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Gospel zest east and west!

Stirring inductions at each end of the diocese

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L-R: The Rev'd David Perryman, Bishop Richard Treloar and the Rev'd Philip Muston

Philip Muston – Lakes Entrance / Metung

Wendy Nickson
with Jan Down

The Rev'd Philip Muston was inducted and installed as Rector of the Parish of Lakes Entrance and Metung on the evening of Wednesday 26 September, coming to this new role after sixteen years in the Warragul Parish.

Well attended by fellow clergy, family, parish members of both Lakes Entrance / Metung, and Warragul Parishes and many visitors, the occasion was both reverent and happy, begun by the always inspiring formal procession before the cross.

The Rev'd Phyllis Andy made the Acknowledgement of

the Traditional Owners before the ceremony. Bishop Richard Treloar formally installed Philip, assisted by Archdeacon Edie Ashley and other office bearers of the Diocese.

In his sermon, Bishop Richard recounted how, having asked Philip to choose between the two sets of readings for the day, Philip responded:

If it were me preaching I would love the Holy Communion readings, with their themes of poverty and wealth, simplicity and gospel priority. But that's just me at this point of moving to the East and being involved in the Franciscan group at the Abbey.

The Bishop said he wasn't surprised at Philip's choice, as he had earlier described his ministry as being energized by helping Christians "explore and attempt to live the social and economic as well as the spiritual aspects of the gospel at the local level". This is a commitment Philip shares with his wife Cathrine, Bishop Richard noted. Cathrine will continue her role of helping Anglicare to connect with parishes.

Bishop Richard went on to preach on Luke 9: 1-6, focussing particularly on the theme of hospitality, firstly in the sending out of the disciples, whom Jesus instructs to "travel light" and rely on the hospitality they are offered; then in the feeding of the five thousand.

Jesus, he said, challenged the limited scope of the disciples' hospitality, but then gave them the means to provide it.

They, rather than Jesus himself, were the ones to deal with the crowd. Likewise, it is now "the church that carries on the mission of his divinely human hospitality".

This was Bishop Richard's first visit to Lakes Entrance and it was a pleasure for us all to give him a warm welcome. Philip and Cathrine were introduced to the congregations and Philip spoke of looking forward to settling in to an area he had known for many years.

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Tracy Lauersen – Warragul

Graeme MacRobb
with Jan Down

The Rev'd Tracy Lauersen was inducted and installed as Rector at Warragul on 16 October.

The Rev'd Kathy Dalton offered the Welcome to Country. Bishop Stephen Hale, Lead Minister of St Hilary's Network, read the Gospel: John 4:5-26 – the story of Jesus and the woman at the well.

Bishop Richard Treloar described Tracy, the first woman Rector in the parish, as "an advocate for the recognition and deployment of women's gifts" with a heart for theological education and ministry formation; for evangelism; and for the Bible.

The evening was an affirmation, not just of Tracy, but equally of the ways in which parishes around our Diocese have been stepping up to meet their problems and find a new resilience. I asked a few Warragul parishioners to share how that rather wonderful service has encouraged their confidence that God really has given us a bright future.

Here are some of the responses:

"We are so excited to have been considered as a worthy parish from such an experienced and respected clergy person. Our current mission of the church is to honour God by following Jesus Christ, by serving him and by introducing others to him. We are excited to see how, under Tracy's leadership and stewardship, this mission will be changed. Tracy – we welcome you!"

John Pinniger

"Those who were there won't quickly forget the way the slightly chaotic rehearsal at 4:30 pm came together so seamlessly at 7:30 pm. Nor the eye-popping entry of the new Rector's husband, recovering from surgery with his leg in a surgical scooter support; nor the band providing such memorable musical backing; nor the young children's music-making with their shakers, clapping sticks, joyful smiles and singing with infectious

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Photo: Graeme Peters



Bishop Richard Treloar hands the licence to the Rev'd Tracy Lauersen

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Religious freedoms: from, or for?

Anglicanism is a “church-in-society” tradition. That is, we take our place as a church in the rough and tumble of the culture around us.

Ours is an incarnational ecclesiology – a way of being present to the world that can no more avoid the “scandal of particularity” than could the Word made flesh. Jesus was born at a particular time, in a particular place, and had to work out his proclamation of the kingdom of God in the rapidly shifting context of a first-century Judaism that was as broad and diverse as our own Anglican communion of churches is today.

Whilst the Gospel is not captive to culture – ours or any other – it is always inculturated, as our four quite distinct gospel narratives in the New Testament illustrate.

The current debate over religious freedoms, following recent and widely supported changes to the Marriage Act, brings this into sharp relief. What freedoms from existing anti-discrimination legislation ought the state provide for those who – with reference to their religious beliefs – uphold a more conservative view of marriage, and of gendered identity, including in the determination of

admission and employment policies for denominational schools and other faith-based organizations?

Having met recently with the two Principals of our Anglican schools in the Diocese to discuss this issue, I can assure *TGA* readers that no prospective or current student or staff member would be excluded or in any other way discriminated against on the basis of their sexuality, gender identity, or marital status.

Both St Paul's Anglican Grammar School and Gippsland Grammar rightly require their staff to support the school's ethos, and our Principals and other Anglican employers clearly need to be free to exercise some discretion in this regard.

A capacity to uphold the kingdom values we expect children in Anglican schools to engage with and to see modelled is not, however, a function of sexual orientation, or of any other identity marker used reductively. Nor do we serve the best interests – intellectual or spiritual – of the children in our care by seeking to create educational communities that screen out diversity, or repress both the challenges and the enrichment of difference.



Bishop Richard Treloar

As well as being a church-in-society tradition, Anglicanism is a “non-confessional” one, which means our doctrine is grounded in the living faith once delivered to the saints, and is reflected in our liturgies, as distinct from being collected in a single foundational text (like the Westminster Confession for Presbyterians or the Augsburg Confession for Lutherans).

Thus our Constitution speaks of the doctrine “embodied” in *The Book of Common Prayer* and any duly authorised revisions thereof. This principle is sometimes expressed in the Latin phrase “*Lex orandi, lex credendi*”: the law of praying is the law of believing. In other words, if you want to know what Anglicans believe, you need to worship with us!

“The” Anglican doctrine of marriage, therefore, cannot

simply be read off a page, as is evidenced by the fact that several Anglican Provinces around the world now have authorised forms in use for the celebration and/or blessing of same-sex marriages.

Here in Australia we have long since adapted our pastoral and liturgical practice with respect to the prayer book's teaching of marriage as “a lifelong partnership uniting a woman and a man” (APBA) to enable the remarriage of divorced persons – an example not of a liberal “concession” to some moral failing, but of the need to constantly interpret our polity in the light of the ceaseless interplay between Scripture, reason, and tradition, and under the guidance of Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth.

Jesus' table was a site of congregation rather than segregation, where companions (literally, those who share bread) were connected by a common hunger for grace, and a letting go of entitlement, religious or otherwise. May our tables in this Diocese – in our schools, churches, Anglican institutions, and households – be of such a kind of mutual belonging, secure in our common and primary identity in him who is Guest and Host at them all.

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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)

WESTERNPORT SOUTHERN REGION

St John, Lang Lang
St George, Koo Wee Rup
St George, Corinella
Priest-in-Charge: The Rev'd Colin Oakley

The Westernport parish comprises two denominations and three centres. Though small in number we are active in the community and seeking new ways to interact with it. Currently, we are developing two areas of engagement with the wider community.

1. A community market at Corinella
2. Support of an initiative in reaching out to those suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Also connected to these initiatives are changes in our buildings.

WONTHAGGI / INVERLOCH SOUTHERN REGION

St George, Wonthaggi
Church of the Ascension, Inverloch
Rector: The Rev'd Graeme Peters

The Parish is located in the beautiful Bass Coast area. We are a two-centred parish united in serving Jesus Christ and making him known in our community. We offer a range of worship services and Bible studies as well as outreach activities such as a Community Meal and food rescue program which help many needy people. These activities are

supported financially through our op shop in Inverloch.

We provide *mainly music* for toddlers and their carers and there are fortnightly Youth Group activities. We also offer traditional activities such as Guild, MU and Sunday School.

Pray for us as we seek to be more effective in our outreach. Pray for someone to come who can fill our part-time position. Pray especially for our Christmas program as we outreach to local schools and host a Scripture Union Family Mission at Inverloch.

YARRAM SOUTHERN REGION

Holy Trinity, Yarram
St John, Port Albert
Christ Church, Tarraville
Rector: Vacant

The Parish of Yarram has three much loved churches at Tarraville, Port Albert and Yarram, which are all used regularly for services and special occasions. The parish has been vacant since February. While we are grateful to all the locums who have provided our services, especially the Rev'd Amy Turner, we are waiting for someone to become our new rector.

Holy Trinity has celebrated its centenary this year and 150 years since the first Holy Trinity church was built.

We are involved in community activities at Easter and Advent Christmas, as well as monthly markets, an op shop and our newest venture – monthly coffee mornings. Thank you for your prayers for our past, our present and for our future.

Celebrations at Holy Trinity, Yarram

Glenda Amos

150 years of worship at Holy Trinity Anglican churches was celebrated in Yarram on Sunday 9 September at the 10:30 am Sung Eucharist service, followed by luncheon in the parish hall.

The service of Holy Communion was led by the new Anglican Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Rev'd Dr Richard Treloar, assisted by the Rev'd Amy Turner and the Rev'd Brian Norris. David Miller gave the Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners.

Representatives from all the churches in Yarram and members of the St John's congregation at Port Albert filled Holy Trinity for the service. Warren Peart provided music for the hymns.

Bishop Richard began his sermon by looking back to the beginnings of the Anglican church in Gippsland, particularly in the Yarram area. It was a time of great isolation and hardships by today's standards. The building and opening of the first Holy Trinity church was a special event, in the winter of 1868 and yet the church was full and "a hearty service" was held.

The work of the church has continued through 150 years to 2018. The reading for the day from James Chapter 2 speaks of faith and good works – the heart of our churches yesterday, today and in the future! The last verse of the gradual hymn "God gives us a future" is our guide to the future, with the Holy Spirit leading us.

At the end of the service, the congregation moved to the

hall (built of materials from the original Holy Trinity), where Bishop Richard greeted everyone before saying grace. A delicious luncheon of sausage rolls, sandwiches and slices was enjoyed by everyone with tea, coffee and sparkling refreshments.

A display showing the history of the seven churches of the Parish of Yarram and the organizations and activities over the years also captured the interest of everyone present. A chair from the *PS Clonmel* (St John's, Port Albert), a chair from the original St Luke's church, Alberton and a Bible from the original "Trinity church" were probably the oldest items on display. Visitors from other towns, including Mr Bill Sharp, the grandson of the Rev'd George Cox (Holy Trinity 1910 – 1915) and past Rectors, Russell Macqueen and Graeme Walker, shared



the day with members of the Holy Trinity congregation and friends.

At the conclusion of lunch, I presented a brief summary of 150 years of history. (A more detailed history was included in the service booklet). Hundreds of families have

worshipped at Holy Trinity. Fortunately, the history has been preserved by the likes of the Rev'd George Cox, A E Clark (who wrote *Church of Our Fathers*) and Mr Laurie Wood, who photographed many old photos and each church over many years.

Philip Kissick appointed to Tambo

Tambo at long last has a new rector on the way. The Rev'd Philip Kissick has accepted a call to the Tambo parish. Bishop Richard made the announcement on Vocations Sunday, 21 October.

Philip was first ordained (1984) in the Uniting Church in Australia, then worked in Victoria and New Zealand, before being ordained in the Anglican Church in 1999. As an Anglican Priest, he has served in parishes and chaplaincies in Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

Philip and his wife Ruth come to Gippsland from Geelong, where Ruth, a secondary school Maths



The Rev'd Philip Kissick teacher, has been working at Christian College Geelong. At the same time, Philip has been taking locum Sundays in Beaufort and Skipton, in the diocese of Ballarat.

The move and induction are expected to take place early in 2019.

Philip Muston – Lakes Entrance / Metung

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Special thanks were given to the Rev'd Heather Toms for her wonderful contribution to the life of the parish as part-time Locum Rector over the last several months. She leaves with many special memories on both sides, and the gratitude of the people of the Parish.

We at Lakes Entrance and Metung look forward to getting to know Philip and Cathrine and we thank him for accepting the position as our Rector. We extend to them our heartfelt welcome as they settle in to their new location and role.

The ceremony was followed by supper in the usual generous Anglican tradition!

Tracy Lauersen – Warragul

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delight; nor the visiting clergy joining them ... I have never seen so many smiling, even laughing, clergy at an induction service!"

Richard Connelly

"The Service had...a significant vibrancy about it. Contributing factors to this were the involvement of former team members from the St Hilary's Network ... With his positive outlook and encouragement and well researched and extremely relevant sermon, the Bishop set a healthy tone for the parish and for the Diocese. The icing on the cake was the number of children present..."

Jan Osborne

"I so enjoyed seeing so many robed clergy from all over the

diocese there and obviously enjoying the music as well. I thought it was well attended by a selection of 8:00 am and 9:45 congregations and felt a togetherness amongst those who attended."

Previn Blanchard

"There was a buzz about the place with all hands on deck ... The future, if this start is anything to go by, will have more of our members involved in ministry, with Tracy guiding us..."

Jack Goodridge

A recent book on church health described Christianity in the West as "a sterile, exhausted religion, its power to tell us fresh things about God and life expended in lifeless repetition, imprisoned conventionality, and predictable pastiche. The result is a failure to offer a viable response to the challenges facing the world we're in".

My response would be to suggest that the writer listens to the recordings made of the recent inductions of new clergy at each end of the Diocese: Philip Muston at Lakes Entrance and Tracy Lauerson at Warragul. Both events answered the question emphatically. Who are we? We are the body of Christ – His Spirit is with us.

The Rev'd Canon Graeme MacRobb is a retired priest at Warragul.



Children involved in Tracy Lauersen's Induction service

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- Yarram

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Pet blessings

BAIRNSDALE



The Blessing of the Pets service saw 70 people, 10 dogs and one cat in church on a beautiful Sunday morning. From left: Kathie Tisdall-Fry with Peaches, Frank and Kathy Grabenweger with Queenie. Lucy, the Rector's Labrador, also made a popular appearance with Rod, the Rector's husband. A barbeque was fired up after the service.

MALLACOOTA



An interactive service on a beautiful sunny Mallacoota morning was held outside the church to enjoy God's nature more closely. The service was very simple, and designed particularly for those who are not frequent church-goers, and for the enjoyment of pets – in this case a good number of dogs, a few soft toys and a pet rock. The Rev'd Jude Benton, who was dressed as a kangaroo, linked both the story of Jesus the good shepherd and Koala Tails (a book about Grumbles the Koala trying to find a tail that will make him happy) with the Bible's message that God loves us as we are, for who we are, and really wants to find us and show us that love.

MORWELL



It was a very exhausting day for some, as over excited dogs of all breeds and sizes were brought into St Mary's Morwell. Thumper the rooster was back by popular demand and didn't disappoint. A total of nine dogs and one (understandably) very shy cat were all blessed by Father David.



Photo: Christine Morris

The Rev'd Heather Toms and Dean Susanna Pain

Heather Toms commissioned at Cathedral

Cynthia Grove

On 7 October the Cathedral in Sale, along with, I'm sure, many

other parishes, celebrated the life and memory of St Francis of Assisi with a service including the blessing of pets. In addition to our human

worshippers we had dogs, cats, and stick insects.

But highly important that day was the commissioning of the Rev'd Heather Toms as associate priest at the Cathedral. Well-known to us, and indeed well-loved, Heather will remain as chaplain at the Hospital and the Fulham Prison, but will also be part of the Cathedral team.

Dean Susanna's
Prayer of the Day:

God, our Creator, help us to love all creatures as our family, all animals as our partners on Earth, all birds as messengers of praise, all small beings as expressions of your mysterious design and all frogs as voices of hope. Amen

SALE



Stick insects with Annileece, Narelle and Tim

Johnno's helps out with drought



Johnno's Outreach Centre recently donated \$15,000 to the Bairnsdale Rotary Club's Appeal for Hay for East Gippsland Farmers. The Rev'd Brenda Burney presented the cheque to the President, Tony Murray. Three members accompanied the President. Johnno's was represented by Barry Sutton, Peggie Arthur and Linette Gash, Johnno's Co-ordinator.

Leanne Habeeb



Jan Down

Dr Leanne Habeeb is from Gautier, a town about the size of Sale, on the Gulf of Mexico in Mississippi. She says "Sale is gorgeous" and the move here has been like coming back to something familiar that she has missed, especially since having children. While Gautier and Sale are very different in some ways, Sale is a community-minded town like Gautier. Asked what she likes about Sale, Leanne says "I love the people".

Leanne is an organizational psychologist, now working at Fulham Correctional Centre, just out of Sale, as the Manager for the Department of Rehabilitation and Reintegration. She was drawn to the job because as well as suiting her skill set, it offered work with meaning and importance. She is delighted to be working with a diverse group of "terrific people, all working towards the same goal".

Faith makes a difference to her work. Some of the principles of her faith are about "welcoming and including

people, and maintaining compassion" which she admits is not always easy, but adds, "My faith keeps me on track".

At university in the US, Leanne first studied biology and philosophy. Her PhD was in the philosophy of science, on the nature of the cause and effect relationship. The change of academic focus was actually a return to an earlier interest. While working with students at the huge City University of New York, which has 18 campuses, she became interested "in the complexity of how you make a system work". This is was a significant part of what led to her becoming an organizational psychologist.

In Melbourne, Leanne worked for Alfred Health for eight years, in a job she loved. She now has a nine minute commute to Fulham, and is not missing Melbourne traffic!

In fact, she is enjoying driving again. She and the children, Rachel and Nicholas, have already spent a weekend exploring Lakes Entrance, while Bishop Richard was travelling, and they look forward to more time as a whole family, getting to know the region.

Leanne was already living in Australia when Hurricane Katrina struck, but it had a major impact on her and her family – her parents left in their car with just the clothes they were wearing.

Afterwards, they found their house still structurally sound, but everything else in ruins. Leanne said one of the saddest things about the cleaning up was finding faded photographs in the yard – of other people's families. Her parents spotted their stereo five miles down the road from where they lived.

Leanne commented that since Hurricane Michael recently hit Florida in October this year, her family has been reliving Katrina a little. She also noted the similarity between hurricane season in her home country, and bushfire season here in Australia – there are parallels, such as people naturally wanting to stay and protect their homes.

A new interest for Leanne has been learning to play the ukulele via YouTube. She has heard there is a "Uke Group" somewhere nearby and is keen to join.

Dr Leanne Habeeb, with Rachel and Nicholas, the first primary school aged children to live at Bishops court since the 1920s



First clergy retreat with Bishop Richard

Dean Spalding

The Diocese of Gippsland Clergy Retreat was held at Pallotti College which is in the beautiful forested foothills of the Warburton Ranges. The retreat provided the first prolonged opportunity for Bishop Richard Treloar to be with many of the clergy of the Diocese in a relaxed setting – an opportunity relished by bishop and clergy alike.

The retreat was led by the Rev'd Canon Scott Caldwell.

Scott's four reflections were like points of a compass – clear and directional. The title of Scott's reflection series was Our Cardinal Points: Theology (The Resoluteness of Ministry); Reconciliation (The Challenge of Ministry); Eucharist (The Joy of Ministry); and Prayer (The Character of Ministry). The clergy appreciated Scott's discernment around the challenges faced by parishes – both their laity and clergy. The clergy had good times of nourishing worship, morning and evening offices, Eucharists

and Complines. There was a lovely balance between opportunities for "catching up" with colleagues and contemplative silence. Dean Susanna Pain, Father Scott and Bishop Richard presided at the three Eucharists. With many of the diocesan Lay Readers preaching on the Sunday following the retreat, it is hoped that the clergy took full opportunity to relax and retreat really well.

The Rev'd Dr Dean Spalding is Rector at Drouin.



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Cover to Cover: Bible reading relay success

**Belinda Seabrook
Leongatha**

After many weeks of preparation, fourteen churches, including twelve from South Gippsland and two from Melbourne, congregated at St Peter's Anglican Church in Leongatha to participate in the area's first ever Bible reading relay.

The event began with Genesis Chapter 1 on Thursday 20 September at 5:00 pm and concluded 73 and a half hours later, on Sunday night, 23 September. During this period not a single moment of rest was taken as volunteers worked in shifts and small groups to continually read each and every verse of the Bible. With the help of portable speakers the event was also broadcast into the adjacent hall and outside into McCartin St, the main street of Leongatha. The entire Bible from cover to cover was powerfully proclaimed to Leongatha.



Each reader wrote their name and church on a leaf and added it to the tree

As time passed, a curiosity spread throughout the town and an increasing number of the community engaged with the event. There was a tangible sense of anticipation as the reading of the Gospels approached, with many people coming back multiple times, hungry to hear more of God's Word.

Readers were deeply moved by a strong sense of peace and the presence of God within the church, and many reported that the passages which they had personally read spoke directly into their life and circumstances. There were numbers who reported specific answers to prayer and others who spoke of deep encounters with God while they were reading or listening. Still others spoke of reading passages that had deep significance for them because they had been specifically shared with them at important times in the past.

Around 120 readers took part in the relay, with many more from local churches and the community taking the opportunity to come and listen. As a sign of unity, each reader wrote their name and church on a leaf and added it to a large tree in the foyer. This was to represent the leaves of the tree

of life for healing of the nations (Revelation 22:2).

The event allowed different congregations to come together and remember that they are all part of the one Christian Faith. So it was a true celebration of unity in diversity and a powerful outreach to the community.

Towards the conclusion, participants and readers from all the churches involved worshipped together with one heart in an ecumenical service of celebration. For well over two hours after the celebration ministers from different churches could be seen in happy dialogue together over refreshments, evidence of a deeper spirit and sense of collegiality and fellowship.

The event was supported by the Leongatha Ministers' Fellowship, encouraging relationships between local Christian Churches and engaging the community on matters of Christian Faith. Members of Anglican, Catholic, Uniting Church of Australia, Pentecostal, Seventh Day Adventist, CRC, and Independent Churches took part as readers.

Cover to Cover was such a success that there are plans to hold the event again in 2020.

Excerpts from The Abbey Diary

A successful 2018 planting – 900 new plants in the ground!

Thanks to the contribution of people from across the Diocese, Raymond Island Landcare and the GLAWAC (Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation) team, we had a wonderful few days caring for God's creation.

**MU Family Respite
1 – 4 October**

Another good year! New friendships were made and new opportunities shared. Each year brings different families together, each year is different, each year is wonderful! Thanks to Thelma, Lauren and Kaycie for their gentle leadership.

**Feast of St Francis
on 4 October**

There were just a few of us – The Rev'd Thelma Langshaw, some from St Peter's by the Lake and one family

from the MU Family Respite. An important time of prayer.

In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare – Saturday 6 October

The Rev'd Philip Muston led the meeting of those who are investigating a Franciscan life. Philip spoke about the revolutionary way these saints upended the honour/shame paradigm that has existed in most cultures and endures today.

His address was thoughtful, well researched and engaging. Are we up to it? This is the question we all must ask as we look at the Franciscan model. Can we, like Francis and Clare,

upend the prevailing model of status and power by living lives in pursuit of "Lady Poverty" and service to the most marginal?

**Blessing of the Animals
– Sunday 7 October**

Just few of us again – seven people and two dogs! Lovely to welcome our visitors.

P.S. We are really looking forward to the Advent Conversation. Hosted by our Bishop Richard and the Roman Catholic Bishop Pat O'Regan, with theologians Dorothy Lee and Frank Moloney, it will be a great day! Don't forget to book. At the Abbey 6 December 10:30 am – 3:30 pm.



Planting at The Abbey: Nicholas, Klaziena, Leanne Habeeb, Bishop Richard Treloar and Rachel

Nar Nar Goon feeds bargain seekers



The parishioners of St John's supplied food and drinks for the hundreds who attended the recent Clearing Sale at Rose's Farm, Nar Nar Goon.

The sale raised \$1,180 towards finishing the new parish centre.

Pictured: Gladys Quigley, Karen McAleer, Judy Collins, Jean Chatfield on a break while Ian enjoys a hamburger with the lot.

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Five years on, going strong: 123 Café

Julie Lanham

The 123 Project/Café was all started by the vision of the Rev'd Rich Lanham back in around 2013. Fast forward almost five years now and here it is: The 123 Project/Café. My name is Julie Lanham and I am the manager of The 123 Café.

The 123 Project supports not only young people but our community in general. We support young people through their schooling, giving them work experience, life experience and a place to learn, talk, listen and smile. They learn how to greet folk, they learn how to show initiative and they are given the tools to go on and be job-ready.

Other folk come to 123 to volunteer for varying reasons. Some come to regain their confidence to get back into the workforce. Some come to get their confidence back into their lives. Others come to give of their time to support what we are doing because they believe in its value.

We have created a Café space that is family friendly.



Amber Cameron, Corina Vogt (behind) and Julie Lanham at the 123 Café in Cunninghame Street, Sale

Our 123 family come from all walks of life. It's wonderful to be a part of a community that is so welcoming, embracing and inclusive. Part of the culture that we at 123 want to impart to everyone who comes through the door, whether as customer or volunteer, is that there is no judgement, but acceptance – regardless of where you come from or what you believe.

The motivation is very simple, with Love being the key. The scripture that has helped me is Mark 12 verses 28 to 31. In a nutshell, Jesus is saying that we who believe in Him are to love God and love others. So when I'm asked questions about what

I think or believe on certain matters my motivation needs to be love. Am I looking at this person in a loving way? Am I treating this person in a loving way? Am I speaking in a loving way?

Our café funds our project, pays some wages of core staff, and pays our bills. We provide two community meals a week and support St. Paul's "Messy Church" by providing part of their dinner. But we need you to keep us going... so support us in your prayers and when you are in town, come and have a coffee and check us out.

You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram: the123project.

The Tree for Peace

Paynesville

The Tree for Peace is set up in public space alongside the Library in Paynesville. Everyone walks past this space on their way to the library or the car park.

The Tree for Peace is established a few weeks before the International Day of Peace and remains for a few weeks after that date.

Initially just a tree with bare branches, an invitation in front of the tree invites people to bring something to express their longing for peace and to hang it on the branches.

Organized annually by members of St Peter by the Lake Anglican Church, with support from the Council and Library staff, the Tree for Peace is an initiative for all members of the Paynesville community.

A short, simple public ceremony is held on the International Day of Peace.



Ann Tucker and June Treadwell with the Tree for Peace

The music, a Celtic benediction and John Greenleaf Whittier's *The Tree of Peace*, was accompanied by piano accordion and the poetry readings came from the works of Maya Angelou, Wendell Berry, Mac Araromi and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Over the weeks contribut-

ions – prayers and expressions of peace – are hung on the tree. They are brought by local schools, holiday groups, organizations, church groups and individuals.

And over the week the tree stands as an expression of our longing for peace, and indeed for some, a prayer for peace, in the public square.



"Emergence" – the fifth image in The Peacock Garden series by Ann Greenwood

Advent thoughts on symbols and an exhibition

Jan Down

As we move into Advent and towards the strange, wonderful mystery of the incarnation, symbols sometimes help in expressing the inexpressible, bypassing that part of the mind that demands logical explanations for things beyond human understanding.

Biblical writers made extensive use of symbolic language to talk about God, and at this time of the year, some of that language is very familiar: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light"; "The Word became flesh and lived among us". Jesus described himself as "the light of the world", "the door", "the good shepherd", "the Way".

Elizabeth Rees, in *Christian Symbols, Ancient Roots*, describes how the early Christians adopted symbols of the ancient cultures around them, many of them taken from the natural world. There were paintings in their underground catacombs of "doves and peacocks, sheep and lambs with their shepherd". She writes that the power of the symbols is "God-given and holy, for life itself is sacred".

The peacock has had various associations. Ann Greenwood's set of embroideries, *The Peacock Garden*, draws on some of these. In her statement about the work, she tells how the image first came to her when she was 11 years old. Her school English class being asked by their teacher to write about what they imagined finding behind a door in a high wall, she says:

I knew immediately what it was I found, it was Christ, who I knew was a source of love but even then I also knew the power of the outside world to hurt and wound so felt too shy to expose this idea but the image of a peacock came to me instead. I wrote of how beautiful it was with its tail outstretched and its colours glinting as it moved in the sun. As I gazed at this peacock in wonder it silently and gracefully shattered and fell into a myriad pieces, each one a tiny replica of the original peacock.

The story has stayed with me over the years ... but it was only when I started to explore the world of dreams and symbols that I discovered the richness of the symbol of the peacock. It is indeed an image of Christ, of immortality and of the Self and I'm again faced with the mystery of the unconscious which allowed this image to surface for my story somehow knowing it was the one most right for my journey through life. It feels as if this is my personal myth.

The Peacock Garden by Ann Greenwood will be on show at the Gippsland Art Gallery in Sale, from 24 November to 27 January. Gippsland artist, Pat Waters will speak at the official launch at 3:00 pm on 18 January. (See also Editorial, page 10)



Kids ready to race land boats at the Battle of Trafalgar

Being a church of the community

**Sue Jacka
Trafalgar**

Sometimes people ask me how many children attend our church. I find this question quite difficult to answer. Do they mean (most likely) how many kids are sitting in the pews on a Sunday morning? Perhaps they are interested in the children who come to our JAFFA program at either Yarragon or Trafalgar. This catchy name simply means church for kids: Jesus A Friend For All. Some are aware of other programs we run for the wider community, both to address a community

need and to introduce people to the idea that not only does God love them, but life is so much more fulfilling when we are in relationship with God.

I have based my ministry on a different model of church which is not limited to Sunday attendance, even though I consider this is a very important aspect of our life together as Christians. We all talk about church being a place to belong, but for many people entering a church building without knowing what will be expected of them is a very daunting challenge.

It is a very positive thing for

churches to operate programs which allow easy access to the community of faith. Participants in *mainly music* or a holiday program find that Christians are welcoming and interested.

Some will want to know more but many others will take away only what we present and how we live out our Gospel faith in day to day interactions. It means that the way we behave as a team is vital and the short messages that we do proclaim need to be honest and relevant to real life – not pretending that all is wonderful. It is so important to have volunteers who are

willing to casually chat about prayer while being sensitive to the body language so we know when our “God” comments are appreciated and when they are just too confronting. Having “easy access” services to invite people to is also helpful.

This is a whole other way of looking at a “parish” to include the people who live, work or go to school in the community where we worship. With this model, we recognize that God is already at work in our communities and we seek to join in this work where the Spirit leads us. We are no longer in charge with this sort of ministry, which can be confronting! Instead, we need to operate within guidelines that others will set for us.

It means seeing the local shops, the sports clubs, schools and often the park as places for ministry. It means being focussed on relationships, willing to stop and listen to what others have to say.

It takes time for trust to develop – but since there is a large trust deficit in some circles because of all that led to the Royal Commission into sexual abuse, I can understand people’s hesitance. As trust grows, it will be possible to invite some of the people we get to know to a church program or to Sunday worship.

Does this increase the numbers of children in worship on a Sunday? Sometimes! Does it further the Kingdom of God? Undoubtedly! Is this only suitable for smaller towns? Absolutely not! I started ministry with this model in North Melbourne back last century! Is it comfortable? No, especially at first. But we will grow as we partner with God in areas and places that the Good News has not yet reached.

The Ven Sue Jacka is Rector at Trafalgar and Archdeacon of the Western Region.

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When warriors fail

Daniel Lowe

Another season of *Australian Ninja Warrior* came and went and I have to admit that I got totally on board for Season 2. As I have observed in a previous article, there is plenty to like about *Ninja Warrior*. I love the fact that everyone cheers each other on, including the other competitors. I love the way that everyone's attempt is celebrated and that even a "fail" is treated as a victory. And I even appreciate the way that it has sparked "Ninja communities" who train together.

In the midst of all the hype, I did witness a rather awkward

moment during one of the heats. Two competitors – a martial arts coach and his student – were taking on the course and the young student was being talked up as a real finals contender. Unfortunately, he failed on the very first obstacle! When it happened, no-one knew quite how to handle it. The commentators went unusually quiet and even Freddy Flintoff's on the spot interview was uncomfortable.

This moment got me thinking about what happens when we fail publicly at something. Are we bombarded with teasing, criticism and mockery? To their credit, the *Australian Ninja Warrior* response didn't go down that path (unlike the UK version whose commentators are brutal with those who don't do so well) but I suspect this is unusual. A quick search for "epic fails" on YouTube reveals just how much we love lampooning the unfortunate victims of misadventure. I suspect some of the anxiety that young people seem to experience today stems from the knowledge that one mistake caught on camera by the ubiquitous mobile phone could make them the next victim to go viral on social media. No wonder some students find public speaking, performing or even just singing in a crowd incredibly stressful.

So what does God do when we fail? Does He laugh at our misfortune? Paul writes this

For young disciples



In that awkward *Ninja Warrior* moment, there was one saving grace. At the end of the interview with Freddy Flintoff, after watching his student fail embarrassingly on the first obstacle, the coach came over, put his arm around the student's shoulders and said, "It doesn't matter how far you got, I'm still proud of you". In this moment I think the coach expressed the same sentiment that God has for each of us when we fail. This is what I want my children to know – that God loves them and I love them regardless of whether they succeed or fail in what they do. And my prayer is that in knowing that, they might be better equipped to overcome the fear of failure that can paralyse so many of us.

The Rev'd Daniel Lowe is School Chaplain at St Paul's Grammar School, Warragul.

Anglicare Fare

Care leavers supported to twenty-one years

Cathrine Muston, Anglicare Development Officer


The State Government announced in September that they would support the Home Stretch call for the option of continued care to young people to 21 years. This historic breakthrough includes a commitment to \$11.6 million to provide 250 young people with care through to 21 years, over five years.

The Home Stretch campaign, spearheaded by Anglicare Victoria along with partners in the charitable and philanthropic area, have lobbied the government for the past three years for the change. The campaign was a result of Anglicare workers witnessing the struggles of young people who had their care terminated at 18 years of age and the negative consequences this had on them.

This announcement means that young people in foster/kinship care or exiting residential care will have the option to remain in their placement until they are 21. If carers are willing to continue with the young person they will continue to be financially supported and a case/support

worker will be allocated to support the arrangement. This will go a long way to addressing the struggle that many young people have when leaving care, which often leads to homelessness.

In response to the announcement, Anglicare Victoria CEO Paul McDonald congratulated staff on the successful campaign and paid tribute to the young people who played a role in



L-R: Regional Director, Tim Pedlow and Foster Care Recruitment Workers Linda Petho and Amy Smart

getting the reform up in Victoria by publicly telling their story. He acknowledged their bravery as well as the care shown by Anglicare workers who pursued this issue and got the conversation going three years ago. He said that "Home Stretch was now a household name in child welfare and Government circles, and known across Australia as the campaign movement to extend state care to 21 years".

Mr McDonald encouraged all at Anglicare Victoria to "take pride in what has been achieved" and to continue to "tackle the tough social issues" for young people, children and families.

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The most important thing?

Graeme Peters

How often have you heard the phrase: "The most important thing is..."

What is perhaps surprising is how often the phrase ends differently.

In the Church we work on the basis of being united on the most important things even if we differ on the matters of secondary importance. I sometimes wonder how much we really do in fact agree on what is the most important thing. If I were to ask you to complete the phrase "The most important thing is...", how many different answers would there be?

I suspect we might find phrases like:

- that we love each other
- that we live good lives
- that we be happy
- that we go to church

While all of these things are good, they can't all be the most important thing.

I wonder how Jesus would answer the question? What would Jesus say?

He doesn't come out with a clear, specific answer to that one question but he does give us some great clues. For example, when asked about the most important commandment, he is most clear: "The most important one,"

answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31).

Loving God and neighbour is the most important commandment.

Jesus also spoke of what he called the *more important* aspects of the Law that should not be neglected: "justice, mercy and faithfulness" (Matthew 23:23). Are they the most important? They coincide well with Micah 6:8 which spells out the essence of what God requires of us: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Jesus tells Mary, who was at his feet listening intently, that she had chosen the one thing that was needed, in comparison to her sister Martha who was fussing about in the kitchen. (Luke 10:42). Is listening to Jesus the most important thing?

In a similar vein, when asked what work God requires of us, Jesus answered "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." (John 6:29).

We could also argue that Jesus' final words to his disciples were also his most important as he sent them out with the Great Commission saying:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19)

It seems to me that a short summary of Jesus' answer regarding the most important thing would include to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself, and to believe in Jesus. This will express itself also in acts of justice and mercy as well as leading us in faithful obedience to following Jesus and inviting others to do the same.

It's easy to lose sight of the most important thing and let secondary matters take priority. My natural tendency is to give the greater importance to the things I most enjoy. It's worth bearing in mind that following Jesus is not about doing what makes us happy or choosing the most enjoyable path, but rather, it is about denying ourselves, taking up our cross, and following Jesus.

What would our lives and our churches be like if we let the great commandment, the most important thing, shape our personal lives, our priorities, our churches, and even our communities?

The Rev'd Graeme Peters is Rector at Wonthaggi / Inverloch.

EDITORIAL

Advent – the coming of the Logos

Jordan Peterson is striking a chord with many – especially men – who are looking for a Way to live in a world that has lost its way. And it is often the Bible that he is mining for truth.

Rebel Wisdom's documentary, *Jordan Peterson: Truth in a Time of Chaos* has had over 276,000 views on YouTube. Peterson's book, *12 Rules for Life*, is a best seller in some countries, including Australia.

Peterson, a clinical psychologist and professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, says "Christianity makes the assumption that the Word of God that pulls order out of chaos at the beginning of time – the Logos – is the thing that's Christ so many aeons later. They're the same thing".

He believes that the Logos is "the fundamental proposition of western culture" and that we have lost it. "The West will die without the rebirth of the Logos", Peterson is convinced. Attempts to replace it have included fascism, communism and "the New Age mess".

He sees a call to nobility in the imitation of the Logos, though he doesn't believe we can know what will happen when people bring themselves completely into alignment.

He calls us to take responsibility for our lives, and to accept the truth of our own evil and mortality, but says this with a stark and painful awareness that we can't know if there is anything transcendent.

Much of what Peterson says Christians would agree with. He is just missing some important pieces of the puzzle – the self-revelation of God being the fundamental one, without which we could not know that there is a God. For Christians, everything else flows from that revelation: forgiveness, peace, relationship and hope.

Peterson draws on the ideas of Carl Jung and his work on the archetypes. The textile artist, Ann Greenwood, has found her art empowered by her own exploration of religious traditions and of depth psychology, especially through Carl Jung and the ancient myths and symbols that cross cultures.

The early church adopted the peacock as a symbol for Christ, as it was already a symbol of immortality, because the ancient Greeks (notably Aristotle) believed that the body of the peacock did not decay after death.

In her statement about her series of embroideries, *The Peacock Garden*, Ann writes that as she gazed at her vision of the peacock, it fell "into a myriad pieces, each one a tiny replica of the original peacock".

For Christians, as the Logos became incarnate in Jesus, so we become tiny replicas of Christ, as we aim to imitate him in all things.

Ann's series of embroideries, *The Peacock Garden*, will be exhibited at the Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale, from 24 November to 27 January. (See also page 7)



"Shattering": the fourth image from The Peacock Garden series by Ann Greenwood

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Need For Feed Hay Run: Mirboo North to Dunedoo

Geoff Pittaway

On Friday 31 August several people from our parish and community of Mirboo North (Mark and Amanda Bourke, Geoff and Denise Martin and I) set off for a rendezvous with 69 fully loaded hay trucks at Narrandera, NSW.

With us we had two trailer loads and a ute load of foodstuffs and feminine products collected by the Mirboo North community over just three weeks which were bound for the drought-stricken farming families around Dunedoo.

We stayed overnight at Narrandera and then set off in convoy from the showgrounds there, with all the trucks, at a steady pace up the Newell Highway. As we neared Dubbo we all slowed up to get a good shot for the Channel Nine News of the trucks strung out along the highway, headlights on, looking fantastic!

Our arrival in Dubbo coincided with a very busy Saturday lunchtime contingent of cars, buses, other trucks, motor bikes and whatever other vehicles they could find. I did not realize that Dubbo was as big as it is or as busy on weekends!

Nonetheless we all managed (over an hour) to get into the showgrounds to “get our orders”. All the hay trucks were sent to further away towns and

properties to drop off the hay to waiting and grateful farmers and their stock.

We were asked to go further up the road towards Dunedoo to an area off the highway called Gollan. There we met Anne Jones, and her partner Peter, who used their property – “Old Station” – as the mustering point for supplies for the district, including our loads of food and supplies, hay bales, water, and anything else that was being donated to help farmers. Given the scale of the drought in NSW it seemed such a drop in the ocean but was readily received and passed on.

It was interesting to note that Anne is the Deputy Mayor of the local shire and she had set the bar for who would get assistance depending on the level of available farm income. She herself did not qualify and had to buy feed for her cattle, many of whom were “grounded” – unable to get up without assistance. I saw a couple of pregnant cows in the house paddock that were unable to stand, and the owners were simply waiting until they had calved before destroying the cows. Very sad to see.

The Hay Run had been organized entirely by the Pakenham branch of Lions Australia, who deserve a “Thank you” and “Well done”. They coordinated with the local Lions Clubs (Narrandera, Dubbo, Dunedoo and others) who assisted with the provision of meals for the hundreds of



Photo: Geoff Pittaway

The truck convoy

people involved along the way.

After dropping off our loads we made our way to Dunedoo, just a short hop up the road from Gollan to gather with the truckies, loads now delivered and returned, for tea. What a great feeling to be there with all those wonderful, sometimes rambunctious people!

We met a youngish farming couple from Dunedoo who were sitting eating with us. They told us about their situation on the farm; it was just as difficult as the other stories we had heard. As we listened we decided to see what cash we had on hand, and gave them \$150. Then we remembered that we had forgotten to offload a couple

of boxes of food which was stored in a side locker of one of the utes. So we were able to give them enough cans of tomatoes and Quick Oats to last a couple of months – breakfast sorted! They were very grateful, but we felt it was too little.

After a hearty dinner and several speeches of thanks, everyone was farewelled to gather again at 5.30am for a hot breakfast before heading home to all parts of the country.

I decided that I would leave at 3:15 am and drive all the way through to Mirboo North – 13 hours! Only stopping for fuel and food, I found this drive to be somewhat exhilarating and did not get too tired along the way (I had the full catalogue of Beatles CD's to keep me company!). I had not been up the Newell Highway for many years, but looking out for ‘jumpy’ things by the side of the road in the early hours, I managed to get home at 4:10 pm on Sunday 2 September.

On the way home I received an SMS from the farmer couple we had spoken to and helped. It included a note of thanks and three pictures of contented cows eating newly purchased bales of hay. I think that they had spent the \$150 on hay rather than on themselves.

The following days found me quite tired but thinking about the people we had met, the stories we had heard, and the manner in which we had done our (and our community's) bit to support farmers in NSW.

Now the community is attempting to focus on the farmers in East Gippsland who need just as much assistance. The Gippsland Farmer Relief organization, based in Traralgon, also needs a big “Well done!” as they continuously send care packages east to farming families in need.

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Parishes assist farmers in Gippsland

Some Anglican churches have been assisting farmers affected by drought in Gippsland. A few examples follow:

- Johnno's Outreach Centre (St John's, Bairnsdale) recently donated \$15,000 for drought relief. The church also had envelopes during September for people to make a donation. (See page 4)
- Avon Parish chose the Gippsland Farmers Relief Fund as one of their 12 missions for the year, each mission receiving \$600. A thankyou letter expressed pleasant surprise in receiving a donation from a church.
- St James' Traralgon has been running a drought relief appeal in order to assist local farmers and if there is a parish needing support, would be glad to hear from them.

Faith and advocacy

Ian Maxfield
Drouin

As a young person growing up in Drouin, I was raised in an active Anglican family that revolved around Christ Church Drouin and the wider Diocesan community in Gippsland.

My family instilled in me the commitment to support our local community. I saw my parents not only supporting church activities but the wider community, including Guides, Scouts, Parents and Friends Associations, Meals on Wheels and Red Cross.

During my teenage years I became involved in the Diocesan Youth movement and started a long relationship with A'Beckett Park on Raymond Island (now The Abbey). My first memory of the Abbey was as a child being taken to the opening of the A frame building. Attending the camping program became one of the highlights of my teenage years and I moved to leadership positions as I got older.

About five years ago, I was at the Abbey talking to Bishop McIntyre and he told me how important the camp site was to his spiritual growth in his youth. I was able to tell him I felt the same and that I did not know if I would have still been involved with the church without my experiences and growth as a Christian during my time at A'Beckett Park. In my early twenties I attended a 21st Birthday held onsite and met my wife there. We are still together to this day.

As a teenager I developed a strong interest in politics and I was keen to make the world a better place. Following my Christian faith, I wanted to help the less fortunate in our society and felt politics had an important role to play in achieving this.

Spending time volunteering at a Christian drop-in centre in Warragul and Christian outreach programs at Lakes Entrance helped instil in me a sense of social justice, particularly as I listened to the stories of young people in difficult circumstances and great need.

After marrying and starting a family I felt very blessed to be supported by my wider family and local Christian community as I looked at how I could support those in need and still support my family.

In my case I became a



Ian Maxfield

Union Organizer for the Shop Assistants' Union, looking after and supporting retail workers across Gippsland, who in most cases worked for base award wages and needed support in issues at their work place.

It was at this time that I also became involved in the Australian Labor Party as a way of putting in place policies to help those in need.

This involvement continued until I was elected to Parliament in 1999 as a member of the Bracks Labor Government. Moe was in my electorate and the effect of the Power industry restructure was causing major problems in the region. At the time, Moe had a youth unemployment rate of 48 percent so I was committed to improving this situation. I worked to put in place programs to rectify this

very serious problem for our young community.

After leaving Parliament I was appointed to the Board of Quantum Support Services and have remained on the board to this day and am currently the Chair of the Board.

Quantum provides services across Gippsland and works across a range of areas with a strong focus on Family Violence and Homelessness services. It assists clients in the justice system and supports women and youth in crisis.

My Christian faith has sustained me during this work and with the blessing of a wonderful and understanding wife and children we continue to travel this amazing journey.



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Diocesan calendar

November

- 10 7:00 am – 1:00 pm Corinella Community Market, Hughs Park, Corinella
- 11 A day at Christ Church Drouin for Centenary of the Armistice of 1918
9:30 am Service of Thanksgiving, finishing
10:20 am to allow attendance at
10:45 am RSL Service, Memorial Park.
1:30 pm Dedication of Commemorative Elm Trees,
2:00 pm Commemorative Concert: Baw Baw Singers present "Pack Up Your Troubles"
Entry by gold coin donation. Afternoon tea in the hall.
- 11 1:30 – 4:00 pm Contemplative Quiet Afternoon at Sale Botanic Gardens with Dean Susanna
- 17 8:00 am – 2:00 pm Bairnsdale Parish Fair
- 18 2:00 pm Regional Gathering with Bp Richard, Bairnsdale
- 22 1:30 – 3:30 "Celebrate Spring" garden party, 1 McIntyres Rd, Yarragon, \$10
- 24 11:00 am Anam Cara Community Thanksgiving Service at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale. Light lunch provided – RSVP for catering: phone 0411 316 346 jemacqueen@gmail.com
- 24 POSTPONED:
Dispersed Community gathering at The Abbey.
- 24 10:00 am – 3:00 pm A Quiet Day at Bunyip, led by Ken Parker: "Beyond War to Resurrection", featuring: Edith Cavell, nurse and martyr; Australian poets of WW1; Stanley Spencer's paintings of the resurrection of the soldiers
- 25 2:00 – 4:00 pm Vocation Day at St Paul's Cathedral, Sale. Please contact: Archdeacon Graham Knott at rectorleongatha1@bigpond.com
- 25 4:00 pm Christ the King Evensong at Christ Church, Tarraville. Refreshments to follow.
- 28 3:00 pm *Sing Nowell!* Music for Advent and Christmas Performed by The Tudor Choristers, directed by Dr Kathleen McGuire, at St. Joseph's Catholic Parish Church, O'Connell Road, Foster. Tickets at the door: Adults: \$20.00; Pensioners: \$15.00; Students: \$5.00. Enquiries: Patricia Doran (03) 5686 2463 or Mobile: 0422 621 175.

December

- 2 2:00 pm Fifth Bunyip Lecture: Carol O'Connor: "The Word was made flesh".
- 6 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Ecumenical Advent Conversation at The Abbey: Bishop Richard Treloar and Bishop Pat O'Regan hosting conversation with theologians Dorothy Lee and Frank Maloney to introduce Luke's Gospel. Bookings essential: info@theabbey.org.au or 5156 6580.
- 8 7:00 am – 1:00 pm Corinella Community Market, Hughs Park, Corinella
- 16 5:00 pm Traditional Lessons and Carols with Yallourn Madrigal Singers at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral Sale, followed by supper
- 30 9:30 am "Remembering Thomas of Canterbury" – Sue Fordham preaches as St Thomas' Church, Bunyip. Lunch to follow.

For summer youth / family holiday missions around Gippsland, see: suvic.org.au