

ACTinG Bulletin #14

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1. This Sunday 31st August at 4pm

Come and join in the launch of the Season of Creation at St Paul's Cathedral in Sale – or online, as the service will be live-streamed.

Jack Beamish, geography teacher and youth minister from Warragul Anglican Church will speak on:

The Image, the Gospel and the Garden

What does the Bible have to say about how we care for creation?

2. There is good news and bad news.

The bad news first. Australia requires 4.6 planet Earths to sustain its lifestyle. (Overshoot Day for Australia this year was 19th March, 2025.

(See <https://tinyurl.com/3e2ymn79>)

This means that our use of the Earth's resources such as coal, oil and gas; and our imports in the myriads of container ships full of our stuff (which return empty); and the land required to bury all of the stuff thrown away as rubbish; and the exhaust of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere (causing global warming and climate change)

– all of this is 4.6 times what our share of the Earth can handle. The fundamental cause of this 4.6 Earth life-style has been called ‘affluenza’ – a disease of culture.

The good news is that culture is a core business of the church, so therefore we are at the frontline of the battle for the planet. God loves stuff. He made the physical world, and called it ‘good’. Jesus’ incarnation shows how much God respects and values stuff. And Jesus established the kingdom of God in his death and resurrection. The resurrected Christ had the scars of the crucifixion on his body.

So let’s celebrate and value our stuff, look after it, keep it and use it well. Be careful and frugal in what we purchase, remembering the limits of the planet. And when it reaches end-of-life, dispose of it carefully, again within the planetary boundaries. And work unceasingly for the extension of the kingdom of God in the world, to the glory of God.

3. ACTinG offers Creative Workshops in September, October and November

Warragul Anglican Church – Tuesday 16 September 1-4pm

St Nicholas Lakes Entrance – Thursday 16 October 1-4pm

St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral – Saturday 8 November 1-4pm

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Details also in TGA (September and October editions)