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The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it:
the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.

Psalms 24:1

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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



Dear Readers

Welcome to September . . . season of Creation.

As September dawns and we welcome Spring, we recognise in the Noongar calendar the Djilba season – growing season; a time to look out for the cream and yellow flowers like acacias, and signs of new life all around.

This month's *Messenger* is filled with articles to sustain body, mind and soul.

Some will provoke new ideas about how readers can contribute to the care of God's creation. Others tell good news of new ministries and welcoming new people Perth.

Readers will be interested in the Amana Living ministry initiative 'No-one dies alone', and in the news of St Mary's Anglican Girls' School celebrating its centenary. There is a photographic report on the commissioning of The Revd Caro Hemmings as Chaplain to Swan Valley Anglican Community as well as ministry updates from Bunbury and North West Australia.

*We thank you, God of all loveliness,
for the beauty of earth and sky and sea;
for the richness of mountains, deserts and rivers;
for the songs of birds and the beauty of flowers.
We praise you for these good gifts,
and pray that we may guard our heritage,
to the honour and glory of your name. Amen.*

A Prayer Book for Australia, p220

The Editorial Team

Mission 2020 prayer

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



FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO | Archbishop

COMPASSION

This month I want to talk about compassion. It is vital to sustaining creative, healthy life, humanity and well-being.

We watch with dismay the COVID news from Australia's eastern seaboard, where so many are in lockdown. Even from our position of being so very fortunate, here in Western Australia, we are all wondering not 'if' but 'when' we too might go into the next lockdown. We feel compassion for everyone who is separated from family and friends, and for our Christian sisters and brothers who are not able to go to church. We are anxious for those who are struggling to live in tight circumstances, and for those who are afraid they will not have a job when the worst of the pandemic is over. And we have deep concern over the growing mental health troubles coming from long periods of isolation. And every time a death is reported, our hearts go out to the families and friends of those who died, and who could not be with them, as well as to the outstanding medical staff who care for the sick.

Alongside the ongoing COVID situation, we have all seen the recent news images out of Afghanistan, as the evacuation got under way. Many of the images were harrowing, and our compassion extends to the very vulnerable, such as those coming out of the trauma of recent times in Afghanistan.

Although the situation for women and girls appears simply terrible, Afghanistan's trauma is not confined only to women and girls. The freedoms that many Afghanis have known over recent years, enjoying education and new opportunities, now look to be severely under threat once more.

One of the news reports I read was of a group of Afghan athletes who were supported by athletes from Australia and other countries to begin to find their way to evacuation as refugees. I was struck by the starkness of the images of their faces, where hope and fear were intermingled.

I'm certain everyone who saw this was moved as I was by compassion for fellow human beings.

I wondered what I could do to show it. So I took the opportunity to participate in a rally, standing alongside those who are now refugees in Australia, and in solidarity with those still in Afghanistan. Although I was the only person in a clerical collar, I was with a small group of Anglicans and Catholics, alongside hundreds of people also moved by compassion, for both family and strangers, sharing in a common humanity.

St George's Cathedral, along with other Anglican Cathedrals around the nation, held a service of prayer and lament for Afghanistan. Veterans, Defence chaplains, the Governor and many others marked this moment, gathering for prayer, scripture, silence and reflection.

We are faced with such a barrage of news, local and international, about situations that seem almost hopeless. Yet I remember the compassion that Jesus showed in his own actions, and taught to his followers. It is God's own compassion, and it is available for all of us, not just to feel it for ourselves, but to do something with it, for others. For my part, I have written, with other church and community leaders, asking the Australian government to increase its intake of refugees from Afghanistan, from just 3,000 to 20,000.

Not only news reports, but also prayer gives birth to greater compassion. Giving thanks every day for even the smallest glimmer of hope is vital. It helps us see God. It helps us grow in kindness. It leads us to participate in action.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3).

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Kath Moller

SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER

Do you live Sustainably? Regeneratively?
Will the world be better because of how you live?

God rejoices in the Creation. It is all very good, including us! Multiple species co-exist in biodiverse abundance. Everything works together and supports complex life. God shares the beauty and joy with us, entrusts, and invites us to care for the creation of which we are part. We are to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly before our God (Micah 6:8).

Instead, humans often build empires and exploit creation, extracting resources. Sometimes we do this through the things we buy, our investments or superannuation. Some people live comfortably while others suffer or starve. Humans now move more rock and soil than all natural forces combined. We are in an anthropocentric geological age. Plants and oceans help to buffer global warming. But human activities such as deforestation, for monoculture agriculture, reduces the capacity to absorb those changes. Many people are dismayed at the desecration that humans have wrought on creation. The IPCC report tells us that Australia has already passed 1.4°C warming.

Jesus met people at their point of need. People go where they feel heard, have their fears acknowledged and their needs met. When the church is seen to share those concerns, people are more likely to hear the good news and join us in worshipping God who created, listens to our worries and loves us.

Many people in the wider community feel helpless about human exploitation of nature. You don't have to be Christian to be aware of sustainability and caring for the environment. But we, who know of God's love, have a responsibility to step up and care for Creation. We must become aware of the impact of our actions.

The Marks of Mission all Proclaim the Good News of God's kingdom:

- 1 The proclamation of the Word must be put into action;
- 2 teaching, baptising, nurturing;
- 3 responding to human need in loving service;
- 4 transforming unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation;
- 5 safeguarding the integrity of creation, and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth.

Would you like some assistance to strengthen the 5th Mark of Mission in your church?

The Parishes of Greenwood, Kingsley North-Woodvale and Duncraig have hosted a Sustainable Living course. In the six-week course, we talk about Water and Biodiversity, Energy, Sustainable Transport and Community, Waste and Gardening for Food, Healthy Home and Healthy You and about Simple Living. We encourage critical thinking. Permaculture is referenced as a design framework which assists in practical, ethical decision-making. This course raises awareness, equips participants with thinking tools, helping to solve issues in our own behaviours and address

concerns about the world around us. Participants make incremental short and longer-term goals for change in their behaviours concerning each of the 10 topics. We are sent out into the world in peace, to be of good courage and take hold of what is good. Love and serve the Lord.

Hosting the course in your parish invites people from the wider community into your church building. There has been a mix of parishioners and wider community at all three of these courses. Participants have said they didn't know the church cares about living sustainably and now they feel more open to attending.

God invites us to step up to Care for Creation of which we are a part. We each make choices. Our living can become more sustainable.

If you would like to host a course, please contact Kath Moller kjmoller@wn.com.au or talk to The Revd Lorna Green about the course run at Duncraig during August.



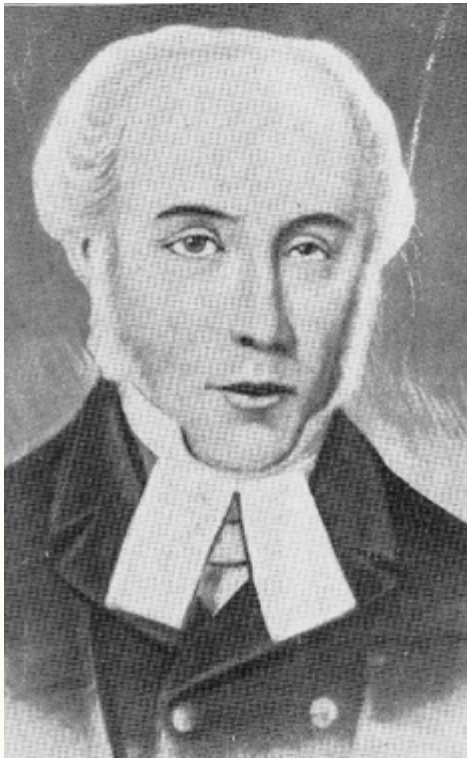
Making low tox cleaners Kingsley



SEASON OF CREATION

To mark the opening of the Season of Creation
and the launch of the Sustainable September resource,
Peregrin Campbell-Osgood from the Advocacy Commissions
will preach at the 8.00am and 10.00am services
Sunday 5 September - St George's Cathedral

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PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you for your servant John Ramsden Wollaston,
whom you called to bring the gospel
to the people of Western Australia:
raise up in this and every land
evangelists and heralds of your loving reign,
so that the whole world may know
the unsearchable riches of our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

Isaiah 52.7-10

Psalms 96

Acts 1.1-9

Luke 10.1-9





HOW HAVE WE APPROACHED A SUSTAINABILITY SEPTEMBER

At our last Families Connect service we took the opportunity again to focus on this month's theme of *Sustainable September*. We spent time exploring how we can continue to be part of looking after God's creation better!

In our exploration, we talked about how we can recycle articles better, being sensitive to the environment, and how can we be more practical adapting to our everyday lives.

'Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?' (Matthew 6:26)

We reflected on the verse and looked at the value of creation and how much God looks after the birds of the air, but how much more does he look after us.

Birds are not like humans. They are hunter-gatherers. While birds do not practice the kind of innovation that humans do to feed themselves, they do live purposefully: building nests, caring for young, gathering food to eat, and don't pollute the earth as humans do!!! But really, it is God alone who feeds them. Sometimes we are overwhelmed about our daily supply of food, forget to encompass the bigger picture, and remember how much God has made

everything so well. How much worthier are we, who follow him, that he will supply our every need?

God has equipped them perfectly and placed them in a welcoming environment full of what they need to live. The birds glorify him by being exactly what he created them to be and doing exactly what he created them to do. The same should go for us. Jesus is not saying that we should not 'reap nor gather into barns,' but that we should not worry. We are made to work and work hard, but we are not meant to worry. We understand that even though we work hard with both our bodies and our minds to meet our needs, it is a result of God's grace that we eat our daily bread. This is why it is right to thank him for our provisions.

During our session, the craft activities focussed on tracing around empty plastic bottles and drink cans, coloured in, to remind us of our responsibility to recycle these waste items. We also talked about collection depots where these empty plastic bottles and cans can be refunded. We thought this is a great incentive for people to recycle their items.

We used balloons as an image of the world so the children could take them home as a reminder that we can make a difference in our world and hoping the result is to decrease our footprint in the future.





NO ONE DIES ALONE AT AMANA LIVING

I hope that when the time comes for me to die that I am either doing something I love, am surrounded by my beautiful family, or I simply slip away in my sleep. It's a common fantasy, but the truth is, most of us don't know when or how we are going to die.

Sadly, not everyone faces death surrounded by family and friends. It can be a lonely and frightening time.

For residents in aged care facilities, this loneliness can be intensified for many reasons. Some residents do not have families or friends able to be with them in their final hours for many reasons including relationships breaking down, their only family members live overseas, parents outliving their children, or no other surviving family or friends. There are countless reports of border closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic keeping families apart.

As Amana Living is dedicated to holistic care for all our residents, including providing emotional and spiritual support for those approaching the end of their lives, we created a program to ensure that there is someone there in those final moments.

The No One Dies Alone Companion (NODAC) Program is an active expression of our Christian care which aims to ensure that every Amana Living nursing home resident has someone supporting them in their final moments.

This wonderful program, which relies on a group of very special volunteers, is modelled on the No One Dies Alone program, founded by the Sacred Heart Medical

Centre in Oregon, in the United States.

The NODAC program has been trialled at our Lady McCusker Home in Duncraig, where it was embraced by residents, staff and families. Due to its outstanding success, we are now rolling out the program across all Amana Living residential care centres.

Supported by staff, the volunteers provide vital companionship, comfort, and support to dying residents. Volunteers might read and talk to the resident, pray with and for them, and gently hold their hand to let them know they are not alone. They play music and create an ambiance to give a sense of comfort to the dying person.

I have previously written about our amazing NODAC volunteer, Renee, who said it was a privilege to be with residents in their final moments. Renee is a retired nurse who was looking for something meaningful in her life when she joined the trial. Amana Living is now searching for more special NODAC volunteers who can offer the gift of a dignified death to residents who have no family or friends to be with them in their final moments.

To find out more about becoming a NODAC volunteer, please visit the volunteer section of the Amana Living website at www.amanaliving.com.au, call us on (08) 9424 6335 or email volunteers@amanaliving.com.au.

The No One Dies Alone Companion Program acknowledges the generous funding provided by the Amana Living Anglican Foundation and the Anglican Community Fund.



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

Leonie Demunk, *Amana Living Customer Care*



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

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

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THE WEARINESS OF UNCERTAINTY

How often in the past few months have I used the expression 'We live in Covid-times'? Way too many times! A term not even coined some eighteen months ago, it is rare that one gets through a conversation or paragraph without making reference to the global pandemic of Covid-19. It is all-consuming.

It is easy to forget that one year ago, a vaccine was still 'way off', yet thanks to extraordinary scientific and medical research, we have many vaccines today across the world, with two currently being rolled out across Australia. The problem in July 2020 was how far away a vaccine might be; the problem in 2021 in our country is what appears to be a complacency among significant numbers of Australians about 'getting the jab'. Why is this so?

Many opinions have been expressed through the media. This is not the place to add to the opinion pile. Rather, I do observe across our schools (as indeed in WA more generally) a real weariness among adults and young people, caused in part by the uncertainty we face about tomorrow. We start with the borders, an obvious concern for Western Australians, with the regular erection of our 'hard border' strategy in relation to other states. This can be a good and right thing to do, but such 'certainty' causes 'uncertainty'. People are afraid to go beyond their home, their region, their state... this is a reality of dealing with a pandemic the WA or Australian way. Snap lockdowns, masks on and off, to distance or not to distance? Or whether the footy at Optus Stadium will have reduced crowds or none at all? These are uncertain times.

Uncertainty creates apprehension and, as we can observe, wears us down physically, emotionally and even spiritually. Jesus invites us to come to him at times such as these... 'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I

will give you rest' (Matthew 11:28).

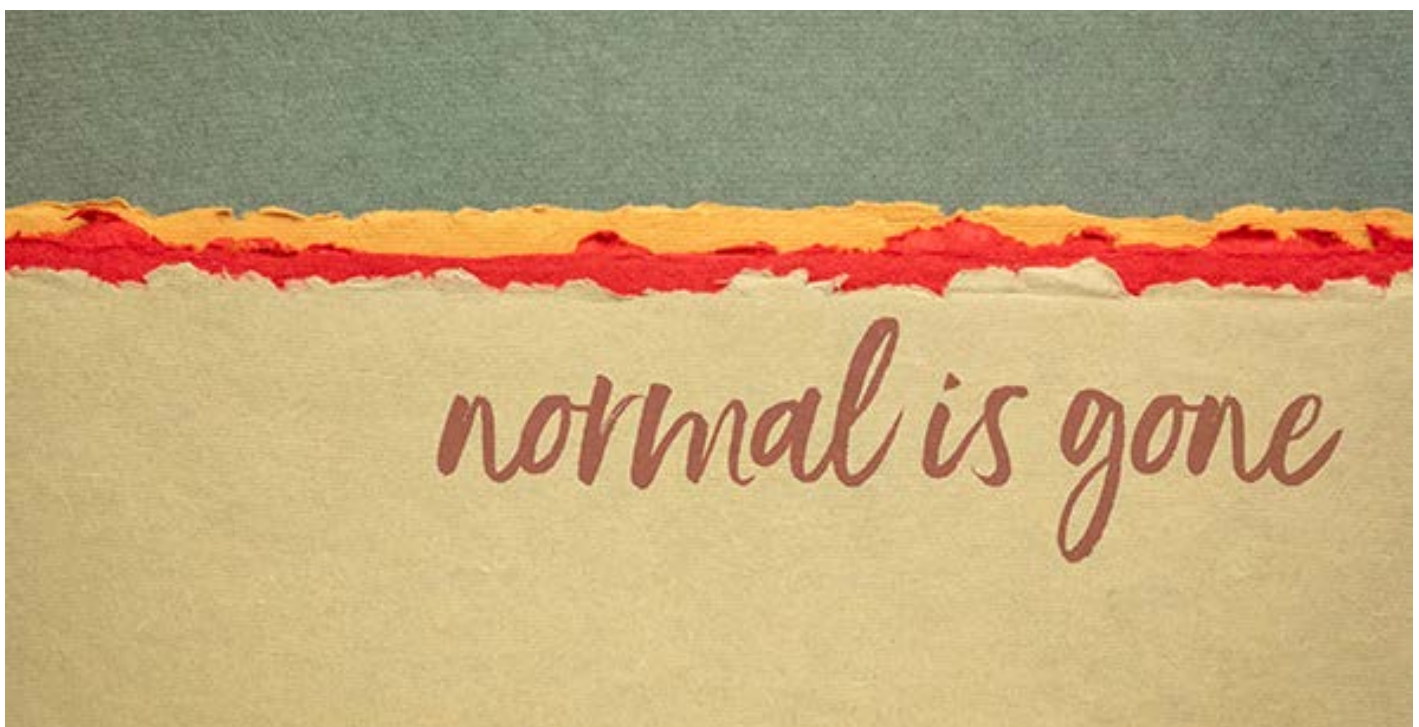
Only the other day a Principal in one of our schools was describing how this ongoing uncertainty was really impacting both her staff and student body. Plans are made, only to be postponed or delayed. When might we consider it the time for our students to venture beyond the local area? When can we plan for our Year 6 girls and boys to do the obligatory (and much anticipated) trip to Canberra to discover our national capital...a Year 6 rite of passage in many ways? 'Not this year' is the answer. Last year we thought, as a minimum, we would have freedom of movement across Australia in 2021 and that international borders would have begun to open (beyond New Zealand) by now. Neither are a reality and the latter is a long way off.

Our schools reflect society. People are anxious about the impacts of Covid-19. We are blessed in Australia generally to have minimal impact compared to so many countries in the world. Yet we have been largely protected by hard borders ... a needed 'isolation strategy'. But we are global citizens; the day has to come when we reconnect beyond the medium of Zoom.

While we thought 2020 would be the year of greatest Covid-19 impact on us, the continued uncertainty - together with the rapid mutations of the virus at alarming rates and an increased voracity of infection - wears us.

More than ever, it is timely to reflect on what we can be thankful for, even the uncertainty of our times. May we never grow weary of 'doing good', of serving others. Most importantly, may we never give up.

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up' (Galatians 6:9).



FEATURE – THE CENTENARY OF ST MARY'S ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Ms Stephanie Neille | Archivist, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School



FOUNDED ON FIDELITER

As we prepare to celebrate St Mary's Anglican Girls' School's Centenary on 14 September, it is timely to reflect on how the School came to be. Who could have imagined that the diocesan school we see today, one that boasts more than 1,400 day and boarding students from Kindergarten to Year 12 and resides on 16 hectares in the seaside suburb of Karrinyup, started as a humble, city-based parish school with 98 students and six fulltime teachers?

A concept that the St Mary's West Perth parish had been considering for some time, the Church of England Girls' School, St Mary's West Perth, was born when two established schools merged and began operating on Colin Street, West Perth, on 14 September 1921. The School's founder, parish Rector, The Revd Charles Lawrence Riley OBE, had a very busy life, administering to his constituents, being the first Principal, Chair of the Board of Governors and teacher of Divinity and Latin, in addition to performing general handyman and carpentry work around the school. With the help of a Board that comprised some of the leading figures of the Church of England in Western Australia, including Mrs Edith Cowan OBE, Sir Ernest Lee Steere and Mr J H Maxwell Lefroy, and guidance from his father, Archbishop Charles Owen Leaver Riley OBE, the first Anglican Archbishop of Perth, Riley established St Mary's as a renowned school for boys up to and including eight years, and girls to Leaving standard.

Founded on its motto of *Fideliter* or 'faithfully', the School began to grow. Other prominent figures, including Mr Frank Wittenoom, contributed to the construction of

classrooms to adjoin the School's sole foundation building, the St Mary's Parish Hall. The parish made the church grounds available to the School and eventually handed over the Rectory so that it could become a boarding house. Homes in the West Perth area were bought or leased, and with fences taken away and pathways winding between them, a school precinct was created. With the help of the Sir John Winthrop Hackett Bequest, plus regular donations and fundraising efforts by the parish and Old Girls, the School survived and flourished.

The School, in turn, never forgot those less fortunate or the Christian ethos of its founders. With a strong tradition of service to others, the character of the St Mary's girl became fixed. That could not be said for the School itself. With the population demographic changing, the commercialisation of the West Perth area, the parish diminishing and the buildings in need of refurbishment, the move to become a diocesan school was expedited by 1962 and relocation to the expanses of Karrinyup was realised by 1970. None of this would have been possible without the support of the Diocese and Bishop Riley, who returned to be President of the fundraising campaign to relocate the School.

St Mary's Centenary is truly a time to celebrate, reflect and remember, and it is also a time to look forward. As we remember the wise counsel of the founding parish of St Mary's West Perth and take strength from the faith of the people who helped to build the School, we also continue to nurture in wisdom and faith future generations who will pass through St Mary's gates.



Foundation of St Mary's Anglican Girls' School, 1921
Students, staff and the Board of Governors, including Archbishop C L Riley and Mrs Edith Cowan (centre),
seated in front of the St Mary's West Perth Parish Hall

A CENTURY OF DISCOVERY

1921 ❖ 100 ❖ 2021



One hundred years ago, St Mary's Anglican Girls' School began its life in a humble parish hall on Colin Street, West Perth. Our formative years were guided by founding Principal Bishop C.L. Riley CBE and Australia's first female parliamentarian and social reformer, Edith Cowan OBE, who was a member of our Board of Governors.

Since then, thousands of young women have passed through the gates of St Mary's. They have made lifelong friendships, pursued careers across the globe and made a difference in their communities. We celebrate them along with the families and staff who supported them. To this day, we continue to honour the legacy of our founders by championing the academic and personal growth of our students in a caring and inclusive community.

As we reflect on 100 years of girls discovering their best at St Mary's, we do so with gratitude knowing that our rich history will inspire an exciting future.



St Mary's
ANGLICAN GIRLS' SCHOOL
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SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER

What better way is there to starting a journey to a more sustainable life than starting with a month dedicated to just that. When accepting a challenge to do better for the Earth we have to look at what parts of our lives we can tweak to leave less of an impact on our world for our future generations. So we really should ask . . . what is sustainability?

Sustainability focuses on meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The concept of sustainability is composed of three pillars: Economic, Environmental and Social – also known informally as Profits, Planet and People.

There are seven easy ways that each of us can work towards making an impact through sustainable living:

- 1 Consider your shopping habits
- 2 Buy and eat local
- 3 Eliminate plastics
- 4 Choose renewable energy
- 5 Create a greener home
- 6 Conserve water
- 7 Consider your driving habits

At Anglicare WA, we work towards enabling people to live a little more sustainably through our Op Shops, which help people to be mindful of their shopping habits. Taking consideration with your purchases is where the largest impact can happen. Op Shopping is one of the most sustainable ways to style yourself, whilst indulging in some guilt-free shopping that funds so many amazing services within the community. On top of this, Op Shops are the last stop for diverting clothing from landfill.

Anglicare WA Op Shops alone divert an astounding 350,000 kgs (350 tonnes) from landfill every year, and while this is an impact we can be very proud of, if we can educate people of conscious purchasing and sustainable living we could further lessen the impact on our Earth.

Our Op Shops rely on donations from the community, but when clearing out your wardrobe some things to consider are:

- Would I gift this to a Friend?
- Have I washed it?
- Is it in sellable condition?



Photo courtesy of Jonathon Gladstone



Our team work hard to sort the items for each of our stores, so if the garments are not in sellable condition (stained, ripped, smelly or shrunk) these can still be donated, however we ask you to donate them in a bag labelled rag to save us the time (and the icky job!) of checking the items.

When shopping, a helpful tip is to have these questions saved in your notes on your phone to ask yourself before making a purchase:

- How long will the item provide value or usefulness?
- Will it end up in landfill in the future?
- What materials were they produced from?

- What is the company's history regarding environmental and social issues?
- What type of packaging did they come in?

So, how can you make September a sustainable one? Write a list of items you are needing to purchase and see how many of those items you can find to purchase in an Op Shop. Next time you're out shopping take some time and consideration and let's create a future we want to handover to our future generations.

Be sure to visit one of our Anglicare WA Op Shops and help support the WA community. [Op Shops | Anglicare WA](#)



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TURNING LOOSE CHANGE INTO CHANGE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Last year the Western Australian Government launched Containers for Change to encourage Western Australians to recycle containers through incentives and positively impact our environment and our community. This wonderful initiative not only contributes to improving Western Australia's environment but also provides opportunities for charities, like Parkerville Children and Youth Care, to raise much needed funds for our services.

Since Containers for Change launched in 2020, over 450 million containers have been returned across one of 219 refund points across Western Australia. So far, the initiative has raised more than \$2,000,000 for local community groups and charities.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care is thrilled to be a part of this initiative and to have partnered with the wonderful catering team at DLA Piper, Perth, who have chosen to donate their refunds to Parkerville. We are thankful for organisations like DLA Piper for their ongoing support of Parkerville and the community.

We know not everyone has the means to support Parkerville Children and Youth Care financially, so this is a fantastic way to encourage support in an affordable way.

The support we receive from the community helps us raise awareness of our services and provide vital support to children, young people, and families who have experienced abuse. The support and care we provide will mean their experiences no longer have to define their future and they can have the skills to live life to their full potential. The impacts are life changing to not only the children, young people, and families we serve, but the whole community.

We hope by being a part of Containers for Change we can encourage the communities in which we operate to recycle and contribute to their local causes. Ultimately, we hope to make a greater difference to vulnerable children, young people, and families in WA who have experienced abuse, through the support of Western Australians and Containers for Change.

We encourage all Western Australians to take part in the initiative and help reduce waste in our community and support your local causes. Visit the Containers for Change website [here](#) to learn more on how you can take part and find your nearest refund centre. To support Parkerville Children and Youth Care, simply use code C10322738 when depositing your containers. Every bit helps.





VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

I must say that I'm a big fan of St Bart's recently released *Strategic Plan 2021-2025*, which highlights our new vision and mission going forward:

Vision: A community where everyone has a safe and secure place to call home.

Mission: To provide opportunities, pathways and care to vulnerable people who find themselves without a home.

We acknowledge that who we are and the work we do for others is defined by our dedicated people coming alongside those requiring assistance and support. Our focus on people and culture is where St Bart's values of empowerment, innovation, commitment, collaboration and social justice are embraced in our network of relationships.

In her recently published book titled *Strengthening Spirit-Releasing Potential: Spiritual Direction for Leadership and Organizational Development*, author Bernadette Miles works from her view of encouraging active, present engagement in our daily life. Miles states that the key questions in our daily life experiences are: 'What is this pattern of life in the world about?' and, 'How can I best contribute to the world's present pattern of life?'

St Bart's response to these two significant questions is that we are about supporting people in their need for a safe and secure place to call home, and that the level of care we have for our society is shown in the practical demonstration of a compassionate response to people who are vulnerable. Here at St Bart's, we are reminded every day of the amazing changes that can happen in someone's life when they are shown compassion. One such story is that of *Charlie.

At 43 years of age, Charlie feels like life is just beginning. Residing at our Women's Service since May 2020, she has just been selected from 3,000 applicants to take up a haul truck operator traineeship with BHP.

It's an incredible turn-around for a woman who, since arriving at St Bart's has overcome a 20-year addiction to drugs.

'The first night I slept in my room here I kept wondering if these people (support staff) were going to wake me up all the time to get up and do stuff,' says Charlie. 'But they give you privacy... this place keeps me grounded and safe. It's home.'

Having the time to rest and reflect at our Women's Service gave Charlie the motivation she needed to get a job not long into her stay with us. And now, with her BHP traineeship, the sky is the limit.

In 2019-20, St Bart's Women's Service supported 52 women through a range of services to improve their confidence and independence, their ability to sustain long-term accommodation, and their personal health and wellbeing with a view to reconnect with friends and family.

A donation today will help us provide safe accommodation and support for more women, just like Charlie, who need our help to rest, recover, and re-establish their sense of place in the community.

For more information on St Bart's services, please visit stbarts.org.au and get in touch with me on **9323 5101** or chaplain@stbarts.org.au.





WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Annette Stokes AM is a leading Wongutha-Ngadju Elder of the Goldfields. She is a gifted musician and artist, a kidney health researcher, a mother, grandmother, auntie and carer, and a woman of strong Christian faith. She was chosen to give each baby born during the past year a blessing, at a 'welcome to the world' ceremony put together for the first time, for the Aboriginal babies of our community.

Local Aboriginal leaders welcomed us to country, spoke about the value of pride in culture, and showed a video of primary school children singing in the local language. Dr Christine Jeffries-Stokes, a paediatrician who does important child health work in Kalgoorlie and in remote communities, spoke about the vital importance of the baby's first few years. The Ngadju dancers, based in Norseman, danced some stories for us. Dr Ljiljana Ilic-Jeftic, who delivers most of our Goldfields babies at the Kalgoorlie hospital, presented the family of each baby with a gift pack of treasures, including a book for parents to write about their love for their children.

Annette had asked me to help her prepare a prayer she could say for everyone, and the right words for her to say as she anointed each baby. I asked her about her thoughts and feelings when she sees an Aboriginal baby. 'They are so beautiful!' she said. 'I thank God for every one of them.' We found the words for her prayer for the children, and for everyone who is helping to grow them up to be as beautiful, strong and beloved as they can be. I watched Annette as she moved from family to family, from child to child, anointing and blessing them. The love in her heart

showed in her face. Many of the mothers have reported feeling shame in having their babies, but Annette's sheer joy and pride in these little ones was plain to see.

Parenting is a challenge for every mother and father, and all the more so in a community where disempowerment based on race is woven through so many attitudes and actions. Annette's words and actions, and the ceremony they were part of, go some way towards a public treasuring of these small and beautiful human beings and the culture they inherit.

This was a powerful community ceremony. It acknowledged that care and responsibility for the babies and children is to be shared by all of us.

Some of these children may be baptised one day, in a church or in a river. But all of them were claimed by Annette as gifts from God, now, as she blessed them. Please pray with Annette, and with me, for the Aboriginal babies and children of the Goldfields:

Dear heavenly Father,
these babies and children are so beautiful.
We are thankful to hold them
in our arms and in our hearts.
Send your blessing and protection,
send your wisdom and your love.
Make us a strong community,
working together to grow these babies up
to be a blessing to everyone,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As a priest amongst youth
and a committee member of
the Anglican Children and Youth
Ministries Commission, I am concerned

Millennials aren't looking for a hipper Christianity We're looking for a truer Christianity, a more authentic Christianity. Like every generation before ours and every generation after, we're looking for Jesus – the same Jesus who can be found in the strange places he's always been found: in bread, in wine, in baptism, in the Word, in suffering, in community, and among the least of these. No coffee shops or fog machines required (*from Searching for Sunday: Loving leaving, and finding the church*).



COMMISSIONING OF A NEW MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP SERVICE FOR THE REVD CANON DR PHILIP RAYMONT

On Monday 26 July 2021, despite weather warnings of stormy and wet conditions, people started arriving at the historic Holy Trinity Church in York for the much anticipated commissioning of Philip Raymont, as Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of Beverley-Brookton, Quairading and York.

Firstly the large group of bellringers arrived to ring prior to the 6.30pm service and briefly after the service – the bells were heard over the Avon River, as far as the Town Hall and were a joyous sound.

Many clergy attended the service and robed and processed with The Rt Revd Jeremy James tssf who was Presider and Preacher.

Bishop Jeremy began the service at the entrance to the church, with the acknowledgement of the Noongar people of Ballardong Country.

Mr David Gething, who was organist for the service, joined other staff from Guildford Grammar School, as Principal Mrs Anne Dunstan commended Philip to the new ministry partnership.

Following the presentation of Philip by the Wardens and representatives of the parishes of Beverley-Brookton, Quairading and York, the symbols of ministry, being the Bible, water, bread and wine and A *Prayer Book* for Australia were presented to Philip and then taken to their proper places in the church.

In the absence of Archdeacon Kathy Barrett-Lennard, The Revd Julie Barrett-Lennard read the Archbishop's Licence to Philip. Bishop Jeremy invited a layperson to read the 'Five Marks of Mission', as a summary of mission, which is for us all.

After Holy Communion, Ms Denese Smythe, Shire President of York, Mr Kevin Trent, representing the Uniting Church, and Sally Boyle representing the Parish of York, made short speeches of welcome to Philip.

Bishop Jeremy thanked Archdeacon Kathy Barrett-Lennard for co-ordinating the service and Diocesan Secretary, Keith Stephens, and Property Manager, Kirsten Rhoades, for their work in having the York Rectory restored for Philip to live in comfortably. The service was followed by hospitality provided by the congregation of Holy Trinity Church.

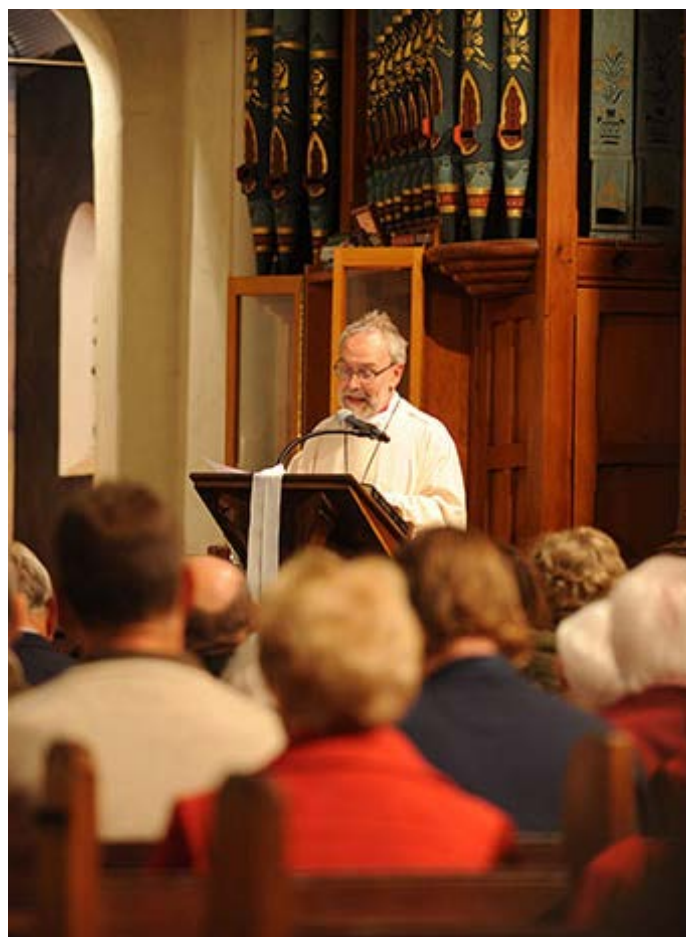
Bishop Jeremy presided at services to welcome Philip at Beverley, Brookton and Quairading on the three nights following the commissioning.

Thirty people came to St Mary's, Beverley, with the Warden David Gors, including a representative of the Shire and the chair of the local agricultural field day.

The service at St Mary's, Brookton, was well attended.

Warden David Allington read the 'Five Marks of Mission' and short speeches of welcome were made by Noongar, Mr Brad Slater, representing the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ms Gail McNab on behalf of the Brookton Shire, Mrs Tricia Steward on behalf of the Uniting Church, and Mr David Allington on behalf of the Anglican parish.

At St Faith's, Quairading, Wardens David Whyte, Kevin Simpson and Mary Stacey joined with Shire President, Wayne Davies, to welcome Philip.



COMMISSIONING OF THE REVD CARO HEMMINGS AS TUESDAY 10 AUGUST 2021



AROUND THE PROVINCE - CENTENARY OF ST ANDREW'S, MULLEWA

The Revd Bill Ross OAM

ONE HUNDRED NOT OUT AT MULLEWA!

Over 100 people, former residents and church members and descendants of pioneers from far and wide, plus visitors in town, filled St Andrew's Anglican Church in Mullewa to celebrate its 100th Anniversary on Sunday 29 August, in the midst of the town's Agricultural Show and Wildflower Festival.

The service was conducted by The Revd Don Miller, Minister in Charge, and the sermon was delivered by Bishop Gary Nelson, the Bishop of North West Australia, on the theme of Jesus Christ's parable of the sower and the seed. The message from the image of the good soil which produced a bumper harvest was equated with a person who is a good listener to God's word makes a good member of God's family, and the challenge to ask ourselves what sort of listener we are. In his sermon he referred to the commemorative mural of the parable, depicted in images of local wildflowers, painted on the church hall by local artist Helen Ansell.

Among the guests attending were Bishop Michael Morrissey, Roman Catholic Bishop of Geraldton, Shane Love Member for Moore, Jenny Critch Councillor of the City of Greater Geraldton representing the Mayor, and Herb and June Richards lifelong members of St Andrew's.

The celebration event was the brainchild and superb effort of former resident and church member Judy Critch, with a committee of local and past members

and Diocesan representatives. The service in the church was followed by a luncheon served at the Recreation Centre, catered for by Tyrone Browning, grandson of George and Grace Eves, pioneers of the region and founding members of St Andrew's Church.

At the luncheon former St Andrew's Minister, now historian for the Diocese of North West Australia, The Revd Fr Ted Doncaster, presented a pictorial and written history of the church from its commencement to the present day, to Don Miller for display and a copy to Jocelyn Ross, diocesan archivist.

The event capped off a wonderful festive weekend for the Midwest town of Mullewa.



The congregation and Bishop Gary Nelson at the Lectern for the Centenary Celebration of St Andrew's Church Mullewa 29 August 2021



Long standing church members Herb & June Richards (right) and Margaret Moorhead (left) with The Revd Garry Hammersley cutting the Centenary cake at St Andrew's Church Mullewa 29 August 2021



SUSTAINABLE SEPTEMBER

Almighty God and merciful Father, we give you hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation and preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such a sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may praise you not only with our lips, but in our lives, serving you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Thankfulness to God for the home we share on earth has been described as: 'paying the rent!' But as this classic Prayer Book general thanksgiving reminds us, thanks are due to God who preserves us as we live on planet earth. The prayer reminds us that the greatest blessing this earth has ever received is its visitation and redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ. As we think about sustaining creation this month, we are reminded that we are those in need of redemption from outside of ourselves. The sin of Adam and Eve caused, not only a dislocation between humans and God, but between Adam and Eve, their first two sons and the creation itself. This teaching in Genesis 3-4, is confirmed in the daily news and the unease of our hearts.

The redemption of creation, which is experiencing futility, will be completed at the return of the Redeemer. This truth is wonderfully set forth by the apostle in the majestic Romans chapter 8. Starting with no condemnation for those who trust Christ, continuing with the ministry of the Holy Spirit to grow us like Christ, and the ending of Creation's groaning at the coming of Jesus with all the redeemed children of God. It is a glorious prospect indeed, one which, far from ignoring the plight of our groaning creation [and people outside of Christ], provides us with enabling motivation to care for the earthly home we all share. How so? We may ask.

Our first responsibility will be to thank God for his gift since thankfulness keeps the wonder of such a gift alive. We are here as guests. His bounty is not our due, and like any responsible renters we are to show due respect to the Owner for his gift. So important is thankfulness for God's sustaining of Creation, is that thanklessness renders every person liable to God's judgement (Romans 1:18-23).

Those who are redeemed will be good stewards of God's creation. Thankfulness breeds contentment rather than covetousness. The former leads to generosity, whereas the latter to acquisitiveness and avarice. It is this greed that threatens our planet more than anything else.

It has been said that 'everyone thinks of changing the world but hardly any think of changing themselves!'

Indeed we see the mistakes of others better than our own, and it is far too easy to focus on corporate responsibility to fix the problem rather than our own. The gospel will not let us off so easily. Thankfulness will lead to personal self-examination freeing us to be a part of the solution rather than the problem. This will keep us from imitating the Pharisee.

In drawing us to Christ, God gives us a radically different focal point for our worth. We are delivered from deriving our value or status from the pay we receive, the influence we enjoy, the suburb we live in, the designer labels on our clothes and the possessions we flout. In so doing we will require far less of the earth's fragile resources, since all our value, joy and status are found in Christ.

Being thankful to God for what we have will earth us to the dangerous and unrelenting pull of thinking we must have more, not just to be seen by others but to satisfy our deep thirst for meaning. Instead of buying and needing bigger or second houses, we will use less resources and paradoxically enjoy the ones we have far more. We will have more time for the people God has given us, and who knows, others may even ask us why we are content and more generous than we used to be?





NOR'WEST POSTCARD

God's wonderful answers to prayer!! Port Hedland Parish recently held 'A Weekend Together' for the church, with the Exmouth Minister, The Revd Simon Roberts, invited as speaker. At least one professing unbeliever attended, a number of fringe people from the church (people who believe in God and Jesus, but don't understand the gospel) came along, and the people and the minister, Eion Simmons had spoken too at the end of the weekend all had found the talks encouraging and the time spent together worthwhile. We are being asked to pray for the non-believer to come to repentance and faith in Jesus, and for the fringe people to become more committed members, and that more of the church family to commit to being part of Growth groups.

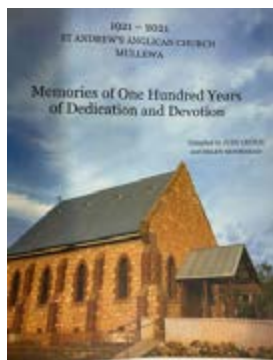
Ninety women turned out for the Geraldton Women's Conference held on a cold Saturday early in August held in Holy Cross Cathedral. Clare Deeves from Kallaroo Church in Perth was an entertaining but challenging speaker, opening up the book of Philippians in talks entitled 'Standing Firm'. Included in the day was lots of singing, two Book Reviews, (leading to a sell out of many books on the Koorong bookstall), and two interviews (Talking Together) with local women, one a young women testing her vocation as a cross country worker (missionary) overseas, and Jean Yeates encouraged to tell her faith story, especially when their life changed after her four year old daughter was hit by a car.

Sunday 29 August arrived at last – the most wonderful display of wildflowers shining through the Mid-west to the Lord and all those people who have travelled to view them. The anniversary of St Andrew's Church, Mullewa, church service was most blessed and the following luncheon with memorabilia, people's stories and the launching of the \$20 book celebrating this event was very special. The Book is called

1921-2021

St Andrew's Anglican Church,
Mullewa

**Memories of One Hundred
Years of Dedication
and Devotion**



Farewell to Dawn Oversby, a long standing and most faithful member of Geraldton Holy Cross Cathedral who is now in glory! A most wonderful funeral service was held in the Cathedral, with hymns 'What a Friend we have in Jesus', 'We plough the fields and scatter' and 'Morning has broken' which gave testimony to her walk with Jesus Christ these last 40 years.

A special occasion for the Dongara Parish this month is the ordination of assistant minister Matt Morrison after nine months living here in WA. Matt and Leonie arrived in January 2020 from Sydney, had their first daughter, Zoe Grace, 12 months ago and are looking forward to the birth of their second child in a few months time.

The Annual Perth Gospel Partnership Conference with the theme 'Proclaiming Christ in a Post-Christian World' was held the last week in August, with eight of our ministers attending from the Kimberley, Pilbara and the Mid West.



To God be the glory!!

Jocelyn



BUNBURY BULLETIN - LIFELONG LEARNING

As the *Messenger* theme for this month is 'Sustainable September', I thought it might be good to share with you all the work of our diocesan Sustainable Living Working Party set up as a sub-committee of synod and led by Mr Adrian Price.

This dedicated group of people from around our diocese have taken on the task of raising awareness on issues of sustainability and enabling good initiatives from around the diocese to be shared. The committee was set up in response to a motion at synod and began its work with a questionnaire sent out to parishes to establish what was already being done in response to environmental concerns. This information formed the basis of the work the group continues to undertake in terms of advocacy, resourcing for ministry and awareness raising on issues of sustainability.

The 5th Mark of Mission as established in the Anglican Communion reads: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

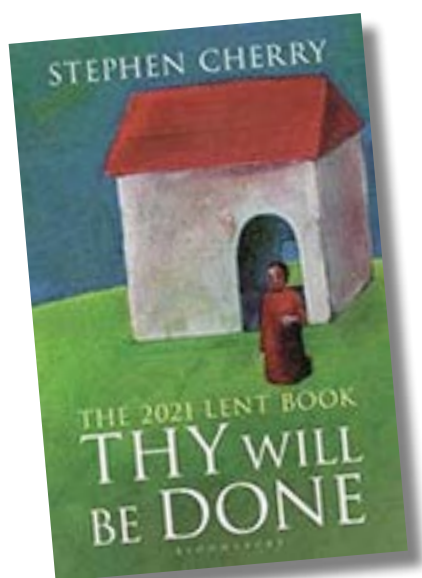
A number of initiatives which had begun in some of our parishes are now spreading to others through the shared information. One such is the containers for change initiative where organisations can collect eligible bottles and cans and receive \$0.10 each under the scheme. Ten cents might not seem like much but if every parishioner at church as well as church workers and customers at op shops and other ministries collect and donate their cans and bottles we not only reduce the waste but there is a fundraising potential as well.

For more information on the work of this group please visit <https://www.bunburyanglican.org/sustainable-living.html>





Shirley Cloughton



THY WILL BE DONE

Stephen Cherry - \$18.00

Stephen Cherry describes the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from King's College Cambridge where the Lord's Prayer is said by a thousand people in the building, with an awareness that millions of people around the world are joining in. He then recalls the countless times, when, stuck for words in an intimate situation, he just started up with 'Our Father...' and found the words taking hold of the moment.

This timely book helps the reader to discover again 'the freshness of our most familiar spiritual resources' in a time when there is 'change, uncertainty and widespread anxiety'.

We are also reminded of the ordinariness and commonplace things of life – bread, sustainability, nourishment and nurture.

The author finds inspiration in theologians of the past such as Gregory of Nyssa and more contemporary voices including Evelyn Underhill and Simone Weil.

The book is divided into six parts, (Heaven, Earth, Bread, Forgiveness, Temptation, Glory) each focusing on one clause of the prayer. Each part consists of six chapters to facilitate group study or personal discipline. The chapter captions are not just orderly and systematic but often questioning and witty and encourage the reader to dip-in ahead of time.

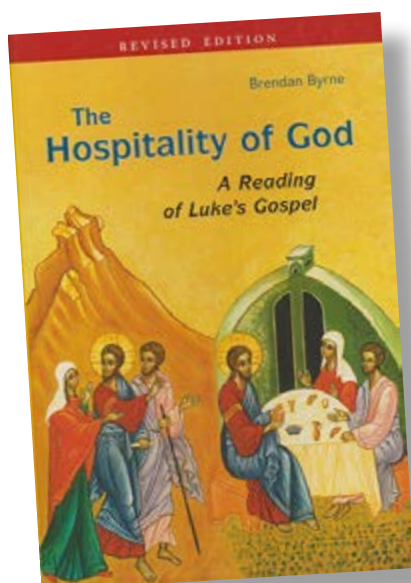
There is an intriguing section on 'Bread', which unites the ideas of sustainability, justice and mindfulness.

'If the Fair Trade movement has yet to adopt a patron saint, it might be that Gregory of Nyssa is their person'. Speaking prophetically from fourth-century Nyssa, Gregory tells us that bread and food are a spiritual issue and Cherry suggests 'a direct line' to 'Give us this day our daily bread'. In this most powerful presentation on the meaning of the petition. Gregory of Nyssa says that the prayer for bread is significant precisely because of its modesty. When we pray it, we are seeking 'only what is sufficient to preserve our physical existence'.

Cherry delves into the meaning and interpretation of 'Daily Bread', uncovering in writings by Origen (third century) that there is something very odd about the adjective for bread we now translate as 'daily'; the Greek word in question is super-rare!

The six chapters on Bread make a useful contribution to the theme of sustainability, as we look at 'daily bread' along the lines 'that the bread for which we pray is the 'ordinary everyday stuff' that we need to keep body and soul together.

Ample copies of 'Thy Will be Done' are available at St Johns Books, Fremantle.



THE HOSPITALITY OF GOD, A Reading of Luke's Gospel

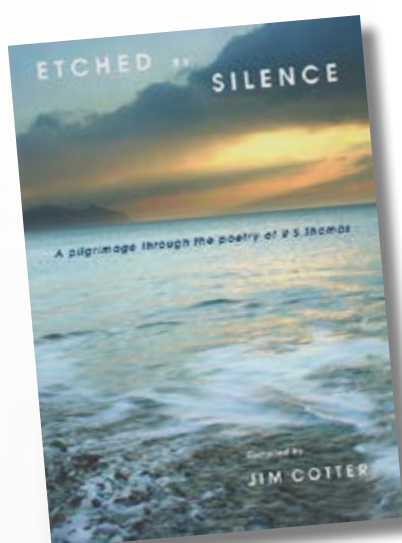
Brendan Byrne, Second Revised edition. Australian Author, Special price of just \$15.00

This classic amongst theological students, remains one of the very accessible commentaries for clergy, students and laity. The second edition, revised in 2015, incorporated fresh insights and incorporated developments in scholarly studies.

Brendan Byrne says 'We would not read the Gospel of Luke at all if we did not recognize that it is some sense 'our story' too. The hopes and longings for liberation voiced by characters in the gospel remain our hopes today . . . my aim is to help people read and hear the gospel as 'our story' today to help them become the 'Theophilus' for whom Luke says he is writing'.

The book looks at the Gospel as a whole, yet lingers upon scenes where the theme of hospitality is prominent. It includes comprehensive indexes and is an excellent resource for all.

Good stocks available at St Johns Books.



ETCHED BY SILENCE, A Pilgrimage through the poetry of R S Thomas

Compiled by Jim Cotter \$24.00

For lovers of the Welsh poet R.S. Thomas, this unique little book is creative, inspiring and different!

The book was originally produced locally to raise funds for St Hywyn's Church, Aberdaron in 2011.

Each poem included had to have the answer Yes to three questions:

- It might not have been, but could it have been written around Aberdaron?
- Is it short enough to fit on one page?
- Is it accessible enough on first reading?

Fifty-two poems made the final cut, so that a leisurely pilgrimage could be undertaken as one poem a week for a year. In practice, it was being used by tourists who had maybe a few days!

The layout at first appears sporadic and patchy, but it is intentional. The double page spread contains the poem top left, its source bottom left, a location for reading it top right (and this second edition expanded this to make it easier for the reader to imagine a similar setting wherever they are), and a reflection by the compiler, bottom right. The intention is for the pilgrim to have space to contribute to the conversation already going on between the poet, the compiler and the landscape.

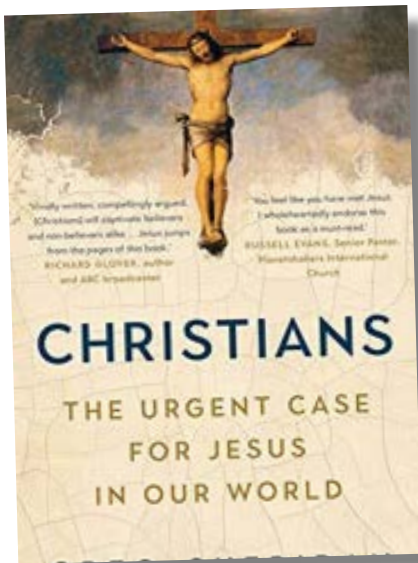
Jim Cotter recognised that the book could be more than a handbook for a local pilgrimage, and this book is now one which can be used with imagination in any setting.

The book is for those who want to undertake a personal pilgrimage, immersed in the poetry of R S Thomas. As he wrote the preface near the sea in Aberdaron, Jim says he is even more aware of the prayer of the Breton Fisherman: 'Seigneur, votre mer est so grande, et ma barque est si petite'. This is a book of grand themes, vast seascapes, mysterious divinity and questioning humanity. Limited copies are available at St Johns Books in Fremantle.



BOOK REVIEWS

Reviewed by The Revd Ted Witham



Greg Sheridan, **Christians: The urgent case for Jesus in our world**, Allen & Unwin, 2021 From \$26. Paperback.

Available from St John's Books, Fremantle

Greg Sheridan introduces his new book on the people of Christianity with his cheerful description of our faith:

'On the inside, Christianity is full of feast days and family, full of fellowship, full of friendship. And everyone is welcome, surely never more so than at Christmas. It's full of care for the sick and elderly, and for infants. It's full of sport and play, hard work and rest. It's full of good music and laughter, happy rituals and lots and lots of food (it's very big on food). It is the principle of human solidarity. It's the search for decency. It's a conversation with each other and with God. As John Denver might have put it, in Christianity you routinely speak to God and rejoice at the casual reply.' (Page 11)

Christians is Greg Sheridan's second book in defence of Christianity. Sheridan writes of a large Christianity, catholic in the widest way. One of his principal arguments, first advanced in his 2018 *God is Good for You*, is that it is **more reasonable to believe in God than not**. The first book was mainly a rejoinder to the new atheists. In it, he took on writers like Richard Dawkins and Christopher Hitchens and showed how much bigger Christianity is than the caricature Dawkins and Hitchens attack.

In this second book, Sheridan tells stories: the stories of Jesus, Mary and the remarkable Paul. Stories of the faith of Scott Morrison, Alpha's Nicky Gumbel and the Melbourne Anglican founder of Converge, Jenny George. He tells the story of China's Christians, and the difference they may make to the future of China. In London, he compares the neighbouring churches of Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) and the Brompton Oratory, where traditional and informal liturgies, high classical church music and Matt Redman's Gospel songs are all quite different and all nourish believers.

Christians compresses Christianity to its simple heart. For a reader like me, Sheridan sometimes makes Christianity seem too simple. But his purpose is to provide an attractive portrayal of Christianity for those who do not share the faith. In that, *Christians* reminds me of C S Lewis' *Mere Christianity*, and *Christians* is a more entertaining read than Lewis.

Greg Sheridan's writing is compelling and accessible. He works as foreign editor for the *Australian* newspaper. In *Christians*, he is open about his political stance (he describes himself as centre-right). In a throwaway line, he suggests that Christians are likely to be centre-right or centre-left in their politics. Extremes are likely to lack love.

Christians is endorsed by well-known journalists and by church leaders as diverse as Russell Evans from Planetshakers International, Peter Comensoli, Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, President of the US National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference.

It is a book that can be shared both with non-Christians and Christians alike. Those unfamiliar with our faith will find an attractive picture of how Christian faith is lived, and Christians will be encouraged that such a positive book will speak to such a challenging time.

150th Celebrations at Christs Church, Mandurah

There will be great celebrations at the Anglican Parish of Christs Church, Mandurah, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the parish church in October 2021.

The church was consecrated by the Bishop of Perth, The Rt Revd Mathew Blagden Hale on 25 October 1871. The earlier wooden parish church had been destroyed by fire, and only one pew and many nails remain from that tragedy.

There will be a week of events from 17 October 2021, culminating in services of thanksgiving on the weekend of 23 and 24 October, which will be attended by the Archbishop of Perth, The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO, and the Bishop of Bunbury, The Rt Revd Dr Ian Coutts.

When the church was extended in 1994, a time capsule was placed under the church. It is our intention to open the time capsule during the fete on Saturday 23 October at 11.00am. On Sunday 24 October, during the 8.15am service, the Bishop of Bunbury will bless a new time capsule which will be placed under the church for a period of 50 years. There will be a number of confirmations during the 10.00am service.

Given the significance of this event, all are invited and welcome to join in celebrating this anniversary. A full list of all the activities is to be found on the parish web page at Christ's Church Anglican Parish of Mandurah (anglicanchurchmandurah.org.au)

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SUSTAINABILITY AND ARCHIVES

United Nations' World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED) described sustainability as 'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Abbey, 2012).

A consideration of sustainability within archives can be applied to both how we manage the environment and how we provide access to our collections.

To manage the environment, passive environmental controls in any new building or refurbishment are generally considered within the GLAM sector (Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums). The orientation of buildings and rooms, materials used and building design can all contribute to a more passive control over the environment.

We have recently completed a refurbishment of one of our storage rooms in archives. In planning for this work to be done, sustainability was a consideration and influenced some of the materials used and the placement of shelving.

All shelving was arranged off external walls which provides a buffer against the changing environment outside and reduces our dependence on more active controls. Lighting was updated to low energy LEDs and have been banked so we do not require all the lights to be on if working in only one area of the room.

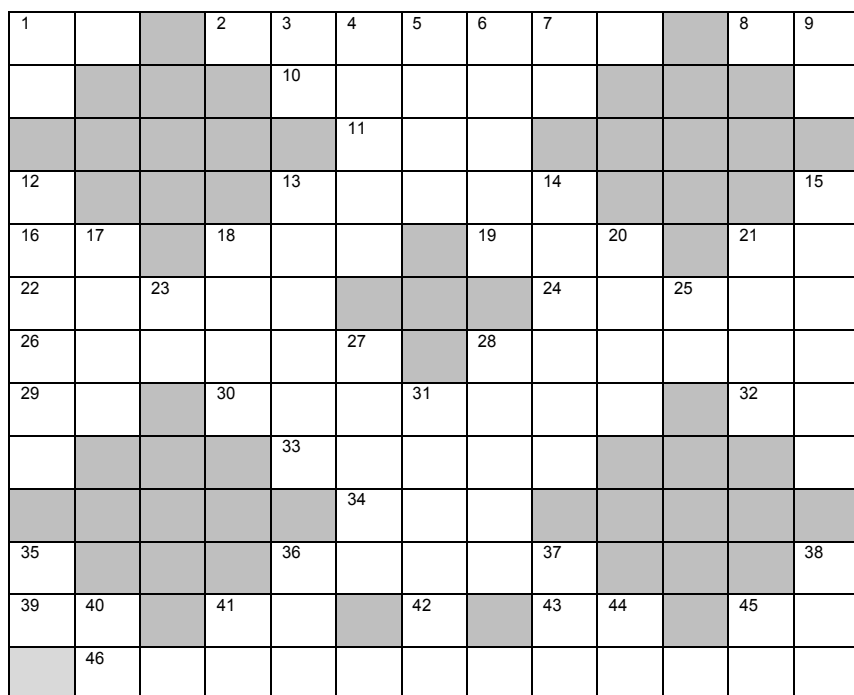
We also practice a system of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) which aims to reduce reliance on chemical interventions. Clearing the area around buildings to minimise pest activity, regular cleaning, using lures and traps to monitor insect activity and detect issues are all actions within IPM.

Sustainability is not only environmental but should also be considered in designing how we provide access to our collections. The closure of state and national borders due to the Covid-19 pandemic has meant some collections are difficult to access for researchers. In considering a sustainable provision of service for researchers, digitisation of collections and remote access will be part of future planning.



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BE ATTITUDINAL



The Revd Ted Witham has been helping *Messenger* readers flex their brains for more than a decade, setting challenging crosswords in his spare time.

Ted is fascinated by linguistics and teaches French and Latin at the University of the Third Age.

ACROSS

- 1., & 8 across. A game about a wise man from the east. (2)
2. Made happy by God is less in bed! (7)
8. See 1 across.
10. The flu I'm putting up with is a yarn. (5)
11. Logophiles include Republicans. (3)
13. Is she Episcopalian across the pastures? (5)
- 16., & 29 across. American evangelism school initially employs some? (4)
18. Top up the can! (3)
19. Politician in report. (3)
21. She right away silences them. (2)
22. Ban Qi stirrings for the face-veil. (5)
24. I hear are all playing together toward tea. (5)
26. Blessings in a billion sprints. (6)
28. Red rig around a beam. (6)
29. See 16 across.
30. Ere I met the person praying in the desert. (6)
32. Document female title. (2)
33. Range of votes recounted. (5)
34. Application in pause. (3)
36. Save round pears. (5)
39. Back on veto. (2)
41. Greeting from Hawaii. (2)
43. Morning Ave Marias. (2)
45. Like Anglo-Saxon initially. (2)
46. Silly priest on cues of martyrdoms. (12)

DOWN

- 1., & 9 down. Lowly cross gladsome eking. (4)
3. Beginnings of love and friendship. (2)
4. Octet around the GI. (5)
5. Lose tangled blackthorn. (4)
6. Fabulous embroidered purse. (5)
7. Me back in printing. (2)
9. See 1 down.
12. The broken rung he might want to eat. (6)
13. West Indian batsmen recovers from intoxication. (6)
14. Small person upsets tee pit. (6)
15. This route shortly turns to craving for water. (6)
17. Gentlemen start some in religious service. (4)
18. Cape folded in step. (4)
20. One without guile in purée. (4)
21. Staunch in systems. (4)
23. Questions and Answers. (2)
25. To do list. (2)
27. Upset layout. (5)
28. Donor for broken virge. (5)
31. Tessellated in style of Genesis to Deuteronomy. (5)
35. Short English course. (2)
36. Confused miss left off sibling (3)
37. Consume in theatre. (3)
38. Donkey left out of communion service. (3)
40. Surgery for Dominicans? (2)
41. Lower House. (2)
44. I'm back with the third note. (2)
45. One, and right away. (2)



THEATRE - AND OTHER ARTS

Anthony Howes

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What have St George's Cathedral, His Majesty's Theatre and Saint Genesius in common? All three have played, and are playing, a significant role in the theatrical heritage of Western Australia. Recently, Saint Genesius's festal day occurred (25 August) and, of course, he is the Patron Saint of the Theatre. At St George's Cathedral, that 'feast' was commemorated at Evensong on 5 September. But, the link to heritage? Quite simply the link is that St George's Cathedral Perth is the only cathedral in Australia to house a Theatre Memorial which honours past members of our theatrical world: our theatrical heritage.

And, His Majesty's Theatre? That is where the WA Performing Arts Museum is to be found.

So . . . the Cathedral's Memorial houses plaques on which are found the names of those who have made a significant contribution to WA's Theatre; and, a little distance along into the City, at the Museum in HMT, you are able to trace the stories and triumphs of these thespians, and their fellow artists. Bringing those links together on Sunday 5 September, in the Cathedral, the Dean, The Very Revd Chris Chataway, blessed six plaques to be placed on the Memorial Honour Board. A wide range of artists were honoured: actor-entertainer Max Kay, actress Faith Clayton, actor Maurice Ogden, ballet dancers Lucette Aldous and Alan Alder and actor-director and speech therapist (to King George VI) Lionel Logue. Family

members, dancer Floeur Alder, actress Sally Sander and Mrs Norma Kay; together with the Performing Arts Museum Curator, Ivan King OAM, carried the plaques the length of the nave as I, as former Cathedral Drama Director, and actor Michael Loney spoke of some of those so named. Writings of a wide range of playwrights and poets, were read by leading artists, Jenny Davis OAM, Bernie Davis, Stuart Halusz and Rebecca Davis. The address was given by The Revd Chris Bedding, Rector of Darlington-Bellevue and a practising performing artist. Lessons readers were Theatre 180 Chair, Susan Fleming and WAAPA Dean, David Shirley.

Though not as ancient as the Patron Saint, Genesius, and with a slightly longer history than His Majesty's, our Cathedral has always been involved with the Theatre. A perusal of John Tonkin's history, *Cathedral and Community*, will substantiate that claim.

More than a decade ago, the then Dean of Perth, Dr John Shepherd AM and I, as Director of Drama, wanted to engender interest in the WA heritage of Theatre through the Memorial; and today we see it continue and grow under the guidance of Dean Chris Chataway. As mentioned above, come and see the names which reach back in time; and, then take the short walk to His Majesty's and find out even more.

And what of St Genesius? Legend has it that, performing before the Roman Emperor Diocletian in a play which ridiculed

Christian religious rites, he pretended to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Suddenly, he lay on the stage as if very ill. Two performers asked what was wrong. Genesius said he felt as if there was a weight on his chest and he wanted it removed. Two actors, dressed as a priest and an exorcist, were called on stage. Genesius said he had had a vision of angels bearing a book listing all of his sins. The priest asked, 'My child, why did you send for me?' He replied, saying, he could still see angels, and asked to be baptized immediately. The actor-priest did so. Enraged, Diocletian had him arrested and sent to be tortured. Despite his agonies, Genesius persisted in his new faith, and was finally ordered to be beheaded.



Lionel Logue, actor-director and speech therapist (to King George VI).



Top 2nd from left is Faith Clayton OAM appearing in the professional company of the 1960s belonging to the Cathedral of the Australian premiere of Patrick Garland's 'The Rebel'



THE CREATIVE TASK

Artists who enter works in the Mandorla Art Award face the challenge of focusing their creative energies on a text selected by another. Those who preach or reflect on scripture will be familiar with this. What angle are we to take? Do we address the whole text, or do we focus on a phrase or certain keywords? Does the passage speak to a universal reality or address a specific situation? Do we approach the reading directly, do we use stories or metaphors? The answers to these questions will be incorporated in our reflection's final

content, style and form, whether we are artists or preachers.

Two works from the 2021 Mandorla Art Award illustrate this process. Both focus on the three attributes: Justice, Kindness and Humility from the theme scripture, Micah 6.8:

He has told you, O Mortal, what is good; what does the Lord require from you but to do **justice**, love **kindness** and walk **humbly** with your God?



The first, **Illuminated Messages: Justice, Mercy, Humility**, is a Triptych in acrylic and pens on canvas by Julian Poon.

Julian describes his style and approach in his Artist Statement:

'I have used acrylic paints and pens in my paintings. I like using strong background colours so I can pattern and decorate my work. My choice of background colour and gold decoration is inspired by the Florentine illuminated manuscripts of Christian

art. I thought about

Bible characters, such as King Solomon's soldier, Jonah, and the tax collector, to suit the Mandorla theme, as I wanted to glorify God in my work. Most of my works are religious and are influenced by stories from the Bible. I am influenced by the painting styles of Chagall, Van Gogh and the flat drawings of ancient Egyptians.'



In the second, Franci Hepburn has also produced a triptych but chose an oblique botanical approach in her work **Justice, Kindness and Humility or Date Palm, Castor Bean and Hyssop**, ink and oil paint on wood panel.

In her Artist Statement, Franci writes,

'I drew biblical plants as symbols of justice, kindness and humility. In the first panel, I reference the date palm tree inspired by the Israelite judge Deborah, who distributed justice under the palm tree. Justice is linked to honesty.

The central panel is constructed around the castor bean or palm of Christ, the plant God provided to shelter Jonah. God had compassion for Jonah and the Ninevites. I see kindness as an act, not an abstract concept.

The third panel, humility, references hyssop used for purification. When King David repented for having Uriah killed in battle, he humbled himself before God and asked to be washed with hyssop.'

Both works start with the concepts of Justice, Kindness and Humility and chose to illustrate these using different stories from the Hebrew scriptures. Each artist contributes a unique voice in their choice of story, gender of the protagonist and style of their representation. The result is works that allow us to engage the same text in two ways.

Artists entering the 2022 Mandorla Art Award will reflect on the theme: **Metamorphosis – a profound or radical change**. Isaiah 43.19 'I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?' has inspired this theme. We anticipate

the 2022 theme, and this scriptural reference will provide fertile ground for artists to engage their creative tasks.

Those interested in entering works are invited to Free THEME FORUM, 1.00pm-2.00pm on Saturday 18 September 2021 at Holmes à Court Gallery, 10 Douglas Street, West Perth.

Register for the free THEME FORUM here

<https://events.humanitix.com/theme-forum-2022-mandorla-art-award>

SEPTEMBER 2021

APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Gemma Sampson	Rector, Beaconsfield (from the UK)	01.10.21
The Revd Dr Sue Boorer	Assistant Priest, Fremantle	15.08.21
The Revd Gareth Gilbert-Hughes	Rector, Floreat Park	01.10.21
The Revd Luke Hoare	Priest-in-Charge, Morley-Noranda	15.11.21

LOCUM TENENS

The Revd Dave Deeny	Heathridge	17.09.21-14.11.21
The Revd Tony Murray-Feist	Dianella	26.09.21-26.11.21
The Revd Graeme Manolas	Swan	18.08.21-21.11.21

PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Revd Dave Deeny	18.07.21
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RESIGNATIONS

The Revd Gareth Gilbert-Hughes	Precentor, St George's Cathedral	30.09.21
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RIP

Mrs Lesley Kerr	08.21
The Revd Gerry Costigan	19.08.21

An invitation to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Parish of Balcatta-Hamersley at Holy Cross Anglican Church

By the grace of God, the Parish of Balcatta-Hamersley will celebrate its 50th year anniversary at 10.00am on Sunday 12 September 2021.

On behalf of the Parish Council, those with a current or past connection to the parish are invited to join in the celebrations of this important day and to stay for lunch. The Archbishop, The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO, will conduct the service on the day.

The parish is excited about what God is doing at Holy Cross Anglican Church and looking forward to all that God has planned for the future as it continues to look to him for guidance and wisdom.

Please call 0405 081 524 for further details. The Parish of Balcatta-Hamersley looks forward to seeing you on 12 September.

SYNOD 2021 8-10 October

Friday 8 October at 6.30pm
Synod Eucharist at St George's Cathedral
followed by the

**First Sitting of the Third Session
of the Fiftieth Synod**
- including the President's Address

**Second and Third Sitzings of the Third
Session of the Fiftieth Synod**

Saturday 9 October – commencing at 8.10am

Sunday 10 October – commencing at 12.30pm

HBF Stadium - Main Arena
Stephenson Avenue, Mt Claremont

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NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

to be received by the Registrar at Diocesan Office
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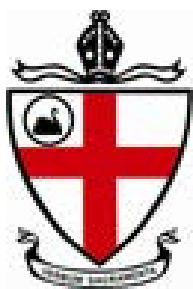
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Mon-Sat	8.00am Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	12.15pm Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)
Wed	10.30am Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)
Mon-Sat	4.00pm Evening Prayer (except on Public Holidays)

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

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

12.15pm Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)

Wednesday

10.30am Holy Eucharist (except on Public Holidays)

SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 5 September

5.00pm Choral Memorial Evensong for Actors, with the blessing of new Memorial Plaques for the Theatre Memorial board

Sunday 12 September

5.00pm Choral Evensong for the Rising of the Siege of Malta and Investiture with the Order of St John

Sunday 19 September

5.00pm Memorial Choral Evensong for The Right Revd Brian Kyme

SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Wednesday 8 September

9.30am-2.00pm C18/21 Saints and Martyrs: Anglican Church of Australia with The Very Revd Chris Chataway, Dean of St George's Cathedral, with Professor Christopher Wortham, Cathedral Scholar

Wednesday 22 September

9.30am-11.30am Spirituality and Steam with Mr Geoffrey Higham, Rail Heritage WA

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1.00pm Lunchtime concert with talented young musicians from Perth Modern School
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