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21 September 2022

Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Australia

Anglican leader will meet Anglicans, Indigenous leaders, and lend his support for climate change initiatives

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will visit Australia from 4-14 October 2022 accompanied by his wife, Caroline.

During the long-planned visit he will travel from Perth to Thursday Island, visiting Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, and regional centres. Archbishop Welby is scheduled to meet Anglicans delivering diverse ministries and services including First Nations groups to discuss issues of reconciliation and multicultural ministries including refugee groups.

The Archbishop, who is the senior bishop and the spiritual leader of the worldwide Anglican Communion Church, is committed to a journey of understanding and healing with Indigenous people.

In Sydney, he will spend time with Ray Minniecom, pastor Scarred Tree Indigenous Ministries with St. John's Anglican Church, Glebe.

Archbishop Welby will also meet people across the country affected by climate change, an issue which the archbishop has spoken about extensively.

He will talk to Thursday Islanders coping with rising sea levels, as well as those affected by flooding in Lismore and the Anglican groups that are providing on-the-ground support.

The Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, Archbishop Geoff Smith, said he was delighted Archbishop Welby was visiting Australia.

"We are looking forward to this visit immensely," he said. "In a world plagued by division it is good to be reminded of our common values and to cement the ties of the Anglican Church of Australia with Anglicans around the globe.

"We look forward to this visit reinforcing our shared values and letting us draw strength from each other as we confront the imperatives of our time," Archbishop Smith said.

Archbishop Welby will also meet with young people in Anglican schools and spend a day meeting with the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia.

In Adelaide he will take part in the celebrations of the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese and will ordain two Aboriginal women as priests during a visit to the community of Yarrabah, near Cairns.

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THE MOST REVD KAY GOLDSWORTHY AO *Archbishop*

Sermon preached by The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO at the Service of Commemoration marking the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II at St George's Cathedral on Monday 19 September 2022

A reading from the Revelation to John:

> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'
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> Revelation 7.9-17

Since first hearing the news, 11 days ago, of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, millions of words have been spoken and listened to, written and read, prayed aloud or in silence, broadcast via every media outlet from people in the United Kingdom, across the Commonwealth, and around the world.

Millions of words expressing sorrow and grief, recounting stories of the most public events of her long life and reign, history lessons of her family and the events leading to her becoming first in line to the throne on the death of her father King George VI; stories told by family members of those who lived through the years of WWII or had served alongside the young princess during the 1940s, stories of her thousands of visits and conversations with people at times of national disaster - with people in hospital, with carers, volunteers or with people across the Commonwealth; leaders, first nations peoples, community volunteers.

These millions of words are being spoken because, somehow, Queen Elizabeth was present to us all. Her death has reached into the heart of our lives and brought to the surface grief and love and the resolve with which life is lived, the foundations upon which our lives have been grounded, known, assumed, longed for.

One biographer has written, 'Her story informs our story. She has been the backdrop to all our lives'.

In this church and in this service, we are together in the terrain of grief, that place where everything is different. But this is also a place familiar.

We have all spoken our own words and memories over these days. For some the memories will have been that of a school child or an adult in the crowds lining the streets on one of her visits to Perth, for others simply the fact of Queen Elizabeth as part of the fabric, the background of our national life.

If you're my age it may be the memory of Monday morning assembly as the flag was raised and we sang God save the Queen, after which we recited what was called the Patriotic Declaration. 'I love God and my country. I honour the flag, I will serve the Queen, and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the law.' And for some there will be more personal memories of meetings undertaken as part of your professional or public role and duty.

But there is another word to be spoken, a last word, and that word is one which her life pointed to and rested upon and was centred in, the word of God's love, God's promise. God's presence. The promise she made as a young woman of 21 when as Princess she said, 'My whole life be it long or short, shall be devoted to your service' concluded with this prayerful commitment, 'God help me to make good my vow,' and points in this time of mourning and farewell to the faith which lay at the very centre of Queen Elizabeth's long life. Her commitment to duty, to sacrificial service was lived within her faithful response to the God she had known all through her life. The God she chose not to displace from the centre of her life when she was crowned and as she lived her life as monarch.

One journalist writing this week spoke of the long queue of people waiting for hours and hours to enter Westminster Hall. I met Epeko, a taciturn grocery-store manager from North London, who had joined the queue at half past midnight and filed past the Queen some eight hours later. 'It was a long journey,' he said. He had moved to the UK from the Democratic Republic of Congo. I asked him what had gone through his mind when he came to face the Queen's coffin. 'I was thinking about death,' he said. 'I was thinking how someone is so big and how they end up dying.' I asked what he was going to do now, expecting him to say that he might lie down or take a shower. 'What I am going to do,' he said, 'is achieve something before I die.'

The great vision of heaven which the author of the reading from Revelation tells is one in which the heavenly throne, rather than being occupied by power, by riches, by one human being is occupied instead by the God who is

described as both shepherd and lamb, the lamb who gave himself for the life of the whole flock, and the shepherd. The vision of heaven is a promise that Christ the good, the loving, the eternal shepherd will guide his beloved to the springs of eternal life.

This vision is one of welcome and hospitality. It's the vision of hope which is born of faith in and from the God of love. It's one way of describing the hope that life is more than now, that God's love is deeper and richer than we can imagine, and it's part of the promise that death is not the last word.

Today we can be, we can say, we can pray, I believe, alongside millions of others that in Queen Elizabeth we have seen the promise of the final word of faith and hope, of the love which St Paul described as beyond all things, the love in which all things are held together. For this life and the mystery beyond. This is God's promise. The final word. And it begs the question, what will be the final word to which we give allegiance.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls:
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death:
to you be glory and praise for ever!
For the darkness of this age is passing away
as Christ the bright and morning star
brings to his saints the light of life.
As you gave light to those in darkness,
who walk in the shadow of death,
so remember your servant, Elizabeth,
that death may be for her the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you;
where with your saints you live and reign,
one in the perfect union of love, now and for ever. Amen.

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A Novice's View of Synod

DR CHRISTINA LEE *Lay Canon St George's Cathedral*

I was most fortunate last year to attend the 2021 Synod; I had over the years heard a few people speak in somewhat disparaging terms of this important event in the Church's year.

I was a rather last minute nominee as a member of the Cathedral Chapter. Due to my late involvement with Synod and my lack of knowledge I thought myself quite ill prepared to represent the Cathedral however I was determined to do my best. I was not adrift for long as I soon received encouragement and support from fellow participants. One wonderful lady at my table was a font of knowledge and most willing to advise and direct me when asked.

Those who know me will attest to the fact I am always keen to share my views and opinions, and, in some instances, I chide myself afterwards for not listening more intently to others. Attending Synod, I found myself listening eagerly throughout the proceedings. I was somewhat in awe of how the Archbishop facilitated the smooth running of the Synod. Everything went so smoothly there was no need for a Sunday session as all business had been completed by the Saturday evening.

The Eucharist held at the Cathedral on the Friday evening prior to the beginning of Synod was a time of communion. So many clergy and lay people gathered to worship.

The Cathedral for me is a special place and within the walls stories of the Anglican's who have worshipped here and continue to do so have left their mark. Being a member of Synod 2021 spoke to me that at the heart of the whole event was the love of Christ and our determination to follow him in all that we do. The myriad of reports from all over the Diocese of Perth illustrate just how vibrant and active the Church's ministry is and shines a light for all to see.

As a wee girl in Scotland one of my favourite hymns was 'Jesus Bids Us Shine'. As I reflected on Synod and the writing of this short piece the words of the hymn came to mind. When we gather the light generated must be amazing as each of us contributes our 'little candle' to the whole.

I look forward in anticipation to this year's Synod and being once again a part of this fellowship.

The Teacher Crisis

THE REVD PETER LAURENCE OAM *Chief Executive Officer*

Drama is best kept inside the performing arts classroom, not in an Anglican Messenger article, so I will stick to the facts, and leave our passionate creative drama teachers to their professional craft.

Australia isn't facing a teacher shortage; we are living it right now. For years we've known that the teaching workforce is ageing and the numbers graduating from university and going into schools is declining. All at a time when the Australian population continues to grow, especially through migration.

The National Teacher Workforce Characteristics Report of December 2021 prepared by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) is deeply concerning. It identified that the average age of teachers is 46, and that one in six teachers are approaching retirement. One quarter of teachers intend to leave the profession before they retire; half of these within the next ten years, the largest number being teachers in their 30s.

Put simply, Australia does not have enough school teachers. "Houston, we have a problem."

A major problem pre-pandemic, it is even worse today. COVID-19 has led to many teachers exiting the workforce early, especially in the eastern states.

Over the many years I've had the privilege of writing for Anglican Messenger, you've read repeated references to teaching in an Anglican school being a vocation... and it is.

For those of us who call ourselves Christian, we truly believe God calls us to serve in this most noble of professions. There is no greater privilege than educating and caring for the young.

You may think that Anglican schools in metropolitan areas or larger regional centres would have less of a challenge attracting teachers than say their government counterparts in rural and remote locations. That is partially correct. However, even our urban schools find the task of recruiting teachers a challenging one. The problem is exacerbated in some learning areas, where fewer and fewer people are graduating with qualifications to teach. For many years this has included mathematics and the sciences, as

well as languages other than English and some more 'boutique' subjects. Today it spans almost every learning area.

So what are we going to do?

There is no 'one solution'. Certainly, making some funding-assisted places at university may help, but government funds are limited. Bringing teachers from overseas would supplement our current workforce, but that takes time and navigating the immigration bureaucracy and caps. For some years, programs and courses have been in place which fast-track people from other professions and trades to become teachers… as a nation we have the potential (and need) to do far more in this space. Marketing campaigns may help to promote the desirability of teaching as a vocation. Of course, ensuring that our schools are desirable and safe places to work, and that teachers' employment conditions are attractive and appropriate is key.

Finally, you can help by praying for people to train as teachers. An encouraging word to a young person to consider teaching as a vocation could make all the difference.

Whether it's student still in school, or someone later in life who may be looking for a new challenge, teaching is the best job in the world… and Anglican schools are great places to work!

It Only Takes One

TEGAN O'RAFFERTY *Community Education Officer*

In 2020, Anglicare WA launched an important new initiative for schools which aims to raise awareness of critical social issues through provision of educational resources and content that span the students time in secondary education.

It Only Takes One, Anglicare WA's community education initiative engages with teachers and high school aged students, providing a much-needed opportunity to safely explore cultural norms and attitudes during the critical teenage period of identity, value shaping and social development.

The name of the program stems from the idea that it only takes one person, one school, one community to make a positive difference in the world. At Anglicare WA, we believe that young people have the power to be the change that they want to see in the world and starting conversations about social issues and ideas that matter is the first step to achieving this.

The program delivers tailored educational content for years 7-12, featuring in class presentations delivered by Anglicare WA community educators, interactive online learning modules and a series of follow up learning activities, giving students the opportunity to explore the topic on a deeper level. Students also have the opportunity to undertake an advocacy project to engage and educate others in their community.

The program covers three topics:

1. **Healthy Relationships**

   The aim is for students to develop an understanding of respectful relationships; how to treat others and how others should treat you with the overall aim of preventing family and domestic violence.

2. **Poverty, Inequality and Homelessness**

   This module aims to increase awareness of poverty, inequality and homelessness and encourage young people to be active citizens in their communities to work for social justice.

3. **Well-being**

   This module aims to increase understanding of mental health and well-being, encourage young people to seek help when they need it, and increase compassion for those around them experiencing difficulties.

Since 2020, Anglicare WA has been working closely with The Anglican Schools Commission to deliver the It Only Takes One program. Currently, there are 11 Anglican Schools taking part with more than 10,000 students receiving It Only Takes One education over the past three years.

You can learn more about the *It Only Takes One* program by contacting
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Building connections with Fathers on Fridays

Many families need help from time to time, and Parkerville Children and Youth Care's Child and Parent Centres are there to provide that help. We offer a wide range of education, support and counselling services, through school and community outreach, that have been designed to create the best outcomes for children and families.

Co-located at independent school sites in Camillo and Langford, the Child and Parent Centres are a resource for the whole community. They specialise in the developmental needs of children and are designed to increase the capacity of families by helping parents provide appropriate experiences and a happy, healthy home environment for their children.

The Westfield Park Child and Parent Centre has proudly partnered with the Fathering Project to facilitate Fathers on Fridays, a playgroup that provides a fun and calm environment for dads to play and connect with their children and meet other dads in their community.

Fathers on Fridays creates a relaxed and comfortable playgroup environment for fathers and father figures to meet and connect with each other. During the playgroup, fathers have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities with their children including arts and crafts, using sensory toys, activities to develop motor skills, playing musical instruments, imaginary play and outside play. Fathers on Fridays also gives those attending a safe space to voice concerns and in turn allow others to give advice based on their personal experiences.

In the short time this playgroup has been running we have seen amazing relationships form between fathers. Fathers have enjoyed connecting with others in the community and having some one-on-one time with their children in a supportive environment. Many of the fathers keep in contact outside of the group building on their friendships, organising play dates and supporting each other with advice about work, children or more generally.

Facilitated by David Walker from The Fathering Project, the Fathers on Fridays playgroup runs every fortnight from 9.00am-10.30am for dads with children aged 0-4 years. Upcoming 2022 dates include 7 October, 21 October, 4 November and 18 November.

We encourage fathers in the community to join in on the fun or simply to see what Fathers on Fridays is all about. There is no need to book as all walk-ins are welcome.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care's Child and Parent Centres offer a wide range of supports to families. To learn more about the Centres, please visit

www.parkerville.org.au/what-we-do/parenting-and-family-services/child-and-parent-centres

The Power of Acknowledgement

NEIL STARKIE *GM Strategic Partnerships and Growth*

Close your eyes and picture this – you're living on the streets and dealing with the harsh realities of homelessness.

Now picture this – everyone that walks past you either averts their gaze, crosses the street or makes an imaginary phone call in an effort to avoid interacting with you or even acknowledging your existence.

How would this make you feel?

I ask this question because, at St Bart's, we often hear stories of how people who have experienced homelessness have felt invisible and worthless when members of the public actively sought to avoid and ignore them when they were at their lowest and most vulnerable. These actions have a profound impact on the mental health and wellbeing of people living on the street and prompted St Bart's to launch our inaugural Say G'Day campaign last year.

The premise of our Say G'Day campaign is as simple as it is impactful – that being the positive effect a simple acknowledgment can have on people doing it tough.

Celebrated annually in October in the lead up to World Mental Health Day and World Homeless Day on 10 October, Say G'Day encourages members of the public to think about what their initial reaction is when they see a person living on the street and how that reaction may impact their mental health and wellbeing when they are already down.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the rate of mental health issues is substantially higher among people with a history of homelessness (54%) compared to the general population (19%). It is a statistic not surprising to St Bart's, as we received 327 enquiries for our Mental Health Supported Accommodation in FY2021/22.

Our Say G'Day campaign also seeks to highlight the important message that homelessness doesn't discriminate. Your age, race, sex and previous status don't matter when it comes to homelessness. It can happen to anyone, so the least we can do is treat people who are doing it tough with the respect and dignity that we would hope to receive if we found ourselves in the same position.

Saying G'Day doesn't cost a thing, but it can bring change.

For more information, please visit
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God-Talk: Bearing Witness

THE REVD DR ELIZABETH J SMITH AM *Mission Priest, Parish of The Goldfields*

In the nursing home, I may sit next to someone who has no words left, or none that make sense, and take their hand. All I can learn about them is found in their face, body and voice: tension, pain, peace, fear, weariness.

Perhaps they cry out in sudden distress, or make small sounds of discomfort or anxiety. Perhaps they are sleeping, as some do for most of every day. Whatever the shape of their life before this present diminishment, they can tell me nothing of its blessings or its traumas. They cannot say what frightens or what calms them.

For a priest who loves words, the loss of language could be a challenge. But my role is to bear witness, paying attention to everything else that "speaks" about the person I am with.

I am bearing witness to the mystery of that person, of who and how they are. Uniquely among their carers, I have no physical job to do, no problem to solve. Carers and nurses do their jobs with generous compassion: washing, feeding, dressing, combing hair, massaging, stretching, giving medication. But all I can do for the person is bear witness, speaking their name, touching their hand, and observing, with curious and loving attention, whatever can be learnt by means other than spoken language.

I do not know if they can understand my words. But I often speak, anyway, responding to something in their body language or their facial expression. As I bear witness to sadness, I can acknowlege it with empathy. I don't suggest looking on the bright side of life. As I bear witness to pain, I can stay present to it. I don't offer advice about techniques for taking the ache from a broken spirit. As I bear witness to fear or to weariness, I can reassure them that I am here, that God is near, that they are safe, and that they can rest or let go, as their heart desires.

In the face of suffering, the urge to fix something or someone, to provide a solution, is powerful. But, since some situations are beyond any human fixing, one of the earliest lessons of pastoral care training is not to problem-solve. I think this applies to how we pray, too, in these extreme situations in the borderlands of human life. As we see and hear and hold a person, so we trust that God also simply sees and hears and holds them, too, for as long as they need it. Jesus Christ, who has been to and returned from those borderlands, is their steadfast companion, though we can travel no further with them on their journey.

When the time comes that I am drifting, and can no longer tell you what I want from you or from God, I'll be glad if you would just pray the Lord's Prayer, slowly. And ask the Lord Jesus to keep on holding me, and to carry me gently home when the time is right.

Our Rich Liturgical Heritage Walking in Unity

THE RT REVD DR PETER BRAIN

The collect for Saint Simon and Saint Jude set for 28 October is a timely reminder that unity is only possible when we are walking in the same direction.

> ***O ALMIGHTY God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*** (BCP)

Simon is easily identified as Simon the Zealot in Matthew, Mark and Luke's lists of the 12 whom Jesus chose as apostles. Jude's identity is found in Luke's *Judas son of James* and John's *then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said…*

We do not hear of Simon the Zealot apart from these lists and only of Jude with his question of Jesus in John 14:22. They nevertheless are worthy of our attention since the Collect affirms the Biblical teaching of Ephesians 2:20-21 and two of the four marks of the church in our creedal affirmation: We believe in one *holy* catholic and *apostolic* church. But the prayer also expresses the desire and commitment of believers to pursue *unity of spirit by their doctrine* for the purpose of being made *an holy temple*.

The doctrine of the Apostles is found in the New Testament and has been written among other reasons for *our learning (BCP Advent 2)*, and to enable us to be joined together in unity. The wonderful gift of the New Testament, so necessary given our propensity to do our own thing, especially under the pressure of a world that would conform us to its ways, has been given for our good so we can fulfil our unique calling in the world. *That we may be made an holy temple* expresses the proper desire of God's people to walk in unity with him by displaying his holiness. Walking in unity without being committed to holiness of life makes us rebels towards God and unloving to the world. This request is in line with our Lord's call to be salt and light as perfect disciples (Matthew 5:13-16, 48), the apostle Peter's clarion call found in his first letter to be holy [2:1-12], along with the apostle John's call to walk in the light [1 John 1:5-10].

1 John should be treasured by Anglicans since it is enshrined in Morning Prayer's calls to worship and the fourth word of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ in the Holy Communion.

The burden of John, the apostle of love, is to remind us that we can only have fellowship with God and each-other if we continue to walk in in the light together. John's emphasis on God's love and light must be held together if we are to enjoy fellowship with God and each other.

Former primate Sir Marcus Loane captures this connection: 'we must reckon with the God who is light before we can comfort ourselves in the God who is love'.

The notion that we can walk in unity along two different paths puts us out of step with our Lord and his apostles. This is true for matters of doctrine affirmed in the Creeds and our Articles, and Christian living taught in Scripture and affirmed in our public marriage and baptism services. It is a way of saying to God 'we know better than you, and to the world we don't care about you.'

This Collect reminds us that walking together as disciples is always to be in the way our Lord has set out for us.

It is very interesting to me that the only words we have of the apostle Jude were a question addressed to Jesus: 'But Lord why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?' To which our Lord answers: 'anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching (John 14:22-24). The stakes are high. God's presence with us depends on our obedience to Christ and our showing Christ to the world depends on our keeping in step with him.

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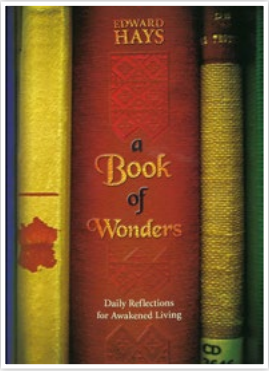

A Book of Wonders

Edward Hays

Edward Hays (Modern Day Mystic) encourages us to read books of daily reflections – he says that, while meditations might lack an attention-grabbing plot, enticing mystery or page-turner thriller, we also should look to nourish the spirit. As humans, we hunger for wonder, to be surprised by the wonderful in our daily lives. **Discover the wonderful in the commonplace.**

From *A Book of Wonders* is this thought provoking reflection, Steep Me in Christmas:

"As the sounds and sights of Christmas fill our cities, we can be tempted to divest ourselves of material interests and concentrate on the spiritual so as to better celebrate the approaching feast of the Nativity. This is understandable but unhealthy.

> What is truly needed is to follow the advice of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin who said 'Steep yourself in the sea of matter'"

This Jesuit priest and paleontologist who died in 1955 comprehended the implications of the incarnation as God becoming flesh not only in Jesus, but also in the world. If one believes in the incarnation, the enfleshing of God, then like a teabag we must steep ourselves in the material world; in things, people, events and everything in that sea of matter that is this life. We usually think of material things as particular items, but Teilhard's perspective is different. He uses the attention-grabbing word 'steep' meaning to slowly soak so as to absorb. The best way to celebrate Christmas is to steep yourself in material, creative things in order to soak up and absorb all of the earthiness that is saturated with the enfleshment of the Divine.

Teilhard de Chardin was criticized because of his failure to accept Catholic doctrines, including Original Sin, and not accepting the literal translation of Genesis. His writings are readily available, and his theology and spirituality have inspired authors such as Denis Edwards, Matthew Fox and Ursula King. Recently he has been praised by Pope Francis and his name became known universally when he preached an inspirational sermon at the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in 2018, introducing Teilhard de Chardin to the rest of the world..

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Edward Hays' (1931-2016) wonderful mystical writings are not easy to find (on-line second hand available at Book Depository; or from Ava Maria Press) however, there are a few copies in the storeroom at St Johns Books.

Please ask and we can email a list. books@stjohnsbooks.com.au

NAOMI LAM *Diocesan Archivist*

King George VI was the father of the late Queen Elizabeth II. His death in 1952 was mourned by many with thousands of people crowding into churches across Perth (West Australian, 1952). King George VI was an unexpected king with his coronation due to the abdication of his brother King Edward VIII in 1936.

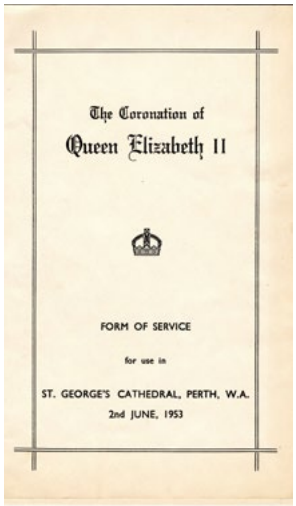
Archbishop Moline in a letter printed in the West Australian Church News remarked, 'King George VI deservedly enjoyed the love and the loyalty of his people; but the depth of feeling aroused at his death has exceeded anything that was to be expected. The remarkable thing about the King's hold upon the affections of his subjects is that it was due to the simple honesty and goodness of his character' (Archbishop Moline, 1952).

A service was held in St Georges Cathedral on the National Day of Mourning 17 February 1952 with the sermon delivered by the Bishop of Kalgoorlie, The Rt Revd C E B Muschamp. The service was attended by the Governor and representatives of Federal and State Governments.

'Never before has England had quiet such a monarch; and at no time in history has there been a greater need for such an example from the Throne. That example of devotion to God and service to men does not come to an end with his passing. It will be reflected in the hearts and wills of countless thousands of his subjects; it will be continued in the life and devotion of his daughter, our young Queen Elizabeth II' (Bishop Muschamp, 1952).

In memorialising the King, Bishop Muschamp also speaks of Empire and the Commonwealth of Nations which has a complicated legacy for many people.

During Synod later in the year, the President spoke of hope for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. 'That this new Elizabethan age we may regain some of the beautiful things which have become obscured in the modern world' (Year Book 1952).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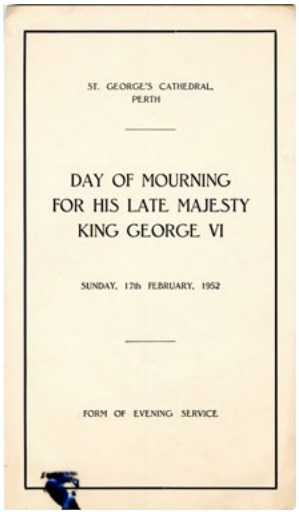
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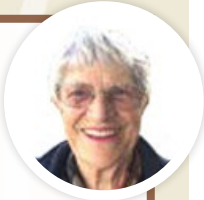

JOCELYN ROSS OAM

Nic and Jenni de Vries from Geraldton were heartily welcomed by Reach Beyond Australia's CEO, board members, staff, volunteers and others at a dinner on their arrival in Kununurra earlier this year. Nic is the new General Manager and hit the ground running with several meetings, training sessions, learning the ropes. Reach Beyond is a member of a global community committed to reaching unreached people groups with the gospel through the use of dynamic media and high quality programmes along with healthcare and community development. The shortwave facility is uniquely placed in Kununurra to deliver powerful messages of hope to communities to the Asia Pacific region including many that are remote and isolated. It now broadcasts programmes in 30 languages, including 17 South Asian languages.

Nic and Jenni and their son, Darcy have joined the Anglican Church in Kununurra. Darcy had just completed the Foundation Diploma of music with the Australian Guild of Music Education (AGME) and was advised to start the Bachelor of Music degree program so is continuing piano lessons online with Christine Nelson. "Who would have thought this time last year that I'd be in Kununurra and my teacher would be in Sydney?"

Geoff and Rose Brewin, parishioners of St Margaret's Church, Nedlands, are trialling living in the Parish of Northampton, as they are looking to volunteer supporting the members of the congregation, at present without a minister. Geoff is leading services and a Bible Study, and they are enjoying getting to know the church members, and finding their way around the community. Here we are welcoming Geoff and Rose as they called in to the Diocesan Office on their way to Northampton.

The Revd Frank Nicols says the church in Karratha is growing again. They continue to be encouraged by the group of people who meet together each Sunday and the large number of children who attend each week; somewhere in the range of thirty children fill the pews, which is pushing towards 50 per cent of the congregation. The children's ministries have grown and the gospel is being taught to three age groups by a passionate team working of teachers.

The Bush Church Aid Society is holding the Biennial Field Staff Conference from 4-8 October, in Alexandra Headland on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. DNWA has five BCA supported families attending: the Faricys (Kununurra), the Nicols (Karratha), the Kyngdons (Newman), the Roberts (Exmouth) and the Hurleys (Geraldton) – five couples and 16 children! Our Diocese is very grateful for BCA support, supplying and supporting four families in our northern parishes, and the Hurleys in Geraldton in a training position. These Conferences bond the BCA missioners throughout Australia in prayer, studying God's Word and fellowship.

This is how God showed His love among us. He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him (1 John 4:9).

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Bunbury Bulletin

The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was marked with three services at St Boniface Cathedral, as per protocol, including Thursday 22 September, on the national day of mourning. One member of the congregation was present at the equivalent service for His Majesty King George IV held in the old pro-Cathedral, St Paul's, on 15 February 1952 for which we still have the service order. Another member of the congregation recalled waving to a carefree looking Princess Elizabeth in Kenya, just before she learned of her father's death. At each of the three services, people were glad of an opportunity to remember, give thanks and mourn for Queen Elizabeth.

Some of the 'Explore Prayer' Day participants

Goldsmith Deanery held an 'Explore Prayer' Day at the Cathedral on 22 September. Covering Meditation, Music, Healing, Icons, Art, Kinaesthetic Prayer, praying with children and the Lord's Prayer, this was well received, with people enjoying being together and taking active part. The wish was expressed that we might use this format again in the diocese.

It is a season of centenaries in the diocese with a raft of towns celebrating this milestone of original settlement at places like Newdegate, Lake Biddy and Hyden, as well as a centenary service for St Peter's church, Badgebup, built by J C Warren and his wife as a memorial to their eldest son, Campbell, and other boys in the district, who were killed in the First World War. J C Warren's family still live in the district and have lovingly cared for this church. The family and local parish joined in a Service of Thanksgiving for St Peter's with a wealth of photographs and information on display in the church and at the local Hall afterwards documenting the history and people over the decades.

(Above: St Peter's, Badgebup; Right: St Peter's 100th Anniversary Cake and a few of the many photographs)

The Diocese currently has, or will have, full time Priest-in-Charge vacancies in the Parishes of Kojonup and Katanning, Busselton, Dunsborough and Coodanup and part time positions in the Parishes of Augusta/Margaret River, Boyup Brook, Carey Park, Collie, Narrogin, Southern Forests and Southern Ranges.

If you are interested and would like more details, please view some of these under 'Vacancies' on our website at: bunburyanglican.org and/or contact Bishop Ian by email at bishop@bunbury.org.au.

The Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School is seeking a new chaplain.

'Come and See'

THE REVD BRETT GIBSON *Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Canning*

When was the last time you promoted a position of leadership or responsibility to one of the young people in your ministry context?

It's a pertinent question to consider as Synod, especially a first session of a new Synod, approaches this year.

As someone who fits into the increasingly rare category of having been ordained before 35 years of age; it is not all that long ago that the first seeds were planted that led to my journey in deepening commitment to our faith and church. Though had my call not been to ordination, I trust that the seeds would have borne fruit in any case through service in a lay capacity.

The invitation to 'come and see', with variations on that theme, was a consistently effective and gentle way in which faithful people tapped me on the shoulder to consider what God was calling me to in life and drawing attention to what doors were open before me.

I see this kind of invitation as a reflection of the encounter where Philip said to Nathanael, 'Come and see' (John 1:46b). This invitation to 'come and see' continues to speak to me as a simple but powerful expression of evangelism. As it was for me, it can be a way to build up and encourage people of any age, especially that younger demographic often lamented as lacking in our parishes.

This style of invitation to me in my early 20s led me to be on a Parish Council, to be licensed as a Lay Pastoral Minister, be a youth representative at Synod, and ultimately discerning a call to ordained ministry. It could be argued that a young person's limited life experience and training means comparatively little will be brought to the table compared to those who have seen a few more decades. But of course - any young person of any generation brings an acute awareness of the zeitgeist which can help shape mission, and at the very least, they will likely be aware of, and adept with, emerging technology - a key and vital asset for our church in all the forms it takes.

Echoing the Philip/Nathanael encounter – I believe that the call to 'come and see' in various positions of responsibility is about more than what strictly belongs on an agenda, and more than what the statutes direct. Faith formation and raising up young people in the faith of the Church is experiential. It involves meeting people, hearing stories, sharing in life and decisions, and ultimately being amazed at 'the good that has come out of Nazareth'! (John 1:46a), or even the good to come out of Perth and suburbia!

So – when was the last time you invited a young person to 'come and see' what is going in the life of the Church? When was the last time you spoke about this Jesus of Nazareth to someone in their 20s? Amid the changes and chances of life, God may well provide such opportunities, and such an invitation may indeed lead to transformed lives, and life in abundance (John 10:10).

Multi-faith service to support call for climate justice

THEA ORMEROD *President, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change*

An open letter to Prime Minister Albanese advocating for climate justice policies, has been signed by over seventy high-level Australian and Pacific clergy, leaders from diverse faith traditions and First Nations leaders.

On the morning of its publication, Thursday 13 October at 9.30am, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral will host a multi-faith service in support of their calls for an end to approvals for new coal and gas projects and to public subsidies for fossil fuel industries.

The service will feature chanting, congregational singing, meditation and prayers from a range of traditions. Supporters of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change, who are organising the event, will welcome people of all faiths and none.

Similar events are being held across Australia and the Pacific in a day of action showing grassroots endorsement the open letter. Some supporters will hold prayer, meditation and fasting vigils throughout the night.

The signatories are concerned that Australia 'profits from exports that are causing the climate crisis'. They believe the new Government should fully respect the rights of First Nations peoples to protect their Country, and that Australia should re-start contributions to the United Nations climate finance. The latter had lapsed under the previous government, despite it being an agreed obligation under the Paris Accord.

Signatories are also calling for support for an international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. The proposed Treaty reflects a growing global concern that the continued production and export of fossil fuels is overpowering any gains made by the nation-by-nation pursuit of emissions reduction targets.

In July, Pope Francis publicly declared his support for the Treaty. His spokesperson, Cardinal Michael Czerny, said, 'Pope Francis again joins scientists in holding to the Paris Agreement's temperature increase goal of 1.5°C. The planet already is 1.2°C hotter, yet new fossil fuel projects every day accelerate our race towards the precipice. Enough is enough. All new exploration and production of coal, oil, and gas must immediately end'.

In mid-September, the Treaty received public support from the World Health Organisation, the World Federation of Public Health Associations and nearly 200 other medical bodies.

Advocates of the Treaty seek to influence the United Nations COP27 climate talks, to be held in November in Egypt.

The multi-faith services and all-night vigils are a rare display of unity among people of diverse faiths. They are part of a global faith campaign known as 'Faiths 4 Climate Justice', in which actions are being organised in over 40 countries during the lead-up to COP27.

For details of the Multi-Faith Service at St Mary's Cathedral visit www.arrcc.org.au/perth_f4cj_multi_faith_service

Faiths 4 Climate Justice 2022 Multi-Faith Service

Thursday 13 October @ 9.30am

St Mary's Cathedral
Victoria Square, Boorloo/Perth

This multi-faith service supports the launch of an open letter, signed by senior faith leaders, that calls on the PM to end new coal and gas projects.

We invite people of all faiths or none to join us in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples in their struggle for climate justice.

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Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

Scan the QR code for more info

Thinking Theologically

THE REVD DR RAEWYNNE WHITELEY *Warden*

'A theological college? What's that?' That's the most frequent response I get when I tell people that I live and work at Wollaston Theological College. Theology is not a word in most people's vocabulary. But thinking theologically is something we're all engaged in as Christians.

The word theology comes from two Greek words, theos, meaning God, and logos, meaning words or thought or thinking. So, theology is words to do with God. In its formal sense, it's the study of God, or, as Richard Hooker put it in the 16th century, 'the science of things divine'.

All of us have thoughts about God. Each of us understands God a little differently, because of the ways we have been taught and the experiences we have had. When I was in Year 8, I was cast as God in a play – I was dressed up in a white toga (bedsheet) and a cotton wool beard. As an adult, my understanding of God has changed so that I think of God less in terms of a costume and more in terms of our relationship. Today when I imagine God, it's often as someone sitting in an armchair beside me in front of a fire, sharing a thoughtful conversation.

But our faith isn't just in our heads. Being a Christian is also about how we live.

Thinking theologically is not just thinking about God: it's learning to live our lives with God in mind.

In a Bible study on Colossians 3:12-17, we were talking about forgiveness. Forgiveness sounds great, until it comes to forgiving someone you who has wronged you. So how do we forgive people who hurt us? The conclusion of one group member was to make a commitment to pray for the person who had caused her so much pain. That's thinking theologically.

A few years ago in a Sunday School class, we read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, which describes the church as being like a body. I asked the kids what part of the body they were. One eight year old, the clown of the class, said, "The funny bone!" (He also told me that when he receives communion, he thinks of Jesus and how he loves us and died for us.) That's thinking theologically.

And just last week I heard a business executive and former SAS Commander, speaking about the way his faith has shaped his professional decision making. That's thinking theologically.

Thinking theologically is what we do when we look for the connections between God and our lives.

Sometimes we'll begin with God, and say something like 'If God is like _____, what difference does it make for the way I live?' Other times we'll begin with something going on in our lives – a struggle, a joy, a dilemma - and ask, 'What has God got to say about this?' or 'What would God have me do about this?' or eve 'How is God responsible for this?' – and in that case 'How do I respond?' Thinking theologically is at the very core of how we live out our faith as Christians.

That means that theology is for everyone, not just clergy or academics, but each and every one of us. And a great way to grow in your understanding of theology and how it relates to your life is to study.

Guildford Grammar School and the Queen

BRAD EVANS *Acting Principal, Guildford Grammar School*

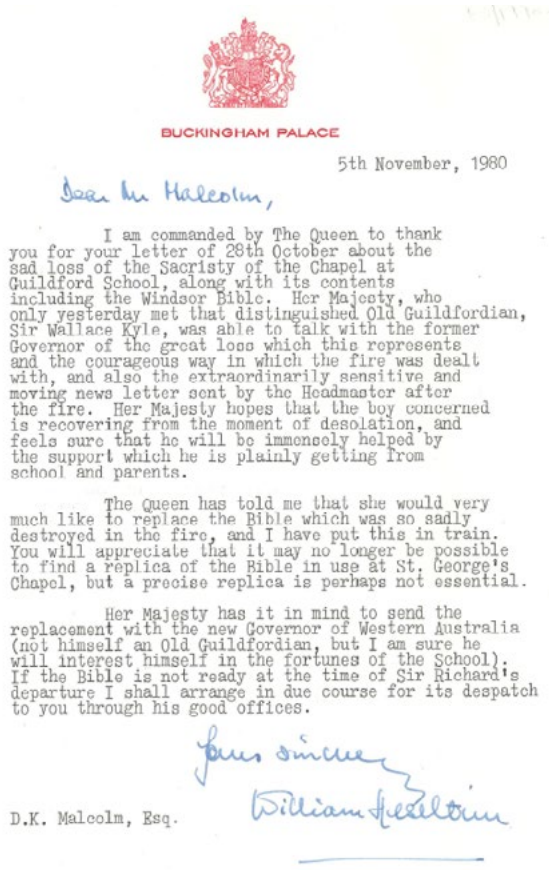
"...The Queen was delighted to learn of the reaction to her gift of the replacement for the bible given by King George V, and was touched and moved by your expressions of loyalty and sends her good wishes for the future to those who teach and those who study at Guildford Grammar School"

Extract from correspondence from Buckingham Palace via Sir William Frederick Heseltine, former Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth II, to Guildford Grammar School, 19 January 1981

Unexpectedly a predominant feature across all forms of recent media, which I doubt any of us were able to overlook, has been the world's response to the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. In reflecting on the event itself and the responses from various groups there are some key themes which I do think it is relevant to explore and unpack regardless if people are Royalist or Republican, Anglican or of other faiths, happy members of the Commonwealth or from the many groups of people member of a group of people who has been adversely affected by the colonial acts associated with British rule.

One of the lenses taken in considering this event, in the context of leading a school has been about values. In considering the Guildford Grammar School values- spirituality, teamwork, integrity, compassion, excellence and respect, it is clear that through her life of public service Queen Elizabeth II displayed and demonstrated many of the values that we seek to instil in our students and model as staff.

In considering our School's response to this news, it was also a privilege to uncover a series of communications which demonstrate the close links Guildford Grammar School has in fact had with her Majesty directly through our history which did include a request for, and the provision of a replacement lectern bible for the our school Chapel, after the original lectern 'Windsor Bible' which had been gifted by King George V in 1913 (one of only two, ever issued outside of the UK) was destroyed in a fire in the Chapel 1980.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

5th November, 1980

Dear Mr Malcolm,

I am commanded by The Queen to thank you for your letter of 28th October about the sad loss of the Sacristy of the Chapel at Guildford School, along with its contents including the Windsor Bible. Her Majesty, who only yesterday met that distinguished Old Guildfordian, Sir Wallace Kyle, was able to talk with the former Governor of the great loss which this represents and the courageous way in which the fire was dealt with, and also the extraordinarily sensitive and moving news letter sent by the Headmaster after the fire. Her Majesty hopes that the boy concerned is recovering from the moment of desolation, and feels sure that he will be immensely helped by the support which he is plainly getting from school and parents.

The Queen has told me that she would very much like to replace the Bible which was so sadly destroyed in the fire, and I have put this in train. You will appreciate that it may no longer be possible to find a replica of the Bible in use at St. George's Chapel, but a precise replica is perhaps not essential.

Her Majesty has it in mind to send the replacement with the new Governor of Western Australia (not himself an Old Guildfordian, but I am sure he will interest himself in the fortunes of the School). If the Bible is not ready at the time of Sir Richard's departure I shall arrange in due course for its despatch to you through his good offices.

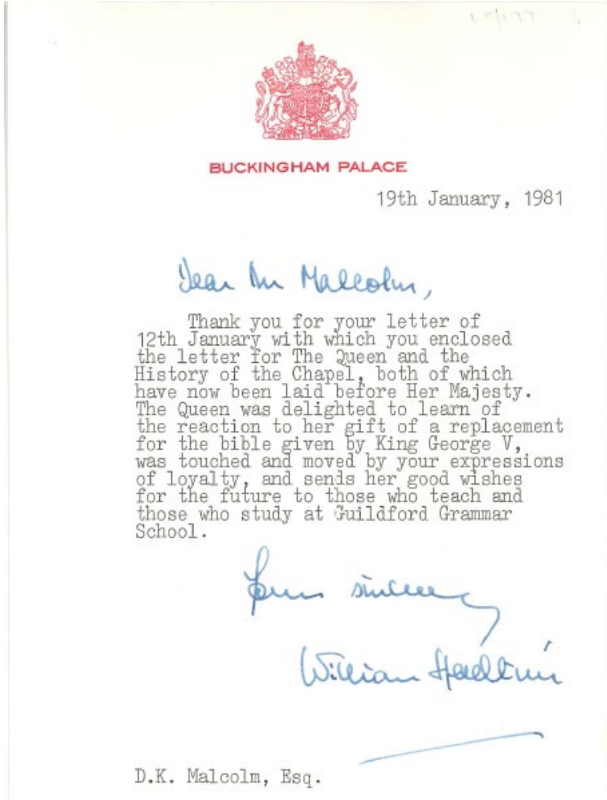
Yours sincerely

William Heseltine

D.K. Malcolm, Esq.

In October 1980 the headmaster John Moody wrote to Queen Elizabeth telling her of the destruction of the Windsor Bible as it has now been known during the disastrous fire on Friday 3 October. The fire gutted the Sacristy destroying all the vestments, furniture, and records. The Queen's private secretary Sir William Heseltine wrote back to the headmaster informing him that the Queen would like to replace the bible. The bible was ready for despatch by December 1980 and was a Lectern bible which had been used for a number of years in St George's Chapel. It was embellished by the Queens bookbinder with the badge of the Order of the Garter and signed by her majesty. The headmaster wrote to the Queen in January 1981 thanking her for the "joyous sequel to the tragic loss". The Queen was delighted to learn of the reaction to her gift and was touched by the expression of loyalty.

The School was fortunate to receive a replacement bible from St George's Chapel in Windsor, embellished with a bookbinder contained the Queens badge and personally signed! This bible was the centrepiece of the memorial services we held at the school towards the end of term, with students having the opportunity to pay their respects while entering an departing the Chapel of St Mary & St George.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

19th January, 1981

Dear Mr Malcolm,

Thank you for your letter of 12th January with which you enclosed the letter for The Queen and the History of the Chapel, both of which have now been laid before Her Majesty. The Queen was delighted to learn of the reaction to her gift of a replacement for the bible given by King George V, was touched and moved by your expressions of loyalty, and sends her good wishes for the future to those who teach and those who study at Guildford Grammar School.

Yours sincerely

William Heseltine

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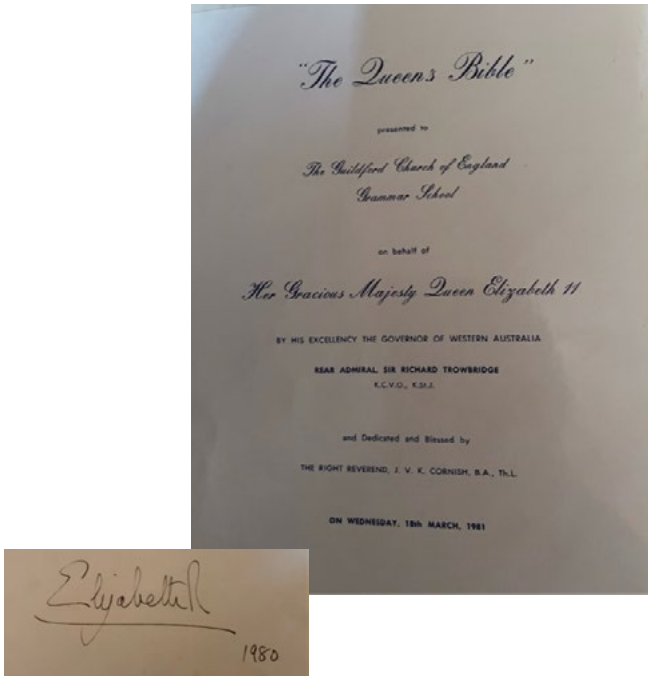

"The Queens Bible"

presented to

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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and Dedicated and Blessed by

THE RIGHT REVEREND, J. V. K. CORNISH, B.A., Th.L.

ON WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1981

Elizabeth R

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School Farewells long-serving Chaplain

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School farewelled their School Chaplain, Reverend Canon Geoff Chadwick, at the end of Term 3. In a celebration, led by The Right Reverend Dr Ian Coutts, Bishop of Bunbury, students and staff thanked and acknowledged Canon Chadwick's special contribution to the School community.

Bishop Ian noted Canon Chadwick's length of service and his significant contribution across many areas of the School community, saying that, "he is unique amongst the Clergy, holding not only a degree in Theology, but also Science. Students have benefitted greatly from the combination of his logical but continually inquisitive mind."

"Prior to commencing as the Chaplain, Canon Chadwick had already been working at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School as a relief teacher. He has served under three Heads of School and engaged with every aspect of Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School - participating in Round Square Regional Conferences and Outward Bound, has been an integral part of the Music program, playing the clarinet in the band, and has worked in Boarding."

The Religious and Philosophical Studies (RaPS) curriculum will be a part of Canon Chadwick's legacy; created and refined throughout his 18 years of teaching at the School. RaPS provides students in Secondary School with the opportunity to think philosophically about religion, its place in history and provide them with the opportunity to have honest and open discussions about the big questions of life and faith.

Many staff and students enjoy lasting memories of his involvement in some of the milestones in their personal lives. Since 2005, Canon Chadwick has officiated at more than 1200 services including baptisms, marriages and funerals; many involving current and past students and staff as well as members of the local Anglican Gelorup Community Church.

For Canon Chadwick, these memories will stay with him, along with the experiences he has enjoyed on camps and relationships developed over the years with the staff.

"The School has enabled me to continue to learn. I enjoyed my eight Outward Bound camps, which helped me realise there is more to me than I know. The teaching of Philosophy and Theology together has helped me to improve my own knowledge and understanding."

"It is the relationships that I have cherished the most; particularly those with staff. The School staff are so supportive of one another and this is evident when a staff member is noted to be flagging - there is always someone there to help you."

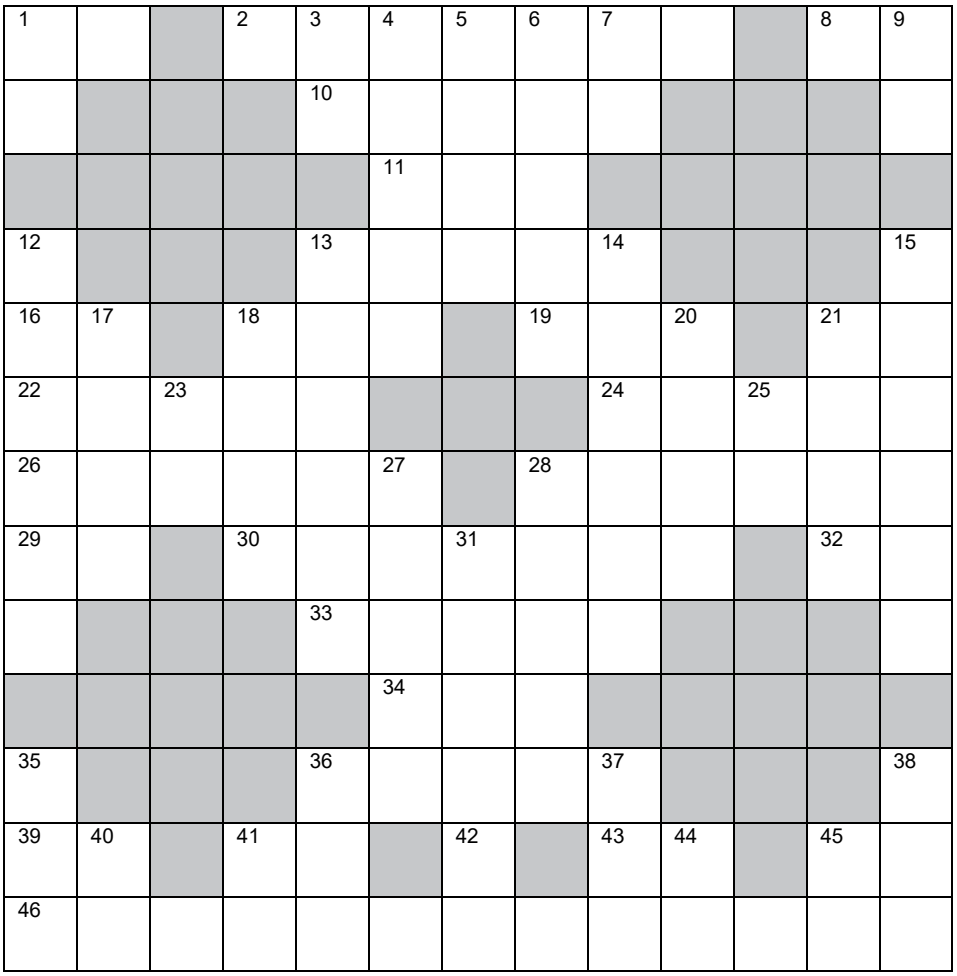
Canon Chadwick will take up the position of Archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese of Bunbury in January 2023. As the Cathedral school in Bunbury, we anticipate further strengthening our ties with the Bunbury Diocese though our ongoing association and friendship.

October Commune

THE REVD TED WITHAM

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.

Clues



ACROSS

1., & 8 across. Leah comes around to recover (4)
2. Sash left off sheep in Indian religious communities. (7)
8. See 1 across.
10. A bass reprises cars in Stockholm. (4)
11. A pinafore in the bible. (3)
13. A Franciscan under 18 years? (5)
16. First I plan a trademark. (2)
18. Advocate tic for the townsman? (3)
19. A ticket into the hermitage. (3)
21. Article in the first author's note. (2)
22. Bovine livestock initially attached to monastic habit. (5)
24. Begin again existing. (5)
26. Please disturb those dozing. (6)
28. Be a lot around those dedicated to a religious order. (6)
29., & 32 across. To wind it in is true, I hear. (4)
30. Environmental saint re-tuning car fins. (7)
32. See 29 across.
33. Ed cut around the chemical residue. (5)
34. Send a car around for the Reformed Church of Australia. (3)
36. Pilots 50 into the hems. (5)
39, 41, 42, 43 & 45. The rector has turned around the symphony! (10)
46. Chimps on piano around for fellowship. (13)

DOWN

1., & 9 down. Saint wholly incorporated!
3. Saints in the solar system!
4. The bath I stir for the monk's robe. (5)
5. The effect of precipitation in wholegrains. (4)
6. Bow and bob at religious leader. (5)
7. At the beginning of the manuscript. (2)
9. See 1 down.
12. Six Roman vehicles brought in to run parishes. (6)
13. Remise bid from a poor hand. (6)
14. Cross rabbi tries to be a pest! (6)
15. Seraphs' flutter gleans hint. (6)
17. Puzzle in purposefulness. (4)
18. Transpose canticle from one key to another. (4)
20. Legs tangled in Bylcreem! (4)
21. Before the theologian terminates! (4)
23. On top of the waitlist. (2)
25. Head of Interfaith Alliance. (2)
27. Spread drape around chaplain. (5)
28. Postdoc came across Franciscan razor? (5)
31. Crazy clue in the centres. (6)
35. The head of the Orthodox Church. (3)
36. Heaven's healing a topic? (3)
37. Saint Sebastian of Naples. (3)
38. Rift in agape.(3)
40. Romanian Orthodox. (2)
41. Start church planting. (2)
44. Leads theological studies. (2)
45. Roman King Emperor. (2)

See page 31 for solution

ANTHONY HOWES

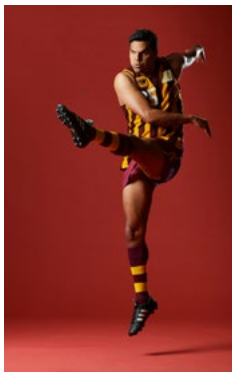
Anthony presents more news of arts and entertainment every Saturday from 10.00am till 12.00noon on Capital Radio 101.7 FM and Capital Digital

I write this column some weeks before you will be reading it. As I write, I am still absorbing the sadness and the gratitude being expressed for the life of service, dedication and Christian faith of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second. I mention this here because, it was in the power of the language of the Arts, that these matters became eloquent, and had depth of meaning. So it is that I pay tribute to our artists who transmitted much substance to those expressions through their Art.

Here in Perth, at St George's Cathedral, two Lay Clerks, Bonnie de la Hunty and Lucinda Nicholls brought much beauty to psalm and anthem, as did Bishop David Murray with the dignity he gave to our grief as he moved through the Cathedral playing the Piper's lament. In Westminster Abbey choristers of the Abbey and Chapel Royal, St James' Palace, gave voice to compositions new and old, and did so with power; organist and trumpeters lifted the congregation to other emotion-filled moments. Also in London, in public display to the world, the choreographer's art – yes, 'choreographer' – excelled with the dignity and precision of all the military personnel, from the Coffin Bearers, Ceremonial Guards, Yeomen of the Guard, Naval Seamen; indeed, all who brought such substance and excellence in the performance of their duties. To these artists and many others, the expressions of your Art, showed the power of artistic language, in liturgy, ceremonial and sound, and did so at this most significant time in our history.

To some October offerings. The Gilbert & Sullivan Society has been resident for a few years now at The Dolphin Theatre within the University of WA, and October sees their production of the final in the Savoy Opera Canon, **The Grand Duke**, from 13-22 October. The music is delightful and the story-line superbly absurd. Simply, a theatrical troupe of actors comically conspires to take over the Grand Duchy of Pfennig-Halbpfennig but are caught out by the Grand Duke's detective. The complications are topsy-turvy, as is the resolution!

The Society always features young and talented performers, often working with established opera and theatre veterans. In this production, musical director Michael Brett and production director Paul Treasure, have secured one of Western Australia's foremost experienced artists, Justin Freind, to take one of the leads. Justin's role has the glorious name of Ernest Dummkopf, and Justin has played this character for audiences in the United Kingdom, New Zealand and here in Perth. Justin told me that he is enjoying recreating this character, as working with the current cast allows rehearsals to take on a new dynamic. 'This is going to be a **Grand Duke** of great fun and excellent music-making', he said.



Ian Wilkes in *Barracking for the Umpire*, photo Frances Andrijich

At the Subiaco Arts Centre, is Andrea Gibbs play, **Barracking For The Umpire**, staged by Black Swan State Theatre Company and playing from 7-23 October. The director is Clare Watson, the Artistic Director who leaves the Company at the end of this year. So, what is the play all about? I am told that Barracking for the Umpire is about male vulnerability and the fragility of the human body. Playwright, Andrea Gibbs will be known to some as a comedienne, and ABC Weekend presenter of Barefaced Stories.

Stop Press:

- **French Melodie Soiree**, French Song at WAAPA , 3.00pm on 16 October. Directed by Marilyn Phillips.
- **Lit Live** presents **Drifters & Dreamers**, fiction and music about hopes, dreams, greener grass and better lives, with actress Rebecca Davis and pianist Mark Coughlan. The Orangery Gallery, 320 Onslow Road, Shenton Park. 7.00pm on 21 October.

Appointments		
The Revd Margaret Beach	Rector, North Beach	01.11.22
The Revd Mark Grobicki	Priest-in-Charge, Bassendean	01.11.22

Locum Tenens		
The Very Revd Dr John Shepherd AM	Fremantle	14.08.22-31.12.22
The Revd Graham Wright	Casuarina Prison	01.07.22-31.12.22
The Revd Rob Healy	Swan	01.08.22-28.02.22
The Revd Sebastiana Pienaar	Como-Manning	14.09.22-25.12.22
The Ven Jack Thomson	Woodlands-Wembley Downs	19.09.22-31.01.23
The Revd Steve Warren	The Goldfields	21.10.22-30.10.22

Retirement		
The Revd Canon Joanne Baynes		18.02.23

Resignations		
The Revd Margaret Beach	Rector, Mt Hawthorn	16.10.22
The Revd Canon Joanne Baynes	Chaplain, Hollywood Private Hospital	18.02.23
The Revd Lorna Green	Rector, Carine-Duncraig	30.01.23

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St George's Cathedral

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SUNDAY SERVICES

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

MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Monday-Saturday	8.00am	Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	12.15pm	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Eucharist
Monday-Saturday	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 2 October	4.00pm	Blessing of the Pets
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong for St Francis
Tuesday 4 October	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.*
Sunday 16 October	5.00pm	Choral Evensong for St Luke the Evangelist
Sunday 23 October	5.00pm	Choral Evensong for St Lazarus, with the Order of St Lazarus

SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Enrolments to Bishop David Murray, Cathedral Centre for Spirituality
spirituality@perthcathedral.org or phone 9325 5766

A Day in the Spiritual Life of the Cathedral
Wednesday 12 October 9.30am-2.00pm

Silence *with with Father Ian Crooks, Hermit and Honorary Priest of St George's Cathedral*
The day begins in Upper Burt Memorial Hall with tea, coffee and prayers. The day includes the presentation, Theological Reflection, Eucharist and prayers. (Entry $12, includes lunch)

Coffee, Prayers & Spirituality
Wednesday 26 October 9.30–11.30am

Spirituality and Challenges in the Media *Mr Jamie Freestone, WA Courts Media Manager*
Coffee or tea, prayers and a presentation. (Entry $5)