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*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord - Psalm 150:6*

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## St Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of Animals

St Francis of Assisi was born in 1181. After a relatively frivolous life, he rejected everything he had received from his father and embraced poverty totally. Gradually others gathered round him, and he began preaching tours around Italy. He prepared a simple rule of life for his followers, and the Order of Friars Minor was born. The order grew rapidly and spread all over Europe and beyond. St Francis combined in his life many strands: mission preacher, lover of animals, ascetic, mystic, dramatic fool for Christ, happy singer, troubadour of God. He died in 1226 and was canonised two years later. In honour of St Francis' love for God's creation, many churches offer the blessing of animals on his feast day. For the same reason, World Animal Day is observed and celebrated on 4 October.

### A Blessing for Animals

Almighty and everlasting God,  
Creator of all things and Giver of all life:  
let your blessing + be upon these and all animals.  
May our love and care for them  
reflect your compassion and safekeeping of all creation.  
Grant these animals health, peace, and safety.  
Strengthen us to love and care for them  
following the good example of Francis of Assisi,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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## 5 MARKS OF MISSION

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

## 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.

# Synod and the Referendum – Exercising our right

THE RT REVD KATE WILMOT *Assistant Bishop*



**Two things are rapidly coming over the horizon for October and they have importance for us all.**

On October 7 we head to another session of the Fifty-First Diocesan Synod and just a few days later take our part in the Referendum addressing the question of a Voice to Parliament.

It's interesting to have the referendum in mind as we turn out attention to Synod.

When I was first a Synod rep, in the nineties, there were still some occasional references to 'Synodsmen' harking back to a time when most of the members of Synod were literally men. A quick glance at the assembly told me that even in the mid nineties, there were very few younger women taking their place on the floor of Synod.

Over time in the Australian Church some careful work has gone into making sure that representatives at Synods are women as well as men, young as well as middle aged and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people as well as those whose family history in this country is more recent.

It's also true that views and opinions of individual Aboriginal people or young people or women in Synod differ – we wouldn't expect them all to think the same, because Synod underlines for us that Anglicans as a group think differently about issues.

The whole point of Synod is that we gather, bringing our issues of importance to the conversation, that these things are debated and discussed, that consultation takes place and that resolutions are referred to the right place for further development.

A recent change to our way of doing Synod business is that significant items of policy or legislation are now referred for consultation before Synod takes place.

Since the referendum was announced, I have sat down with friends who are concerned that granting a voice to parliament will bring dire consequences - caveats placed over private land is a big example.

I'm sad to think that people I value are living with fears like these.

In Synod, it's not possible for ideas to become church law on the spot. Motions to Synod are debated, sometimes amended or refined, passed or rejected and often referred to the policy or legislation committees for further development.

These committees may discover unintended consequences and consult with the original mover of the motion so that the proposal has the best chance of being achieved.

The Voice to Parliament is not about catapulting ideas into law because this would be unproductive for everyone. It is about adding a layer of consultation so that better outcomes are possible, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander citizens and for all Australian people.

If a Voice to Parliament becomes a reality, then the processes of parliamentary lawmaking will operate as usual and government can accept or reject a proposal as it sees fit. The difference will be that the listening will have happened beforehand.

I join my prayers with yours as we approach our Synod and an important moment in Australian Constitutional history.



# Introducing our new Vision

THE VERY REVEREND CHRIS CHATAWAY *Dean*



**2023 is our Year of Vocation at St George's Cathedral. With Spring in the air, and a spring in our step, I reflect with joy (and yes, a little pride) about the fruits of this Year which have offered refreshment, renewal, and growth.**

At the outset of 2023 we dared to ask individuals in our community what God was calling them into and people have responded in many and varied ways. We are seeing new ministries and new volunteers stepping into new roles. There is much for which give thanks to God, the source and summit of our sense of calling. The One who gives us life and breath.

We also asked ourselves – both within our dedicated staff and within Chapter – what God was calling us into more broadly as a Cathedral community. How does this renewed sense of our vocation affect our strategic priorities and how we operate from day-to-day? Indeed, this month's launch of our new Vision, Purpose and Values is a major milestone in our response to this question.

'Open Minds Open Hearts Open Doors' was approved by Chapter in April 2023 as an invitation to help us think more deeply about our worship, common life, teaching and mission. The process has been invigorating to watch unfold.

It includes a clear **Vision** for our work and witness as we seek God's renewal for our life together in the 2020s:

## Our Vision

We are seeking to share our living faith in an inclusive and openhearted way as we empower people to transform the communities in which we live and serve with the Good News of God in Jesus Christ.

It also introduces and articulates what we have discerned for this season as our five-fold, Spirit-led **Purpose**.

## Our Purpose

**Led by the Holy Spirit, our purpose is to:**

1. Worship God.
2. Witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in what we do and say.
3. Welcome all who come offering a sacred space for worship, prayer, and hospitality.
4. Rejoice in our diversity, engaging in critical theological reflection and action.
5. Celebrate, preserve, develop, and pass on our heritage.



But, perhaps for me at least, it is our freshly articulated Values that have been most significant:

## **Our Values**

### **Hopeful**

We face God's future with energy and courage, fostering a culture that is outward looking.

### **Reflective**

We are willing to take risks and to reflect with humility on successes and failures alike, speaking and acting with integrity.

### **Collaborative**

We prize team working and build trusting partnerships that contribute to the common good of all people.

### **Respectful**

We recognise and respond to the image of God in all human beings, honour their dignity and treat them with courtesy.

### **Justice**

We deal fairly in our collective and personal behaviours, working to the highest ethical standards and being professional in our conduct.

## **Excellence**

We strive to be a place of excellence in supporting the ministry of the Archbishop, the diocese and its parishes, schools, chaplaincies, and agencies.

## **Servant-hearted**

We seek to model joyfully our common life upon Jesus Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

*The Dean continues...*

Of course, the reality is that, as individuals and communities, these are just words on a page without the life-giving Spirit of God to animate and bring colour. No set of words, new colours or logos, however well crafted, can capture fully who we are and what we long for. And so, yes, this is our faltering yet confident new Vision for our life together. Please pray for your Mother Church and for all Anglicans as we step out in faith, crossing that bridge as we build. And always remember that we pray daily here for the chaplaincies, agencies, parishes and people of our diocese. Next time you're in the city, come in and say hello. We'd love to see you.

**St George's  
Cathedral  
Perth**

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# Crucial Caregivers: The Vital Role of Nurses in Aged Care

**STEPHANIE BUCKLAND** *Chief Executive Officer, Amana Living*



**The recruitment of nurses in Australia's residential aged care homes has garnered a lot of media attention in recent months and understandably so. As Maya Angelou said, 'As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the heart, mind, soul and body of our patients, their families and ourselves.'**

Nurses in aged care play a multifaceted role. They provide personalised, high-quality care that is wide-ranging, including wound care, pain management, infection control, palliative care and more. Nurses are also part of a team who address the physical, emotional, and social needs of residents and clients, supporting their overall wellbeing and quality of life.

At Amana Living, we've employed nurses since our first nursing home opened in 1968. Today, hundreds of nurses deliver crucial clinical care to our residents and clients while offering clinical leadership and support to their fellow team members.

Recently, we've increased the number of nurses on our rosters to meet the Government's new mandatory care time standard of an average 200 minutes for each resident, including 40 minutes of registered nurse (RN) time. Thanks to substantial effort by our recruitment and rostering teams, we've also met the Government's requirement to have a registered nurse on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This recruitment effort was challenging given the widespread nursing shortages in Australia. However, a combination of offering additional shifts to current employees and external recruitment – including recruiting from overseas – has meant we now have additional nurses on board.

They join a team of dedicated professionals of whom I am extremely proud. We are privileged to work alongside nurses who are passionate about delivering the best care to residents, while also providing a nurturing home.

This month, two of our nurses will be recognised as finalists in the 2023 WA Nursing and Midwifery Excellence Awards. Lisa Studholme, Service Manager at the Kinross Care Community, is nominated for the Excellence in Residential Care Award. In her nomination, Lisa was recognised for her professionalism and focus on developing deep relationships with staff, residents and their families which has cultivated a family-like environment at The Lake House.



Lisa Studholme, pictured right

Sharon Maitland, Service Manager at Wearne House, is nominated for the Consumer Appreciation Award. The family member who nominated Sharon, said: 'Sharon inspires her staff to do their best every day. She is loving, caring, diligent, compassionate, involved, and persevering. I thank our lucky stars that my parents and mother-in-law are cared for by Sharon and her team.'



Sharon Maitland, pictured left

Irrespective of whether they win their categories, these two nurses are shining lights in our organisation and are representative of the staff across Amana Living. While I celebrate our nurses in this article, every member of our team makes a profound difference to the lives of our residents and clients. We are blessed to have them.





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The ACF sponsors Synod and the sponsorship significantly reduces the cost to the Diocese for Synod and each attendee's contribution.

Synod provides time for review and reflection of the mission of the church, and offers an opportunity for the Diocese of Perth to take counsel together. In addition, it provides opportunity to meet new people and renew friendships.

**The ACF Team looks forward to seeing  
all the Members of Synod at our  
exhibition stand.**

It's a great opportunity to meet our friendly staff and say hello or enquire about how we can help you.

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# Synod and Schools

**THE REVD PETER LAURENCE OAM** *CEO, Anglican Schools Commission WA*



**Ah, don't we love October...it's Synod time. Who possibly couldn't enjoy coming together for two days of a weekend with fellow Anglicans to discuss and debate bills and motions that impact our Church and our world? Surely it's everyone's idea of a good time!**

Whilst many might prefer to be on the beach or in the garden on a balmy spring Saturday or Sunday afternoon, it's our duty to be part of the governance processes of our Church.

A curious reality of Synod membership, dating back a very long way, is reflected in the numbers sitting on the floor of Synod. The overwhelming majority of delegates comprise clergy and lay representatives from the 105 parishes across the Diocese. There are almost twenty Anglican schools in the Diocese eligible to attend, each with two delegates. The agencies also get a couple of seats each, no matter how large they might be.

These comments are made not out of criticism, but rather simply stating the reality of an institution operating much as it has for a very long time, under the strict rules and regulations that govern Synod. The Church's ministry through schools and agencies is vastly larger than it was only a couple of decades ago. From the past, when schools and agencies might be seen as ministry 'on the Church's fringe', today we are right smack dab in the middle of it. Schools and agencies in WA directly serve tens of thousands of young and older people each year, reaching even more through their extended networks.

Chairs of School Council and Principals of Anglican schools generally are the ones who represent their schools at Synod. Ordained Chaplains also sit on the floor of Synod 'as of right'. Last year, they participated in so many ways throughout the two days; from listening to speaking, praying to voting.

Whilst much has stayed the same, some things do change for the better. I recall the era when those who represented schools were less engaged with Synod. We celebrate that schools today see themselves as central to Christ's mission and therefore the Church's ministry. This means participating fully in Synod.

Possibly the greatest change in the corporate and not-for-profit world of the 21st century has been a heightened focus on good governance. Australia was known (indeed infamous) for 'dodgy deals' in the eighties and nineties. WA was not immune...indeed, shamefully we led in this space at times, in industry, commerce, government...and the church. Thankfully, those times have changed. Those who sit on boards have a huge responsibility to ensure that their standards of behaviour, diligence and scrutiny are of the highest order. From finances to risk management, good governance is key to any institution becoming great.

Synod provides us an opportunity to show the world that we Anglicans take good governance seriously. From the business that we transact to the respectful way we treat one another, these two days in October speak volumes about how we govern, and our views on the importance of appropriate accountability and responsibility in Australia today.

Synod is also a time when we can catch up with Anglican friends from across the Diocese... the social element should not be discounted! So enjoy Synod 2023... now where else would you rather be?

# Central Park Plunge

CHRIS THOMASON *Lay Chaplain*



**At the end of October this year hundreds of people will abseil down Central Park in the city to raise funds for charity. Fifty of those daredevils will be 'plunging' for Anglicare WA, particularly for our youth homelessness services. One will be doing it for a very special reason.**

Let me share with you the story of Bec, our General Manager of Philanthropy, who is taking part in memory of her good friend Michael. In her own words.

*'Some of you may have known my dear friend, Michael.*

*That's his happy face with me in the picture. He plunged year after year to raise money for a variety of causes and this year, I am taking the plunge in his memory.*

*All money that I raise goes straight to supporting Anglicare WA's youth homelessness services and goodness knows this support is needed more than ever for young Western Australians.*

*With more and more young people sleeping rough and unable to afford our ever-increasing housing costs, the youth homelessness landscape in WA is reaching critical levels.*

*Working at Anglicare WA, I see the growing waitlists for youth accommodation, and while governments are trying to boost social housing, the need for young people is urgent. They face far greater obstacles getting into the housing market – made worse if they're dealing with complex social issues.*

*Through Street Connect and Foyer Oxford, Anglicare WA is leading the way in tackling youth homelessness in WA – but we need continued funding to ensure we can continue to show up for young people in need.*

*It only takes a minute and any money you can give (no matter how large or small) will go a long way to helping change the outlook for a young person doing it tough in WA.*

*I'm taking the plunge down Central Park, to help Anglicare WA lift more young people out of homelessness.'*



At Anglicare WA we know that to solve the issues of homelessness we need the whole community behind us.

Events like the Central Park Plunge allow people to step up and make a difference while also testing their own limits. Others can step up by supporting the brave plungers with a small donation. Both are valuable contributions that will make a real difference and allow us to continue our work with young people that need a hand.

Follow the link to Bec's donation page:

[anglicare-wa.grassrootz.com/central-park-plunge-2023-anglicare-wa/bec-stott](https://anglicare-wa.grassrootz.com/central-park-plunge-2023-anglicare-wa/bec-stott)

Or support our other plungers at:

[anglicare-wa.grassrootz.com/central-park-plunge-2023-anglicare-wa](https://anglicare-wa.grassrootz.com/central-park-plunge-2023-anglicare-wa)

# Parkerville Children and Youth Care and Innovation Unit ANZ Win Gold at 2023 Australian Good Design Awards

**The 2023 Australian Good Design Awards recently celebrated exceptional achievements in the field of design and innovation, recognising projects that make a significant impact on society.**

Among the distinguished winners, Parkerville Children and Youth Care, in partnership with Innovation Unit ANZ, was honoured to receive the prestigious Good Design Award Gold Winner Accolade in the Social Impact category for their groundbreaking project, 'Our Way Home – Care that Keeps Family Together'.

The awards ceremony, held on September 8, gathered over 1000 guests from the design and architecture community to acknowledge outstanding design initiatives that contribute positively to society. The jury's evaluation and recognition of 'Our Way Home' as a Gold Winner in the Social Impact category highlighted the project's exceptional qualities.

The Good Design Awards Jury praised the project, stating, "Wonderful to see the level of engagement across the design process with over 200 children, families, Elders, staff, and community stakeholders to reframe and redesign out-of-home care services, transforming the experiences of children in care and their families. We commend the clear explanation of your execution and appreciate the information provided about interest in model replication, as well as the comparison figure between predicted cost savings and the cost of the approach. Congratulations on an incredibly worthy, well-designed, and promising project".

Recognising the pressing need for a radical transformation of our existing out-of-home care system, especially to better serve Aboriginal children and disrupt the cycle of disadvantage, 'Our Way Home' was born. The model is the result of a remarkable three-year journey of co-design and prototyping, achieved through the collaborative effort between Parkerville Children and Youth Care and Innovation Unit ANZ.

Ms Kim Brooklyn, CEO at Parkerville Children and Youth Care, says "The Our Way Home model empowers children, young people, and their families within the care system, granting them more choice and control, with a deep respect for strong families and cultural connections. 'Our Way Home' strives for radically personalised 'shared care' relationships between carers and families".

The innovative model fosters connections between foster carers and children's families of origin, promoting shared caregiving and





reconnection opportunities. It introduces innovative staff roles that act as bridges in complex relationships, aided by creative tools and practice guides that promote a mindset shift, recognising families as equal partners. Every child's journey is personalised to their unique circumstances and needs, engineered toward restoration in the most suitable way.

'Our Way Home' has already been successfully implemented at Parkerville Children and Youth Care, with plans for widespread scaling and open-sourcing to benefit others.

Some key features of this model include the roles of Family Link Workers and Aboriginal Practice and Culture Leads, which are integral in supporting the reconnection and healing of family relationships. Innovative practices like 'Bridge Spaces' are employed to facilitate the management of interpersonal dynamics, while creative tools are provided for the benefit of both children and families. The model further offers practice guides and instructional videos to promote a shift in mindset and introduce new leadership and support structures.

Ms Keren Caple, CEO at Innovation Unit explains "Evaluation results are promising, showing that children in care now enjoy increased contact with significant individuals in their lives, even in cases with little to no previous contact or situations where contact was at risk of being lost".

She continues "families are experiencing positive transformations, and the personalised care and family contact are leading to behaviors and actions from children that signify positive long-term outcomes. Additionally, there is evidence of progress in mitigating the root causes of prolonged child protection involvement, including intergenerational issues".

The 2023 Good Design Awards featured exceptional projects from around the world, evaluated by a panel of over 70 Australian and international Jurors, including designers, engineers, architects, and thought leaders. With rigorous criteria focusing on Good Design, Design Innovation, and Design Impact, 'Our Way Home - Care that Keeps Family Together' emerged as a shining example of design excellence.



These awards are the highest recognition for design and innovation in Australia, honouring a diverse array of projects across various categories. Each year, the awards spotlight outstanding products and services, architectural design, engineering, fashion, digital and communication design, and emerging areas such as design strategy, social impact design, design research, and young design talent.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care and Innovation Unit ANZ are immensely proud of this achievement and remain committed to creating a brighter future for children and families in the care system through innovative and impactful design. We look forward to sharing the 'Our Way Home' model with the world and continuing to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

For more information about  
Our Way Home, visit  
[parkerville.org.au/what-we-do/out-of-home-care/our-way-home](https://parkerville.org.au/what-we-do/out-of-home-care/our-way-home).

For enquiries about this model, please contact  
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at [together@parkerville.org.au](mailto:together@parkerville.org.au)  
or Innovation Unit at  
[teamanz@innovationunitanz.org](mailto:teamanz@innovationunitanz.org)

# Just Say G'Day

SASKIA SCOTT *Lay Chaplain*



**October 6 is Say G'Day Day. This is an initiative of St Bart's which began in response to our residents telling us about the dehumanising experience of having people avoid them on the street.**

It's a day to intentionally make an effort to say "g'day" to people we see out and about who are homeless. Even this simple small act can really make a difference to someone, without it costing a cent. By acknowledging someone, we are doing more than just saying 'hello'. We are saying 'you are valuable. You matter. I see you'. As Christians, we are also saying "you matter to God. God loves you and God sees you".

What a powerful message, one that each one of us needs to hear from God, from one another, and even from ourselves. And for people sleeping rough, that message can cut through the feelings of shame and worthlessness that may be present due to other experiences

associated with homelessness. Just saying "g'day" can restore a sense of dignity to a person.

I think of Christ's interaction with many people who had been cast aside from society – the lepers, the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman with a haemorrhage, and so many others. In all of these, He worked to restore dignity, to give people an experience of loving relationship, and to bring them back into the community.

At St Bart's, that is our hope and prayer for all of the people we work with. Saying 'G'Day' is one powerful way we can all help, every day, in this mission.

## Hamper Appeal

Another initiative that we are currently working on at St Bart's that you may want to take part in is the Annual Christmas Hamper appeal.

We will be collecting for this over the coming months and are seeking specific items. We will provide bags and are asking for people to fill them with four or five items from a wishlist. We are only able to accept new items that are on the list.

If you would like to donate please contact our volunteer coordinator Mala on 0467 968 533 or email [mala.padmanathan@stbarts.org.au](mailto:mala.padmanathan@stbarts.org.au) for more information.







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# Saturday October 28 QUIET DAY

Come and join Wollaston's Warden as she leads a day of reflection on God's calling in the beautiful grounds of Wollaston Theological College

Saturday October 28th	10.00 AM - 4.00 PM	Wollaston Theological College 5 Wollaston Rd, Mt Claremont
<b>COST:</b> \$25 (lunch provided)	<b>REGISTER:</b> email: <a href="mailto:WTCinfo@perth.anglican.org">WTCinfo@perth.anglican.org</a> or phone: (08) 9425 7270	



# God-Talk: Wind

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



**The day is hot, and increasingly blustery. The wind is coming from the east and the north, instead of the usual westerly. There is thick cloud cover, with the sky ominously tinted with pink by the dust being picked up and blasted about from bare minesites and cleared bushland.**



The noise is astonishing; it's not just the swish and roar of the wind around the eaves of the house and the trees in the back yard, but also the thump and clatter of falling debris on the roof. The street is littered with twigs, and on the verge across the road a decent-sized branch has broken off a tree. Every hour or so, there's a flurry of raindrops, but it's not enough to cool the air or settle the dust.

I'm not surprised when the power goes off. A neighbour's burglar alarm starts blaring, and there's no more wifi where I'm working at the computer. I head from home down to St John's Church to say Evening Prayer and to lock up. In that part of town, the power is still on, so I can charge my phone a bit, and plan some takeaways for dinner. But though the wind has spared the downtown electricity supply, it has made its usual mischief with the deep deposits of dust that lie between the church's steel roof and its lovely timber ceiling. Every pew, bench, table and floorboard is coated with a layer of dust you could write a poem in. I mentally change my weekend plans to include a couple of hours of dusting and vacuuming on Saturday, to reduce the amount of grit that Sunday worshippers will experience. Meanwhile, the gale is still blowing. It won't ease until the early hours of the morning.

I'm swirling around in my own willy-willy of excitement, fear and pre-emptive weariness. Excitement at the extravagant power of the storm, and those masses of rapidly moving air; fear for the damage that is surely being done to infrastructure, and possibly to people; weariness at the thought of the clean-up that lies ahead.

In my spiritual life, the same factors come into play. I love the feel of the Spirit moving, and I stand in awe of what that rushing wind of holy energy can accomplish. At the same time, I know that this power is not mine to control, and that sometimes the Spirit shakes and breaks, as well as soothing and healing. And ministry means following up on the Spirit's wild and wonderful movements. I watch to see who has woken up more alive after the Spirit's visitation; who is feeling bruised; where the tidying-up needs to be done when the excitement is over; and when to begin again the more pedestrian, everyday work of discipleship.

"Come, Holy Spirit!" is one of the riskiest of prayers. Will the answer be a gentle breeze wafting heavenly perfume towards my jaded soul, or a storm-wind snapping me out of complacency? I pray it anyway.

# Shining Light Into The Darkness

**Over recent months our media and state government have reported on increasing incidents of family domestic violence, and gathered to collate ideas to help overcome the rise of this violence.**

At last year's Synod, The Revd Tracy Lauersen presented to us the revealing statistics that intimate partner violence (one of the forms of family domestic violence) occurs in Anglican households at similar or higher rates to the general community.

The Family Domestic Violence Working Group was formed as a response of what was heard by Synod and a motion passed asking for action in the Diocese of Perth. Action has already been underway in other Dioceses and the **National Church** has appointed The Reverend Tracy Lauersen as the National Program Manager for the Families and Culture Commission. The **National Anglican Family Violence Research Report** released in April 2021 uses the image of a lantern to bring light into the darkness – an image that the Working Group is also using.



The Working Group for the Diocese of Perth has been formed by members with diverse experience, including those with lived experience, work experience from relevant sectors, and those with awareness through ministry and/or supporting loved ones.

The Working Group is keenly developing resources and training for the Diocese, as well as prompting action that can be made by parishes, schools, and agencies. There will be packs of resources available for every parish and ministry role from our stall at Synod, as well as further resources as requested.

Family domestic violence does not discriminate and is present in all demographics of society. There will be no parish, school or agency in the Diocese that is untouched by family domestic violence, which may have victim survivors, observers, and/or perpetrators attending.

The Working Group is committed to shining light into the darkness, by helping all in the Diocese know, understand, and call out family domestic violence. [www.perth.anglican.org/church/community/family-violence](http://www.perth.anglican.org/church/community/family-violence)

## Saddening Statistics

- In Western Australia, the frequency of those dying by the hands of a current or previous partner have increased.
- More than half of the women who are seeking homelessness services in WA have experienced FDV, and WA has the highest rate nationally of women seeking these services with FDV experiences.
- The period following a woman leaving a relationship, with or without children is the most dangerous time – with most murders happening in this period.
- Over half of women and children who have died by suicide in Western Australia had made formal reports of Family Domestic Violence Incidents.

Statistics sourced from the Western Australian Department of Communities

# Gazing at furniture and learning about youth ministry

**THE REVD NICHOLAS RUSSELL** *Chaplain, Christ Church Grammar School and Member of the Anglican Children and Youth Ministries Commission (ACYMC)*

**Have you seen a school classroom recently? The arrangement, design and furniture has changed dramatically over the last few decades. A century ago or so, a classroom would be set up lecture style.**

Most interestingly, the chairs and desks were large - chairs so big that young children's feet couldn't reach the floor. The furniture was wooden and hard. Learning was designed to be done in a single space, physically removed from others as much as possible. The teacher was the focus and the blackboard central.

Today if you enter a new-build primary school, you'll see that things are dramatically different to when we were at school. Desks are a cluster of unusual shapes and colours, usually with wheels. Some desks are designed with a surface that enables students to draw on it with markers, easily erased. Ottoman's and footstools litter the room alongside beanbags, couches and benches. The rooms are entirely flexible, enabling any kind of arrangement that works for the learning. Colours and light are in abundance. Rooms sometimes whiteboards on every available wall, some with projectors others without.

The old schools believed that they were inviting children to attend, they simply had to put aside their youth and acts like adults, even if their bodies didn't fit the furniture. The new schools take the approach of building the very spaces around the bodies, minds and behaviours of children and young people so that learning is most effective.

Both systems would see themselves as being 'welcoming', 'inclusive' and 'inviting' to young people, but I'm sure you can see which one is truer to the meaning of those words. The modern classroom is undoubtedly the winner when it comes to spaces moulded around the bodies, and characteristics of children and young people.

Almost all our parishes long for more children and young people in our congregations. We mourn their absence and are perplexed by how to reach them with the gospel of Christ. The truth is that children and young people in our community have not abandoned their search for God. I met with the other school chaplains from WA recently and many of us shared stories of students quickly abandoning their atheism or apathy and embracing a fervent interest in God and faith. These kids and youth exist in your suburbs and in your neighbourhoods, but they have not yet found a spiritual home. One of the great challenges the school chaplains face is how to funnel these young people into parishes that understand and truly welcome them, and I'm not just talking about the furniture.

If we want to continue to proclaim the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ, we need to build environments, congregations, liturgies and programs that are truly designed for young people, not just invite them into 'our space'. If we truly want change, this is a conversation we must have. As always, ACYM is here to help.





# City Meets Country in Wongan Hills

**JAN ROSE OAM** *President, MU Perth*

**Mothers' Union members have a well-deserved reputation for hospitality, and for celebrating milestones in style. Following hard on the heels of MU Perth's 125th birthday celebration in August came the opportunity to join with Wongan Hills Mothers' Union members in celebrating their 90th birthday.**

On 13 September, despite the dire weather forecast, approximately 30 Mothers' Union members, and the odd(!) husband or two travelled to Wongan Hills for a day of reminiscing and for giving God thanks for work done in the past, as well as looking forward to ways in which MU can serve the community into the future.

After our two-hour journey through beautiful countryside, we thoroughly enjoyed the delicious morning tea prepared for us by the St Peter's members. After morning tea, an appropriately attired Heather Stickland gave a presentation about the early years of Mothers' Union in Wongan Hills, and how St Peter's Mothers' Union has grown in their community. Many of the photos reminded us all of how life used to be, and then Heather showed how St Peter's Mothers' Union are working in their community today, with fellowship, outreach and support of the local church. A service in the church was led by Archdeacon Kathy Barrett-Lennard OAM, who spoke about our founder Mary Sumner and the work she did in helping families. A beautifully presented lunch gave more time for fellowship, and later a celebration cake was cut by Pam Boekeman, a long-serving member of MU. The day concluded with visitors being treated to guided tours of the town and museum. It was gratifying to learn that the members of the St Peters MU are very valued in the Wongan Hills community.

Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 3:13)



# Nor'West Postcard



**JOCELYN ROSS OAM**

Any of you Nor'West Postcard readers driving past Camp Wattle Grove last week may have noticed that all the Nor'West Diocesan clergy with their families were in residence! We love to be together at Camp Wattle Grove, being encouraged to keep preaching the gospel in the North West. Each Conference is an opportunity for the staff of our diocese to mutually encourage each other, building each other to keep persevering in our roles. We prayed that the word of God would dwell richly among us this Conference and that we would share and care and pray for each other in meaningful ways. The morning Bible Studies were based in the psalms. The Revd Chris Webb CMS missionary in Broome, was in charge of the music – always such wonderful hymn singing accompanied by a small group of musicians.

Holy Trinity Church Walkaway celebrated its 120th anniversary on Sunday 17 September. The Dean of Holy Cross Cathedral, Lachlan Edwards, and a team of parishioners went out a week before the anniversary and cleaned the church and the grounds so that all was resplendent for the day. Over 85 people from Dongara Parish, where Greenough/Walkaway belonged in the late 1900s to the small community of Walkaway and the Geraldton Cathedral celebrated the day, listening to Bishop Darrell Parker preach, sharing in a group photo afterwards and a wonderful bring and share lunch. A great celebration indeed!

Archdeacon Emeritus Bill Ross with Bronwyn Peet at Holy Trinity Walkaway, 120th Anniversary!



Welcome to The Revd Ian and Sue McGilvray from Brisbane who are in Geraldton at the Mission to Seafarers Centre filling in for The Revd Peter Schendzelorz who with his family are taking their annual leave to visit Kate's family in New South Wales.

It is wonderful to have Ian and Sue back in the Diocese – they have a real heart for seafarers.



Welcome too to The Revd Dr David and Lorraine Seccombe, locum tenens at Kalbarri Parish for a couple of months and welcome back to The Revd Brian and Annie Fyffe in Denham until the end of October, and Geoff and Rose Brewin filling in at Northampton. And farewelling The Revd Barry and Jo Dudding who has been the locum in Kununurra for the last term. We are so grateful to these good friends of the Diocese.

Delighted to welcome Matthew Knights who with his wife is moving to Port Hedland Seafarers Centre as assistant chaplain this month! Such a blessing to have that position filled! Please pray with us for a CEO for the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre.

FAITH: **F**orsaking **A**ll **I** Trust **H**im.

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# Bunbury Bulletin

THE VEN GEOFFREY CHADWICK *Archdeacon*

There's always something going on in the Diocese of Bunbury! The last month has seen the following activities:

**An Intensive Training Weekend for the Diocesan Theological Students** - At the Intensive, five new candidates entered the Student Formation Programme. We are looking forward to the Ordination of Rod Steel and David Bardsley as Priests at Synod, and anticipate the many gifts our students are bringing to their Parish placements.

**The Recognition of The Revd Justine Richmond at the Priest in Charge at Dunsborough** - The Recognition of Justine at Dunsborough came at the end of an extended locum position. She is well known to the community, having lived in the area and been on staff at Georgiana Molloy Anglican School for many years.



**The interior painting of the historical St John's Church in Albany** - St John's Albany, being the oldest stone church in WA is looking fresh and new after interior painting. Those working on the job commented on the unique opportunity they had to bring a fresh look to one of the State's finest landmarks and a sacred space.

**A public gathering of Reconciliation at the Cathedral with the local Noongar people** - The act of Reconciliation between the representatives of local churches and members of the Noongar community in St Boniface Cathedral Hall was truly an historical event. Bishop Ian spoke about some of the painful early encounters between WA's the First Nation peoples and the first European settlers. Pastor Dennis Jetta of the Aboriginal Church in Bunbury responded graciously and powerfully and reminded those gathered to be people of 'the power of love' and not people of 'the love of power'.

**Cursillo at Narrogin** - A Cursillo took place at Narrogin on the long weekend to the theme of 'You shall go out with joy'. Cursillistas braved the night-time temperatures of Narrogin to explore their faith in a community of love, goodwill and friendship.



**The 150th Anniversary of the Little Church at Mourambine** - The little Mourambine church, built in anticipation of a railway line which got re-routed to Pingelly, stands as a testament to the faith of our early settlers. Parishioners old and new, with many descendants from the first Settlers came together on 24 September to celebrate its 150th anniversary of consecration. Bishop Ian officiated and reminded all gathered about the foundations of Church. 140 people were due, of whom the first 40 were able to squeeze in the church.

**Continuation of the Australis Course in Ministry** - Since Easter, Bunbury has been running the Australis Course for Ministry developed by the Diocese of Bendigo. Seven students have been meeting every Monday evening via Zoom to engage with the materials. Presently they are exploring the New Testament, with Anglican Identity to follow in at the end of October. With 500km distance between some of us it has become a joy to meet digitally.



# Our Rich Liturgical Heritage: Collect for Dr Luke

THE RT REVD DR PETER BRAIN



***Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel. To be an Evangelist, and physician of the soul; May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP-1662).***

Image: Detail from the mosaic frieze in the Lady chapel of Westminster Cathedral, of St Luke. Photo Credit: Lawrence OP - flickr.com



**This Collect for St Luke's Day (18 October) is health giving in every way. Good doctoring depends on the ability to diagnose and then prescribe well-proven medicines that are fit for purpose.**

*Wholesome medicines of the doctrine* have been delivered to us in two volumes by Dr Luke in his gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Both are well researched, historical and orderly accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus, together with the spread of his gospel under the ministry of the Holy Spirit from Jerusalem to the centre of the Roman Empire. As such, our knowledge of God and his gracious purposes, can be rejoiced in and experienced, as if we were there.

Dr Luke has been universally acclaimed as a historian of note and accuracy. His eyewitness involvement in the life and ministry of the indefatigable apostle Paul, sharing many of his sufferings and standing with him in his final imprisonment fills us with confidence that he is a reliable writer and dispenser of medicines by which *the diseases of our souls may be healed*. Paul's testimony from his dungeon in Rome:

*only Luke is with me* show us his medicine to a faithful friend facing death. Famously Mother Teresa of Calcutta when asked what she considered the world's worst disease replied: 'not aids, not leprosy or cancer, but loneliness'. Luke is doubly qualified to be a reliable *physician of the soul* by pointing us in his writings to Jesus, the great physician and by emulating him in his faithfulness under pressure.

Not long before she died the secular humanist Marghanita Laski said: 'what I envy most about you Christians is your forgiveness; I have nobody to forgive me'. Forgiveness was described by Leslie Weatherhead as 'the most therapeutic idea in the whole world'. It is Dr Luke who gives us the famous chapter 15 of his gospel culminating with the unforgettable scene of the offended father, not only waiting for his errant son's return but running, then welcoming him home, to celebrate his return.

Luke also records for us the prodigal's hearty repentance, so necessary for forgiveness and the tragedy of the pharisaic sons unforgiving and loveless heart.

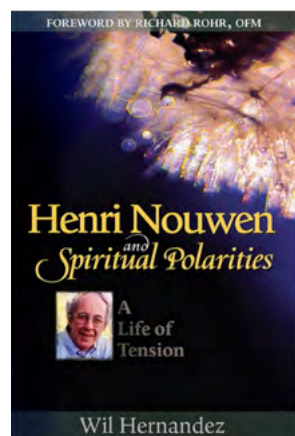
It is Dr Luke who records the double blessing received by the thankful leper. Healed of leprosy, like the other nine, but by making time to return thanks to Jesus received salvation as well. One of the most powerful prescriptions for physical and mental health is gratitude to God. Thankfulness is good medicine, curing us from greed and envy, and the means God uses to grow our contentment and generosity which keep us from idolatry, entitlement thinking and pride. In so doing we are able to expend our energies in serving others for Christ rather than allowing the poisons of playing the victim, bitterness or covetousness which cripple us. Dr Arch Hart comment 'it is hard to feel envy, greed or bitterness when you're grateful' and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's testimony that 'gratitude changes the pangs of memory into a tranquil joy' are health-giving; vitamins for our souls.

It is Dr Luke who records the simple word daily to our Lord's discipleship mandate 'to deny yourself and take up our cross (daily) and follow him'. It is in the mundane daily round of dying to self where we enjoy living for him. This paradoxical prescription is more health giving than secular medicines defined by self (esteem, image, fulfillment). Finding and defining ourselves in Christ see us daily looking upwards to God and outwards to serving others. Three phrases from Morning Prayer are health giving. The candid self-diagnosis *And there is no health in us* of the general confession takes us to Christ, of whom Luke records: *welcomes sinners... who repent*. Hence the request that the *healthful Spirit of thy grace* might be *sent down upon our Bishops, Curates and all congregations committed to their charge* and the Collects affirmation *whose service is perfect freedom*. Riches to sustain us in life, sickness and death that money cannot buy.



# Henri Nouwen and Spiritual Polarities

THE REVD ROSS JONES *Team member of the Tree of Life Programme*



***Henri Nouwen and Spiritual Polarities (2012), Wil Hernandez***

**Henri Nouwen lived out his spirituality in non-dualistic consciousness, functioning in a grey zone with nuanced creative skill as human lives are varied and full of contradictions. The spiritual journey reflects upon the human complex and multifaceted orientation to life and seeks to 'befriend' these existing polarities of life with their inevitable tensions in life.**

The art of spiritual practice is to learn the process of living creatively in and through this polarity tension of life with struggles and successes, as all life is mystically interconnected. For Nouwen, existence seemed always to be heading toward fuller integration.

Nouwen saw Jesus' way as that of surrendering to love is to engage in risk in letting go of one's desire to control and opening oneself to vulnerability with the real possibility of suffering.

We work through our brokenness and healing, power and powerlessness, glory and suffering, as our psychological wholeness arises from confronting our brokenness with its suffering.

In God's redemptive act in Christ, we can acquire a new self that empowers us to return to our true original self - delivered from our illusory false self to come to our authentic self.

As creatures in the image of the Creator, we are valued, valuing and valuable, as God eternally loves us as beloved of God. Jesus is the beloved Son of God, and in Christ this is our claim for our self. The contemplative experience enables us to see our self as reflected back to us through God who truly loves us.

Integral to loving oneself is accepting and embracing one's totality with the good and bad, true and false, by being friends with our self

and the truth about our self. Acknowledging our beauty yet limitedness, richness yet poverty, generosity yet security concern.

In embracing the false self by naming the inner patterns that imprison one and gaining power over them, liberates the true self for daily living. The integration journey brings one's human needs for affection, attention, and consolation into a living connection with one's divine sacred place.

The starting point is to deepen one's self-awareness, to know and confront oneself to manage that self. I find myself in that God relationship through solitude, silence, and prayer by engaging with the inner sanctuary of one's being through the prayer of Psalm 139:23-24, 'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any hurtful way in me, and eternally lead me'. As we emerge from the hurtful way of the false self.

Self-affirmation is a way to transcend preoccupation with our need for security by affirming that we are designed for others. This raises the tension between one's self-affirmation and self-denial, self-fulfilment and self-emptying, self-realisation and self-sacrifice.

These polarities are not as antithetical as they seem, for one cannot give away what one does not have. One cannot give away love without knowing that one is loving.



After claiming your true self with your needs contained within the boundaries of your self as beloved in God and knowing self as loved, then spills over into relationships, especially non-possessive friendships. Genuine ministry is from who we are through our knowing, affirming, claiming, and owning of our true self.

The starting point is to come to be aware of and name one's pain, suffering, loss, unfulfilled desires, and fears without analysing them. The healing work is entering the place of wounds with the sense of powerlessness to heal one's self. Then comes the awareness that beyond

this healing struggle is the realisation of being held in God's love as beloved. To own one's pain is to integrate it into one's life, bringing benefit to one's self and to others.

Wounds are more than liabilities as they become spiritual assets, transforming wounds into healing for us and others through being witnesses to and agents of healing brokenness and broken heartedness. Befriending woundedness as a blessing or opportunity for growth and transformation away from distorted thinking of entrapment in the struggle of brokenness.



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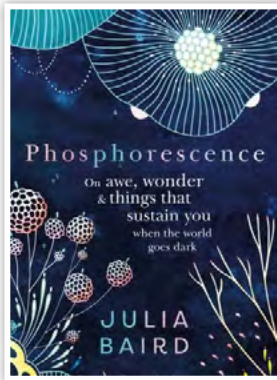


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REVIEWED BY SHIRLEY CLAUGHTON



## Phosphorescence - on awe, wonder and things that sustain you when the world goes dark

by Julia Baird, \$25 paperback, \$35 hardback, \$17 e-book, on-line at [booko.com.au](http://booko.com.au)  
First published 2020, Winner Australian Book Industry Book of the Year Award 2021

*Julia Baird is well-known as an author and the host of The Drum on the ABC. This stunning, inspirational, and thoughtful book looks at her survival through her cancer treatment from 2015 until she recently returned to the ABC. Please watch a recent episode of The Drum (on ABC iVIEW) from Friday 15 September 2023 when Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy was a guest – this is compelling viewing as the panel discussion focuses, amongst other significant topics, on women's ordination and clearly, the role of women in the Anglican church.*

**On the phenomena of phosphorescence, Descartes, back in 1637, saw seawater 'generate sparks rather similar to those which are emitted by pieces of flint when they are struck' and in 2008, scientist Osamu Shimomura won a Nobel prize for his work on green fluorescent protein in jellyfish.**

Julia says 'there's something gratifying about knowing such natural wonders cannot be completely plundered or exploited, particularly for the purpose of destruction. Today, sightings of living light remain rare, magical and often unpredictable. Consequently, some people devote years to hunting it, seeing it and recording it. In recent years, I became one of them'. Readers, please check out ABC Compass on 16 September, (Awe Hunters) to partake in this magical experience. Don't miss this!

In the introductory chapters, Julia looks at some current altruistic thoughts on happiness – but not only by simply turning off devices, rather having the ability to find, nurture and carry our own inner, living light; not about burning brightly but yielding simple phosphorescence – being luminous at temperatures below incandescence, quietly glowing without combusting. In her quest for what Emily Dickinson called 'the light within', Julia says that she learned simple powerful lessons – which include seeking awe and nature daily, showing kindness, practicing grace, embracing friends, family, faith and doubt, and, says Julia, summed up in 'what makes people shine?'

Encompassing these ideas are some ways that nature can counter urbanization and alleviate allergies, reduce depression and anxiety and increase feelings of awe, which in turn lead to an increase in gratitude and selflessness. Dr Qing Li from Tokyo found that many

benefited from dousing oneself with nature – walking in a forest - forest 'bathing, immersing oneself in nature while engaging all the senses'. The science has repeatedly confirmed his belief, and he is now called upon to give lectures around the world on the subject.

The concept of 'Forest Bathing' was introduced to the world. Simply Walking in a forest, immersing oneself in nature, while listening, reflecting and contemplating, has shown to have positive health-related effects (including stress reduction and increased wholistic well-being). Julia talks of the haven of green in Central Park, New York, amidst a dense and crowded city, of special green places in Sydney, and how widespread this practice of forest bathing has become around the world. 'Everywhere, curious souls are closing their eyes in woods, listening to birdsong and rustling leaves, smelling moss, oaks, eucalyptus, ferns flowers, and breathing deep, hoping to find something they feel they have lost – or at the very least, sense it nearby.'

In Perth, several short Forest Walks can be discovered in Kings Park. Surprisingly, a newly commissioned park right near where I live has been recognized as a Peace Park. Hundreds of pine trees nestle on a corner of Spearwood Ave, Spearwood. The pretty, bird-filled park has been made accessible with winding paths, artwork, and sheltered seating, all amongst the canopy of hundreds of specially planted pine trees. Studies have found, says Julia, 'that you

only need to spend a little over an hour a week in such places to experience a shift in mood, however slight.' Search for 'forest bathing' or 'forest therapy' to discover many walks which encompass the idea of walking amongst trees.

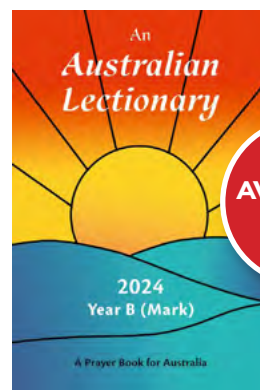
Julia says towards the end of the book 'I wrote this book in the hope that it might be a salve for the weary, as well as a reminder of the mental rafts we can build to keep ourselves afloat....I understand though that stillness, kindness, the sea and ancient trees can hardly be a universal panacea for all the suffering on this planet'

Some of us will recall the fuss when Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury said a few years ago that he questioned if God was really there and Julia recalls the predictably juvenile reaction by the press when the Archbishop had expressed doubt. A chapter on doubt is wise and thought-provoking and Julia concludes many who don't attend church 'will congregate on beaches, in forests and on mountaintops – to experience awe and wonder, to sense a 'peace that goes beyond understanding', the 'sighs that have no words', and seek ways to bring living light into their lives.'

It is rewarding, after reading through many remarkable, and passionate chapters about her life, that Julia speaks of her continuing experiences with faith communities. 'Faith can be an enormous comfort, and prayer a buttress of calm. Researchers have found that a wide array of health benefits result from belonging to faith communities. Even if you don't fit in, or don't want to, hopefully there will always be pockets of the world, and various communities where you can find kindred spirits with whom you can discuss the ancient paths...'

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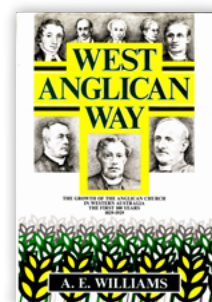
# The Diocesan Archives Story Part 2: First Diocesan Archivist - The Revd E W (Fr Ted) Doncaster

**ANNE WILSON tssf** *Acting Diocesan Archivist*

*Having done some further research of our archival records, I realised that in September edition of the Anglican Messenger I incorrectly wrote that Mr A E Williams was the first Diocesan Archivist. However, it was in fact The Revd E W (Fr Ted) Doncaster who had previously been Diocesan Recorder in Archbishop Moline's time and Archivist for some years before he accepted his formal role as Honorary Diocesan Archivist in 1980. He continued in this role until July 1985 when he was resigned to take up a position as parish priest in the Diocese of Willochra in South Australia.*

During his time Fr Ted advocated for the secure storage and preservation of parish and Diocesan records and oversaw the transfer of significant registers to the Batty Library. Fr Ted has continued to have a long association with the Archives and is much revered by all succeeding Archivists for his knowledge of Diocesan history. He has put together at least 51 histories of parishes and clergy in the Perth Diocese, which continue to be a valuable Finding Aid to point researchers and Archivists in the right direction. These are available as digital copies on request.

The second Diocesan Archivist, A E (Bert) Williams, was appointed May 1985 and continued in an honorary role. As a well-respected and published historian, his focus was on researching and promoting the history of the Diocese. His great contribution was scholarly account of the history of Anglicans in Western Australia from 1829-1929 in the *West Anglican Way*, which continues to be a useful reference for researchers. The Archives still has a few copies which are available on request. All his publications can be found in the State Library of Western Australia.

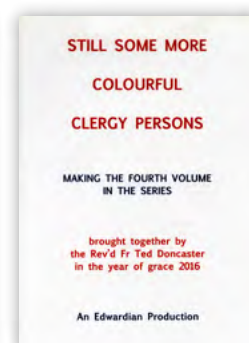
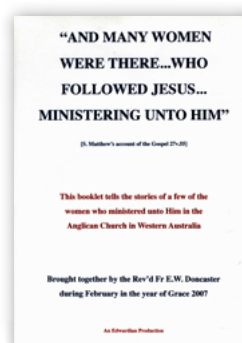


Following Bert Williams' death in 1989, no Diocesan Archivist was appointed for many years. In 1994 Archbishop Peter Carnley became concerned about the organisation of the records and proposed that the Archives be located on the ground floor of the Law Chambers in the care of a professional Archivist.

Following the work of the Diocesan Working Party, the Diocesan Archives Committee was formed with inaugural members consultant archivist Dr Maggie Exon, The Revd Bill Hawley, The Revd Dr Rowan Strong and the Diocesan Secretary, Mr Harry Williams. The Archives Committee worked on developing the 1996 Records and Archives Statute which underpins the operation of the Archives Committee. Maggie Exon continued as Honorary Archivist with the support of the Archives Committee and the Archives was moved to the 10th Floor of the Law Chambers building. Eventually in October 2006, Diocesan Archivist, Ms Annie Q Medley was appointed for a three-year term and Archbishop Carnley's vision for a professional archive was finally realised.

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# PUBLIC FORUM: TRACK AS PILGRIMAGE

**Wed Nov 15, 6.30pm-7.30pm**

**St Barnabas Anglican Church, 40 Railway Rd, Kalamunda**

People who walk the Bibbulmun Track do so for many reasons – sometimes for the challenge, sometimes in response to a major life change, and sometimes with a spiritual or religious intention. The spiritual aspects of walking other major trails, such as the Camino de Santiago, have been well explored: the goal of this forum is to together explore the Bibbulmun Track through the lens of pilgrimage.

The evening will begin with a presentation by Lucy Ridsdale, who walked the Bibbulmun Track end-to-end in 2010 as a pilgrimage, which meant for her 'a long journey on foot with sacred intent'.

Questions you might consider before attending include: how might hospitality and acknowledgement be offered to those who depart on the Track, and to those who complete the Track? What spiritual or religious significance has the Track had for you? We hope to hear from people of all faiths and none.

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## 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



Last month, I wrote of the forthcoming season of **"Mary Poppins"**. I was fortunate to be in the first-night audience of the Perth season. Following that experience I spoke of it on Capital Radio's arts programme, "Capital Events". Listening back to the programme, I caught the still present excitement in my voice. I assure you that my long life in the arts has rationed such excitement to only a handful of productions: and **"Mary Poppins"** at Crown Theatre Perth, is one of them! The musical's season continues this month and if you have not considered attending, then I sincerely urge you to do so. There is not the space to detail each and every performer, but I can say that such is the standard of principals and chorus, that it is a 'whole company' sense of ensemble that underlines the excellence attained; and that 'the star is only as good as the bit player'.

Each character created originally by P L Travers, is brought to life expertly – dialogue is never under or overplayed, each musical number is balanced so that the transition from spoken word to solo or company number is seamless. Story and music, with just the right level of orchestral accompaniment with correct sound levels, while often dramatically satisfying, are never over-powering. Costume, technical effects and colourful settings are indeed memorable, but never overtake the human elements of the choreography and characterisations. In a world which presently seems to be full of 'angry people' throwing less than positive insults or accusations about, **"Mary Poppins"** is the ideal antidote. 'Escapism', perhaps, but if so, do try and make this particular 'escape', you will not regret it.

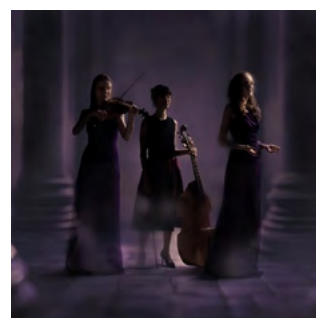
One of the best introductions to theatre, I believe, is when you take 'initiates' of any age to a pantomime. In the past, when playwright and theatre educator, Tony Nicholls, was theatre 'guru' at Curtin University, we were treated to pantomimes in the 'traditional' form, but with a distinctive Australian emphasis. The Melville Theatre Company, under director Bryce Manning, gives local audiences another chance for that experience. The Company is staging Tony Nicholl's pantomime **"Aladdin"** at the Wembley Community Centre (40 Alexander Street, Wembley) at 7.00pm on 20 and 27 October and 3 November, and 2.00pm on 21, 22, 28 and 29 October, and 4 and 5 November. Tickets are \$20 (\$16 concession) [trybooking.com/CII5Y](https://trybooking.com/CII5Y).

Stand by for something a little different. International comedy star, David Strassman, is returning to Australia with **"The Chocolate Diet"**, playing at The Regal Theatre from 24-29 October. It is an hilarious look at our obsession with sweets. I am told that Strassman is a tour de force in the world of ventriloquism. He says: "I love making audiences laugh and this new show, "The Chocolate Diet", is probably my funniest to date. It's also quite delicious, and watch out, it's fattening too!" Check dates and venues for Bunbury; Mandurah; Geraldton; and Albany.

For one night only this October, HIP Company presents **"Orpheus"**, a programme of Baroque musical works surrounding the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. The Company is a collective of young professional musicians who specialise in the performance of Baroque music on historical instruments. In this hour-long concert, directors Bonnie de la Hunty (soprano), Sarah Papadopoulos (Baroque violin) and Krista Low (viola da gamba) are joined by guests James Huntingford (harpsichord) and Robin Hillier (Baroque flute). Theatrical lighting from GSD Productions reflects the storyline within the historic Old Customs House (8 Philmore Street, Fremantle) at 7.00pm on Saturday 14 October - a fascinating evening for Baroque music lovers and newcomers alike. Find out more: [www.hip.company](http://www.hip.company).



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*Orpheus*, (L-R) Sarah Papadopoulos, Krista Low, Bonnie de la Hunty. photo by Nick FitzPatrick



# Schools' visit to the Cathedral

**THE REVD CANON JUSTINE COVERDALE**

*Chaplain to John Wollaston Anglican Community School*



**'Wow! I didn't know this was ours,' one student said. 'It's like Hogwarts!'**

For many school students, entering St George's Cathedral for the first time is simply awe-inspiring. They lower their voices, tread quietly and move slowly, gazing upwards at the colours. As one teacher put it, 'it's like playing footy on the school oval and then going to the MCG'.

In August a group of 18 students from three Anglican schools - Guildford Grammar School, John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, and John Wollaston Anglican Community School - attended the Sacristans' Workshop held at St George's Cathedral. For some it was their first time visiting the Cathedral and for others it was a familiar place, however, this visit gave them an unprecedented insight into the history and daily workings of a city Cathedral.

The students were given a tour of the Cathedral by the Dean, The Very Revd Chris Chataway, who explained some of the history and special features of St George's. They were fascinated by the Soldiers' Chapel and the story of Villers-Bretonneux, and happily spooked out by the ashes under the floor in the crypt. Cathedral curate, Father Noah Mbano, showed the students around Burt Hall and the wonders of the robing room.



The students attending the workshop were sacristans or chapel assistants at their own school, so the second session led by Verger Stephen Day was particularly useful. Distinguishing

between sacristans, acolytes, and thurifers, Verger Stephen guided the students through the finer points of dressing the altar for Holy Communion and shared his tips on managing candles and incense. Being invited into the vergers' workroom was a rare privilege.

Finally, the students found their voices under the expert coaching of Emily Howe from Wollaston Theological College. As well as teaching them how to warm up and protect their voices, Emily helped them to read with improved clarity and confidence. She worked with many students individually, challenging them to stand strongly and effectively project their voice.



In welcoming the group at the start of the day, the Dean encouraged the students to regard St George's as their home cathedral, and certainly by the end of the workshop, the place had become much more familiar to them. We are thankful to Dean Chris, Father Noah and the Cathedral staff who made the workshop a success. Hopefully, it will become an annual event and sacristans from other Anglican schools will join us next year.



# Something Vee Witnessed...

VEE ACTON

**Earlier this year in August the Anglican Parish of Fremantle celebrated a special jubilee year, 180 years of ministry to the faithful. This celebration of baptism, confirmation and life was celebrated by Dean Emeritus, Dr John Shepherd.**

Less than a month later, I had the pleasure of attending another service. After a bus trip and an hour of Spotify, I was at St John's, this time it was for the installation of their new Rector.

The Revd Ernest Lennon, previously of Pusey House Oxford, was commissioned by the Archbishop of Perth, The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO, on 1 September.

The service began with Dr Daniel Masmanian's choir, Vox Aquilae, singing the Introit; Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation, followed by Psalm 100. The gospel was taken from John 15 - I am the true vine. Offertory; Come down, O Love divine. Recessional; Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Among the parishioners and diocesan witnesses were Fr Lennon's new colleagues and friends, including The Revds Bec Bydder, Robin Tapper, Sarah Stapleton, Lynne Eastoe, A de Graaf, Margaret Beach, Matthew Smedley, Gemma Baseley, Dr David Wood, The Very Revd Chris Chataway, The Vens Peter Boyland, A Webb and S Boorer.

It was a privilege to return to my family's spiritual home to celebrate this auspicious occasion.





## Appointment

The Revd Rob Healy                      Priest-in-Charge, Lockridge-Eden Hill                      01.11.23

## Change of Status

The Revd Oliver Yengi	Rector, Mundaring	13.09.23
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## Locum Tenens

The Revd Dr George Hawley	Scarborough	01.10.23-31.10.23
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The Revd Frank Sheehan OAM	Swanbourne-Mt Claremont	01.10.23-30.11.23
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The Revd David Lord 16.09.23

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We are seeking to share our living faith in an inclusive and openhearted way as we empower people to transform the communities in which we live and serve with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am  
Holy Communion  
*from the Book of Common Prayer*

10.00am  
Choral Eucharist

5.00pm  
Choral Evensong

## MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Monday to Saturday  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday  
Wednesday  
Monday to Saturday

8.00am  
12.15pm  
10.15am  
4.00pm

Morning Prayer & 8.15am Holy Eucharist  
Holy Eucharist  
Holy Eucharist  
Evening Prayer

## OCTOBER SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 1	4.00pm	Pet Blessing for St Francis (Upper Parvis) A wonderful occasion for the whole family in the early evening Spring sunshine. Bring your pets – large or small – and also any photographs of pets no longer with us. We then enjoy Choral Evensong together – please do stick around for this wonderful Franciscan occasion.
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong - St Francis of Assisi, Friar & Preacher
Tuesday 3	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 15	5.00pm	Choral Evensong - St Luke, Evangelist & Martyr
Sunday 29	8.00am & 10.00am	our morning services are dedicated to our response to God's generosity towards us.
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Anglican Board of Mission Preacher: The Reverend Ernest Lennon, Rector, Fremantle

## CENTRE FOR SPIRITUALITY

Bookings [spirituality@perthcathedral.org](mailto:spirituality@perthcathedral.org) or 9325 5766, by the Monday before the presentation.

Wednesday 11, 9.30am - 2.00pm (Cost \$15, includes lunch) Canon Julian Misso, Cathedral Chapter

**The Rule of Law: the spiritual foundations of our justice system**

Wednesday 25, 9.30am - 12.30pm (Cost \$10) The Right Reverend Kate Wilmot, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Perth

**The Intimacy of God in the Poetry of George Herbert**

Saturday 28th, 9am - 2pm (Cost \$20) **Pre-Advent Quiet Day**

In need of some quiet time when nothing is expected of you? The Reverend Stephen Gibbs leads the day:

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## OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 11 October, 7.00pm

**Perth's Big Conversation - Why does The Voice matter?**

Panel members will include a wide variety of voices including Dr Steve Thomas MLC, Deputy Leader, WA Liberal Party and James Morrison, Noongar Elder. We are all too aware of the noise around The Voice but this conversation is also for those who are currently undecided. Invite your friends and family to the Cathedral for this special evening.

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