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Gippsland says goodbye



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Bishop Kay Goldsworthy lays up pastoral staff

Sue Fordham

Who would have predicted the incredible burden of emotion that would accompany the Thanksgiving Eucharist and Laying up of the Pastoral Staff of the 12th Bishop of Gippsland?

Certainly, it was bound to combine sadness and joy; sadness at the loss of such a popular bishop and joy at her impending “promotion” to the role of Archbishop of Perth.

But I guess that few anticipated how gut-wrenching this final act of “laying up” would prove.

The first cracks appeared during the singing of the processional hymn, “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” as the grand procession entered the cathedral: crucifer,

acolytes, Bishop-in-Council members, Diocesan Solicitor, Diocesan Chancellor and Diocesan Registrar followed by lay readers, lay canons, clerical canons, clergy, bishops, the Dean, archdeacons and finally, the Australian Primate and Metropolitan of Victoria, the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier and our own Bishop Kay Goldsworthy and her chaplain.

It was grand. It was impressive. It was solemn. It was guaranteed to stir any latent emotions carefully tucked away and under control.

The Rev’d Phyllis Andy’s Welcome to Country was confident, gracious and full of the stature that she has grown into, demonstrating that she is a significant matriarch to both her community and the church.

And then the Eucharist proper began with the preparation, confession, absolution, the ministry of the Word and what we had been waiting to hear, the sermon – Bishop Kay’s final sermon to us as it would be.

We have come to expect sermons from Bishop Kay that are profoundly spiritual, that explore relational themes; ours with Christ and ours with each other. We have come to expect sermons from her that are poetic in rhythms and language.

This sermon completed the circle begun by Bishop Kay in her installation sermon, three years ago when she invited us to accept Saint Paul’s invitation to be ambassadors for Christ because the call now as then was to “people just like us”.

She began with a personal reflection on her familiarity

with death; the death of small, short-lived domestic animals, leading up to the more fraught death of her father where she found herself waiting on every breath as the end neared. “The family”, she said, “excelled at grief and funeral ministry”.

And so death begetting new life became the periodic mantra – living, dying, living – that punctuated a masterly and affecting review of our time together here in Gippsland.

It was less sermon than an extended piece of prose-poetry, beautiful and entirely appropriate for the occasion.

She had come following the death of Bishop John, she noted, to a grief-stricken diocese in need of healing and her leaving sees us in a new grief of sorts, a grief that offers the possibilities for a new beginning.

Living, dying, living

No one clapped at the end of the sermon. Anglicans don’t applaud sermons, after all, and even if it were Anglican practice, most were too stunned or too teary to do so.

The communion itself was the last time in Gippsland that we would share the sacrament with her as a diocesan family, receive the host from “our bishop”. That lent an extra poignancy to the act and the occasion.

Before the final blessing, speeches and gifts were given as tokens of the esteem of diocese, clergy and cathedral. The speeches combined affection, respect

and humour as Robert Fordham highlighted the gifts of her ministry with us, the Rev’d Sue Jacka told of her exceptional support of the clergy and the Rev’d David Perryman, the Bishop’s Chaplain, lightened the mood with affection and wit.

The gifts included a scroll from the cathedral, a lakescape painting looking towards the Abbey and a replica of the bishop’s staff festooned with messages from Anglicans across the diocese. David Perryman suggested that when times get tough in Perth, Bishop Kay could refresh her sense of self by reading a message or two from the many Gippslanders who love her.

The final part of the liturgy, the laying up of the pastoral staff, was the moment when frayed emotions gave way for some; the finality of it as Bishop Kay and husband Jeri walked hand in hand from the cathedral to huge applause.

All the time an ABC cameraman was taking footage of the service. The installation in the cathedral in Perth will also be filmed for inclusion in a Compass program some time in 2018.



Bishop Kay reads messages on replica staff

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A fresh start

One of the great things about the summer holiday season is that it draws a curtain across the end of the old year and offers us the sense of a fresh start in the new.

For some of us this will be particularly welcome, 2017 having held significant sadness or disappointment.

For me there was the earthly loss of my beloved father, counter balanced to some extent a month later by the wedding of my youngest daughter Toni and the birth of my sister's first grandchild. But then my sister and brother-in-law both became seriously ill, so it was on to the emotional roller coaster again...

Towards the end of the year there was a different kind of sadness (for us in Gippsland) with the news that Bishop Kay was headed west to become the new Archbishop of Perth. We were of course happy for her in the honour which this preferment represents, but unhappy about our diocesan loss.

For most of us Bishop Kay's move was not expected, and came therefore as something of a shock. Her laying up of her pastoral staff at St Paul's Cathedral in mid-December was a very moving occasion,

and many of us will still be grieving somewhat. For me her departure also means another spell in the role of diocesan Administrator: fun to be working at the Registry again after three years, but it's a long commute from Warragul and home!

Life for all of us has its unexpected turns, and I hope that they come in a positive way for you and your loved ones in this new year. And I hope too that 2018 will be a good year for each of our Gippsland parishes, schools, chaplaincies and "fresh expression" ministries.

We begin the year with an optimistic outlook. From where I stand things seem to be going well in most parts of the Diocese: new chapters are about to begin in Bass/Phillip Island, where the Rev'd Jo White will be inducted as rector on February 16, and in Bairnsdale where the Rev'd Brenda Burney will be inducted as rector in mid-March. Appointments Board members are working on finding new rectors for Tambo, Lakes Entrance and Warragul, which I will be leaving mid-year.

The next three-year stage of our Diocesan ministry strategy - "Jesus Christ - Here and Now for Gippsland" - is underway, and I hope everyone

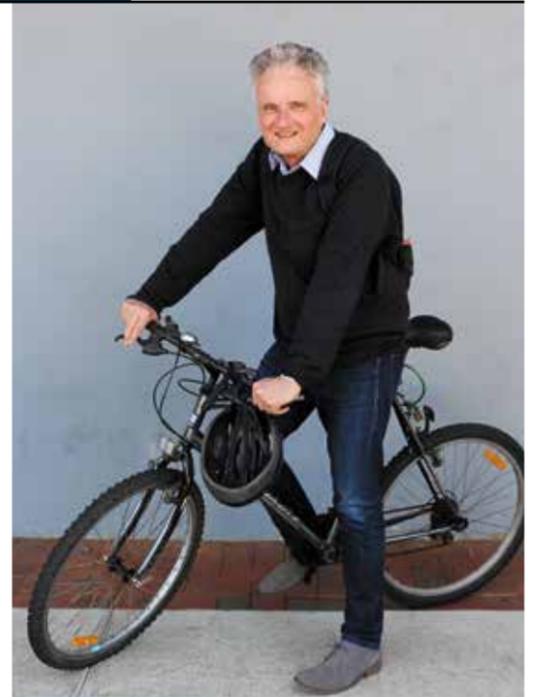
has received the new 'Our Vision' brochures by now, and is giving them thought, discussion and practice in parishes and other church communities.

The Synod's Board of Electors has met three times already and is well underway in the process of discovering whom God has in mind for the role of our next Bishop.

Thank you to all those who have contacted the Board with views about the kind of Bishop we seek this time, and with suggestions of possible candidates and reasons given as to why you think they would be suitable.

If the process continues to run smoothly we hope to have a new bishop installed by mid-year. It is a big and responsible job for the Board of Electors, involving much thought, prayer, discussion and research, not to mention driving, so please be praying for the 12 members, six clergy and six lay members, as we go about our task.

The prayer below is from *A Prayer Book for Australia* (page 212), and it would be



Archdeacon Phillip Muston

good if we could all pray it regularly:

Eternal God, shepherd and guide, in your mercy give your church in this diocese a shepherd after your own heart, who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over your people. Give us a leader of vision and a teacher of your truth. So may your church be built up and your name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Blessings,

Philip Muston

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Parish to Parish: praying for each other

"...That we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith..." (ROMANS 1:12)

This diocesan prayer diary features three parishes each month, appearing in alphabetical order. Diocesan organisations are also included. Each parish sends in its own profile and prayer needs.

AVON EASTERN REGION:

Holy Trinity Stratford
All Saints Briaglong
St Mary's Munro
Priest-in-Charge:
The Rev'd David Perryman

This mission focused, three centred Parish is located just out of Sale. The parish is Christ-centred, seeking to make Jesus known in our local communities. We currently have traditional worship services with the aim to introduce Messy Church in 2018. We have a Lenten, Advent and now regular Bible studies during the terms.

We offer children's ministry in the form of *mainly music* and Sunday School (which began mid 2017). Our mission is supported by our local op shop which is filled with generous volunteers.

Please pray for us as we begin to launch further this year into family and youth ministry and continue to build strong community connections starting with our Family Fun Fair.

BAIRNSDALE EASTERN REGION

St John's, Bairnsdale
Rector: (From mid March)
The Rev'd Brenda Burney

St John's looks forward to welcoming the Rev'd Brenda Burney who will be inducted into our parish on Thursday 15 March. Brenda is known to many through her work in Cursillo, Cowwarr and Safe Ministry.

St John's offers two Sunday church services with monthly services at Clifton Waters Retirement Village and four aged care facilities. For our parish we offer pastoral care, Bible study, prayer groups and meditation. We have a weekly *mainly music* program and a monthly Messy Church for families with young children followed by a communal meal. The many lay people who work in these ministries look forward to supporting Brenda in her future direction and leadership.

The Johnno's Outreach Centre supports the wider community of Bairnsdale and surrounds. The parish also provides chaplaincy to the Bairnsdale hospital and has regular involvement in the Gippsland Grammar weekly fellowship.

BASS / PHILLIP ISLAND SOUTHERN REGION

St Paul's, Bass; St Philip's Cowes
St Augustine's, San Remo
Rector: (From mid February)
The Rev'd Jo White

The parish looks forward to welcoming the Rev'd Jo White who will be inducted as Rector on Friday 16 February.

Sporting events and tourism add to many regular events in the parish. There is an annual church breakfast for the Grand Prix and in summer the Red Frog Team takes over the church hall to serve the needs of "schoolies". Year-long tourism often leads to extra pastoral care. To meet extra needs, St Augustine's at San Remo has added an extension, including a communal kitchen and accommodating the op-shop. A bi-monthly meal is held in their fine kitchen. The Creative Spirit Festival weekend in May is an annual arts event. There is a regular book store, a Men's group, interdenominational Bible study and bi-monthly meetings of local clergy.

Fulfilment of 50 year journey

Brian Norris ordained deacon

Jan Down

Brian Norris, Registrar for the Gippsland Anglican Diocese, was ordained deacon by Bishop Kay Goldsworthy at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale on Saturday 2 December 2017. He will serve as an Ordained Local Minister at the Cathedral (an honorary role) while also continuing in his full-time role as Registrar.

Brian described his ordination as "the fulfilment of a 50 year journey", having begun his theological training at the age of 19. Asked what had prompted him to consider ordination again now, he said that various people, including Bishop Kay, had been talking to him about it. He explained that he was already assisting with

out-centres of the Cathedral parish and at the Cathedral, so it was a combination of the personal aspects and the ministry needs that brought him to the decision.

Brian enjoys preaching, likes working with tiny congregations and with elderly people, and hopes to do some work in nursing homes. While he was not required to do any further theological training, in 2013 he completed an Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology through St Mark's National Theological Centre in Canberra, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

When Brian was at school he was advised against studying languages, yet when he attended St John's

Theological College at Morpeth in NSW to train for the ministry, he topped the course in Greek studies all the way through. He still enjoys studying Greek.

Brian Norris was born at Dubbo NSW in June 1943 and grew up in Gilgandra and Goulburn NSW. He has worked as a bank officer, a Commonwealth Public Servant and for almost 35 years as a Diocesan Registrar in Canberra and Gippsland.

After a short period working in the bank he attended St John's Theological College at Morpeth in NSW at the age of 19 to train for the ministry. On finishing his studies, being too young to be ordained as a deacon,



Photo: Christine Morris

The Rev'd Brian Norris pours the communion wine at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale, as the Rev'd David Perryman looks on

the Bishop suggested he join the public service for a while. This then led on to his work as Registrar in the two dioceses.

Brian retains the routine of the daily office learnt in college, appreciates the

writing of Thomas Merton and has a continuing strong interest in biblical and liturgical studies, as well as a great love of church music which he says has nourished his faith throughout his life.

Bishop Kay's last Sunday

a celebration and an opening

John Batt

Bishop Kay's last Sunday in the diocese (10 December) was spent at Neerim South Parish celebrating the 25th anniversary of the St John's Church and officially opening the Op Shop and Ministry Centre Complex.

The youth group, as part of their Friday evening activities, were the first to celebrate with a "break-in" to the new meeting room and were put to work moving in all the tables and chairs. It was appropriate that the young people who have been eagerly waiting for the ministry centre's completion be the first ones to use their new youth meeting room.

Bishop Kay had worked hard along with the Bishop-in-Council and the local Parish Council to deal with the

issues and problems that had arisen with the building over several years. So it was very appropriate that the bishop should be able to share in the joy and excitement of the opening. A good crowd of locals and well wishers came from the district to help make this a happy and joyous occasion.

The building complex includes the St John's Op Shop as well as a Ministry / Community Room which will be used for youth and children's work, family fun activities, a community meals ministry, craft, Bible studies, coffee mornings, and will be made available for the use of appropriate community groups.

The Rev'd Dr John Batt is Priest-in-Charge, Neerim South.



The Rev'd Dr John Batt, Bishop Kay Goldsworthy blessing the new building, Beth Delzoppo

Special Session of Synod

A Special Session of the 38th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland was held on 16 December, 2017, just before the farewell lunch and Eucharist for Bishop Kay Goldsworthy.

The special sitting of Synod was called because there was a sense of urgency, that legislation arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse be addressed before Bishop Kay left for Perth.

Legislation passed included the "Safe Ministry to Children Canon 2017; Episcopal Standards (Child Protection) Canon 2017; and the Offences Amendment Canon 2017. Details of these bills can be found on the diocesan website: gippsanglican.org.au/.

The Primate of Australia, Archbishop Philip Freier attended and addressed the Synod.



Be a part of supporting the Aboriginal Ministry Fund

The AMF exists to resource employment of Aboriginal people in ministry; training of Aboriginal people for ministry; development of Aboriginal ministry in the community; the planting of Aboriginal churches; education of the Diocese about Aboriginal issues.

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Fr Ken Parker reads the 9th Lesson (John 1:1-14) at St Thomas' Carol Service

New life comes to Bunyip

Chris Bennie

On Sunday 14 January at St Thomas' Bunyip we celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Christ. As part of this celebration at the Sunday Eucharist, Fr Ken Parker baptized two babies: cousins, Harvey Lawrence Hill, son of Hilary and Brenton; and Ellie Thea Brunson, daughter of Ana and Tom. Fr Ken has known Tom and Hilary since their early childhood.



Baptisms of Harvey Lawrence Hill (above) and Ellie Thea Brunson

It was a truly beautiful and uplifting ceremony and the family were delighted to be there and grateful for the wonderful celebration and the joy-filled welcome they received at St Thomas' Church.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held at St Thomas' Bunyip on the evening of Sunday 17 December.

Fr Ken Parker, our Priest-in-Charge, led the service. Fifty two people attended, with Fr Tony Aspinall, from St Joseph's Catholic Church, Iona, and Keith Sainsbury, of the Uniting Church in Bunyip, as well as some Anglicans and others from elsewhere. A number of these shared in the readings.

The Bunyip Singers, ably led by Dorothy Myers, sang a number of Christmas carols and songs, and led the

congregation in the singing of several Christmas hymns as well.

Margaret Carlile, accompanied by Dr Brian Chapman, sang a setting of the carol "Silent Night" by John Rutter and also a setting of "The Shepherd's Farewell" from Berlioz' great Christmas cantata, The Childhood of Christ.

One of the other highlights of the evening was the singing of the new "Gippsland Carol", with words by Fr Jim Connelly who was present in the congregation, and music by Dr Chapman, who accompanied the choir and congregation.

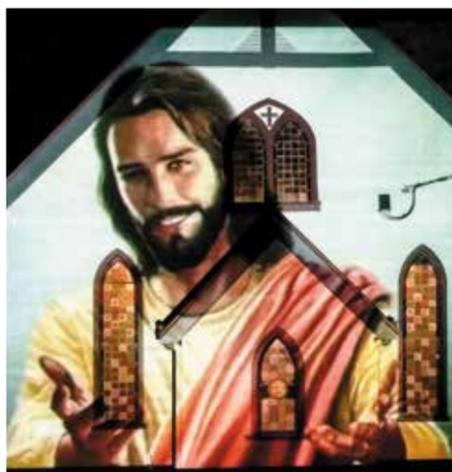
The service was followed by a light supper with a glass of wine, a soft drink, or a cup of tea, for those who wished it, in the newly refurbished parish hall. It was altogether a joyous occasion.

Putting Christ back into Christmas – visually!

Chris McAleer
Nar Nar Goon

After much discussion in early December about the commercialisation of Christmas, one of our wardens, John Koch, had the idea of projecting Jesus onto the front of the 123 year old St John's Church in Nar Nar Goon.

With the help of a projector, a long extension cord and a side-table, the selected image looked upon the passers-by on the evenings of 23 and 24 December in addition to welcoming



The face of Christ projected onto the exterior of St John's, Nar Nar Goon on Christmas Eve

everyone who attended the midnight service at 11:30 pm. It received such an encouraging response that something similar will have to be repeated for Easter!

The Rev'd Chris McAleer is Priest-in-Charge, Nar Nar Goon.

United in prayer

Carolyn Raymond
Morwell

At St Mary's Morwell we finished our Christian year by hosting the Annual Thanksgiving service for the prayer community of Anam Cara. We were blessed to have Bishop Kay with us to give the reflection. We all gave thanks for our time with her and united in

prayer for her life as Archbishop of Perth. It was a time of thanks for God's presence with us, a time of prayer for each other and for the journey. We looked back to the year ending and forward with hope to the year about to start.

Our prayer during Advent centres around the Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath stands next to the lectern and the prayer table where we all light prayer candles. Next to the lectern is the large basket in which we have put presents to be distributed by Anglicare to those who would otherwise have very little at Christmas. This is one aspect of our prayer in action, our outreach to our community.



Advent Wreath and prayer table at St Mary's Morwell

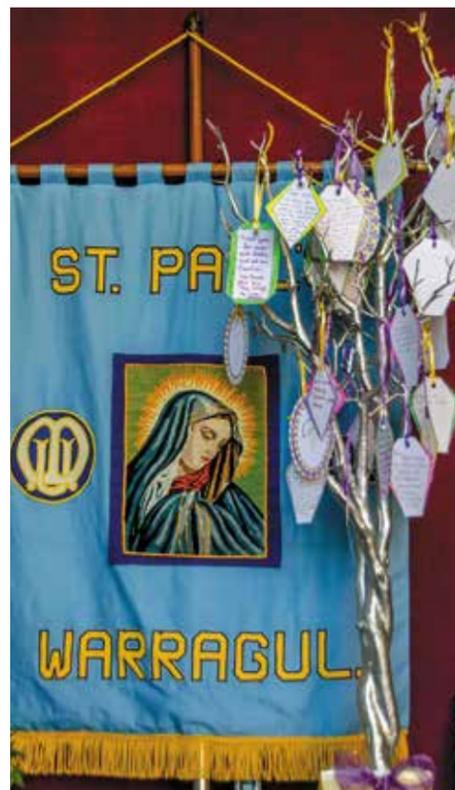
Sixteen days of activism against gender based violence

Jenny MacRobb

Members of the Warragul branch of Mothers Union in Gippsland Diocese set up a prayer tree for the 16 days of the campaign to highlight the need for activism against gender based violence.

Our president, Diane, spoke at our services about the worldwide campaign

undertaken by members and then invited the congregation to add their prayers to the tree. Some of our members also attended the "White Ribbon Day" event in our town. We displayed our banner and had opportunities to explain why we were there and who we are. This was a good time to let our community know that Anglican Mothers Union Australia is present and concerned with issues that impact so many families.



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Diocese farewells Barb Logan – for the moment

Jan Down

The Rev'd Canon Barb Logan has made a significant contribution to the Gippsland Anglican diocese over the past 24 years.

Canon Logan, who has been Rector of Lakes Entrance / Metung since 2010, went on sick leave in June last year, and has now resigned due to continuing ill health, but hopes to return to work should her health allow.

Barb's work at the diocesan level has included serving on the Provincial Council; the Clergy Appointments Advisory Board; the Greater Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral (Sale); the Board of Electors; and the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland Administration Limited.

Prior to ordination, she worked for ten years as the Finance Officer in the Diocesan Registry Office. Barb enjoyed this work, seeing herself very much as an accountant, and did not expect to be called to ordained ministry.

But that call came in a way she could not ignore. She likened it to a butterfly being pinned to a board; it was "like being pierced. You couldn't walk away from it", she explained.

Barb said she and her husband Jim have enjoyed every parish where they have served: Omeo, Bruthen, and Lakes Entrance /Metung. She added "Jim's been an absolutely wonderful support". He has found work wherever they went, on farms, in snow chalets, doing fencing work, whatever was around.

Barb and Jim will not be far away, as they are now living in their own house in Metung. The diocese wishes them well and assures them of our prayers for good health.

Parish farewell lunch Wendy Nickson

The Parish of Lakes Entrance & Metung held a farewell lunch for the Rev'd Canon Barb Logan and Jim on Sunday 10 December. A framed art photo of Cunninghame Arm, Lakes Entrance, was presented, as well as our good wishes for the future. Barb has had to put her career in abeyance for the moment because of ill health and we continue to pray for healing. She will be missed.



The Rev'd Barb Logan and her husband Jim at the parish farewell lunch

Brenda Burney for Bairnsdale

Ursula Plunkett

It was announced just before Christmas that the Rev'd Brenda Burney has accepted appointment as Rector of this parish. The induction will take place on 15 March. Our prayers have been answered and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Rector and her husband Rod.



The Rev'd Brenda Burney

provided music outside and in the church.

We invited owners of

teddies to attend a special service with Archdeacon Ted Gibson who gave thanks for and blessed their teddies. About 60 teddies were blessed and donated ones were joyfully adopted by children and grown-ups!

Johnno's Outreach Centre and Shed were open for business and did a brisk trade.

Annual fair a success

St John's annual fair was held in good weather on 18 November. There was a variety of stalls selling Christmas cakes and puddings, plants, preserves, the popular cake stall and more. Devonshire Teas were served and the ladies in the kitchen kept very busy.

Vintage cars were displayed as well as model aeroplanes and beautiful crafted items by the woodwork group. The Bairnsdale City Band and Secondary College Saxophone quartet



In the kitchen ready for action on the day of the fair were Bev Sommers, Di Thomas, Yvonne Ward, Margaret Timmons

With St Clare and St Francis

The next step at The Abbey

The next step towards a dispersed Franciscan community at The Abbey on Raymond Island will be held on Saturday 3 March, 2018 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm.

At the "With St Clare and St Francis Retreat" in October 2017 we dreamt of a dispersed Franciscan Community at The Abbey. There was much enthusiasm and excitement!

On 3 March visitors from the Franciscan community around Victoria will outline the path to becoming a Franciscan tertiary.

We will hear some of their stories, reflect on our personal journey and make plans for future activities at The Abbey. We will share lunch and Eucharist together.

All are welcome to come and learn, explore, reflect and discern. Please RSVP by 28 February. Lunch will be provided.

For cost and information: contact: The Abbey – Phone: (03) 5156 6580 Email: info@theabbey.org.au www.theabbey.org.au Facebook: The Abbey Conference and Accommodation Centre

Seasons of Birth and Creativity exhibition

Sale

The "Seasons of Birth and Creativity" exhibition at St Paul's Cathedral's Delbridge Hall, Sale, was opened by the Rev'ds Jazz and Samuel Dow on Sunday 10 December.

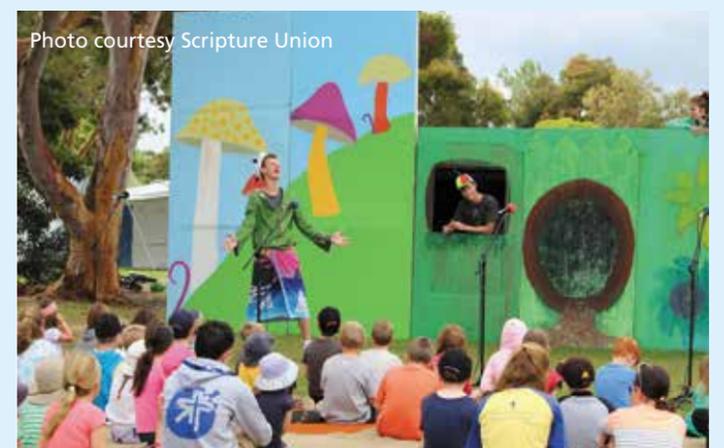
The Rev'd Jasmine Dow

is a Missioner with the Anglican Board of Mission and the Rev'd Samuel Dow is College Chaplain at Trinity College in Melbourne.

Fourteen works by local and interstate artists were exhibited.



The large painting "I can feel the baby kick" is by Julie Mielke, far right. She stands with the Rev'ds Jazz and Samuel Dow



Discovering more about Jesus' story at Mallacoota SUFM (Scripture Union Family Mission)

Holiday missions

Holiday missions for youth and families with young children were, as usual, held around Gippsland over the summer holidays.

Around the Diocese

Gippsland representatives: the Rev'd Jenny Ramage (Gippsland GFS Chaplain) by Australian banner, Kathryn Bartlett, Mary Nicholls (Moe-Newborough) and Keryn Cunningham (Korumburra) amongst representatives from most Australian dioceses

24th National Australian GFS Conference

Our call to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God" (MICAH 6:8)

Mary Nicholls



Micah 6:8 was the call and theme selected by the incoming Australian Chairperson of GFS Australia, the Rev'd Canon Cheryl Selvedge (Brisbane Diocese), for the next triennium of the national ministry of GFS KidsPlus+.

Micah's words urge us to action and reliance fully on our Lord. Our ministries under faithful, correct governance are needed more than ever in our broken and searching communities. Our conference in its Open Space sessions of Evaluation and Visioning, led by the Rev'd David Battrick, isolated three areas for us to review: to have clarity about our vision and purpose; to re-imagine and refocus on our governance; and to develop strategies to share our vision and work with others.

Our seven day conference at Kurri Kurri, New South Wales, hosted under the leadership of Gail Orchard, outgoing Chairperson, and her executive, used her theme "Many parts, one body". Congratulations and thanks to them all for the hospitality and excellent conference which enabled us share and grow through a variety of worship styles and experiences presented by each diocese.

We had personal growth opportunities in the Prayer and Spirituality workshops, and we shared knowledge and resources in other workshops including: Understanding Children's Spirituality; Leader Development; Messy Church and *mainly music*; Family and Domestic Violence; Pastoral Care today; and Craft.

Key note speaker Amy Souter spoke on "Celebrating Children's Ministry" and Police Woman Sgt Debra Rowe shared a moving account of her community ministry and her faith journey. Recreation time provided opportunity for visits to the Kurri Kurri Murals, the Vineyards of Hunter Valley, or to take the Historic Morpeth Tour. The closing service was held in The Christ Church Cathedral where the incoming executive were commissioned by the Dean (an ex-GFS girl herself) Katherine Bowyer.

The executive led by the Rev'd Canon Cheryl Selvedge (Chairperson, Brisbane) includes: Lyn Valk (Sydney) Chaplain; the Venerable Canon Sonya Roulston (Newcastle); Secretary, Julie Smith (Tasmania); Treasurer, Noelene Stewart (Western Australia); Ordinary Members: Canon Val Gribble (Rockhampton) and Leanne Kapatnovski (Melbourne); and Abuok Majuk (Gippsland) will continue her Australian Junior Delegate's role.

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National Chaplaincy Conference

Frank Lees

From 28 November to 1 December, the Churchill Campus of Federation University hosted a National Chaplaincy Conference.

Chaplains from 15 Universities from around Australia came together for professional development and support. This was the 30th anniversary of the organisation, TCMA (Tertiary Campus Ministry Association [Australia] Inc.).

The theme for this Conference was "Belief, Culture, Disruption". Delegates heard from keynote speakers on: "Clinical Pastoral Education" (Jenny Wegener); on "A ministry of presence in a multi-faith and no-faith society" (Gary Bouma AM); and on "It is God who disrupts us...how have we come to this Culture of Disruption?" (Fr Greg Bourke).

Delegates also heard from a local senior lecturer on "Being a Muslim in a Regional University", and delegate presentations on a variety of inter-connected subjects.

An excursion to the Traralgon Uniting Church's "Faith and Fabric" exhibition included dinner there on the second night. The group had a display of over 40 banners, each expressing a different aspect of faith. The talented artists also explained their reasons behind their art, for some of the displays.

This excursion went to Traralgon via the Miners Lookout, where Alan Scarlet, Campus Manager/Executive Officer at Federation Uni, gave an informative talk about the coal and the general area.



Lookout, here come the chaplains! Conference delegates at Miners' Rest, en route to Traralgon

A conference dinner at the university on the third night included a talk on "Walking in Galilee". The presenter highlighted his trip there earlier this year – the 100th year since the "birth" of the State of Israel (with the UK's "Balfour Declaration").

The AGM of the TCMA was also held during the conference, and some new members were elected. New and retiring chaplains were acknowledged, in separate sessions.

A particular highlight was the inter-faith worship presentations each morning before the business of the day started.

All in all, the conference was a great success. Feedback included comments on the high quality of the catering provided (on campus and off), as well as having the time to talk and gather together.

The only other time that this conference was hosted in Churchill, was in 2001. This 2017 conference showcased very well both the Gippsland region, and Churchill specifically.

Chaplaincy at the Churchill Campus is uniquely funded by the respective dioceses of the Anglican, Catholic and Uniting Churches.

The Rev'd Frank Lees is Chaplain at Federation University in Churchill

25th Celebration of First Ordination – women as Priests

The Rev'd Canon Amy Turner and Archdeacon Heather Marten, both of whom have ministered in the Gippsland diocese, were among the many women and men who attended the 25th Celebration of the First Ordination of Women as Priests in the Church of God.

The well-attended service was held at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne on 13 December, 2017. An afternoon tea was held beforehand in the Barbara Darling Room, named after Australia's second female Anglican bishop

who had been a role model and pioneer for women in ministry in the Anglican Church.

The Gippsland Anglican diocese had, until December last year, both a female bishop (the Rt Rev'd Kay Goldsworthy) and a female Cathedral Dean (the Very Rev'd Susanna Pain, still Dean at Sale).

Across the diocese, Gippsland currently has roughly equal numbers of women and men in ordained ministry, with a higher concentration in the Eastern Region.



Photo by Janine Eastgate, courtesy of Anglican Media, Melbourne

The Rev'd Canon Amy Turner, former Rector of Drouin, reading prayers at the service

Historical items returned to St John's church

Glenda Amos – Yarram



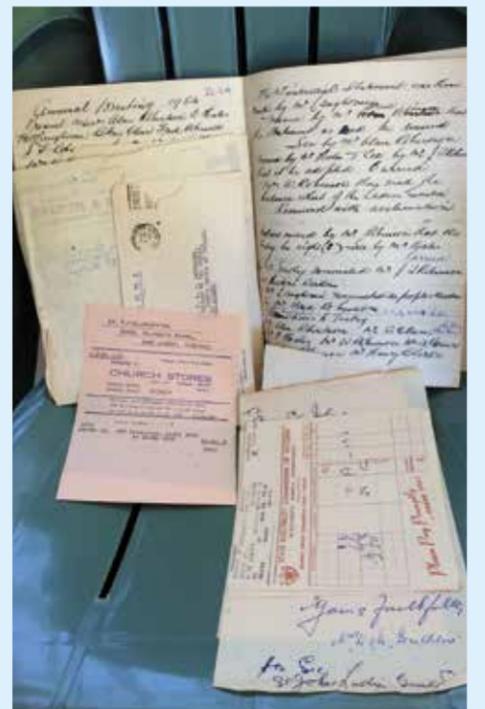
Sue O'Loughlan and Bert Bright

On Sunday 12 November, Mr Bert Bright returned a fabulous collection of record books and memorabilia to St. John's, Port Albert.

Mr Bright, who lives at Mirboo North, acquired the items at a garage sale in a "box lot". Recognizing the significance of these items, he made a special trip to Port Albert to return them to the church members. The books detail minutes of meetings at St John's from 1934 to 1950.

Retaining historical records is particularly important for future generations, especially in a public facility. The minute books made mention of the construction of the fence around St John's church in 1934. The front fence has just been replaced in 2016.

Sue O'Loughlan thanked Bert on behalf of the St John's congregation.



Some of the church record books returned



Miriam, Kristy and David with Fergus making advent wreaths

Starting a Children's Ministry

**Jo White
Yarram**

At Holy Trinity in Yarram there has been gentle generational change and we have enjoyed welcoming first one, then two, then three younger couples. Two of these families have young children, so we started thinking about how we might create a more child-friendly environment and even how worship might offer all of us opportunities to be more involved and learn things together.

On 2 September 2017 a group of three interested women attended an introduction to Messy Church at St Paul's Cathedral in Sale. This was a stimulating workshop that helped us clarify what we wanted to do and how we might do it. Surprisingly, we decided that Messy Church was not the model that would suit Holy Trinity.

The drive back to Yarram turned into a one hour meeting in the little red car. During this informal meeting we decided on our purpose – to engage people of all ages in preparation, learning and worship. We also decided that our first event would take place during our regular 10:30 am service on the first Sunday in Advent. Further meetings decided on letters sent to all families within our reach, including baptism families in the area, the new doctor, the new principal and the two families who had been attending regularly over the last 12 months.

We decided that the name for the service should reflect our desire to include everyone.

Our parish mission statement is "Bringing God's Love to All" so we hit on "Advent for All" as the name for this different service of worship. We also worked out the shape of the service, which we called "unstructured structure".

Teaching through activities:

We wanted to teach through natural conversations during each activity so information sheets were prepared for leaders so they could gently include some points as they helped people enjoy the activities.

To teach:

- about worship: advent Song used during worship each week during Advent
 - about prayer: Gratitude Tree formed the basis of the prayers of the people
 - about giving: Decorations for Anglicare Giving Tree inspired generosity
 - about the season:
 - a) take home wreath
 - b) large wreath used throughout Advent
 - about the symbols used in Advent including: Advent Wreath, Anglicare Giving Tree, Altar decoration, vestments and banner
- Advent for All was a success.

The family that attended was able to relax and let their boys roam and explore. People enjoyed the interaction; talking to each other as they worked. There was a real buzz in the church. At first some were hesitant but once they found an activity they enjoyed, any awkwardness melted away. People commented that it was excellent, creative, engaging and they learnt things they never knew or maybe had just forgotten. We have noticed the Anglicare Giving Tree had a lot more gifts this year and the thoughtfulness of those gifts was most evident.

We are enjoying the small children in our midst but noticed that we need to do a few things differently. We make sure doors are closed; we removed the radiators and the bucket of water used for washing-up, made sure the tablecloths didn't hang over and covered the morning tea treats to avoid temptation. These are small changes but they do help keep children safe and relieve concerns for parents.

At the time of writing, the Rev'd Jo White was Priest-in-Charge, Yarram. She moves to Bass / Phillip Island parish in February.



The Rev'd Jo White telling the Advent story

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How Parish Partnerships work

**Cathrine Muston
(Anglicare Community
Development Officer)
with Lynne Beaty**

I am often asked how Parish Partnerships with Anglicare work. Does it start with the parish? Does it start with Anglicare? Does it start with a particular person or issue? The answer of course is, all of these.

We have partnerships that are formally arranged and ongoing, and ones that are single events or for a specific time, but the best partnerships are those that connect a particular need with people who have the resources to meet that need. These partnerships are most effective because they involve people being alert and willing to act. An example of this happened just before Christmas.

A woman (let's call her Pamela*) walked into the Leongatha Anglicare office and asked to see someone

regarding emergency relief. Lynne Beaty was on the front desk that day and she thought that Pamela seemed unsure if she was in the right place, or that Anglicare could help her. Anglicare's Emergency Relief program was able to provide food and vouchers for Pamela and her four children (three of whom were living with her) but as she waited she shared more of her story with Lynne.

In early November, on her son's 10th birthday, and the day after she had started a new job, the rented house she and her children were living in caught fire due to an electric fault and burnt down. They lost everything. After spending many weeks in a motel, Pamela had finally managed to get a house to rent and they were to collect the keys and move in the following day.

Aware that Pamela and her family had lost everything, Lynne made a call to her local parish in Mirboo North and a message was sent out in the

parish link-up to provide some basic goods for Pamela to re-establish her household.

That afternoon towels, blankets and bedding, pantry items, Christmas goodies, chocolates and games were delivered to Mirboo North Parish, along with items from under the Christmas tree from the Bendigo Bank and a Christmas Hamper from the Anglicare office in Morwell, to pass on to Pamela and her children.

Later that same evening Lynne was helped to pack her car to bursting and the next morning hand it over to Pamela along with a number of generous cash donations.

Lynne said "What an amazing response to the call

for help. What a privilege to be in a position on a day in an office I only occasionally work in, to be able to contact my parish, confident that they would help", adding that "even I was a little overwhelmed by their response".

Needless to say Pamela was very moved by the response, which showed her that people cared about her and the situation she found herself in at that time. She said that she was "completely blown away by the generosity of people".

This story is an illustration of what happens when we are connected with our local communities and are willing to act. While Anglicare Victoria has programs to address specific areas of need and while we can also offer some Emergency Relief in the form of food and petrol vouchers,

it is that personal connection with others who are willing to give from what they have, in order to support, encourage and enable others, that makes the difference; the connection with local parishes and people who have a strong understanding that as God has blessed us, so we can be a blessing to others.

Parish Partnerships involves anyone who is aware of a need using their skills, resources and connections to meet that need and enable others to experience the love that a caring community can bring.

If you have an idea for a partnership, you can contact the Community Development Officer for Parish Partnerships, Cathrine Muston on 51369112 or 0458 450 370 or the Anglicare office in your area.

** Name has been changed.*



Anglicare and Mirboo North parishioners provided basic goods for a family after their house burnt down

Rwanda schoolies

A small group of students from the two Anglican schools in Gippsland, St Paul's and Gippsland Grammar, recently travelled to Gahini, Rwanda, for an alternative "schoolies" trip, where they worked as volunteers in the community and Gahini Secondary School.

A Gippsland Grammar Chaplain, the Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow commented: "Never have I seen a team of high school graduates from St Paul's and GGS work so beautifully and intelligently with children and young people. Never have I been inspired by a nation so determined to embrace its past, experience its present with a new found joy and so relentless in transforming its future. Never have I been so overwhelmed by its suffering, its compassion...its love. This was Rwanda for me."



The Rev'd Nikolai Blaskow with children in Gahini



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This is my friend

Graham Knott

This email came to us, might be of interest to you." That message from the Registry Office near the beginning of December last year has had a deep impact on me. My best friend in Grade Four onwards in Primary School and the early years of High School was trying to get in touch with me.

Those years began in South Australia in the early 1960s. Since then I have travelled the world spending much of the time in the UK. He has spent much of his adult life in Melbourne. Fifty years on we are picking up where we left off. We are talking about the joys and hurts of childhood and the good and harsh realities of adult life.

You can imagine that this means floods of words and silence. The silence of trying to work through and process decades and decades in a few weeks. Remembering is at the heart of this dialogue but it is something much deeper and more profound.

This event has made me reflect deeply about the nature of all friendship. Abraham (JAMES 2:23) was called God's friend. To be described as God's friend has to be among the most significant purposes for life.

The friendship between David and Jonathan (1 SAMUEL 18 AND 20)

speaks vividly of the commitment and cost of true friendship. David is a shepherd boy and has nothing. Jonathan is a royal prince and has everything. Shortly after they met "*Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself*" (1 SAMUEL 18:1).

As the story unfolds we see the extraordinary commitment between these two. Friendship means that Jonathan recognizes that David will receive Jonathan's inheritance and be king. It is a friendship that survives separation and ultimately death. There is something within us all which responds to and thrives on true friendship.

Since childhood I had thought often about my friend but I hadn't searched him out. However I have learned that, for a number of reasons, he had changed his name when he was seventeen. I could have searched the world and never found him. He had to find me. That reminds me of the Incarnation – of a God who is my friend formed from the same dust as me and searching me out. Jesus, my friend, finds me when I could not find him.

That reminds me of the searching God longing for his wandering child – scanning the horizon for that son unable to find his way home but stumbling forwards with a memory in his heart and mind.



Illustration by Colin Oakley

Ash Wednesday and Valentines Day fall on the same day this year. As our society celebrates romantic love, Christians will be pausing to begin a period of reflection and self-examination, preparing for our Lenten journey.

Perhaps the ideas behind those two days are not as widely divergent as they initially feel. Ash Wednesday causes me to stop and question my response to God's love and how I have carried that love during the past months. This year I think my focus will be on friendship and the extent to which I have lived and am living as God's friend.

God has always been a faithful friend, not always recognized,

sometimes lost to me, sometimes apparently walking me through confusing times, but always a friend.

It was a wonderful surprise to be found by my friend after all these years. A greater miracle is to be found again by the friendship of God – the one whose love is faithful for all time. Towards the end of Lent many of us will sing:

*Never was love, dear King!
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend, in Whose
sweet praise I all my days could
gladly spend.*

*Archdeacon Graham Knott is
Archdeacon of the Southern Region
and Rector of Leongatha parish.*

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EDITORIAL

Go Gippsland!

What a difference 25 years has made, since the Anglican Church in Australia began ordaining women as priests in 1992.

Celebrations have been held in dioceses around the country (including Melbourne diocese – see page 7)

In Gippsland there are now close to equal numbers of women and men serving as priests in their parishes in some capacity, though fewer women are in charge of parishes.

A gender balance in leadership in the church (and elsewhere) has to be a good thing, better reflecting the essence of the Creator and his intention for men and women to work in equal, complementary partnership. In the church this balance means different perspectives are brought to all aspects of ministry.

Perhaps this is one of the reasons the Gippsland Anglican diocese seems so resilient and healthy despite the challenges of these times. Women have brought fresh ideas and their particular experiences – of time spent with children or teenagers, of caring for aged parents, of work outside the church.

Both clergy and lay people work so hard, trying out new ways, caring for people and showing such deep commitment to living and proclaiming the gospel in their communities.

Hats off to Gippsland and thanks be to God for his work among his willing people. And as Paul wrote to the Philippian church, "I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ".

Leo Wimmer offers icon writing course



Photos: Christine Morris

Leo Wimmer with one of his icons

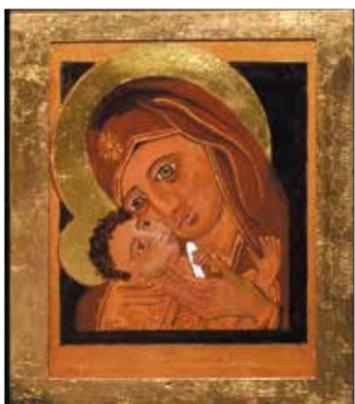
Leo Wimmer, who with his wife Glenys, moved to Sale from Canberra last year, is conducting an icon writing course at St Paul's Cathedral for five participants over February and March. He has been conducting icon writing courses for over 30 years.

Leo's original qualification was as a Church Painter (frescoes) and Gilder in Austria. He later studied art and restoration in Vienna. Prior to retirement Leo was a Conservator at the Victorian National Gallery, and the Australian National Gallery from its inception.

The course will commence with instruction in basic fundamentals of gesso work and gilding using the ancient Egyptian tradition and techniques of tempera icon-writing used by monks.

Paintings by Leo Wimmer can be found in churches around the country – in Victoria, Canberra, New South Wales and Alice Springs, to name a few. Leo was keen to point out that "the work is for God" – not for his own fame and glory.

At the time of going to print, there was only one space left in the icon writing course. For more information: Glenys Wimmer: 0418677903 or email: lgwimmers@gmail.com



"The Loving Kindness"
by Leo Wimmer

CORRESPONDENCE

TGA December

Congratulations on an excellent issue of your paper in December. There was so much there to feed us and stimulate us.

Thank you for that beautiful image on the cover by Jenny Koch. Thank you for David Head's thoughtful Holiday Reading Guide, which I have distributed widely. Thanks to Bishop Kay for her helpful and sensitive letter of farewell.

Above all, dear editor, my thanks go to you for your courageous editorial, which could provide food for our Lenten journey. A series of studies on the themes you raised would be a solid diet on our journey into Resurrection. Congratulations!

Ken Parker, Bunyip

Assisted dying

Sue Fordham's article "On the right to assisted dying" (TGA Oct 2017) has some very useful reminders and perspectives. She reminds us that it would be wrong to impose on others what we might believe to be right ourselves. Jesus was always respectful of an individual's God-given right to choose for themselves and we should follow this lead.

We are also made aware just how ethically complex our society has become and the grey areas that have arisen in our modern, technically advanced and secular world. How do we determine where assisted dying (euthanasia) is different from advanced palliative care? How do we differentiate between our society's acceptance of euthanasia and its horror toward suicide? How do we know when to switch off life support systems when it is only technology keeping a body alive? When should we accept death instead of ongoing medical treatment just because we have the technology?

However, the argument of the article is flawed both logically and theologically. The first two provisos involve the Church's past or current ambiguity about life (e.g., war) and its failure to uphold holistic human life (through child abuse in our institutions). It is not logical to argue that because of past ambiguity or failure we should not stand for God's sovereignty on this issue. In fact, if we hold that all of human life (and death) is sacred then we should redress past failures rather than create new ambiguity.

The third proviso is that the church should not impose its values on secular society. The expression of a value is not the same as imposing it. In our society the church does not have that power, but it does have its God-given responsibility to represent God's values.

The following quote from the article exposes a flaw in our thinking and perhaps explains why synod was divided: "Above all, accept the primacy of the human conscience..." This is the thinking of humanism, which places the right of the human individual above the moral compass of God's revealed word – in fact humanism claims there is no absolute moral compass and we have to work it out for ourselves.

If we submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ we must accept the primacy of God's moral standard above the human will and conscience, which we know from the Scriptures and experience to be fallen and self-centred. Maybe the author's reflection of the changes to her thinking over the past 50 years, and the outcome of synod debate is a result of the infiltration of unbiblical, humanistic thinking into the church. Rather, we should be seeking the mind of Christ through the diligent study of his Word and working to discern what God says is right or wrong.

I don't pretend to have black and white "easy" answers. I too sometimes feel overwhelmed with the complexities of our world. I am opposed to euthanasia because I accept that "my days are numbered" (Ps 139) and God will call me home when he has ordained, not when I or someone else should choose; and because I see Jesus' example who trusted his life's end to the Father. Yet I too sat with my father, and others, through their last uncomfortable days and weeks and know that pain. My appeal is that we have our debates based on God's Word and submit ourselves to the Lordship of Jesus over all our life. Only thus can we together seek the mind of Christ and then speak words of life and love to a world in desperate need of the hope that is only found in Jesus.

Gordon Dowthwaite

Another article on this topic will be forthcoming

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Wholly holy

This year TGA introduces a new series. With a different writer each month, "Wholly holy" explores some of the common practices of holistic Christian living, such as health and fitness; prayer, fasting and meditation; Bible study; worship; service; and using our gifts in play and work.

Daniel Lowe

Olympic runner, Eric Liddell, is often quoted as saying "God made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure". In contrast, when I run it is hard to imagine God taking any pleasure in my stumbling, sweating and gasping for breath. The truth is, God did not make all of us fast or coordinated or athletic. But that does not mean we can't glorify God through our attempts at physical exercise.

Paul's words to the Corinthian church are often used as a theological basis for keeping fit and healthy,

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit... Therefore honour God with you bodies."
(1 CORINTHIANS 6:19A 20B).

I think at some point in my early twenties I took this to heart and started going to a gym and lifting weights. I suspect my actual motivation was a desire to look more like a Hollywood action hero but the theological principle remains valid – God created our bodies, so we should treat them with honour.

Unfortunately the body God gifted me with is a 6'3" beanpole and no amount of weightlifting was going to change that. I persisted sporadically but with very little

"... when I am fit and healthy. I have more energy for ministry and I have more emotional resources for dealing with people in a godly way."



Daniel Lowe on the Geoff Watt Fun Run 2017

Faith on the run

sense of achievement and even less spiritual enrichment.

Fast-forward ten years and the responsibilities of work, marriage and parenthood meant that I could no longer afford regular gym visits. At this point I was still a 6'3" beanpole but with a bit of extra padding around the middle!

So a friend and I decided to do the unthinkable. We went for a run! And then another one. And then, against all expectations, still more runs. At first we were pushing to make one lap of the local park but, much to my surprise, I found that I actually enjoyed the experience and even improved a little bit.

Another 12 years on and I still enjoy running. I have run in numerous fun runs and have even managed two full marathons. I'm still not

fast but I'm a lot fitter than I was. It has also made me spiritually fitter. Once I got past the initial pain and my mind was free to wander while I ran, I discovered that this was valuable time that I could make use of.

Some days I listen to worship music while I run. On other days I simply enjoy some peace and quiet. On longer runs I might listen to a podcast of a sermon or lecture. Many of my own chapel talks have been formulated as I run. It is not always this idyllic of course. Sometimes I run to burn off frustration and sometimes the running itself is just frustrating. It is an imperfect endeavour but one which still bears fruit. Paul writes to Timothy,

"...for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."
(1 TIMOTHY 4:8).

For me, running is a way of benefiting from both. Bodily training is of some value because I generally function better when I am fit and healthy. I have more energy for ministry and I have more emotional resources for dealing with people in a godly way. And while I am training my body, I am also making time to worship, to study the Bible and to pray. Perhaps I am not so different to Eric Liddell after all. *God made me slow but when I run, I feel His pleasure.*

The Rev'd Daniel Lowe is chaplain at St Paul's Grammar School.

Diocesan calendar

February

- 4 10:30 am Farewell to the Rev'd Jo White and Celebration of Centenary of laying of Foundation Stone at Holy Trinity, Yarram. Service will be followed by gourmet barbecue lunch.
- 10 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Corinella Community Market, Harold Hughes Reserve, Smythe St Corinella
- 14 Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent
- 16 7:30 pm Induction of the Rev'd Jo White as Rector of the Parish of Bass / Phillip Island, St Philip's, Cowes
- 24 9:30 am Celebrating George Herbert, poet priest, hymn writer, at St Thomas' Bunyip

March

- 3 12 noon – 4:00 pm "The next step" – towards a dispersed Franciscan community at The Abbey on Raymond Island. Lunch provided. RSVP 28 February. (Details page 5)
- 4 3:00 pm "An old hotel, the stage-coach, Bunyip and the old Sale Road": local historian George Fry will give the second Bunyip Lecture in the parish hall, A'Beckett Road
- 15 7:30 pm Induction of the Rev'd Brenda Burney as Rector of the Parish of Bairnsdale, at St John's Bairnsdale
- 17 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Anam Cara and Bunyip Parish Celtic Spirituality Quiet Day with Carol O'Connor and Cath Connelly (harpist) at St Thomas' Bunyip, 16 A'Beckett Road. Cost \$10, bring lunch to share. Contact Bunyip parish: office: anglicanbunyip@dcsi.net.au
- 17 1:30 – 4:30 pm: "The many faces of St Paul: Messenger, Christ follower, the Church's Apostle", a lecture and workshop by New Testament scholar, Dr Kieren Williams at St Paul's Cathedral, Delbridge Hall, Sale
- 18 9:30 am A Celebration of Welsh hymnody in honour of St David of Wales, St Thomas' Bunyip
- 26 11:00 am Mothers Union celebrates Lady Day at the St Paul's Cathedral, Sale. Service at 11:00 am, Catherine Muston after lunch speaker. All welcome.

April

- 1 Easter Sunday
- 27–29 A nourishing Feast of Creativity and Fun! At St Paul's Cathedral, Sale, with the Rev'd Dr Rod Pattenden, minister, artist, dancer and Trish Watts, songwriter, worship leader, Voice Movement Therapist, Spiritual director; both cofounders with Susanna Pain, of InterPlay Australia. Details: 0418 637 469



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