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Judith Lake inducted at Heyfield

Jan Down

The Rev'd Judith Lake was inducted and installed as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Heyfield in a joyful service at St James' Heyfield on Friday 3 May, the Feast of Saints Philip and James.

The service was well attended, with clergy, parish members, family, and many other visitors from both Gippsland and about 20 in all from Melbourne, including from St Stephen's Richmond where Judith was Honorary Deacon and Associate Priest, and the Epworth Hospital where she served as Chaplain.

As Bishop Richard Treloar warmly welcomed the congregation, he paid tribute to the Rev'd Lyndon Phillips, Rector of Rosedale and Regional Dean, for her

ministry along with the Rev'd Heather Cahill and other clergy and Lay Readers, "not least David and Deb Chambers – who with the Wardens and Parish Council have ensured that the worship, ministry, and mission of Heyfield and Tinamba have continued in the absence of a priest in the Rectory".

Bishop Richard, who already knew Judith through her studies at Trinity College, said "I'm delighted that the Parish and the Diocese are to be enriched by one as reflective and intentional about ministry as she is. Hers is a quiet strength, and a deep and prayerful integrity".

He went on to speak about the two saints to be remembered on the day: St Philip and St James the Less, who was given this title to avoid confusing him with James the Son of

Zebedee, also an apostle, known as James the Great. He suggested "the Less" could also be a reference to the relative age or height of the two apostolic James's, "tonight's saint being 'James the younger', or perhaps 'Jim the not-so tall'."

There was more about Philip than James in the gospels, Bishop Richard noted, drawing attention to the story of Philip's encounter with Jesus in John's gospel. Philip



Photo: Barrie Bell

Bishop Richard Treloar and the Rev'd Judith Lake

Synod: first for Bishop, last for Brian



Photo: Christine Morris

Appreciation expressed at the Synod Dinner for the work of the Rev'd Brian Norris, on his retirement as Registrar (See Synod report page 7)

tells Nathanael about this Jesus of Nazareth. When Nathanael asks if anything good can come out of Nazareth, Philip says "Come and see", echoing Jesus' words a few verses earlier.

Bishop Richard related this to Judith's ministry: "As a priest, and as Priest-in-Charge of this Parish, Judith is set apart to help people to see Jesus, inviting others to come and see what has come out of Nazareth".

Bishop Richard reflected on some of Philip's "cameo" roles at other key moments in John's gospel, including in the story of the feeding

with the loaves and the fishes, adding that, as a priest "Judith is to enable the feeding of God's people, who hunger for justice, and who hunger for the Bread of Life: to feed them, first and foremost, from the miraculous food at this altar-table".

He later added a word to Judith: "We promise to support you ... and we can't wait to see what unfolds in this Parish, as together you take up anew the call to be sent to the people of Heyfield, Tinamba, and beyond as witnesses to the cross and resurrection".

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Changing World, Changing Church, Unchanging Gospel



Bishop Richard Treloar

Bishop Richard Treloar delivered his first Presidential Address at Synod on Saturday, 18 May 2019, the date of the Federal Election, and exactly nine months from Saturday 18 August 2018, the day he was installed as Bishop of Gippsland. The following is an edited version of his address:

In his provocative book *Red Alert*, subtitled *Does the Future Have a Church?*, Gil Cann argues, "We must not conclude, as many do, that the massive changes taking place in the world are the major causes of the death of [some] churches. The causes of death are the changes *not* taking place in the church" (page 24).

The unchanging Gospel has always been enculturated, contextual, which is why we have four canonical accounts of it: not beholden to culture, or captive to it; but attentive to culture, responsive to culture, and engaged with culture.

As one Australian reviewer of Cann's book observes,

The world has changed... radically... such that any church committed to "business as usual" will find itself on the road to irrelevance... The gospel, on the other hand, is always relevant and the church's mandate has not changed.

Gil Cann's appeal to the local church to acquire understanding, demonstrate flexibility, exercise creativity and generate energy is, in essence, an impassioned appeal to choose life.

(Elizabeth Kendall, in Cann, *Red Alert*, frontispiece)

Or, in the words of one of my favourite hymns:

O changeless Christ, forever new, who walked our earthly ways, still draw our hearts as once you drew the hearts of other days.

As once you spoke by plain and hill or taught by shore and sea, so be today our teacher still, O Christ of Galilee.

Timothy Dudley Smith, Together in Song 254

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Photo: Christine Morris

Bishop Richard presides at the Friday night Synod Eucharist at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale

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Prayer Diary: around the parishes

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

MAFFRA
EASTERN REGION

St John, Maffra
St George, Boisdale
Rector: The Rev'd Janet Wallis

We will have a lot to pray about in late May to early June. We are thinking about, National Reconciliation Week, "Thy Kingdom Come" and The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

We encourage people to focus on these things from 26 May to 9 June. We are circulating prayer material, looking into some local Aboriginal stories, praying for five friends to come to know Christ, asking: What would it mean to pray "Thy Kingdom

Come" in my life; in the lives of my friends and family; in matters between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Australia; and in our local churches? During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we join with other denominations for worship and a progressive dinner and pray that this will be a witness to the love of God for the people of Maffra.

MIRBOO NORTH
SOUTHERN REGION

St Mary, Mirboo North
Rector: vacant

St Mary's is a supportive community of faith, with a broad effect on the surrounding community through the

Secondary School Brekky Club, Brick Club (for autistic kids and families), several visiting U3A classes, Craft Groups, Bible Study Groups, funeral catering, student support in Rwanda, a variety of smaller mission funding through our small change Mission Pipe, and involvement in community groups.

Last February we farewelled the Rev'd Geoff Pittaway and his wife Liz who were with us for 10 years. While we were sad to see them go, we also look forward with anticipation to whatever God has planned for us into the future. Please pray for us as we seek a new leader who will team with us and lead us with a new vision.

MOE / NEWBOROUGH
WESTERN REGION

St Luke, Moe
St Aidan, Newborough (with Yallourn North, Erica and Walhalla)
Rector: The Rev'd Sathi Anthony

We would value prayers for the "Listening Post" outreach ministry and for the enthusiastic ministry team as we step out in faith. Prayers of thanks for the support of Anglicare and workshop presenters, the Rev'd Heather Toms and Cathrine Muston. With four recent baptisms we pray that the baptism families could reconnect with the church and be actively involved in our worship, fellowship and ministries. Uphold the Play Group, op shops, Mothers Union, Bible study groups, the Vestry and the Guild in their endeavours to love God, the church and one another.



Graeme and Jane Peters at Pambula Beach on a family holiday

and Jane and aware of their cross-cultural ministry experience, he suggested Graeme apply for St James, a very multi-cultural church, with an Arabic speaking Sudanese congregation, a Chollo Sudanese congregation as well as its main morning congregation which includes people from South Africa, Sri Lanka, India and South East Asia.

Graeme explains that as he considered St James, he was fascinated by the multicultural aspect. He was curious to discover that the parish also runs a Monday community lunch in their church hall and was just starting up a youth group.

Jane is a Community Access Worker with Interchange in Wonthaggi, working with people with disabilities, and hopes to find similar work in Melbourne. She has also become very involved with CMS at state and federal level, so the move will make attendance at city meetings easier.

As they prepare to leave Wonthaggi / Inverloch, Graeme says “We have very much appreciated the welcome and the warmth of the congregations here”. They will miss the parish, Wonthaggi as a town, and Inverloch – the beaches, walks and sunsets. “We’ve loved being in a small town community... every time you walk down the street you run into ten people... We’ll miss that. We’re ready for a new challenge too.”

Peters family prepares for a move

Jan Down

After nine years of fruitful ministry in the Wonthaggi / Inverloch Parish, the Peters family will be leaving the Gippsland Diocese for Melbourne in October. The Rev’d Graeme Peters takes his last service on 29 September and will be inducted at St James’ Dandenong on 10 October.

Graeme’s original call to theological study was prompted when the engineering company he was working for in Melbourne was restructuring into three areas. The boss called him in and asked which of the three was his passion. Graeme remembers “When I thought about the three areas he was offering, the word ‘passion’ didn’t come into any of them”.

What he was passionate about was “people knowing Christ, and learning more about God”. So he began theological studies to see “what options God had for me”.

Graeme named the Monday night Community Meal which he initiated at Wonthaggi as a particular highlight of ministry in the Gippsland parish. “I’ve greatly enjoyed the privilege of being able to help out so many people who were in quite dire need at times” he said.

A recent example happened over the Easter break: two families came along who had completely run out of food and all the other agencies being closed, the church was very glad to be able to assist.

Graeme has also enjoyed the youth ministry work, shared with the Baptist church, and the general collegiality with other clergy in the town through the strong Interchurch Council in Wonthaggi. He has loved being involved with the Interchurch Community Carols nights; the “beautiful dawn services every Easter at Eagles

Graeme Peters – passionate about “people knowing Christ, and learning more about God”

Nest... with an amazing sunrise coming up over the ocean”; as well as community events such as the Inverloch Jazz Festival and the RSL services for Remembrance Day and Anzac Day.

At the Diocesan level, Graeme has been on Bishop-in-Council for the past four years. He has as enjoyed fellowship with other clergy and attending Clergy Conferences on Raymond Island, where he has often assisted with the music – he plays guitar and bass.

Jane and Graeme came to Gippsland from Chile, where they served as CMS missionaries for eighteen years, working in universities and churches. Having planted and built up a church, Graeme was later ordained in Chile, in order to continue this ministry.

The return to Australia was prompted by family reasons. In looking for a new ministry role, they were keen to “give back to the country” – both are rural people, Jane from South Australia and

Graeme from northern Victoria. They were spotted by a Wonthaggi / Inverloch parishioner while at a CMS Summer Under the Son Conference.

History repeated itself at last year’s conference: Bishop Paul Barker was there, pondering the Dandenong vacancy. Seeing Graeme

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SOUTHERN REGION

- Mirboo North
- Yarram



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Next at The Abbey

JUNE

"We shall not cease from exploration"

Ken Parker will lead a retreat on the theme of Pilgrimage, inspired in part by T S Eliot's words on exploration which end the long poem *The Four Quartets*. Equal inspiration comes from Sebastian Smee's recent and provocative *Quarterly Essay*, "The Inner Life in the Digital Age".

Ken says "We will hear of physical pilgrimages and there will also be the encouragement to participants to do the important work of reflecting on their inner journey". 5:00 pm Friday 28 June – 3:30 pm Saturday 29 June 2019. \$135 twin share includes all meals and accommodation.

JULY

"Retreat into The Cave"

Dean Susanna Pain offers a warm, nourishing winter retreat at The Abbey. "Curl up, nurture your relationship with the divine using silence, stories and creative practices in the beauty of creation: a time to hibernate, rest, reflect and draw near to God", says Susanna. 5:30 pm Monday 8 July – 3:30 pm Friday 12 July 2019. \$656 twin share includes all meals and accommodation.



Photo: Edie Ashley

Next Abbey Dispersed Community Gathering

3 August 12 noon – 3:00 pm

**AUGUST
The Diocesan Retreat**

The Rev'd Dr Jane Foulcher, Senior Lecturer in theology at St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra, will be our Retreat Leader this year. There will be times of silence, prayer and reflection; times to walk, to share, to create and to be. 30 – 31 August: 5:00 pm Friday to 3:30 pm Saturday.

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Café 123 turns... 1, 2, 3 !



Café 123, a social enterprise and fresh expression of Church, celebrated its third birthday in May. Pictured above are: The Rev'd Rich Lanham, Executive Officer and Julie Lanham, Enterprise Manager.

Fred Morrey – sixty years a priest

Mary Nicholls

Moe-Newborough Parish was delighted to host and celebrate with Fr Fred Morrey, recognizing the 60th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. Friends travelled from across the Diocese, representing many of the parishes and regions where he has served so faithfully.

The postal service was also kept busy as mail with congratulations and best wishes arrived from across Australia. Bishop Richard Treloar preached and presided at our Eucharistic service held at St Luke's. The service was of course followed by a fitting high supper in St Luke's Hall.

Fr Fred trained at Ridley College and St John's Morpeth. He was ordained deacon in 1957, serving as a curate at East Maitland (Newcastle) and then St Mary's Morwell. He was ordained priest in 1959 at St Paul's, Sale by Bishop David Garnsey, taking up his first parish as Rector at Bruthen in 1961.

He has served in the parishes of Myrtleford, Alexandra, Mossman, Frenchville, Blackall, Moe, Bunyip, Korumburra and Heyfield, including terms as Archdeacon of South Gippsland and Chaplain to Bishop Arthur Jones.



Bishop Arthur Jones, Archdeacon Emeritus Fred Morrey and Bishop Richard Treloar at the celebration of Fr Fred Morrey's 60th year of Priesthood on 1 May



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Back to the future for Jackie Belot

Jan Down

Jackie Belot, full-time chaplain at Gippsland Grammar School in Sale since first term this year, had a sense of calling to school chaplaincy work even while still a student at the school herself. She thought she would be back at Gippsland Grammar one day, and close to thirty years later, here she is.

In Year 7 Jackie was a boarder at Gippsland Grammar, an experience she loved: "It was like having a sleepover!" She was baptised and confirmed that year at the school. Both events were significant for her, and joyfully attended by four generations of her family. Jackie continued on as a day student to Year 10.

There were role models at the school who made a strong impression: the Rev'd John White was her first chaplain, followed by the Rev'd Caroline Nancarrow.

Commenting further on her sense of vocation, Jackie said "I believe all Christians are called to a 24/7 commitment



Photo: Lisa Baker

Jackie Belot with donkeys Wonka and Plonka, who played a role in Easter activities for Gippsland Grammar's St Anne's students at St Paul's Cathedral

and lifestyle" so it was a matter of finding a practical outworking for that in her life. She knew the difference that chaplaincy could make

"People don't care what you have to say until they know that you actually care.."

to individuals, and felt that this work would be a good fit for her.

At the moment Jackie is focussed on getting to know students, staff and the community. She

believes this ministry is all about relationships: "The crux of chaplaincy is that people

don't care what you have to say until they know that you actually care". She has a sign on her door which says "Where is our Chaplain?" showing where she will be at certain times, such as running lunch-time groups, attending meetings, or with Dean Susanna Pain at the Cathedral, as part of her training for ordination.

Jackie has been transferred from the Melbourne Diocese to Gippsland as a candidate for ordination. She is licenced by the Anglican Diocese of

Gippsland as a Lay Chaplain and Lay Reader and has almost finished her theological studies through Ridley College. She feels being ordained Deacon and Priest will make her available to her community in the fullest sense, being able to celebrate communion and conduct weddings for former students, which is a common request.

Four days a week are spent at the Garnsey senior campus, with Fridays at one of the two junior schools. St Anne's Junior School

recently spent a day at the Cathedral for Easter activities, while the Bairnsdale students had their Easter at The Abbey on Raymond Island.

Jackie conducts three chapel services a week at the senior school, also sharing a short message with staff at a briefing meeting once a week. She is an enthusiastic teacher of the RAVE program (Religion and Values Education) which she also taught at her previous school, Beaconhills College. She commented "I think it's vital to give students the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions and to help them think about what they believe and why they believe it".

Seeing Gippsland Grammar students as potential leaders of the future, one of Jackie's aims is for them to "at least be aware of the Christian world view and that servant leadership is a model that Jesus demonstrated".

Jackie's husband Troy Eckhardt has found work in Sale and eventually would like to teach drumming again. Aslan, their 18 year-old cat, has come with them and has even been to school with Jackie as an assistant in the Year 7 RAVE program which is based around C S Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Community Centre and POSH Op Shop

Chris McAleer

It was around twenty months ago, during a post-Sunday morning service cuppa, that parishioners raised their concerns over the uneven floor in the opportunity shop. One solution discussed was the idea of a new opportunity shop in conjunction with a large area for community activities that together could form a new parish centre.

Conversations were begun with a succession of town-planners who advised us on heritage restrictions, car-parking, driveway and set-back requirements. Plans were drawn up, redrawn and re-submitted, costed by commercial builders, re-scaled, re-costed, approved by Bishop-in-Council, and after almost 12 months, received



The Mayor, Cr Graeme Moore, cuts the ribbon while the Rev'd Chris McAleer joins with the crowd in celebrating the opening of the first new public building in Nar Nar Goon for decades

approval from Cardinia Town Planning to proceed.

Herbel Constructions began work in August 2018 and finished on schedule in February 2019.

On Sunday 28 April 2019, it was dedicated by the Bishop

of Gippsland, the Rt Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar, and declared open by the Mayor of Cardinia Shire, Cr Graeme Moore, in the presence of representatives from the CFA, RSL, NNG Progress Association, POSH Op Shop, St John's and the local

community. Everyone present helped celebrate the first new public building in Nar Nar Goon for decades and enjoyed the excellent afternoon tea provided by St John's and the Op Shop volunteers.

Though there are still a few things outstanding to complete the building works, it's already a fitting neighbour to the 125 year-old St John's Anglican Church and a respectful addition to Nar Nar Goon's heritage streetscape.

The POSH Op Shop has moved into the larger premises, which is easily accessible by wheelchair, and everyone is appreciating the added safety of a level floor. Plans are in place to commence an after-school homework program in the community area in consultation with local schools. May the new facility be greatly

blessed in connecting the local community to the life of the Church.

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

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Gathering of MU members and guests at the state meeting in the Drouin Christ Church hall

Mothers Union state gathering

**Diane Grant
Nagambie,
Wangaratta Diocese**

Over 75 Mothers Union members from right across the five dioceses of Victoria gathered at Christ Church in Drouin on Wednesday, 1 May. Representatives came from the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Gippsland and Wangaratta. It was great that it could be held in a country region, not just a capital city.

The theme for the state gathering was “Listen, Observe, Act – in step with God”. The purpose of the get-together was to refresh and renew the identity of Mothers Union and to focus on our mission for the future.

The session was based on MULO which stands for “Mothers Union Listening, Observing, Acting” – the catchphrase MU is using to explore the essence of what it is to be Mothers Union.

As a member of a global organization MU is actively listening to the voices of its members to create a vision for the future that is grounded on their views and experiences within their communities.

This will help MU create its strategy beyond 2020.

There have been a series of regional meetings aiming to hear from all of the 600+ dioceses in which MU works today, to help answer some recurring questions they have been sharing, such as: “Who are we as Mothers Union?”, “In whose lives are and could/should we be making a difference?”; and “How do we most effectively make that difference?”

From this process, a clear framework and direction for MU globally will emerge that reflects the realities and needs of our local communities and facilitates mutual and external accountability. MU can then identify key priorities for their policy, their programmes, and their faith work and commit to sharing information on the impact of these across the MU organization.

The Reverend Doctor Dean Spalding, Drouin parish Rector, welcomed everyone to Christ Church hall for this special state meeting and was followed by Bishop Richard Treloar who gave a short address on the theme for the day.

The Rev’d Tracy Lauersen from Warragul parish led a thought-provoking group

activity based on real life scenarios of people in need. Each table discussed the stories and various relevant questions that could relate how MU could assist people in similar situations. Tracy ended by saying “Where is MU focussed? Wherever it is MU should do it with prayer”.

A representative from each table gave a variety of feedback, thoughts, ideas and plans that could be taken up in the future.

Something that really impressed me several times through the day was a complete silence filling the room. It was lovely, and amazing for more than 70 women in one room to be quiet, suggesting the attendees had listened to the subjects based on the theme of the day.

Thank you to all of the members on the planning committee and Drouin parish folk for their logistics, colourful table settings and sweet treats to help with the MULO theme process. Thanks also for the delicious lunch and food for the teas. And to all those folk who supported the state MU event from across Victoria for this special day.

Book sale raises over \$9,400

**Jeni Reed
Metung**

We held our annual book fair over three days during the Easter weekend raising just over \$9,400.

Many volunteers, both parishioners and members of the community, worked tirelessly before the event sorting, pricing and boxing, as well as on the day at Pattison Park Metung.



Crowds at the Easter book sale

Photo: ELizabeth Hartnell-Young



Vale Eric Kent

Sue Fordham

The state funeral of the Honourable Daniel Eric Kent OAM took place at the Lang Lang Memorial hall on Tuesday 7 May.

Eric, as he was commonly known, died on April 26, just two months short of his 100th birthday. Forty four years a synod representative, Eric had a rich life devoted to social justice, the Labor Party and the Anglican Church.

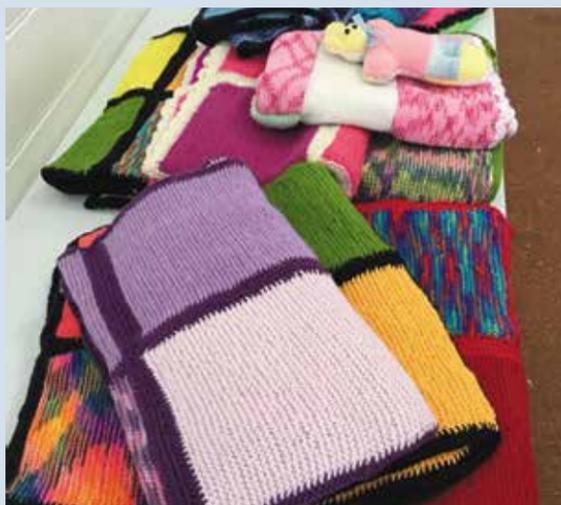
He was known to champion causes that focused on the poor, the marginal and the dispossessed, so his huge funeral service drew people from church, politics, local community and a vast array of service groups.

Officiating at his funeral were Pastor Walter Sholl, a friend of 50 years, Bishop Richard Treloar and the Rev’d Colin Oakley.

The Koo Wee Rup Secondary College Symphonic Band provided the music and the speakers comprised two of his children, Stephen and Elizabeth, the Member of Parliament for Bass, Ms Jordan Crugnale and Robert Fordham, a parliamentary colleague from the John Cain government as well as a fellow Anglican.

Busy Bunyip church mice

The church mice at St Thomas’, Bunyip have put these blankets together for homeless people to keep them warm during the winter. They have now been delivered to Anglicare for distribution.



Synod decisions and debates

Jan Down

This was a Synod marked by beginnings and endings and grounded in worship.

The Rev'd Dr Robert Derrenbacher, Frank Woods Associate Professor in New Testament and Dean of Trinity Theological College, was the erudite preacher at the Friday night Eucharist, while Bishop Richard Treloar presided.

Saturday began with an uplifting service of Morning Prayer led by the Rev'd David Perryman. On Saturday evening, after a day of talking, Synod was rested and renewed through a quiet, candle-lit, Service of Light led by Dean Susanna Pain.

Sunday morning began with an 8:00 am Eucharist at which Bishop Richard preached on Acts 11: 1-18, reminding listeners that the world will see our love for one another precisely in the way we conduct our disagreements.

The Hon John Delzoppo OAM was Chair of Committees at Synod for the 40th consecutive year. But as this was his last year in the role, at the Synod Dinner on Saturday night he was presented with a gift to express the thankfulness of the Diocese for his faithful service.

A presentation was also made to the Rev'd Brian Norris in deep appreciation of his sixteen years as Registrar in the Diocese of Gippsland. He has served as a diocesan Registrar for a total of 37 years.

Synod members were treated to the usual generous and capable hospitality of the Sale Cathedral parish, with a small team providing meals for over 100 people.

In summary:

Archdeacon Graham Knott (Leongatha) moved the approval of a Bill which in effect would raise clergy retirement age from 70 to 75 years. It would also provide for

extensions to Incumbents and the licensing of other priests aged over 70, under some circumstances at the discretion of the Bishop.

This prompted considerable stimulating and respectful debate, following which the Bill was passed.

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen (Warragul) moved three motions, also generating much debate:

1. For equal representation of men and women on Bishop-in-Council;
2. that BiC review its size; and
3. that BiC report annually on the gender balance of BiC, Diocesan Committees, Parish Councils and licenced diocesan positions.

The motion relating to gender balance on BiC was passed following an amendment, readily accepted by Tracy, that BiC "consider the need for and desirability of" legislative amendments to guarantee equal representation, rather than being required to draft that legislation. Tracy's other two motions were also passed.

Passing of the budget for 2018/19 and 2019/20 included endorsing a five year plan for the Diocese to be back in surplus. Bishop-in-Council is to have a one day mission and budget retreat on 10 August.

Alisha Jones moved that BiC adopt and progress the work of the "young adults movement" currently being developed for the Diocese to support and enable ministry to and from people aged 18-40. Several people spoke in support of

the motion which was then passed unanimously.

Ms Kaye Thurbon presented a report on the Ministry to the Dying Working Group. In contrast to the Synod debate on this topic in 2017, no opposition was expressed. There was instead great appreciation for the work of this group. The report was accepted unanimously and BiC tasked with progressing its recommendations.

Among many other reports presented were: the Safe Ministry Authority report from Ms Val Jones; the Aboriginal Ministry report from the Rev'd Phyllis Andy; and the Café 123 report from Ms Julie Lanham.



The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen



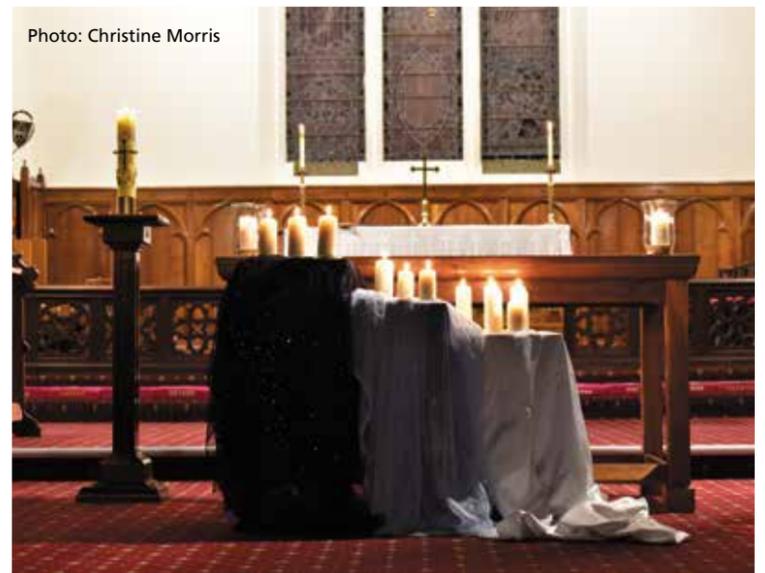
The Rev'd Jude Benton

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The Hon John Delzoppo OAM reponds to a speech in his honour, at the Synod Dinner

Photo: Christine Morris



Peaceful candlelit Service of Light on Saturday night at the Cathedral

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Choosing Bibles for children

Stephen Urmston

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What Bible do I buy a very young child? Whatever bookstore you go to, there are literally hundreds of different ones to choose from! Don't get me wrong, I do love the choice. But when I started to look at what was on offer within that choice, I was truly surprised.

There are a number of things to help you so you don't have to go through the burden that I did.

1. Know that pictures are just as important as words.
2. Notice what each of the children's Bibles has in, and what it leaves out.
3. Check the words themselves for "interesting" paraphrasing.

So first, pictures! Children get their first impressions of Bibles from the pictures that

they see. Sometimes pictures can be taken for granted. When you look at the pictures, what are they saying or conveying about the story? What does the art style say about the story or the passage you are reading about? Do they all look happy, are they racially diverse? I had a mentor once say to me "Can you tell the story

by looking at the pictures?" By this he meant, if you only had the pictures to tell the story, and removed all the words, would the story change?

A classic example to judge children's Bibles by is "How white is Jesus?" Take time to look over the pictures carefully next time you are looking for picture Bibles for children.

The second thing is to notice what stories they put in there, and which part of the stories they put in. You will always find many stories about Noah and Jonah. These are key stories in the story of the Bible, but be aware how they tell the story. Motivations are rarely expressed; there tends to be no context of any kind, or even saying that

these are part of God's big story of salvation.

You may think "They are children's books, how much information should we be throwing at them at such a young age?" Removing a story from the Bible removes its meaning. Simply telling a nice story about Noah can leave children thinking it is simply a nice story. We believe that these stories are God's word, and need to be treated as such. Make sure you look at how the story is introduced, and what they say at the end of the story.

Finally, read as much of the book as you can. Many of the short children's Bibles omit many things, and rephrase things in ways that children can understand. I equally applaud this and treat it with caution in the same breath.

Make sure you are aware of the way the writer has changed the words. Consider if they are over simplified, or haven't said enough. Consider the way they have decided to write the sentences or if you are okay with them being put in poetic form. If you are able, find a Bible (or Bible app) and check what the modern translations say, compared to that of the children's Bible you are looking at.

These three steps will help inform your decision. There are great Bibles out there, and I am more of a fan of the larger, more complete children's

Bibles, rather than those with a very limited range of stories.

May God's word speak into the children's hearts, so that they may come to know him more and more. Amen.

Stephen Urmston is a full time puppeteer and performer who shares the good news of Jesus all over Australia. He has 18 years of experience in children's ministry and has been a children's and families minister in South Australia, Victoria and Queensland. Stephen loves Jesus, and loves being creative, and especially loves when his two loves combine, turning into some kind of super powered passion!

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Don't judge me

Daniel Lowe

In the wake of the tragic events in Christchurch in March, the need for us to learn to live together in a pluralist society was once again brought into stark relief.

As heartening as it was to hear representatives from different sides of politics, faith, culture and worldview expressing their condemnation of the shootings and solidarity with the people of Christchurch, the hard reality is that it was our community, our culture that produced the man who committed this horrific act.

Now I am sure that there were many factors in play beyond societal influence that led to this man's actions and I am not trying to apportion blame. However, I am reminded of the importance of teaching young people how to live alongside others who may hold different views to them; to give them the skills to talk together; to find common ground; and to join with each other in navigating the difficult and complex task of figuring out how to live peaceably together.

I recently read a worrying statistic. According to a recent study by the Barna Group,



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around 40% of young people believe that disagreement means judgement. This is double that of their parents and three times the percentage of their grandparents. To put it in context, this means if you disagree with your child about something (and who doesn't at some point?), there is a 40% chance that they will

think you are judging them.

If this trend is accurate then it is no wonder our public discourse around contentious issues is often so toxic. It helps to make sense of the tribalism, the outrage and the personal, often vitriolic, attacks that mark so much of our online dialogue. And perhaps it helps to explain why so many young people suffer from crippling insecurity and anxiety. The idea, that if someone disagrees with you then they must be judging you, prevents open engagement between people who hold differing views.

How do we disagree without being judgemental? What is the difference between making a judgement and being judgemental? Perhaps

a helpful starting point could be the attitude that Jesus encouraged us to have, even in our disagreements. In the words of the apostle Paul, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

If we disagree with each other in this manner, we might just find that we all share more common ground than we realize. And our young people may see that it is possible to disagree with someone and still hold each other in high regard. Or maybe you disagree with me. Just don't judge me!

The Reverend Daniel Lowe is Senior Chaplain at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School.

Anglicare Fare

Mentor support program for past offenders launches in Sale

Cathrine Muston, Anglicare Development Officer

On Wednesday 1 May, the post release prison program, *Get Out for Good* was launched at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Sale with around 40 people in attendance.

Get Out for Good is a volunteer program that provides mentors as positive role models for people leaving prison. It was therefore fitting that Anglican Chaplain to Fulham Correctional Centre, the Rev'd Heather Toms led the service and preached about Jesus being the Way, the Truth and the Life.

During the service, the five Anglicare Victoria *Get Out for*

Good volunteers who have completed the training and committed to the program, were commissioned. John Broadbent and Brian Laidlaw from Warragul; Alan Oppy and Philip Muston from Lakes Entrance; and Rodney Gosland from Bairnsdale accepted the responsibility to uphold the dignity of all people, be an advocate for those without a voice and care for the marginalised. Rodney, who knows what it is like to be released from prison with few supports, said "I wish this program had been running when I was released".

A feature of the service was the music provided by Nigel Foenander who sang *One Day at a Time* and *Amazing Grace*. One of the songs chosen by Heather Toms was *Ten Thousand Reasons* which is a favourite of the men who attend the services she holds in Fulham. The inclusion of this song in the service provided a connection with those who were still inside.

Archdeacon Sue Jacka brought a message of hope and encouragement, and greetings from Bishop Richard Treloar.

Leanne Habeeb, Manager of Rehabilitation and Reintegrat-

ion at Fulham Correctional Centre spoke about the need for support for people leaving prison, particularly in the first few weeks and months. The *Get Out for Good* program was a welcome addition to the post release area, she said.

Kate Schnerring from the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry brought greetings from the *Get Out for Good* team in Warrnambool and the prayers and best wishes from Senior Prison Chaplain, the Rev'd Rob Ferguson.

The program was officially launched by Michelle Taranto, Manager for Community Services for Anglicare Victoria. Local media attended and provided good coverage of the event through WIN News,

ABC Radio Gippsland and *The Gippsland Times*. Morning tea was catered for by Café 123.

Currently, there are two participants in the *Get Out for Good* program in Gippsland but it is hoped that this will expand as people become aware that support is available, and as the volunteer base grows. There is a need for more volunteers to train as mentors for people leaving prison.

If you know someone who has been in prison and would benefit from the support of a mentor, or if you think this is a program for which you would like to volunteer, you can contact me at Anglicare Victoria on 0458 450 370 or email: cathrine.muston@anglicarevic.org.au.



Colin Holmes (L), a big supporter of the program, is the Activities Supervisor at Fulham Correctional Centre. Brian Laidlaw is a Get out for Good volunteer from Warragul.



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Choices ahead

Bishop Richard Treloar's Presidential Address, continued from page 2

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Bishop Richard Treloar

This First Session of Gippsland's 39th Synod sees us in election mode – in more ways than one! – making choices and decisions that shape aspects of our culture as a Diocese, and our engagement with the wider culture of which we're part. May we choose wisely, may we listen carefully, may we reflect prayerfully.

Our commitment to Safe Ministry is integral to our kingdom-shaped culture: a kingdom with a child-sized door. Apologies for past failings are an important part of the journey, along with redress and compliance with new standards arising partly out of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. But apologies and compliance are hollow without the will to effect real and lasting cultural change.

We will hear a report from the Chair of our newly constituted Safe Ministry Authority, and be encouraged, I'm sure, to embrace the opportunity we have for renewal in this area, in all of its complexity and administrative demands.

The report of the Working Group on "Ministry to the Dying" is thorough, and timely, with legislation on Voluntary Assisted Dying set to come into effect in Victoria in June. How will we respond to that new reality of the society we're called to serve? The Report honours the diversity of views represented in the 2017 Synod which commissioned the work, and offers some recommendations of a "bi-partisan" kind that we would like to see more of in our parliaments. Perhaps part of what we have to offer the culture around us is our capacity to disagree well, to hold together in our differences.

Yesterday (17 May) was IDAHOBIT: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia. At Gippsland Grammar of which this campus is a part, the Year 12 student leaders made a focus of this global awareness-raising exercise, and I was asked to contribute to reflections on this theme in Senior School Chapel during the week.

My own children – one of whom was dressed as the Inn-keeper for last year's Prep Nativity Concert in this hall, and the other who has murdered several perfectly good pop songs in various choirs at chapel assemblies from this very spot – have friends from this school and from their previous school who have two mummies or two daddies. This is normal for them; they have no fear of it, although I guess they could learn that.

In the Anglican Church of Australia there is currently no authorized rite for the blessing or solemnization of a marriage between two persons of the same gender, notwithstanding recent changes to the Marriage Act.

Last year, as was widely reported, the Synods of two Dioceses in the Province of Victoria resolved to commend "the pastoral value of the Bishop authorizing a form of Blessing for optional use within the Diocese [] alongside or in addition to a wedding conducted by a civil celebrant"! If such a rite were to be duly authorized, it would open the way for the blessing of same-sex civil marriages in those dioceses, in line with several Anglican Provinces overseas.

Our next Session of Synod will take place on the threshold of a General Synod that will certainly address this issue, ahead of a Lambeth Conference that seems already consumed by it. And whichever party forms government later today, there will be federal legislation on religious freedoms that will reflect the prevailing expectations of society around us with respect to appropriate limits on exemptions from anti-discrimination laws.

There will be a wide diversity of views on these issues in this Synod. Be assured, when the time comes for us to have some of these conversations as a Diocese, as it surely will, all voices will be heard, and all voices will be respected.

At their consecration, bishops promise to guard the unity and discipline of the Church; and as your bishop, I will always seek to uphold that commitment.

You will also no doubt be aware that I too have a personal view on this issue; one that has been no secret before or since my consecration. It has emerged from years of reverently wrestling with the Scriptures, with Tradition, and with the ongoing revelation that comes through human experience and reason, governed by the Holy Spirit at work in the Church and in the world.

If it would be helpful for you to know how your bishop came to the position he holds, included in the printed text of this Address are the details of two book chapters which I have published in edited volumes that set out the reading of Scripture and theological reflection which informs it.² If you have trouble accessing these, please contact the Registry and we will be sure you receive a copy.

Earlier in May a United Nations report sounded the warning that nature "is declining globally at rates unprecedented in human history".³ Again, members of Synod are likely to receive that report variously, with responses ranging from skepticism to alarm.

The fact remains that according to the trusted Lowy poll, 84% of Australians support the statement that "the government should focus on renewables, even if this means we may need to invest more in infrastructure to make the system more reliable". In Gippsland we live with the uneasy juxtaposition of non-renewables as a major economic driver, and the effects of climate change on our farming and tourism industries.

We have a wonderful resource with which to facilitate engagement with environmental stewardship from both a practical and theological perspective, namely The Abbey. The Abbey's vision continues to sharpen in focus and gain traction with school students, parishes, and visitors alike. Last Saturday I admitted the first 12 members of its Dispersed Community. The Abbey program is busy, and broad. Operationally this Diocesan facility breaks even; but it costs money to provide the human resources needed for its ministry to grow, and to reach more people within and beyond the Church.

As we approach Reconciliation Week we can give thanks for and be proud of our Aboriginal Ministry, and the wonderful – if often necessarily less visible – work of our two Indigenous priests in their communities. Yet, as I indicated in the latest *Gippsland Anglican*, existing funding for these positions is about to run dry, leaving the Bishop-in-Council budget – already under pressure – to absorb those costs.

Two weeks ago I could barely get in the door for Café 123's third birthday celebrations. The stories that the new

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Management Committee has been hearing about this social enterprise's engagement with the community – and especially with young people – are of the sort that would gladden Gil Cann's heart, reflecting the agility and connectivity that comes with awareness of our surroundings. But it costs money to cover the deficit between staffing costs and trading revenue.

Investing in Episcopal Districts in growth corridors like Nar Nar Goon, or in ecumenical chaplaincies like that at Federation University, or (with Anglicare) in the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry we upheld earlier in May – all of these cost money. And yet which of them is a space we think we don't need to be in?

Supporting some of our most remote parishes sometimes costs money. And yet if we did not have authorized ministry and buildings in some of these places, there would be no visible Christian presence in those communities.

Our financial position as a Diocese will be a focus of this 39th Synod, and there are some very real challenges on that front. In August Bishop-in-Council will spend a whole day in facilitated conversation on our mission priorities and our budgetary constraints, which can often seem to be in tension. Bishop-in-Council will be looking to this Synod for guidance in making hard decisions, hard choices about how to return the budget to surplus over the next five years, as we absolutely must, for being fiscally

responsible is also part of our stewardship.

We have no shortage of people, however, lay and ordained, who are looking to exercise ministry in every part of the Diocese, in all of these sectors and more. The skills and generosity of our clergy – including our wonderful retired clergy – of our Chaplains, Lay Readers, Agency staff and volunteers, and dedicated church workers right across the region and the spectrum of activities we support is such a blessing.

The Vocations program is bearing fruit. We have a number of people in active discernment with respect to ordained ministry, and two ordination candidates, with a prospect of several others to follow. The Royal Commission made a number of recommendations with respect to the Church's selection processes and the professional development and supervision of clergy. At a national level there are moves to put in place a much more rigorous and consistent approach to these areas, which is to be welcomed, and needs to become part of our organizational culture here in Gippsland in the years ahead.

The opportunity to be trained and licensed as a Lay Reader is being taken up enthusiastically, and I look forward to the Lay Readers training days in June. Our Diocese has such a strong heritage with respect to the often pioneering work of Lay Readers, and it is heartening

to see that tradition continue.

As well as raising up ordained ministry locally, clergy from other Dioceses have responded to a call to serve in Gippsland, in some cases in part-time capacities – an aspect of the flexibility needed to maintain a visible presence where full-time stipendiary ministry cannot be sustained. We need to be strategic about how we deploy the rich human resources that we are so fortunate to have.

One way of achieving this is through partnerships. We already enjoy good and productive partnerships with Anglicare Victoria and other Anglican agencies and missions; with our two diocesan schools; with our ecumenical partners in the Gospel, especially the Uniting Church of Australia; and with our sister Diocese in Rwanda, where I'll be next weekend for Bishop Manasseh Gahima's Installation as Bishop of Gahini. All of these and other existing partnerships have potential to

deliver greater mutual benefit and can be strengthened and deepened.

We also need to develop new partnerships: partnerships with community groups; with businesses that are looking to



Lively fellowship at the Synod Dinner in the Delbridge hall

contribute towards community projects; with philanthropic organizations; at a provincial level; in local government; with other faith traditions, as has been welcomed in recent vigils for Christchurch and Sri Lanka; with media outlets, in addition to the award-winning *Gippsland Anglican*, which is an excellent communications vehicle both online and in print, and delivers great value for subscribers and the Diocese's investment alike.

Building these relationships, these pathways, takes time. Some of them also require expertise, including those that might assist us to address the recent pattern of budget deficits. It may be that we need to employ someone who can source opportunities, apply for grants, develop bequest programs, set up foundations, and so on – a position that would, ideally, more than pay for itself.

Perhaps the most important choice we face has to do with the way we approach the complex issues and challenges before us. It's human nature to operate out of what I would call "the principle of scarcity", that is, the fear that there is not enough to go round: enough money, enough land, enough food, enough love, enough truth. I'll say more about this at our Eucharist on Sunday morning, but the principle of scarcity creates a world of zero-sum economies, where the more I have the less you have, and for me to be right you must be wrong.

We have another polity, however, a different dispensation. The economy, the *oiko-nomos* or the law of the house we are to build in the Church is one of grace. Not because the Church is better than the world, or more naïve, but because the Church exists as an instrument of the kingdom of God, and not for itself. In answering his own question, "does the future have a Church?", Gil Cann's answer is "yes". But he

reminds us that the Church is to the kingdom what scaffolding is to a building.

Let us not be too wedded to the forms of scaffolding we've come to know and love, and which have served their purpose well. Let us rather identify those forms which are fit for purpose now. And let us be so wedded to the kingdom of God that fear has no place in our decision-making.

Our Diocesan Vision 2017-2020 underscores this, inviting us – among other things – to be confident in our proclamation, to share our resources, and to learn new ways of being church. Not, in Cann's words, "a new way of 'being church the old way', but a new way of being church altogether".

Our Diocesan Vision also calls us to recognize and celebrate what we have. There are so many great things happening in Gippsland. If the local church is being urged to "acquire understanding, demonstrate flexibility, exercise creativity and generate energy", then I see examples of these attributes everywhere I go.

May the choices we make, and the quality of our life together as the 39th Synod of this Diocese bring glory to God, and support the divine project of the kingdom: that present and future polity in which there is a Church... though perhaps not as we know it.

1. From the motion passed by Wangaratta Synod in June 2018; Ballarat's Synod passed a very similar motion in October 2018.

2. For references, see footnote 6 in the full text of the President's Address on the Diocesan website

3. From the Inter-governmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services.

The full text of Bishop Richard's Presidential Address is available on the Diocesan website: https://www.gippsanglican.org.au/assets/Presidential_Address_2019.pdf



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*Let the words of
my mouth, and the
meditation of my
heart, be acceptable
in thy sight,
O LORD,
my strength,
and my redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14



Poems by Leanne Wicks:

The Walk to Church

*Dry leaves tumble across the road.
Yellow-rumped thornbills dart
from tree
to tree.*

*I'm strolling churchwards,
mist from mountains tickles my face.
Leaves, half-autumned, cackle
from towering timbers.*

*Divine breath whispers, rolling
over hills. Breeze behind me,
babbling my hair.
Sun warm on my back
as if He is following.*

*I skip . . . anticipating . . .
a Word for me.*

Spidernaut

*Arachne's eyes glint gilt green
in my torchlight.
I'm seeking prayers this autumn night.*

*Constellations bead in her web.
Precision achieved
she presides, centred like a jewelled
crown. Dawn baptism of dewdom,
tingle, gush, rush
instinctive spinning, spokes speaking.*

*The grandeur, the theatre of the thing.
Sunlight tends cable
strung aloft like a milky way to another garden.*

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I love words and am one of those people who reads the dictionary. The first poetry I remember hearing was Christina Rossetti's *Who Has Seen the Wind* as I lay for nap time in pre-school. My first poems were clichéd, rhyming couplets, and since the age of twelve, I have explored many forms of poetry including haiku, sonnets and free verse. Currently, I am studying an Advanced Diploma of Creative Writing.

Thankfully, I met The Word, Jesus, in my late twenties after surviving many years of domestic violence. Falling into a church family opened up the library of Scripture and a new world of poetry. Not only the psalms, but also passages of the Bible such as the beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer are distinctly poetic. And, let's not forget the overwhelming number of hymns that have been written for us to praise God with.

Poetry is, for me, a natural response to the world, a mirroring of creation and something that I am compelled to speak, breathe, write. It can touch our souls and encapsulate an experience, a single moment, a feeling, a message. Writing has allowed me to cope with, reflect upon and survive the tough times.

My favourite poet is Gerard Manley Hopkins, a 19th-century Jesuit priest. His work celebrates life and faith with an energy that I am thankful for every time I read it. Try taking your favourite poem to a park, the riverside or the beach and read it out loud. Don't worry about those who will stare – read it to Heaven. I guarantee you'll be invigorated.

Diocesan calendar

June

- 8 9:30 – 3:00 pm Lay Reader Training Day at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale
- 9 2:00 pm "A Passion for Repair" Bunyip Lecture. Ann Heard from Castlemaine comes to share her passion for establishing REPAIR CAFES, where people share skills in order to repair items and appliances.
- 17–20 Clergy Conference at The Abbey
- 20 6:15 pm Corpus Christi Celebration at St Peter's Eastern Hill – a contingent from Bunyip will attend
- 22 2:00–4:00 pm Afternoon Soiree of Traditional and Contemporary Poetry and Music at St Paul's Cathedral Sale, with Gippsland Bush Poets. Contact: Dean Susanna Pain: 0418 637 469
- 28-29 5:00 pm Friday – 3:30 pm Saturday Pilgrimage Retreat at The Abbey. Leader: Ken Parker. (Details page 4)

July

- 6–13 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Giant Book Sale at Delbridge Hall next to St Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Sale. 1000s of books for all ages and interests. Contact Christine 0438 595 056
- 7 12 noon Eucharist and lunch for St Thomas' Day celebration at Bunyip
- 8-12 5:30 pm Monday – 3:30 pm Friday Winter Retreat at The Abbey: "Into the Cave". Retreat Leader: Dean Susanna Pain. (Details page 4)
- 14 2:00 pm Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at Christ Church Drouin, with Warragul Municipal Youth Band. Entry by gold coin donation; afternoon tea in the hall
- 19 2:00 pm Safe Church Awareness Workshop (Refresher) at Warragul Anglican Church
- 20 9:30 am Safe Church Awareness Workshop (Full) at Warragul Anglican Church
- 21 12 noon Friends of the Cathedral AGM at St Paul's Sale. Light lunch available. Contact Dean Susanna Pain: 0418 637 469
- 21 2:00 pm Yallourn Madrigal Singers present A Pleasant Sunday Afternoon at St Paul's Cathedral Sale. \$10 at the door, afternoon tea following.
- 27 12 noon The Abbey Winter Feast. Inquiries: info@theabbey.com.au or ring: 5156 6580. Details page 4

August

- 3 12 noon – 3:00 pm The Abbey Dispersed Community Gathering
- 30–31 5:00 pm Friday to 3:00 pm Saturday Diocesan Retreat at The Abbey with the Rev'd Dr Jane Foulcher, Senior Lecturer in Theology at St Mark's National Theological Centre. For further information and bookings call 03 5156 6580 or info@theabbey.org.au (Details page 4)



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