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*But ask the animals, and they will teach you, the birds of the air, and they will tell you;  
ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you, and the fish of the sea will declare to you.  
Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this?  
In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.*

Job 12: 7-10

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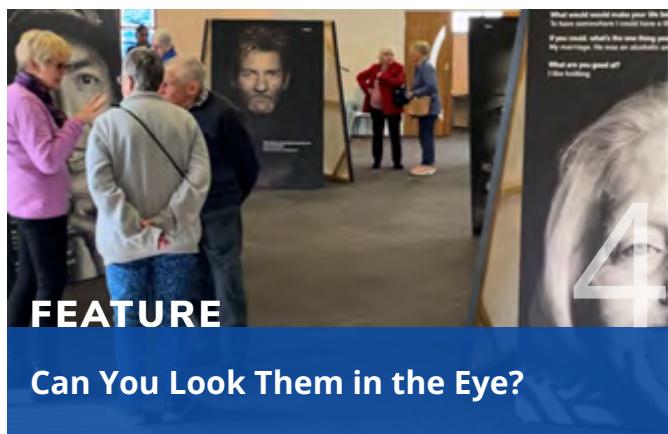
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- 2** To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3** To respond to human need by loving service
- 4** To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5** To strive to safeguard 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.



### Sustainable September Resources

The Anglican Ecocare Commission of the Diocese of Perth has prepared prayers, reflections and practical tips for 'living light' that you can use for private study, in small groups, or to add to your worship services.

We have included an excerpt on [page 19](#) providing tips for making your home more energy efficient. Click on the link below to access the full booklet.

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# Appointment of Assistant Bishops of Perth

THE MOST REV'D KAY GOLDSWORTHY AO *Archbishop*



**Since January this year the Diocese has been prayerfully supporting the Episcopal Office, especially Bishop Kate and myself, in the life and ministry of the Diocese of Perth as we have been considering our mission and ministry needs moving forward.**

Your prayers have been appreciated and I have been deeply aware of being held through some long hours and complex situations over these past eight months. The great and exciting news of the appointment of two new Assistant Bishops of Perth was announced on 10 August 2023.

**The Venerable David Bassett** from the Diocese of Adelaide. David is the Assistant to the Primate and Archdeacon of Adelaide and the Port. David is married to Susan, and they have two adult children, a daughter and a son. David was ordained in the Diocese of North West Australia. He has served in schools and parishes there and in Melbourne and Adelaide.

**The Reverend Hans Christiansen** is the Senior Chaplain at Melbourne Grammar School, a role he has had for 10 years. Hans is married to Ruth, and they have two adult sons. Hans was ordained in the Diocese of Melbourne after moving to Australia from Denmark. His ministry has been in both parishes and schools, with a greater emphasis on Anglican schooling and chaplaincy.



The Venerable David Bassett (left) and The Reverend Hans Christiansen (right)

As part of the re-structuring and in response to the needs that have been discerned for our life together the bishops will, in addition to a geographic area of immediate pastoral oversight, hold a portfolio. This will allow for the Episcopal Team to not only respond to matters of pastoral concern and mission planning, but also enable each to give good time to areas of growth and forward ministry planning. Bishop Kate will hold the portfolio for rural and regional mission.

The Venerable David Bassett will focus on parish mission and growth particularly in the first instance in relation to those parishes which are seeking new direction, looking to partner with neighbouring parishes or other entities to strengthen their capacity for ministry.

The Reverend Hans Christensen will take on a particular role alongside schools, supporting them, especially chaplains, in whatever way is possible for the ongoing strengthening of their Anglican Identity, in the school-parish relationships, and alongside their mission. We often hear of the lack of young people in our parishes but realise that we have close to 20,000 children and young people in our schools, which all welcome our prayerful and practical support of their life.

David and Hans are two very different people who will bring different and diverse gifts to the life of the Diocese and for our ministry. The exhortation in the ordinal begins, "A bishop is called to maintain the Church's witness to the resurrection of Christ from the dead, to protect the purity of the gospel, and to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord".

## FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

In the Diocese of Perth this part of Episcopal ministry and life is exercised on both the fringes of the Church, in gatherings of those who sometimes or never encounter us on Sunday mornings, as well as in the heart of those communities which make up the Diocese of Perth. Bishops are often the public evangelistic voice of Jesus, speaking in churches, schools, agencies of care and social service and community gatherings in the public square.

In order to reach out and shepherd the diverse, broad and comprehensive body which is the Diocese of Perth I believe that these two appointments will assist us all as we continue growing, taking our place in Christ's resurrection community, running together with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking together to our Lord Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfector of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2).



# SYNOD 2023

Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October

### Saturday 7 October

Eucharist at HBF Stadium

Main Arena, Stephenson Avenue, Mt Claremont

**commencing at 8.10am**

followed by the

### First Sitting of the Second Session of the Fifty-First Synod

including the President's Address

### Sunday 8 October

### Second Sitting of the Second Session of the Fifty-First Synod

**commencing at 12.30pm**

HBF Stadium, Main Arena, Stephenson Avenue, Mt Claremont

## DEADLINES for SYNOD BUSINESS

### EARLY QUESTIONS

(40 days)

to be received by the Registrar at

Diocesan Office

by 5.00pm on

**Friday 25 August 2023**

### NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

(10 days)

to be received by the Registrar at

Diocesan Office

by 5.00pm on

**Tuesday 26 September 2023**

### DISTRIBUTION OF SYNOD PAPERS (28 days) - 4 September 2023

For further information, please contact Susan Harvey, Synod Co-ordinator  
9425 7200 or [synod@perth.anglican.org](mailto:synod@perth.anglican.org)

# Can You Look Them in the Eye?

*A reflection on National Homelessness Week 2023 at the Anglican Parish of Kingsley – Woodvale*

*Nothing. Nothing matters to me anymore ... Seven.*

*Don't trust anyone ... Scott.*

*He was an alcoholic and used to bash me up ... Anne.*

*The world is not a happy place ... Graham.*

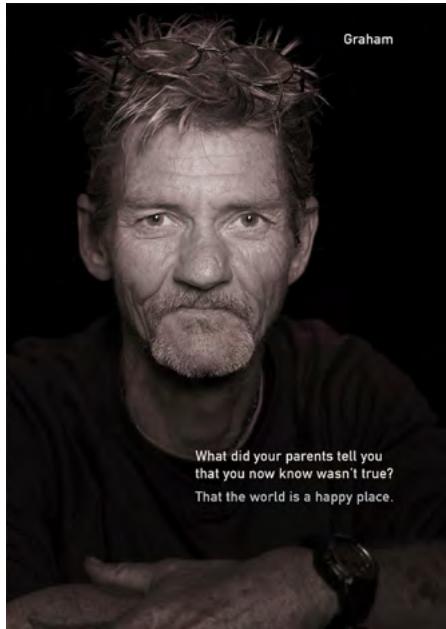
*I'm always restless, uneasy, unstable ... Steve.*

*Betrayed. Hungry. Denied ... Dianna.*

*He was a violent alcoholic ... Daniel.*

*Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid ... Jesus.*

## Words matter. Stories matter. Being seen, matters.



As part of our recognition of National Homelessness Week (7-13 August 2023), the Anglican Parish of Kingsley North-Woodvale hosted the EYE CONTACT exhibition. This portraiture display, commissioned by the Rotary Group of Heirisson, with photographs taken by Perth photographer, Phil England, is a challenging opportunity to look people experiencing homelessness in the eye to reflect on who they are and on their story.

One of the biggest travesties of homelessness is that those who find themselves there are so often overlooked and unseen - their wisdom, their wonder, their dignity, their struggle and their personhood - invisible to the world. Most people hurry past those who are experiencing homelessness, casting their eyes away, or simply ignoring what is a familiar sight on our streets. Sadly, they believe the problem is intractable. This attitude stymies the necessary community support for addressing the problem and percolates through to State and Federal policy.



**EYE CONTACT** has sought to change this with the creation of 20 larger than life portraits of homeless Western Australians, each locking viewers with an arresting gaze. This for me is the pure gift of this exhibition; the gift these courageous, vulnerable and brave individuals have given to us in allowing us to see them, to call them by their name, and to hear something of their story.

Short written snapshots of their experiences accompany the powerful portraits, enabling confrontation of the issues they face in life on the street.

The purpose of the portraits is to help viewers recognise the humanity of each person who struggles with life without a place to call home and help bring about changes in attitude in our community.

On Thursday 10 August we hosted an exhibition opening night for community leaders across parishes, agencies and local government. In attendance were ordained and lay leaders from

local Anglican churches, the Precentor of St George's Cathedral, members of the Anglican Social Responsibilities Commission, executive leadership from both Anglicare WA and St Bart's, the local MLA for Kingsley and the deputy mayor of Joondalup.



Ms Philippa Boldy, Director of Services for Anglicare WA, offered a stirring keynote address. She highlighted the need for Christians to work in this space as part of our call to transform the unjust structures of society and work towards a better and more suitably resourced life for all people.

Cr John Logan echoed her sentiment, and shared some of what the City of Joondalup is doing to address this scourge in our local community.

On Friday 11 August we welcomed a group of students from John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School who were preparing to participate in the Anglicare WA School Sleep Out that evening. After an initial briefing, they had the opportunity to spend some time with the portraits, looking each person represented in the eye and considering what lies behind; reading their story and imagining themselves living through that experience; and contemplating how they would have managed if that were them. At the end of their time at the exhibition, they were invited to 'take one of these people with you' as their inspiration and motivation for participating in the Sleep Out.

Saturday 12 August saw members of the local community filling the space and sharing conversations about how they might get involved in this important work. It was

heartwarming to hear the number of people passionate about working in this space. All funds raised through the entry donations and the Devonshire Tea sale have been given to St Bart's - one of Perth's leading not-for-profit providers of accommodation and outreach services for vulnerable Western Australians experiencing or at risk of homelessness, mental health challenges, trauma and hardship.



On Sunday 13 August, ten portraits were included in our worship space, allowing us to gather among those whose photographs represent the 9000+ individuals considered to be homeless on any given night in Western Australia. We rugged up in our beanies and scarves and enjoyed a hot beverage around a fire before worship commenced. As part of our liturgy, groups of worshippers gathered around each portrait to share their thoughts, and to pray with one another for the person pictured, for others who find themselves in a similar situation, for the agencies which seek to support them, and ultimately for an end to homelessness in WA.

It was beautiful and powerful and many were moved to tears. It was especially poignant privilege to welcome Thomas to our community. Thomas is a person experiencing homelessness and had woken up in our church carpark on Sunday morning. With compassion and care, he was seen, welcomed, invited, nurtured and fed. He shared conversation with some of our elders, and he received Holy Communion with them around the fire. As one of our members reflected afterwards, "I wonder if we were there for Thomas, or if Thomas was there for us."

Neil Starkie, General Manager Strategic Partnerships and Growth at St Bart's, wrapped up our week by sharing a reflection on the chaos that is dominant in homelessness, and the opportunity that working collaboratively offers as we seek to end this significant social problem. His passion for this work was evident in both his presentation and pastoral approach, and our parish is committed to supporting him and the ongoing work of St Bart's – both through financial giving and through prayer - because we believe it is time to end homelessness.

*Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live.*

*A place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.*

*Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace.*

*Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome,  
All are welcome in this place.*

(Marty Haugen)



## Mini SPRING Festival | 16th Sep 10am-2pm

Holy Cross Anglican Church 56 Mc Lean St - Melville

Devonshire Tea - Pot Plants - Gift Baskets -  
Raffle - Bric a Brac - Books - Information  
stalls - Face painting - Preserves - Cakes



# Regeneration of earth and spirit

STEPHANIE BUCKLAND *Chief Executive Officer, Amana Living*

**This month's theme in The Messenger is sustainability which has given me an opportunity to reflect on what it means to Amana Living.**

The fifth mark of mission involves striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustaining and renewing the life of the earth. For us, this encompasses protecting the environment but also helping our staff, residents, and clients to engage with nature.

The most recent example of this in practice can be seen at the newly opened Kinross Care Community. We planned the community to create a calming environment that is connected to the landscape.

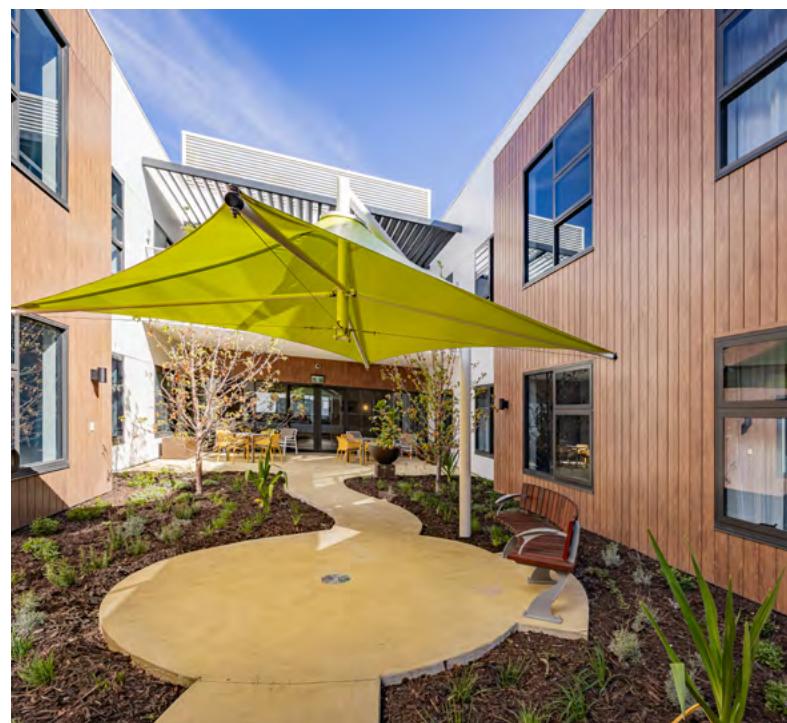
As part of the community's overall sustainability measures, we considered the materials, water use and maintenance with the goal of reducing our resource consumption. As with all Amana Living's care centres, solar panels are used extensively to minimise our carbon footprint, but the design and landscaping are the most impressive aspects.

Importantly the design of the building is focussed on enhancing the physical and mental health of residents through nature. We've used winter gardens, internal courtyards, and terraces to ensure residents have a connection with natural light, ventilation, and seasonal shifts.

This gives residents a sense of place, provides sensory and memory cues, plus a feeling of regeneration. We deliberately brought the outside in so everyone, regardless of their mobility, could interact with the gardens and feel a natural breeze.

We carefully chose plants that easily adapt to the local soil types and climate, while also providing seasonal colour, smell, and texture to enhance the experience of residents. The trees, shrubs and groundcovers are water-wise and require minimal maintenance. The outdoor gardens are also easily accessible via extensive walking

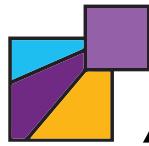
paths which provide another opportunity for interaction with the elements.



The Kinross Care Community is our first development in more than a decade and it has set a benchmark for what we hope to achieve with future buildings, but also lessons we can take back to our existing care centres and villages.

We know older people and their families are increasingly concerned about how an organisation is embracing its environmental responsibilities. For example, it's becoming one of the key considerations when buying into a retirement village.

We're gathering feedback from residents and potential residents, and we continue to look at our options to increase our sustainability actions while focussed on improving the wellbeing of our residents and clients. Ultimately, we want to regenerate earth and spirit.



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# Embracing the new AI – integrating AI with our Anglican Identity

**SHANE PARNELL** *Director of Technology, Anglican Schools Commission*

**Recently, a new AI has been at the forefront of everyone's minds. We have heard about it in the news, read about it in papers and possibly experienced it ourselves. For some, it has been exciting, for others terrifying, and for a lot of people, it has been a concept difficult to grasp.**

The AI I am referring to is the 'Rise of Artificial Intelligence'. I phrase it this way to hopefully invoke imagery of a Hollywood movie plot whereby machines take over the world. So, are we all doomed? The answer is no. Artificial Intelligence is a fantastic and ever-growing development in the world. Note that I have not called it a new development as AI was first mentioned back in the 1950s and was first in use not long afterwards.

You may remember in 1997 that the Chess World Champion Gary Kasparov was beaten by a computer called Deep Blue; this computer used AI. It learnt Kasparov's moves, predicted his strategy and challenged his thinking. AI has been around for a long time, and it is something that will shape and guide our world as we continue to use and develop its capabilities. Anglican schools must be at the forefront of educational innovation and develop a balanced approach that combines technological advancement with a strong commitment to ensuring our students use AI to benefit their lives.

The Anglican Schools Commission and our schools promote an education that celebrates Excellence, fosters Inclusivity and Diversity, cultivates Integrity and Respect, all centred around our Faith. These values are central to our Anglican Identity. The Reverend Dr Daniel Heischman, Executive Director of the National Association of Episcopal Schools in the USA, wrote a paper entitled Enhancing our Anglican Identity. In it he reflects on the purpose of Anglican schools in cultivating reason and developing critical thinking in our students. Anglican schools thrive when students are immersed in their learning, developing an ethical mind to challenge assumptions and

question with integrity and honesty. Anglican schools must actively engage students in discussions about the ethical implications of AI, cultivating a strong moral compass that guides their interactions with technology. To do so reinforces our core values while allowing our students to discover, guiding them not only academically but also morally and spiritually.

Our schools have begun to embrace AI technologies, using it to spark students' curiosity by enabling them to explore complex concepts in engaging ways. For instance, AI-driven simulations can immerse students in historical events or scientific phenomena, triggering thoughtful discussions and ethical reflections. Teachers are using it to personalise learning, developing educational content that meets the needs of their students, ensuring they learn and develop, achieving their personal best as they strive for excellence.

In embracing AI, Anglican schools step confidently into the future, equipping our students with the skills to navigate the complexities of a rapidly changing world while remaining grounded in the values that define our AI, our Anglican Identity.



# Include a Charity Week: A Gift of Compassion



**Matthew Correia,  
Bequest Manager**

At some stage in our lives, we start to think about the idea of leaving a legacy. It might be a business you have built that will continue to grow and serve the community. It might be infrastructure that you designed or built that will last generations. It might be the students you helped educate that will grow into the leaders of tomorrow, or it may be financially contributing to a cause dear to your heart.

As members of the Anglican Community, the concept of contributing to something bigger than ourselves and giving something back is not an unusual idea. We understand the significance of giving back and contributing to the community, of extending a hand to those in need. We understand the profound impact that compassion can have on lives, generation after generation.

When it comes to writing your Will, providing for your family and loved ones is unsurprisingly, often the focus of what is documented. Your values and beliefs may also drive you to consider leaving a Gift in Will (also known as a Bequest), to a charity or cause that is important to you.

It doesn't matter what the size of your gift may be, every contribution has an impact and creates a legacy of your generosity.

Anglicare WA has provided dedicated support and service to Western Australians in need for over half a century. We have been a beacon of hope and a lifeline of support for countless individuals and families across the state facing adversity.

Over the years we have been the beneficiary of a number

of bequests. All gifts received by Anglicare WA from our late supporters have been treated with the utmost respect and gratitude. Each gift goes directly to one of our many social services and programs, having an immediate impact on the ground with those in need.

After providing for your family and loved ones, Anglicare WA would be grateful for your consideration when leaving a gift in your will. If you have a particular area that you would like your gift to support, our Bequests Manager is more than happy to discuss this with you at the time of writing your will.

Your compassionate gift could transform a life, mend a heart, and lift spirits. The effects could reverberate through your family as they are in turn inspired by the opportunities you have created for the vulnerable in our state.

Anglicare WA is pleased to offer you an exclusive opportunity through our partnership with the leading online will writing platform, Safewill.

From 4-10 September, you and your loved ones can write your own valid, legal will for free. This

offer includes unlimited updates to the will for the first year, and each will is reviewed by practicing Australian Solicitors to ensure they are complete and compliant.

Safewill's Customer Care team offers support online seven days a week, and for those who feel more comfortable speaking with a consultant directly, you can call the team on 1800 10 33 10 for assistance over the phone.

**For more information about the Gift in Will program at Anglicare WA, Matthew Correia, our Bequests Manager, is ready to assist with any queries you may have. You can reach him on 9374 2409.**

*"For the many children and families that we support your gift will enable the healing of hurt and pain, create hope, restore faith in humanity and let them dare to dream again... that will be your legacy and what better legacy can there be than that?"*

Michelle Peter, Service Manager at Anglicare WA



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# The Voice

MARK GLASSON *Chief Executive Officer*

## Is supporting The Voice being too political?

Recently I received an email that admonished Anglicare WA and the Anglican Church for being involved in politics. The email came not long after a public announcement by Anglicare WA supporting the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution and the establishment of a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

The correspondent encouraged us to focus on helping those in need and to leave the politics to the politicians. This encouragement caused me to ponder the whole question of politics and our role in it.

At its very simplest, politics is about decision making. Decision making that guides how we live together in groups, communities and broader society. Decisions about the rules we impose to maintain civic order and how we distribute our collective resources.

Most of our work at Anglicare WA is in service delivery to people and communities living with vulnerability and disadvantage. Through this work, we have learned about the structural issues that keep people in poverty, keep people out of the workforce and prevent families from getting the support they need. We want to tackle some of those structural issues head on to support people and communities in WA. To do this work successfully, we must be political. In fact, we cannot - if we are not.

You will see Anglicare WA advocating for a liveable level of JobSeeker and other support payments. You will see us calling for greater emergency relief for those facing immediate crises, for better responses to violence in the home, and for more homes. This activity is all about increasing the focus on how our collective wealth is distributed, and influencing the decisions being made. We advocate for change, undertake research to influence change and speak out when change does not happen. It is politics in action.

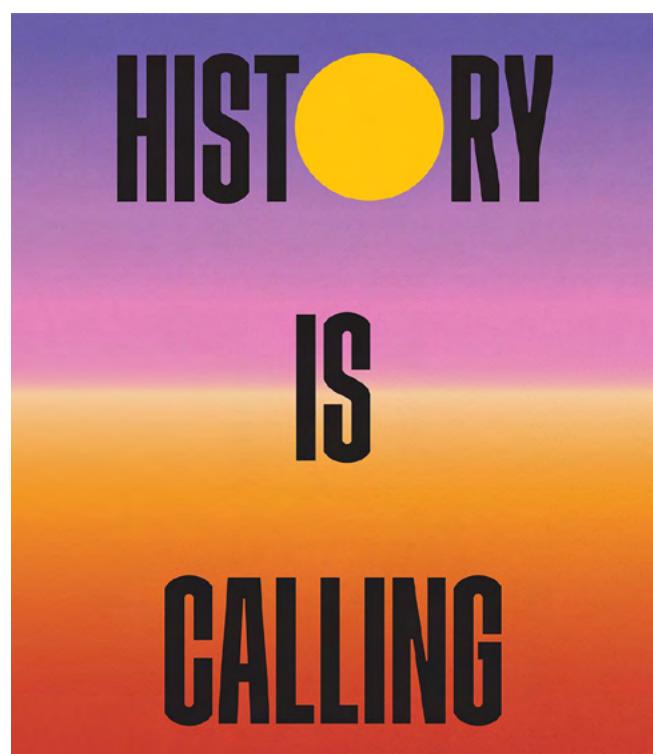
At its heart, our advocacy is focussed on creating justice and fairness. We have been an ally on voice, treaty and truth in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart since 2017, and we accept this gracious invitation of hope and peace to walk together for a better future for all.

Not surprisingly our organisational position is in support of a Voice to Parliament.

We also believe this position is entirely consistent with the Fourth Mark of Mission, to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.

We have made it clear to our staff the way they choose to vote is their own personal choice and they are safe to do as they see best. This does not mean however that we must remain silent.

At Anglicare WA, we believe in a just and fair WA where everyone can thrive. This is far too important to leave to the politicians.





## Unveiling the Mesozoic Epicurean Emporium: A Special Event for a Very Important Cause

**Step into a world where time turns back, and the age of the dinosaurs comes alive – this was the enchanting experience that unfolded at the annual charity event, the 'Mesozoic Epicurean Emporium', hosted by Parkerville Children and Youth Care and proudly presented by Hancock Prospecting.**

The highly anticipated event took place on Friday 18 August, at the Centenary Pavilion nestled within Claremont Showgrounds. With an enthralling theme that breathed life into the Jurassic Kingdom, guests were transported to an awe-inspiring realm of prehistoric wonder.

This year's event focused on raising essential funds to expand the Child, Youth and Family Advocacy Centre and Multi-Agency Investigation Support Team to the southwest metropolitan area of Perth. This expansion aims to increase our support to young people, extending support from half of reported cases of child sexual abuse in Western Australia to approximately 64%, significantly impacting the lives of those affected.

The charity lunch included a high-quality, all-inclusive three-course lunch, overseen by the prestigious Chef Paul "Yoda" Iskov. Chef Iskov founded **Fervor** with a mission to honor the food of the world's oldest living cultures, educate diners about native ingredients, and provide a truly unique culinary experience.

The immersive event, made possible by our Event Sponsor Explorasaurus, featured fascinating animatronic dinosaurs scattered throughout the venue. These lifelike creatures breathed life into the captivating theme, eliciting wonder and awe from all who attended.

The Stan Perron Charitable Foundation made an incredible gesture for the event this year, pledging to match donations totaling up to

**\$100,000**, meaning that every dollar donated by the community would have double the impact, greatly amplifying the voices of those seeking assistance from the Child, Youth and Family Advocacy Centres.

For years, Parkerville's Child, Youth and Family Advocacy Centres have been steadfast in providing a haven of safety and vital assistance to children, young individuals, and families grappling with the aftermath of sexual and physical abuse. Central to these efforts is the Multi-Agency Investigation Support Team, a collaboration of experts including members from The West Australian Police Force, Child Protection, psychologists, advocates, family therapists, specialists in family and domestic violence, and allied health professionals from Parkerville Children and Youth Care. This holistic approach eliminates the need for children to navigate multiple daunting spaces, minimizing the risk of retraumatisation and smoothing the path to recovery. These invaluable spaces that celebrate the resilience of children and young people, providing hope for a brighter future.

The event proved to be a tremendous success, as we raised over \$300,000 to help support children, young people and families impacted by sexual and physical abuse.

While the event itself has drawn to a close, the team at Parkerville sincerely appeals for your ongoing support. If you share our commitment to advancing the lives of children and young individuals affected by sexual assault, we invite you to consider us as your chosen charitable cause. Your contributions can continue to drive positive change. To contribute, please visit: [Parkerville Donation Page \(www.parkerville.org.au/donate\)](http://Parkerville%20Donation%20Page%20%28www.parkerville.org.au/donate%29)



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# Celebrating our Compassionate God

SASKIA SCOTT *Lay Chaplain*

**St Bartholomew's feast day was the 24 August. This year we celebrated at St George's Cathedral on the following Sunday, 27 August. Matt Vapor attended to speak about his lived experience of homelessness in conversation with The Reverend Michelle Yuen and St Bart's Neil Starkie.**



It was a wonderful event to raise awareness about St Bart's and the work we do together as the Anglican community to address homelessness in our city. St Bartholomew's feast day is a fitting day to speak about these issues, and not just because this organisation is named after him!

St Bartholomew is identified by many biblical scholars as the same individual as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John. Nathaniel was told about Jesus by Philip, but was at first sceptical that 'anything good could come out of Nazareth'. He changed his mind completely when Jesus told him 'I saw you while you were still under the fig tree, before Philip called you.' He was won over by a Christ who saw him and was with him – Immanuel, God With Us.

The revolution of Jesus is that God chooses to be with us in our suffering, human selves.

Henri Nouwen writes about this God of compassion:

The truly good news is that God is not a distant God, a God to be feared and avoided, a God of revenge, but a God who is moved by our pains and participates in the fullness of the human struggle. . . God is a compassionate God. This means, first of all, that God is a God who has chosen to be God-with-us. . . As soon as we call God 'God-with-us,' we enter into a new relationship of intimacy with him. By calling God Emmanuel, we recognize God's commitment to live in solidarity with us, to share our joys and pains, to defend and protect us, and to suffer all of life with us. The God-with-us is a close God, a God whom we call our refuge, our stronghold, our wisdom, and even, more intimately, our helper, our shepherd, our love (from [henrinouwen.org](http://henrinouwen.org)).

When we understand God's compassion for us, it opens up the way for us to show compassion for one another.

On St Bart's feast day, we celebrate that God sees us and knows us intimately, and that God's unconditional compassion extends to all. At St Bart's House we endeavour to extend to our residents the same compassion that God has shown to us. Looking at Jesus, we know that God is with those who society may overlook, that God is with them in their suffering and that God is working in their lives. What a privilege to be a part of God's compassionate mission at St Bart's!

# God-Talk: Timing

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



**It's wildflower season. The grey-green, look-alike shrubs gradually put on their colours: red for an Eremophila, silver-purple for a mulla-mulla, bright white for the daisies, brassy yellow for the Senna, and Matildas' green-and-gold for the wattle. The bees, birds, moths and ants rejoice. They crawl, flutter or hover with delight over this seasonal abundance of nectar and pollen. Other creatures wait hungrily for the setting of seed.**

But not every plant of each species flowers at the same moment. On one side of the track, there is a wattle blooming at full throttle, gloriously bold. A few metres away, another bush of the same size and species is barely budding. It will be weeks before it glows bright against the blue of the September sky. It won't be hurried. It will shine in its own good time.

Part of my role as Mission Priest among the Anglicans of the Goldfields is attending to the spiritual maturing of our people. There is no standard time frame for children or adults to grow in faith. This teenager may be ready for Confirmation at sixteen, while another is intensely committed to Christ, and wants to say so, at thirteen. That adult, attending church regularly with a faithful spouse, has delayed thinking about baptism for years. Is now the time to enrol a catechumen, asking: What do you seek? If the answer is "Life in Christ," a flowering of faith may lie ahead.

There are other seasons of change, too. Is it time for this long-term couple to be invited to consider marriage? Is another spouse dealing with the slow or sudden death of a relationship, due to the accumulation of bruises, literal or metaphorical, or the shock of infidelity?



Our children mature at different rates, too, with their distinct strengths and challenges. These young siblings, two years apart, are great readers already and could almost go on the roster. This child has some learning difficulties, but has a beautiful, prayerful nature and great questions about Jesus. One child has been putting her hands out, expecting to receive communion, since she was three; another of the same age is much more focussed on playing with the newest baby in the congregation.

And when is it time for an ageing leader – myself included – to change gears, to step back, do less, but pray, love or dream more?

So I pray for grace to deal with the timing of my own flowering and fading. I also pray for wisdom to watch over the growth and change of the people in my care, and to respond to their individual progress, the way the birds and insects wait for the wildflowers. I want to be expectant of each one's flourishing, yet not controlling of how they grow. It is different to the decades-ago pattern of baptising every infant, prescribing a particular version of marriage to which everyone should aspire, or channelling all the 12-year-olds into Confirmation class. I watch, wait, and invite, confident in the Spirit's timing.

# Decolonising the Gospels?



**DR ROBERT MYLES**

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**During the first century, Palestine was under the direct or indirect control of the Roman Empire. The Gospels tell us Jesus was put to death by this foreign power for being a deranged royal pretender (eg John 19:19). While this background is widely acknowledged, what is usually missed or downplayed is the crucial point that because the Gospels were formulated in the context of Roman imperialism, they are thoroughly implicated by it.**

Most Christians know that 'gospel' literally means 'good news'. In the first century, the Greek term behind it, euangelion, also had strong connotations of Roman power—both imperial and divine.

The day of the divine Caesar Augustus' birth, for example, was celebrated as 'the beginning of the good news for the world' (IK Priene 14). After Vespasian became emperor in 69 CE, this event was also referred to as 'gospel'. Oaths of personal allegiance were sworn, and great celebrations, including sacrifices offered on his behalf, were held around the Empire (War 4.617-8).

Many scholars think that the Gospel of Mark was written around the time of Vespasian's accession to the throne. By re-appropriating this imperial term, euangelion, and using it in the title of their own work (Mark 1:1), the author of Mark was making a bold statement: the power of Jesus the Messiah and Son of God both imitates and rivals the assertions of the 'good news' of Rome's ruling power. Furthermore, Jesus predicted that he would appear with great strength and glory to be enthroned at the right hand of power (14:62; cf 10:37; 13:26).

In 2024 I will teach an exciting new unit through Wollaston Theological College and the University

of Divinity called 'Decolonising the Gospels'. It will run as a week-long intensive from 24-28 June (TBC) and should be of particular interest for anyone looking to sharpen their understanding of postcolonial theory and empire studies as these burgeoning fields have taken root in Gospel studies over the past several decades.

Students will learn about the effects of Roman imperialism on the composition of the Gospels as well as the impact of later colonial legacies upon their interpretation. The unit will offer students some intriguing and alternative entry points into the Gospels which they can add to their interpretive toolkits.

The Gospels have functioned, and continue to do so, as handmaidens of empire. Indeed, alongside their radical visions of justice, peace, and counter-cultural ideas, sit ideas of power, dominance, and the Jesus movement's own brand of theocratic rule.

'Decolonising the Gospels' will equip students to think critically about how imperialism and colonialism were negotiated in often complex and ambivalent ways by the authors of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: whether by advocating strategies of resistance, marked indifference, or accommodation or even assimilation into Roman rule.

Gospel studies informed by decolonial and postcolonial concerns are not, of course, limited to ancient texts and contexts. Students will also learn about how the Gospels have been interpreted as both a mechanism of colonial dominion as well as a resource for resistance and liberation through the history of modern colonialism.

The Bible in general, and a number of Gospel texts in particular, have been utilised alongside the invasion and conquest of many parts of the world, including Australia. One need not go much further than the reception of the Great Commission—to 'make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19) - which was appealed to by European missionaries to justify concomitant Christian evangelization of the colonised alongside European conquest, dispossession, and the seizure of lands.

But just as important for modern Christians is to uncover the many ways the Gospels have been used by the colonised to inspire movements of resistance and for the creative negotiation of imperial forces.

In developing an Aboriginal theology, for example, Yolngu man Djiniyini Gondarra draws on Jesus' parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus whose fates are reversed in the afterlife (Luke 16:19-31). He sees an affinity between Lazarus and the resilience of Aboriginal people 'who are trying to survive their identity in the midst of the foreign white man's world. The world is full of oppression, racial discrimination and starvation. But we have a living hope in Jesus Christ.'<sup>1</sup> Gondarra does not disclose the corresponding identity of the damned rich man; rather, the discerning reader is left to figure this out for themselves.

Another interesting example, this time from my home country of Aotearoa New Zealand, involves certain groups of Māori who, in the 19th and early 20th centuries, started to identify as 'Jews' rather than 'Christians'. These Māori, who had been regarded by the missionaries as successful Christian converts, justified their new identification as 'Jews' on the grounds of having 'left the way of the Son' and adopting instead the way of the Father. Such language resonates strongly with the Gospel of John, especially John's condemnation of a character group known as 'the Jews' (eg John 5:17-18; 10:29-33). 'The way of the Son' was likely perceived by these Māori as ideologically connected to the assertions of settler superiority imposed by British colonial rule. To leave the Son behind was, in the words of Mary Huie-Jolly, a coded way of defiantly shaking 'the dust of empire from their feet'.

As we explore this complex relationship between the Gospels and imperialism, a pivotal question emerges: What might it look like to proclaim a 'gospel' which has been decolonised? Is such a thing even possible?

<sup>1</sup> Djiniyini Gondarra, Series of Reflections of Aboriginal Theology (Bethel Presbytery, Northern Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia, 1986), 24.

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# Sustainable September

## ANGLICAN ECOCARE COMMISSION

The worldwide church celebrates the Season of Creation throughout September. This year, the Anglican Ecocare Commission of the Diocese of Perth has prepared prayers, reflections and practical tips for 'living light' or reducing our footprint in four related topics - Food, shelter, travel and power. The article below is an excerpt from the booklet. The full booklet can be accessed on our website: [Anglican Ecocare Sustainable September Resources](#)

### Tips For Living Light - How To Make Your Home More Energy Efficient

Start as you mean to go on by making sure your new home is energy efficient. By working to reduce energy wastage, you can cut energy bills and save money as well as doing your bit for the environment.

#### Look out for bad habits

Daily bad habits, like leaving the lights on when you're not in the room or boiling a full kettle when you're only making one coffee, can quickly add up. Be energy conscious around the house and you'll soon see a saving in your energy bills.

#### Invest in insulation

The best way to keep your home at a comfortable temperature is to invest in insulation for your ceiling, floors and walls. Reducing your energy bills all year round, insulation will help you stay warm in winter and cool in summer without overtaxing your air conditioner or heating system.

#### Update your hot water system

Out of date hot water systems can be a big drain on resources. Typically, your hot water system uses more energy than all of your other electrical goods combined, so be sure to explore modern, energy saving systems.

#### Harness the sun

You could also put Australia's plentiful sun to work by [installing solar panels](#). Harnessing the sun can drastically reduce your bills and the sophisticated systems have a gas or electric boost to make sure you're covered even on cloudy days.

#### Think about your windows

Letting in heat in the summer and cold in the winter, inefficient windows can be a very costly business. Improve efficiency by installing double glazing or window films. You can also reduce the problem by fitting blinds or shutters.

#### Draught proof your home

There are lots of other sneaky ways for heat to escape and a short while spent [draught proofing](#) your home can have lasting benefits. Wait for a windy day then check the edges of all of your windows and doors you'll be able to hear a draught, as well as feel it.

#### Check your supplier

Is your supplier offering you the best prices? Use this [estimate tool](#) to compare electricity and gas plans and find out more about Energy Australia's [GreenPower](#) options specially designed and accredited to help reduce the environmental impact of your energy use.



Information from Energy Australia [energyaustralia.com.au](http://energyaustralia.com.au)

## 25 Energy Efficient Tips That Lower Costs

Direct Energy | directenergy.com

Energy efficiency means you are using less energy to do the same jobs, reducing your home's energy waste and saving money. To effectively increase your energy efficiency involves more than just using less energy it requires you becoming aware of how energy is used, where it's wasted, and how it can be used more effectively and efficiently in everyday life. Here are some top tips to help your home or business save energy and be more efficient.



1. **Change your light bulbs to LEDs.**
2. **Wash your clothes in cold water** if possible.
3. **Air seal your home.** Sealing cracks, gaps and leaks and adding insulation can save up to 10% on home heating and cooling costs.
4. **Clean or replace all filters** in your home regularly. Dirty filters make your system work harder and run longer than necessary.
5. **Use your microwave** instead of your stove when cooking.
6. **Defrost your refrigerator and freezer** before ice buildup becomes a half centimeter to ensure your appliances are running efficiently.
7. **During warmer months, close blinds, shades and drapes** on the sunny side of your home to help keep your home's temperature cooler and reduce the work for your AC. Open shades during cooler months to let the sun warm your home.
8. **Don't peek in the oven while baking!** Every time you peek, the temperature can drop 25°C making your oven use more energy to bring the temperature back up.
9. **Use natural light when possible.**
10. **Control your fixtures** with a photocell or a timer to assure dusk to dawn only operation of your outdoor lights.
11. **Don't leave your electronics on all day long.** Only turn on your computer, monitor, printer and fax machine when you need them.
12. **Set your thermostat to 25°C in the summer and 20°C in the winter** every degree of extra heating or cooling will increase energy usage 6% to 8%. Setting your thermostat to a lower temperature than normal will not cool your home faster.
13. **Using your ceiling fan** will allow you to raise the thermostat setting about 3°C with no reduction in comfort.
14. **Refrigerators and freezers** actually operate most efficiently when full, so keep your refrigerator and freezer as full as possible (using water bottles if nothing else). Be careful about overfilling them as this will reduce airflow and cause the appliance to work harder.
15. **Using dishwashers and clothes washers/dryers at night** will keep the house cooler, reduce strain on the power grid during the peak usage hours of 4 PM and 6 PM and reduce the chance of an emergency!
16. **Turn off heated dry** on your dishwasher and air dry instead.
17. **Set your refrigerator temperature** to the manufacturer's recommendation to avoid excessive cooling and wasting energy.
18. Don't leave bathroom or kitchen ventilation fans running longer than necessary. They replace inside air with outside.
19. **Replace your windows.** If your home has single pane windows, consider replacing them with more energy efficient windows, or adding solar shades or tinting film.
20. **Install a programmable thermostat** that will automatically adjust the temperature according to your schedule.
21. **Turn off the lights when they're not in use.** Lighting accounts for about 12% of a typical residential utility bill.
22. **Don't leave your mobile phone plugged in** overnight. It only takes a couple of hours to charge.
23. **Turn off the oven** a few minutes before cooking time runs out. Your food will continue to cook without using the extra electricity.
24. **Watch your appliance placement.** Avoid placing appliances that give off heat, such as lamps or TVs, near a thermostat.
25. **Dress for the weather.** When you're at home, dress in warm clothing in the winter and cooler clothing in the summer to stay comfortable without making your heater and AC work harder.

**JULIE WARD** *Chair, Anglican Children and Youth Ministries Commission (ACYMC)*



**1984, I attended Youth Synod, and many 15-25-year-old Perth Anglicans did too. We had a great time. Later that year, with great enthusiasm, we presented ourselves to the Diocesan Synod with a few ideas, including playing live music, resulting in requests to turn down the volume.**

The point of this is not the enthusiasm, the response, or the righteousness of the young but the upskilling of young Anglicans that took place at that time.

These early Youth Synods reflected the title. Motions were submitted, debated and voted on within the framework of the written Standing Orders and recognisable procedures. We learnt to make our motions actionable, even though pretty much all we did was ask the Archbishop to do something. We discovered that some people had different theological understandings, which was both curious and challenging.

It wasn't just the fun and games of the synodical process; there were various liturgical events over the weekend, put together by young adults, and often a panel of speakers providing input and taking questions. Episcopal presence at these events normalised discussion between leaders and passionate young adults.

Between Youth Synods, the Standing Committee, YSAG, Youth Synod Action Group, elected at Youth Synod, worked to plan the next weekend. Maureen Munro, the Diocesan worker, provided guidance and mentorship. YSAG used a revolving office bearer model. We took turns learning how to Chair, take Minutes, write letters and host meetings. YSAG would go out and inspect possible venues, select the theme and bible verse for the weekend, arrange timelines, collate material for the handbook, line up musicians and guest speakers and even print the handbook in the utility room of the old Church Office.

Other supporting events were arranged. Some discipleship, some purely social.

It is tempting to say that young adults were everywhere in our parishes, but the reality for many of us was that parish life was lonely. Discovering a Deanery group was exciting, and mixing with others at Youth Synod was life-changing. Friendships made, life partners found, and vocations revealed.

Many young adults I met and worked with have gone into ordained and lay ministries. We have been leaders, workers and faithful servants.

I know others will have similar but different stories of events, people or experiences that propelled them on their path. The what or how is unimportant; the availability of these events, people and experiences are.

Sustainability also involves constructing structures that will mentor and upskill people to make decisions and get things done.

At ACYMC, we are conscious of being in a space with too much emptiness. Events, people and experiences need planning, funding and a market, and, most of all, time. It's about providing a pathway and expectations. It's about our young people now and our church in the future. The church in the future needs today's church to mentor, teach and go on a journey with our children and youth.

So, my question now, as Chair of ACYMC, is, what ideas have you got? Catch us at our Synod stall and fill in our survey. Help us fill the emptiness.

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*Any errors about Youth Synod could be my experience was different to yours, or my memory is playing tricks.*

# What in the world is MU Perth up to?

CHRISTINE BRAIN *Communication Officer, MU Perth*

**Have you ever been to a 125th birthday party? Probably not! But that's just what over 60 members of MU Perth did on August 9. Whose birthday were we celebrating? Ours, of course! MU Perth has been in existence for a century and a quarter, which we think is a milestone worth celebrating.**

Although fashions have changed over the years, the role of women has changed over the years and the church and society in general have changed over the years, our focus on supporting families by prayer and action in the name of Christ has not. AMUA Vice President, Elizabeth Parker, our guest for the day, in speaking about some of the issues facing families in the 21st century, reminded us that the raising of families has never been easy, with social, economic and moral issues facing every generation. However, she also reminded us, Mothers' Union's focus on prayer, Bible reading and informed action, appropriate 125 years ago, is still appropriate today.



MU members from across the diocese shared in a service of thanksgiving, renewed old friendships and made new ones and, of course, enjoyed great food, including a celebratory cake, which was cut by Mrs. Joan Shenton, a much-loved former president of MU Perth. As we looked back at the past, members reflected on why they belong to MU:

*It is a strong foundation for family unity and it's an opportunity for me to pray and meet with like-minded folk.*

*It brings families together and it's an opportunity for me to be with other sisters in the Lord,*

*All members are like-minded and it's an opportunity for me to serve my family and the local branch.*

*It espouses the value of the family as the most important societal unit.*

As the day drew to a close the words of one young member rang in our ears. 'Pray for us. Keep praying for us, even if you don't see your prayers answered in your lifetime. I thank God for my great-grandmother, who prayed faithfully for her family.' As we look to the future, we don't wish to rest on our laurels, or reminisce about the 'good old days', we are excited about the opportunities that lie before us as we fulfil AMUA's purpose, 'to be especially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.'

# Nor'West Postcard

JOCELYN ROSS OAM



It is Conference time in the Diocese of North West Australia! There was the Pilbara Women's Conference held in Karratha on 19 August at Karratha. Then the CMS Dinner at Bluff Point Anglican Church in August. Followed by Amplify (Geraldton Anglican Churches Youth Group) who had a great Saturday with Ed Surrey from CRU West as speaker. Then the Mayor's Breakfast with West Coast Eagles Premiership player Mark Seaby as speaker. In September is the Geraldton Women's Conference with Amy Stopher's studies in Ephesians "Walk in the Way of Love". This is being held at the Bluff Point Anglican Church whose refurbished hall is a great venue! Following is the Men's Conference a week later.

Our bi-annual clergy family conference comes up in the first week of the school holidays, with funding from Mothers Union Australia and a generous anonymous donor. Always an invaluable time of re-union with the Kimberley, Pilbara and Midwest families, especially the wives and children who love the time together; the wives sharing their lives with like-minded women, and children relating together as clergy children.

Bishop Darrell and Elizabeth 'popped' up to Carnarvon recently to take a communion service and have time with the very faithful congregation. He is seen here with warden Jim Williams, and below the Parish Council, then Elizabeth is seen with some of the ladies.



Teenagers were encouraged to meet Jesus during a recent Pilbara Outback Adventure Camp hosted at Exmouth Anglican Church. The Scripture Union camp was the brain-child of former long-term Pilbara residents, Graeme and Sandy White from St Matthew's, Port Hedland, who could see a real need for North West Young people to have an opportunity to hear the gospel. A busload of young people came from Hedland and Karratha. The camp focused on meeting

Jesus in St Mark's Gospel with Bus-Church, scripture devotions, and small group studies. There was plenty of time for snorkelling, swimming, hiking, bonfires on the beach, and lots of good food and conversations.

Port Hedland Seafarers' Chaplain, Garry Hamersley, said seafarers love to receive a hand-knitted beanie when they visit the Centre. "It's a very practical way to show that we care for them, as well as sharing the hope of eternal life through Jesus", he said. If you are a beanie knitter and would love to send us beanies for the Seafarers Centres we can work out a way to get them delivered up north!!



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# Bunbury Bulletin

**THE VEN GEOFFREY CHADWICK** *Archdeacon*

## God is calling!

In the last month or so, the Bunbury Diocese has been busy with the task of discernment. A number of calls to ministry have been answered!

Firstly, we welcome The Revd Canon Neale Sommersby and his fiancé, Tracey, into the Diocese from the Riverina. Neale has extensive experience in rural ministry and has answered the call to Kojonup and Katanning.

It is also with great joy that a priest for Busselton Parish as been announced.

The Revd Justine Richmond, formerly at Georgiana Molly Anglican School, has decided to make a full-time move as priest to Dunsborough Parish.

Sue Kemp is moving from a part-time role at Brunswick/Burekup to Bridgetown where she lived for many years. Fortunately, she will keep her much valued part-time role as Prison Chaplain at Bunbury Regional Prison.

Meanwhile, five new people have joined the student formation programme and have begun the task of discerning just where God might be leading them. Recently they attended our Weekend Intensive with the current students. They have been introduced to the principles of Theological Reflection, attended sessions on Ontological Change and Character Strengths, enjoyed a meal at Bishops-court and reflected on their worship experiences across the Diocese. The future looks bright as we consider the depth of talent these people bring to the Diocese.

There is much to celebrate with these developments; but wait there's more!

Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School and Georgiana Molly Anglican School are seeking chaplains, whilst Carey Park (in Bunbury), Boyup Brook, Collie, Coodanup, and Narrogin are seeking suitable applicants.

Perhaps God is calling you into our wonderful Diocese!

For more information about vacancies in the Diocese of Bunbury, visit our website at [www.bunburyanglican.org/vacancies](http://www.bunburyanglican.org/vacancies). Expressions of interest may be made by emailing the Archdeacon at [archdeacon@bunbury.org.au](mailto:archdeacon@bunbury.org.au)

# Our Rich Liturgical Heritage: Our Sustaining God

THE RT REV'D DR PETER BRAIN



**There are, as I have discovered and re-affirmed over the best part of fifty years, many blessings and sustainable outcomes from the work of pastoral ministry. Three weeks ago, three of these came together. They dawned on me as I drove home from the parish of Maddington after a day's work.**

The first was from one of the set psalms for the morning. Psalm 46, so well-known through Luther's hymn, *A safe stronghold our God is still*, and the more recent *God is our strength and refuge* by Richard Bewes, (sung to the tune of the Dambuster's theme song), had come alive for me the previous day as I prepared for a Zoom Morning Prayer. What nourished me afresh were the words of God, '*be still and know that I am God.*' They spoke to me in the midst of concerns that were not within my power to change. The psalmist's recentering on God, whose words not only uphold His Creation and bring an end to warmongers, but also uphold those who come quietly to Him for refuge, refreshed me and helped me to minister to others that day.

The next took place in a nursing home, where we read the gospel for the following Sunday. Those reassuring words of our Lord from Matthew 14:27, '*Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid*' rang in our ears afresh. It was a time of great joy, highlighted as we sang, after sharing around the table, the chorus, *Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the heavens above; deep, deep as the deepest sea, is my Saviour's love. I, though so unworthy, still am a child of his care; for his Word teaches me that his love reaches me everywhere.* The psalm and the gospel combined to remind us of the Trinitarian message of the love and authority of God combining to touch our lives as we trust him when the winds seem to be against us. He sustains his people by the ministry of the Holy Spirit applying the words of God in and through the various anxiety-producing trials of both life and discipleship.

But the icing on the cake was yet to come as I shared a home communion with two men

(and the adult daughter of one of them) who had been partners in the gospel four decades ago. One, recently widowed and with increasing dementia, the other, caring for his wife suffering from severe Alzheimer's, shared the two readings (Psalm 46 and Matthew 14:22-36) and the bread and the wine. There is no joy like that of sharing around the table with those whose love for the Lord, having stood the test of time and trials, still shines, and who are still rejoicing in their Saviour's deep love for them. This love took him to Calvary and dealt with their sins once and for all, enabling them to *feed on him in their hearts by faith with thanksgiving.*

It was the first time I had eaten the bread and shared the cup with these two men together since 1988, when we shared regularly on Sundays and prayed every other Saturday. It was a privilege for me, and it was great to see them encouraged by their fellowship with their Lord and with each other, along with Errold's daughter. As I drove home rejoicing, singing and whistling the Dambuster's tune, and the chorus, *Be still and know that I am God*, which we regularly sang with Rob playing the guitar, my heart was filled with joy at the prospect of the heavenly supper that lies ahead for all who embrace the Saviour. A prospect that will include all creation, fully sustained in its renewal, where dementia, death, war, sin and futility will be banished forever as we share in our Lord's victorious resurrection. The apostle's words, '*the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God*' (Romans 8:21) say it all.

# Julian of Norwich

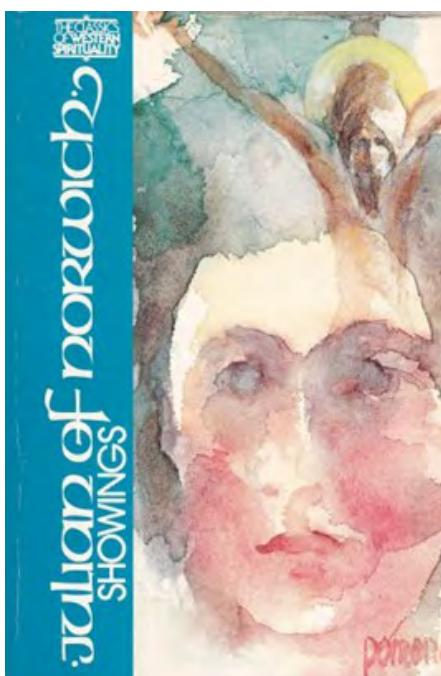
THE REV'D ROSS JONES *Team member of the Tree of Life Programme*



**At the beginning of May this year, the 650th Anniversary of Julian of Norwich Showings were celebrated at Norwich Cathedral. A part of that celebration was a letter read out that Pope Francis had written.**

Though not a saint, Julian of Norwich's commemoration is on the 8 May, with our lectionary saying that she is a 'holy woman and mystic'.

On 13 May 1373, Julian was healed of the illness that had nearly taken her life and had left her with sixteen visions of the Trinity's embracing and liberating love in the Passion of the Christ.



Julian has left us with two versions of her experience in Julian of Norwich, *Showings* in the Short Text of 25 short chapters written early after her experience of sixteen visions. The Long Text is coming after 20 years of reflection by Julian on the meaning and pastoral application of her visions in 86 Chapters. The translation and edition by Edmund College and James Walsh is readable and accessible, containing both the Short text and the Long Text. Most translations are only of the Long Text.

I have benefited from reading and reflecting on a chapter in my daily prayer time each day, as most chapters are only one to two pages in length. The exception is the central fifty-first chapter on the parable of the Lord and Servant, which addresses Anselm's similar parable. Julian has the Lord say to the servant who is injured in a ditch, 'See my beloved servant, what harm and injuries they have and accepted for my love, yes, and for their goodwill. Is it not reasonable that I should reward them for their fright and fear?'

Julian is a happy and positive Christian spiritual writer who has been captivated by the Triune God of love who has demonstrated that liberating love to humankind in Christ's Passion.

Julian imparts three memorable gifts to us in her statement that 'All shall be well', the fragile hazelnut, and Christ as Mother.

On King Charles III's coronation day, at the anointing with the privacy screen, carries Julian saying that, 'All shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'.

The saying first appears in the Short Text Chapter 13 as Julian reflects on the greatest of Christ's Passion which has become our consolation for all who will be saved; hence every kind of thing will be well.

The hazelnut appears in the fifth chapter of the Long Text when Julian reflects on the Passion of Christ and sees 'that Christ is to us everything which is good and comforting for our help. Christ is our clothing, who wraps and enfolds us for love.'

Then Julian looks at a small hazelnut in her hand and wonders, 'what can this be? I was amazed that it could last, for I thought that



Detail of the anointing screen, which will be used in the coronation of King Charles III and has been handmade by the Royal School of Needlework. (Getty Images)

because of its littleness it would suddenly have fallen into nothing. And I was answered in my understanding. It lasts and always will, because God loves it; and thus everything has its being through the love of God.'

Christ as Mother is found in Chapters 58, 59 and 60 of the Long Text. Julian expresses the Trinity as, 'God almighty is our loving Father, and God all wisdom is our loving Mother, with the love and goodness of the Holy Spirit, which is all one God, one Lord'.

Jesus Christ 'is our true Mother. We have our beginning from him, where the foundation of motherhood begins, with all the sweet protection of love which endlessly flows'.

Further in the Eucharist, 'our precious Mother Jesus can feed us with himself, and does, most courteously and most tenderly, with the blessed sacraments he sustains us most mercifully and graciously.'

I encourage you not to read books about Julian but instead devotional read your way through her two texts, as I have found encouragement and comfort in a journey with her writings.



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## Journeying with Mark Lectionary Year B Bringing the Gospel alive for groups and individuals

by James Woodward, Paula Gooder, Mark Pryce, \$30.00

Available from online sites including Blackwells, Koorong. E-book available from Angus and Robertson and SPCK

**Shortly, our focus will shift to the next Liturgical Year, Year B, the year of Mark. *Journeying with Mark* is the first of four volumes, each exploring one of the Gospels in a creative way, helping the reader to visualize the lives, times and culture of first-century Israel.**

Three exceptional writers, including Paula Gooder, who is delightfully well-known to us in Perth, commenced this ambitious project ten years ago, and the series continues to be one of the leading studies in approaching the Gospel with imagination and good scholarship.

To gain insight into the authors' approach, take time to read this poem reflecting on the experience of the first disciples, looking at how the Gospel of Mark might have taken shape.

*Peter and the others begin to see things differently  
Once we got ourselves safely back to Galilee  
Expecting to resume business as usual  
Out on the water without him.  
Casting and hauling, sorting and selling.  
It was then we recognized what he had done  
for us.*

*He was a man who paid attention,  
Observing detail  
With a careful eye for the small difference  
'Look at the fig tree,' he would say,  
Tracing its tender branches  
Teaching us to feel for buds,  
To sense an expectation of summer.*

*The secret growth of seeds,  
The nesting habit of birds in certain shrubs,  
The inner qualities of yeast, of salt,  
None of these mysteries evaded him.  
Like a farmer, like a mother  
He watched the wisdom of each shift  
In growth and in diminishment,  
To find in them  
God's quiet ecology of kingdom*

*And just as he had drawn us once  
From scores of fishermen along the beach,  
So now we find ourselves noticing others,  
getting involved -  
Like him we see the children,  
We sense the withered hand, the concealed  
wound in the crowd -  
Like him we shape our lives around the  
hidden work of service;  
We find that we are carrying the heavy  
weight of his cross.*

A small book, just over 100 pages but packed with resources, dialogues, monologues, discussions, and imagination!

The section on "Further Reading" lists firstly the "Lighter Commentaries" such as Tom Wright, Nineham and New International Biblical Commentary; followed by "Medium sized commentaries" such as Morna Hooker, Withington, John Donahue and Daniel Harrington and explains the different approaches of these classic and respected scholars. This is followed by "Heavyweight commentaries" Guelich and C R Evans and R T France (based on the Greek Text.)

To search further into resources, "other interesting books on Mark's Gospel" are also listed.

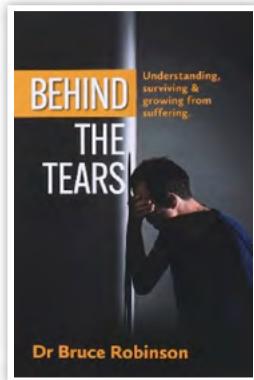
In clarifying "what is this book about" the three authors have shared a passion for theological learning that is collaborative, inclusive, intelligent and transformative...and started a conversation about how best we might help individuals and groups understand to use the Gospels...a mixture of information,

interpretation and reflection on life experience in the light of faith.

This is an outstanding, innovative approach. Because this series was published some years

ago, many readers might well have copies – otherwise, follow the links above or contact St Johns Books [books@stjohnsbooks.com.au](mailto:books@stjohnsbooks.com.au) where several copies can be sourced.

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### Behind the Tears

by Dr Bruce Robinson

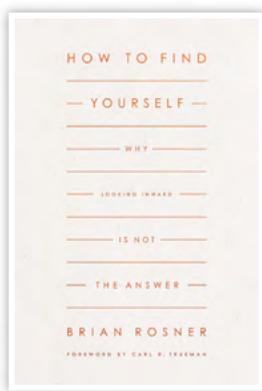
**Are you looking for a book to help equip you to support someone who is suffering in some way? Or to help yourself deal with your own difficult or painful circumstance in a way that honours Christ and builds your trust in him? *Behind the Tears*, by the well-known and highly respected Perth respiratory physician and scientist, Dr Bruce Robinson, may be just the book you're looking for.**

Dr Robinson's Christian faith shines through as he gently leads the reader through such topics as understanding suffering, surviving suffering (including the suffering caused by cancer, chronic illness and pain, mental illness and conflict and anger and disappointment) as well as how to help someone who is suffering, and growing through suffering.

The author's style is warm, with several of his own painful experiences used to illustrate his points, as well as pithy quotes from numerous others who have walked the path of suffering. He is at pains to write 'from the inside' and to empathise with those who are hurting. Two features which stand out are the inclusion of 'huggy figures' (visual and textual

representations of a 'virtual hug') and a succinct summary of the main points at the conclusion of each chapter.

Although not cheap, this is a book which is well worth owning to build one's capacity to empathise with others who are suffering. Read it yourself and share it with others in your parish or small group if you want to 'understand, survive and grow from suffering'. A great book for a book group in your church to read and discuss! Published by MACSIS Publishing, Perth, *Behind the Tears* has been short-listed for the Australian Christian Book of the Year award and is available from Koorong and other book sellers.



## How To Find Yourself: Why looking inward is not the answer

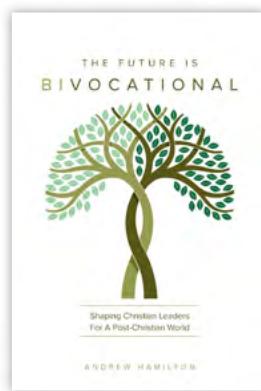
Brian Rosner  
Crossway Wheaton, Illinois  
2022

**Shortlisted for the 2023 Australian Christian Book of the Year** this book gives a splendid critique of the quest for one's identity, which in the 21st century is everything. Without decrying or denigrating the importance of knowing who we are, Rosner displays the heart of the scholar, pastor, apologist and man, who not only understand the struggle, but is lovingly concerned for those who are passionately searching in the wrong places.

To diagnose a problem is vital, but never complete, especially where there is a workable and proven prescription. His critique of the search inward and outward is carefully made and corrected by showing the failed experiences of inward focus and seeking our identity in a self-constructed and carefully selective portrayal of ourselves, especially via face-book and a 'look at me' life.

Most importantly he offers hope by pointing us to the rich threads of teaching in the Bible, not least by Jesus, that bids us look upwards rather than inwards or around to others.

This is a well written and researched book that helps us all understand what is going on in our culture, and how we can help each other find an identity that makes sense of suffering and disappointments, pride and envy, relating to people who are weak and lowly, to enemies and injustice and happiness and pleasure. A valuable book for all who work with and love people whose search for identity can so easily be derailed through the challenges and disappointments of life and the persuasion of those with single agendas that are at best confusing or mistaken, and at worst deceptive.



## The Future Is Bivocational: Shaping Christian leaders For A Post-Christian World

Andrew Hamilton  
Ark House Press  
2022

**This too is a shortlisted book for the 2023 Australian Christian Book of the Year.** Hamilton writes with passion as a bi-vocational pastor in Perth's northern suburbs since 2007 and 30 years of pastoral ministry.

Though there are a number of areas of disagreement with some of his arguments for bi-vocational pastoring (some theological, some that appear to underestimate the strength and understanding of vocational pastors and the churches they lead, and an overstatement of the biblical evidence for bi-vocational ministry) this is a timely book. Timely because of the difficulties many churches are facing in funding the vocational model in both church plants and older congregations. But its strength lies in its suggestions and apologetic for the recruiting and support of bi-vocational worker/pastors.

His passion for bringing people to Christ, who increasingly do not frequent established churches, like our own, and then growing them as disciples shines through. His wisdom in preparing teams of bi-vocational pastors and the churches they will serve, is realistic, bearing all the marks of the experienced, and hard-working pastor, whose work as an irrigator/landscaper and pastor combine to honour Christ and build up the church. In asking the hard questions he provides a model that would be far more likely to re-plant and irrigate our growing number of churches unable to support a pastor than simply help them survive with part-time, in the main retired people like myself. Worthy of denominational study.

# The Diocesan Archives Story: Part 1 - Early Days

ANNE WILSON tssf *Acting Diocesan Archivist*

**In the course of research activity recently, I was asked if all the Diocesan records were in the Archives. This is a significant question about the chain of custody, which is at the heart of what defines a trusted record. As I began a long and involved reply, I thought I would like to make sure of my information. I hope you find the results of the research as interesting as I did.**

Historically, Diocesan records were held in the church office under the custody of the Diocesan Secretary, through whom requests were made for information about historical records or offers to donate historical records. The earliest list of archival records, which included some of the earliest parish registers was compiled in 1945.

In 1950, the first formal efforts to preserve Parish Records in a systematic way were made through a Report on the Keeping of Church Records sent as a circular to clergy, which was recorded in the Diocesan Yearbook 1950, p74.

Some years later in June 1968, prompted by a visit to the Diocese by "Professor Bolton from the

University, Miss Lukis from the State Archives and the Revd. H (sic) DeQ. Robin", further efforts were made to locate all the Diocesan records which were "scattered around the Diocese". Professor Geoffrey Bolton was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australian 1984, for his distinguished services to education. He was a hugely influential person in researching and promoting Western Australian History. His memorials in Western Australia include the State Records Office annual Geoffrey Bolton lecture series and the Murdoch University Geoffrey Bolton Library.

Miss ("Mollie" Meroula Frances Fellowes) Lukis was appointed as the first State Archivist in 1945



and retired in 1971. She was also a much admired and revered influence on the development of both libraries and archives, with her obituary appearing in both the Australian Library Journal and Archives and Manuscripts, the journal of the Australian Society of Archivists. Her obituary describes her support to many organisations and is, in itself, a fascinating history of service to Western Australia.

Reverend Dr Arthur de Quetteville Robin, was Sub-Warden and Chaplain at St George's college in Crawley from 1969-1978.

From March 1971 correspondence between Diocesan Secretary B. H. Houston, The Revd R. J. Greenhalgh and Mollie Lukas, Librarian, Battye Library, documented the initial transfer of historical records from the Anglican Diocese of Perth to the Battye Library. This was also the beginning of the project to make the records accessible through microfilm.

7 May 1970 Diocesan Council. On the advice of Bishop Rosier, Council appointed The Revd Ian George (Convenor) Miss M. Lukis and Mrs Doris Lee to a Committee to examine further the question of Diocesan Library and records. We owe Bishop Rosier, The Revd Ian George, Miss Lukis and Mrs Doris Lee a debt of gratitude for their foundational work. A short biography by Fr Ted Doncaster, (A-K of Clergymen) shows Bishop Stanley Bruce Rosier to have been a very well-educated man who, among other appointments, preceded our Bishop Jeremy James to the Diocese of Willochra in 1970.

Fr Ian George was an accomplished lawyer, theologian and art critic, who eventually became Archbishop of Adelaide in 1999. We are also indebted to Fr Ted for this information. Fr Ted (Venerable E. W.) Doncaster himself was an early archivist, following A.E Williams, and has continued to research and provide valuable information to the archives.

Unfortunately, I have no information about Mrs Doris Lee but would appreciate receiving any information about her.

In 1971 of the first substantial transfer of parish records was from the Trayning Anglican Parish, which also included Bencubbin-Nungarin, Kununoppin, Mukinbudin.

Gradually, further transfers of records were made from parishes. In 1975 a large collection of Diocesan historical records from Church Office was transferred to the Battye Library.

Follow the link below to Anglican Church listings in the Battye Library.

[Anglican Church | State Library of Western Australia \(slwa.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.slwa.wa.gov.au)

In 1996 Synod approved the Records and Archives Statute 1996. From here on has been a steady development of the Diocesan Archives as it is today.

Look out for Archives story, part two of the next month.

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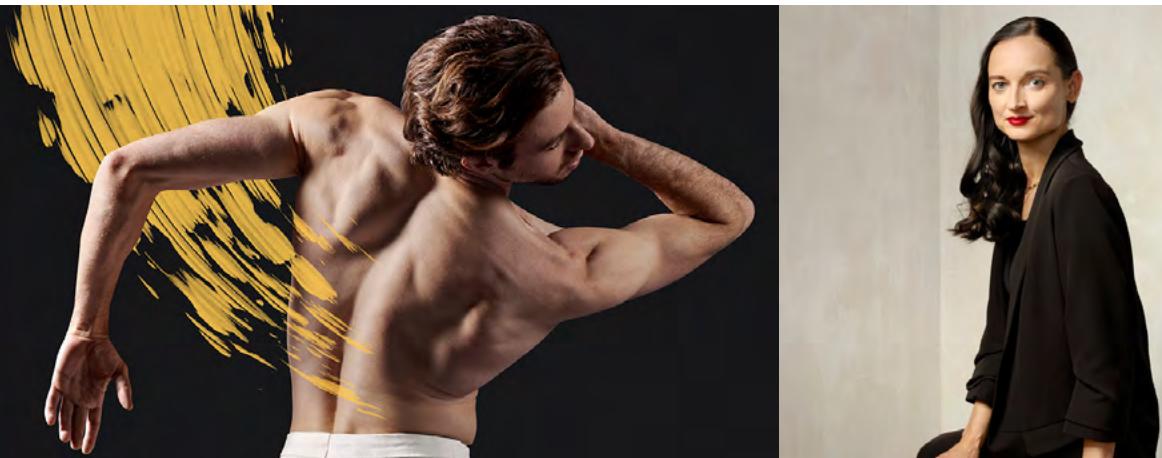
## ANTHONY HOWES

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



## Spring has proclaimed an active arts season here in WA. In this column I can only suggest some four productions; there are many more to discover through internet and media.

My first recommendation, chronologically speaking, takes you to His Majesty's Theatre. To the WA Ballet's world premiere production of ***Echoes of Van Gogh***, playing September 8 to 23. This new full-length work from Dutch choreographer Wubkje Kuindersma, is inspired by the life of one of the most famous figures in Western art history; his search for identity, belonging and a place in the world. I had the privilege of interviewing for radio, the designer of settings and costumes, Tatyana van Walsum, whose designs for opera and ballet in the UK, Europe and Australia have earned her awards and the recognition of being at the very pinnacle of her profession. I found her to be full of humour and intelligent appraisal of how her work, has to be complimentary at all times with that of choreographer, composer, lighting and technical contributors. I asked her if she felt a further responsibility to Van Gogh himself. Without any compunction, she answered: "Without a single doubt". For those who saw the travelling immersive exhibition of Van Gogh's works, this production, I believe, will give more insights into the great painter, not only his wonderful creations and extraordinary life, but an appreciation of his philosophy, exemplified in the paintings and, I suggest, in this ballet; that philosophy as he expressed it: '*One's country is not just a patch of land, but also a community of human hearts seeking and feeling the same thing*'.



Left: *Echoes of Van Gogh* featuring Ludovico Di Ulbaldo (Photo by Finlay McKay). Right: *Echoes of Van Gogh* choreographer Wubkje Kuindersma.



Left: Tatyana van Walsum, set and costume designer. Right: Sketches of Tatyana's costume designs. (Photo by Lauren at Frances Andrijich Photography)

## THEATRE - AND OTHER ARTS

September 13 marks the opening, at the Crown Theatre, of what I understand is a new production of the musical, ***Mary Poppins***. The talents of the all-Australian cast are led by Stefanie Jones as Mary Poppins and Jack Chambers as Bert. The entertainment 'legend' Patti Newton AM will reprise the role of Bird Woman, following her acclaimed performances in Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide. I am told that the choreography, effects, and unforgettable songs, makes the story of the world's favourite Nanny's arrival on Cherry Tree Lane more magical in this new production than previously seen. There is no doubt that Australian-born author PL Travers' stories have an ever-lasting quality.



From left: *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*; Jack Chambers (Bert) performing *Step In Time*; Stefanie Jones (Mary Poppins) with the Banks children; *Anything can happen if you let it*. (Photo credit: Daniel Boud)

Fremantle's Maritime Museum is the 'theatre' for you to see Theatre 180's production of Ingle Knight's play ***Taking Liberty***, which tells the incredible story of the 1983 campaign by Australia II to win the America's Cup. In a special adaptation of Ingle Knight's award-winning play to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Race of the Century and the moment that changed Australia forever, ***Taking Liberty*** features Luke Hewitt, Joel Jackson and Kazimir Sas. Presented as part of the WA Museum's Australia II: 40 Years On exhibition at the Maritime Museum in Fremantle, knowing gifted director Stuart Halusz as I do, this will be a unique, fun and rollicking ride as we journey with John Bertrand, Ben Lexcen and Alan Bond as they battle from 3-1 down in the biggest comeback in sporting history. For bookings, check with Theatre 180's website or WA Maritime Museum website.



Finally, let me make sure you know that The 2023 Awesome International Arts Festival for Bright Young Things bursts into life in the city from September 26 to 30. Past festivals have gained an outstanding reputation for presenting the best in children's arts experiences from around the world. With more than 120 performances over 7 days in the Perth Cultural Centre, performances in Kelmscott Hall precede the city season September 23 and 24.

Details: [www.awesomearts.com/festival](http://www.awesomearts.com/festival)

# Hazelnut Pie... in Honour of Julian of Norwich

THE REV'D GRAHAME BOWLAND *Assistant Curate, Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie*



## On 26 August a series of "Spirituality at St Swithun's" events was launched at Kalamunda-Lesmurdie.

The Reverend Bec Bydder came and led us in exploring the writings and theological insights of Julian of Norwich. It was an engaging and encouraging presentation, with Bec showing us how she brings the works of Julian into dialogue her life and ministry, and how we might perhaps do the same.



For a bit of fun, I baked a hazelnut pie for us to share, in reference to this passage from Julian's *Revelations of Divine Love*.

"Then he showed me a small thing, the size of a hazelnut, nestled in the palm of my hand," Julian writes. "It was round as a ball. I looked at it with the eyes of my understanding and thought, What can this be? And the answer came to me: It is all that is created. I was amazed that it could continue to exist. It seemed to me to be so little that it was on the verge of dissolving into nothingness. And then these words entered my understanding: It lasts, and will last forever, because God loves it. Everything that is has its being through the love of God."

It was a bit of a hit, so I thought I would share the recipe.

### Ingredients

20g flaxseed meal  
135ml water  
250g golden syrup  
135g brown sugar  
a pinch of salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
30g tapioca flour (for gluten free), or cornflour  
60g of butter (or vegan alternative)  
2 teaspoons of vanilla essence  
420 grams hazelnuts, peeled, roughly chopped  
240 grams of hazelnuts, peeled, whole  
Shortcrust pastry for the pie shell (I use store bought, gluten free will work fine)



### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
2. Roll out enough of the pastry to line a 30cm skillet or pie dish. Brush dish with butter (or vegan alternative), then line with pastry and trim the edges.
3. Mix the flaxseed meal with water in a small bowl, and set aside for 10 minutes until thickened.
4. Pour the golden syrup into a large bowl. Gradually stir in the brown sugar, salt, cinnamon, tapioca or cornflour, butter or vegan alternative, and vanilla. Finally, stir in the thickened flaxseed mixture. Stir thoroughly until a smooth mixture forms.
5. Gradually stir the roughly chopped hazelnuts into the mixture.
6. Decant the mixture into the prepared, pastry lined dish.
7. Fill the pie with the whole hazelnuts.
8. Bake at 180°C for around sixty minutes. The pie mix will darken and thicken, and the nuts on the top will take on a toasted (but hopefully not burnt!) appearance.
9. Remove from the oven, allow to cool completely. Go around the edge of the pie with a knife or spatula, and you should then be able to remove it from the skillet or dish.

## Appointment

The Revd Matt Malcolm	Priest-in-Charge, Leederville	01.10.23
The Revd Clive Hillman	Archdeacon Assisting (from the UK)	01.12.23
The Revd Brent Frieslaar	Priest-in-Charge, Carine-Duncraig	TBA
The Revd Debora Spencer	Area Dean, Marli Deanery	18.07.23-31.10.25
The Revd Des Smit	Chaplain, MU	08.08.23
The Revd Ross Jones	Director, Tree of Life	01.12.23
The Revd Cheryl Absalom	Cursillo, Spiritual Director	08.08.23

## Locum Tenens

The Revd Terry Pickersgill	Warnbro	01.08.23-31.12.23
The Revd Frank Sheehan OAM	Swanbourne-Mt Claremont	01.09.23-30.09.23
The Revd Sebastiana Pienaar	Greenwood	28.06.23-07.08.23

## Permission to Officiate

The Revd John Smith		25.07.23
The Revd Cheryl Absalom		01.08.23
The Revd Professor Rowan Strong		14.08.23

## Resignations

The Ven Michael Pennington	Director, Tree of Life	30.11.23
The Ven Angela Webb	Clerical Canon, St George's Cathedral	07.10.23

## RIP - Lay

Mrs Jennifer Lane	Wife of The Revd Glendon Lane	21.07.23
The Hon Mr Kevin Parker AC RSB KC	Former Chancellor	31.07.23



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### SUNDAY SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b> Holy Eucharist (BCP)	<b>10.00am</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>5.00pm</b> Choral Evensong
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### MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

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

### SPECIAL SERVICES

Sunday 3 September	5.00pm	Choral Evensong - Commemoration of the Beheading of John the Baptist and marking the 81st anniversary of the Lifting of the Siege of Malta
Tuesday 5 September	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 17 September	5.00pm	Choral Evensong with the Order of St Lazarus

### SPIRITUALITY SERIES

*Enrolments to [spirituality@perthcathedral.org](mailto:spirituality@perthcathedral.org) or phone 9325 5766 by the Monday before the presentation*

Wednesday 13 September, 9.30am-2.00pm (Cost: \$15 per person and includes a light lunch)

#### **The Spirituality of First Nations People and what Christians can Learn**

*Presented by Auntie Liz and Jim Hayden, Aboriginal elders*

Wednesday 27 September, 9.30am-12.30pm (Cost: \$10 per person)

#### **The Winslow Boy: when what is right is more important than what is just**

*A film viewing, presented by The Reverend Ian Crooks*

### CONCERTS

#### **Wednesday 2 and 20 September, 1:00pm Concerts at One series**

*Lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral*

