



The Ministry of Presence

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Congratulations are in order for Reverend Gayl Mills, who was awarded the Order of Australia as part of this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List – for her service to Police Chaplaincy and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

It all began while serving as the Director of Pastoral Care at Christ Church Anglican Church in Queanbeyan in 2004, when she was recommended by the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn as a chaplain for the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

Reverend Mills joined the AFP in March 2005 and is currently the AFP's longest serving Chaplain. She has spent much of this time at ACT Policing, responding to critical incidents attended by community police, providing follow-up debriefs and counselling members.

Throughout her ministry with the AFP, Reverend Mills has demonstrated the upmost empathy, knowledge and compassion while providing spiritual guidance and pastoral care to all members within the AFP and their families.

She describes her role as looking after the 'pastoral care and spiritual welfare of members – the Ministry of Presence'.

'Chaplaincy is the active role

of a "ministry of presence" in a community – to meet people, to compassionately walk with them, to listen, to encourage them in their life journey and spiritual experiences', she said.

Reverend Mills has championed AFP member welfare and wellbeing to ensure its workforce remains healthy, resilient and ready to meet the unique and evolving challenges policing agencies face each day.

This is highlighted through her contribution during Operation Cawdor, providing counsel to those members returning from Thailand following the AFP's response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami, which killed approximately 230,000 people, including 26 Australians.

Even outside the AFP, Reverend Mills is always there to offer her support. She has been an active participant in summits hosted by Wellbeing Australia, and a panellist on sessions exploring spirituality and faith in managing wellbeing, as well as connection to purpose, values and work.

Reverend Mills' presence, support and resolve during times of loss, grief and remembrance has provided unwavering support well beyond the expectations of her role.

She has been at the forefront of

National Police Remembrance Day services, police funerals and police graduations, ensuring the dignity and sanctity of the occasions are upheld to the highest order.

The AFP Chaplaincy Network

aims to provide a continually developing interdenominational and interfaith approach to spiritual welfare and pastoral care for employees, former members, and their immediate families.



Bishop Mark Writes ...



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As a young child I was an avid reader of newspaper comic strips. Along with Fred Bassett and the Wizard of Id one of my regulars was Andy Capp. Andy lived somewhere in the north of England and was never drawn without his cap pulled down over his eyes and a cigarette dangling from his mouth. His great 'loves' were beer, pigeons and going to the dogs. His wife Flo stood half a head taller than him and always carried a handbag.

Every couple of strips Andy and Flo's marriage would descend into violence. Five decades later I can still remember the recurring panel – a cloud of chaos with fists, shoes and handbags emerging at crazy angles. That comic strip was giving me a script – men are irresponsible, women are over-bearing and domestic violence, while regrettable, is in some sense normal.

All of us will have received our own scripts that have shaped our approach to intimate relationships. Those scripts have been given

to us from our family of origin, our culture and from our church experience. Some of those scripts will be healthy and helpful – scripts that speak of mutuality and respect and a concern for justice. Others will have been less so – scripts that re-inforce gender stereotypes and re-frame what should be unacceptable as being unexceptional.

The thoughts above were prompted by the release of research commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia which found that Anglican church-goers experienced intimate partner violence at the same or greater rate as the general community. Specifically, 28 per cent of surveyed Anglican church-goers experienced some form of intimate partner violence in the past 12 months – noting that violence can take many forms from coercive control and psychological intimidation through to physical force.

How must we respond to this? Certainly we must ensure we are

informed about the issues, that we listen to and support victims as well as holding perpetrators accountable. We also need to examine our scripts – the scripts we've heard, the scripts we've

internalised, the scripts we've shared with others. Do they reflect the character and priorities of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve?

I and the rest of our Diocesan leadership are committed to reviewing the research, engaging with experts and survivors and seeing how together we can minister Christ's love in this area. Already ordinands being formed at St Mark's undertake training in recognising and responding to domestic violence and we are considering how to make such resources more available. I welcome your suggestions as to how we might move forward together to ensure our churches are safe for all.

Elsewhere in this edition you will read about an exciting initiative to give members of our Diocese access to a resource for strengthening healthy marriages (see page 6).

In Isaiah 42:1 it is said of the Lord's Servant that he will bring forth justice to the nations. May our concern for justice in the nations and in our homes show that we belong to Jesus, our Servant-King.

If the contents of this article have raised concerns for you, you may wish to contact the Domestic Violence Line in New South Wales (ph 1800 656 463) or the Domestic Violence Crisis Service in the ACT (ph (02) 6280 0900). Both are 24 hour services.



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CLERGY MOVES

The Reverend John Thomas has had his Locum Rector License Bega extended from 21 July 2021 till 31 December 2021 or the appointment of a new rector, whichever comes first. (24.6.2021).

The Reverend Lou Oakes has advised of her intention to retire as Rector Sapphire Coast effective from 26.09.2021.

GATHERING IN THE UPPER ROOM



'Earlier this year Archbishop Christopher Prowse and I committed to engaging in a season of mission in our respective Dioceses, particularly through the Alpha Course. The following report is one exciting account of what God is doing in that journey ...'
 ~ Bishop Mark

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About 140 people, including Canberra region church leaders, gathered on the eve of Pentecost Sunday to pray for Christian unity.

'The Upper Room' gathering was an initiative of the ACT Churches Council in partnership with Alpha Australia and the Catholic Archdiocese and Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Participants gathered to pray and explore their common desire for missionary renewal.

'As we are growing in our friendship together in our different communities we want the friendship of the Holy Spirit to be expressed in our region especially in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,' Archbishop Christopher Prowse said.

'As we start to launch projects together like Alpha it is a very exciting time for us all.'

The event brought together communities who are running or are soon to run the Alpha course in their local church.

The event's panel included

Archbishop Prowse, Murray Averill from Alpha Australia, Reverend David Campbell from St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Pastor Sue Miller from Northside Life Church.

Catholic Archdiocesan Youth Minister Manager Huw Warmenhoven, Reverend Tim Watson from Watson Anglican Church, Reverend Judy Douglas from Holt Anglican Church and leader of Canberra Red Frogs Caleb Reid also spoke.

Anglican Bishop Mark Short described the gathering as an exciting initiative in mission.

'At the very first Pentecost, the disciples of Jesus were gathered together in the upper room seeking God's power for mission,' he said.

'It was great to see so many people come together on Pentecost Eve from churches across Canberra and the wider community.'

The leaders will embark on new areas of ecumenical mission, including implementing Alpha, as well as continuing to pray for the mission of the Church.

JUNE MINISTRY SPOUSES LUNCH AT BISHOP MARK AND MONICA SHORT'S PLACE

Both the ministry spouses and Mothers' Union Members in our Diocese are great fun – you are impressive people. Here are some photos from our latest informal ministry spouses lunch catered for by Mothers' Union. Thank you, dear Mothers' Union, for spoiling us spouses with a yummy three-course meal. We love your cooking.

Dear ministry spouses, thank you for everything that you do for our beautiful diocese. God is good.

by Monica Short



September Ministry Spouses Event

Workshop: Growing kindness and goodness in community. Being peacemakers – from a Gospel lens

**Saturday 25th September 10am to 3.30pm
 Australian Centre of Christianity and Culture
 Free - Catered by Mothers' Union**

**For more information visit:
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 RSVP by the 1st September. Online registration form:
<https://forms.gle/7ZBVVAqBCFrX2YAS7>**

CLIMATE AND FAITH: CHRISTIANS FOR AN ETHICAL SOCIETY



Speakers on climate and faith at Christians for an Ethical Society forum on 9 June 2021. (L) Bishop George Browning (R) Dr David Hunter.

Thinking beyond the individual and the imperative for human evolution: a Christian response to climate change, by Katy Nicholls

On a wet and very chilly night 35 people gathered at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture to listen to Bishop George Browning (former Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn) and Dr David Hunter (President, Othopterists' Society and adviser to the Asia Development Bank) speak on climate change and the Christian moral imperative to act for the common good.

Bishop George's presentation, titled 'Is it just me', asked the frog, 'or is the water getting warmer', called for an evolution in humanity. Humanity is tribal, he stated, and the consequent tribal conquering and subduing was necessary for survival until the last few centuries. In the 20th and 21st century the most harmful manifestation of tribalism is nationalism, with terrible violent results for humanity and for the integrity of the world's ability to support us. However, for our own survival, it is 'dawning on us that exploitation and consumerism is a feature of human irresponsible adolescence'. 'The planet will survive without us', he said, adding, 'we will not survive without a healthy, richly

diverse, planet. Circumstance is forcing humanity to grow up and as we grow up, we learn there is a better, more satisfying, less alienating, less violent way forward. This has of course always been the Christian view, what we might call the soul of humanity is infinitely more important than the trinkets with which we like to distract ourselves.'

Bishop George called for a change in human relationships – to that of community and planetary citizenship. He pointed out that this tipping point for humanity should not come as a surprise to Christians, it is the evolutionary change that Christ wrought in and for us. 'We have been provided with a rhythm, a sabbath rhythm of rest and renewal, which we have largely or totally ignored'. The true goal of being a Christian and growing up as a species is 'rediscovered through embracing the limitations that all life-giving relationships demand. To live harmoniously with others, with the natural order, indeed with oneself, is to discover again one's appropriate place.'

The coronavirus pandemic has started us on this path, as we recognise

again the value of community, the benefits of 'socialist' support for the vulnerable and that we are only as strong as the weakest link. 'The year of COVID has taught us that economies cannot only survive, but flourish when the emphasis is placed on social health and cohesion rather than consumerism.'

He concluded by canvassing the implications for individuals, the economy and politics of the current human and climatic tipping point:

- As individuals, we must all act for good that is common – what we hold in common is infinitely more significant than any wealth we may possess as an individual. Further, all of us must adopt a carbon neutral position at home, work or play, now, and as far as we can in our circumstances.

- Economic management must abandon the illusions of neo-liberal claims: 'unredeemed, neo-liberal capitalism will destroy the planet this century unless it is reformed.' These illusions include the belief that privatisation is necessarily good, that wealth trickles down and that regulation should be avoided. As a regulatory example he pointed out that it is reasonable to assume that the damage done by a business in the course of its operation should be the subject of reparation, yet our government refuses to impute the global and accelerating cost of releasing CO2 to the cost of fossil fuel production or use.

- He expressed distress at the extreme tribalism currently visible in Australia's political system, and called for a stronger global view, and the end of private funding of political parties.

Finally, there was a call of hope, that the younger generation seem to be more aware of humanity's actions and the consequences of our current path, and that globally those in power are starting to see that we need to change, to choose planetary citizenship. As Christians, in this change we will 'rediscover the mission for which we were born and in which we will rediscover our delight'.

In reply, Dr Hunter spelled out both the moral imperative for Christians to act to address climate change for the common good, and the scientific evidence that there are ways and means to meet that obligation.

He summarised the current global political and scientific information, from the recent statement of the UN Secretary General that the world is reaching the point of no return on

climate change to a summary of some of the worrying tipping points. These include those arising from the temperatures in the Arctic having risen by 4-5 degrees: the melting of Arctic ice results in an ocean that absorbs rather than reflects sunlight and heat and there is also a consequent more rapid melting of permafrost, releasing methane, a potent greenhouse gas, which will lead to runaway melting of glaciers and potentially the Greenland ice sheet. The consequences for humans range from sea level rise to changed rainfall patterns globally disrupting food production, to the replacement of many temperate forests by subtropical forests with the replacement occurring by fire. Already insurance premiums in zones at risk are becoming unaffordable.

On the other hand, global leaders are starting to recognise the risks and act more seriously, and Australian state governments and companies are increasingly investing in renewable electricity, including for export to Singapore.

He concluded with a call for a recognition of individual responsibility to do our part in personal action in reducing our footprint and in advocacy, and a paraphrase of the words of Moses 'I set before YOU this day a choice: and this is that choice: do right for the good of us here in Australia and for the good of people all over the world or alternatively, abrogate your responsibilities and we all suffer the consequences. The choice is yours.'

Questions from the audience included ones seeking more information on Bishop George's views on capitalism and the assumption of continuous growth, and on the recent tendency to government by decree. Questioners also asked about the role of the established churches and what we as individuals should do. The key message in response was that we as Christians should inform ourselves, engage in the debates in the public sphere, and choose to be true to the message of Jesus – to stand with the poor, the needy and downtrodden, and be on the side of the environment. The audience was urged to speak up, everywhere, in all circumstances, in issues that are contrary to God's love.

Further information about the Christians for an Ethical Society can be found at <https://ces.org.au/>

REVEREND JOHN MCDONALD — A GREAT ECUMENIST



I would like to let the readers of Anglican News know that I was saddened to learn of the recent death of The Reverend John McDonald, who for almost 30 years was the

Rector of the Anglican Parish of St Basil's Anglican Church, Artamon.

I first met John in the late 1980's when I represented the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta at the

monthly meetings of the New South Wales Ecumenical Council. He was also a representative of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra Goulburn to the Council. John would attend the meetings each month without fail and his contribution was always constructive and to the point. The late Bishop Bede Heather, who at one stage was chair person of the council for two years, appreciated John's contribution and support.

John was very zealous in inter-church and interfaith relations. With his death the Anglican church in Sydney has lost a great ecumenist.

We became good friends and I remember him telling me once, that when he was a student for the Anglican ministry at Moore Theological Collage in the late 1950's at the time of Pope Pius XII's death, he and his fellow students would gather in prayer, praying for God's guidance on the Cardinals as they were electing a new Pope and as a

result Pope John XXIII was elected.

Let me conclude with what was written in John's funeral notice in Saturday's Sydney Morning Herald (12 June 2021):

Be a pastor after the pattern of Christ the great Shepherd ... Be a teacher taught by the Lord in wisdom and holiness. Lead the people of God as a servant of Christ. Love and serve the people with whom you work, caring alike for young and old, rich and poor, weak and strong.

As a Catholic priest who has been involved in inter-church and interfaith relations for over forty years I found John a real inspiration to continue in this work although at times I felt discouraged, for we both believed that this work would contribute to the wellbeing of human kind.

by Reverend Zvonimir Gavranovic

St John XXIII Parish

Glenwood-Stanhope Gardens.

WHEN BISHOP BROUGHTON CONSECRATED THE CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, CANBERRA: 1845

We have been following the wanderings of our first Bishop through the Monaro in 1845. It was February 18 when Broughton completed his short visit to Gegezerick (now Berridale), and began the long journey back to Sydney.

He reached Duntroon on the night of 19 February but discovered that Robert Campbell and his family were not there. Apparently they were away in Sydney but soon expected home.

Christ Church, Queanbeyan and St John's at 'Canberry Plains' were both prepared for consecration but the bishop very much wanted Mr Campbell to be present. So he made a long journey around various settlements nearby, including Goulburn and Braidwood, while waiting for Campbell to return.

Alf Body, in his splendid history of St John's, entitled *Firm Still You Stand*, 1986, suggests that the Bishop may have taken a couple of days to rest at Duntroon. If so, he certainly deserved it.

We know from other journals the bishop kept that Broughton would always seize the opportunity to write to his wife Sarah and update her on his travels. Many of these notes survive. He would also write to his English friend and supporter, the Reverend Edward Coleridge of Eton College. Coleridge had been sending Broughton the successive volumes of the Library of Anglo-

Catholic Theology. Broughton was a dedicated student at heart and I would not be surprised if he had carried a volume of this series on his travels.

On Saturday 8 March, the Bishop consecrated Christ Church at Queanbeyan. The Sydney Morning Herald reported that about 20 candidates were confirmed that day.

On Wednesday 12 March Broughton was at Canberra to consecrate the Church of St John the Baptist. We do not know why that patron saint was chosen but as the biblical John the Baptist came 'preaching in the wilderness' it was an appropriate name.

The SMH reported that 'the edifice, built of stone, to which its tower and buttresses, and the manner in which the interior is fitted up, impart the appearance of an old English village church, is capable of holding a congregation of nearly two hundred persons, and it was literally crowded with men, women and children, respectably dressed'. The newspaper reported that the church had been erected by Robert Campbell, with the assistance of the government.

The consecration service was very formal. The Bishop was received at the west door by Mr Campbell and members of his family and escorted to the Communion Table. The Chancellor was the Reverend George Napoleon Woodd. The chaplains were the Reverend James Allan of Braidwood and the Reverend

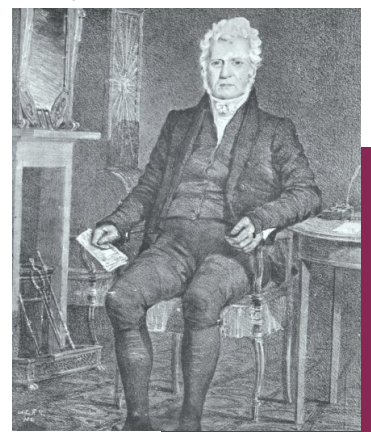
Edward Gifford Pryce who had been with the Bishop on his Monaro tour. The Reverend E Smith was the priest in Queanbeyan.

In his history of St John's, Alf Body suggests that Robert Campbell not only made the building of the Church possible, but made his First Anglican Communion at that service, having been confirmed at Christ Church a few days before. As I write this article I recall that I was confirmed in St John's in 1974 and made my first Anglican communion there. Like Campbell, I had previously served in the Presbyterian Church.

Several of the clergy who took part in that service are of special interest. George Napoleon Woodd of Bungonia, was a somewhat eccentric priest. He was born in London in 1810. One historian asked why ever would his parents give him the name 'Napoleon', seeing that at that time the French Emperor was the most bitter enemy of Britain and had threatened to invade the country until stopped by the Battle of Trafalgar?

I researched him and discovered that, while he was born in 1810, he was not baptised until 1816. This was well after the final defeat of Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. It seems that his family now decided that they would poke gentle fun at the fallen dictator by giving his name to their son in baptism.

I was also interested to see that



Robert Campbell, Public Domain

the Reverend James Allan, newly appointed rector of Braidwood, took part in the ceremony. Like Robert Campbell, Allan was also a Scottish Presbyterian who had served in the Colony until he fell foul of the firebrand cleric Dr JD Lang. Lang poured abuse on Allan as a worthless fellow. Finally Allan approached Bishop Broughton and was ordained in the Anglican Church. People said the Bishop sent him to Braidwood to get him out of reach of Lang! There he was to have a long and faithful ministry and I researched and wrote a post-graduate thesis about his life and times: *A Colonial Clergyman*.

Robert Campbell is honoured as the builder of St John's but less than a year later he died of what the paper called an apopleptic fit at Duntroon. Bishop Broughton conducted his funeral.

by Reverend Robert Willson

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The password to the form is: 4321

For people who register through the form, the course is available at the discounted cost of \$34.95. In addition, the Mothers' Union is offering four scholarships for the course. Please indicate on the registration form if you would like one of the scholarships. Mothers' Union is also providing a free lunch for all who register for the course. The lunch will be in Canberra, and the venue is still to be confirmed.

Testimonials

Bishop Mark and Monica Short have trialled and completed the course, and it equally encouraged both of them to flourish in their marriage. Here is what they say:

Monica: Mark and I thank God for each other and we wish to fall continually more and more in love with each other. This course was a fun couple activity for us. The course was easy to access and participate in – we mostly did the course in the car whilst driving around the diocese. It was refreshing to talk with Mark about what is going well in our marriage and what needs work.

Mark: The course was really helpful in opening up conversations about what we could celebrate in our marriage and where we needed to make some course corrections. The presentations were clear, and the exercises easy to follow.

For more information about the course, please visit: <https://www.buildingmarriage.com.au/>

Meanwhile, Bishop Mark and Dr Monica Short are praying Romans 15:13 for you:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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#dirrumfestival is facet of Dirrum Dirrum, a movement encouraging young people's engagement in service to the common good. This year's topic is 'stepping stones for a better tomorrow'.

Throughout the world we are faced with a raging torrent of extraordinary challenges. In the face of a multitude of global problems, finding a path across the river may appear impossible. But the first act of changing the world is a single step. Dirrum Festival Canberra 2021 aims to cultivate the search for and creation of stepping stones to connect, inspire and lead one another towards the common good.

The festival will be held at the Morison Centre, Radford College on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th August.

A wide range of inspirational speakers will be taking part including: CEO of Common Grace Brooke Prentis; Olympic swimmer Stephanie Rice; Canberra Young Business Woman of the Year Christina DeLay; poet and dancer

Jahzeel Campbell; National co-ordinator of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency Andrew Colvin; atmospheric scientist Margi Bohm, sustainability expert and candidate for the Mars One mission in 2031 Dianne McGrath, researcher into healthy forms of masculinity Paul Zappa, former Executive Director of Oxfam and Reviewer of Sexual Harassment in Victorian Courts Helen Szoke.

There will be entertainment, dance performances and live music including local artist Johnny Huckle, a variety of stalls, as well as food and beverages for sale from local businesses.

Bring your friends and family along to the 2021 Dirrum Festival. You won't want to miss it!

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