D DR ELIZABETH J SMITH AM *Mission Priest, Parish of The Goldfields*



**The old man's first language is Hungarian. In a comfortable chair at Edward Collick Home, he speaks softly, in accented English. I ask what year he arrived in Australia. I know enough history to realise that 1956 was a terrible year for Hungary. How did the events of the uprising against Russian control affect his life?**



The old man weeps and tells me what he witnessed: Red Army soldiers shooting and killing children and young people in Budapest. He tells of his escape from the city, travelling by night, heading for the border, making it to safety as a refugee, along with 200,000 other Hungarians. After 65 years, the trauma of witnessing the violence and the terror of escaping it still brings him to tears. I try to imagine the struggle he must have faced after arriving, a young immigrant, with no English, in 1950s Australia.

An old First Nations woman has Kanaka heritage too, from the Pacific Islanders trafficked to work in Australia. When she first moved into Edward Collick Home, her dementia was relatively mild. She played the guitar and sang country and western songs, and all the old gospel hymns. Now she is very frail, and I sing to her instead.

She often cries out: for comfort, for reassurance, for human touch. Sometimes she cries out for her mother, who died long ago. This week, with fear and distress in her voice, she cried about babies and children injured and dying. I know she lived through the devastation of Cyclone Tracy in Darwin. I wonder what happened then, that still terrifies her? Or is she haunted by traumatic things that happened as she grew up, married, and raised a family in a deeply racist society?

Another old Aboriginal woman can no longer speak at all. But in her day she had a strong Christian faith, so I wheel her special chair to chapel every week just the same. A few years ago, I met one of her daughters. She told me that of the many children this woman bore, most were taken away, to be raised in state care, under the cruel policies of the day. Some of them managed to get back in touch with her, years later, after having been brought up in care. But the trauma of forced separation leaves its mark on both parents and children.

I have had sadness and loss in my life, but nothing on the scale of these people's suffering. The glimpses of their trauma rightly discomfort me. They shatter any sense I might have that all is right with the world. Their wounds have not been healed. But I can be faithful in hearing them, and holding them in my heart and in my prayers. Ours is a faith that is not afraid of scars, and not ashamed of pain. The Body of Christ is not yet raised in glory. Until then, we must treat its injured members with the greatest of tenderness.

# 16 Days

THE REV'D BEC BYDDER *Member of the Family and Domestic Violence Working Group*

**The 16 Days campaign highlights the ongoing scourge of gender-based violence, especially in family and domestic relationships. It runs from 25 November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until 10 December (Human Rights Day).**

It can be easy to be overwhelmed or jaded by the ever-growing trend of themed days, weeks and months. There are days that are fun and silly, and there are days for deserving causes, especially ones that are close to our heart. Whether they are fun and/or fund raising opportunities, they crowd the calendar and fight for our attention.

These 16 Days need our attention. During these 16 Days - and every 16 days - Australia will see another three people die due to family domestic violence.

This violence may take one or more forms - physical, verbal, financial, emotional and spiritual. It doesn't discriminate by age,

relationship or gender; though women and children are sadly overrepresented.

While you may have not experienced this violence yourself, you will know someone - whether disclosed, denied or hidden - who has experienced it. It is not a new issue, although its being recognised as a specific category of crime is relatively new.

It will take time to reduce the prevalence of this violence. It will take time for awareness and understanding to grow so that initial behaviours of concern can be recognised and addressed.

It will take time for this violence to become unacceptable throughout our community so

# SHINE LIGHT INTO THE DARKNESS

*A service of lament and hope  
on the eve of the 16 Days of Activism  
for an end to Family Domestic Violence*



6.30pm, Friday 24 Nov 2023



St George's Cathedral, Perth



# FAMILY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

that it is the perpetrator, rather than their victim, who fears the violence being discovered.

As a community of the faith filled and faithful, we are called to notice what life looks like for all of God's people, and to be a voice for those who are silenced. We are called to shine a light into the places of darkness that shield and protect sin.

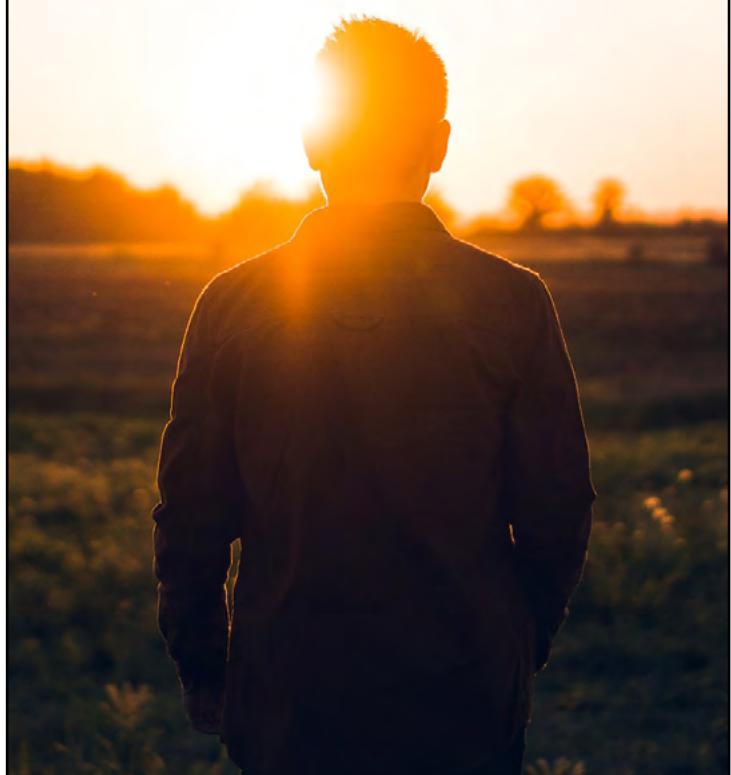
The Family Domestic Violence Working Group was established by Diocesan Council following Synod 2022. We have spent this first year establishing localised priorities and responses while joining the National Church voices on this issue.

We as a group are responding to the call to shine the light of Christ into the darkness of family domestic violence. Please help us to shine that light over the upcoming 16 Days. Our website will have services, events and resources to help you play your part in this vital campaign.

[www.perth.anglican.org/church/  
community/family-violence](http://www.perth.anglican.org/church/community/family-violence)



**Anglican Children  
& Youth Ministries**  
Diocese of Perth



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Your input on the questions in this survey will help ACYM reshape its mandate as a standing commission of Synod.

# What in the World is Perth MU Up To?

THE REV'D FRIDA LEMI *Support Priest for Sudanese Women's Ministry*

**Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Perth has been greatly enriched by our Sudanese members. It's always a highlight to have them share in diocesan events; we do love their singing! Members are also very busy supporting and encouraging others in their various congregations around Perth. Recently, Frida Lemi presented the following update on their activities.**

It is good to have another year together as community of believers. We give God the glory for keeping us safe and helping us to continue working among his people. It has been a difficult year for some of our Sudanese families, but we thank God for our women; they have been in one spirit working together to help all the families, especially the young ones, after COVID-19 and beyond.

## Nuba Women

During this year, the Nuba women have had a wonderful time with pastoral care ministry and home prayer. The Nuba women started a great activity to visit those who needed prayer and encouragement during difficult times. They work together, especially in the homes of those who have lost their relatives in Sudan during the recent war as well as those here. The Nubian women are always good in organizing trips. This year they had a trip to Alkimos Beach and Highgate Park. In their group they organize prayer and fasting in the church.

## Dinka Women

Dinka women have also been working in the Church of St Mark, Whitfords, helping their clergy and also visiting the families that have lost their relatives here or back home. They also have an ongoing Bible study every Tuesday.



Perth MU members celebrating the 125th birthday of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Perth

## Malaga MU

Malaga's women always have their activities in place – Bible studies twice a month (first Saturday and last Saturday of the month), family visits twice a month, (first Sunday and the third Sunday of the month), prayer for MU every three months in Malaga church and prayer and fasting every two months. Emergency prayer for those who have a special need and need support here or back home is always done via the phone on WhatsApp. This year, they celebrated Fathers' Day. It has become a beautiful tradition they are carrying on in the church.

# Nor'West Postcard

JOCELYN ROSS OAM



Bishop Darrell and Elizabeth Parker are experiencing life in the Kimberley with extremely hot temperatures – so sweaty! Not the best time to visit – but the beauty is there!! They are spending six days in Broome, with Archdeacon Michael and Karen Baines, Miriam, Abigail and Bethany, CMS missionaries and pastor of the Aboriginal Church, Chris and Karen Webb, Ezra, Daniel and Emily, and assistant minister, Matt and Leonie Morrison, and their littlies, Zoe and Sophia. Great scenery, with a visit to Derby also.



Time to move on to Kununurra, staying with The Revd Daniel and Bec Faricy and their three daughters, Rachael, Jessica and Emily and join in the preparations for a youth minister arriving in November from Tasmania, with his wife and two children. A really trying time to move into the Kimberley. These days we are so grateful to God for air-conditioning (which we didn't have in the houses back in 1970!!!).



Newman, Kununurra, and Karratha parishes are inviting all kids and their families to 'A Light Party', a great alternative to the usual celebration on 31 October! Frank Nichols says 'We guarantee you that all who attend will have a great time together and learn about the one who came to bring light to the world at the same time'. So primary school aged kids welcome, and mums and dads are welcome.



The Camp is an opportunity for the paid ministers and their families in the Diocese to be encouraged in the gospel together. We had talks every day from the psalms, time to pray for each other, time to relax and time to think about ministry. Although many of us are still scratching from the tick bites we sustained, it was an awesome week and we are thankful for the support of the diocese and benefactors in this way.



Port Hedland Seafarers' Centre recently celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the opening of its present building down in the Port, on Port Authority Land. Plans are progressing for a new purpose-built centre on land acquired adjacent to the service jetty where seafarers are brought ashore.

(Left) Chaplain Garry Hamersley with Father Edwards of St Cecilia Church, South Hedland; (Right) Chaplain Garry Hamersley with Lindsay Copeman (BHP), Phil Christy, General Manager Marine-Pilbara Ports



On the last day of the Fellow Workers' Conference, Bishop Darrell Parker ordained as presbyter the Anglican Cathedral assistant minister, Michael Welham, in the presence of all the clergy family of the Diocese and his family and friends from Perth and Bunbury. A most joyous occasion!

Congratulations to Anglican Cathedral members, attending Geraldton Christian College: Head Boy, Luke Harris, graduating with a bursary to Curtin University. He passes on a baton to Joy Eze, Head girl in 2024. Other students attending the College from the Anglican Cathedral are Matthew Strydom and Emmy Abetz – Year 9 Student Councillors, Joshua Strydom – Year 7 student councillor in 2024.

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5, 6)***

For more news about the North West visit [anglicandnwa.org](http://anglicandnwa.org) | @northwestanglicans  
or sign up to receive the North West Network magazine

# Bunbury Bulletin

THE VEN GEOFFREY CHADWICK *Archdeacon*

## Small Town Ministry

One of the joys of the Bunbury Diocese is that there are many small towns and communities scattered though-out the region. In these communities, the priest or deacon who serves the town really is "the Parson" in the old sense of the word; "The Person" in the town to whom you go to Godly matters.

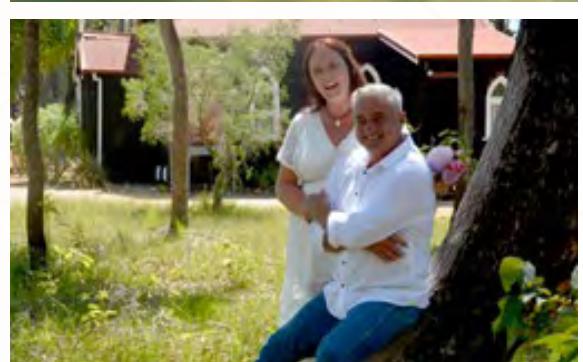
Our communities continue to ask for funerals, baptisms, and weddings; as well seeking emergency relief and spiritual advice. Hospitals continue to call on the church on behalf of families needing some priestly ministry, and the person wearing the collar (or lapel crosses) gets greeted in the street. Whilst our limited resources are stretched, we are passionate that ordained ministry is offered to all who ask.

We have been busy in the last month with the regular church services, numerous funerals, weddings, a confirmation and the 100th Anniversary of the church at Wickepin. Not to forget the Bishop at Conference, Mission to Seafarers activities, and the Mothers' Union Country Rally in Busselton.

The Revd Rod Steel and The Revd David Bardsley presided at the Eucharist for the first time as newly ordained priests. And to top it off, the Diocesan staff were treated to a breakfast accompanied by dolphins at the Bunbury Dolphin Discover Centre.

There's always a lot going on, and we are thankful for those faithful people throughout the Diocese who serve their communities.

Blessings  
Geoff



# Our Rich Liturgical Heritage: Advent Confidence

**The two advents of the Lord Jesus Christ assure us that life is going somewhere. The four BCP Collects for Advent are especially helpful in maintaining confidence during the *changes and chances of this fleeting world*.**



## THE RT REV'D DR PETER BRAIN

Navigating the challenges of our uncertain world, with our frail bodies, sinful thoughts, alluring temptations, along with the Devil's insinuations that God is neither good nor loving, is made possible as we pray prayers like these. By highlighting a phrase or two from each, I hope to whet your appetite for each Collect and the sequence they set before us.

The assurance of judgement in the 1st Collect: *that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and the dead* reminds us of our nobility before God. We are not randoms with no purpose in life. Being made in God's image we are to honour Him and are accountable to Him for the way we live out this unique privilege. Thankfully, this accounting will be according to grace as the words: *in which thy Son came to visit us in great humility indicate*.

The grace of salvation is set forth in the 2nd Collect's memorable: *and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of eternal life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ*. In the face of certain judgement, comfort and assurance can only be ours if salvation is a gift, to be received by faith and not earnt by our works. This door of grace closes when we die and sets the agenda for faithful ministers. Hence the prayer in Advent 3: *Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight*. Our eternity depends on the response we make to God's grace. Life is invested with purpose and hope as we throw our lot in with our crucified and risen Lord of glory.



No grace could be so gracious, nor warning so timely since our affluent West, in the words of Gordon Fee, 'having lost any sense of need for future hope...is trying to make the present eternal'. Frans Leenhardt sobered us up with his warning: 'what madness it is to join in this puppet show which is displayed on a tottering stage'. Instead, our Lord teaches us to pray that our earthly agendas might be in accord with our Father's, with that health-giving request: *Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.*

In this light Advent is a call to the most exciting adventure we could be called to. To conform not to the fashions and fads of the world but to the joys of promoting His Son and exemplifying His ways, brings freedom. Distinctiveness from the world is our core business so that those weary of the 'tottering stage' might find their feet in the security of His promises and purposes. The prayer for the 4th Sunday in Advent: *O Lord raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let*

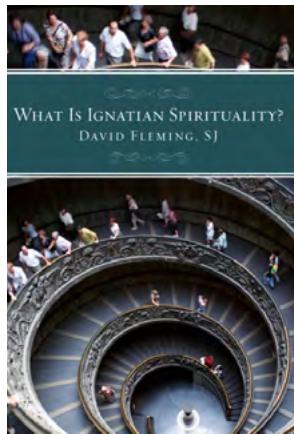
*and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, reminds us of God's promised help.*

The twin Advent events assure us that our life is worth living. They challenge our self-appointed sufficiency and comfort us in Jesus's counter-cultural call to embrace decided discipleship. They hold out confidence to all who long for our Lord's return. Far from making us complacent to the needs around us they steel our nerve, enlarge our vision and excite our passion to honour our Lord and to serve others for Him and like Him. The adventure beckons and is our joy, even in hardships. Spurgeon's words of disciples are as exciting as they are realistic: 'Ill to them is no ill, but only good in mysterious form. Losses enrich them, sickness is their medicine, reproach their honour and death their gain.'



# What is Ignatian Spirituality?

THE REV'D ROSS JONES *designated Director of the Tree of Life Programme from December 2023*



***What is Ignatian Spirituality? (2008), David L Fleming***

**The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola have been an integral part of the Tree of Life and will be available for participants in 2024.**

Ignatius of Loyola's Spiritual Exercises commences with a vision of life, work, and love with the loving Creator's call to contemplate how we see the world, our life, and our growth in our relationship with God.

God created us for an eternal loving relationship response being expressed in praise, reverence, and service to God. We demonstrate reverence for all the gifts of creation and co-create with God by being good custodians in the care and development of the world, demonstrated in loving life-giving actions for others.

Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises are a way to strengthen our effort to respond faithfully to God's love as we freely unite ourselves with God and join in God's active work in the world.

The daily reflective prayer of the Examen focuses on God's presence and purpose as we seek to recognise God's blessings and ask for God's forgiving love for the times when we did not cooperate with God's activities. We ask for divine aid to be more attentive, present, and cooperative with future divine events.

Any abuse of these gifts of creation, including making these possessions at the centre of our lives, breaks our relationship with God and hinders our growth as loving persons.

Sin can be viewed as a failure of gratitude to the Creator as we do not grasp what God has done for us. The Spiritual Exercises' first focus reflects on the world's suffering and the disorder in our hearts. The consequence of choosing self over the Creator. This reflection brings us to Christ on the cross and our connection to Christ.

The second focus of the Spiritual Exercises is to take a global view of the world with its creative

opportunities and discordant suffering as God awaits the co-creator response given by Mary to the divine invitational initiative in saying, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word' (Luke 1:38).

Imaginative prayer enables us to notice God's love, compassion, and understanding as we encounter Jesus in the Gospel accounts, bringing Jesus into our hearts and feelings as we respond with a service of generosity and reverence towards the created world.

The emptying of Christ is the way of our spiritual journey, for Christ emptied himself (Philippians 2:6-8) in not clinging to gifts but giving them away, exemplifying divine love. Lovers share what they have with their beloved. Jesus shared everything with us.

The key is acknowledging that everything is a gift from God and properly using those gifts at one's disposal aligns with the divine presence's harmonious way of life. We can be misdirected through wealth and significance if we make them our identity and accomplishment, making us think we are in charge. Emptiness reminds us that we, along with all creation, are gifts of the Creator.

The third focus links life's challenging and painful events of suffering with the imaginative prayer engagement of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, with compassion as sharing the suffering of others as a loving presence with those suffering.

The fourth focus is the experience of the risen Jesus Christ, who shares the boundless intimacy of resurrected life with us. Our response is expressed in a prayer of relational intimacy with the divine, where nothing is held back in the partners' sharing.

We share everything we have with Jesus Christ, our beloved, who shares everything with us. We

give all because we have realised all we have is gifted to us by the Creator, who has redeemed and reconnected us to the divine way of life.

These four focuses of Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises enable us to take a contemplative stance in our daily lives. Barry and Connolly have expressed this ongoing contemplative stance on life, which we will explore next month.



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## ***A Surprising Christmas***

by Jenny Davis

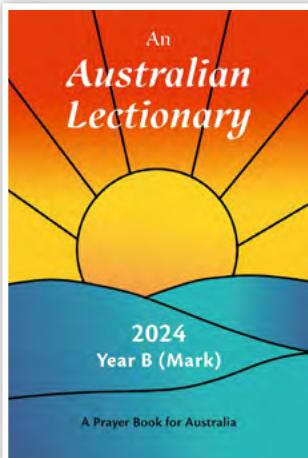
**Friday 15 December  
7.00pm  
St George's Cathedral**

It's December 1945 and seventeen-year-old Patsy is working in the local bakery and she and her young sister are looking forward to a peacetime Christmas in the Murray region after five years of war. Patsy also dreams of a different future for herself - going to the city and training to be a teacher, but times are hard post war, and her dreams may not be achievable. Join Patsy and her family as they prepare for a country Christmas which turns out to be quite surprising.

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*Photo by Stewart Thorpe*



## An Australian Lectionary 2024 Year B (Mark)

A Prayer Book for Australia

While the Lectionary is well-known to most Anglicans as the calendar for getting the readings correct, the widespread acceptance across the church might not be as well known. Lectionaries were known and used as early as the fourth century. These involved continuous reading, with each Sunday's texts picking up where they left off on the previous Sunday. This practice has continued down through the history of the Christian Church, but additions of special days and feasts obscured the simplicity of the original Sunday texts, so after every few centuries, the calendar needed to be simplified.

The most relevant publications for us today were the Roman Catholic Lectionary for Mass of 1967, (the Post Vatican II Roman Lectionary presented a profound break with the past) the Common Lectionary of 1983 and the Revised Common Lectionary of 1992. Widespread ecumenical agreement was reached with the Revised Common Lectionary, which we now use, published and copyrighted in 1992. This followed extensive testing and feedback from churches particularly in the United States and Canada, forming a Consultation on Common Texts (CCT). What an amazing achievement!

The Revised Common Lectionary (ecumenical) or Three-Year (RC) lectionary is used in Australia by Anglican, Churches of Christ, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Uniting Church and many Baptist and other congregations. Accordingly, most worshippers in churches are using the same readings – what a wonderful image, and how practical for those producing commentaries and resources!

The Lectionary provides a three-year scheme based on the Gospels: Year A Matthew, Year B Mark and Year C Luke. Consequently, the Synoptic Gospels are covered quite fully, though similar parables and healings are generally read once only. The Gospel of John is read in Lent and Easter in Years A and B and around Holy Week and Christmas.

Revisions have taken place – as recently as 2001, General Synod in that year agreed on three special days of prayer, in response the changing needs of an inclusive and global community:

1. Sea Sunday (on second Sunday in July) where services are held for the Seafarers Missions in many churches in Australia (and overseas)
2. Prayer for Refugees (last Sunday in August) an observance which has now become meaningful in Australian communities
3. Anglicans and Roman Catholics are asked to pray for each other on 4 November each year!

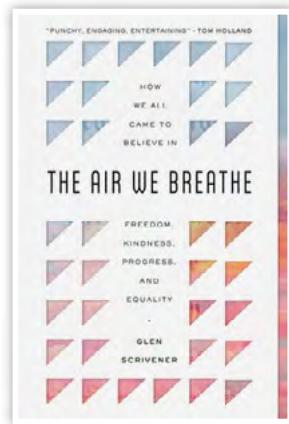
And remarkably, only in 2014 General Synod agreed to observe Defence Forces Sunday on the Sunday nearest 11 November (Remembrance Day).

An Australian Lectionary continues to be published in print edition, by Broughton Press, with an on-line resource Epray by subscription. Access to the web edition costs around \$300 per annum and includes copyright permission to use APBA, AAPB and other resources as well as the Lectionary. However, the compact print edition of the Lectionary has continued to be well received. (Broughton Press subscription for Epray to be ordered direct from [broughtonpublishing.com.au](http://broughtonpublishing.com.au))

### LECTIONARIES FOR YEAR B 2024

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### The Air We Breathe

by Glen Scrivener, The Good Book Company, 2022

***The Air We Breathe* helps us understand how much we owe to the Christian worldview. Looking at 'how we came to believe in freedom, kindness, progress and equality', Scrivener has given us a clear explanation of how dependent all these are on Scripture.**

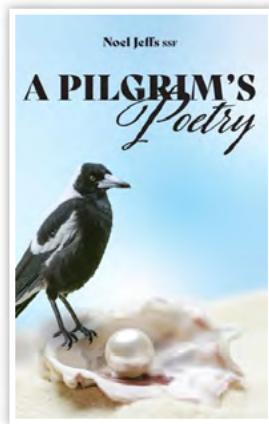
Here is a book that can be confidently given to those sceptical about Christianity to help answer their questions, as well as to those befuddled and hurt by the confusion and disappointments that have ensued from alternative worldviews and behaviours.

Three examples given by Scrivener will help us embrace Christian influences we take for granted.

1. We can thankfully discard Aristotle's elitist views that led him to opine 'let there be no law that a deformed child shall be reared' (p62).
2. 'In many a Christianised country we call our leaders 'ministers'... the old English for servant... with the Prime Minister the first in the queue to minister to us... If you want evidence of the Christian revolution look no further: our rulers used to pronounce themselves 'gods'; now they are servants' (p76).
3. We rightly take for granted that sexual abuse of children is always wrong. Where did this come from? Scrivener writes, 'In the ancient world sex with boys and girls was not merely tolerated; it was celebrated... The word they used was pederasty: love of children. Christians were uniformly disgusted by the practice and called it a different name-paidophoros: destruction of children. What the world called love,

Christians called abuse... In the reign of the Christian Emperor Justinian (527-565) pederasty was outlawed... church and state – preaching and legislation – worked together as a one-two punch against the sexualisation of children' (pp96-7). He goes on to show that the rule which has judged abusers of children in many contexts, including churches, that showed these 'crooked lines as crooked' comes from the straight line of Christ's teaching. Quoting a victim of child abuse who posed the question 'what is a little girl worth?' he writes: 'You do not answer that question scientifically or economically. Nor do you answer it merely sociologically or psychologically. The deepest and truest answer to that question is a spiritual one. And when a guttural 'Everything' rises up within you, that is your Christianity answering' (p100).

Scrivener writes with extraordinary clarity, with the ability to explain why we are where we are, whilst helping us celebrate the amazing benefits which have accrued to cultures that breathe the air of Christ's transforming influence in everyday matters like service, human dignity and equality, scientific discoveries, sexual fidelity and progress. This is an ideal gift to strengthen the believer and help others to understand what they are rejecting, along with the costs of what they are turning their backs on.



## A Pilgrim's Poetry

by Noel Jeffs SSF

Moshpit Publishing, 2023. 36 pages, paperback.

From \$12 online. Kindle edition \$6

**Noel Jeffs' poetry is like a beautiful thicket of trees. The reader must read slowly to unpick the multi-layered exterior to reveal a vulnerable and lonely poet-persona at the heart of the poems.**

A Pilgrim's Poetry is composed of three poems, 'The Hilfield Cycle', 'The Assisi Cycle' and 'The Jerusalem Cycle', reflecting three places of significance for the Franciscan poet. Each poem describes walks and journeys at Hilfield, the farm in rural Dorchester where Anglican Franciscan friars began their life as an Order, in Rome and Assisi, where the poet really meets Saint Francis, and in Jerusalem, where the pain and glory of Christian faith reveal themselves to the pilgrim.

Brother Noel states that these poems, like the historical Saint Francis, are about a son in search of a father. The poems reveal the insight that, to want to find a father, a man has to find within himself how much and in what ways he wants to be a son. A passerby in Rome, presumably seeing Noel in his brown robe, says cheerfully, 'Buona sera Father' (page 9). This raises the question, In what way is the son a father, too? What, in Gerard Manley Hopkins' phrase, has the son 'fathered-forth'? 'Am I a Christian?', the poet asks (page 9), meaning, perhaps, what new life has he brought about?

The Son and the Father become one in the story of the Passion, but this oneness cannot hold:

*'This union//writ against the lore of the stars// shook my core, and distinction//made us apart. ... For all things//new confound old plots.'* (pages 30-31)

The poems are written with an acute ear for rhyme, assonance and wordplay at multiple levels. A bridle path at Hilfield becomes 'the bridal path', prompting reflection on the

pilgrim as bride of Christ. The Jerusalem Cycle begins with, 'The gates which descend, in tiers, as steps//of conflicting humanity', prompting thoughts of 'tears' and the sheer sadness of the death of Christ.

The short section on 'Jericho', which stands in for Gaza and its horrors, resonates with current news from the Middle East.

*'Round and round we walked/Jericho's walls wishing its fall. ... Too awful is//the truth, this is a concentration camp.'* (page 26)

Perhaps surprisingly for a celibate friar, these poems contain a strong erotic charge delineating the universal desire of human bodies for connection with others.

The decision to print every page in a large italic font irritated me. I imagine its purpose was to slow the reader down to take in all the levels of sound and meaning, but I found the print too heavy. It drew attention to itself away from the actual words. It also disturbed the flow of lines making it sometimes difficult to judge whether a line had come to an end, or whether the break in syntax was an accidental enjambment.

The cover, however, designed by Sarah Davies, with Australian magpie and pearl, is delightful.

Noel Jeffs has invited us, in densely chosen words, to walk with him as pilgrim.

*'The pilgrim's steps are weary,//and record the rise and fall of the//heart in pitching tent.'* (page 25)

## ANTHONY HOWES

Anthony presents more news of arts and entertainment every Saturday from 10.00am till 12.00noon on Capital Radio 101.7 FM and Capital Digital



I am asking you to plan to attend St George's Cathedral on Friday, December 15 at 7 pm, for what has become a traditional pre-Christmas event, whereby those less fortunate than ourselves will benefit; and, indeed, as we benefit in a different way by enjoying the talents of WA's gifted performers. It is well over a decade ago that this annual event began. The Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller and the Cathedral decided to work together to commission a playwright, and bring together thespians and musicians to focus on raising funds to aid the ill and the homeless of our City. Since that time, as each Christmas approached, your attendance has enabled a considerable amount of money to be raised: aiding the provision of family-sized food hampers for those with very little; bedding and clothing for homeless women and men; aid for the those suffering mental illness of one sort or another, and the care of distressed or broken families.

This year, the performance will take on the guise of a 'vintage' radio play, with performers, technicians and musicians taking you back to 1945 (when radio was king, of course!). At the time, our Cathedral was filled with the joy that followed the end of the Second World War, and this is the mood captured by the playwright, Jenny Davis OAM, who has created all these productions right from the beginning. Jenny has called this production, **A Surprising Christmas** and says:

*Over the past three decades I have held many reminiscence workshops with seniors and have collected a number of recollections of Christmas in rural areas many years ago. Simpler times, before commercialism really took hold, when resources were modest and communications much more infrequent than today. The stories remind me of the importance of communities, the support they provide, the empathy they teach and the joy they bring. Some of these recollections are the basis for **A Surprising Christmas**, set in 1945, the first Christmas after the end of the war. Families could come together again, and although there were empty places at some tables and economic times were still tough, new hope for the future made it a special time for celebration.*



Jenny Davis OAM

*So, I do hope that you will join our little family in the Murray region, as they rediscover the spirit of the festive season.*

Who is it who present the 2023 fund-raiser? The Cathedral, its Dean and Staff, of course; the Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller, who are part of the Cathedral community as St George's is their conventional church; and Theatre 180, (originally known as Agelink Theatre) whose personnel freely give of their talents; and the Perth Undergraduate Choir. Gina Church, the publicist has given her services without charge since the first production. This year, the beneficiary will be St Bart's, whose aid to the wider Perth community indicates a dedication of both its Board and Staff. To this line-up we should add Capital Radio 101.7 FM & Digital, who in the past 5 productions have broadcast them on Christmas Eve to widen community awareness.

The cast of **A Surprising Christmas** is lead by one of Perth's finest actors, Stuart Halusz (who is also Artistic Director of Theatre 180). Stuart is joined by Natasha Fraser, Sascha Bott, Alinta Carroll, Dan Luxton and the Cathedral's own, Davilia O'Connor.

Bookings are with [Try Booking](#), and detail may be seen on the Cathedral website.

There is a beautiful clerestory window above the south transept, the gift of the OSJ, whose motto aligns well with the fund-raiser: ***To the Glory of God in the promotion of Christian Charity & Service to our lords the Sick and the Poor in the tradition of Chivalric Service.***



Stuart Halusz

# 2024 MANDORLA ART AWARD ENTRIES NOW OPEN

With a prize pool of over \$50,000, Mandorla is Australia's most significant thematic Christian art prize. The Mandorla Art Award actively fosters a relationship between contemporary fine artists and the writings of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures. Open to all artists across Australia, working in any medium, Mandorla invites artists to think laterally and with sensitivity by interpreting a new theme for each iteration of the award.

The 2024 theme: *Refocus 'Let all that you do be done in love' (1 Cor. 16:14)*

## PRIZES

2024 promises to be Mandorla's most exciting award yet, with the inclusion of a major new prize category, the New Norcia Artist Residency Prize. This is a unique opportunity for an artist to live and create artwork in Australia's only monastic town. In partnership with the New Norcia Benedictine Monastery, this one-month residency provides a studio, accommodation, meals and a \$10,000 artist fee.

In 2024, Mandorla will award five prize categories:

- **Mandorla Art Award Prize** – Acquisitive: **\$30,000**
- **Highly Commended Catholic Archdiocese Prize**: **\$5,000**
- **Highly Commended Anglican Diocese Prize**: **\$5,000**
- **People's Choice Prize** – provided by Benedictine Community: **\$2,000**
- **New Norcia Artist Residency Prize**: 1-month residency and **\$10,000**

## JUDGES

Finalist works are selected by an eminent panel of judges and shown in an exhibition in May 2024 at Holmes à Court Gallery in Gooyaman West Perth. The artwork awarded the Mandorla Art Prize is acquired into the Mandorla Collection, held at the New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery. The selection panel and judges for the 2024 Mandorla Art Award are:

Hannah Mathews - Director of Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, WA

Richard Lewer - Artist, Vic

Dr Raewynne Whiteley - Theologian, WA

## ENTRIES

Entries are open from now until **Friday 13 March 2024**. Artists can enter via the online entry form. The artwork can be in any medium and must have been produced in the last year and not previously exhibited.

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Above: Claire Beasein, 2022 Winner, *Chalice*, silkworm cocoons on cotton rag paper.

Below: Mikaela Castledine, 2018 Winner, *God is in the House*, Crochet cotton, glass and ceramic found objects

# Parish of Swan

THE REV'D DR ALAN FORSYTH

## The Blessing of New Metal Benches in the Grounds of All Saints' Church, Henley Brook

All Saints' Henley Brook, in the Parish of Swan, is the oldest church building in WA still in use. It was built by Richard Edwards between 1838 and 1840, the first service taking place on 10 January 1841. The site is on a small hill overlooking the Swan River and near the conjunction of the Swan and Ellenbrook. This was the site where Captain James Stirling camped during his 1827 exploration of the area. It is no surprise that the remains of quite a few of our state's pioneers are buried in the All Saints' churchyard.

After a 'Baptism in Holy Communion' service at All Saints' on 17 September, members of the congregation adjourned to the church grounds for the blessing of two new metal benches. These had been designed and constructed by a French artist and donated by the grandparents

of Matthew Paul Smythe, who had just been christened. We all agreed that these benches are wonderful additions to the beautiful surroundings of All Saints' – not only this, but they are very comfortable to sit on!

The bench near the gate carries the design of the Tree of Life. This reminds us of God's gift of life itself, and of the gift of new life in Jesus. It speaks to us of eternal life. The design on the other bench is of grapes and vines – which symbolises the Swan Valley, its people, its industries. As well as this, it reminds us of the bread and wine of Holy Communion, and of the occasion when Jesus turned water into wine in his first miracle in Cana of Galilee. It reminds us that he himself is the new wine, and that he calls us to new life with him.



## St Francis' Day

On Sunday, 1 October, we observed St. Francis' Day with a combined service at St Mary's Middle Swan, in the Parish of Swan, with the Blessing of Animals. After the service there was a social gathering which featured a bouncy castle and an ice cream van that also sold coffees. A good time was had by all!

# The Op Shop Story

**The Anglican Parish of Turquoise Coast-Dandaragan-Eneabba, invited all its 45 volunteers, who make up the staff of the Anglican Op-Shop, to a sumptuous lunch as a thank you and recognition of the loyal work over the past year.**

Every volunteer was given a beautiful card with a very sincere thank you message and the luncheon, was superbly catered for, by the Jurien Bay ladies of CWA.

Pauline said, 'It is the cheerful, loyalty of the volunteers who are the very heartbeat of the Op Shop. It is because of you, that people find it a wonderful place to come, searching for bargains and a listening ear. Your compassion and work ethic are remarkable'.

'I have been involved from its very beginning twelve years ago and watched it grow, but it is now time for me to relinquish my role as co-ordinator. It is time to 'hand over' the Op Shop as it is no longer possible for the Parish to continue its management.'

Negotiations with the Jurien Bay Community Resource Centre have resulted in our very exciting to announcement; the CRC will take

over management of the Op Shop from 1 January 2024 as an ongoing asset for the community.

A volunteer presented Pauline with a glorious floral arrangement saying, This is a gift in appreciation for your love and kindness, consistently expert organisation and fairness to us all'.

In the past 15 months over \$99,000 was distributed to over 45 recipients.

Each person was asked to jot down why the Op-Shop was important to them. Responses included: friendship, sustainability, mental health benefits, the generosity of donors and the enormous amount of money generated to support others.

There is every good reason to be optimistic, under new management; the Op-Shop is humming, financial and fun.



(Left) Pauline Ward with Lyn Richards, Op Shop volunteer; (Right) Volunteers from Badgingarra who help at the Jurien Op Shop



## Parish of Guildford celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 15 October 2023 at St Matthew's, Guildford



## Parish of Swanbourne-Mt Claremont - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sunday 22 October 2023 at Church of the Resurrection, Swanbourne



## Appointment

The Ven Mandy Herriman	Chaplain to Women's Prisons	01.10.23
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## Commissionings

The Revd Rob Healy	Priest-in-Charge, Lockridge-Eden Hill 7.00pm Church of the Resurrection, 37 Woolgar Way, Lockridge	02.11.23
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## Ordination - Priesthood

**7.00pm Thursday 30 November 2023, Cathedral**

The Reverend Grahame Bowland  
The Reverend Mark Davis  
The Reverend Lloyd D'Souza  
The Reverend Dr Noah Mbano

## Locum Tenens

The Revd Bill Hawley	Scarborough	01.11.23-31.12.23
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## Anglican Diocese of North Queensland

*Suitable Anglican Priests are invited to contact the Bishop of North Queensland in relation to opportunities for full and part-time ministry. At present the following full stipended ministries are vacant:*

**Rector, West Cairns**

**Priest-in-Charge 0.6, Hinchinbrook**

**Rector, Mackay**

*(noting that suitable candidates will also be appointed as Archdeacon of Mackay)*

**School Chaplain, Whitsunday Anglican School, Mackay**



North Queensland is an extraordinarily beautiful and diverse Diocese which extends from Sarina (south of Mackay) all the way to the Torres Strait Islands and the PNG border. Most of the population live on the Pacific Coast, but the Diocese also goes inland all the way to the Northern Territory border.

For more details on the Diocese or conditions of service for clergy please visit our website ([www.anglicannq.org](http://www.anglicannq.org)) or contact Ms Shelley Thomas on [bishoppa@anglicannq.org](mailto:bishoppa@anglicannq.org) or (07) 4771 4175, option 1.

To be appointed you must be an Anglican Priest in good standing and hold or be eligible to hold a Queensland "Blue Card". The Diocese ordains women clergy. Priests who would like to make an expression of interest are encouraged to contact The Right Revd Dr Keith Joseph, Bishop of North Queensland [bishopnq@anglicannq.org](mailto:bishopnq@anglicannq.org) or (07) 4771 4175 option 1.

## Obituary: The Revd David Lord

THE REV'D TED WITHAM tssf

David Lord (may he rest in peace and rise in glory) was a Third Order Franciscan. The letters TSSF meant a lot to David. I know he valued Franciscan spirituality and he appreciated being part of our WA Region fellowship.

For various reasons – mainly because David was such a big character, 'Big David' as his family nicknamed him – his Franciscan commitment was not mentioned at his funeral.

I had the privilege of walking beside David when he was a novice. He told me how his three months at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury shaped him both spiritually and intellectually as a Franciscan. The inspiring stories of Francis and Clare were unpacked at the FISC in challenging ways. David realised that the question for us Tertiaries is not how to live like Clare and Francis, but how their faith journeys could inspire his.

Like all of us in wealthy Australia, Clare's utter poverty confronted David. How could Clare's uncompromising poverty inform our lives? He saw that many decisions that he had made in life were to create and maintain a comfortable life.

He and Lyn went to the Philippines and India for several years in a row, and they saw there that their contribution through 'Pilgrimage' was to find ways of alleviating the shocking poverty they encountered there. Yet all the while, as they provided loving and educational experiences for the children they met, like those living on rubbish tips at the edges of the large metropolis, David and Lyn claimed that the children enriched them more.

I suspect that this is real poverty – knowing how others enrich us!

David was disappointed that the Study Centre in Canterbury was closed. He was in the last cohort of students. He was angry that the Centre was moving in a new direction which privileged Roman Catholics above students from other denominations. David felt that this was a betrayal of the spirit of St Francis. David always understood God as love; God as embracing all people and creatures. Putting up territorial boundaries always riled David as it did St Francis.

When we began coming to St Brendan's when David was Rector, we noted how animals, dogs in particular, were always welcome at church. No fuss was made of them; they were just part of the congregation.

When David was interviewed for the role of Rector at Saint Brendan's, the nominators asked him whether he would be okay with the parish's Homelessness Respite ministry. Not only did he approve, he said, but it was also one of the main attractions of the role.

He made Homelessness Respite a priority of his week, visiting every Friday and many Fridays even when he was ill. He chatted and laughed with both guests and volunteers. Watching him, I saw how much he enjoyed it: he was enriched by the guests as he was enriched by the children he met on 'Pilgrimage'. David was a mirror of the joy of St Francis and the joy of Jesus.

May we reflect the same encompassing inclusiveness that David embraced.

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Around the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of every month prior to publication. Articles must be under 400 words and may be edited without notice, images to accompany articles are encouraged

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion <i>from the Book of Common Prayer</i>	10.00am Choral Eucharist	5.00pm Choral Evensong
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## MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Monday to Saturday	8.00am	Morning Prayer & 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday	12.15pm	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Eucharist
Monday to Saturday	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 5	10.00am	Choral Eucharist for All Saints
	5.00pm	Requiem Mass for All Souls
Tuesday 7	12.15pm	Service for Healing and Wholeness A special celebration of Holy Communion that includes prayer for healing and wholeness. This service is held on the first Tuesday of every month.
Saturday 11	10.30am	Act of Remembrance on Armistice Day
	5.30pm	An Evening of Celebration & Solidarity with <i>Equal Voices WA &amp; Pride WA</i>
Sunday 19	5.00pm	Choral Evensong - Celebrating Every Cathedral Volunteer
Sunday 26	5.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Installation of a Canon and Collation of Archdeacons
Thursday 30	7.00pm	Ordination of Priests

## CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY

*Bookings spirituality@perthcathedral.org or 9325 5766, by the Monday before the presentation.*

Wednesday 8, 9.30am - 2.00pm (Cost \$15, includes lunch) The Venerable Peter Boyland, Rector, Christ Church Claremont  
**Saints, Symbols and Seasons: the spiritual landscape of the Church's year**

Wednesday 25, 9.30am - 12.30pm (Cost \$10) The Venerable Gillian Rookyard, Rector of St Anselm of Canterbury, Kingsley Woodvale and Archdeacon, and The Reverend Matthew Smedley, Rector, St Luke's Mosman Park.  
**God: Gender Neutral or Gender Specific and the shaping of our Spirituality**

## OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 22 November, 7.30pm

### St George's Cathedral Concert Series - Australian String Quartet

In this compelling program, the musicians of the Australian String Quartet perform Alessandro Scarlatti, Sonata a Quattro no 4 in D minor; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Clarinet Quintet, with Ashley Smith (clarinet); Benjamin Britten, String Quartet no 2 in C major. Tickets: [asq.com.au](http://asq.com.au).

Wednesday 26 November, 11.30am

### Big Cathedral Lunch

Christ the King means another opportunity to gather for our Big Cathedral Lunch.

Please ensure this is in your diary and please invite a friend along to get a taste for life in the Cathedral community.

Information can be found on our website: [perthcathedral.org](http://perthcathedral.org) or on Facebook @stgeorgescathedral