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A Growing Embrace

Embracing Ministries has been in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn for more than a decade and is now a Ministry Unit. Embracing Ministries is changing and growing as it serves its community.

Jesus taught that the most important commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart and soul and mind and strength. And that the second follows from it – to love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12:29). Many of the families who are a part of Embracing Ministries are not yet Christians, but we continue to pray that Jesus is at the centre of all we do.

The saying is true, 'People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care' (Theodore Roosevelt).

This is particularly true for our beautiful siblings of kids with disability and those in palliative care. *Embracing Siblings Program* is a highly valued program. As Mark 10:13-16 tells us, 'People brought their small children to Jesus so that he could lay his hands on them to

bless them ... Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because God's kingdom belongs to people who are like these little children. The truth is, you must accept God's kingdom like a little child accepts things, or you will never enter it.' Then Jesus held the children in his arms. He laid his hands on them and blessed them. The *Embracing Siblings Program* is Mark 10 in action.

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COVID and the high risk of infection for children with disability and in palliative care has meant isolation continues. This has impacted their lives in negative ways, compounding the impacts of Autism and ADHD on everyone in the family including siblings and those supporting them. *Embracing Siblings Program* restarted this year

with 17 children. This year we have taken the children to Inflatable World, Canberra Zoo, Lollipops Play Land and many other activities. The feedback from families has been very positive. They see how happy their children are to reconnect and have amazing fun with each other.

Siblings Australia says: 'Siblings can often be overlooked, which can lead to feelings of isolation. If this continues, children can

For many of the children, this was their very first overnight camp, away from home.

They shared cabin chores and happily participated in the activities. The children went caving, tried out archery, learned how to care for a horse and enjoyed stories and songs around a campfire.

Always ready for the home-cooked meals they jostled playfully with each other in the food line. In a brief respite from daily life they were able to enjoy the freedom of 'just being a kid'.

One girl said to her mother 'This was the best weekend I have had'. We closed our weekend with special communion celebration on Sunday morning led by Reverend Andrea.

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However, none of this could have happened without the support

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become vulnerable to a range of emotional and mental health problems. *However, if siblings are acknowledged, and connected to sources of support, they are likely to become more resilient.*

In May this year we were excited to finally take our 'Siblings' for a weekend camp at Mountain Trails Adventure Camp, near Wee Jasper.



Picture by Ben Hershey on unsplash.com

Bishop Mark Writes ...

Just as faith without works is dead, might values without virtues be empty?

I'll come back to what I mean by that but first I want to touch on the big sporting news of the past fortnight – not the tragic defeat of the Parramatta Eels but the appointment and subsequent resignation of Andrew Thorburn as CEO of the Essendon Bombers.

I am not privy to all the discussions that led up to these decisions. Nor am I interested in adding to the polarised and passionate commentary around them. I do encourage us, regardless of our views on this matter, to consider the broader implications.

Reading the various commentaries on the Essendon saga I was struck that most, whether 'conservative' or 'progressive', assumed that religion is on the wane as our culture becomes more secular. However, for most people in the world and many people in Australia faith continues to be a vital part of their identity. This is especially the case for members of

our immigrant and multi-cultural communities. These are also people who are over-represented in poorly-paid jobs with insecure employment relationships. That's why getting faith and the workplace right matters - not primarily for the sake of former CEO's who will probably land another well-paid and secure job, but for the sake of our culturally-diverse sisters and brothers in the outer suburbs of our big cities. They are ultimately most vulnerable to any situation where leadership in a traditional religious community places a ceiling on economic or organisational advancement.

So what has this to do with the distinction between values and virtues? I understand the former to be what we profess and the latter how we live. We can sign up to a statement of values in an instant, but virtues are formed in us over time. When the Bible lists the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5 (love, joy peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control), we are being invited into a

process of transformation, a Spirit-empowered journey of becoming

more like Jesus.

All organisations, including churches and church organisations, have values. Sometimes those values are explicit, sometimes we discover them when we inadvertently transgress them. I believe it's even better when organisations are able to name the virtues they wished to see expressed in their common life. Doing so has the potential to shift us away from zero-sum debates about competing ideas into more nuanced conversations about what it means to live together well with difference. It allows past and present behaviour to be assessed against some vision of the good life, and reminds us that none of us are yet what we hope to be.

The good news for those in Christ is that such hope will not disappoint. 'Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is' (1 John 3:2).



Clergy Moves

On 29.09.2022 *Canon Anne Wentzel* was licensed as Locum Acting Dean St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn (01.10.2022 till 07.01.2023).

The Reverend Joy Harris has been appointed Rector of Crookwell and Taralga Parishes effective from early 2023. Joy returns to the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn from the Diocese of Bathurst.

The Reverend Ricky Tilden has been granted a Diocesan ATO from 05.10.2022.

Bible Aloud

Volunteers are sought for a new Anglican ministry, where the Bible will be read aloud for about 45-60 minutes each week, with a short prayer before and after.

The idea will be to help Christians spend longer periods of time in the Bible, with the fellowship and encouragement of doing it in a group, and without spending time in discussion that could otherwise be spent reading more verses.

It's an initiative of Will Mackerras, one of the Anglican Chaplains at the Canberra Hospital. Will is hoping to find other core team members who can help get the ministry going, including by settling on times and venues. If you might like join in, please email Will at wmackerras@hotmail.com.

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Meet Deacon Kim Hoey

by Reverend Kim Hoey

Where does one begin? I don't know that I am able to mark a particular day or occasion where I felt that I was called to be a deacon, rather there were many things that took place over time that brought me to this point.

Coming from a 'non-church' family, at the age of ten I was sent to an Anglican boarding school – mother, grandmother and aunts went there – where I was introduced to this thing I knew nothing about: chapel/church. My house mother, choir mistress and organist encouraged and supported me in those challenging years. I guess that is where it all began.

In my early adult years, I dipped my toes in and out of 'church' depending on where I was at in life. Though I always knew that when I had children, I wanted them to grow up knowing God and His love for them.

I began attending St John's, Wagga Wagga while pregnant with my first

child. I was warmly welcomed and encouraged. Not long after my first child was born, the parish admin position came available. I really felt that it was my job, but the timing was not right.

Eight years later with my youngest in kindergarten, when the job became open again, the timing was right. I was thrilled!! And I have loved my job every day of the last ten years.

A couple of people on various occasions had asked if I had considered ministry but my response was always surprise and 'not me'. But the questions made me think, consider and prayerfully wonder.

In 2016 I decided to do a *Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology* at St Mark's, to see if I was up for the challenge of study with two young children. Juggling work, family, children, and study was a full load, but I did it, and I quite enjoyed the learning.



The load was a lot so I felt at the time that I could not manage university study. Twelve months later the Deaconate subject was on offer over the summer session. I was encouraged by my then Rector David Ruthven to do this as it would be a good introduction into all that is involved in being a deacon. I really enjoyed it.

Okay!! So here we go. I enrolled in the Bachelor of Theology. Still, with work, family, kids, life, I was only able to do one subject at a time, with the odd session off with COVID and a house renovation. At this rate it was going to take me a long time. Bishop Trevor revealed to me that I didn't need to complete the Bachelor to be a deacon but could withdraw at the *Graduate Diploma of Theology Studies*. And here I am, completing

my final subject.

I was ordained in February this year. The journey to ordination, as it seems to be for anyone I've spoken to, is not straight forward. There was many a hurdle along the way. But, when the time is right ...

I am still in the job I started ten years ago and love, but with a bit more on the plate. I did not think I would 'enjoy' taking funeral services as much as I do. What a wonderful opportunity to journey with people in their time of need.

The ministry I feel called to is walking with the Rainbow community of Wagga, encouraging and doing what I can to welcome and support them to come as they are, to experience God's love for them in this place.

Embracing Siblings

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of the small team of volunteers who assisted with supervising the children, driving the bus, being cabin leaders, helping with cooking and just being a friend or mentor to our siblings.

We need new volunteers.

We have an opportunity to take the children on an overnight

Kayaking holiday at Mountain Trails on 11th November and we are very excited that we will be taking school children, years 5-8, on their first summer camping holiday to the beautiful South Coast at Burrill Pines (close to Ulladulla) for three days from 23rd-25th January 2023.

It will be a memorable holiday for



some of the children, who have never seen the ocean, and a rewarding experience for the volunteers who go with them.

We would love for you to come and support this children's ministry whether as a leader, driver, assisting with supervision or cooking, or just being a friend to the children. All volunteers will need to undertake a safe ministry check and training.

For more information please contact Reverend Andrea de Vaal at embracingministries@gmail.com or mobile 0404 256 714. It will be the highlight of your year.





Mayor of Goulburn-Mulwaree Councillor Peter Walker speaking next a photo of the Queen

Giving Thanks for Queen Elizabeth II

‘In gratitude we come together to this House of Prayer to mourn a greatly loved Queen. We come together as people from many backgrounds, to hear words of hope, and to give thanks for the life, work and witness of Queen Elizabeth II of Australia ...’

So began the Dean at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Queen in St Saviour’s Cathedral on 22 September, following guidelines provided to Anglican Cathedrals through the world. He continued:

‘For her grace, humanity and sympathy, for her courage in adversity, for the happiness she brought to so many, for her steadfast pilgrimage of faith, for her example of service, and for the duty which she rendered unflinchingly to our nation,

her other realms and territories, and to the Commonwealth of Nations, we thank and praise Almighty God.

‘As we commend our late Queen Elizabeth, his servant, to God’s mercy, let us especially pray for her son, King Charles, her grandson, William, Prince of Wales, and all her family in their loss:

‘Heavenly Father, you have assured us that everyone who looks to your Son and believes in him shall have eternal life: trusting in your faithfulness, we commend our sister Elizabeth our late Queen to your mercy as we await that great day when you raise us with her to life in triumph and we shall stand before you, with all your whole creation made new in him, in the glory of your heavenly kingdom. Amen.’

The Mayor of Goulburn-Mulwaree, Councillor Peter Walker, gave an acknowledgement on behalf of the community, giving thanks for the guidance, love and attention the Queen has provided throughout her 70-year reign, saying

it was ‘unbelievable that a person could be so committed and so true to her word, when she made her first statements back when she was coronated.’

The Honourable Wendy Tuckerman, Member for Goulburn, read from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and the Honourable Angus Taylor, Member for Hume, read from Revelation 21:1-7.

Bishop Mark spoke from the readings on the changing times and seasons saying:

‘We don’t manage time; time manages us.

‘Yes, God makes everything beautiful or appropriate in its time, but this side of eternity, this side of the curtain, which is the only side on which we can live, matters are not so simple.

‘Changing times come upon us.’

He spoke of the widely-acknowledged stability that the Queen gave to the world and how it was her hope in Jesus, who is the beginning and the end, which



Bishop Mark speaking

anchored the Queen through her ages.

Canon Anne Wentzel and Canon Roberta Hamilton read prayers of commemoration and thanksgiving.

A trumpet rang out the last post, which is both a farewell but also a reminder of our resurrection, followed by the singing of the royal anthem to close the service.

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The Honourable Angus Taylor, Member for Hume and Canon Kevin Stone



The Choir



The Honourable Wendy Tuckerman, Member for Goulburn and guest.

Queen's Faith Celebrated in June

Heather Jauncey, Secretary, Parish Council

About 40 people shared in a Service of Prayer and Reflection remembering Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, at St Luke's Anglican, June, on Sunday, 25 September. The Reverend David Hilliard led the Service and referred to Quotes from 'The Servant Queen and the King She Serves'. Included was the Hymn 'The day you gave us,

Lord is ended' sung at her Funeral Service and a video of the final Lament played by her personal Piper as her coffin was lowered into the Royal Vault. 'God Save the King' concluded the Service.

A lovely High Tea was then served in the Hall - in the presence of Paddington Bear and a Corgi!



Wagga Wagga gives thanks for the Queen's life

On the 22nd September 2022 we gathered in solidarity with our Catholic brothers and sisters to remember and give thanks for the life of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. The Catholic Bishop of Wagga, The Most Reverend Mark Edwards, and the Anglican Bishop of the Riverina, the Right Reverend Donald Kirk, shared in the service at St John's Anglican Church, Wagga.

in singing a number of Her Majesty's favourite hymns and The Venerable Dr Grant Bell, Rector of Wagga, focused his address on Her Majesty's life of faith and service. 120 people attended the service.

There was a warm gathering after the service over a cup of tea in the Parish Meeting Room where Catholic and Anglican parishioners joined together in friendship and fellowship.

by Archdeacon Grant Bell

The service was a lovely celebration of the life of Queen Elizabeth. The St John's Singers led the congregation




L-R: Fr Connell Perry, The Most Reverend Mark Edwards (Catholic Bishop of Wagga Wagga), The Right Reverend Donald Kirk (Bishop of Riverina), Venerable Dr Grant Bell (Rector of Wagga Wagga)

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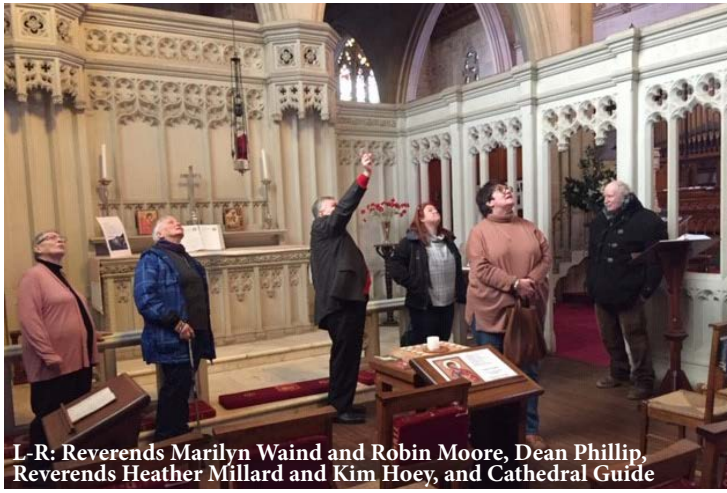
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L-R: Reverends Marilyn Waind and Robin Moore, Dean Phillip, Reverends Heather Millard and Kim Hoey, and Cathedral Guide

Deacon training workshop at the Cathedral

by Venerable Jane Simmonds, Archdeacon to the Diaconate

The title of Bishop Mark's address to Synod was 'Good to be Here!' and how good it was for so many of us to take part in the uplifting worship of the Synod Eucharist Service! We have not gathered in such numbers since before COVID.

Just imagine the preparation that took place for everything to run smoothly to the glory of God!

At the end of August, Dean Phillip Saunders ran a training workshop for Deacons at the Cathedral.

The day began with a tour of the

Cathedral with the Dean telling us the story of its construction under the architect Edmund Blasket. We examined some of the magnificent fixtures and looked at the stained-glass windows, depicting stories from the Gospels, and the pictures of the Celtic Saints along the roof line in the Soldier's Chapel. These may normally be missed because they are so high. The Dean pointed out many of the interesting items on display as well as regaling us with various anecdotes about the personalities involved in the life of the Cathedral

over the years.

I noticed other things too. Dotted around the Cathedral were some brightly coloured plastic buckets. I wondered if they were there to catch drips from a leaking roof. The Cathedral is in need of repair and although it has been given a grant from the NSW State government, these funds have to be matched by public donations. (To donate: <https://www.goulburncathedral.org.au/our-appeal>)

After the tour, Dean Phillip opened a discussion about traditions. He explained the Lambeth Quadrilateral: the four-point structure of the Anglican Church, namely the Holy Scriptures, the Dominical Sacraments of Jesus (Baptism and Holy Communion), the Creeds, and the 3-fold order of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. He then talked about local traditions,

traditions within groups, gospel traditions and invited us to think about whether there may be a need to change. We had a conversation about the strong links between the Cathedral and the Diaconate and the function of Deacons as part of the church community. We reflected on our calling as Deacons and our role in living out the Gospel in the wider world; much food for further thought and prayer.

We then had a practical training session of serving at the altar, each one of us taking a turn under the Dean's watchful eye.

We are all very grateful to Dean Phillip for leading our workshop at the Cathedral and thank him for sharing his wisdom and practical instruction with us.

We ended our meeting with a time of fellowship over lunch. A most enjoyable day.



L-R: Reverend Robin Moore, Venerable Jane Simmonds, Reverends Wendy Robertson, Kim Hoey and Heather Millard



Holiday Clubs and Youth Camps resume at SWAC

by Reverend Scott Goode

The youth and children of South Wagga Anglican Church have been busy as camps and holiday clubs resume after a couple of years of COVID cancellations.

SWAC Youth headed to Katoomba a couple of weekends ago to attend Katoomba Youth Convention. All up, seven leaders and 19 youth attended and, importantly, 15 of the

young people made a commitment (or recommitment) to follow Jesus.

We were so grateful for the initiative of our young people to fundraise the cost of this camp and for the generosity of the SWAC church family in ensuring so many could go.

And during the October school holidays we hosted our annual

Holiday Kids club with a *Toy Story* theme. Just as Andy writes his name on the soles of the feet of his toys so God writes His name upon us and makes us His children. Approximately 30 primary-aged children attended across the three days and heard the good news about Jesus.



Thank you to our Diocesan Bishop's Executive Officer

As she prepares to leave in the coming weeks we asked Bev Forbes to reflect on some aspects of her time in the Diocesan Bishop's Executive Officer role and share some thoughts with us by answering the following questions.

How long have you been in the Diocese?

I joined the Diocese in 2007 following 20 years working in the Department of the House of Representatives Committee Office as a senior researcher then committee secretary; research and information roles in the water and energy sectors in the APS; and as a librarian at the Lake Macquarie Shire Library and search analyst at the National Library of Australia. During my time in the Diocese I have worked for three Diocesan Bishops (Bishop George, Bishop Stuart and Bishop Mark) and all our Assistant Bishops when they sat in the Diocesan's chair.

What brought you to work for the Diocese initially?

I came to the Diocese to take up the role as Executive Officer to then Diocesan Bishop – Bishop George. It was a great opportunity to work for just one person after having had four or five bosses in the Parliament at the same time due to the nature of committee secretariat and chamber work I did. As a cradle Anglican I always felt called and wanted to

work for the church in some more formal way.

I always felt that I was born to be a librarian, an information specialist, who assisted people to access information to answer their questions from whatever source of information was best. For me the EO role was a variation on that in the context of the church (faith).

In the EO role I worked directly to the Bishop assisting him in addressing correspondence, emails, appointments and meetings; clergy and lay minister licensing; the Clergy Appointments Board process; drafting and reviewing publications such as the *Ad Clerum*; maintaining records of communication between the Bishop and clergy and ministry units; research; assisting with Synod; and much more.

Librarians say 'libraries are people places' and the church is about community and relationships – both serve people. My particular love is public libraries and I loved providing excellent service to the general public who often did not expect much service so I tried to give them the best our library and other information sources could provide in answering their questions. I applied the same approach in serving the Bishop, the clergy and lay ministers and the whole Diocese.

What have been the highlights (or joys) of your time here?

The greatest joy in the EO role has been the people I have met and the opportunity the Bishops have given me to serve them. I still love assisting the person who rings the Bishop's Office or comes in never really expecting an answer to their question and I have been able to assist them or point them in the best direction. I found the diversity of the EO role astounding. The breadth of matters that your Bishop deals with



is enormous and I got to be a small part of that.

My second greatest joy was my study for a Graduate Diploma in Theology at St Mark's National Theological Centre. I did well. Thank you Bishop Stuart and Trevor Ament in supporting my undertaking. I have been blessed in being able to use that knowledge, experience and contacts on a daily basis to better serve the Bishop and the Diocese and beyond. I am particularly grateful to Bishop Mark for the committee secretariat and research opportunities he has given me.

What have been some of the biggest challenges?

The biggest challenge is that the Bishop's EO role is diverse, with a heavy, constant, and time-consuming workload that is ever changing and evolving, and that I assist in dealing with the best and worst of times in people's lives. The constant is God's presence hopefully guiding my every move together with the guiding hand of the Bishop.

In addition, in addressing these issues I have been greatly blessed to have come to this role from the Department of the House of Representatives where I was trained to be flexible and to deal with very high levels of uncertainty. Also as a Novocastrian I am blessed to have grown up in a city that wholeheartedly embraces diversity and equality. These all are qualities needed in these times.

Another major challenge is balancing my personal life and work while maintaining well-being. Fortunately I have been blessed in doing that with a wonderful husband (Alan Wilson) and wonderful parents (Judy and Richard Forbes, both now deceased) who always encouraged me in all that I did. They have revealed for me the extravagant love of God.

What will you miss most?

By now you will know the answer to that question without asking – the people. The Bishops and all of you!

BISHOP MARK ADDS:

In her time as Executive Officer Bev Forbes has served three Bishops, each with their own personal style, needs and eccentricities. She has successfully navigated several office re-locations, most of them within the same building. More importantly, she has quietly and faithfully served countless clergy, lay people and staff by guiding them through the complexity of Diocesan life and Governance. Bev has been gifted with a head for process and a heart for people and I have greatly valued and benefitted from her care and concern for others in all the changing circumstances of Diocesan life. She has achieved the fine balance of engaging with others at times of significant personal challenges while also ensuring that appropriate confidentiality is observed.

It has been a blessing to work with Bev and other members of the Bishops Office team to make it a place where all are welcomed and treated with respect. Bev and her husband Alan will continue to be valued members of our Diocesan family in their retirements and many of us look forward to seeing them at worship, at a parkrun or as they walk their dog. Bev, may God bless you richly in the next stage of the journey as you have blessed us!





Dampit Fellowship

Encouraging Pastors in East Java, Indonesia

by Wendy Elliot, Bega Parish

In Java, Christian pastors have to face many obstacles in planting a new church. Most of them have no stipends, and are expected to build their churches and a residence in which to live. They rely on their parishioners to give enough for daily living expenses, but usually the parishioners are very poor themselves. It is frequently necessary for the pastors to develop some form of cottage industry as a source of income. This is a story about one such pastor.

I first met Pastor Hari in 1998. At that time, he was living in a rented room with no bathroom or kitchen. He, his wife Dewi, and their young baby had to wash in the water from the rice field irrigation ditches. At the beginning of his ministry, Pastor Hari had spent three months in gaol for handing out religious leaflets at a shopping centre in the town of Malang, not aware that it was against the law. A Victorian church group bought him a pair of thongs and a second-hand motorbike so that he could visit his scattered parishioners.

After meeting Pastor Hari, the youth group from Hackett Anglican Church ran two Bike-a-thons in 1998 and 1999, and raised enough money

to purchase bricks for the building of a church, up to the window level. With some monetary assistance from Australian supporters, and a great deal of hard work by Pastor Hari himself, the church was completed. Pastor Hari has tried several cottage industries to support his family and the other poor people he has taken in. Today he produces animal food from recycled food scraps.

Each year since 1998 I have continued to visit Pastor Hari, joined after 2005 by some parishioners from Charnwood Anglican Parish. Pastor Hari's buildings have grown to encompass simple accommodation for the poor and destitute, and today he provides shelter for 28 homeless people. With his family that makes 32 mouths to feed. He goes to the market daily at 5am to purchase food with whatever money he has. When he returns, he holds a prayer session for any who wish to attend, regardless of their faith or personal circumstances. He is an amazing man of faith.

Some years ago, when a homeless man living there died, and there was no money for a coffin, Pastor Hari dismantled a wall of his house and used the timber for a coffin. Pastor

Hari recounts that this Muslim man had become a Christian believer just before he died – he died peacefully with a smile on his face.

On another occasion, I asked Pastor Hari how many chickens he had. I had two, he replied, but now I have only one. Guess what we were eating? After this year's visit a small amount of money was left with the family. Pastor Hari's wife Dewi wept as she said thanks. Pastor Hari will always be poor as he literally gives away all that he receives, living by faith. This big-hearted man has a special place in the hearts of many Australians who have helped him over the years, people from Victorian churches, Hackett, Charnwood and Bega Anglican parishes.

Each trip to East Java involves visits to about 40 pastors and much travelling in rural areas. The aim is to encourage them in their ministries and to demonstrate that they are not forgotten by the wider church. While their biggest problem is lack of money, they have many skills in building, plumbing and electrical work. The pastors' fellowship group in Dampit, near Malang, is a model of mutual help as pastors from a wide range



of denominations help one another construct buildings and establish Christian ministry in rural villages. With just a small amount of outside financial assistance they are able to accomplish much.

Christian pastors in East Java need encouragement as well as practical assistance. There are stories of difficulties faced; some have been met with hostility and stoning, others have been harassed in various ways, and discrimination in the matter of renting places to live is common. But the encouragement is not just one-way. We too have been greatly encouraged by the Christian lives lived by this group of dear friends, with their wonderful sense of humour and fun as well as a total commitment to follow Jesus.



Pastor Hari's extension rooms



Pastor Hari's family with Wendy Elliot

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Archbishop Ben Kwashi and Dr Gloria Kwashi (centre) are caring for over 70 children in their home.

Nigeria: Remembering the children

submitted by Ashleigh Hooker, Anglican Aid

‘The people who are most traumatised by this persecution are the orphans,’ said Archbishop Ben Kwashi in a message to Australian Anglicans earlier this year. Archbishop Kwashi from the Diocese of Jos in Nigeria and his wife Dr Gloria Kwashi have known persecution first hand, having experienced attempts on their lives and destruction of their property by Islamist militants. But they are most concerned about the way the devastating violence has affected the many children in their area who have found themselves orphaned and homeless.

Fifteen years ago Gloria Kwashi was so disturbed by the plight of the increasing number of widows, orphans, and vulnerable children, who had little or no shelter or food, no education and no money or facilities for health care, that she began taking children into her home to care for them. There are now over 70 children from the age of two years, living with the Bishop and his wife as their family. She has also established a school for them.

Zambiri School now educates over 400 primary and secondary students from disadvantaged backgrounds, all of whom receive free education, uniforms, food, and medical care. The school has been approved by the government as a centre for national examinations. Four cohorts of senior students have graduated, some of whom have gone on to tertiary education in college or university. Zambiri is planning to open a second campus to help meet the enormous needs in Jos. There will be a bakery and piggery associated with the new campus to help meet its running costs.

Archbishop Kwashi says that he has seen many of the children in his home and school grow, and heal, getting involved in sport and becoming wonderful kids. ‘Our prayer is that they will grow so wonderfully that they will hold no grudge but one day turn to be evangelists, to go to their persecutors,’ said Archbishop Kwashi.

In partnership with Anglican Aid, the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn renewed its partnership with the



Four cohorts of senior students have now graduated from Zambiri School.

fellowship that has brought us – so far and yet so close.’

While the persecution in Nigeria has brought great suffering, Archbishop Kwashi said that it has spurred Christians in Australia and around the world to pray for the church in Nigeria and he sees Christians under pressure not just surviving, but thriving in their faith. It has also given God’s people in Nigeria and beyond the opportunity to show his love. ‘What a joy to see the church responding to biblical injunctions of loving one another and caring for the poor, for widows and for the fatherless and helpless,’ he said.

If you would like to know more about supporting these projects, go to www.anglicanaid.org.au/locations/nigeria or contact Rev Canon Patrick Cole by phoning 0438 490 023 or emailing patrickcole@bigpond.com. Patrick would be delighted to make himself available to speak in parishes about the diocesan partnership, and the pressing needs of our Anglican sisters and brothers in Nigeria. Archbishop Ben’s moving video message about supporting work with children will shortly be available on the Diocesan website, together with an electronic version of the pamphlet setting out the various projects the Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn is supporting in Jos, and how to give to them.

The Friends of St Saviour’s Cathedral

invite you to their

Annual Eucharist

and AGM

in the Cathedral

On Saturday 19th November 2022

beginning at midday,

Followed by a High Tea Style Luncheon

in the Cathedral Hall

Cost \$35 per person

There will be surprise prizes for Most Innovative Hat, Best Hat, and Best Tie/Bow-tie, as well as raffles

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Using AGM and your surname as the reference,

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Covenant Care 10th Anniversary

by Megan Watts, Program Manager, Holistic Care Nursing Ministries

Monday September 12th was an exciting day at Covenant Care, as we finally managed to celebrate our 10th Anniversary with the community. VIP guests from the Legislative Assembly, Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC), previous Holy Covenant and Holistic Care Nursing Ministry (HCNM) staff, and families of previous clients and previous volunteers joined with the current clients, volunteers and HCNM staff for a time of sharing, reminiscing and expressing hope for the future. (And of course, there was a delicious lunch as well.)

Covenant Care was promoted to the visitors through displays of some of the clients' artwork, as well as a new banner.



Mr Bob Arthur spoke about the history of Covenant Care – how this ministry came into being and how it continues to provide a unique service in supporting both clients and their carers.



Archdeacon Anne Ranse spoke with passion of the work of the Covenant Care volunteers and the role of faith in this ministry. She also read a touching letter from Senator Katy Gallagher, who formally opened Covenant Care ten years ago in her then role as ACT Chief Minister.

Reverend Dr Wayne Brighton presented certificates and medals to volunteers who have remained with Covenant Care throughout this ten year journey, and certificates for staff and volunteers who have made significant contributions over an extended period.



(If you are someone who has been with Covenant Care from the beginning and you missed out, please let the HCNM team know!)



Our volunteer records aren't as detailed as we might like.)

Minister Yvette Berry (representing the Chief Minister) spoke from the heart about her family experience of caring for her grandmother during the end of her life, and the challenges this presents. She was joined in cutting the cake by Ian MacKay from CSCC. (The club has been providing free lunches to Covenant Care for many years.)

Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, particularly Rhonda Thorpe (previous HCNM Program Manager), Archdeacon Anne Ranse, Bob Arthur, Pauline Nicholson, Sue Jordan and Lyn Pascoe (RN). The Covenant Care community and the HCNM team thank God for the blessings that Covenant Care has provided and received across the last ten years, and look forward to the next decade of Covenant Care's journey.



About Covenant Care

Covenant Care opened in 2012 and is a wonderful example of the gospel in action. Most terminally-ill people want to remain in their own home to their last days. The support provided by Covenant Care Day Hospice helps make this possible.

Covenant Care Day Hospice offers 'A Day with a Difference' for those in our community with a life-limiting illness. It also allows carers to have a day off to catch up on outstanding matters or take some time out to relax. The onsite nurse and cheerful volunteers ensure that the clients and carers know they are in good hands and will be well entertained and cared for while attending the program.

In 2014, the ACT Volunteer of the Year Award for the 'Community Care and Health' category was awarded to Covenant Care Volunteers.

Enquiries

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Other information

Holistic Care Nursing Ministries listing on Holy Covenant Anglican Church's website: www2.holycovenant.org.au/community

GINNINDERRA SPRING CELEBRATION

From 10am Sunday Nov 6th

Relax on the grass with a picnic or get something to eat from the on site BBQ or Café

Check out the Balloon Modelling and Glitter Tattoos

Bring your pets for the **Blessing of the Animals**

Please make sure that your pet is safe and under control

Enter the carpark from Curley Street Spence



I Did But See Her Passing By

by Reverend Robert Willson

As so many of us watched the funeral service for The Queen I am sure there were special memories for many.

I remember her Wedding in 1947 and the death of her father, the King, in 1952. For her Coronation in 1953 we listened to the service on a crackling radio broadcast from Westminster Abbey. There was no television in Australia then, but later we saw a colour film flown to all parts of the British Empire a few days later.

My parents and sister and I stood on the steps of the Sydney GPO in February, 1954, to see The Queen and the Duke drive through the city and pause in Martin Place to lay a wreath at the Cenotaph.

Many years later I recall in 1963 hearing Prime Minister Menzies

welcome the Queen to Canberra and quote famous lines from a poem by Thomas Ford, whose years were 1580-1648. Ford grew up in the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth and served King Charles I. His beautiful lines appealed to our then Prime Minister, who loved poetry.

*There is a lady sweet and kind,
Was never face so pleas'd my mind;
I did but see her passing by,
And yet I love her till I die.*

Sir Robert Menzies expressed in an English poet's verse the feelings of millions of people all over the world as we shared in the Anglican and ecumenical funeral service through television.

Once, at the end of a Church of England Communion service in the



Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, attending St John's Anglican Church, Canberra in 2011, with then Rector Paul Black and Bishop Stuart Robinson.

Royal Chapel in Windsor Great Park in 2008, the Queen came out and our daughter Sandra introduced us to her. My wife and I were in Britain for the Baptism of our granddaughter Bessie in Eton College Chapel. Our daughter and son-in-law are members of the staff there.

The Queen and the Duke, when not otherwise engaged, worshipped regularly in this small Chapel, away from the photographers and the

crowds. The Queen was a devout, worshipping Christian and once shared her personal faith in a Christmas broadcast. The hymns and Scripture readings, chosen by the Queen for her funeral, reflected her simple faith.

Her long life of faith and duty and service, following the way of Christ, should be an inspiration to us all.



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Braidwood Concert Series

As the buds slowly begin to burst forth and survive the Spring winds, Braidwood Concert Series is readying itself for two wonderful Spring performances, both at St Andrew's Anglican Church in Braidwood. Make a day of it in Braidwood; come for lunch, wander the historical precinct and enjoy a marvellous afternoon or twilight concert.

The first of the Spring performances is by the highly-esteemed Canberra ensemble, Luminescence Chamber Singers, performing a program entitled *drawing breath* on Saturday 15 October, 5pm to 6.15pm. Luminescence's three women singers performed earlier this year in Braidwood drawing marvellous praise, including this comment: 'It is

so wonderful to be able to experience such high quality performances in an intimate setting in Braidwood. Can't wait to hear their next performance in Braidwood! So here is your chance ...

Performing music from all times and places, Luminescence champions the unbound expressive potential of our original instrument – the human voice. In *drawing breath* Luminescence Chamber Singers explore first breaths, last breaths, and music as diverse as the vast compass of human life and feeling in between: from Machaut and Gesualdo to Pink Floyd, Florence and the Machine, and newly commissioned works by Brenda Gifford, Connor D'Netto and Dan Walker. Tickets – \$45 adult, \$40 concessions, \$30 under 30s –

can be bought online at: <https://www.luminescence.org.au/2022/drawingbreath> or purchased at the door on the day.

The second performance is by Canberra based classical guitar ensemble, Guitar Trek, on Sunday 6 November from 2pm. Australia's great quartet Guitar Trek – Tim Kain, Minh Le Hoang, Matt Withers and Callum Henshaw – plays an exciting range of fresh new works written especially for the group by major international and Australian composers who have based their works on popular songs.

Pioneered by Braidwood-born Timothy Kain in 1987, Guitar Trek has reinvented the guitar quartet medium through the unique combination of its classically-constructed, different-sized guitars – Treble, Standard, Baritone and Bass.

Critics and audiences the world over have warmed to the freshness and energy of Guitar Trek's live concert appearances. Tickets – \$35 adults, \$30 concessions – are available online here: <https://events.humanitix.com/guitar-trek-7ghm57db> or can be purchased at the door on the day.

Both concerts will be performed at St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood. Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start time to avoid delay, bring a cushion for comfort and do tell your friends. Come and delight in the uplifting experience of intimate, high quality live performances in a beautiful acoustic space. We look forward to welcoming you! If you have any queries, please contact Braidwood Concert Series: artwork123@icloud.com.



NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

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 will 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.

30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women



There will be a service to celebrate the
30th Anniversary
of the Ordination of Women in
St Saviour's Cathedral
on
Saturday 5th November at 2pm

Bishop Genieve Blackwell, former Assistant
Bishop in the Diocese, will be preaching.

Betsy's Delicious Cheese Crumbles

Ingredients

- 1 cup self-raising flour (plus 2 flat teaspoons of baking powder if you wish)
- 1 cup grated good quality mature or tasty cheese
- 1 cup rice bubbles
- 1 tablespoon parmesan (preferably fresh)
- cayenne pepper (sprinkle to taste)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon mustard powder
- 120 grams melted butter (be generous; do not use margarine)



St John's Church Reid. At St John's Betsy helped at the monthly group that tidied up the beautiful St John's Church Yard. After each working bee the group had morning tea and amongst other treats Betsy made Cheese Crumbles for us. I just loved them and Betsy gave me the recipe saying 'if you make these once you will make them for the rest of your life'. Well it is true! I make them often and most people who taste them also love them. Recently Betsy turned 100 years. Her birthday fell on a Sunday, meaning she was able to be present at St John's to worship, and her church family was able to celebrate this milestone with her. Congratulations Betsy! In honour of Betsy and her 100th anniversary she agreed to me sharing her recipe with you. I hope you enjoy making these delicious biscuits as much as I do. Thank you Betsy.

by Bev Forbes

Instructions

Crush rice bubbles with a rolling pin. Mix ingredients; if mixture seems too moist (rarely happens) add a little extra flour.

Roll teaspoonfuls of the mixture into balls in your hands.

Cook in a moderate oven (170 degrees if fan-forced) for about 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Makes 24

Source: Betsy Boundy (parishioner, St John's Anglican Church, Canberra). Originally came from a Head Teacher of Cookery at Adelaide CIT.

When Mrs Betsy Boundy moved to Canberra from Adelaide about 20 years ago to be closer to family she joined the 8.00am congregation at

Betsy not only blessed us all with her cheese crumbles but has been and continues to inspire parishioners of St John's by her lively faith.

She loves to write poetry. Last year she wrote the following poem, which she headed: 'A prayer I needed during a long period of frustration and sickness.'

*The little things in life are so important
They regulate the way we pass our day;
They guide us with their gentle repetition
To find the proper footpath to God's way.*

*The big things, when they happen can astound us,
And often help to make us lose the way,
If 'good' we must remember to be thankful;
If 'bad' we need to trust God on the way.*

*We're only meant to fit in with God's pattern,
And reconcile our joy or pain with faith
And then we find that everything unravels
And we can rest again in God's good grace.*

~Betsy Boundy
Canberra September 2021

Sent in by Canon Kevin Stone

Anglicare was formed in partnership with the Anglican Church to reach out to communities, assisting those who are most vulnerable. Anglicare Sunday is a time for churches to find out more about the work that Anglicare is doing across the region and to be inspired by the stories of hope from people who have been assisted. At Anglicare, we believe in the biblical mandate to care for those in need. That's why we're so excited to partner with churches like yours to make a difference in your community and beyond. With your help, we're able to make an incredible contribution to support families in your local community.

Anglicare Sunday will be celebrated region wide on the 23rd October, 2022. This date also marks the end of Anti-Poverty Week 2022 – a week aimed at encouraging Australians to take part in an activity highlighting the need to address issues of poverty in our community.

As Anglicare's mission states, we are called by Jesus' example to respond to human need by offering loving service and seeking to address the injustices in our society. No matter how big or small your church is, you can partner with us on this mission to change our local communities in Jesus' name.

Register [here](#), or email missionpartners@anglicare.com.au for further information.