



The worship choir at Lambeth Palace, during the visit by Bishops and their Spouses

Good To Be Here!

At the Annual Diocesan Synod 2022

The 2022 Synod was not quite the anticipated return-to-normal-programming post COVID after Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II died in the early hours of Friday, the day it was to begin. The weekend's schedule was condensed to allow for clergy to return to parishes to be present on Sunday morning.

Synod opened with a motion of condolence on the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, stating that her dedication to duty, reassurance and rallying messages when needed and calm, good-humoured manner provided an example to us all, as did her lifelong example of devotion to Anglican practice and the application of practical Christianity in a troubled and often doubting world.

Bishop Mark titled his Presidential Address 'Good to be Here!' He shared from his experience at

the Lambeth Conference of encountering different aspects of God's world-wide church before reaffirming his call to engage a world of difference with the love and truth of Jesus, with particular emphasis on how we might respond when the differences evident in the wider society manifest themselves in the church and become disagreements. He drew on the image introduced three years ago of deep waterholes and low fences, and expanded on how this principle might apply to disagreements.

'Often, but not always, they are most pointed when we are seeking to discern whether a particular conviction or pattern of life represents a) a means of preserving the fresh waterholes that give the church its distinctive Christ-centred character or b) an unnecessarily high fence that prevents people

encountering the life of Christ for themselves. These discussions often arise when there are changes to the pastoral and missional context within which the church is called to witness to the love and truth of Jesus.'

Bishop Mark then suggested some possible some ways forward:

'First, we can seek to discern a common vision behind various positions. Might the image of deep waterholes and low fences be such a vision, not because it resolves every issue but because it gives us a framework for exploring how we might embody the call to both maintain a faithful identity and engage in effective mission?'

Second, we can seek to pursue our disagreements in ways that are distinctly and observably Christian. British scholar Christopher Landau identifies four biblical principles to

guide such a pursuit. I commend them to you:



Bishop Mark Short

- 'Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone' (Colossians 4:6).
- 'Pursue godly speech, inspired by the Spirit' (Matthew 10:19-20, Luke 12:12, Acts 4:31).
- 'If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all' (Romans 12:18).
- 'Cultivate the fruit of the Spirit' (Galatians 5:22-23)."

He shared about developments in the wider church, including General Synod, Lambeth and GAFCON and the new Diocese of the Southern Cross.

Bishop Mark said that after the last two and half years it is particularly appropriate that our next season be one of personal and corporate

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Bishop Mark Writes ...

In the wake of the death of Queen Elizabeth, I've been reflecting on all the changes she encountered during her 70-year reign. The Bible reckons three score and ten to be a good number for an entire human life span; for her it was a term of active service. It encompasses almost one third of Australia's post-colonial history and stretches back to a time before television, let alone the mobile phone and the internet.

So what can we say about the year 1952? It was a time when Australia, and to a lesser extent Great Britain, were emerging from the rigours of wartime austerity. In the wake of the disruption caused by that conflict and the Great Depression there was an upsurge in collective expressions of community life. Membership of organisations such as trade unions, political parties and service organisations was at an all-time high (at the same time, it is important to acknowledge that many groups were explicitly or tacitly excluded from full participation in these bodies).

For Australian Christians this was a season of opportunity. There is some evidence that voluntary church attendance was the highest it has been at any point in our history. When Billy Graham came to our shores and when Anglican Bishops led Parish missions they could tap in to a reservoir of assumed Christian knowledge. In his work *Evangelicals and the End of Christendom* Australian historian Hugh Chilton describes how this shaped one particular Christian tradition:

'As eminent missiologist Andrew Walls argued of the origins of the movement "historic evangelicalism is a religion of protest against a Christian society that is not Christian enough. The evangelical bugbears were less professed infidelity than professed Christianity without the distinguishing doctrines of the gospel."

So how might we engage our world 70 years later, when the idea of Australia as a professedly Christian society seems increasingly outdated

and irrelevant? Maybe Her Late Majesty can give us some clues.

It has often been remarked that

the Queen's public statements, and her Christmas address in particular, became more explicitly Christian in the later years of her reign. Even as the society she led became more secular and diverse she was willing to nail her colours to the mast. So how did she do it? Here's one quote from her 2014 address:

'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing.'

Her language about faith here is both personal and public. It is personal in that it is spoken in the first person. The Queen doesn't assume any particular religious understanding on the part of her hearers but speaks for herself. But it is also public language. The Queen tethers her personal convictions to realities that can be accessible to anyone – the life of Jesus Christ, His teaching and actions.

As we seek to engage the world of 2022 with that same good news may we be inspired to do so with the same grace and clarity.



Clergy Moves

The Venerable Steve Clarke was collated and installed as Archdeacon for The Coast, Monaro and Alpine Region from 09.09.2022.

The Reverend John Kuruvilla has resigned as Priest-In-Charge Southern Monaro effective from 30.10.2022.

Mrs Margaret Wheelwright was licensed as a Lay Minister at Crookwell from 29.08.2022.

At the Diocesan Synod Communion Service on 09.09.2022 at St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn the following people were licensed as Hon Lay Canons (non-Chapter):

- Jill Granger (St Edmund's Gunning)
- Lesley Johnson (St Edmund's Gunning)
- Joan Gilroy (St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn)
- Graham Holgate (St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn)
- Jenny Lacey (St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn)

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Bishop Mark presenting Bishop's Commendations to his Executive Officer Bev Forbes, Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow and Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Phillip Saunders,

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renewal, focusing on the importance of sustainability and wellbeing in ministry.

During the Presidential Address Bishop's Commendation certificates were given in acknowledgement of fellow labourers who were at Synod for the last time in their current roles: Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Phillip Saunders, Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow and Executive Officer to the Bishop Bev Forbes.

The Registrar, Trevor Ament, introduced the Bishop-in-Council (BiC) report, and updated Synod on how parishes have been faring over the last twelve months based on parish return data received to date. An update on professional standards redress and the National Redress Scheme was also provided. Synod then heard from Archdeacon Paul Cohen on the activities of the new Climate Change Action Plan Steering Committee which included a presentation by Revd Linda Chapman on the excellent initiatives underway in Moruya Parish since the bushfires to install solar and water tanks, grow vegetables and a microforest, noting the benefits of local community connections and an update from Mark Trainor (ADS Asset Management Director) on

various initiatives being facilitated by the ADS to assist parishes, ministry units and agencies in reducing emissions, particularly via the ADS Fleet through lower emission vehicles as well as the move towards plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) and other energy efficiency initiatives

Archdeacon Tom Henderson-Brooks was unfortunately not able to be present, but Synod heard about new and renewed projects under his oversight, including: the Revitalise CG Pilot Project (featured in the June Anglican News) with an interview with Revd Gus Robinson on how it has worked at Arawang; the new Exploratory Ministry Unit Ordinance and its facilitation of ministry growth in the Diocese with Revd Steve Boxwell sharing his church planting experience; and the relaunch of the Pelican Foundation by long-serving Board Member Margaret Wheelwright, which is currently accepting grant applications (see website).

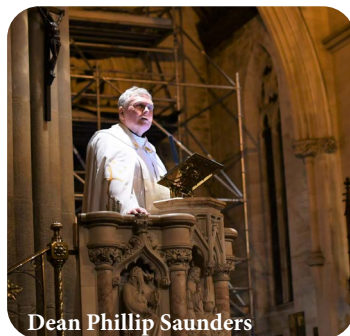
The Synod Eucharist Service in St Saviour's Cathedral on Friday evening included the blessing and dedication of a new plaque in the Sanctuary of the Cathedral in memory of Bishop Cecil Warren, Diocesan Bishop from 1972-1983.



Collation of Reverend Steve Clarke as Archdeacon for The Coast, Monaro and Alpine Region.

The Reverend Steve Clarke was collated as Archdeacon for The Coast, Monaro and Alpine Region. This was followed by the recognition of five Honorary Lay Canons: Joan Gilroy, Graham Holgate and Jenny Lacey who have been faithful servers in the sanctuary at Cathedral and Diocesan events for more than 20 years, and Lesley Johnson and Jill Granger for outstanding service to St Edmund's Gunning (Cartwright Mission District). Two Lay Canons who were elected by Synod in April 2021, Emma Body and Belinda Moss, were also installed.

The Dean preached the sermon, primarily from 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 9:22b-27 on the power of God working through Christian



Dean Phillip Saunders

Community. He exhorted those gathered with these closing words:

'I am always grateful for the Letters to the Corinthians. Among other things they remind us that there never was a gilded age in which the church lived in peace and all held hands and there were no scandals. The Corinthians were a ragtag group of humanity. The message of Paul – a more excellent way – was his response to their situation.

So remember as this ragtag community – this Body of Christ – gather as Synod, look for the presence of God among us and finally back to where we started – a little humility.'



Bishop Carol Wagner

Bishop Carol gave a presentation on ministry wellbeing and development and what is being done to implement the recommendations from the Royal Commission, particularly in relation to professional development, professional supervision and ministry reviews for clergy. This information will be circulated to parishes and ministry units. Bishop Carol also presented on Domestic and Family Violence and the outcomes from a survey commissioned by the Anglican Church of Australia which sadly found that Anglican church-goers experienced intimate partner violence at the same or greater rate as the general community. Synod then moved to adopt the ten commitments developed by the Family Violence Working Group of General Synod in this Diocese (shared in October 2021 AN and available on the website), noting that Bishop-in-Council has established the Diocesan Domestic and Family Violence Taskforce and endorsed clergy regularly attending domestic violence training.

Reverend Dr Wayne Brighton gave a presentation on the work of the Public Issues Commission following which three motions were considered on: Unity and Diversity, encouraging members to listen, learn and walk together in our diversity as much as we are able, given that we share Christ's



The second day of sitting (Saturday) opened with morning prayer followed by a bible study video recording from Reverend Sarah Plummer who was sadly unable to attend Synod. (These recordings will be made available on the website.)

ministry of reconciliation together (2 Cor 5:18); the Uluru Statement of the Heart, welcoming the upcoming referendum and commending the Uluru Statement from the Heart for discussion in parishes and drawing attention to the resources available to

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assist such discussion; and the 30th Anniversary of Ordination of Women, encouraging increased representation of women for ministry appointments, councils, committees and boards where possible.

Other motions that came to Synod included a motion of thanks to Roger Rankin for his many years of distinguished service as Manager of Synod Elections and a motion of thanksgiving for the life of Rupert Hammond, a long and faithful servant of the Diocese

Synod also considered a number of Ordinances from General Synod pertaining to child protection and safe ministry to children, one from Provincial Synod as well as amendments to the Professional Standards Ordinance and Governance of the Diocese Ordinance all of which were passed and assented to. (See page below.)

Further presentations to this Synod came from the Finance Committee, Anglicare, Property Trust, St Mark's National Theological Centre, Anglican Investment and Development Fund (AIDF), Anglican Diocesan Services (ADS) and the Anglican Schools



Installation of two lay canons of the Cathedral Emma Body and Belinda Moss

Commission.

On Saturday evening members gathered for the Synod Dinner and heard from Canon Tim Swan, CEO of Anglican Aid, about the relaunching of the partnership between our Diocese, the Diocese of Jos in Nigeria and Anglican Aid. See the article on page 5 for more information on this partnership.

Synod resources, motions and resolutions, once confirmed by BiC, will be available on the website.



Above: The family of Bishop Cecil Warren attending church in St Saviour's Cathedral on Sunday morning.

Below: The plaque in the Sanctuary of the Cathedral in memory of Bishop Cecil Warren, unveiled during the Synod Eucharist Service.

Ordinances Passed at Synod

- ✦ General Synod Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Suspension) Canon Assent Ordinance 2022
- ✦ General Synod Constitution Amendment (Mandatory Deposition) Canon Assent Ordinance 2022
- ✦ General Synod (Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) (Amendment) Canon) Adoption Ordinance 2022
- ✦ General Synod (Safe Ministry Legislation Amendments Canon) Adoption Ordinance 2022
- ✦ General Synod (Episcopal Standards Investigations Amendment Canon) Adoption Ordinance 2022
- ✦ Provincial Synod Tribunal Ordinance 2020 Acceptance Ordinance 2022
- ✦ Professional Standards Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2022
- ✦ Governance of the Diocese Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2022



Graham Holgate, Jill Granger, Lesley Johnson and Jenny Lacey receiving recognition as Honorary Lay Canons



Synod members enjoying the Synod dinner.



Archbishop Ben Kwashi and graduates in the Anglican Diocese of Jos

A partnership in the gospel is relaunched

Submitted by Amy Touzell, Anglican Aid

The partnership in the gospel between the Anglican Diocese of Jos, Nigeria, and the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, together with Anglican Aid, was relaunched on Saturday 10 September at the Diocesan Synod Dinner.

In January 2017, under Bishop Stuart Robinson's leadership, a partnership was formally established between the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn and the Diocese of Jos, led by Archbishop Ben Kwashi. This grew organically out of two mission visits Archbishop Kwashi made to Canberra in 2011 and 2015, assisted by a reciprocal visit to Jos made by Canon Patrick Cole to help map out priority needs and determine where the Canberra and Goulburn Diocese might assist.

In parallel, Anglican Aid was raising and sending funds to Jos to help brothers and sisters suffering horrifically violent persecution in Nigeria, and running an appeal to support those in the Canberra and Goulburn Diocese impacted by the devastating 2019/20 Summer bushfires.

When addressing the Synod Dinner the CEO of Anglican Aid, Canon Tim Swan, stated 'Our Vision is to see the grace of God overflowing to a world in need ... sometimes Nigeria; sometimes it's in Narooma.'

Following the outpouring of generosity from churches and fellow Christians, Anglican Aid was able to give \$286,000 to the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn that was distributed to 16 ministry units and South Coast Anglican schools. The funds were used to provide trauma counselling, emergency

accommodation assistance, urgent supplies, chaplains and pastoral care workers to support many people across the diocese – in places like Narooma – who had lost homes and were in distress.

At the same time, minority tribal groups and Christians were being brutally attacked by Islamic Fulani cattle herdsman militia and Boko Haram Islamic terrorist groups in north-east Nigeria. It was estimated that over 5000 people were killed and over 300,000 were displaced in Jos last year. Anglican Aid provided funds to the Diocese of Jos for the distribution of emergency food relief to 12,500 people, zinc roofing sheets to provide shelter for about 7000 people, and irrigation water pumps and grinding machines for 27 households. Anglican Aid also upheld these brothers and sisters through prayer, advocacy and humanitarian assistance as part of its Persecuted Christians Support Program.

As Tim continued his presentation to Synod members he explained, 'One of our principles at Anglican Aid is to give aid through churches and church agencies where possible. Because it's Christians in churches who are on the ground, who have long term relationships with those in their communities, who are the face of Christ to those in need ... Someone who will listen to them in their shock, who will walk alongside during the grief to come, someone to pray with them ... As Christians, because Jesus loved us and walks alongside us, that's what we do.'

At the Synod Dinner Bishop Mark Short officially relaunched the diocese-to-diocese partnership

between Canberra and Goulburn and Jos – this time with Anglican Aid facilitating. Tim explained, 'Anglican Aid will manage delivery of the projects, issue tax-deductible receipts for all this work, communicate back on progress, and support fundraising efforts, so that together we may show the love of Christ to those in the Diocese of Jos.'

Through this renewed partnership, the aid distributed by local churches in Jos will not only help meet the material needs of these brothers and sisters in Christ, but it will also remind them that they are part of God's family and loved from afar. As Archbishop Ben Kwashi exclaimed in the video message concluding the presentation, 'What a joy to see the church responding to biblical injunctions of loving one another'. He went on to share how he believes that the church in the persecuted areas he leads are 'hanging on the wings of prayers' of Australian Christians and that they are 'not just surviving, they are thriving in their faith because of the prayers of people like you in Australia.'

He said he was 'personally grateful for the friendship, for the fellowship' and closed saying, 'We thank you profoundly and profusely for all the support in the past and we urge you to do so even in the days ahead ... God bless you and thank you very, very much. Be encouraged, pray for us, support us when you can and give your gifts to specific projects.'

For more information or to support this partnership and its projects visit www.anglicanaid.org.au/locations/nigeria or contact Rev Canon Patrick Cole by phoning 0438 490 023 or emailing pandncole@bigpond.com

The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn will be supporting four particular projects in Jos:

1. Assistance to the Christian Institute, Jos, which raises up Christian men and women in Plateau State and neighbouring regions, who go back to do ministry in their local area and also to be community leaders and provide primary health care. This assistance is to have two elements:
 - i) Bursaries for training – to cover the living and tuition costs. Anglican Aid has a well-developed structure to support similar training in various institutions in Africa and elsewhere
 - ii) Capital development of classroom and other facilities at the college.
2. Persecuted Christians – rebuilding structures and providing medical and other support for persecuted communities.
3. Assistance to Zambiri School – a school to cater for disadvantaged kids especially those that have been orphaned and adopted because of displacement and destruction accompanying persecution.



Distribution of emergency food relief



Farewell to Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow

After 12 years in the Diocese Jeremy Halcrow has resigned as the CEO of Anglicare.

During his Presidential Address at the Diocesan Synod, Bishop Mark presented a framed Bishop's Commendation Certificate to Jeremy, with the following words:

Mr Jeremy Halcrow's passion for justice and Jesus has been evident during his service with Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT, first as Director for Communications and Strategic Partnerships, and for the past nine years as CEO. Jeremy has modelled the Anglicare values of dignity, inclusiveness, compassion and integrity. He has been a dedicated team player, building bridges between Anglicare and other aspects of the Diocese. His expertise has been recognised by his peers in the welfare sector and the Anglicare Australia network and will ensure he continues to make an impact in his new Canberra-based role with The Benevolent Society.

Anglican News asked Jeremy some questions about his time in the Diocese and future plans.

How long have you been in the Diocese and working for Anglicare? What brought you to work for the Diocese and then Anglicare?

My first role with an Anglicare agency was as communications officer at Anglicare (Diocese of

Sydney) in 1996, 26 years ago, when it was still called Anglican Home Mission Society. Later I became public affairs manager there, overseeing a team responsible for advocacy campaigns as well as media and government relations. In 2010 I applied for the executive role of Director of Communications and Strategic Partnerships at Anglicare (Canberra & Goulburn) when the Reverend Peter Sandeman was CEO.

Relocating my family to Canberra, I started in this role overseeing media and government relations, research, advocacy, fundraising and Op Shops at the beginning of January 2011. This role was designed with shared communications functions with the Diocese, and so I also supported Bishop Stuart Robinson with his media liaison needs. Apart from feeling called to this role, an attractor to this Diocese was family connections, with my in-laws serving as priests here. And although I am stepping down as leader of Anglicare, myself and my wife Kate and our sons are not relocating and we will stay part of the Canberra community.

What are you doing next?

I have been appointed Executive Director, Strategy and Quality at The Benevolent Society. So it is a community sector role similar to Anglicare. My hope is to develop some national experience, with the organisation operating across nearly every state and territory.

What have been some of the biggest challenges of your time here?

My first year as CEO felt like a baptism of fire. They say mergers and acquisitions are the most complex task a CEO can undertake and selling Anglicare's residential aged care portfolio to RSL LifeCare was indeed a massive undertaking. It was completed by July 2014 but had taken nearly two years. That said I need to acknowledge it was very much a team effort noting the focus and hard work of the Diocesan Registrar Trevor Ament and active support and leadership of Bishop Stuart Robinson, Bishop Stephen Pickard, who was interim CEO for a year, and Board Chair at that time, Professor Ingrid Moses.

More recently there has been the challenge of supporting staff and volunteers through the trauma of the Black Summer bushfires and then two years of the pandemic with constantly changing Government requirements. Unlike other Diocesan agencies we have a diverse range of services and geography across nearly 80 worksites with staff living across three jurisdictions: ACT, NSW including western Sydney and Victoria in Albury-Wodonga.

What are some of the projects or strategies you are most proud of implementing?

It's been exciting to see Anglicare beginning to move beyond transactional relationships with parishes, where we might, for example, rent office space or lend a parish op shop the Anglicare brand, towards genuine partnership in mission where we are co-designing social enterprises. One model is the Gordon Community Centre with Lanyon Valley Anglican Church which looks set to birth the Little Luxton café.

Another is the 'rural chaplain' model. In 2017 we recruited the Reverend Michael Palmer to pilot this model in Eden. His brief was simply to listen to the local community and explore with them opportunities to address social needs. Developing relationships with the local Aboriginal church, the local high school and other community groups has seen the development of the Eden Canoes project. In this project, young people who are at risk of disengaging from school are supported to build their own canoes and then paddle them up the Eden river for an Aboriginal cultural experience. The hope is that Eden Canoes will become self-funding and can be replicated elsewhere in NSW. We have also now been able to replicate the rural chaplain approach in Bathurst,

where Baz Porter is developing a ministry to people leaving prison.

I am also proud that we have sustained our financial turnaround to the extent we can now invest in social impact initiatives. Anglicare has run operational surpluses in every year since we announced the residential aged care divestment in 2013. The disciplined work on financial turnaround across the past decade now means we have sufficient reserves to both treat foreseeable financial risks and invest in social impact, by funding research and development into program innovation. Last year the Anglicare Board created a Social Innovation Fund to invest in the development of new programs to make a difference to the vulnerable people we serve. The first project funded was the Starting FRESH program in Wagga, which works with young people who may be at risk of disengaging from school and involves a fitness program, healthy breakfast and transport to school. An independent evaluation helped provide the evidence base which has seen the program expanded to the Snowy Valleys with Commonwealth bushfire recovery funding.

Lastly, I am proud of our strong staff morale and healthy organisational culture that Anglicare has developed over the past decade. Tools associated with the trauma-informed model Sanctuary, including the discipline of daily community meetings, provided a bedrock of robust workplace practices that held us strongly through the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/20 and then the pandemic. This was reflected in our biannual staff survey finding that at the height of COVID, 76 per cent of staff said Anglicare 'is a truly great place to work'. Meanwhile our Staff Pulse Survey earlier this year has tracked the significant improvement in key measures since Sanctuary was introduced in 2018. In particular 73% of staff earlier this year said they 'have a strong sense of being valued' by Anglicare compared to 61% in 2018. We look forward to being certified as a Sanctuary agency later in 2022.

What will you miss most?

I have had such a wonderfully supportive Executive and Board. It's been a privilege to lead within a Christian community, where there is genuinely prayerful support for each other. I have deeply appreciated the godly wisdom, pastoral care and spiritual discipleship of Board members and senior leaders of the Diocese over the years.

Meet Deacon Robin Moore

by Reverend Robin Moore

For 22 years our small dedicated team provided weekly free food at a tiny Community Centre in Canberra's inner north public housing, together with wide-ranging support assisting the marginalised and those on low incomes. For my part, as a vocational deacon, this was with a deep sense of following after the servant ministry of Christ; of fully engaging with God's world, simply, and with few resources, with mud on my boots (literally) from the good earth.

We cared about the plants and trees around us, for all of God's creation with no divisions; seamless. We rescued and assisted a variety of animals. I adopted two precious dogs that were in much need.

Archdeacon Emeritus Anne Ranse once wrote words to the effect, *that we don't know what effect we have on people, and for the large part, we never will.*

Those words come back to me when I remember a young woman arriving at the Centre one day. She was beautifully dressed and well-groomed as always. I was pleased to see her; it had been at least a year since she last called in (I remembered that we'd talked together then, but didn't remember details of the conversation).

She said, 'I just had to come and see you. I had to come and thank you'. She went on to say that on her previous visit 'I was at this point', and she made a slashing motion across her throat. She said simply, 'You saved my life!'

I had no idea at the time that she was in such distress and in an odd way it was probably better, because I was able to talk with her easily and naturally.

She said she was now doing well, had a good job, and carried a small bible in a bum bag; happy to produce it if anyone showed interest or need.

That night, as I drove home after a long and tiring day, I thanked God for giving me the words those years ago and that this young woman was safe and well. I felt humbled and

thankful.

On another occasion I was driving along Northbourne Avenue near the Community Centre, and saw a middle-aged couple; small, frail, with obvious disabilities. The man was on the ground, having suffered a seizure, and his wife was trying to pull him up onto his feet. She would lift him a little, then he would drop back onto the ground. Car, after car, after car drove on by, not stopping, not slowing. I pulled off the road and helped them to their block of flats, up the stairs, and safely home to their front door. The man was better, but a bit wobbly.

On that day, as on many others, I was reminded of the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10) as the cars went rushing by.

So much easier these days, no need to cross the road to avoid a situation, just drive on by – passing in seconds, gaze averted; comfortable, warm, music playing, home soon.

I carry two strong emotions from that day, firstly the woman's *utter devotion* to the needs of her husband.

Secondly, that while I felt tense and angry that no-one cared enough about this couple to at least slow down, *the woman didn't once look up at the passing cars* – she showed no signs of resentment – she clearly had no expectation that anyone *would* help her.



During the 22 years at the Community Centre, each All Souls Day, I would lead a brief memorial service and read out the names of the 72 people connected with the Centre who had died, and also names of 25

dearly-loved pets.

I continue to do that, but now I do it out in the street. The people have gone, the buildings have gone. Just a few trees remain.

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NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday 28 November 2022

Parliament House, Canberra

Save the Date

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.



Outreach in a Balinese Christian Village

by Wendy Elliot, Bega Parish

Back in the late 1930s the Indonesians in Bali no longer wanted the Christians in the city area of Denpasar. To solve the problem, the ruling Dutch government offered the Christians free land in the jungles of West Bali. This suggestion was accepted and the first generation of the village, now known as Blimbingsari, walked the 120kms to their new land. They had to clear the jungle from their land and cope with the seasonal weather conditions, wild animals and the Japanese during WWII. Today this village in West Bali is one of the prettiest in Bali and an example of Christian life to

the whole of Indonesia. To maintain their cultural heritage everyone wears traditional clothes to church on the first Sunday of the month.

Blimbingsari has a population of about 800 people. Often the youth will leave the village after they have finished senior high school, to search for work or to study for higher qualifications. The village itself has two main narrow roads in the shape of a cross. The Balinese-style Protestant Church has no walls, and the centre of the church reaches upwards for about thirty meters. The back of the altar faces onto a small garden with a miniature waterfall. The church is

at the intersection of the crossroads. Nearby is the orphanage. Every house in the village, and also every tombstone in the cemetery, proudly has a prominent cross. The whole life of the villagers centres round the church. The village orphanage caters for about 70 children. About three quarters of the children have parents who are too poor to support them. Many of the children are Hindu with a few Muslims, but it is a Christian orphanage supported by the Balinese Protestant Church. All the children participate in Christian songs and prayer before and after meals. There is a Protestant primary school and even children as young as six years old lead their class in song and prayer to start the school day and to finish it. School is on six days a week from 7am to 12noon. Everyone has Bible study during the week.

Most villagers have a kebun, that is, enough land to have coconut and banana trees, grow cassava, vegetables and fruits. Many keep pigs, cows, chickens and ducks. Nothing is wasted in the village and they don't rely on modern conveniences. Coconut oil is made manually and labour-intensively. Although money is scarce, they are rich in their extended family and social interactions. It is always enjoyable to see neighbours sitting outside during the day just talking and enjoying each other. Transport is usually by motor bike with a couple of cars in the village.

I have been fortunate to go to the village each year since 2009 (except 2020/21) at least for a month as a self-funded volunteer. My work is varied with teaching English (children and adults), swimming lessons, music (recorders) and pastoral care.



There are still many needs within the village. Food for some (usually rice), money for medical needs, pig food, powdered milk for the elderly, school and orphanage requirements and so on. With help (from 2015) this is the only primary school in Indonesia to have a library. The Fun Learning Centre (FLC) which I started in 2009 continues with the Balinese Protestant Church now extending it throughout Bali. The children learn English, have some Christian input (stories and song) and a period of free play. More recently a cultural element has been added. I try to identify those who have a strong work ethic in the village. Two very successful ventures are the bakery and a laundry. Imagine my excitement when I saw five washing machines arrive at the orphanage donated by Anglicord one year.

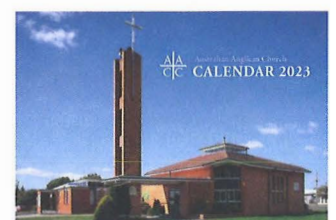
I enjoy the lifestyle in the village and feel very much at home and loved there. I know it is God's plan for me to visit and with God's grace I will return again next year. Puji Tuhan (Praise God).



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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree

by John Richards

The Parish of St John's Canberra has received a grant from the Commonwealth Government to plant a tree in the grounds of the Church to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Friends of St John's are also funding the project.

Her Majesty worshipped at St John's on her first visit to Australia on 14 February 1954, again on 23 October 2011 during her last visit to this country, and on several intervening occasions.

On Saturday afternoon 13 August 2022 a simple ceremony was held on site to mark and bless the spot where the tree will be planted. Guests of honour were the Diocesan Archdeacon The Venerable Tom Henderson-Brooks and the Member for Canberra Ms Alicia Payne, MP. The Reverend Dave McLennan hosted the event, which was followed by afternoon tea in the hall. There were about 45 parishioners and visitors present.

The site selected for the tree is adjacent to the east lychgate, and in juxtaposition to the graves of two former Governors-General, Viscount Dunrossil and MAJGEN The Honourable Michael Jeffery. It is adjacent to Anzac Parade, one of the most important ceremonial thoroughfares in Australia.

The specific tree variety is yet to be chosen by our botanical advisor, but it will be an English species that grows well in the Canberra region and will be about 7-10m high when mature. The site will be bordered

by a rosemary hedge and paved so that visitors can walk around the tree. Two bench seats will be part of the overall setting. The tree will be planted at a special commemorative event early in the new year.

Archdeacon Tom briefly addressed the crowd, then lead in prayer:

**Our Loving and Almighty God,
the creator and sustainer
of all,
we gather here in your name
to celebrate this 70th Jubilee
of her majesty, Queen
Elizabeth the Second.
In her honour, we set aside
this area,
to plant, nurture and care for
our environment.
Just as her reign has been long
over us,
so may those trees planted
here in her memory
thrive and grow, long over
us, this church, our city, our
nation.
May each of us also commit
to the nurture and care of our
environment
that this world may care,
nurture and sustain us,
just as you care, nurture and
sustain us.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
who died on a tree, that we
might have life.
Amen.**



Revd Dave McLennan, Alicia Payne MP and Archdeacon Tom Henderson-Brooks



Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, on

Thursday 22 September 2022 at 2pm

Dean Phillip will lead the service. Bishop Mark will give the address. This will be an Ecumenical Service, with clergy from other denominations and dignitaries from our Diocese invited.

**All are welcome!
Dean Phillip**





SUPA Holiday Club a Rocketing Success

More than 50 primary-aged children heard about Jesus at an action-packed school holiday club at St Peter's Weston in July.

The 'Out of this World'-themed holiday club was a joint initiative of St Peter's and Scripture Union ACT and ran across two full days, featuring games, craft, cooking, sports, science, a campfire and engaging gospel talks.

Children came from across the ACT to attend the SUPA Holiday Club, including many who had no

previous contact with the Bible. All children received a book of Bible stories to take home.

St Peter's Rector, the Reverend Nick Colyer, co-directed the camp with Scripture Union's Kristina Delbridge and said the partnership worked well.

'It has been many years since St Peter's hosted a children's event this size and the partnership with Scripture Union was essential to making it a success,' he said.

Scripture Union handled the registrations and advertising for the

event, which was fully booked with a waiting list.

Reverend Colyer said it was heartening to see the demand in the community for such an initiative. 'Several parents told me they had fond memories of going to church holiday clubs when they were kids even though they no longer attend,' he said. 'We're praying that God would keep working in the lives of these families.'

The event was also an encouraging time for volunteers, including

several high-school aged leaders who had recently attended Scripture Union's leadership development camp, LEAD.

Reverend Colyer, who arrived in Canberra to take up the role of Rector during last year's COVID-lockdown, said it was exciting to see the church in action.

'It was a huge amount of work, but I think it was really beneficial for us as a church to serve alongside one another and see the kids' enthusiasm,' he said.



Molonglo formally added to parish of Weston

The parish of St Peter's Weston has become the parish of St Peter's Weston Molonglo.

The new name was accompanied by an adjustment in the parish boundaries, with the addition of the Molonglo Valley suburbs of Coombs, Wright and Denman Prospect.

The changes formalise a decade-long understanding of St Peter's missional responsibility to the area.

The rector of St Peter's, the Reverend Nick Colyer, said, 'The people of St Peter's have long had a heart for the Molonglo Valley. This clarifies our responsibility to reach Molonglo residents with the good news of Jesus. And it says to those residents: St Peter's is a church for you.'

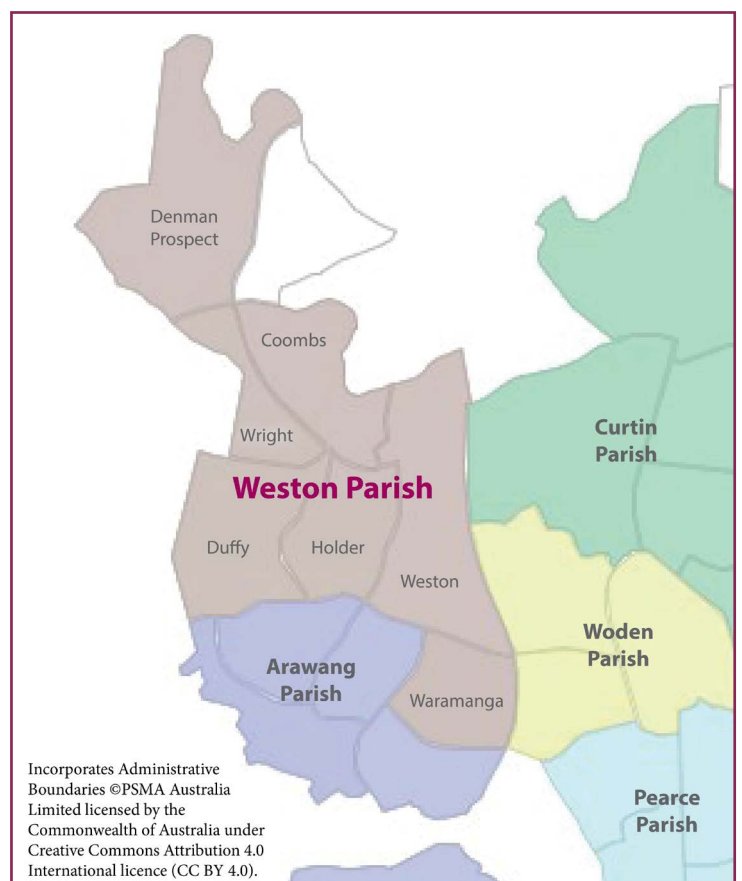
Over the past decade, the Molonglo

Valley has been transformed from rolling hills to busy suburbs. It is now home to over 11,000, with a projected population of over 50,000 by 2040.

'Those people need to hear Jesus' offer of forgiveness and life,' Reverend Colyer said. 'Our dream, God willing, is to see lots of healthy Christian congregations meeting in these suburbs in the coming years—including Anglican ones. We think this is an important step.'

The new parish name echoes changes to other local institutions—the local soccer club has been known as Weston Molonglo Football Club for several years.

The name change and boundary adjustment was agreed to at August's meeting of Bishop-in-Council.



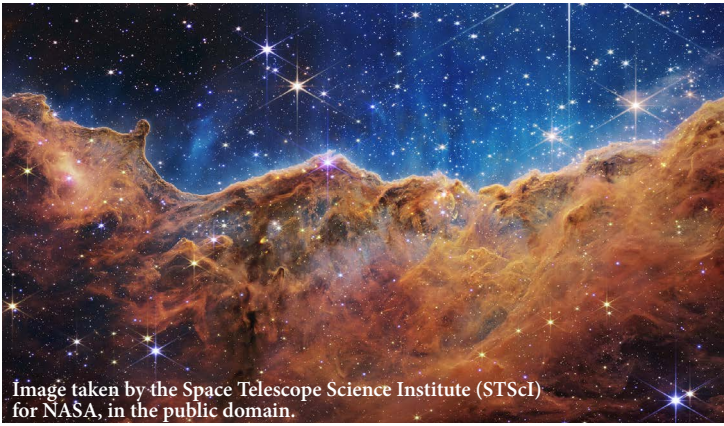


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Eco Minute at Hackett

by Ben Paton, Director Synergy Youth

Part of our Sunday Eucharist at Holy Cross Hackett is a quick reflection called the 'Eco Minute'. The minute is a time when we as a community pause to reflect explicitly on creation and our place in it.

Recently as I was preparing the minute, images from the James Webb telescope were released. In viewing these images, I came to a new realisation of how vast

the universe is and the words of the Psalmist 'The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent...' (Psalm 104:2) took on new meaning. These images show the equivalent of a speck of sand on the end of our fingers in relation to the horizon, yet they show much more than I can fathom. I realised how massive God is, how small I am. How was I meant to reflect on the place

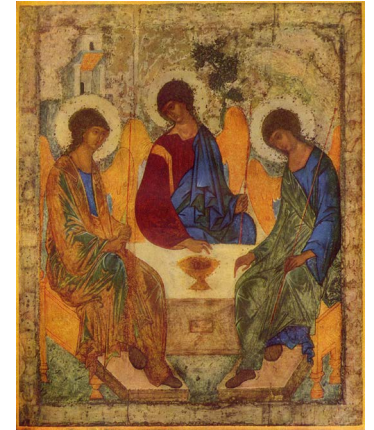
that humanity has in creation and the part that Christians are meant to play in it every day when faced with such immense images that dwarf us all? I was left wondering 'How can I approach Him who is so much more than I can imagine?'

As so often is the case, the Holy Spirit had already provided the answer in the readings set out in the lectionary. The Tanakh (aka The Old Testament) reading for Sunday came from Genesis 18, where God encounters Abraham at the door of his tent and the pair converse. Rather than meet with Abraham in some celestial palace or in a grand temple built to house him, God chooses to meet with Abraham in his home. God places himself in the position to receive Abraham's hospitality and they both sit down to eat and be refreshed in the shade of the oaks during the heat of the day. There is intimacy in the washing of feet, there is a vulnerability in rest, conversations are had, and the innermost concerns are heard and responded to. He chooses to encounter Abraham and Sarah face to face and reveals His plans for Isaac.

Such is God's nature; he speaks a

creation so vast we can only catch a glimpse of it and yet he eagerly seeks intimacy with us so much that he will encounter us where we happen to be. Seeing the revelation of God who 'stretches out the heavens like a tent' in the Webb images and in the Person who meets someone at the tent door to then sit in the shade of the tree, I realise that my question 'How can I approach Him who is so much more than I can imagine?' is deeply flawed.

Because the answer is: 'it is God who approaches me.'



Andrei Rublev's famous icon of the Trinity. From [wikimedia.org](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Trinity_by_Andrei_Rublev)

Diocese responds to religious bullying

by Andrew Guile, ADS Director of Risk and Compliance

Our Diocese is developing new partnerships in response to research which found that more needs to be done to address religious bullying in our schools.

Following the Parramatta launch of a report based on the 2021 publication, *Special Religious Education in Australia and its Value to Contemporary Society*, our Diocese was pleased to welcome the authors, Professors Zehavit Gross and Suzanne D Rutland to speak about their research findings. Professor Gross is visiting Australia from the School of Education Bar-Ilan University, Israel and Emeritus Professor Rutland is from the Department of Hebrew, Biblical and Jewish Studies at the University of Sydney.

There is a clear message emerging from the research which included a McCrindle online survey of 999 Australians: Our school students are faced with challenges with religious discrimination in Australia occurring in the playground. Young

people report having felt teased or made fun of at school because of their religion or how they practice their faith. It is younger generations – Gen X, Y and Z – where up to a third are more likely to face discrimination because of their religious views.

The issue is becoming more pressing as Australia has seen significant migration population growth in communities from East, South and Southeast Asia. The proportion of Australians affiliated with religions other than Christianity is growing as confirmed by the most recent census results.

Murray Norman, CEO of Better Balanced Futures who initiated the discussion, said, 'Better Balanced Futures is committed to engaging with and educating families, parents, communities and carers about the provision and access to Special Religious Education (SRE) across NSW for all faith groups. Our aim is to assist families to understand and value what is being taught in their



Back: Bishop Mark Short, Prakash Mehta (President of the Hindu Council), Murray Norman (CEO, Better Balanced Futures), Andrew Guile (ADS Director Risk). Front: Professor Suzanne Rutland (Sydney University), Professor Zehavit Gross (Bar-Ilan University Israel), Heather Walsh (ADS Director School Operations and Development).

child's SRE classes and to appreciate that SRE is fun, valuable and worth attending. SRE teachers are caring and positive role models whose vision is to enrich children's life and thinking.

'Religious education in schools provides a safe place for children to learn about and explore their own religious identity, which legitimises their voice and choice of faith. It reinforces social cohesion of the school and generally in Australian society.

'We hope to convince governments that what is required to address religious bullying is a centre of excellence that will resource principals across all school sectors, as well as training for teachers in addressing this as a serious issue.

'It has been wonderful working with Bishop Mark and his team in the Diocese to effectively address instances of this behaviour as they occur. We also recognise the potential, that with St Mark's National Theological Centre situated here in Canberra, we are well placed to develop strategies to address the religious bullying of our young people,' said Mr Norman.

Bishop Mark said, 'Our Diocese is called to engage a world of difference with the love and truth of Jesus. Part of that calling is ensuring that young people are free to explore and express their own faith commitments safely and I hope these conversations are just the first step in working together towards that goal.'

The Magic of an Old Travel Book

by Reverend Robert Willson

The Anglo American writer and man of letters, Logan Pearsall Smith, once remarked: ‘People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading.’

In spite of the arrival of the internet as a research tool, I still love books, especially travel books. My New Testament has some of the best travel writing in the world.

Open your Bible at the Book of Acts, generally taken as the second part of Luke’s Gospel, and in chapters 27 and 28 you will read one of the most dramatic travel adventure stories ever written.

To Caesar You shall go

It is the account of Saint Paul’s Journey from Caesarea to Rome after the local governor had responded to Paul’s appeal, as a Roman citizen, to be tried before Caesar. He said: ‘To Caesar you shall go’, and Luke, who travelled with Paul, accompanied him to Rome.

One scholar has said that Luke gives us the finest description of the terror of a storm at sea in any ancient literary work, perhaps excepting Julius Caesar.

This morning I opened a little gem of a travel book, written by a namesake of mine, Robert Wilson, of March, in the Isle of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and published in 1807, mine being the first edition. As far as I know, this Robert Wilson was no relation to me and he spelt his name differently. In spite of this difference, I am very fond of him and have been reading his travel book with pleasure. The leather binding is cracked but the print and engravings are in splendid condition, after more than two centuries.

Robert Wilson

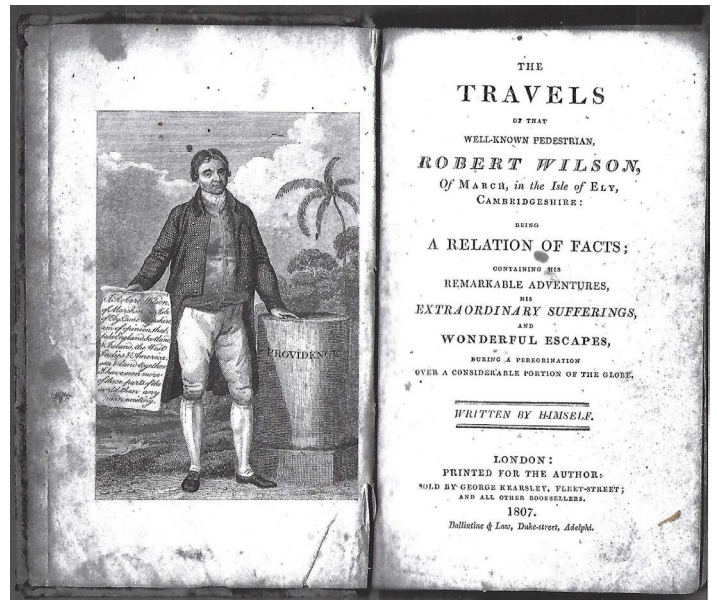
As Robert Wilson says, he relates facts, remarkable adventures, extraordinary sufferings and wonderful escapes. His book is like a magic carpet, taking me across the Atlantic from London to the West Indies, and then to Florida in what became the United States of America. It was the period when the area around Florida was in contention between Britain, France and Spain. The American Revolution was then coming to an end, and the

United States was emerging.

There are several illustrations, one showing Wilson being beaten and fired on by the Spaniards and taken prisoner. He describes the horrors of slavery but also finds great kindness among some negro slaves in feeding the starving man. He is sent with an express message to governor Dunford, at the fort of Mobile, but is taken prisoner by the Spaniards. He describes the siege and capture of Mobile. This is an eyewitness record and must be historically valuable. Sadly space limits my giving the full the record of it.

Yorktown

Wilson was there in Yorktown when the British forces finally surrendered to the Americans and French in 1781. The French forces under LaFayette had done much to assist the Americans towards victory. Wilson comments how ungrateful the Americans were for French help and how ready they were, having expelled the British, to



drive the French out as well.

Towards the end of his book Wilson travels north along the Delaware River, a large river that runs to the sea, close by Philadelphia. Delaware is the State where the American President, Joe Biden, has his home. Now our traveller searches for a ship home to England.

Old England

Finally, after further adventures at sea, Wilson reaches Belfast. From there to Portpatrick in Scotland, it was only a few miles of sailing. From Scotland to ‘LONDON, IN OLD ENGLAND’, which he describes as his favourite and a most glorious place. He was glad to go away and

glad to come home to March, in the Isle of Ely. There he was informed that his father had died only a few weeks earlier.

I am so glad that my namesake was moved to write and publish an account of his adventures, even if it was in 1807, 20 years later. My friend Claude Prance was a noted Canberra book collector and found this 1st Edition in a bookshop in Jerusalem in 1941, while on RAF service. When his eyesight failed, he passed this treasure on to me. Like the travels of Paul in the Book of Acts, it is an historical magic carpet indeed.

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Spring Equinox Theology Book Fair
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Eat your food with gladness



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A Chicken and Salad Menu

Prosciutto Chicken Filled with Pesto and Feta (serves 6)

- 6 Chicken Fillets, pounded lightly
- 1 Jar Commercial Pesto (you could make your own if very industrious)
- Freshly Ground Black Pepper, to taste
- Slices of Feta Cheese (dairy free or goats feta can be substituted)
- 18-20 Slices prosciutto, cut not too thinly at deli
- Butter & Olive Oil for frying

Method

1. Spread the pesto onto each fillet, top with a slice of the feta cheese and roll tightly. Wrap the chicken breast in prosciutto (may need 2 or three slices depending on size) and secure with toothpicks.
2. Heat a small amount of butter and olive oil in a shallow frying pan and brown the chicken fillets well on all sides.
3. Cover the frying pan with a lid, turn the heat down and cook for a further 15-20 minutes till the fillets are cooked through. Keep warm in low oven covered in alfoil till ready to serve.
4. Remove all toothpicks and serve chicken cut into thick slices, cut on the diagonal.

Cos (or Rocket), Pear, & Date Salad

- Cos lettuce leaves, cut into thick slices, or rocket leaves if preferred
- 2 Beurre Bosc Pears, cored and sliced (if not available you can use Williams or other varieties) Squeeze lemon juice on the pears to prevent browning
- 8 Fresh Dates, pitted and halved
- (Optional: 1 Bunch Asparagus, cut into 2.5cm lengths and steamed)
- Chives, chopped

Dressing

- 1/3 Cup Buttermilk
- 2 Teaspoons Honey, warmed in microwave
- 1/2 Teaspoon Grain Mustard
- Salt & Black Pepper to taste

Method

Arrange the lettuce or rocket in a salad bowl with the pears, dates and asparagus, and just before serving pour the dressing over the salad and then sprinkle with the chives.

Serving Suggestion – Serve chicken and salad with baked potatoes.

This month's recipe is provided by Joan Eberle from Mothers' Union. Correction to August issue: Recipe provided by Doreen Htun.

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~ Ecclesiastes 9:7

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