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Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Psalms 150:6

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peace and reconciliation

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To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew the life of the earth



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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.



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THE RT REVD HANS CHRISTIANSEN *Assistant Bishop*

Synod

In 2022 my wife and I walked the Camino Francés Pilgrimage from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port in France to Santiago de Compostella in Western Spain. It was an incredible and life-changing experience.

When pilgrims arrive exhausted in Santiago de Compostella, they can choose to walk another 100km to the Atlantic Ocean to the little town called Finisterre which in Latin and Spanish means 'end-of-the-earth', where it is believed the body of the Apostle and Martyr St James was washed up on the beach among the shells.

The extended 10km route from Santiago to the Atlantic Ocean is a beautiful and much quieter journey than the Camino Francés. Fewer pilgrims walk the route and there are less towns, more forests and plenty of hills. The last morning of the 37-day pilgrimage, on my 45th birthday, eagerly anticipating arriving at the Atlantic Ocean, I got up in the dark and started walking under a canopy of stars which quickly emerged into the most beautiful sunny day. I didn't see anyone for hours.

While I was walking, I was singing, as I often do when I walk alone. Suddenly a group of Italian pilgrims emerged from the forest. Thinking I was completely alone, I was at first a little embarrassed that these people heard me singing on my own! They asked me not to stop singing as they were keen to sing and walk with me. We started singing a Taizé chant together which is well known across many languages. And as we walked together for the next hour or so, we kept singing different songs together which gave way to some deep sharing with each other. It was a beautiful and uplifting experience of finding Christian community while walking together on the road.

This month our Diocese is gathering for the Second Session of the Fifty-Second Synod of the Diocese. The term Synod originates from the Greek words 'syn' meaning 'together' and 'hodos' meaning 'path/road/way'. So, Synod literally means Walking the Road/Path Together.



The Synod is our principal source of governance in the Diocese. It functions much like a Parliament where legislation and motions are debated and decided upon. Synod members include all bishops and licensed clergy in the Diocese, two lay members from each parish, designated office holders, eg the Chancellor, Registrar, and Secretary of the Diocese. Representative of bodies reporting to Synod, up to ten lay members appointed by Diocesan Council, and up to five lay youth representatives and up to five First Nations Peoples appointed by the Diocesan Council.

In all its formalities, which ensures that our church is properly governed, at the heart of every Synod lies the notion of walking together as disciples of Jesus Christ, seeking to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming the gospel in new and old ways, and responding with the mind of Christ to the challenges of the time.

The Synod is therefore first and foremost a spiritual gathering with Jesus Christ in the centre. We therefore always begin our proceedings in the Cathedral with the Archbishop – our chief shepherd and leader – presiding at the Eucharist. This year we are fortunate to have the Archbishop of York visiting and preaching at the Synod Eucharist. I am sure it will be a wonderfully uplifting experience for all who attend.

The following day we gather at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle where we will hear the President's Address, and then Legislation will be discussed followed by Motions. This year the Synod will debate Motions about the Church's response to the challenges of AI; our Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan, The Feast of Creation in Christ, Conversion Therapy Ban, Emergency Food Relief, Refugee and Asylum Seeker, ABM's work in the Middle East, the 60th anniversary of the Anglican Community Fund, the 50th Anniversary of Anglicare WA and Giving Thanks to Retiring Clergy.

Ever since the first Council in Jerusalem (Acts 15:6-21) between 48 and 50AD approximately 15 years after Jesus's death and resurrection, when the topic of mission to non-Jewish people was vehemently discussed, the church has argued about issues facing the church. It has never been easy for the body of Christ 'to walk the road together in unity' discerning the mind of Christ, and we have often disagreed deeply with each other over the centuries. However, as disciples of Jesus Christ we trust that where two or three disciples are gathered in my name, I am there among them (Matthew 18:20). As we make every effort to lead lives worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1) we seek to listen deeply to each other with all humility, patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace (Ephesians 4: 2-3) to promote the body's growth in building itself up in love (Ephesians 4:16).

With increasing division and with less patience to listen to people we disagree with in our society, I pray that our upcoming Synod may be a powerful and uplifting experience of unity in Christ, deep listening in love and unity in the Spirit.

As we prepare for Synod, I encourage you all to please pray for our Synod using 'A prayer for Synod' from APBA page 213:

Almighty and everliving God,
give wisdom and understanding,
to the members of the Synod of this Diocese.
Teach them in all things
to seek first your honour and glory.
May they perceive what is right,
have courage to pursue it
and grace to accomplish it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SYNOD 2026

Friday 16 October and Saturday 17 October

Friday 16 October
6.30pm Eucharist
St George's Cathedral

Saturday 17 October
9.00am - First Sitting of the
Second Session of the Fifty-Second Synod
including the President's Address
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle by Rydges
46-54 Marine Terrace, Fremantle
Please note: Lay Conference at 8.00am

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Your chance to meet the Archbishop of York!

The Archbishop of York is heading to Perth and you're invited to be part of the celebrations.

Don't miss the chance to meet and hear from The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell this October.

It all starts on Friday 16 October when Archbishop Stephen flies into Perth for a whirlwind week with our Anglican community in Perth and York – and there are plenty of opportunities for you to be part of the welcome, hear from Archbishop Stephen, join him in prayer, or simply chat over a cuppa!



**Friday
16 October**
Synod Eucharist
6.30pm

St George's Cathedral
All are welcome

**Sunday
18 October**
Eucharist
10.00am

St George's Cathedral
All are welcome

**Tuesday
20 October**
Eucharist
11.30am

The Parish of York
Holy Trinity Church, York

**Clergy only
event**

Thursday 22 October
9.30am - Mass
10.45am - Conversation with Clergy: Anglo-Catholic Spirituality and Mission
Parish of Swanbourne-Claremont. Clergy welcome

Special event: Art Gallery of WA

You're invited to a special event at the Art Gallery of WA where Archbishop Stephen will speak about one of his great passions – the work of British artist, Stanley Spencer. Coinciding with an exhibition of Stanley's works at the Gallery, the event is sure to be inspiring and enlightening.

Tickets are limited so keep your eye on the Diocese of Perth website and the Archbishop of Perth's Facebook page for more, including how to secure entry to the event which starts at 5.30pm on Thursday 22 October. [Get your tickets by registering here.](#)

AngliSchools student leaders will join Archbishop Stephen on his final day in Perth before he flies out to Brisbane and, later, Hong Kong.

This visit is a wonderful opportunity to build even stronger connections between the Dioceses of Perth and York – and we know Archbishop Stephen will leave with lasting memories of his time in Perth, and the people he's seen and met. We hope that's you!

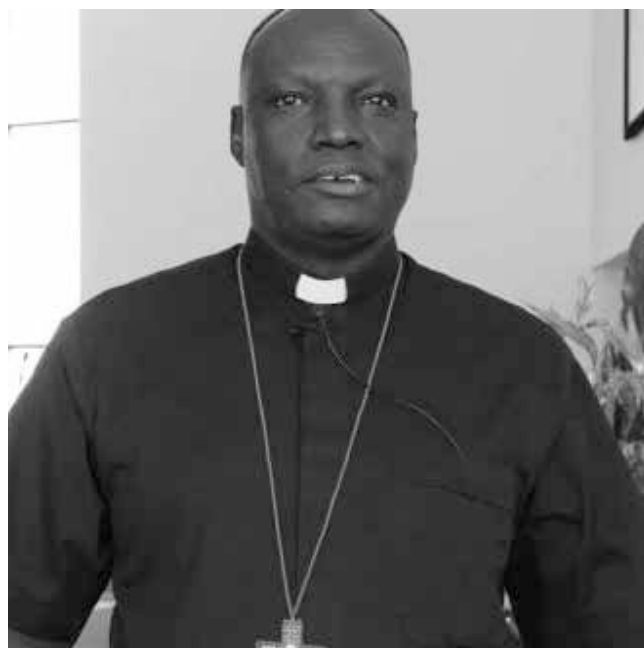
Lambeth Awards 2026

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally presented her first Lambeth Awards since taking office. The ceremony took place in the Great Hall of Lambeth Palace on Friday 11 September with 27 people presented with a Lambeth Award, recognising their extraordinary contributions to the Church of England, the Anglican Communion and wider society.

The Cross of St Augustine for Services to the Anglican Communion was presented to The Right Reverend Daniel Deng Abot for leading groundbreaking peace work in South Sudan and for his continuing ministry to South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora communities in Australia and internationally.

Daniel was born in (now) South Sudan. During the civil war, 12-year-old Daniel fled 1,000 miles on foot to Ethiopia and then to Kenya. He spent 15 years in refugee camps, meeting his wife, Rachel, in Kenya where he was ordained. After moving to Australia with Rachel and their children in 2003, Daniel worked for Anglicare, assisting newly arrived refugees.

In 2014 the Diocese of Duk in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan was established to help bring peace to the region. Daniel was appointed the first Bishop of Duk while working for the Queensland Government. While Rachel stayed in Australia with their seven children, Daniel served as the Bishop of Duk for eight years in an unpaid capacity - often sleeping in the bush - while serving over 60,000 internally displaced people and refugees. While undertaking peace-making work alongside the United Nations, Daniel rescued infants following massacres; protected children from being trafficked and from child marriages; helped with planning guesthouses to generate revenue; led clergy development; facilitated health and nutrition initiatives; and, risked his life to accompany aid trucks to conflict zones.



Daniel now serves as the Ethnic Congregations Specialist in the Anglican Church Southern Queensland, ministering to culturally diverse communities. He also serves the wider South Sudanese and Sudanese diaspora internationally as a mediator and pastoral leader, visiting South Sudan during times of renewed violence and famine to assist with peace-making and relief efforts. Daniel is beloved for his prayerfulness, gentleness, servant leadership, integrity and courage as he outstandingly embodies the Marks of Mission.



THE VEN GILLIAN ROOKYARD

Blessed Is She

At the invitation of the Anglican Diocese of Adelaide, 100 clergy women from across the Anglican Church of Australia gathered in the city of churches for a three-day in person conference at the end of August.



Our time together was marked by worship, learning, remembering, encouraging and feasting, all with the purpose of equipping us afresh for the work to which God has called us.

Guest speakers included bishops, clergy and lay leaders, with topics spanning leadership development, governance, theology of women's ministry, history of women's ministry, and systemic change for diversity and inclusion. The inspirational opening keynote address was offered by Gov Frances Adamson AC, with a second encouraging keynote address being offered by Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy: For such a time as this (Esther 4: 14). Archdeacon Justine Coverdale presented an excellent paper

on Anglican Identity and the Next Generation, and Dr Julia Baird offered the closing words of encouragement, and a toast to Dolly!

Perth was well represented by ten delegates. Here are some of their reflections ...

"I'm not a cradle Anglican, so a lot of the stories and experiences in the Anglican church are not known to me. *Blessed is She* was a terrific opportunity to learn more of the origins and the journey of my sister priests. The history, the vision and the perseverance we heard about has been quite literally awe inspiring, together with belonging to a worldwide organisation lead by a woman... I call that hope for the world." - Caro.

"I was particularly taken by Rosslyn Cox's presentation on living 'unapologetically', challenging imposter syndrome and encouraging us to Take Up Space. It was unexpectedly fabulous to be with bishops of all shapes, sizes, ages and stages. It made it feel like so much is possible, and my hope is renewed." - Gemma.

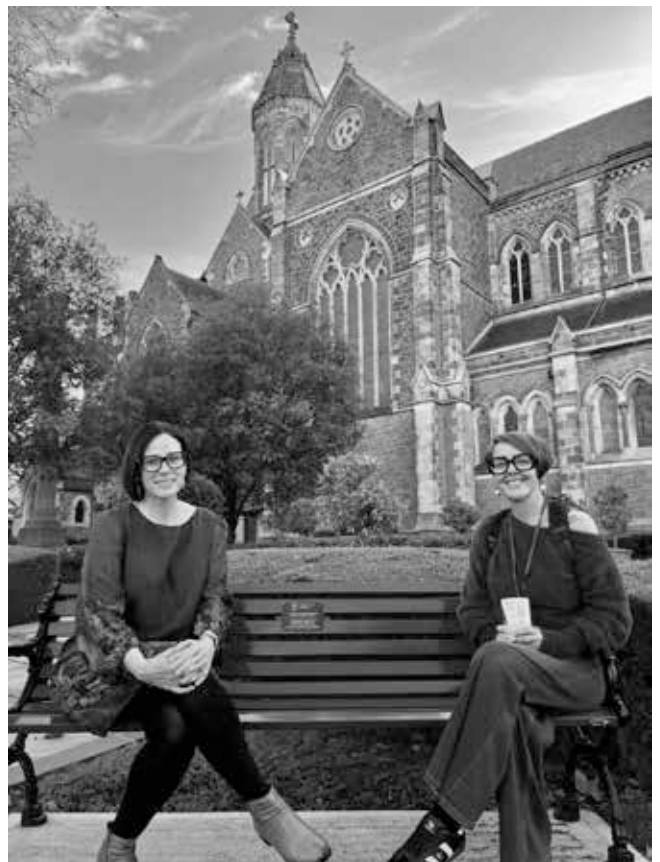
"I am thankful for the wisdom, courage and strength of my sisters in Christ and the support we offer each other in doing God's work through the church into the world. I am thankful that the hospitality and generosity of spirit shared at the conference is the face of our church in this time and place." - Mandy

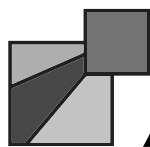
"At the recent *Blessed is She* conference in Adelaide, two reflections stood out for their insight into leadership, vocation and faithful change. They offered a timely reminder that female Christian leadership is both practical responsibility and spiritual calling. I came away encouraged to see leadership as a shared work of courage, faithfulness and hope. As we continue to serve in our own communities, may we measure what must change, gather others into the work, and remain grounded in the creative purpose of God." - Sylvia

"It was great to gather with women clergy from across the nation; diverse in age, church background, ministry context and theology. We shared and learned from the stories and wisdom from each other, highlighting both shared and different experiences across our Church.

I was able to reconnect with someone who was a curate in my parish over fifteen years ago, and was the first person I ever told that I felt called to ordained ministry. We shared tears of joy, and remembered women, both lay and ordained who had championed both of us in our journeys." - Bec.

Each of us extend our gratitude to the Anglican Diocese of Perth for their unequivocal support of women in ministry, and for the opportunity to attend this remarkable event. It was blessed indeed.





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The ACF is the proud sponsor of the Diocese of Perth's Synod

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

Synod provides time for review and reflection of the mission of the church, and offers an opportunity for the Diocese of Perth to take counsel together.

In addition, it provides opportunity to meet new people and renew friendships.

The ACF Team looks forward to seeing all the Members of Synod at our exhibition stand. It's a great opportunity to meet our friendly staff and say hello or enquire about how we can help you.

Ask us about our special Synod Term Investment and Clergy Car loan interest rates **and the upcoming implementation of our new online services platform.**



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Concerts at One Concludes Another Successful Season

The Cathedral's *Concerts at One* series has successfully concluded for 2026, following a wonderful season of lunchtime performances which brought music, creativity, and community into the heart of the city.

Thanks to the support and commitment of Josephine Christmass (pictured right), the Cathedral welcomed talented students and performers from schools and performing arts institutions across Perth. Throughout the year, visitors to the Cathedral were invited to enjoy these free concerts, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere for both regular visitors and first-time guests.



The series concluded on a high note with a performance by students from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), providing a fitting finale to an exceptional program.

Each concert brought something unique and memorable. While every performance had its own special appeal, one particularly memorable highlight was the Taylor Road Quartet, a flute ensemble whose music was described by one audience member as "flowing like living water." Of course, choosing a favourite is no easy task, as every concert offered its own moments of beauty and inspiration.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the students, schools, teachers, and performers who shared their talents with us throughout the year. Their generosity and dedication help make Concerts at One a cherished part of Cathedral life.

We look forward to welcoming performers and audiences back for another exciting season of Concerts at One in 2027.



The Taylor Road Quartet

Australian Church Women WA
Serving in love since 1966
invites you to



World Community Day 2026

Theme: Together We will Win

To celebrate our 60th anniversary we are honoured to have
as our preacher

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy

Date Friday 30 October 2026

Time 10.15 for 10.30am

Venue St Hilda's Anglican Church

View St North Perth

Offerings for the Fellowship of the Least Coin will be received at this service.
The General Offering will support the Asian Church Women's Conference.

*After the service, please join us for
light lunch and fellowship.*

Further details: Margaret Ker 9328 8978

**STEPHANIE BUCKLAND** *Chief Executive Officer*

Gathering for a Common Purpose

Synod brings people together from across the Diocese with diverse experiences, perspectives, and ministries, united by a shared commitment to serving others and strengthening our communities.

Each year, Synod provides an opportunity for Anglicans across Western Australia to gather, reflect, listen, and discern together. Clergy and lay representatives come from parishes, schools, agencies, and ministries, bringing different experiences and viewpoints, yet sharing a common purpose: to serve God and support the wellbeing of the communities entrusted to our care.

In many ways, this spirit of gathering and collaboration reflects the very heart of community, and while each of us brings unique gifts, perspectives, and responsibilities, we are often strongest when we come together in service of something greater than ourselves.

At Amana Living, this shared sense of purpose is evident every day, as caring for older people is not the work of one individual or profession alone. It is made possible through the combined efforts of care workers, nurses, hospitality teams, chaplains, volunteers, families, and many others who contribute to the wellbeing of our residents and clients.

The Anglican tradition reminds us that community is not simply about being together, but about recognising our responsibility to one another. Throughout the Gospels, we see examples of people gathering to listen, support, and care for those around them, and those same values continue to guide the work of Anglican organisations today.

One of the privileges of working in aged care is witnessing the many ways older people themselves contribute to community. Our residents and clients bring a lifetime of wisdom, experience, faith, and service, and their stories enrich those around them and remind us that every stage of life offers opportunities to learn from one another.

This year, Amana Living has seen many examples of connection across communities, with residents, clients, staff, volunteers, families, and parish members coming together through worship services, community events, volunteer programs, and shared celebrations. These moments may seem simple, but they help foster belonging, strengthen relationships, and remind us that nobody should feel alone.

Amana Living's chaplaincy teams see this every day through their pastoral care, worship, prayer, and conversation, they help residents and clients maintain meaningful connections with their faith and with one another. Their work reflects the important role that spiritual wellbeing plays in supporting a person's overall sense of purpose, dignity, and belonging.

In aged care, we are regularly reminded that relationships matter. A conversation, a shared meal, a prayer, or a simple act of kindness can make a profound difference in someone's day. Perhaps that is one of the enduring strengths of the Anglican community: bringing people together, nurturing belonging, and creating opportunities for people of all ages to contribute, connect, and thrive.

As Synod gathers this year, it is an opportunity to pause and appreciate the many people who contribute to the life of our Diocese in ways both large and small. Across parishes, agencies, schools, and ministries, countless individuals give their time, talents, and care in service of others.



THE REVD CHRIS THOMASON *Chaplain*

Half a Century of Hope & Community: Anglicare WA Celebrates 50 Years

During 2026, Anglicare WA has celebrated a significant milestone, marking 50 years of walking with individuals, families, and communities across Western Australia. The anniversary was recognised in September through a series of events that brought together staff, volunteers, leaders, and supporters from across the state under the theme *Thrive Together*.

The celebrations began with a gathering of service leaders from across Western Australia, providing an opportunity to reflect on the organisation's achievements, explore future opportunities, and strengthen connections between services working in diverse local communities. The day featured discussions on community needs, innovation, partnerships, and the changing landscape of social services. The event concluded with recognition of outstanding leadership and service across the organisation.

The anniversary celebrations continued over two days as staff from across the state came together for the Anglicare WA 50 Years Staff Conference. The conference opened with cultural and historical reflections, acknowledging both the Traditional Custodians of the land and the organisation's half-century journey of service and advocacy.



A video was played that captured reflections from our 50-year history. You can watch the video by accessing the link [here](#).

A highlight of the conference was a keynote presentation focused on imagination, leadership, and creating positive social change. Participants also reflected on Anglicare WA's history through a panel discussion featuring people who have contributed to the organisation's growth and impact over the decades.

Throughout the conference, attendees participated in a range of learning and development sessions exploring topics such as community wellbeing, innovation, emerging technologies, cultural responsiveness, and the future of social services. Cultural workshops and guided experiences provided opportunities for deeper understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples perspectives and connection to place.

The event also emphasised wellbeing and connection, creating space for reflection and relationship-building among staff who often work across vast geographical distances. Attendees considered the in-person connection as one of the most important aspects of the conference.

With the majority of staff being together in one place it provided an opportunity to recognise individuals who embody Anglicare WA's values and commitment to community.

As the celebrations concluded, one theme stood out above all others: gratitude. Gratitude for the thousands of people who have contributed to Anglicare WA's work over the past 50 years, gratitude for the communities that have partnered in that work, gratitude for the opportunity to come together in person and gratitude to the team who worked tirelessly to organise and run the event.

The anniversary celebrations were more than a reflection on the past. They were a reminder that lasting social change is achieved through collaboration, compassion, and a shared commitment to helping people thrive. Fifty years on, Anglicare WA continues to build on that foundation, working alongside Western Australians to create stronger, more connected communities for the future.





THE REVD PETER LAURENCE OAM *Chief Executive Officer*

Blessing the site of our 18th AngliSchool

What an absolute joy it was to gather on a beautiful, sunny morning in Ballarat in September to bless the site that will become home to Ascension Anglican School.

For those of us who have watched AngliSchools grow from its beginnings here in Western Australia, this was a significant moment. Ascension will be our 18th AngliSchool and will open in 2029 for students from Prep to Year 6. Year 7 will follow in 2030, with the School growing to Prep to Year 12 by 2035.

The service was led by the Bishop of Ballarat, The Rt Revd Garry Weatherill, and began with a lovely Welcome to Country by Wadawurrung Elder Auntie Kellie Phillips.

Students from Cobram Anglican Grammar School performed during the service and did a wonderful job. Their involvement was particularly meaningful. Long before the first Ascension students walk through the gates, the School is already being welcomed and supported by others within the AngliSchools family.

I was delighted to be joined by Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy AO in her capacity as Visitor to AngliSchools. She delivered a superb homily focussing on the Ascension and how this great Christian festival provides such a strong focus for an Anglican school.

It was also wonderful to be joined by the four principals of our Victorian and New South Wales AngliSchools, as well as local and state representatives. How very special to be welcomed to Ballarat by Ballarat Grammar Principal Mr Adam Heath, an Anglican school which has served Ballarat and surrounds in some form since 1876.

The service concluded with the traditional turning of the sod, a simple but important

act that marks the beginning of the School's journey.

The name Ascension was carefully chosen. In the Christian story, the Ascension speaks of hope, promise and what lies ahead. It is also a name that suggests growth and possibility, which is exactly what we want for the young people who will one day attend the School.



Ascension Anglican School will be a place where students are known, valued and encouraged to develop their gifts. The AngliSchools FIRE values of **Faith**, **Inclusion**, **Respect** and **Excellence** will shape the School from its earliest days and guide its approach to learning, a culture, and community life.

Later that day, we held two public information sessions. These gave local families and community members an opportunity to hear more about our plans, ask questions and meet some of the people involved.

The level of interest was most encouraging. Ballarat's western corridor is growing quickly, and families are looking for quality and fee accessible schooling options close to

home. It was good to begin those conversations and hear what local people hope to see in their new school.

There is, of course, much work ahead. Planning and preliminary site-works are expected to progress during 2027, with construction anticipated to commence in early 2028, subject to approvals.

We give thanks to God and ask God's blessing on the site and all those who will learn, work and gather there in the years to come.

Beyond Silos: Seeing the Whole Child

Children rarely experience harm in only one part of their lives. For many children and young people supported by Parkerville Children and Youth Care (Parkerville), family and domestic violence, child sexual abuse and other childhood challenges can overlap. Together, these experiences can affect a child's sense of safety, relationships, learning and wellbeing.

Support can sometimes be difficult to navigate because different needs are often handled by different services. A child may need help with safety, grief, mental health, school, family relationships or housing, but these supports do not always work together easily. This can leave families trying to find their way through a complicated system at an already difficult time.

"Children don't live their lives in service silos," said Parkerville CEO Kim Brooklyn.

"They can't separate these parts of their experience. If we're serious about keeping them safe and supporting them to thrive, neither can we."

This understanding guides Parkerville's work. The organisation recognises that trauma can build up over time and across different parts of a child's life. Family violence, abuse, grief

and loss may occur alongside financial stress, unstable housing, disrupted schooling or other pressures on a family.

For children, these experiences are not separate problems. They are part of one story, and healing is more likely when the people and services around them work together over time.

This belief has shaped Parkerville's connected model of care. Its aim is simple: to put the child at the centre, rather than expecting families to fit around the boundaries of different services.

Parkerville's programs are designed to support children and families at different stages, from early help through to crisis support and longer-term therapeutic care. This recognises that children's outcomes are shaped by their families, communities and the services that surround them.



How connected support works

One example is Parkerville's Multi-Agency Investigation and Support Team (MIST), which brings together Parkerville, WA Police and the WA Department of Communities. The team supports children and families from the time abuse is disclosed, helping reduce the need to repeat traumatic experiences to multiple people or move between disconnected services.

Parkerville also provides longer-term counselling and specialist support for children affected by sexual abuse, homicide and violent loss, recognising that recovery can take time and may continue well beyond the first crisis response.

Across its services, Parkerville focuses on:

- putting children's needs first,
- working closely with other services,
- staying involved for as long as support is needed, and
- understanding that children are affected not only by what has happened to them, but also by how people and systems respond.

Seeing the whole child

"Parkerville recognises that healing occurs within relationships and communities, not in isolation," said Ms Brooklyn.

"Seeing the whole child means looking beyond presenting problems to understand the wider realities shaping their lives. It means listening to children as victim-survivors and ensuring support remains consistent through disclosure, investigation, intervention and recovery.

"Parkerville's message is both practical and hopeful. Children experience trauma, violence and loss as interconnected realities. Their recovery depends on whether families, services, churches, communities and governments can respond with the same level of connection and care.

"The question is not whether children's lives are complex. The question is whether our systems are designed to hold that complexity and, in doing so, help children find safety, stability, healing and hope."

Donate to help Parkerville support children and young people today.
parkerville.org.au/support-us/donate



AVRIL FAHEY *Chief Operations Officer*

Connection Changes Lives: Embracing Mental Health Week at St Bart's

This Mental Health Week 4-11 October, St Bart's is highlighting the power of connection and the vital role it plays in supporting mental health, wellbeing and recovery.

During my short time with St Bart's, something that I have noticed is that connection is woven into everything we do. Through our services, programs and community spaces, the teams create opportunities for people to build relationships, foster belonging and strengthen their social networks. For the people we support who have experienced homelessness, hardship and trauma, having connection is the first step towards rebuilding confidence, resilience and hope.

For Miles, a resident of our Future Homes, supported homeless accommodation service, connection has been a key part of his recovery journey. A significant factor has been having the time and space to heal in a non-judgemental environment. Being able to speak openly and honestly, free from stigma, has allowed him to rebuild his sense of self and develop resilience.

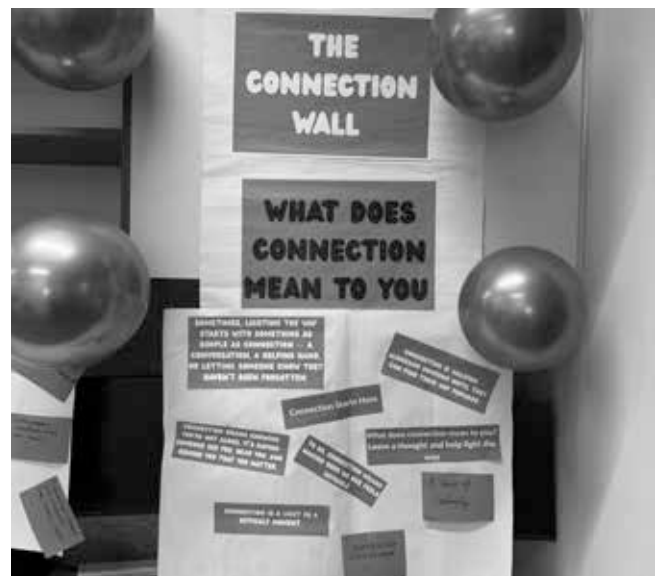
Equally important has been the sense of community he found within Future Homes. Miles describes a "brotherhood" among residents, where shared experiences have fostered connection, belonging and mutual support. These relationships have helped reduce feelings of isolation and create meaningful connections with others who understand his journey.

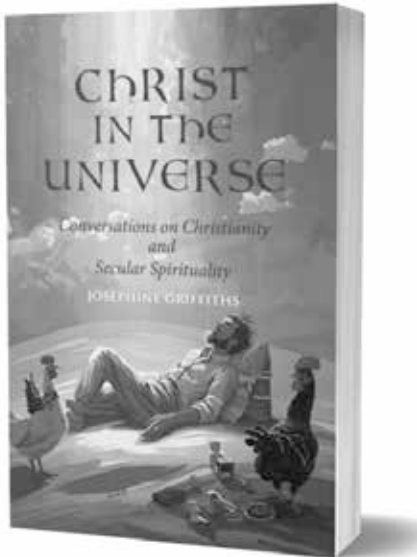
Central to Miles' recovery has been Engagement Worker Kara. Over time, their relationship has grown into a deeply trusted partnership. Through consistent support, advocacy and encouragement, Kara has helped connect Miles with the services he needed while empowering him to seek support and work towards his goals.

Today, while Miles continues to face mental health challenges, his outlook has shifted significantly. He speaks with gratitude for the stability he has found and now looks to the future with renewed hope.

Miles' story is a powerful reminder that recovery does not happen in isolation. At St Bart's, we are proud to foster environments where people feel safe, supported and connected. Because when people experience genuine connection, they are better equipped to overcome challenges, build resilience and thrive.

As we mark Mental Health Week, it is also an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the role connection plays in our own lives and in the lives of those around us. Whether it's checking in on a colleague, sharing a conversation, reaching out to a friend or simply taking time to listen, small moments of connection can make a meaningful difference.





Christ in the Universe brings into conversation the current quest for a 'spirituality without religion' and the fundamentals of the Christian faith. This new pursuit comes through the personal development movement. It does not have boundaries or clear definitions, but increasingly emphasises that wholeness includes attending to matters of soul or spirit and accents, along with the sense of the Divine, the importance of silence, gratitude and responsibility for our world. Where does this sit within our understanding of the faith? Josephine Griffiths' new book takes on this question, seeing with surprise and delight, how much of the 'new thinking' about spirituality recapitulates the very earliest strands of Christianity before doctrine was formulated and the church conformed to societal norms.

The Archbishop has most generously written this review.

Thank you, Josephine Griffiths, for this rich and timely book, *Christ in the Universe-Conversations on Christianity and Secular Spirituality*, inviting readers more deeply into their own interior conversation between Christianity and the wide landscape of secular spirituality which has (thankfully) reemerged as a lively, welcoming and legitimate space. It refuses to collapse either tradition into the other, but instead honours deep questions, longings, and practices that shape human experience, evident in the writings of those with whom the author engages, across diverse settings. What emerges is not an apologetic or a dismissal, but an invitation to the reader to enter dialogue with openness and courage.

Josephine Griffiths reminds us that the search for meaning is never finished, that faith and spirituality alike are part of the ongoing investigation for our purpose, not restricted to this moment but holding the possibility of transcendence within and in company. This framing, and the weight of scholarly investigation, brings both freshness and depth. It cultivates curiosity and respect, showing how both Christian wisdom and secular spiritual practices can speak into the lives we live in the 21st century.

For those within the church, the book will spark new ways of seeing God's Spirit at work beyond traditional boundaries. For those outside, it demonstrates that Christianity, at its best, has always engaged honestly with the questions that matter most to human beings - questions of love, forgiveness, mortality, community,

justice, and hope. And it's a challenge also to allow, even in the midst of all the complexity of this 21st century life to allow for joy's own journey. I confess I was focussed for some time on the words of the monk which you sought to share in these pages, "God is happy and wants s to join in".

Like life itself, this book isn't about easy answers. Rather, it opens space to listen, to learn from ancient wisdom, to reflect, and to dare discovery. It will be of immense value to seekers committed to serious conversation about what it means to live with grace, purpose and possibility today.

**The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO,
Archbishop of Perth**

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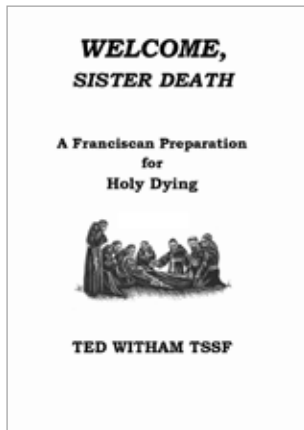
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REVIEWED BY SHIRLEY CLAUGHTON *St Johns Books*



WELCOME, SISTER DEATH, A Franciscan Preparation for Holy Dying

Ted Witham TSSF

A small book (60 pages) but packed with wisdom, reflections, explorations and enlightenment.

October 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis' death in 1226 at just 44 years old. We are told that Saint Francis died singing!

Ted has produced several remarkable works, and this new book is pointedly written at 77 years of age. He "invites us to take the death and resurrection of the human body seriously".

"Understanding more about our bodily nature and about the time-bound world, helps us see the prospect of eternity with greater clarity." From the start of his book, Ted is keen to look beyond the "Fairytale" oversimplification of the resurrection whereby "the idea of meeting loved ones in heaven after we die is so much less than is promised in Scripture" ... "what God promises is so much more than meeting our loved ones after death".

He proceeds to unpack the concept of "The Nature of Time". A linear way of thinking which was reinforced in the 1700s, suggests that we are born in the past, live in the present and then will live forever in the presence of Christ. But, before people started to think linear, the Christian's sense of time, "was shaped by the round of the liturgical year" and suggests that "for us as Christians, to think of resurrection life as life after death, is not the only option; nor is it the best option".

The book is presented in six chapters bracketed by a Prelude and a Coda, and includes excellent reflection questions, several significant poems by the author, personal stories, and insights into the teaching of Rudolf Bultmann and Franciscan Scholars Richard Rohr and Ilia Delio, as well as Teilhard de Chardin.

Throughout this book, I believe the author presents a plausible approach to a preparation for Holy Dying. He says "that's not the end of the story. **I believe in the resurrection of the body**' Not the resuscitation of a body... The resurrection body is much more wonderful, so wonderful that, in our physical bodies, we cannot begin to imagine it".

Amongst the engaging experiences included is recounting a trip up north where, after an

adventure-packed day along the Gibb River Road, Ted and Rae wandered into the bush near Broome, where it was completely dark, the only light was the tiny light on the distant bus. "We looked up. The stars were extraordinary. They were bright, and there were so many of them. As we gazed, the black dome of the sky seemed to disappear altogether. Then we seemed to disappear too, until there was only the thousands of bright sparkling stars in a field of black. We were no longer observing the stars, we were a tiny part of the whole stellar universe. We were not only in the Now, but we were also part of it."

Saints Francis died singing. "One of God's great gifts is music. Singing, singing together in Church, takes us out of ourselves and brings us into a union with each other...if we allow ourselves to be caught up in the spirit of singing, we experience that greater humanity, and it is a tiny taste of what God has in mind for us."

Like Saint Francis of Assisi, Ted writes, "I want to die singing".

Ted Witham is a much respected and admired Anglican priest and poet, with many years' experience in Parish, School Chaplaincy, and education. He is the author of several well-received books, is a Franciscan tertiary and this spirituality permeates his thinking.

Books will be available for sale at \$10 each at the St Johns Books display table at Synod.

Visit www.trove.nla.gov.au and enter 9780975012291 (tick Display Sensitive Material) to read a free pdf copy, or email Ted at tedwitham1@gmail.com for the paper version of this very readable, gentle yet insightful book!

DR MEG WARNER *Principal*

Liturgy and Leftovers

"You cannot claim to worship Jesus in the Tabernacle if you do not pity Jesus in the slum."

These were the words of Frank Weston, Bishop of Zanzibar, as part of his Concluding Address to the Anglo-Catholic Congress of 1923. In a foreword to the publication of this address on Bishop Weston's Death by the Society of Saints Peter and Paul in London, one reads:

I think this speech of his will be uncomfortable reading for the self-satisfied, for the smug and for the well-to-do, content with an aesthetic religion and indifferent to the troubles of their neighbours in the slums round the corner. But it is an inspiring message to those of us who are made unhappy by the inequalities of modern life and who, without knowing how things may be made better, are at least moved to a measure of sympathy when the hungry tramp with ragged trousers and squelching boots passes us on a wet day in Regent Street. And to us comes the command from the dead Bishop, hard enough to obey, to see Jesus in the ragged and in the oppressed and "when you see Him gird yourselves with His towel and try to wash their feet."

Bishop Weston's "uncomfortable" words will be the inspiration for a public lecture at Wollaston Theological College to be given The Revd Professor Andrew McGowan on Tuesday 3 November at 7.00pm.

Professor McGowan's chosen title for the lecture is "Liturgy and Leftovers: Anglicans, Reserving the Eucharist and Feeding the Poor".

It will be a treat and a privilege to have Andrew McGowan with us. He is uniquely qualified to give this lecture, having centred his research interests on the Eucharist, sacrifice, food and meals, North African Christianity and Anglican Theology. He was editor of the Journal of Anglican Studies from 2013 to 2020.

Andrew McGowan has recently stepped down as Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University, but is a son of this diocese, in which both he and his father, the late The Revd Brian McGowan, exercised their priestly ministry.

Entry to the lecture is free, but you should get in early to reserve your place by emailing reception@wollaston.edu.au. Light refreshments will be served.

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✦ — About the Speaker — ✦

Andrew McGowan grew up in Perth, studying at UWA and Trinity College, Melbourne before beginning his ordained ministry in Como/Manning and Forrestfield.
He taught at Notre Dame, Fremantle before completing doctoral studies at Notre Dame, Indiana.
Professor McGowan has taught at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, USA, been Warden of Trinity College, Melbourne and most recently Professor of Anglican Studies at Yale Divinity School and Dean and President of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

DR BRUCE DUNCAN *Organist at St John's Anglican Church, Northam, a Director of the Organ Historical Trust of Australia, Editor for the Organ Society of Western Australia, Organ Advisor to St Barnabas Anglican Church, Kalamunda*

St Barnabas Anglican Church, Kalamunda

The Anglican church of St Peter and St Mark in Palmyra was secularised on 26 April 2026, and the property left vacant. There was an immediate priority to find a new home for the beautiful 1800s W Beales & Co organ in the building. In May 2026 St Barnabas Anglican Church in Kalamunda agreed to procure the organ and relocate it to their property.

Unfortunately, in July 2026, vandals broke into the Palmyra church. Among other damage in the building, they removed one of the display pipes of the organ and someone indiscriminately trod onto the main windchest, crushing and bending pipes in two of the ranks. There was no further damage to the organ, and the display pipe was not damaged, but the building was only partially secured, so the organ was removed and taken to the Bayswater workshop of Tomasz Nowak Pipe Organs. There it underwent a full inspection and restoration.



Vandals - Damage caused to the organ in Palmyra.
Photo: Tomasz Nowak

There is no builder's plate on the organ and no marking inside the instrument to show who originally made it, so it had always been referred to as "builder unknown". However, research shows that the builder of this organ is W Beales & Co of Croydon. William Beales operated his business from 1872 to 1918 in South London, England. Despite being a regional English

workshop, instruments restored or worked on by W Beales & Co found their way across the British Empire.

The organ came from England in 1902 for the Congregational Church, Claremont, and remained in service until the 1970s, when the church was closed. The organ remained in storage until November 1984, when it was installed in the Palmyra church. It has remained in original condition and configuration for over a hundred years of good service to churches in Perth.



The Organ in its original location, Congregational Church, Claremont. Photo: J R (Bob) Elms

The restoration of the organ involved stripping the soundboards of accumulated dirt, cleaning and re-sealing them. The windchest has been

cleaned, and all the sliders are working perfectly. All felts and bushes have been replaced, some showing signs that they are probably from the original build. Broken and failing trackers have been replaced. Age-related knocks and other damage to the main case and pedal board were repaired, and the case frame was painted to match the walnut fittings in the new home church. The stop rail had been badly worn, so the entire rail was taken out and preplaced with new wood. The arrangement of stops has been re-ordered to match pitch ascendancy except for the Diapason 8' which, because of linkages in the stop mechanism, cannot be put into correct sequence. The pipes which were vandalised have been repaired.

Provision has been made for the organ to be expanded with a flute, a mixture, a gentle reed and a pedal Bourdon. The additions will be housed on a new electric action windchest separate to the original instrument to maintain historical authenticity of the organ, but matching stops have been let in to the stop rail for the "new" ranks. There will be no interference with the mechanical action of the instrument, and all new ranks will be played by electric action.

The depth of the organ is increased to accommodate the new section, and the whole organ sits on a platform 200mm above the church floor. Previous unsightly electric blower switching and music desk lamp have been replaced with discrete modern fittings, and a new players bench has been provided to give much better access to the pedalboard for the organist. The display pipes have received a sizing of 23 carat gold leaf in the mouths and decorative bands, giving the organ a stunning appearance.

The Anglican Parish of Kalamunda-Lesmurdie is grateful for the support of the Organ Society of Western Australia and the Organ Historical Trust of Australia in acquiring and preserving this significant instrument. There will be a commissioning service for the organ in the first quarter of 2027.



Organ Installed - The restored organ in St Barnabas church Kalamunda. Photo: Allan Cantlay

The completed stop list of the organ in St Barnabas, Kalamunda.

Manual C - ggg 56 notes

Stopped Diapason	8'	
Dulciana	8'	
Principal	4'	
Flute	4'	Electric
Fifteenth	2'	
Mixture 19.22.	II	Electric
Cromorne	8'	Electric
Open Diapason	8'	

Pedal C - f 30 notes

Bourdon	16'	Electric
Manual pulldowns		



JOCELYN ROSS OAM

Nor'West Postcard

The last weeks have been a busy time for the DNWA (Diocese of North West Australia) team, especially Bishop Darrell Parker, Broome Rector Archdeacon Michael Baines, Kununurra Synod representative Jenny de Vries, and Diocesan Chancellor Fiona Anderson having attended the recent General Synod and now our Diocesan Synod held Friday evening and Saturday 25-26 September.

Since all the Diocesan Clergy were in Geraldton, opportunity was taken to hold a clergy conference two days prior to Synod with Tim Thorburn as speaker, seen here (left) with Archdeacon Paul Spackman (centre) recently returned from Long Service Leave in Tasmania, and CMS missionary Chris Webb (Broome).

A celebratory dinner was held after Synod concluded for Archdeacon Bill and Jocelyn Ross retiring (again) after 56 years ministering in the Diocese of North West Australia. A wonderful privilege from our Lord to have served and raised our four children in WA all this time in six parishes as well as in four Mission to Seafarers Centres and the Diocesan Office. Thank you to the Diocese for a wonderful evening; having all the Synod members was very special and so grateful to many friends who travelled to celebrate with us.



Pictured left - Allan and Julie Harrison with Rob and Jenny Jamieson after 40 years.

Pictured right - Bishop Darrell presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to us and a book consisting of many friends' memories. He and his wife Elizabeth, and Rachel Mark, his secretary made it such a wonderful evening for us to remember.



At the Cathedral recently, I met up with Dr Gareth Taverner who we had met a number of times at various Synods as Broome's lay representative. The Taverner family have now moved to Perth for their sons' schooling and future prospects. Dr Taverner is working in Geraldton, where there is such a need for more medical personnel.

Jessie Larman, a long-term St George's Carnarvon parishioner has moved into the Carnarvon Health Campus - Gnullingoo Mia - Aged Care facility. Glory to God now that she is being so well cared for there, and she has her art equipment, her computer, not to mention her Bible, her tv and a small fridge; she is appreciating the support she is receiving and is so much better healthwise.

Please continue to pray for ministers to fill the Kununurra and Exmouth parishes, both of which have been vacant since December last year. The Diocese is also advertising for a new Registrar since Khim and Eugenie Harris moved to Jerusalem for two years to work with CMJ, Christian Mission to the Jews. Khim and Eugenie's son, Luke who spent the first part of 2026 competing in the TV production Masterchef, staying in Melbourne and as a teenager stayed in the competition until sixth place, is working as a volunteer in the Christ Church complex for three months.

There is a need for short-term (November, December, January) locum ministers in the Mid West towns of Northampton, Kalbarri and Denham (Shark Bay). If interested, please contact Bishop Darrell Parker for more information at bishop@anglicandnwa.org.

Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. (Isaiah 45:22)

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

THE VEN GEOFF CHADWICK *Archdeacon*

Bunbury Bulletin

Laying Up of Bishop Ian Coutt's Staff



The bagpipes sang, the trumpet sounded, the organ thundered and some of the people wept!

It was a day of mixed emotions when Bishop Ian laid up his staff in St Boniface Cathedral on 29th September. People gathered from far and wide, to celebrate his eight years of Episcopacy in the Diocese and to mark the end of his formal ministry with us.

During his sermon he reminded the Diocese: "I believe that God is still calling all of us, lay and ordained to be God's people in God's world and to make an extraordinary difference to others by our prayers, our conversations, our lives, and by demonstrating God's creative love, grace and mercy for all people."

As Bishop Ian placed his staff on the altar he remarked: "I hope the people won't be sad. This is simply passing on the office to a future bishop."

Speeches were given by Jenny Duncan on behalf of the Diocesan Staff, and Renae Barker and Jenny Minchin on behalf of the laity.



Geoff Chadwick's first act as Administrator was to issue Bishop Ian with Permission to Officiate in the Diocese!



Archbishop Kay offered the final blessings as Davina Goldthorpe raised the roof with *Amazing Grace* on the bagpipes!

It was a fitting celebration for a much loved bishop.

Now of course, the Diocese turns it's mind to the election on October 4th. Please pray for us.

Blessings from Bunbury
Archdeacon and Administrator Geoff

Ministry Opportunities in the Bunbury Diocese

- A Priest in Charge for the Parish of Pinjarra/Waroona
- Clergy willing to visit the remote parts of the Diocese.
- Short or extended "tree-changes" in a beautiful part of the world.

Please contact Archdeacon Geoff Chadwick to discuss:
archdeacon@bunbury.org.au or (08) 9721 2100

Appointments

The Revd Jacqui Chesley-Ingle	Chaplain, Amana Living	01.11.26
The Revd Ian Dierden	Priest-in-Charge, Willetton	03.27
The Revd Grahame Bowland	Priest-in-Charge, Kalamunda-Lesmurdie	18.11.26

Locum Tenens

The Revd Dr John Yates	Maylands	17.08.26-31.01.27
The Revd Steve Warren	Lynwood-Langford-Ferndale	01.09.26-31.12.26
The Ven Jack Thomson	Balga-Mirrabooka	01.11.26-31.01.27
The Revd Gunnar Rippon	Canning	01.11.26-31.12.26
The Revd Jacqui Chesley-Ingle	Kwinana	19.10.26-17.01.27
The Revd Lorna Green	Roleystone	17.10.26-17.01.27
The Revd Andrew Williams	Forrestfield-Wattle Grove	01.10.26-30.11.26

Permission to Officiate

The Revd Karen Lewis	19.09.26
The Revd Scott Rowland	10.09.26
The Revd Eileen Warby	26.08.26
The Revd Margaret Beach	17.09.26

Retirement

The Revd Joice Rianga	28.01.27
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Resignations

The Revd Tony Drayton	Chaplain, Amana Living	17.09.26
The Revd Karen Lewis	Chaplain, Amana Living	18.09.26
The Revd Joice Rianga	Priest-in-Charge, Malaga	07.10.26
The Revd Stephen Conway	Priest-in-Charge, Maylands	15.11.26
The Revd Canon Dr Philip Raymont	Priest-in-Charge, Beverley-Brookton, Quairading and York	31.01.27

RIP – Lay

Mr John Beaverstock		06.09.26
Mrs Barbara Kiernan	Widow of Mr Laurie Kiernan (Anglicare WA)	01.09.26

Messenger Quiz - *with thanks to The Revd Frank Sheehan OAM*

1. **Remigius (c437-533) is remembered on 1 October. He was Bishop of Reims and King of the**
 (a) Johns
 (b) Franks
 (c) Marks
2. **In 1219, Francis of Assisi went to this country in an attempt to convert the sultan Al-Kamil and put an end to the 5th Crusade**
 (a) Egypt
 (b) Syria
 (c) Spain
3. **Who wrote The Obedience of the Christian Man (1528)?**
 (a) William Whitaker
 (b) William Tyndale
 (c) Martin Luther
4. **Thomas Tranherne (1636-1674) is best known for**
 (a) Centuries of Meditations
 (b) A Year of Meditations
 (c) A Month of Meditations
5. **Saint Æthelburh or Ethelburga (d after AD685) was the founder and first abbess of this abbey**
 (a) Barking
 (b) Growling
 (c) Roaring
6. **Edward the Confessor was the seventh son of Æthelred the**
 (a) Unstable
 (b) Unreal
 (c) Unready
7. **Saint Teresa of Ávila (1515-82) a Spanish mystic was a nun in this Order**
 (a) Franciscan
 (b) Carmelite
 (c) Dominican
8. **Together with Clement of Rome and Polycarp, this patriarch of Antioch was a leading Apostolic Father. We remember him on 17 October**
 (a) Augustine
 (b) Ignatius
 (c) Cyril
9. **The Parable of the Importunate Friend appears only in this Gospel**
 (a) Matthew
 (b) Mark
 (c) Luke
10. **The youngest son of Æthelwulf, king of Wessex, and his wife Osburh**
 (a) Alfred the Great
 (b) Frederick the Fixer
 (c) Michael the Mendicant
11. **In art, Simon the Zealot is often depicted with this object**
 (a) crossbow
 (b) saw
 (c) sword
12. **In 1497, Martin Luther studied grammar, logic and rhetoric at Magdeburg. He later compared his education there to**
 (a) Limbo
 (b) Purgatory and hell
 (c) Paradise

Answers can be found on page 27



ANTHONY HOWES OAM

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

A Goldfields' Christmas Carol

You and your friends are requested as an audience at the one-only performance of **"A Goldfields' Christmas Carol"** by Jenny Davis OAM in the Cathedral on Friday 4 December from 7.00pm. Every year in early December, St George's Cathedral, The Sovereign Order of St John of Jerusalem Knights Hospitaller and Theatre 180, creates a special way of both receiving and giving the gift of the Christmas message. I write of the how and the *why*.

Since 2012, a volunteer troupe of professional actors, musicians and technicians have given their time to present a play with music to raise funds at Christmas. Over the years, this generous gift of time has raised over \$85,000 for people in Western Australia who are homeless, and those in need.

The organisation who will receive all proceeds from the 2026 performance is Operation Sunshine WA, a volunteer run charity supporting women and children escaping family and domestic violence, children in out-of-home care, and young people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness. The sale of tickets will assist with creating 'Rise Packs' which are distributed to youth homelessness support agencies across the state.

'Rise Packs' provide essential items to support the personal care needs of young people experiencing homelessness. In the last 12 months Operation Sunshine has delivered 'Rise Packs' to organisations providing youth homelessness services across WA, including deliveries to the Salvation Army Youth Services and Aboriginal Legal Services in Kalgoorlie, and Hope Community Services in Hannans, so there is a wonderful connection to this year's performance which is set in the Goldfields.



The time is December 1895 in a tent camp near Coolgardie, and two prospectors, old Bill and young Tom, have had a pretty good year, thanks to Paddy Hannan. But when is enough when it comes to gold?

For Bill, enough is never enough, but when Tom contracts typhoid fever he meets nurse Bessie Wray, famously dubbed as the Angel of the Goldfields. She reads him a well-known and much loved Christmas story by her favourite author, Charles Dickens, about

another character (of course, you know who!) interested only in money, and Tom begins to dream...

As always, the annual play premiere, reminding us of the heart in the Christmas message in an age of materialism, is made up of a stellar troupe of professional WA performers featuring an intergenerational cast from THEATRE 180 They play a wide selection of roles, including the cockney gold-digger, Bill, the heroic Nurse Bessie, and some of the famous Dickens characters, Scrooge, Bob Cratchitt and those famous Christmas Ghosts! Christmas music is sung by the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society directed by Sarah Mills Menogue. The music binding the play together includes: *It Still Feels Like Christmas to Me* (Lee Kernaghan) *The Wexford Carol*, *The Silver Stars Are in the Sky*

THEATRE - AND OTHER ARTS

(WG James) *Coventry Carol, O Holy Night* and *Joy to the World*. A guest Volunteer group of Carollers will welcome the audience as they arrive, outside Cathedral West Doors with other carols, from 6.30 pm. Complimentary refreshments will be available in The Burt Hall at interval. As mentioned, the charity to benefit from all proceeds of the performance is 'Operation Sunshine WA'; an entirely volunteer organisation with volunteers from all walks of life. Website: operationsunshinewa.org.au.

For many years, the Christmas play Organist has been the highly talented John Beaverstock who, sadly, died last month. The producers have dedicated the production in John's memory.

This very special one-night only performance in the beautiful St George's Cathedral will celebrate the festive season with words, music, and good cheer.

For tickets - [Trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com) \$45 adults and \$40 all concessions

QUIZ SOLUTION

Quiz Answers

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. (b) Franks | 7. (b) Carmelite |
| 2. (a) Egypt | 8. (b) Ignatius |
| 3. (b) William Tyndale | 9. (c) Luke |
| 4. (a) Centuries of Meditations | 10. (a) Alfred the Great |
| 5. (a) Barking | 11. (b) Saw |
| 6. (c) Unready | 12. (b) Purgatory and hell |

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