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Support for new ministries

□ Pelican Foundation helps take Gospel message to the 'non-churched'

In presenting the report of the Pelican Foundation at the annual Diocesan Synod in September, Bishop Trevor Edwards highlighted six missional projects that have been supported by the Foundation over the past year.

As Chair of the Foundation, Bishop Trevor outlined projects that have engaged with communities from the far south coast to the western edges of the diocese, in small rural communities and in the centre of the city.

"What members of the Synod might not realise is that when I came to the Diocese, and was asked to be the Bishop responsible for mission and growing new communities of faith, we developed a Mission Action Plan for the first time – about 'Growing Communities Confident in Christ'," he explained.

"Inherent in that was the encouragement across the Diocese, for people not only to have the inherited church in mission mode, but to actually grow fresh expressions or new communities of faith."

He said that over the last 12 years the Pelican Foundation had supported some "great initiatives".

"I want to say to all of you, anyone who has stepped out in faith to try something different, to connect with the non-churched or the de-churched for the sake of Christ – that's what we're on about.

"We must look after our gathered



GROWTH: Bishop Trevor described several ministry initiatives that have shown significant growth with support from Pelican Foundation grants.

congregations, but we must also obey the call of Christ to make disciples amongst all nations – to make new disciples."

He acknowledged that while the Foundation had, over the last three years been committing funds to encourage missional engagement, it had not made any grants this year.

However, he said that when the Jamieson Apartment project was finalised "the Board will get 15% of that, and so we'll be in a position again in the future,

I should imagine, to assist you in taking steps of faith to reach new people".

Bishop Trevor gave a brief review of six parish-based projects the Foundation has been supporting.

Woden

The Woden Mission Initiative, which will conclude this year, has helped to reconnect with the surrounding community on the basis of three key ideas – prayer, hospitality and justice.

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Pelican Foundation supports new ministries

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By employing Anthony Frost, a ministry student from St Mark's, the project has been able to train and equip people, and build relationships with other organisations, churches and individuals in need.

"Significantly, Anthony has been able to train lay people to continue the project," Bishop Trevor said. "It's been a wonderful initiative in the sacramental tradition, and I take my hat off to Archdeacon Bronwyn Suptut for the mission plan that she developed with the people."

Sapphire Coast

The church of Wolumla (on the Prince's Highway between Bega and Pambula) has been redeveloped as a multi-purpose centre offering workshops, messy church, a community garden, and a program of events to tap into community needs.

"It's based on converting a small branch church into an arts and crafts area – so if you are in a rural area and want some ideas, take a trip down to Wolumla and see what's happened," Bishop Trevor advised.

He said the person in charge of the project had been training people for small group leadership in preparation for an Alpha course, "so the people were learning evangelism skills while hosting neighbours and strangers."

Wagga

Several years ago the parish and the local council funded significant building works and play equipment at St Luke's, and the result has been 'Space' – an outreach through which 50 families engaged in two weekly play sessions last year.

"The core idea is ... pastoral care of non-churched," Bishop Trevor said. "In fact last year at All Hallows' they put on a messy church service, and children came dressed up, volunteers carved up pumpkins, and amid fun, craft and good food there were opportunities for prayer and stories, there was a short mini-sermon on heaven and being in God's presence, and connections continue to be made ... because the parish wants to take responsibility to continue that work of connecting with the non-churched."

Turvey Park

Although no longer funded, Turvey Park's 'Adopt a School' project has

developed connections with a local school community.

"Once again it was funding for a missional leader – the curate, Graham Schultz, received some of the funding to enhance his training and skill development, and to see intentional engagement with the Mt Austin Public School," he explained.

"You see, the idea is: how do you reach into a community? How do you make entrances? Where is community these days? Community is often in schools – so they've adopted a school in Mt Austin. They teach SRE, they run barbecues with students, a breakfast craft club – and lay readers have been formed to continue that ministry once Graham moves on to another appointment."

He said the 'Adopt a School' policy had enabled the parish to connect in ways it had not been able to before, partly due to funding from the Pelican Foundation.

Bega

Yvonne Gunning has been able to build relationships with the indigenous community and the parish through 'Ricky's Place' where they share meals and conversation.

Bishop Trevor said that Ricky's Place had morphed into 'Ricky's Garden', where there are more opportunities to relate with indigenous people. "Yvonne has a ministry in the Sapphire Coast Anglican School, but this is her ministry in the parish of Bega – building relationships for the sharing of God's story with indigenous folk."

O'Connor

For the last three years the Pelican Foundation has funded a ministry at St Phillip's, O'Connor, to incorporate the Dinka community. That community has now been raised up a deacon – Peter Kuot.

Assistant Priest Andrea de Vaal Horciu has worked to build capacity in the community with the aim of strengthening volunteers and encouraging the people to take on more leadership roles.

"It's absolutely huge," Bishop Trevor said. "Up to 70 children regularly attend the youth and children's ministry; a number have been encouraged to go to Camp pelican; in fact it's outgrown the

space available at St Phillip's O'Connor and will be going to St Paul's Ginninderra, where they've got more space.

"But it wouldn't have happened without the foresight of Rebecca Newland, who learned Dinka, who spoke to people in their language, and who applied for this grant. The grant assisted the appointment of a key worker so that work has flourished and will continue to flourish."

However, he pointed out that both these stories – the indigenous story and the Dinka story – raised "incredible issues for us in the diocese, as to how we support those works which in many respects will never become self-sustaining".

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Cathedral conservation project update

by Dr John Quilter*

This year so far has seen an arcing up of the fundraising activities in order to support the planning for the commencement of conservation work on the Cathedral.

In March at the site investigations at the Cathedral, MLA Pru Goward announced that St Saviour's was successful in winning a Major Works grant from the Office of Environment and Heritage. This grant is worth \$150,000 over two years and is targeted at the roof repairs and solution to the rising damp problems.

We have also had two community fundraising activities: the Gala Ball on June 19 which netted approximately \$5000 in profits for the Restoration Fund; and a joint fundraiser, *Dead Men Talking* - being a review by Warren Fahey and Max Cullen of poems and songs by Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson.

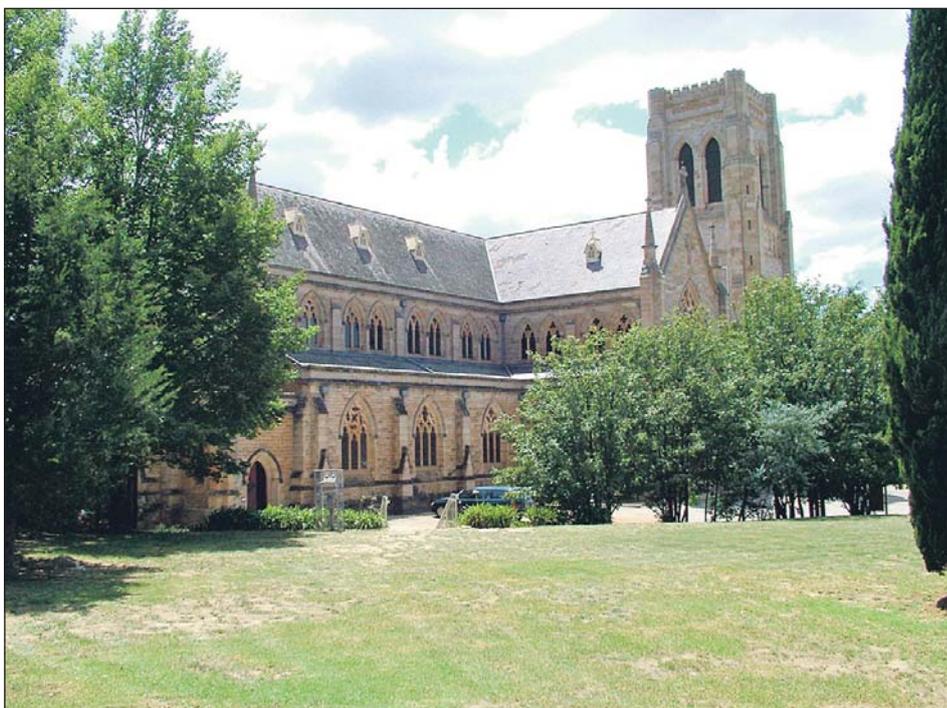
The concept of the review is that Paterson and Lawson meet in the Leviticus Bar outside Heaven's Gate waiting to gain admission into Heaven. They swap yarns, sing songs and recite poems as the actors channel the spirits of the two great poets and put on display their attitudes and historical contributions and mutual affection.

Two shows netted the Restoration Fund about \$1300.

Another couple of events are in planning for the next several months. Watch this space!!!

I am also glad to announce that the Cathedral Chapter has supported a resolution of the Heritage Committee to proceed to the next stage of the works.

We will be preparing tender invitations from contractors over the



ST SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL: *Tenders will be invited shortly to plan repairs to the roof and to find solutions to problems with rising damp in the 130-year-old building.*

next few weeks in order to plan the roof repairs and solutions to the rising damp.

The March 2015 detailed site investigations furnished us with realistic estimates of the cost of the full solutions: \$2,000,000. Obviously, we will not have all this available all at once. The plan for the next stage of works, then, is to require contractors to provide quotes for both the total job they can do (eg. roof repairs) AND for segments of the job (eg. box gutters; ridge caps; replace damaged tiles).

Preparations for this are underway. We will probably not be able to do everything at once. We will, however, proceed with works as funds become

available so that the momentum is maintained as much as possible.

We need to raise a lot of money. The Fundraising Committee has to get very busy, and will be working hard to pursue all avenues for this. Ideas are welcome - contact John.Quilter@acu.edu.au

Thank you for your support. The Friends are an invaluable asset for the Cathedral.

****Dr John Quilter** serves as Chair of the Cathedral Heritage Conservation Committee.*

(This article has been reprinted from the newsletter of the Friends of the Cathedral.)

Friends of the Cathedral Annual Service, Luncheon and AGM

The Friends of the Cathedral will hold their Annual Service, Luncheon and AGM on Saturday, 7th November.

The day begins with a Sung Eucharist in St Saviour's Cathedral (Soldiers' Chapel) at 11am followed by lunch in the Chisholm Room, Goulburn Soldiers' Club where Diana Body present the President's Report.

Dean Phillip Saunders will report on activities and events

related to the Cathedral.

The cost of the two course lunch is \$35, and it will be necessary to book and pay in advance. Contact the Secretary of the Friends, Graham Holgate (4821 2385) for more information or bookings by Thursday, 29th October.

You are welcome to bring a friend or friends with you to the service and luncheon.

CONNECT TO CHURCH

During Advent, invite a friend

□ In coming weeks parishes throughout the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn are being encouraged to participate in Connect to Church – an initiative to invite others to worship services.

Connect to Church has been developed from the Back to Church Sunday (BTCS) project which many parishes took part in several years ago, and while the concept could be used at any time, this diocese is focussing on the weeks of Advent (29 November - 25 December).

While BTCS brought hundreds of people into churches for the particular service they were invited to, the extra attendances did not all translate into extra church members.

“To grow a church today means that we must pay attention not only to people’s spiritual development and the congregation’s



Bishop Trevor Edwards

vitality but also how it engages and welcomes guests,” said Bishop Trevor Edwards, coordinator of the initiative in this diocese.

“During the time of Advent, Connect to Church is an initiative that encourages people to consider how they invite, welcome and integrate guests into

congregational life. At its heart is a simple idea - a friend inviting a friend to church.”

Bishop Trevor said that, around the world, thousands of people have benefited from this opportunity by connecting with Christian communities after a long absence or for the very first time. Since 2009, over 20,000 Australians have taken the opportunity to visit a congregation. Not all stay but many people have connected with a church.

He pointed out that the Diocesan website currently includes:

- ♦ resources for the day including: prayer cards, invitations and parish bulletin inserts;
- ♦ preparatory resources including tips and pointers for your congregation’s welcome team; and
- ♦ liturgical resources for special events designed for people unfamiliar with regular church life.

Preparing your church for Connect To Church Sunday

If a Connect to Church Sunday event is to work effectively in your congregation, a little preparation is needed.

The basics:

- ♦ **Clean up** - check the outside and inside of your church before the big day to make sure it’s clean and tidy.
- ♦ **Bathrooms** - are they all clean and stocked with everything they need? How about some nice soap? People appreciate the small touches.
- ♦ **Signage** - Do people know where to park? Do they know where to enter your building?

The welcome:

- ♦ **The welcome team** - Is the first person a guest meets on entering your building one of the congregation’s ‘people persons’? First impressions matter. Welcomers not only hand out service sheets and hymn books - they should also look out for guests who are unsure and unfamiliar with the service.
- ♦ **Church members** - everyone has a part to play and just being there on the day is important even if a member’s guest is unable to come or they haven’t invited anyone.
- ♦ **Connect broadly** - If members are bringing someone, why not either go out for breakfast beforehand or lunch afterwards to make the most of the time together. Stepping into an unfamiliar space with a friend makes it easier.
- ♦ **Decorate your church** - make your church as welcoming and cheerful as possible. A well cared for and pleasant environment makes for an engaging experience which encourages visitors to return.

The service:

- ♦ **Explain the service** - although you don’t have to do a special service, it can be helpful to explain what’s happening so that guests know what’s about happen. Announcing customary practices like standing for the gospel reading, when to sit or how to share the peace can be helpful to a newcomer. Make sure everyone in an up-front role introduces themselves by name.
- ♦ **Children** - find ways to get all your children involved in some way. Make sure the crèche is prepared for extra people. Reassure nervous parents that their kids are fine.
- ♦ **Latecomers** - how easy is it for people to slip into your church without being noticed? Can they find the service sheet and books? Are there seats available at the back or do they have to walk down the front?
- ♦ **Be creative** - Connect to Church Sunday should be special day. You might want to hold a barbecue or have a bouncy castle to share.

Afterwards:

- ♦ **Refreshments** - ensure that quality tea, coffee and biscuits are available. Encourage your welcome team to introduce themselves to guests. Guests that make a friend are those that stay.
- ♦ **Contact details** - be bold and ask if people want to hear more about your church and be sure to get their contact details like a phone number or email address. Have a member of the welcome team call them within 48 hours of the service to thank them for coming.

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Preparing your congregation for Connect To Church Sunday

Leaders checklist

If a Connect to Church Sunday event is to work effectively in your congregation, the leadership team also needs to a little further preparation. Here are 10 important tips to build participation in your congregation.

1. Decide with your parish council to do a Connect to Church Sunday event. You might wish to present them with the benefits of the day underlining that the day is as much about developing a culture of welcome and hospitality as it is about inviting people. You might wish to:

- ♦ audit your congregation's capacity for hospitality
- ♦ present them with the congregational checklist to see what's involved.

2. Appoint a congregational champion to oversee the team who can plan and organise the day.

3. Sell the vision of Connect to Church Sunday to your members, which is about invitation, welcome and integration of guests so that a few might become members of the congregation.

- ♦ Not everyone invited will come. Not all who come will stay. Approximately 10-15% of those who attend an event will return and consider becoming a member. If congregation members catch the vision, the impact on a congregation over a short period of time can be significant improving not only attendance but morale and confidence too.
- ♦ Connect to Church Sunday is only one day of the year. As such, its a special day when everyone is encouraged to pray about their friends and their connection to church. It is designed to help people ask the question and follow up so that they have the confidence to do it any day of the year!

4. Run a parish workshop focussed on welcoming and hospitality. If done in conjunction with a hospitality audit, it

can begin the process of cultural change where congregation moves from being a friendly place for members to one that is genuinely open and interested in guests.

5. Pray. Get your congregation praying for the day at every opportunity not only in meetings but during the intercessions too. Be sure to distribute the prayer cards up to 8 weeks in advance of the day and be prepared to give them out two or three times.

6. Publicise your event. Put posters up in your church, put notices in your bulletins, talk to your local community newspaper or radio station about the event.

7. Church registers. Are your membership registers up to date? Are there people you haven't seen in a long time? What about contacts through baptism, weddings and bereavement? You might wish to compile a list of names of those who have been in contact with your parish over the last five years. Appoint someone to personally invite each individual to the day either by phone, post or email.

8. Invite people. A month out from the event, distribute the invitation cards to members, having asked them already to prayerfully consider which friend they might invite. Talk about who you might invite as members like to see their leaders going first.

9. Plan the service and the refreshment that follows. There are some resources designed to make this easier. Don't forget to explain the service and do some training with your welcomers.

10. Follow-up. Don't forget to follow up with guests who attend on the day. Be sure that your welcome team obtains their contact details like a phone number or email address. Have a member of the welcome team contact each guest within 48 hours of the service to thank them for coming and invite them to return the following Sunday.

These and more resources are available on the Diocesan website at <http://www.anglicancg.org.au/pages/connect-to-church-resources.html>

Connect to Church Resources

These resources are available on the website as pdf documents to ensure that fonts and graphics print correctly. They have been designed to print in colour and black-and-white. No dates are included on these resources as parishes may select which Sunday is most appropriate for their event.

- ♦ Preparing for Connect to Church - a checklist for congregations
- ♦ Preparing for Connect to Church - a leaders checklist
- ♦ Preparing your Welcome Team
- ♦ Parish Bulletin Insert
- ♦ Parish Poster
- ♦ A Blue Christmas service
- ♦ Inviting a friend to Church - prayer card formatted as A5.
- ♦ Invitation card formatted as A5 with two per A4 sheet.

A Prayer

You might wish to use this prayer when thinking of who to invite.

God of life and love,
I thank you that you know everyone even before we came to know you.
Help my church to be a welcoming place to those who come seeking you.
I pray for Connect to Church Sunday and especially for our friends.
May we be a welcoming people, aware of Christ in each other and your world.
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Anglicare's new Strategic Plan

□ Three-year plan based on four key pillars

By Lewis Hitchick

Anglicare has launched a new Strategic Plan to guide its operations over the next three years.

Announcing its release at the annual Diocesan Synod meeting in Goulburn last month, Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow said the plan was based on the premise that a strong Anglicare must be built on four key pillars.

He named these pillars as: Service Quality, Financial Sustainability, People, and Mission.

1. Service

“Our first pillar is service quality which improves the lives of all those we support,” Jeremy Halcrow told the Synod, adding that the aim was to build up Anglicare’s capacity to evaluate its services.

“It is only by rigorous measurement of our service outcomes that we will understand how to improve and innovate,” he said. “We have adopted a results-based accountability tool, and have formed a team of data collectors at all our main sites.”

Anglicare plans to have this accountability tool fully operational at early learning centres this financial year, then followed by Out of Home Care and across the whole organisation by 2018.

2. Financial Sustainability

He said that the second pillar, Financial Sustainability, was critical because it gave Anglicare the ability to develop



VISION: Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow told Synod Anglicare’s future was based on the pillars of Service Quality, Financial Sustainability, People and Mission.

better services for those people it supports – “services that are more effective, and more aligned with the mission of the diocese”.

“But financial sustainability is also a particularly important focus for Anglicare over the next three years, because of our recent history of residential aged care losses,” he explained.

“Those losses meant we have lacked the financial reserve to re-invest appropriately in developing our services.”

In the past two financial years Anglicare has made “some very serious steps in the right direction”, having delivered “very healthy operational surpluses” in both years.

“By the end of our three-year plan we aim to have sufficient liquidity to completely rewrite the story of the past two decades when Anglicare was an ongoing financial risk to the diocese,” he said. “Our target is to have liquidity reserves equal to 10% of total turnover.”

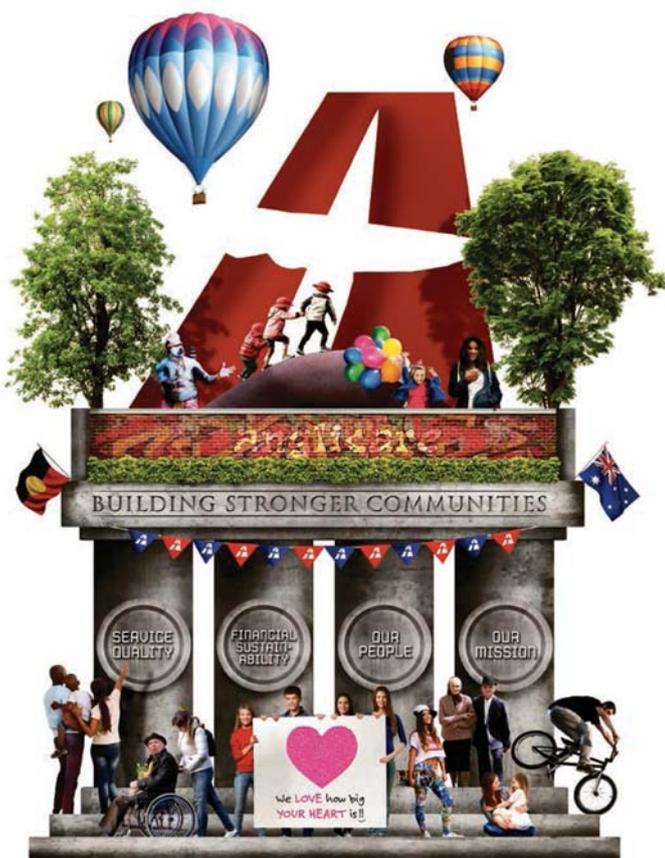
3. People

The third pillar of the Strategic Plan is Anglicare’s people: investing in training up the capacity of staff and volunteers.

“We have a range of targets under this goal, which I don’t have time to go into today, but one key strategy is to cultivate a culture which encourages employee development,” Jeremy Halcrow said. “Central to this strategy will be ... our Registered Training Organisation, which is being re-branded as Anglicare College, to ensure that more staff have appropriate qualifications.”

Anglicare College now offers Certificate IV qualifications

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Do we care who's being left behind?

❑ Anglicare releases annual State of the Family Report

"It seems Australians, overall, are comfortable leaving some people in our community behind," Anglicare Australia Executive Director, Kasy Chambers said at Parliament House last Monday (October 12).

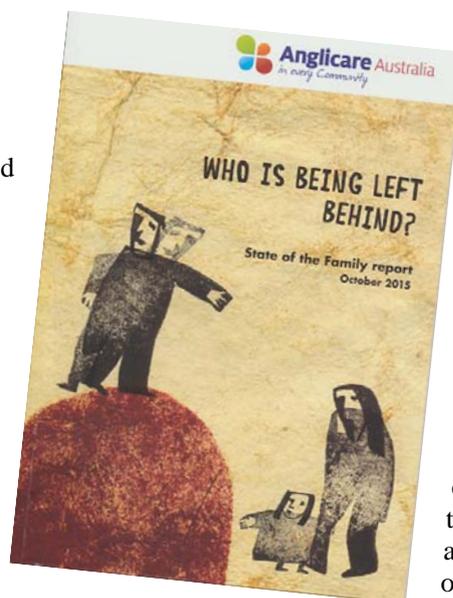
Speaking at the launch of the 2015 State of the Family report, *Who is being left behind?*, during Anti-Poverty Week (11-17 October), Ms Chambers said, "But when you look closely at how people's lives pan out, as we do in this report, it's clear the right support at the right time can make the difference.

"Research released at our conference in September shows that if we continue to walk away from the most vulnerable and the most disadvantaged, the poor will simply get poorer and so excluded from our society" (Living Standard Trends in Australia, NATSEM September 2015).

"When we talk about the most disadvantaged, we are talking about

people who are deprived on multiple levels - low income, unemployment, food insecurity, ill health and disability, reduced access to services, homelessness, housing insecurity and social discrimination.

"Anglicare Sydney research, A profile of deep and persistent disadvantage, which is incorporated in our report, examines its Emergency Relief statistics to identify those most at risk. Sue King, the Director of Advocacy and Research there says they are concerned that current levels of income support are not sufficient to help these people overcome deep and persistent disadvantage because of the high cost of living.



"Until we ensure the social contract really does include having enough to live on and having somewhere safe to live, we'll never get back that idea of a society that includes everybody and benefits us all.

"The stories in *Who is being left behind?* are about people who are at risk of exclusion. They tell us how personal attention, a safe place or a timely opportunity can provide a path to reconnection; and how

easy it is to disappear from view and be left behind if that support is not there.

"To respond properly to this growing inequality, we need to pay attention to both WHO is being excluded and HOW. And then CHOOSE to invest differently."

Anglicare's new Strategic Plan *(from previous page)*

in disability and youth work, as well as aged care. In addition, a Diploma of Community Services Coordination provides relevant management.

4. Mission

Anglicare's Mission, the fourth pillar, showed that Anglicare was established, and only continues to exist, as an extension of the mission of the Anglican Church.

"Yet this fourth role is not merely about actively pursuing partnerships with the Anglican Church," he said, "it's also about resisting mission drift, where we increasingly become a contract delivery agency for government, and as a result emphasise the agenda and interests of governments over the needs of vulnerable people as well as our mission to pursue social justice in the name of Jesus Christ."

He said that many Australian charities had their origins in the church, or in missionary endeavours conceived by individual Christian believers. "Some have repudiated that history; others retain a faith-based character in name only. There are very few charities which have a strong institutional connection with local Christian congregations, and a mandate to offer services within an explicitly Christian framework."

This fourth goal also recognises the many Anglican volunteers and supporters, who undergird the work of Anglicare.

He said that from a practical perspective, Anglicare's

relationship with the church provided the agency with the potential to access local churches in nearly every community across the region.

"This means we can potentially deliver volunteer-based services and programs into rural and remote areas beyond the major centres," he pointed out.

The new Strategic Plan will also guide Anglicare management to seek a balance of funding sources, which will make the organisation less reliant on government, and reduce risks associated with the inevitable government policy shifts.

It has also involved an organisational restructure, moving away from the previous regional administration.

"On reflection it was clear that the regional structure was contributing to a lack of consistency in service quality, as well as a lack of unity and purpose," he explained.

"We now have one senior executive clearly responsible for all government-funded child, youth and family services. We also have separate senior managers responsible for our fee-for-services, retirement villages, early learning centres and disability services.

"In addition, the new structure helps simplify the relationship between the church – being the diocese – and Anglicare management."

Remembering the church at Mayfield

On Sunday September 13, a group of people gathered on a two-acre block of now-vacant land by the side of the road in the Mayfield district, about 20 kilometres south-east of Tarago.

Bishop Tom Frame, Priest in Charge of the Mulwaree Mission District, led the group in a celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the closure of St Luke's Church, Mayfield, which had been the site of Anglican worship in the district for the previous 70 years.

In his sermon, Bishop Tom lamented the lack of documented history which might have explained why a church was built on the site 120 years ago, and drew a fascinating word picture of the hardships and challenges of pioneer life in the Lower Boro area, in an era when "the phrase 'God willing' was routinely used when making plans".

The following is an extract from his sermon:

They were not given to complaining but learned the virtues of self-reliance (and hence, their potential to do things they had never imagined) and the value of friends (with whom they could do so much more than acting alone or unaided). They were a community – conscious of their common-unity – and the need to work together.

St Luke's was both cause and consequence of their community life. It was built by a community to meet individual needs and it strengthened individual contributions to community need.

St Luke's stood here for 70 years – marking the highs and the lows of life in and around Lower Boro with more than 50 baptisms, five weddings and at least a dozen funerals. It was a local landmark and much loved. But it became a victim of white ants, the decline of rural incomes, the population drift from farms to the cities, and the advent of the motor car making it much easier to travel to Tarago for church. St Luke's was closed after a final service that saw the church packed to overflowing.

A Goulburn newspaper report said 70 people attended – one person for every year of the Church's history. Notably, only the Sturgiss family, described by the then rector as irregular churchgoers, objected. Jack Evans was then awarded the contract to demolish St Luke's – 50



years ago this weekend.

St Luke's has been gone for half a century and yet we have come back here. So what do we make of this event? What messages might we take away? That nothing last forever; that something has a season; that everything has a use-by date?

Do we conclude that the construction and maintenance of this church was misguided, ill-fated or just a waste of time? Do we conclude that the efforts to keep it standing, the rostered volunteers who kept it clean, the commitment to beautifying services with fittings and flowers were all forlorn because St Luke's has gone?

You might stand here and wonder what it was all for ... and decide it was pointless and this service is an attempt to gloss over what can only be called a failure.

You could reflect ... and be filled with regret that a much loved building was pulled down into the dust – a metaphor for our own lives which all have a bright beginning but which all end in the same apparent way – in the dust.

But if you took that view, you would be missing so much of what I believe is on display here today. St Luke's was a means to an end – the building was a

venue for certain activities and a vehicle for certain aspirations.

For seventy years what happened in the church enriched the lives of the Lower Boro people; it left its mark on individuals who influenced their families who shaped the lives of friends who created a community that upheld certain principles that pointed to a God who is love, compassion and kindness.

The worship that flowed from this place made a difference in ways that were more or less obvious ... and 50 years on, the impact was such that you have decided to be here – either because you worshipped in St Luke's or are related to someone who did ... or because this district is your home and you want to understand the forces and factors that shaped its evolution.

Today also signifies that this place was once (and for the past 50 years it has remained) a sacred place because of what happened here between 1895 and 1965 ... a place where heaven and earth intersected and the residents of this district were assured that at least here ... God would hear their prayers, acknowledge their pain and receive their praises.

We all owe a debt of thanks to Daryl Webb for his goodwill and generosity in allowing this block of land to remain a living (and growing) reminder of the spiritual community that once met here.

Although this land no longer belongs to the Property Trust of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn and services here have been a bit irregular since 1965 (this is, I believe, the third in 50 years), I hope and pray with you that people will still come here (knowing the church once stood on this site with

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Church at Mayfield From the Synod Eucharist

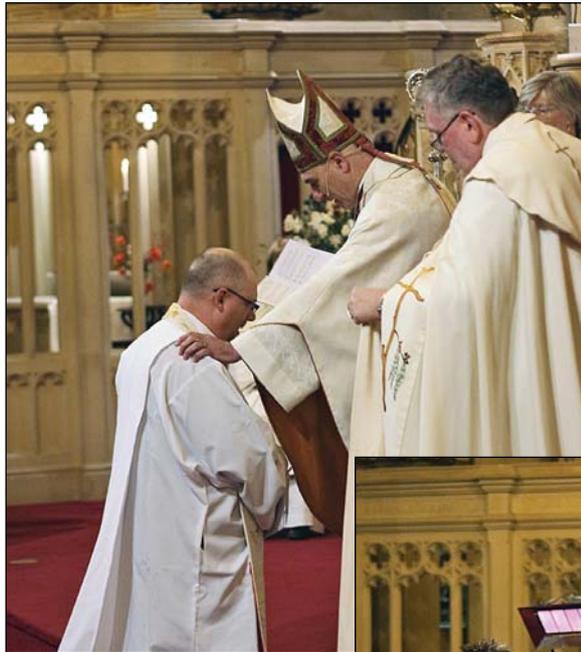
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the placement of the new sign on the fence) and be enveloped by the spirit of St Luke's ... and perhaps on the 150th anniversary of the church being opened (in the year 2045 when I shall be long retired), those who come here will appreciate what we have done today.

After all, who would have thought in March 1965 that the last service ... would not actually be ... the last service?

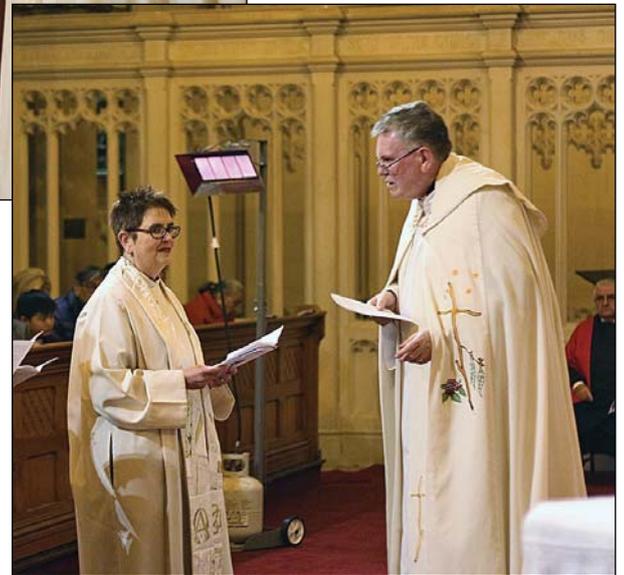
The second reading is very encouraging in this respect. When we cannot see life and any prospect of living, we should not underestimate the creative power or purpose of God. We do not control the future; only God does. We are encased in the present; God knows the future and asks us to trust in his words and works. When it comes to tomorrow; God is already there.

So as we look back and give thanks for what was, as we look around and offer prayer for what is, and as we look ahead and see visions of what might be, may we never lose sight of the God who accompanied the pioneers of this district, who has remained the companion of people of faith and who invites us into a life of service like that of St Luke whose example will remain associated with this place, one hopes, for all time. Amen.



COLLATION: (left) At the beginning of the Synod Eucharist in St Saviour's Cathedral on Friday September 11 Bishop Stuart Robinson collated The Venerable Wayne Brighton as Archdeacon for Chaplaincy Services.

INSTALLATION: (right) In the same service, Dean Philip Saunders installed Canon Roberta Hamilton as a Clerical Canon of the Cathedral.



20th Annual Remembrance Ceremony

'for those who lose their life to illicit drugs'

Monday 26th October, 2015

at 12.30pm at the memorial site,
Weston Park Road, Weston Park, Yarralumla
(opposite the junction with Prescott Lane)

Speakers include:

Kate Carnell AO, ACT Chief Minister from 1995 - 2000
and speaker at the first Ceremony.

Tony Tringham, CEO of Family Drug Support
Rev Graham Long AM, Pastor, The Wayside Chapel

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

If you would like a loved one remembered at the ceremony please phone Marion on 61697678 or email mconnell@ffdlr.org.au



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1899 and all that: a turning point in world history

I have been thinking about some of the turning points in the history of the world. It is intriguing to take a year and recollect what was happening locally and in the wider world in that year.

Take the year 1899. The Diocese of Goulburn had been founded more than thirty years before. In 1899 our Bishop was William Chalmers. Chalmers had been enthroned in 1892 and had devoted himself to settling the protracted "Cathedral Dispute".

In 1899 the Australian Colonies were framing a draft Constitution for an Australian Federal Union which would come about a year later. No doubt many Anglicans were praying about this important issue. Most supported Federation but a few, like Pierce Galliard Smith, Rector of St John's Canberra, were very much opposed to it.

Soldiers of the Queen

But there were other, more ominous issues. By the end of that year the Colonies found themselves part of the British war effort in South Africa, the so-called Second Boer War. It was an imperialist conflict, to gain control of vast gold and diamond resources. Patriotic fervour gripped the Colonies and thousands of young men, from Goulburn and Queanbeyan and Braidwood and many other centres, enlisted for service.

Anglicans were generally passionately loyal to the British Empire, and few questioned the morality of the Boer War. Memorials commemorating those who died in South Africa appeared in many churches, such as St Philip's Church in Bungendore. Bishop Tom Frame, in his important book *A Church for a Nation*, reminds us that some of these memorials had little or no Christian content. But one young soldier and war correspondent in the Boer War was to change history.

Winston Churchill

Lately I have been reading again one of my favourite books of autobiography, *My Early Life*, by Winston Churchill and enjoying again that fine film *Young Winston*. The climax of that film was the dramatic story of Churchill's exploits in the Boer War. In 1899 everyone in the Diocese was following in the newspapers the story of his escape from a Boer POW camp with a price on his head: "Twenty-five pounds, Dead or Alive".

Winston Churchill, born in 1874 into an aristocratic family, was a failure at school. He entered the army as a cavalry officer, with a passionate desire to see military action and the ambition to make money from writing about it. After service in India, Cuba, and the Sudan, he raced to South Africa on the outbreak of war in

1899. He joined an armoured train and was ambushed by the Boers.

After his courageous efforts to free the partly derailed train and save the soldiers on it, Churchill found himself a prisoner of war. He escaped by jumping out of a toilet and hiding on a goods train until he reached freedom. As he later wrote: "I leapt from a latrine to world fame". Some say he should have won a VC. But his exploits swept him into the House of Commons.

Readers of the popular newspapers in Goulburn and across the diocese in 1899 would never have guessed that 40 years later, this young man would be appointed Prime Minister of Great Britain in her darkest hour. After Dunkirk in 1940 leaders like Lord Halifax were all for Britain seeking a negotiated settlement with Nazi Germany. But Churchill, showing the same determination and courage as on the armoured train in South Africa, led the Empire to fight on to the end, and never to surrender to "that guttersnipe". Without Winston, Hitler would have won the war.

So when the congregation in St Saviours Cathedral in 1899 prayed for all fighting in South Africa at that time, the future destiny of the world was being shaped in ways they never dreamed of. Hindsight is a marvellous quality.

Anglican Historical Society's October excursion

The Anglican Historical Society will visit a number of churches and historical sites in the Cooma area at the end of this month.

The Society's Tours Officer, Jill Hodgson, has, as usual, arranged a fascinating and crowded program for the October excursion, on the week-end of October 31/ November 1.

The itinerary includes:

Saturday 31st:

St Thomas' Michelago (1902); St Bartholomew's, Bredbo (1929); Nimmitabel and the unveiling of the Nimmity Bell and lunch at the Royal Arms; St Mary the Virgin, Gegendzerick (1860); and Christ Church Cooma (1850), followed by dinner

at Cooma Ex-Services Club with after-dinner speaker Alison Howell speaking on *Destination Cooma*.

Sunday November 1:

Worship at St Paul's, Cooma (1868, then on to St John's, Adaminaby (relocated to its present site in 1950) where Colin Mayhew will speak on *The History and the move*.

The excursion concludes with lunch in Adaminaby, with the option of a visit to the Snowy Museum.

For more information, including application forms and details of accommodation options, please contact Charles Body at 34 Yarra St, Kaleen, ACT 2617; email crb@fwi.net.au or phone (02) 6241 4948.



RELOCATED: St John's Church, Adaminably, was originally built in 1906 in Old Adaminaby and moved to its present location 50 years later, prior to the filling of Lake Adaminaby.

Six months on: Recovery in Vanuatu

❑ Mission agency says 'thank you' to supporters who contributed to the disaster recovery effort.

From ABM

It is six months since Cyclone Pam wreaked havoc on the island nation of Vanuatu and the church is helping to rebuild communities with the assistance of ABM.

With funds raised by ABM and the ACT Alliance, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, Vanuatu ACOMV) has worked hard to provide relief assistance to around 13,000 people who were in need of food and clean water.

ABM raised over \$300,000 through its Vanuatu Emergency Appeal, with the majority of this funding going towards the current reconstruction phase.

Jessica Sexton, ABM Programs Officer for Vanuatu said, "It is due to the generosity and compassion of ABM supporters that both the relief and the longer term reconstruction responses were possible.

"We would like to sincerely thank all who contributed, and prayed for the welfare of those affected by this terrible disaster. Your practical actions have enabled short and long-term food security needs to be met, and will help equip communities to better prepare for disaster in the future."

A report on the recovery work in Vanuatu is reprinted below:

Focusing on the provinces of Penema and Torba to the north, ACOMV delivered food aid, seeds and gardening tools to 25 districts and three institutions, using the



DESTRUCTION: Damage from Cyclone Pam in Port Vila in March 2015. Copyright International SOS, 2015.

church flagship to ferry the supplies to remote communities throughout the area.

This was vital to both short and long-term food security, as household food gardens provide the bulk of the nutritional needs to families, but were largely decimated by the high winds and heavy rain in March.

The impact of Cyclone Pam also left natural water sources such as rivers and streams contaminated with leaves and mud, prompting the need for additional water purification kits (including containers and tablets) in order to protect communities from water-borne diseases. These were also delivered in the initial relief response of ACOMV, to the affected districts.

The ACOMV Disaster Committee is currently concentrating on rehabilitation and reconstruction activities, now that immediate relief needs have been met.

The assessment reports carried out in each affected community revealed several schools were in need of repairs to damaged buildings, with students were being prevented from using classrooms with leaking roofs.

The repair or rebuilding of some dormitories was also prioritised, as students are currently using alternative community houses and temporary shelters for accommodation.

The overwhelming need that was identified during the assessments were

for Disaster Risk Reduction training, the building of Cyclone-proof evacuation centres, water and sanitation facilities, and the stockpiling of Emergency supplies.

Many communities lacked adequate evacuation shelters to protect them from the cyclonic winds and rain, and following there was a great need for water and sanitation infrastructure as waterways became muddied by debris.

Due to the long disruption to supply ships, many essential items (such as soap and matches) disappeared, and the islands were unable to communicate due to disruptions to the mobile phone services.

Providing these essential buildings and supplies is therefore seen as a priority for ACOMV, in preparation for any future emergencies. This is to be complemented with community training in risk management and evacuation plans, in order to prepare people both physically and psychologically.

To assist ACOMV in the coordination of this response, ABM will be contributing toward the employment of an Emergency Response Coordinator, and a Disaster Risk Reduction mentor, in order to support the vast amount of work involved.

It is expected that this response and the work to ensure communities are better prepared for any future cyclone will continue until March 2017.

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Synergy: *there to serve*

“Synergy exists to serve the Diocese – so take advantage of me!”

This was Synergy Director Andrew Edwards' invitation to parishes and ministry units at the annual Synod of the diocese, in Goulburn last month.

Presenting the Synergy Youth and children's Ministry report, Andrew told the Synod he believed Synergy had a unique and strategic role to play in the future of the diocese.

“I've called it the ‘Three Cs’ because everything's good with alliteration,” he said, listing the following headings:

- ♦ Connecting through Community
- ♦ Coaching and Discipleship
- ♦ Consultation and Partnerships

Expanding on these points, he said that faith was “more often caught than taught,” and this happens in connections and community. He stressed the importance of connecting children and young people across the Diocese to each other and to their parish through building relationships and forming an identity as Anglican Youth.

“Knowing there are others out there ‘just like me’, can be a great encouragement to a young Christian,” he said, adding that it was also important to



SYNERGY Director Andrew Edwards addresses Synod.

help volunteers, lay leaders and ministers who serve in children and youth ministry to build connections between one another.

He showed that opportunities for coaching and discipleship, as well as community building, were being developed through camps, through joint parish activities and by combining with other ministries like

Soul Survivor and Scripture Union.

Synergy is also building and encouraging leaders through mentoring, coaching and intentional discipleship.

“We want to walk alongside, we want to challenge, we want to equip, we want to grow devoted followers of Jesus who in turn replicate that in their spheres of influence,” he said. “I would like to partner with parishes to work with their leaders and their young people to help them grow, to help them make a difference in their communities and their parishes.”

Through consultation and partnerships, Andrew said he wanted to support parish youth ministries “in the great things you are already doing, and the great things you will do in your local neck of the woods”.

“The more I know of what's happening the more I can help you connect with others, those who you can help and those who can help you,” he said. “Let's not reinvent the wheel – let's make use of each other. Let's share our resources and our ideas.”

Summer Camp Pelican 2016

Registrations for Summer Camp Pelican are now open. We have three camps in January 2016:

- ♦ Middle School (years 4/5/6) 17-22 January
- ♦ Junior High (years 7/8/9) 17-22 January
- ♦ Senior High (years 10/11/12) 10-15 January

A camp brochure and online registrations can be found at www.synergy.org.au/ camps or by contacting Andrew at camps@synergy.org.au or 0437 883 122

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For more information on how you can help support children and young people across our diocese visit our website <http://www.synergy.org.au/support-synergy/> or contact Andrew on andrew@synergy.org.au or 0437 883 122

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