

From Lambeth with Love

An update from Bishops Mark and Carol

s I write this update, Bishop Carol, our spouses and I are part-way through a very exciting journey. Because of the generous support of the Diocese we have been able to join with over 650 other Bishops and 450 other Bishop's spouses in the 15th Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Communion. The Conference is one of the four instruments that keeps Anglicans from 160 countries connected with each other. This is the first Conference since 2008 so there has been lots of catching up

It's certainly been a full program! Yesterday we travelled from Canterbury to London for a garden reception where we heard from activists responding to our climate emergency. We committed to the Communion Forest Initiative (www.communionforest.org) as one way to express our care for God's creation.

Earlier in the week we gathered for worship in Canterbury Cathedral, heard about the exciting and creative church planting that is happening through the communion (you can find out more at www.plantanglican. org) and were reminded of our call to make our churches safe for all and our communities places where the dignity of each person is recognised and valued.

For all that, the highlight for me has been the opportunity to study the Scriptures with bishops from across the world. Each morning we've listened to expositions of the New Testament letter of 1 Peter from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In one of those talks he explained how the letter contains 'a single calling to the Church, although the application will vary according to context'.

This has been confirmed as we've subsequently broken into small groups to further explore the themes of the letter. It's been illuminating and challenging to hear:

- what alienation feels like in contexts where the church is growing fastest amongst people who are excluded from social power
- what holiness looks like in contexts where corruption and graft is the accepted way of doing business
- how reconciliation takes place in contexts of warfare or conflict between groups such as farmers and graziers.

The overall theme of the conference is 'God's Church for God's World' and we've been challenged to consider the diversity of that world. Far from being a retreat from that world, reading, listening to and learning from Scripture together is an indispensable preparation for engaging it faithfully with the love and truth of Jesus.

Bishop Carol and I look forward to sharing further reflections from our time at Lambeth when our Diocesan Synod gathers in September. Then, as now, I pray we might together live out the calling of 1 Peter 4:8 in our own context – 'Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.'

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Bishop Carol adds:

I am most grateful to our diocese for the privilege of being able to be part of this wonderful conference.

Like Bishop Mark, I have greatly valued the Bible Studies in 1 Peter. Through the teaching of Archbishop Justin Welby and the multi-national discussions in my study group, I have gained fresh insights on how we can better serve God together in this beautiful yet broken world, and how we can, as a global Anglican Communion, show the love of God and bring about a more just and caring world.

I have also valued hearing the stories from our African and Asian bishops, about their struggles and their joys. I suspect that sometimes we forget just how privileged we are in the West!

One study was on Suffering in Christ in 1 Peter. A statement that moved me to the core was from one of the African bishops when he said, 'There is no greater pain than leading a divided church'. For many bishops in Africa, the tribal divisions in their countries have meant war. For us in Australia there is no war, but there is a somewhat strained and brittle Communion, divided over issues of theology and practice. This brings its own pain.

A call to unity despite our differences has been a strong thread through all plenary and group sessions. We all hope and pray that as we work towards this, we will be able to shine as Christ's light in this world.





Monica Short's Reflections from Lambeth

feel tiny – in a helpful and good way. The Lambeth Conference for bishops and spouses that we attended was nothing like I expected. It inspired me to strive to do better for Jesus, our beautiful Diocese, family and friends – we love you. This Conference also encouraged me to be more faithful to the Bible, care about everyone around me, welcome strangers, and strive for justice.

Please let me describe the scene I was immersed in for you - about 650 bishops and 450 spouses from approximately 165 nations attended this Conference. When I opened the door from our room, I felt like I had stepped out into a beautiful colour, 3D-picture book on worldwide fashion. People in their gorgeous native dresses and outfits surrounded me - bright and earthy colours and patterns from islands, Africa, Asia, etc delighted my eyes. My ears continually rang with joy to the sounds of different languages, and my mind was captivated by multiple tunes of people worshipping God according to their culture.

I am humbled and in awe of everyone; people are so inspiring.

My heart warmed as I watched people from different cultures talk about the Gospel and read the Bible together. I watched individuals respond to division with kindness – I observed the Fruit of the Spirit on display every moment of the day. I was learning about Jesus, community and engagement from experts around the world. My presumptions and expectations for this Conference were too small and consequently inaccurate.

Thankfully, my miniature understanding of the Anglican Communion and God's beautiful world was and is growing. This world is more complex than I think, and our world needs more help than I realise – I am so naive. I need to listen deeper to people, read more, pray harder, and talk less. I wish to reduce my dependency on propaganda and to become more engaged with what is happening worldwide. This Conference encouraged me to have hope and a more profound desire to see everyone flourish worldwide.

Now that the Conference is over; I hope to attend small Bible studies and other groups in our Diocese to share what we learnt at the Conference. Please email Bev at the office if you would like me to visit your group.

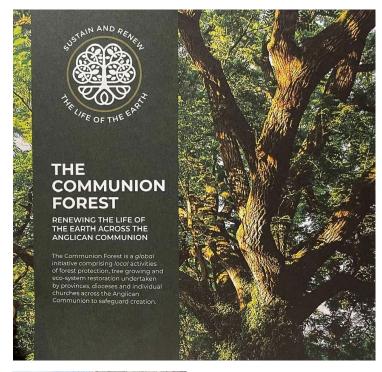
Meanwhile, my personal prayer as a result of this Conference is:

Thank you God for the opportunity to attend the Lambeth Conference. Please, God, let justice roll on like a river and righteousness like a never-failing stream. Amos 5:24. Help me in my small way to share the good news of Jesus and how He is the prince of peace who brings us into a relationship with God. Help me to love and care more deeply for others for your sake. And help me to be an even better volunteer for our Diocese. In Jesus' name. Amen.



As Bishop Mark wrote, at Lambeth they committed to the Communion Forest Initiative (www.communionforest.org) as one way to express our care for God's creation.

Below is a photo taken by Bishop Carol of the display for the initiative.



Bishop Mark and Bishop Carol at Canterbury Cathedral

Clergy Moves

Canon Paul Black has been licensed as Locum, Manuka, while the Rector is away.

The Reverend Steve Clarke will be licensed as Rector, Bega, on 13.8.2022.

The Reverend Dr Chris Simon has been licensed as Rector Locum, Hawker, from July 2022 till the appointment of a new Rector.

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In Memory of **Rupert Hammond**

n Sunday 31 July, Rupert Hammond, a faithful and long-time servant of our Diocese and of our Lord, passed away in his home.

Many readers will have experienced Rupert's enormous contributions and outstanding selfless service within our Diocese and beyond over many years.

Bishop Mark writes the following words of thanks and comfort:

'I have known Rupert for over 20 years and have always regarded him as the epitome of the wise and generous believers whose willingness to offer their time and gifts to Christ so enriches the life of our Diocese. He had a wonderful combination of gentleness and clarity in expressing his views; I am so thankful for his service and rejoice that he is safe in the Lord who loved and served him.'

At the 2012 Diocesan Synod, Rupert was made an Honorary Lay Canon of St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn. The words that were written on Rupert's Lay Canon license were:

In recognition of outstanding service to the governance and government of the Anglican Church through his tireless and conscientious contribution of legal and practical skill to the life of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, in particular to the development of the Governance of the Diocese Ordinance, the analysis and evaluation of all trusts held by the Property Trust, the legislative arrangements proposed for assistance

to the Diocese of Bathurst, the Diocesan Superannuation Fund, numerous Ordinances, commercial deals and, parish developments and many other significant matters, in addition to his conscientious, thoughtful and leading membership of the Property Trust and Bishopin-Council to all of which he has given substantial effort, wise counsel, superior knowledge and experience, combined with a gentleness of spirit, a transparent faith and a generosity of time, much good humour and apparently inexhaustible patience.

Rupert's contribution to the Diocese was driven by his faith in Christ, and calls to mind the words from St Paul, in Philippians 1:20-21.

'I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is

Please keep Rupert's beloved family, friends and colleagues in your prayers at this time.



Chancellor of the Diocese, Acting Justice Richard Refshauge, has penned the following tribute to Rupert:

shortly after I was appointed Chancellor in 2000. The then Archdeacon (now Bishop) John Parkes, himself a lawyer as well as a priest, introduced me to Rupert as a lawyer I needed to know. How right he was! He would, John said, help me understand the legal situation of the Diocese and how it worked on the ground. That is exactly the skill and knowledge that Rupert

He and I soon became fast friends and worked together on many legal issues that confronted the Diocese. Later he was an inaugural member of the Diocesan Legal Committee, which really grew out of the meetings that Rupert and I had, often with the Registrar and others, to address these issues. He had a fine legal mind, deep knowledge of the situation of the Diocese, immense common sense and a deep but not flaunted spirituality. He also had a strong commitment to the best interests of his fellow Christians and citizens.

Rupert was a very generous person. He was a very good friend and his generosity was widely appreciated. Many people have remarked to me on that side of his character and recounted the many acts of generosity he extended to them.

As a thoughtful member of the Diocesan Legal Committee for many years, he provided sage, very professional advice which was

I first met Rupert Hammond imbued with the sense of what was right and what was practical. Many times he saved us from decisions that were legally right but not always the best choice of which among the legally right decisions was the one to implement.

Never one to seek the limelight, he was also, for a very long time, a member of Synod and of Bishopin-Council. When he spoke, it was always worth listening to what he said. His greatest, influence, however, was on the sidelines helping to craft a sensible response to difficult issues. He would wisely advise how to manage complex matters appropriately and with care and respect.

He was devastated by the loss of his dear wife and life partner, Cheryl, but continued his involvement. Even when a stroke left him with serious challenges, he continued his work for the Church, though at a different level. Less able to participate professionally, he continued to attend meetings of the Diocesan Legal Committee, Bishop-in-Council and Synod, still providing his wisdom and thoughtful common sense that was a necessary adjunct to the work of both bodies, informed by his deep knowledge of the Diocese and what was the right thing to do.

I will miss him greatly, as will many others, but I will be poorer for the loss of his wise advice, generous support and close friendship.



Monday 28 November 2022 Save the Date

Parliament House, Canberra In person and live-streamed

Mr David Smith, MP and Senator Matt O'Sullivan, co-chairs of the Parliamentary Christian Fellowship, would like to extend a warm welcome for you to join the 33rd Australian National Prayer Breakfast!

We will again be privileged to hear messages from national dignitaries, Members of Parliament, Senators and other civic leaders, as well as our guest speaker who will be sharing how their personal faith makes a difference as they serve our nation.

We will uphold in prayer all our leaders in their demanding roles of service for the common good of our nation and all her diverse communities. We will pray that men and women in public service will discover a new strength through the friendship and care of the followers of Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that they will know God's wisdom and strength in all their work.

Please save the date in your diary. Registration details with be forthcoming to join in person or via livestream. Please note that registration is essential for in person attendance at Parliament House and tickets will be refunded if Covid Health restrictions prevent in person participation.



Several parishes around Canberra participate in the collecting for the pantry appeal each year at their local shops.

If you would like to find out how you can assist please visit www.anglicare.com. au/services/get-involved/ appeals/pantry-appeal/



Collecting for the pantry appeal at Kaleen

by Archdeacon Paul Cohen

ine folk from St Simon's Kaleen-Giralang-Lawson spent their Saturday collecting for St John's Care Pantry Appeal at the Kaleen Plaza shops on 23rd July.

They collected 73 bags of groceries, and around \$350 in cash donations. This was an excellent result, from wonderfully generous people at Kaleen Plaza!



Reverend Richard Coles: 'From Pop to Pulpit'

by Reverend Robert Willson

enjoy reading traditional English detective stories on my Kindle Reader. Recently I discovered a previously unknown author, a Church of England priest named Richard Coles. He has written a novel entitled *Murder before Evensong* (W&N, 2022), and I read it with pleasure.

Who is Richard Coles? It would take a long article to describe him and the Internet will give you details. Among other things, he is a fine New Testament scholar, Chancellor of the University of Northampton, Fellow of King's College London, Chaplain to the Royal Academy of Music, and with regular appearances on the BBC.

Richard was the much-loved vicar of Finedon in Northamptonshire, for more than a decade. He partnered with Jimmy Somerville in a band called the Communards which achieved three top ten hits in Britain. Their biggest hit was *Don't Leave Me This Way*, 1986. How did he find time for it all?

Richard is and gay autobiography gives a valuable insight into this issue in relation to the Christian Church. His return to the Christian faith after years of rebellion led him to the Roman Catholic Church and then back to the Church of England where he studied for Ordination. Though now retired from his parish, he says: 'I will still be a priest, I will always be a priest, and I will minister where I am able?

In his autobiography Richard recalls some amusing and moving experiences of his long ministry.



Photo by Phil Guest, Bournemouth, UK, from commons.wikimedia.org

One story he tells both amused and startled me.

One lovely summer morning Richard was sitting in his study. Outside the birds were singing and the blossoms were a glorious sight in the summer sun. He was writing and occasionally looking out at the sheer beauty of the scene.

But he was interrupted as the clergy often are. An old chap was at his last, heavily sedated, and apparently close to death. Could the vicar come to be with him at the end?

Richard put aside his work and took his Prayer Book, sacramental

oils and stole, and attended the old man.

He sat with him for a long time but the old chap made no response to Richard's words. Finally Richard opened his Book of Common Prayer and began to read from the Psalms: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills ... Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord hear my voice ...

Though the old man made no response at first, Richard went on reading and his own heart was gripped and moved by the familiar words. He read on and on.

Finally he closed the book when the old man began to stir. Richard could see that the old chap wanted to say something. So the priest leant closer to hear what might be his last words

The old man opened his eyes and he spoke firmly and distinctly. Richard heard him say:

'Shut up! You stupid twit!'

Like Richard Coles, I have learned over the years that one never knows how people will respond to our words.

Many years ago I was visiting a sick chap in Blayney Hospital. His wife was by his side. When I was ready to leave, I suggested a prayer. His wife exclaimed:

'Please, no. He is not that bad!'

Exalt Showcase Weekend

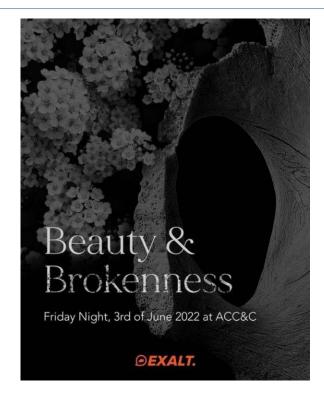
by Reverend Gavin Krebs

n the 3rd and 4th of July, St Alban's Woden and Holy Cross Hackett hosted members of Exalt Australia (http:// www.exaltaus.com/), a group of Christian artists for three events.

The first event was at the

ACC&C and was called 'Beauty & Brokenness', a performance by members of the parish of St Alban's, Canberra Baptist Choir and EXALT Collective Ltd to present the book of Lamentations. The performance centred around performance poems





translated by Dr Jeanette Mathews, and included spoken word, dance, art and music.

The second event was a meet and greet lunch held at St John's Reid and catered for by members of Mothers' Union. The third event, 'From Grief to Hope' was held at Holy Cross Hackett and explored a Christian

understanding of grief. Bringing together spoken word, dance, art, and a jazz quartet, this was a unique opportunity to reflect on suffering in our world and how we move towards hope.

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the various events.



Anglican Investment & Development Fund

AIDF - Community Saver Account – 2022 Donation

The Anglican Investment & Development Fund (AIDF) has recently processed the annual distribution of donations to parishes and diocesan agencies which totalled in excess of \$56,000.

A major initiative of the AIDF has been to offer our customers the opportunity to financially support their parish or favourite diocesan agency directly by investing in our Online Community Saver account.

The Community Saver account provides our investors with an attractive interest rate and in addition, the AIDF donates a further percentage (currently 0.5%) to the customer's parish or nominated diocesan agency.

AIDF investors have certainly embraced this initiative as the Online Community Saver account balances have reached \$12m.

Our Online Community Saver account allows the AIDF and our investors to support local parishes and the mission of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The AIDF has donated in excess of \$450,000 over the last 9 years which has been very well received by parishes, ministry units and agencies of the Diocese.





Current Job Vacancies

- Positions
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 What's On
 Around the
 Diocese
- Outside School Hours Coordinator Canberra
- Youth Worker (ITC) Orange, Wagga Wagga, Queanbeyan & Liverpool
- Case Manager (PSP) Orange & Nowra
- Early Childhood Educators Canberra & Goulburn
- Administration Support Officer Liverpool
- Bushfire Recovery Coordinator Bega
- Carer Support Practitioner (PSP) Bega & Orange
- Community Centre Facilitator Wagga Wagga
- Carer Assessment Practitioner (PSP) Wagga Wagga
- Family/Kin Support Practitioner (PSP) Orange
- Maintenance and Resident Support Worker Canberra
- Direct Support Worker (Disability) Moruya & Goulburn
- Senior Permanency Practitioner (PSP) Orange
- Senior Carer Practitioner (PSP) Orange

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Diocesan Bishop's Executive Officer

The Bishop's Executive Officer is one of five roles in the Bishop's Office Team. The role is focused on working with the Diocesan Bishop to enable him/her to exercise his/her responsibilities and to oversee processes and communication relevant to the Episcopal role.

The position listing can be found on <u>Seek</u>. To apply, please send your CV and application addressing the primary responsibilities to HR@anglicands.org.au

Human Resource Professionals

The Anglican Diocesan Services HR team is looking for qualified Human Resource professionals who share a connection with the Christian Mission of ADS. Positions include:

- Human Resource Business Partner (Anglicare)
- Human Resource Business Partner (Schools)

For position descriptions and further details, please email michael.simon@anglicands.org.au



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St Mark's is a theological college of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn that seeks to constructively educate and engage people for effective Christian participation and ministry, via distance and oncampus learning, within city and country regions of the Diocese, and all around Australia.

St Mark's currently has two positions available:

• Receptionist and Communications Administrator

This role will oversee all aspects of St Mark's public-facing points of contact, with enquirers, students and stakeholders, including website content, social media channels, and other forms of communication.

Library Technician

This role will assist the Library Manager in daily operations, ranging from assisting students and enquirers, to cataloguing, shelving, postal borrowing and returns, and digitisation.

For a detailed position description and to apply please visit: https://anglicandiocesan.recruitmenthub.com.au/Vacancies/



SHEPHERD SEMINAR – ANXIETY

Monday 22 August 7.30 to 9.00pm Good Shepherd Anglican Church Come along for a conversation with Dr Emma Glanville (consultant psychiatrist) and others about anxiety in the modern world and it's interface with our Christian faith.

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Eat your food with gladness



Saffron Rice with Sweet Soy Sauce Pork

Submitted by Doreen Hyundai and Grace Mya – members of Holy Cross Hackett Branch of Mothers' Union

SAFFRON RICE

Ingredients

4 rice cooker cups of rice

7 rice cooker cups of water

3 tablespoons of Ghee

1 cinnamon stick

4 cardamom seeds

4 cloves

2 caraway leaves

Salt

Sultanas

Cashews nuts

If you use saffron you will have to cook it with the rice. Combine all ingredients and cook with rice cooker. If you use colouring saffron you add it after the rice is cooked. (Mix a very small amount of saffron powder and a little bit of water in a small bowl and using a teaspoon slowly drop on the rice for 10 drops). Using the rice spoon for the rice cooker, mix gently until should be light and fluffy.

SWEET SOY SAUCE PORK

Ingredients

2kg of pork shoulder cut into pieces not too big or not too small

3 chopped onions

1 tablespoon garlic mince

1 tablespoon ginger mince

1 tablespoon sesame oil

3 tablespoons cooking oil

1 teaspoon black pepper

4 tablespoons of ABC brand

sweet soy sauce

Season with salt as required

Combine all ingredients. There is no need to add water if you cook it in a pressure cooker. Cook in pressure cooker for 25 minutes. After this time you may have to reduce the liquids as water escapes from the meat.

Transfer the meat to a pot and cook with medium heat stirring frequently and gently until golden brown.

'... eat your food with gladness ...' ~ Ecclesiastes 9:7



Sustaining Our Future

Inner North Canberra's Holy Cross Anglican and St Margaret's Uniting churches in Hackett are together hosting a Sustaining Our Future community festival on the weekend of September 24-25. The parishes have jointly run a community festival for some years. This year's festival is focussed on sustainable fashion, ethical consumption and fair trade.

The program includes workshops on upcycling and printing second-hand clothes, fun outdoor activities for all ages and a community development workshop plus live music with Living Democracy author, Canberra activist and musician Tim Hollo.

Reverends Fuzz and Carolyn Kitto of the charity Be Slavery Free will be panelists alongside Rev John Martin in a Q&A on the environmental and human impacts of fast fashion and the value of Fair Trade certified goods.

On Sunday September 25, they will help lead a participatory church celebrating creation. All are welcome.

Check out the program details closer to the festival by looking up the website: www.holycrosshackett.org.au. Some events will be ticketed to be COVID-safe.



World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel 2022 15-22 September 2022

Each year the World Council of Churches invites us to reflect and pray as we focus for a time on that elusive peace in the Holy Land. I invite you to join in this endeavour.

'In praying, We hand our world over And is it that You hand it back again.'

And to pray, using words as written by Palestinian Christians.

God our Creator, you created us in your own image, equal in humanity and dignity. We pray that the peoples of your world may see this humanity in each other, that differences may be reconciled and peace and justice reign. We long for your holy and life-giving spirit to give hope and a commitment to creating a lasting peace in this Holy Land.

This year, the theme is anchored in active hope and in striving for a better future and an end to the occupation: "Faith, Hope and Love in Action: Towards Justice in Israel Palestine." Perhaps your intercessions could include the above prayer or one like it. Prayers, a video, and feature stories will be available in the coming weeks.

www.oikoumene.org/events/world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel Helen Rainger – Cathedral Parish Palestine Israel Ecumenical Network (PIEN) www.pien.org.au