



SYNOD SYNOPSIS



On Saturday 10 April a much-anticipated one-day Diocesan Synod was held after the First Session of the 47th Synod was postponed from September 2020.

The Synod was very generously hosted by Canberra Grammar School in their picturesque autumnal grounds.

Standing orders were suspended at the start of the day to bring a motion of mourning and condolence after the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, noted as a great friend of Australia, supporter of youth in Australia and beyond and a great promoter of a healthy environment.

Synod moved to express its deepest condolences to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and all the Royal Family at this sad loss of a loved and loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather and to assure her Majesty of its loyalty and support.

Bishop Mark's Presidential Address, followed, and was titled *The Great Repent? Engaging a Post-Pandemic World with the Love and Truth of Jesus.*

'The Biblical vision of repentance is far richer than the stereotypes. A paradigmatic passage is surely Mark 1:14-15, where Jesus inaugurates his public ministry as follows:

'Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

'Repentance here is a re-orientation in the present and a re-imagination of the future in light of the in-breaking of a new era and reality: in this instance the rule and reign of God. Now the impact of COVID-19 cannot be equated with this, however, in its own way it did break into our world and it does offer us the opportunity for re-orientation and re-imagination before God.'

Bishop Mark then considered three areas in which we might re-orient and re-imagine the future: from the reality of vulnerability to a commitment to generosity; from the reality of isolation to a commitment

to community; from the reality of mortality to a commitment to the gospel.

He closed his address with a call to living as a repentant people, saying: 'Earlier in this address I spoke a great deal about repentance and suggested that this sometimes maligned word and concept has profound implications for our national and personal life. One of our callings as the Church of Jesus Christ is to be a visibly repentant people, not because we despair of God's goodness but because we are convinced that goodness is able to transform us into the likeness of God's Son, for God's glory and for the blessing of the world.'

providing a Professional Standards update, before hearing a report on Bushfire Chaplaincy by Janice Ackland and from two Archdeacons; Anglican Church Property Trust; Finance Committee; Anglican Investment and Development Fund; Anglicare, in particular noting the operational and client impacts of the pandemic; and the Anglican Schools Commission. A motion was moved giving thanks to God for our schools, recognising the challenges faced in 2021 and expressing gratitude to the Principals and staff, Board Chairs and members.

The Chancellor provided a history of the formation and an overview of Ordinances in the Diocese.

Elections were run in four groups throughout the day. The first session of a Synod elects members for Bishop-in-Council, Anglican Church Property Trust, Clergy Appointments Board, Episcopal Election Nominations Committee, General Synod, Provincial Synod and the Canons of the Cathedral. A list of newly appointed members will be available shortly.

The day closed with a Synod Service including the Collation of two new Archdeacons: The Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks as Diocesan Archdeacon and The Venerable James Coats as Archdeacon for South Canberra.

You can read more about Diocesan Archdeacon Tom and his responsibilities in the Diocese on page 3.



A full copy of the address is available on the Diocesan website at anglican.org.au.

Synod business proceeded with the ratification of the 2019-2020 annual reports and accounts from Diocesan entities and agencies. Presentations were given from: Bishop-in-Council, detailing in particular the Bushfire and COVID response of the Diocese and



Bishop Mark Writes ...

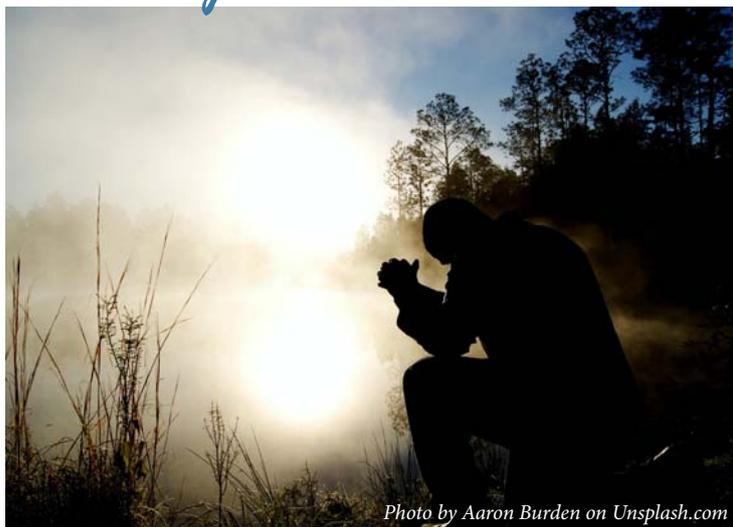


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Sometimes the most efficient solutions are the least effective.

Let me unpack that comment by referring to a section from my address to our recent Diocesan Synod. In it I made the following observation on the way in which 'reset' seems to have become the preferred term for engaging the challenges and opportunities of a post-pandemic world:

I must admit to being underwhelmed by "reset" as a framework for the future. It at least implies that our fundamental challenges and opportunities are technical in

nature, that in picturing our nation or community as a giant computer and hitting whatever passes for the ctrl+alt+delete button we can clear the screen and restore things the way they were. But what if the way things were wasn't the way they were meant to be? And what if we were to take seriously those intuitions that our fundamental challenges are not technical, but relational and spiritual?

If our fundamental opportunities and challenges are technical then we will look for efficient solutions. Even churches can fall into this way of thinking by assuming the road to

pastoral and missional fruitfulness requires little other than the right application of church growth and other techniques.

However, spiritual and relational challenges require more than a quick fix and sometimes the faithful way forward can seem inefficient. Take prayer for example. 'Enough prayers. Time for some action.' 'Keep your thoughts and prayers. Send money instead.' Quotes like this are used to frame prayer as an alternative to or an evasion from dealing with the issues before us. Sometimes believers respond by portraying prayer in more efficient, technical terms – for example by emphasising its contribution to personal well-being and health.

But what if prayer's apparent inefficiency is a great gift to us? In a world that encourages us to do prayer calls us to be. In a world that encourages us to find our identity in what we've achieved or who we are prayer calls us to trust in the provision and love of our gracious God. In a world that encourages us to imagine the future rests on our shoulders prayer calls us to rest in the One who sees the end from the beginning. As Paul writes in Philippians 4:6-7 'Do not worry

about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

Following our season of study during Lent, I am calling our Diocese to a focussed season of prayer between Easter and Pentecost. You will find resources to help you on this journey at our Diocesan website www.anglicancg.org.au. I have every confidence that whatever challenges and opportunities we will meet ahead God will use this time to prepare us well.

Finally, a word of thanks. Elsewhere in this edition you will read about Tom Henderson-Brooks, our new Diocesan Archdeacon. With Tom's appointment The Reverend Dr Wayne Brighton has concluded his term as Archdeacon for Chaplaincy. Wayne has overseen a growth in the number of diversity of our chaplaincy ministry and will continue to make a significant contribution to our Diocese and the national church through Parish ministry and his commitment to holistic mission.

CLERGY MOVES

The James Coats was collated & licensed as the Archdeacon for South Canberra on 10.4.2021.

The Reverend Canon Roberta Hamilton was installed & licensed as a Clerical Canon of St Saviour's Cathedral (Bishop's Appointment) on 13.2.2021.

The Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks was collated & licensed as Diocesan Archdeacon on 10.4.2021.

The Reverend Peter Malone has been appointed as p/t Locum Priest Charnwood during May-June 2021. This will be in addition to Peter's p/t role as Manager, Chaplaincy & Mission Formation Anglicare.

The Reverend Phil Rademaker was inducted & licensed as Rector, Yass on 7.4.2021.

The Reverend Craig Rogers has been appointed Hon Deacon Assistant Wagga Wagga Parish & Deacon Assistant Chaplain The Forrest Centre effective from 25.1.2021 (12.4.2021).

The Reverend Byron Steele was ordained deacon on 13.2.2021 & licensed as Deacon Assistant, Gungahlin Anglican Church.

Mrs Angela Hookham & Mr Michael Hookham have been licensed & commissioned as joint stipendiary lay chaplains in the F5 - Refresh Chaplaincy Ministry Unit on 11.4.2021.

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The Reverend Philip Rademaker was Inducted as the Rector of St Clement's Anglican Church, Yass, on the evening of Wednesday 7 April.

MEET THE NEW DIOCESAN ARCHDEACON



At the Synod Service on 10 April, The Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks was collated as Diocesan Archdeacon.

Tom, tell us about yourself.

Tom: Well, though I was born in London, I grew up in Sydney. My family isn't particularly religious. When my younger sister reported that she'd been to something called a 'youth group' – well I wasn't going to be out-socialised by my younger sister! So I went along the next week. It was at St Stephen's Anglican in Willoughby. The first week they welcomed me. The second week I left with a Bible in my hand ... (The minister 'stole' it from the back pew of the church!) I read up to Leviticus chapter 6 before I tossed it in. Then someone told me to read the New Testament. That began a journey with Jesus. A few months later I found myself responding to the call of Christ at Randwick race course at a Billy Graham Event!

My faith grew from good Bible teaching and pastoral care in my new home church and also whilst at Sydney Uni. Most of my closest school friends became Christians. I trained and started working as a High School Teacher, which I loved. However, all through Uni I had this gnawing thought ... 'if I could spend four years learning to be a Maths Teacher, why couldn't I spend four years learning from God's word?' A few years later I found myself at Moore College in Sydney as an independent student, because there was no way I was going to be an Anglican Minister!

So how did that come about?

Tom: Well I had bet a whole case of VB with a friend that I would not become an Anglican Minister, but God had other plans! In short, the Holy Spirit had to work on my heart. Five months later I found myself on staff at St John's Darlinghurst ministering to the people of Kings Cross. It was a steep learning curve and both the hardest and most delightful decade of my life.

Did you have a family during this time?

Tom: Yes, I'd met the love of my life

Caroline at Uni and we've now been married for nearly 36 years. Our daughter Katie was five months old as we started at St John's where there was just one other child about the same age. Our son Matt was born the following year and our two kids grew up in the inner city of Sydney.

When I was a kid, my parents taught me not to play with the funnel-webs in the yard. I taught my kids not to touch the needles that were thrown over our fence or left on our front door step. They got to know the local sex-workers who'd work along our street as well as some of the regular homeless men. I loved ministering the gospel in the inner city. My catch phrase was 'bringing the love and justice of the King to the Cross'.

During this time, Caroline worked as a Dietitian at the Albion St Centre, which provided services for those living with HIV. However she always had a passion for languages so after our kids made it to school age she went back to Uni to study linguistics, eventually completing her PhD. She had worked to enable my theological studies, so it was my turn to enable her study.

What other ministries have you been involved in?

Tom: After a decade in the Cross, I took up the Parish of Bondi Beach. It couldn't afford a minister so Anglicare underwrote the parish and I took on the role of the Anglicare Regional Manager for the South Sydney Episcopal Region, which covered all the Eastern Suburbs, inner city and inner west. The model was to grow a church through social justice, community engagement and outreach. I had the joy of seeing a number of young adults come to faith through the parish and Anglicare partnership as well as serving the needs of the local community.

After a decade in Bondi, a long time school friend and colleague was dying of cancer. His doctor had

told him to make the most of his short time left. He wanted to take a holiday and sail the Aegean Sea to spend some quality time with his wife and three kids. He couldn't find anyone to run his Anglican Parish whilst he was on leave for three months, so I left Bondi and went and ran the Parish of Nowra for three months. It was one of the most bitter-sweet periods of my life, followed by taking his funeral not long after. Often I don't understand why God does the things that God does, but that's why God is God and I'm not!

It was important to take a short Sabbatical after such intense periods of ministry where one has given out (individually and as a family) so much of oneself without many people getting alongside to encourage us. I think I turned down over a dozen job possibilities at this time until we felt led by God to where we believed God wanted us to be - St Philip's South Turramurra. Back in 2009 it was a mid-sized Anglican Church with five congregations and around 300 or so adults, plus heaps of children and youth. It was a real joy to lead such a prayerful and missional church with a staff team of up to ten people at times.

During that time, in partnership with St James Turramurra, we planted WAC - Warrawee Anglican Church - in the local primary school. Green Tent was one of our annual highlights. It was a 'beach mission' style January holiday program that we ran in partnership with other churches, with nearly 100 youth leaders having contact with about 350 children and youth at two different locations.

In 2015, Bishop David Robinson approached me to leave Sydney for Central Queensland. The motivation was that I realised that there were more ordained Anglican Ministers in our South Turramurra parish and the surrounding neighbouring parishes, than in all of Central Queensland. I had also been moved years earlier by the testimony of a lonely sheep farmer in rural NSW. For him, church was singing hymns by himself whilst mustering on horseback. His closest church was a few hundred miles away. For the last five to six years I've been the Rector of the North Rockhampton Parish which comprises an area stretching 200kms north of the Fitzroy River. There were six centres including my favourite on the back patio of a farmhouse on the Anglewood Cattle Station near Mt Bison.

During that time I was also the

school chaplain at Rockhampton Grammar School, a Board Director for AnglicareCQ and the Diocesan Archdeacon for Mission and Training. For the last 15 months I've been the Diocesan Administrator holding the reigns of the Central Queensland Diocese until the Installation of Bishop Peter Grice as the 13th Bishop of Rockhampton.

So what will you be doing in our Diocese?

Tom: That's a great question! Firstly, I thank Bishop Mark for the opportunity to serve God in a different context. I am an unknown entity to most people in Canberra-Goulburn and we have never lived in this region before. To be honest I am apprehensive about the colder weather having come from Rockhampton, where if you're not going to finish lawn mowing by 9am then you don't start!

Bishop Mark and Monica started attending our Parish at South Turramurra when he took up the role as head of BCA (Bush Church Aid). They then joined our church plant team in Warawee so we got to know each other.

Bishop Mark described my role as Diocesan Archdeacon broadly as follows: 'Bishop Carol is looking after all the clergy and ministries in our Parishes and you'll be overseeing all our chaplains and ministries that are non-parochial.' That is quite a broad scope as it means getting alongside all our Diocesan Chaplains in schools, hospitals, prisons and more; our Chaplains and ministries in Anglicare and our community church plants and specialised ministries like Embracing Ministries and the Sudanese churches. I'm sure there's more I am yet to discover.

Currently we are living out of our suitcases. All our worldly possessions are in a container somewhere in Queanbeyan. And hopefully we will become Bishop Carol's neighbour in the next fortnight.

Ultimately our prayer is that God will use the gifts he has given to us to serve, lead and grow his people, so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is increasingly found of the lips and written in the hearts of men, women and children in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese.

People reassured us, before we came, that 'it doesn't get cold until after ANZAC Day', but this 'early' cold snap has been melted by the warm welcome we have received so far. We look forward to meeting and partnering with God's people and the wider community.

MEET DEACON PETER ROSE



BY THE REVEREND PETER ROSE

When the Household of Deacons in the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn gathers, as it aims to do several times a year, and when deacons share their stories, dreams and struggles, it is apparent that no two ministries match. Challenges and triumphs may be broadly comparable but in the detail of each deacon's ministry there is surprising variety.

Peter continues to wonder at this and to be amazed at how different is his journey from the journeys of others.

His support as an Honorary

Defence Force Chaplain to the Bishop to the Defence Force in the period immediately after his ordination (2004) was unprecedented. So too was his being invited to serve as the first formally-approved Chaplain to the (Federal) Parliamentary Christian Fellowship.

As a deacon Ordination Advisor (now termed 'Vocational Advisor' – there are lay and priest Vocational Advisors too), Peter was recently asked to fill the position of Acting Director of Ordination on an interim basis, affording him opportunity to explore and affirm with others their

sense of God's leading in their lives.

A long-time member of the congregation of the ANZAC Memorial Chapel of St Paul at Duntroon, Peter assisted with the closing down of that congregation and was then invited to join a congregation on the other side of town at Kambah. The Anglican Parish of Arawang is the result of the amalgamation of All Souls Chapman and St Stephen's Kambah with saints from both former parishes now gathered under the pastoral care of Arawang's Rector, Gus Robinson. The Government- and Diocesan-mandated responses to the corona virus pandemic and the common-sense initiatives implemented at Arawang meant that the roles of both the Rector (Gus) and the deacon (Peter) over the past twelve months have been significantly different from what either they or the Parish Council intended. Consequently, Peter has been involved more in the leading of Sunday services (by means of Zoom) than would be the norm for a deacon.

Although Peter's primary focus has been on supporting Arawang's people, ministry with the former congregation of the ANZAC

Memorial Chapel of St Paul Duntroon has continued, including through regular meetings with former members and through conducting funerals for those who have recently departed this life.

Peter's support to Parliamentarians continues too, directly with some individual Members and Senators and indirectly: interceding, meeting weekly for prayer with a dedicated group of like-minded people and personally encouraging those currently providing ministry in Parliament House.

With a view to future (post-COVID19) ministry, this year Peter is studying towards a Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision (Pastoral) through St Mark's National Theological Centre. His desire is to assist Diocesan clergy to enhance their own inner, professional and inter-relational well-being.

In 2014, as a consequence of his leading of a mid-week service in Parliament House, Peter commenced a weekly blog, 'Word of Life': <https://pcfchaplain.wordpress.com/>. He continues to blog, keen to encourage readers to engage regularly with God's word.

COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW HEAD OF ST MARTIN'S COLLEGE

Susan Bazzana was commissioned as the new Head of St Martin's College at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga on March 11. The commissioning service was followed by an informal dinner for residents of St Martin's catered for by South Wagga Anglican Parish.

Scott Goode, the Rector of South Wagga Anglican Church, who spoke at the commissioning from Matthew 5:13-16 encouraged those gathered to ensure St Martin's continues to be a light on the hill. A community where people live integrated lives and where through their speech and works give praise to the Lord and others are drawn to worship.

Susan comes to St Martin's after spending more than six years as Dean of New College Postgraduate Village at the UNSW Kensington campus. Much earlier in her career she was the Regional Youth Officer for the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn and was involved in SWAMP youth events and in Camp Pelican.

'The residents at St Martin's have warmly welcomed me into the community and I have been impressed by their care for one

another in these early weeks of the academic year,' Susan said.

'It is my prayer that St Martin's will be a place where people can grow in maturity and find ways to make really positive contributions to society no matter what they are studying.'

'The years people spend at university are often ones when they have time and space to explore the big existential questions and it's my prayer that many of our residents will grow in their knowledge and love of God while they are with us.'

'I am very encouraged to see the ministry of the College being supported in such a practical way through the quarterly SWAC dinners and hope that the ministry of the College will be a blessing to the Church across the Riverina and Canberra-Goulburn as we partner in the work of raising up young adults with a vision to serve.'

Susan replaces The Venerable Grant Bell who left St Martin's to become Archdeacon and Rector of The Parish of Wagga Wagga.

by Susan Bazzana



Peter Savage (left) (Head of St Martin's 2000-2005) and Glenn Maytum (Founding Chaplain/Tutor at St Martins in 1992) are pictured with the new Head of St Martin's College Susan Bazzana who commenced work in February 2021. Photo by O.J. Photography.

IN MEMORY OF ASSISTANT BISHOP BRUCE WILSON



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Bruce Wilson, a former Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, died on the 20th March.

Bruce was born on 23rd August 1942, his parents' only child, and grew up in Campsie. He trained at Moore Theological College from 1962-65 and did the Th L (Hons I) of the Australian College of Theology; he also completed a BD from London University as an external student. At the University of Sydney he did an Honours MA and later at the University of New South Wales completed a BA in sociology.

Bruce married Zandra in January 1966. Their son Richard arrived in December 1967 and daughter Anthea in March 1971.

Bruce was ordained priest in 1966 and served curacies at Beverly Hills, then at Darling Point. In 1970 he was appointed as Anglican chaplain at the University of NSW in an attempt to see if a flagging ministry there could be reinvigorated. The attempt was strikingly successful: Christian presence on campus grew dramatically.

After six years at the university he became rector at St George's Paddington in 1975. In February 1984 he was appointed Principal of the College of Ministry in Canberra. He was then consecrated Assistant Bishop in October 1984 and combined this role with his duties at the College of Ministry.

Again his work brought new life and significant growth. The College, St Mark's Library and the Institute of Theology were combined to form the St Mark's National Theological Centre with Bishop Wilson as Director. In 1989 he was elected the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Bathurst.

His role in the National Synod was significant. He served as a member of the Appellate Tribunal, the church's court of appeal in matters procedural and doctrinal. He was a member of the executive of the Standing Committee of General Synod. He was involved in interdenominational leadership as the deputy head of Church in the National Council of Churches.

In 2000 Bruce retired from diocesan life to give more time to the work he enjoyed and valued most: reading and study, and the exercise of a ministry he described as a psycho-spiritual guide to church leaders.

The Reverend Canon Professor Scott Cowdell from this Diocese gave the sermon at the funeral. To quote from his address:

'For Bruce Wilson, the Christian vision had to be commended in a sane, humane and sufficiently deep way if the unsure were to be persuaded, the affronted reassured, the damaged healed, and the stubbornly sceptical given a run for their money.'

Part of that commitment involved his shepherding of the Church

and any number of its individual members, so that Christian life and witness could become more mature, more self-aware, and hence more compelling. It was a great blessing for me when Bruce took me under his wing, offering wise and occasionally firm guidance, with advocacy and love, for over 20 years. I know that others cared for in like manner are here today.

Bruce's commitment to exploring and commending the Christian vision arose from his lifelong wrestling with God, and this came out profoundly in his writing. His choice of Psalm 39 for today takes us to the depth of humanity's fragile, morally compromised, time-bound, even time-cursed existence, which Bruce saw as the only place from which an authentic spirituality could emerge, along with an image of God that isn't naïve, and a caricature.

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So, as we take our leave of Bruce, with full and thankful hearts, we can be confident that his lifelong wrestling with God continues to bear fruit in many lives, and we can share with Bruce his secure place in the love of Jesus ...'

Biographical information from *Shepherds in New Country* by Bill Wright, Anglican Historical Society, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, 2010, and from the eulogy given at the funeral by The Reverend Don Meadows, Melbourne.

SECOND SEASON OF FOCUSED ENGAGEMENT FOR 2021

In this season following on from Easter until Ascension Day (April 4 to May 13), we are encouraging churches and ministries to engage in a season of intentional prayer. You can access a resource prepared by Bishop Mark at the link below.



Together in Prayer

SEEKING POWER FOR MISSION

Introduction to the Prayer Focus by Bishop Mark Short
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BUSH CHRISTENING AT ST JAMES' BOLOCO



BY PIPPA ROBINSON, WARDEN

St James' Church at Boloco (dedicated in 1873) was the first Church to be built south of the Snowy River in the Snowy Monaro region. It is situated between Dalgety and Jindabyne on the Snowy River Way.

The Church was designed by a

noted Architect in 19th Century Churches, Canon Alberto Soares, and is considered one of his best works. The Victorian Romanesque style sets this Church apart from the mostly Victorian Gothic Churches of that era.

The Church originated from funds supplied by a Mrs Elizabeth Watson from Lancashire for her migrant sons, Henry and John, who settled at Matong, to build a Church when they settled as graziers in the Boloco area. Combined with local pastoralist's donations this funded the Church's construction.

The church was built to bring families together to worship and form a strong community link. A traditional picnic has always been held following Parish services. The Church has a log fire which to this day is used in cold weather.

Last year an application was submitted for funding from Snowy

Monaro Regional Council Heritage Grants to repair and paint the interior of the Church. This was granted. The work was completed on 23rd January with the help of a generous endowment for half the cost. A new entrance platform and mesh protection to the stained-

glass windows was also added and drainage repairs carried out.

It was a fitting celebration on Saturday 13th February 2021 to have a Christening held at St James', Boloco, of six-month-old Audrey Grace Jones. Her parents, Kasey (Wallace) and Mitch Jones, come from well-known historic grazier families in this area of the Monaro Region.

The Church was filled to COVID-capacity with relatives and local families and others outside with loud-speaker assistance. The service was presided by Deacon Edith Mayhew with a meaningful address.



It was a joyful celebration in the newly-painted Church to welcome a young local baby into the Christian Church.

The bell was tolled by the Young Children present with great joy after the ceremony.

This Service represents exactly what Mrs Elizabeth Watson must have imagined when this Church laid the first stone in 1871 with families uniting in this significant Christian ceremony.

The Church is always open to visitors touring the area.

A BAPTISM IN EDEN



Jen Friedli, a teacher at Sapphire Coast Anglican College, was recently baptised in Eden by The Reverend Lou Oakes. Jen writes:

I'm so grateful to Bishop Mark and Reverend Lou Oakes for their support and guidance during my baptism. I was surrounded by loving support, and sure of my path in baptism due to the wonderful Reverend Lou.

What a wonderful Church family we have in Eden! Parishioners Myfanwy, Pete and their children have encouraged me to join them at Church and through them I have discovered my Church family. I'm

forever grateful to all the Church in Eden who welcomed me so warmly.

My work as a Teacher at the Sapphire Coast Anglican College (SCAC), and the support I have had from the whole school community, has been a huge part of my faith journey. I have felt the grace of God as much before as I have since starting at SCAC. Tracey Gray (Principal of SCAC), Yvonne Brown, Lucy Treviskis and my amazingly supportive sponsor, Myfanwy Russell, have been fantastic role models and I just feel so blessed and happy!

by Jen Friedli

PALM SUNDAY RALLY FOR REFUGEES



Around 2,000 people attended the annual Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees in Canberra's Garema Place on 28 March. Speakers included Canon Roberta Hamilton from St Saviour's Cathedral in Goulburn, Jack Waterford (former editor of The Canberra Times), and Afghan refugee Zaki Haidari.

The rally was organised by the

Canberra Refugee Action Campaign and was attended by people from many Christian churches, as well as representatives of the trade union movement, doctors, teachers, students and other concerned people.

The speakers compared Australia's treatment of refugees today with the way we treated refugees in the

1970s and 1980s after the Vietnam War. At that time the Government and the Opposition co-operated to bring tens of thousands of refugees to Australia where they have subsequently enriched our society.

Today the Government and the Opposition demonise refugees as a threat to our society. Refugees' names are taken away and they are referred to only by their numbers, making it easier for us to forget that they are real people, our brothers and sisters. Jack Waterford concluded by stating that when we diminish one group of people, we diminish ourselves.

As well as the hundreds of refugees in offshore detention, many more are in detention in Australia, some of whom were allowed here for medical treatment that they never received. Roberta Hamilton was living in Melbourne last year when COVID-19 restrictions meant many people were not allowed to leave their homes or hotel quarantine facilities for two weeks. The mental health impacts of this enforced isolation are well-documented. But we ignore the mental health impacts on refugees and asylum seekers who have been in detention for over eight years, with no end in sight.

Zaki's story amplifies Bishop Carol's heartfelt concern expressed

Zaki Haidari spoke from personal experience of the impact of Australia's refugee policies. After seeing his father and brother killed by the Taliban and fearing he would be next, he fled from Afghanistan in 2013 aged 17 years and came to Australia by boat. He spent time in detention on Christmas Island and in Tasmania before being granted a temporary visa to live in Australia. On being released he studied English and completed two diplomas in Information Technology and Graphic Design. But because he arrived by boat the government will not allow him to settle in Australia. His current visa expires in September and he is terrified that he, like many refugees on temporary visas, will receive a knock on the door in the middle of the night and be given 10 minutes to pack a few belongings before being immediately sent back to Afghanistan where, he says: 'I think my life will end.'

in the March 2021 issue of Anglican News: 'When political agendas preclude any option to exercise compassion and acknowledge special circumstances, I begin to despair. What have we become?'

by Charles Body

AL FRESCO PALM SUNDAY AT MARKDALE



BY REVEREND SALLY CULLEN

We had an unexpectedly al fresco service for Palm Sunday at St Andrew's Markdale after part of the ceiling fell into the church during heavy rain the previous week (we think, it was discovered when the warden went in to clean for the service). Miraculously, although the two panels were directly above the sanctuary, the altar, brass, glassware, ceramic font and lectern were completely untouched, even the artificial flowers in the vases on the altar were still standing! God is very gracious.

St Andrew's Markdale is set in a paddock with shady trees and a lovely rural view. A slight drawback was the noise of traffic going to and from Wyangla Dam, and gusts of wind. However, we are nothing if not adaptable and set up our folding chairs, cut branches from one of the trees in true historical re-enactment style and began our first communion service since lockdown.

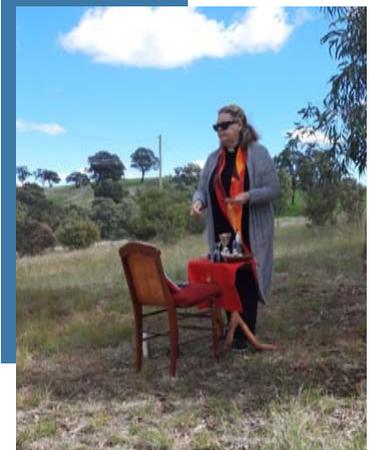
During lockdown we started meeting weekly on Zoom with printed service sheets delivered in person, to local village shops, by

post or emailed around the parish (a four-hour-round-trip drive if you stop at all seven locations).

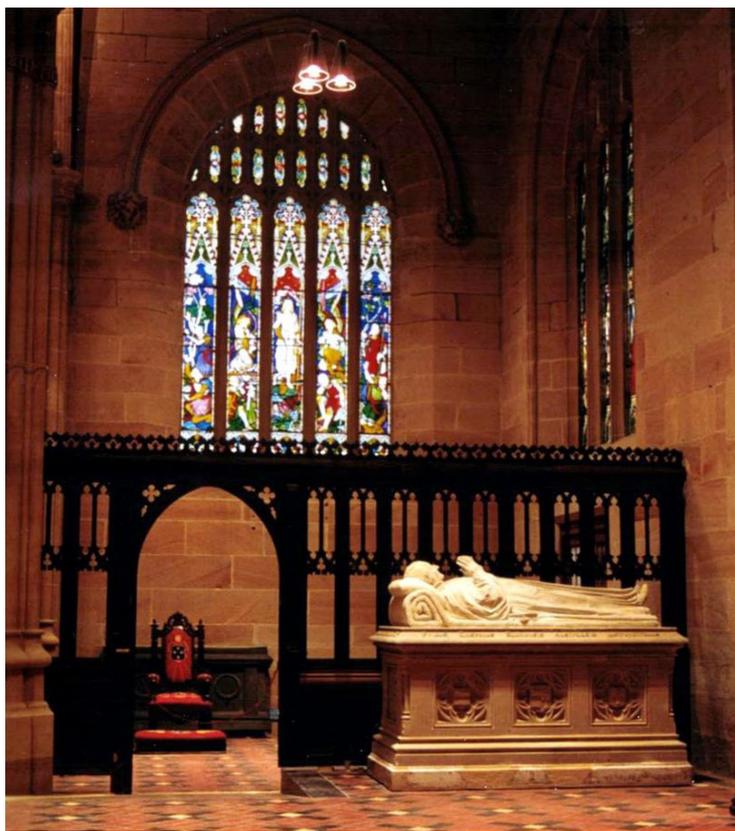
In 2021, we are using a hybrid model with regular weekly Zoom Church plus each of our seven centres having three in-person services, where we are intentionally seeking to invite members of the community, people who have attended before but stopped for whatever reason and those who receive our weekly service sheet to join us. Some centres have chosen a mid-day service followed by lunch,

some their patronal festival or another significant date, some dates at regular intervals. In December, each centre will have a Christmas service which will hopefully build on the intentional community-building during the year.

If you would like to join us in person or on Zoom, email Rural Chaplain Sally Cullen ruralchaplain@yahoo.com. You can also join us for our annual community event Binda Community Carols 5pm-8pm Saturday 11th December 2021.



ON THE TRACK WITH OUR FIRST BISHOP



Monument to Broughton in St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney. This is a cast of the tomb which is in Canterbury Cathedral.

Recently I spent some hours in the National Library in the company of the first and only Bishop of Australia, Bishop Broughton. His writings bring him back to life. I have always admired Bishop Broughton.

It was January 1845, 175 years ago, and the summer heat in the bush was oppressive. Broughton was then 57 years old and was lame and walked with a stick, the result of an old injury. But he had a passion for evangelistic travel and outreach to lonely settlers. So he said goodbye to Sarah and set out on his wanderings.

He rode a horse and led another carrying his baggage. He later wrote of his adventures in a report to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in London. This report still survives in a fragile pamphlet. I read it as an online document.

The Wiradjuri People

The Bishop travelled over the Blue Mountains to Bathurst and then turned south into what is now our Diocese. He did not know it but he was passing through the vast country of the Wiradjuri people, covering much of central NSW. He arrived at a solitary station called 'Meringa' after riding 45 miles that day in the heat. The house was much dilapidated and nearly deserted, but the solitary owner welcomed him.

There was no bed in the house but a couch was made for him on which Broughton could lie down without

undressing. They had milk and damper for supper, and he tried to sleep in the heat.

Boorowa

Broughton wrote that there were no local families in the area except shepherds and stockmen. There would have been many indigenous people off the beaten track but Broughton seems to have seen none of them. The next day the Bishop pressed on to Boorowa where there was an Inn. There Broughton was able to spend a day to rest his horses and himself, write letters, and receive a visit from Reverend Robert Cartwright.

Cartwright was the oldest priest in the Diocese, aged over 80, but still active. Cartwright had accompanied Governor Macquarie on his visit to Lake Bathurst many years before. He continued to give a remarkable ministry in the lonely bush until his death in 1856. He had a special interest and concern for First Nation people and convicts.

Broughton would have spent time writing a letter to his wife Sarah, as he did frequently. Every letter began 'My dearest Sally'. He told her where he was, and how long it might be until he was home. Each letter ended with majestic formality: 'I remain your loving husband'; followed by his full episcopal signature: '+W. G. AUSTRALIA!'

He also wrote regularly to his

friend Edward Coleridge in distant Eton College. I am fascinated by that because my daughter and her family live in the College, and I researched Coleridge's time there. These letters from Broughton survived and somehow returned to Sydney, and I spent hours in the Moore College Library reading them. Broughton wrote of his admiration for the teaching of EB Pusey and of his concern that John Henry Newman was about to become a Roman Catholic that same year, 1845.

Broughton thanked Coleridge for the consignments of boxes of books, including the *Library of Anglo-Catholic Theology*, which he treasured. This vast publication reprinted many 17th century books by the Caroline Divines and Broughton subscribed to it. He longed for time to study and may have carried a volume on his travels in the bush. After the departure of Newman, Pusey became the leader of the Oxford Movement and Broughton wrote that he would choose his clergy from men of Pusey's 'Tractarian' school of theology. We would call them 'Anglo-Catholics'.

On 1st February the Bishop met two magistrates at Boorowa to inspect a local burial ground and arrange for land to be set aside for a church building for the population of Boorowa. The name 'Boorowa' is possibly derived from a Wiradjuri name for the kangaroo. The Wiradjuri nation were the people of the three rivers, living for perhaps 40,000 years in the lands between the Macquarie, the Lachlan and the Murrumbidgee. Boorowa seems to have been on the boundary of the lands of the Ngunnawal People, where Canberra is now situated.

Broughton was a man of his time and was perplexed as to how to minister to these indigenous people. He admitted that the white man had stolen their lands and given them liquor in return. He was involved in the trial of the stockmen convicted for the terrible Myall Creek Massacre a few years before. It is recorded that he was excited at attempts to study and record the languages of these first Australians and even to translate portions of Scripture for them.

Yass

By the 3rd of February the Bishop reached Yass and the following day held a Confirmation. In the town he reported that there was a very good parsonage but no Anglican church, though the Roman Catholics had a

fine building. Anglicans worshipped in a room in the Library. The Reverend Charles Frederick Brigstocke was the Rector, and St Clement's Church was to be built a few years later.

Gunning

Broughton recorded that the 5th of February was the beginning of Lent and he travelled to Gunning, Mr Cartwright's residence. There the Bishop, accompanied by Cartwright and others, inspected and laid down the site for a church, following a plan furnished by the Bishop, and also a burial ground.

The Bishop then went on to 'Rossville', near Goulburn, the residence of Francis Nicholas Rossi (1776-1851). The colourful life of Rossi and his family is detailed in the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volumes 2 and 6. I wonder what the Bishop would say if he knew that many years later 'Rossville' was taken over by the NSW Government as a lunatic asylum!

St Saviour's

In Goulburn the Bishop led the ceremonies for the consecration of St Saviour's Church in the presence of what he called a very numerous congregation. He writes that he preached on the 'ceremonial of the day' and on the duties of the season of Lent. Broughton was a scholarly preacher and many of his sermons were later published after his death.

His preaching was perhaps not to the taste of all. The then Governor, Sir George Gipps, sat in his pew in St James' King Street, but admits that he spent the time thinking about his correspondence and making notes.

I will write about Broughton's visit to Duntroon and preparations for the consecration of St John's Church next time. Then on to the Monaro. What would Broughton say if he knew that Duntroon would a century later be the Royal Military College of Australia?

by Reverend Robert Willson



BOOROWA PARISH GETS SERIOUS ABOUT RECYCLING... AND TABLE TENNIS



Judy Dwyer and Gary Johnstone enjoy a game of Table Tennis

Boorowa Parish has been stepping out in faith, and have introduced some new ministries in their community, which appear to have hit the spot – literally.

In October 2020, they set up a recycling program for the whole town of Boorowa – collecting plastic bottle caps, bread tags, soft plastics, and blister packs. The soft plastics are donated to REDcycle who have collection points in major

supermarkets. The plastic bottle lids are sorted and sent to Lids4Kids who granulate the lids and send them to be made into many different and useful items. The bread tags are sent to Aussie Breadtags for Wheelchairs, who sell them to fund wheelchairs for those who need them in South Africa. Blister packs are sent to Banish for recycling by Terracycle.

The community of Boorowa has embraced the initiative, and are now collecting the lids which they would normally have thrown away. A spokesperson from St John's Anglican Church, Kathy McLennan, said 'Even though we have kerbside recycling in Boorowa, there are not many opportunities for people to recycle things that don't go in the kerbside bins. As a church, we are conscious of caring for the beautiful world that God has created. This is one way we can help the earth, as well as connect with people in the community.'

The parish has a 24-hour collection

bin at the front of the hall, and encourages people to bring in their clean, dry and empty lids and plastics at any time. On Tuesday mornings, the community is invited to bring their lids and stay for a cuppa and cake, at the Recycle Café.

As a progression from meeting on a Tuesday morning, one parishioner suggested that there might be some older people who would like to play table tennis. A Table Tennis table was set up in the hall, and some advertising went out. The ministry has been so popular, that they soon had to get a 2nd Table Tennis table, and are now advertising for a 3rd.

The group is called Table Tennis for Seniors, and it runs every Tuesday morning at the same time as Recycle Café. It is a casual group who enjoy chatting and laughing together, as much as playing Table Tennis. Derrick Mason, who was the original instigator of the group, is 86 years old, and walks with a cane. However, he finds that Table Tennis

is a good way to get a little exercise without moving around too much. And there are plenty of chances to have a rest in between games.

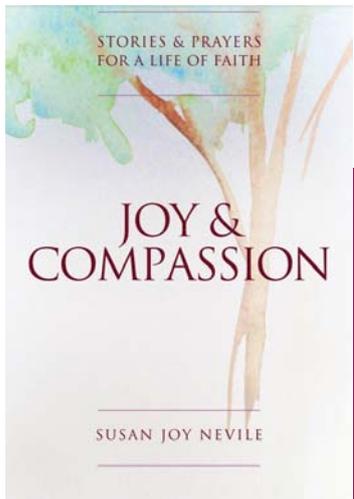
'Meeting new people and forming friendships with them is a wonderful ministry of the church,' Derrick says, 'I have lived in Boorowa all my life, and it has been great catching up with old friends as well as making new ones.'

by Kathy McLennan



Ron Hoile and Derrick Mason take a breather from playing Table Tennis

BOOK REVIEW: JOY AND COMPASSION



Joy and Compassion: Stories and Prayers for a Life of Faith (2021, Coventry Press, Melbourne), by the late Reverend Susan Joy Nevile, deacon, hospital pastoral carer

A few months after my wife Susan Joy passed away (August 2018) I found a folder of her writings with a note taped to the cover describing them as 'my voice, on faith and how to live as a person of faith in this world'.

I subsequently found many more writings and realised how remarkably consistent in purpose, form, and style they were. I decided to compile and edit them as a book. The

result is a collection of 80-plus story-oriented reflections, each focussed on a specific aspect of faith life and accompanied by a directly-related prayer and a question/comment for thought or action. Together the reflections show how a life of faith is one of joy and compassion, as gifts from God for how we can live, and live with others, to become the people God knows we can be. This is a book for anyone, either individually or in a group, wishing to enrich and develop their faith.

The book is organised into five sections representing key features of faith life: who we are (eg 'Called', 'Child'); who God is (eg 'The Way', 'Light'); what happens along the way (eg 'Searching', 'Praying'); troubles we encounter (eg 'Bound', 'The Scream'); and how we can change and become ('Transformed', 'I am').

Susan Joy believed that 'story' was a powerful means for understanding ourselves, our experiences, and our relationship with God. The book's stories are drawn from the Bible, but also from well beyond, such as ordinary moments of life or from

literature, movies, even from sport and politics. So, alongside Bible figures we hear about Charlie Brown and friends, Indiana Jones, Mary Poppins, Lucy and Aslan from the Narnia books, a fourth wise man, and a bird who shares bread with a homeless man, among many others! We hear too the thoughts of theologians and thinkers like Ana Maria Bidegain, Walter Brueggemann, Henri Nouwen, and Rachel Naomi Remen.

Susan Joy writes from her extensive experience as a hospital/hospice pastoral carer, school chaplain and teacher of Religious and Values Education, and children's and family minister. She studied at St Mark's National Theological Centre in Canberra (M.Min, Dip. Anglican Orders), and in 2009 was ordained into the permanent diaconate of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. She earlier trained as a primary and early childhood teacher.

Susan Joy was a person of quiet wisdom and calm presence, whose gift was to come alongside people right where they were in life, bringing God's peace, strength and guidance. As I

worked on her book, during a time of deep shock and loss, of life turned upside down, I found my own faith to be clarified, affirmed, and encouraged. Through Susan Joy's writing I found insight, inspiration, comfort, and healing. I found myself returning to truths. I was reminded of how my life story, and hers, related to others' stories, to Christ's story, and to God's great story for the world. Through this book Susan Joy's voice on faith can be heard, and her ministry to come alongside people continues. You can learn more about the book, and Susan Joy, at <https://susanjoyneville.net/>.

by Maurice Nevile (Adjunct Professor, PhD)



WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE



ANGLICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CANBERRA & GOULBURN

Saturday 15th May 2021
at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
Speaker
The Rt Revd Stephen Pickard
Followed by Garden Tour and AGM

Theme: 21 Years of Change on the Hill and ?

Schedule:

9.30am – Tea, Coffee available
10.00am – Presentation by +Stephen
11.30am – Bible Garden Tour
12.30pm – Lunch
1.30pm – AGM
2.30pm – End of day prayer
3.15pm – Afternoon Tea
3.45pm – Departure

Cost:

A \$25 donation to the Anglican Historical Society includes lunch and all refreshments and registration.

RSVP:

Saturday 1st May 2021
Please contact the Diocese for RSVP details at contact@anglicands.org.au.

Not Helpful

Tales from a Truth Teller



George Browning

You are invited to a Book Launch of
Not Helpful: Tales from a Truth Teller
by
Bishop George Browning
at
The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
on
Tuesday 20th April
6.00pm – 7.00pm

To be launched by Bishop Stephen Pickard
Justice Richard Refshauge to speak

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ENJOY LUNCH AND AN AFTERNOON CONCERT IN BRAIDWOOD ON ANZAC DAY



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Braidwood Concert Series presents Pop-up #2: Canberra Strings performing two Schubert quartets on Anzac Day, Sunday 25 April at the historic St Andrew's Anglican Church.

After the COVID cancellations of 2020, Braidwood Concert Series is back offering pop-up concerts. Schubert's elegiac *Death and the Maiden* is a perfect offering for Anzac Day. Make a day of it in Braidwood.

Due to current COVID restrictions, seating is limited to 80, so pre-booking is necessary to avoid disappointment. Attendees are required to arrive early in order to avoid congestion and delay. Please bring a cushion for comfort and dress warmly.

Canberra Strings present Schubert's String Quartet No 14, *Death and the Maiden*. Written in 1824 after a period of serious illness, *Death and the Maiden* is built around Schubert's lied of the same name. It has long been interpreted as an evocative depiction of Schubert's struggle with his own mortality; from the poignant, ghostly variations in the second movement to the terrifying dance of death at

the end.

Canberra Strings is a group of some of the region's top professional string players dedicated to the performance of string chamber music. Featuring former TSO concertmaster and Aria Award winner Barbara Jane Gilby (now Braidwood resident) as first violinist, the group also includes CSO players Pip Thompson, Lucy Carrigy-Ryan, Jack Chenoweth, Samuel Payne and Julia Janiszewski. The group has received two Critics Circle awards for performances in and around Canberra.

Program

Franz Schubert String Quartet No 12, Quartettsatz

Franz Schubert String Quartet No 14, *Death and the Maiden*

Venue: St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood

Date: Sunday 25 April

Time: 1.40pm for 2pm

Duration: 1 hour

Tickets: must be pre-booked and paid for using this link: <https://events.humanitix.com/canberra-strings>

Contact Anne Sanders for more information, or to go on the BCS email list: artwork123@icloud.com

ANGLICARE
Sunday

Horizons of Hope

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021

With life slowly returning to normal after the COVID-19 lockdowns, and with churches now able to meet together face to face, Anglicare is gearing up for Anglicare Sunday 2021.

This event coincides with national Anti-Poverty Week and is an opportunity for churches to be informed and inspired about the work of Anglicare. (You can also choose to run this event at another time in the year that fits in with your parish calendar.)

While we are always extremely appreciative of the financial support we receive from parishes, Anglicare Sunday is not a fundraising initiative. It's a time we set aside specifically to engage with parishes and provide an update on the work we've achieved together over the past year.

This year's theme is '*Horizons of Hope*' which encapsulates our desire to move forward optimistically – even in uncertain times – and to keep advocating for and serving those in need in our communities.

Thank you to all churches who have partnered with Anglicare Sunday in previous years. If you're keen to sign up for 2021, simply email; missionpartners@anglicare.com.au or visit www.anglicare.com.au for more details.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Romans 15:13