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Spirit '14 Conference:

On Earth as it is in Heaven

By Lewis Hitchick

Kate Jutsum, principal speaker at the Spirit '14 Conference held at Broulee at the end of April, said that the greatest obstacle confronting most Christians was a lack of knowledge of their true identity in God's eyes.

A former emergency doctor, Kate Jutsum did her medical studies in the UK and worked in Australia before resigning three years ago to take up her present role as Regional Director of Bethel Sozo Ministries for Australia and New Zealand.

The Spirit '14 Conference, hosted by the Anglican parish of Batemans Bay, continued to build on its success of the

previous few years. The event attracted people from right across the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese and beyond, with several Christian denominations represented.

Bishop Stuart Robinson opened the conference on Friday evening, April 25, and paid tribute to the work done by the Rector of Batemans Bay, Colin Walters, and the staff and parishioners of the parish. He also acknowledged the support of St Peter's Anglican College, Broulee, in hosting the event.

Drawing on Ephesians 1, Bishop Stuart spoke on two themes: "We are precious, and we are privileged."

"How do I know I'm

precious to God? He redeemed me!" he asserted, citing verses seven and eight.

He quoted verses four and five as evidence for his second theme, that "we are privileged".

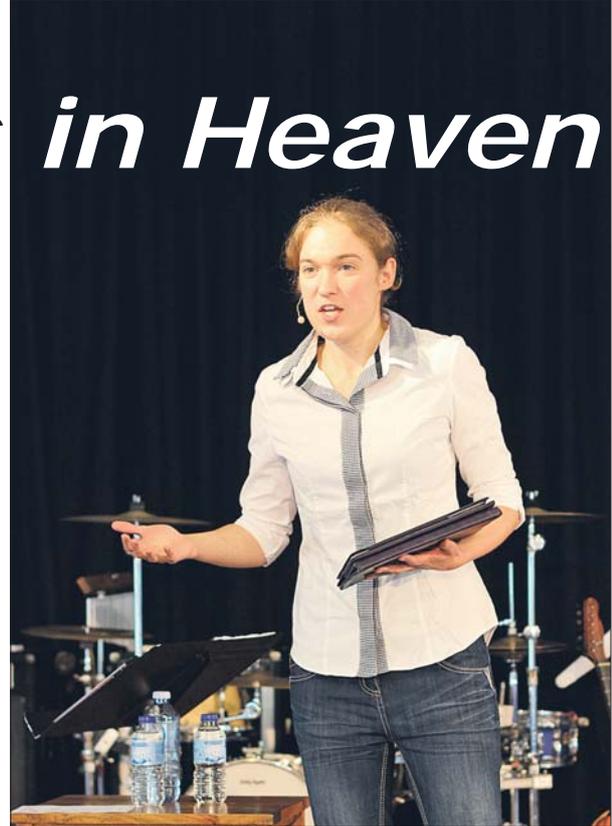
He explained that we had been adopted into God's family, adding that 'adoption' was a powerful image: "In adoption, the parents-to-be take all the initiative, make all the arrangements and bear all the costs – there is nothing the infant can do to contribute to the process."

Bishop Stuart said that with privilege comes responsibility.

"As Christ's people, we are being called to stand against the tide of idolatry and paganism. The culture of materialism and expediency and tolerance and compromise and self-centredness are alive and well in our towns and villages."

He said he had been deeply impressed by the stand that many of his listeners had taken, as individuals and as parishes - in the workplace, in voluntary activities and in everyday conversations with friends and neighbours – that reflected Jesus as their Lord and King, even when such a stand might be costly.

In her first session on Saturday morning, Kate Jutsum addressed the theme of the conference: *On Earth as it is in Heaven*. She pointed out that every time we say the Lord's



IDENTITY CRISIS: Guest Speaker Kate Jutsum said that confusion as to who they really are is the greatest obstacle faced by most Christians.

Prayer we recite the words, 'May your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven'.

"What does that mean?" she asked. "That means that Earth starts to look like heaven. It means, practically speaking, that there is no cancer in Heaven, therefore there should be no cancer on Earth; it means there's joy in Heaven, therefore there should be joy on Earth."

However, she said there had

been a doctrine in the church for some years which said that "things are going wrong, and it's just going to get worse and worse and then we'll all die".

"It's depressing, to say the least," she added.

As well as taking away all hope from Christians, this mindset also takes away all responsibilities: if Christians

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HEALING: Prayer for healing was once again an integral part of the annual Spirit Conference, with many experiencing miraculous outcomes.

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'Lamentation Sunday' an opportunity for healing

Greetings in Christ!

As our sesquicentenary year has drawn to a close I am conscious of the effort and energy our parishes and individuals have (profitably) expended in this endeavour.

Tens of thousands of New Testaments have been given away; special anniversary celebrations have been held; people from our communities have experienced and extended hospitality and love; building projects have commenced - and some, like the Chapel at Brindabella Gardens and the St Mark's library extension - are now complete; homeless people, refugees and marginalised groups have been enfolded and nurtured. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

2014 has also been a year of comings and goings. We farewelled Bishop Tom Frame as Director, St Marks NTC and we welcome Dr Andrew Cameron as the new Director; the Reverend David Robinson (again from St Marks) has been elected Bishop of Rockhampton; our dear friend, Bishop Sarah Macneil was (in a first for our Church) installed as Diocesan Bishop, Grafton; and my colleague, Assistant Bishop

Stephen Pickard was appointed as the Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. And Bishop Trevor Edwards has just marked his tenth year as a Bishop in the Church of God - a great milestone. Well done, +Trevor!

I should also mention the tragic passing of the Bishop of Gippsland, the Right Reverend John McIntyre. I served alongside +John in the Diocese of Sydney and consulted with his diocese (of Gippsland) on two occasions when I worked with General Synod. +John was a gifted and conscientious leader who engaged with his community and people in a loving and quite possibly, prophetic manner.

He will be greatly missed in the Australian Church. Do please continue in prayer for +John's wife, Jan, and their extended family as they manage their grief and shock.

Looking ahead:

1. Lamentation Sunday

At the 2013 session of our Diocesan Synod I offered an apology to people who are victims of (ecclesial) abuse. It was felt (rightly) that this apology needed to be shared and received by the whole

Church, and that together we need to reflect upon the destructive effect(s) of abuse across our Diocese and the wider Church. 'Lamentation Sunday' - August 10, 2014, has been set aside to this end. The aim is to recognise the pain, hurt and sorrow caused by our inappropriate actions (and our inaction).

My sincere hope is that such a day will facilitate healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. I am most grateful to Fr Michael Armstrong - the visionary behind and organiser of this project. Details and resources are to be found here <http://www.anglicancg.org.au/pages/lamentation-sunday.html>

2. Bishop's Cathedral Convention and Clergy Conference May 2015

I have invited Dr Alison Morgan from ReSource, UK, to speak at a May Bishop's Cathedral Convention and our annual clergy conference. Alison is a linguist by background. She has a PhD in medieval Christian literature from Cambridge. After teaching in various universities, she was ordained in 1996. She has written various books: *Dante and the Medieval Other*

World; What Happens When We Die?; The Wild Gospel; Doing what Jesus did - a fresh look at the gifts of the Spirit; and The Word on the Wind - renewing confidence in the gospel.

Alison is the editor and director of the *Rooted in Jesus* discipleship programme now in wide use in Africa, co-author of the Lent course *Season of Renewal*; of the healing course *In His Name*; and the poetry collection *Distilling Life*. Alison was a contributor to *Mission Shaped Questions*, and is a member of the Archbishops' College of Evangelists. She is married to Roger, and they have three children. Alison's website is www.alisonmorgan.co.uk Details in the weeks ahead!

3. General Synod

As I write this, I am on my way to General Synod in Adelaide. By the time you read this, we will have elected a new Primate. We thank God for Archbishop Philip Aspinall's leadership of our Communion and pray for God's enabling and grace in the life of our new Primate.

4. Long Service Leave

Finally, I will - as I begin my seventh year in C&G, be



Bishop
Stuart
Robinson

taking long service leave in the months December (14) and January (15). Our Vicar-General, Bishop Trevor will hold the tiller in my absence.

For Jesus,

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Clergy moves and appointments

- ◆ **The Reverend Peter Adkins**, BCA Representative for ACT/NSW has been granted an Authority to Officiate.
- ◆ **The Reverend Dr Andrew Cameron** will be commissioned as Director of St Mark's National Theological Centre on Monday 14 July 2014 (see details on page 3).
- ◆ **The Reverend Geoff Deutscher** has resigned as rector, Wanniasa, and also as Area Dean for South Canberra. Geoff will presently begin as a chaplain for mission at the ARV Castle Hill, Sydney and work with the staff team at St Paul's Castle Hill.
- ◆ **The Reverend Dr Hugh Cox** is currently serving as locum in the Parish of Wanniasa.
- ◆ **The Reverend Guerin Tuono** has been appointed part time Assistant Priest in the Parish of Wanniasa.
- ◆ **The Reverend Janelle Baglin** has been elected Area Dean South Canberra by her peers.
- ◆ **The Reverend John Campbell** has been licensed again as Canon Residentiary assisting in Pastoral matters in the Cathedral Parish of St Saviour's Goulburn.
- ◆ **The Reverend Jason Clift** has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Pearce. Details of the Induction Service for Jason will be announced shortly.
- ◆ **Captain Judy Douglas** has been appointed part time Evangelist-in-Charge, Parish of St James Holt and **the Reverend Dr Brett Morgan** as part time Senior Associate Priest, Parish of St James Holt.
- ◆ **The Reverend Peter Friend**, Defence Force Chaplain in the RAAF has been granted an Authority to Officiate.
- ◆ **The Reverend Dr Peter Grundy** has resigned from the Sutton Road Ministry District. Archdeacon John Barnes is liaising with parish leaders.
- ◆ **Captain Yvonne Gunning** has been appointed Assistant

in the Parish of Bega, and also Chaplain at Sapphire Coast College.

- ◆ **The Reverend David Hilliard** has resigned as Senior NSW Police Chaplain.
- ◆ **The Reverend Brad Lovegrove** will complete his term in his Chaplaincy ministry and with the Bishop Gap Year by September.
- ◆ **The Reverend David Luck** has been appointed honorary part-time Assistant Priest, South Tuggeranong Parish.
- ◆ **Canon Emeritus Des McGuire, Deacon Peter Malone, Mr Brad Moore and Archdeacon John Barnes** will oversee ministry at Braidwood.
- ◆ **Ms Sascha Peard** has been appointed Chaplain at St Peter's College, Broulee.
- ◆ **The Reverend Canon Brian Roberts** is retiring from the Parish of Bungendore. Brian has been appointed Area Dean for the new Area Deanery of Queanbeyan, Monaro and Alpine Region from 29 April 2014 to 29 April 2015.
- ◆ Bishop Stuart Robinson has again renewed the Lay Minister's Licences of **Sandra Wait, Anna Conyers, Dawn South and Sandra Wells** as congregational leaders at Ashmont-Glenfield Parish (in Wagga Wagga). Bishop Genieve Blackwell commissioned them into their roles on 22 June.
- ◆ **The Reverend Kevin Stone** is retiring from the Parish of Deakin.
- ◆ **The Reverend Connie Gerrity** has been appointed Locum for Deakin Parish effective from Sunday 13 July 2014.
- ◆ **The Reverend Canon Gill Varcoe** has completed her Intentional Interim Priest assignment in the Parish of Braidwood and is enjoying LSL in the United Kingdom before returning to our Diocese.

O'Connor hosts worship service for *Faith and Light*

□ St Philip's extends warm welcome to intellectual disability support group

By Tracey Barralet*

A lively group of people with an intellectual disability, with their family, friends and carers gathered at St Philip's Anglican Church O'Connor on Saturday May 3 for a special ceremony of the 'Faith and Light' organisation.

This group has its origins in the late 1960s, and its formation stemmed from a desire to help people with a disability and their families to be included and supported in a religious setting.

The occasion brought together many people from a variety of backgrounds and locations who wanted to celebrate God's love and the teachings of Jesus in an all-inclusive environment.

The afternoon included singing and prayers with a mood of celebration and joy among the participants, and a reflection by St Philip's Deacon Andrea De Vaal Horciu.

Those with an intellectual disability were actively involved in various aspects of leading worship including singing and prayers. There was an atmosphere of great joy among the people who attended.

As a parishioner at St Philip's - a very inclusive parish - I attended this event to support our Deacon Andrea De Vaal Horciu who was giving the reflection. The reflection used 'Godly Play' to tell the Bible story.

I was enthusiastically welcomed by all those who



GRACE: Andrea De Vaal Horciu invited several members of the congregation to join her in saying the *Grace at the end of the service.*

belong to Faith and Light. As a person with a physical disability I was a little unsure what I would encounter having been involved with other disability faith communities in the past.

But I was very impressed by the inclusion of all people with an intellectual disability in all aspects of worship. The afternoon included a worship session, fare-welling of the outgoing coordinator and recognition of new coordinator, followed by afternoon tea.

The Faith and Light afternoon was an example of the ongoing commitment St Philip's has to welcoming and supporting people with a disability in the community.

The church is involved in a number of outreach programs, including the Black Mountain School's pastoral care program. Deacon Andrea De Vaal Horciu has been serving as the school chaplain for over three years.

Andrea provides ongoing support to students, families

and carers through the happy times, as well as the challenging times that the community faces. Black Mountain School members, including the Pastoral Care Coordinator, have written of Andrea's compassionate and unwavering commitment to her role. The school community has identified the services that Andrea provides as essential, and services that they would otherwise be unable to provide.

The Faith and Light gathering was a wonderful afternoon to celebrate diversity and inclusion in the church community, and St Philip's was an ideal venue to host such a joyful celebration of God's love.

*Tracey Barralet is a member of the St Philip's community in O'Connor.

On Earth as in Heaven

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believe the church is locked into a downward spiral, then to pray for anything to be restored would be "acting against the will of God".

She pointed out that this was not what Christians prayed for, when they prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Outlining the program for the conference, she said she would spend some time identifying obstacles that obstructed people from walking in the kind of lifestyle that believed that Earth could be like Heaven.

"If we truly walked in the truth of that statement then we would be viewing everything on Earth through Jesus' eyes," she asserted, "and I do not meet many Christians doing that."

Identity

Kate Jutsum claimed that "confusion as to who we actually are" was the greatest obstacle for most Christians.

"The biggest thing that stands in the way of us walking in everything that God calls us to walk in is our knowledge of our identity ... when we understand who we are in God's eyes, nothing is impossible."

Kate presented five sessions at the conference. Following her introductory session on *Identity*, she spoke on *Standing Strong*. Her third topic, *Prophecy*, was presented as a practical workshop. She then spoke on *Healing*, and concluded with a session entitled *Living from Heaven*.

Recordings of the sessions or downloadable MP3 files are available from the Church of the Ascension, Batemans Bay (contact details below).



PLANNING: Bishop Stuart acknowledged the work of parish priest Colin Walters and his team in planning the conference.

In addition to the teaching sessions, the conference included opportunities for prayer ministry and healing, with many people experiencing miraculous results.

Kate Jutsum has accepted the invitation to speak at the Living Waters Conference at Batemans Bay on Friday evening and Saturday, August 15-16.

Registration forms are available from the Church of the Ascension, Batemans Bay - phone (02) 4472 5822 or email spirit10bbay@gmail.com

NT elects new Bishop

The Administrator of the Synod of the Diocese of the Northern Territory has announced that The Rev'd Dr Gregory David Anderson has been elected as the Sixth Bishop of the Northern Territory.

Greg Anderson has been the Head of the Department of Mission at Moore Theological College, Sydney, since 2007. Prior to that he and his wife worked in the Northern Territory from 1995 as missionaries with the Church Missionary Society.

Greg trained indigenous church leaders at Nungalinya College, Darwin, and was Indigenous Ministry Development Officer for the Diocese of the Northern Territory. His interest in the Aboriginal church began when he was researching the traditional music of central Arnhem Land.

Greg is married to Annette and they have four children. Apart from their church involvement, they are very involved in music activities and fitness.

Consecration and Installation dates have yet to be determined.

Commissioning of Dr Andrew Cameron as Director of St Mark's

Bishop Stuart Robinson will commission the Reverend Dr Andrew Cameron for his role as Director of St Mark's National Theological Centre on Monday 14 July 2014.

Details of Andrew's Commissioning and associated events are as follows:

6.00 pm: Dinner provided in the Student Lounge at St Mark's. A gold coin donation will be welcomed.

7.00 pm: Commissioning of the Reverend Dr Andrew Cameron as Director. This will be included in the St Mark's Commencement Service in the Chapel and Foyer at St Mark's.

After the service Dr Cameron will present his Inaugural Lecture: *Theology in a New Space*, in the Sulman Room

The lecture will be followed by a Book launch in the Sulman Room. *God, by degrees: A Practical Guide for New Theological Students*, edited by Jeanette Matthews and published by Barton Books, will be launched by Dr Andrew Cameron.

It is expected the evening's program will finish by approximately 8.45 pm.

Bishop Stuart has stressed that all are welcome to attend.



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Letters to the Editor

Prayers for the Queen

Dear Sir

On the front page of AN (Vol 31, No 3) we read that the people were led in prayer 'for the Queen's majesty, the Royal Family' among others. In the *Letters to the Editor*, we witness a continuing debate in this context around who it is we should be praying for.

As one with republican inclinations myself, I cannot agree with Brian Cox, who 'would be deeply offended and upset' were he expected to say 'Amen' to prayers for the Monarch. Regardless of his strong opinions, and my own, the Queen is our head of state. Refusing to pray for her will not alter that.

Discussions around those for whom we pray (or not) is very much a 'church doctrinal issue'. Do we need to pray for those political leaders whose policies offend our every sensibility? Should I pray for the leaders of North Korea or Syria? Are we not exhorted in scripture to adopt a loving attitude towards those who hate and revile us, who persecute us?

Being picky in prayerfulness is hardly the command of our Lord.

Mr Cox also lauds an approach where 'church leaders were ensuring the church was seen to be completely neutral'. What a shame! Do we want a church where we have the bland leading the bland? Some of the great church leaders who are reformist were far from neutral – Temple and Burgmann, for instance. Prophetic outspokenness is needed now as much as it ever was.

I shall continue to pray for those who are far off and those who are near – and for wisdom

in all matters of social, political, economic and constitutional significance.

(The Rev'd) Chris Welsh
Red Hill

Dear Sir,

Brian Cox (letters, May 2014) has completely misunderstood what is at issue in a proposition to reinstate prayers for Her Majesty the Queen in the liturgies of the Anglican Church.

It has long been the practice of the Anglican Church to offer prayers for those "set in authority over us," comprehensively, not on a selective basis.

At present in Australia, under the Constitution, those "set in authority over us" include, in particular, Her Majesty the Queen. To refresh Mr Cox's memory: under section one, she is one of those in whom the "legislative power of the Commonwealth" is vested.

According to section 61, "The executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in the Queen" The executive power "is exercisable by the Governor-General as the Queen's representative, and extends to the execution and maintenance of the Constitution, and of the laws of the Commonwealth."

This being the constitutional situation, it is, to adapt the language of the Book of Common Prayer, very meet, right and, indeed, our bounden duty to pray for Her Majesty, as it is our duty to pray for the Parliament, the Prime Minister, the various ministers of State, and the Leader of the Opposition, as well as, as appropriate, relevant counterparts at State and local level.

While Australia, according to its constitutional forms and structures, remains a monarchy,

it becomes an exceedingly political act to choose, selectively, to exclude it from the prayers of the Church.

The very act of exclusion means that the Church has taken sides on the question, putting the established constitutional order to one side and, by default, endorsing the position of those wishing to change it. The liturgists have not been neutral. They have weighed in on the side of those proposing change.

In the course of time, it may be that the electors of the Commonwealth, by due processes of the Constitution, as set out in section 128, will vote to support a change.

Should that occur, it would then be appropriate for the Church to offer prayers for the new officers "set in authority over us."

It would not be appropriate not to say "Amen" to prayers for a new, properly adopted constitutional order simply on the basis that some Church members, acting individually, may be opposed to it and, even, have voted against its adoption.

Yours sincerely,
J. R. Nethercote
Braddon, ACT

Dear Sir

Robert Willson (letter March 2014) raises the question and Brian Cox (May 2014) responds – but seems to miss the point. Two writings (Mark and Luke) record fundamental guidance – 'Whose is this image and superscription? Render to the state the things that are the states and to God the things that are God's'.

Kings and Presidents are constructions of the wit of 'mortals' – both should be the beneficiaries of our prayers to God. The prayer is for God's guidance on our communal

Letters ...

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governance. Until our Australian governance changes - and when it does – an acceptable verbal invocation should not be beyond our communal wit; distraction by our preferences will obstruct the invocation of that guidance of our communal governance.

Alan Christie
Phillip, ACT

Budget reaction

Dear Sir,

Tony Abbott has been Prime Minister for long enough now to enable us to make some assessment of how his government stacks up in terms of Biblical values. Unfortunately, I believe it fails dismally.

Firstly, in my 45 years or so of watching politics I cannot remember a politician who has so consistently misled the electorate on what he planned to do. It will not be forgiven. So, in terms of personal morality, this government looks very poor.

The other issue is that of a just society. God makes it very clear that he wants a society in which the poor are protected and in which there is a small gap between the rich and poor.

Here too, this government has failed: the budget does the opposite, as all the independent commentators have said. The poor, and indeed the Middle Class, will be far worse off.

Parents will lie in bed at night deciding whether to buy food or take their child to the doctor. I was raised on what was then the Widow's Pension, and I know that is not an exaggeration.

The rich are barely touched.

And that is before you look at the issues of refugees or Climate Change.

This is the most unbiblical government I have ever seen. That it is led by a politician who spent three years in seminary is astounding.

Keith Binns
Goulburn.

Queen's Birthday honours

Three local Anglicans receive OAMs

Congratulations go to David Alexander Horton of Queanbeyan, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community, particularly through the Anglican Church of Australia.

David was the chairman of the Anglican Investment and Development Fund (1998-2012), an active member of Queanbeyan parish, chairman and co-founder of the Karabar

Housing Cooperative and a foster carer for many years.

Congratulations also to Cliff Armitage PSM, of Rivett, ACT on his award of an OAM. Cliff is founder and manager of Project Box Seat which provides a home theatre experience for chronically ill children and a long-term volunteer with Camp Quality ACT.

A member of St Peter's Parish, Weston Creek, Cliff was for many years a director and organiser of Christian school camps and is a current board member of Synergy, Youth and

Children.

Congratulations also to Mrs Marilla Lowry of Braidwood, who was awarded an OAM for service to refugees and to the community of Braidwood.

Marilla was a founding member of Rural Australians for Refugees and she has actively raised funds for shelters for women and girls in Afghanistan.

She is a current member of Braidwood Life Centre, president of Anglican Women and has been warden, parish councillor and member of Braidwood parish.



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All proceeds go to L'Arche Genesaret – community living for people with an intellectual disability.

Lucas-Tooth Scholarship Trust Deed revised

□ Simplified conditions will allow greater flexibility for students

On Thursday 24th April, a Supplemental Deed of Trust for the Lucas-Tooth Scholarship was signed in Sydney by the Trustees – Mr John Fairfax AO, Mr Oliver Halley, and Dr Ian Walker.

Present at the signing were Bishop Trevor Edwards (Vicar-General, Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn), and Ms Giselle Versteegen (The Trust Company, part of Perpetual).

In 1909, businessman, grazier, politician and philanthropist, Sir Robert Lucas-Tooth, with £6,000 endowed a scholarship for Anglican theological students and recently ordained clergymen to attend Oxford or Cambridge University.

While Sir Robert had a home in Sydney ('Swifts' at Darling Point), and in the UK, he also owned the Kameruka Estate near Bega and was for a time the representative of the seat of Monaro in the NSW Legislative Assembly. As well as providing other buildings on the Kameruka Estate, he commissioned Edmund Blacket (architect of e.g. St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, and St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney)



TRUSTEES: Bishop Trevor Edwards and Ms Giselle Versteegen with Trustees Dr Ian Walker, Mr Oliver Halley and Mr John Fairfax AO, at the signing of the revised Trust Deed.

to design Holy Trinity Church, opened in 1869.

The Scholarship gave preference for a candidate from the Diocese of Goulburn (now Canberra and Goulburn).

The Supplemental Deed of Trust up-dates and simplifies the conditions of candidature. Both women and men who are Australian citizens may now be candidates, and may undertake appropriate higher degree programs at any university in the United Kingdom approved by the Trustees.

On completion of their degree, the Scholar is required to serve for at least two years in the Diocese of the nominating Bishop or in a Diocese recommended to the Trustees by the nominating Bishop. The candidate shall "have potential for future leadership in the Anglican Church of Australia".

Previous Lucas-Tooth Scholars have included former Primate and Archbishop of Perth, the Rt Rev'd Dr Peter Carnley AC, and former Bishop to the Australian Defence

Force and former Director of St Mark's National Theological Centre, the Rt Rev'd Dr Tom Frame.

Current Scholar, the Rev'd Guerin Tueno, is about to submit his thesis at the University of Durham. The Scholarship provides \$50,000 (AUD) for each of two years, with extensions on the recommendation of the nominating Bishop up to a further two years.

Chair of Trustees, Dr Ian

Walker, comments: "While respecting the spirit and intent of the original Deed, the changes made bring this most significant Scholarship, established over a century ago, up-to-date with the needs and demands of higher level theological study appropriate for leadership in the Australian Church in the twenty-first century, and broadens the scope of attracting the most suitable candidates."

St Saviour's Roses available again for 2014 planting

For the 150th anniversary of our diocese and proclamation of Goulburn as a city last year, the Friends of St Saviour's Cathedral embarked on a 'journey of faith' in sponsoring the development and distribution of a new St Saviour's Rose.

The ruby through magenta tones of the rose were chosen as being representative of the colours for kings and queens and therefore significant for Christ our King and 'Saviour'.

This venture culminated in orders for over 600 roses. These roses were delivered over wide areas of our diocese from the coast to near the Victorian border and to many places in between.

The president of the Friends of the Cathedral, Diana Body, and the committee would like to thank those whose support has helped make this venture a success.

They wish all who have acquired St Saviour's Roses much pleasure in seeing their roses bloom year after year. May they be to all a reminder of our 150th milestone and also of our Cathedral and the saviour and king who is worshipped there.

We will have a further 200 roses for purchase this year which is coincidentally the 150th anniversary of the arrival and installation of Lord Bishop Mesac Thomas in Goulburn, 8th April 1864.






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Charnwood-Hall welcomes Beresfords

□ Standing room only for commissioning of new parish priest

By Angie Hazlehurst

After a long wait and with great anticipation, the combined parishes of Charnwood- Hall warmly welcomed new Priest-in-Charge, the Rev'd Mark Beresford, to the community on April 8.

Bishop Stuart Robinson presided over the induction service at St Barnabas, Charnwood, where there was standing room only. The church was filled with Mark's friends and family, members of clergy, and the combined church communities of Charnwood-Hall, and Holy Covenant,

Jamison.

During a moving service, Mark was brought forward by members of his previous parish to be received by members of his new parish. He was presented with symbols of ministry, followed by the formal induction by Bishop Stuart.

During the service, warm tribute was paid to the ministry of the Rev'd Helen Dean, whose pastoral carriage of the Charnwood-Hall parish has been extraordinary. Normally the parish Assistant Priest, Helen willingly accepted the challenge of acting as Locum Priest until a new priest-in-charge was appointed.

Helen's dedication, care and guidance of the parish over many months has been a

loving gift to all in the parish community.

Mark comes to our parish with a deep passion for the Gospel, for mission and works of justice, and the life of prayer. He trained at the Canberra College of Theology with, in addition, a Masters of Ministry from St Marks, where for four years he taught Youth Ministry and An Introduction to the New Testament. For the last three years Mark has served as the Assistant Priest at the parish of Holy Covenant, Jamison.

A talented musician himself, he is married to Katie, who is a recording artist, a singer-songwriter and a trainer for worship-teams. Katie currently works as a teacher at Burgmann Anglican School. Mark and Katie have three children, Zoe (11) Jordan (8) and Charlotte (6).

A Pilgrimage

At St Barnabas' Maundy Thursday evening service, we were privileged to welcome the team travelling on *The Gift of Refuge* Pilgrimage on the final leg of their epic journey. This dedicated and inspiring small group of people had walked for 32 days from Melbourne to Canberra, towing a replica of the wooden boat that brought one of the members from Vietnam as a ten-year-old refugee over three decades earlier.

Their mission was simple but so humble and inspiring – to thank the Australian people for offering them the gift of refuge,



SYMBOLS: Mark Beresford is presented with symbols of his ministry during the Commissioning Service.

for offering compassionate hospitality as they were welcomed into homes, and for offering hope in a safe community where healing could begin. For more information on The Gift of Refuge Pilgrimage see <https://www.facebook.com/giftofrefuge>.

After we shared a simple meal, the fellowship continued with Holy Communion, foot-washing and evening prayer in the beautiful candlelit garden. Some of us were lucky enough to host members of the team in our homes for the night. As Tri had said of his experiences during this pilgrimage, they arrived as strangers and left as friends. Indeed they did!

The theme of pilgrimage

continued on Good Friday morning. After bidding the *Gift of Refuge* Pilgrimage team farewell as they set off on the final leg of their walk, we again gathered in Hall for the annual ecumenical Stations of the Cross, led by clergy from the three Hall Churches (Wattle Park Uniting Church, St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church and St Michael and All Angels Anglican Church).

To have so many locals and visitors from across the denominations gather and walk together in faith reaffirms and reunites us as one community. How blessed we are.

**Angie Hazlehurst worships at St Michael & All Angels, Hall.*



GIFT: The 'Gift of Refuge' Pilgrimage team L-R: Majid, Daniel, Linda (all from Iran) and Tri Nguyen.

Ecumenical Easter celebration at Merimbula

From the parish

What a wonderful Easter Day! Merimbula had a great combined churches Sunrise Service with about 50 people from many churches near and far praising God as the sun rose over the ocean at Short Point.

Audrey Crutchfield (aged nearly 90) and Ian Baker have been part of this celebration for about 20 years.

The sunrise service has never been cancelled because of poor weather. David Ruthven (Anglican) led the service while Pastor Peter Kidby (Baptist) presented the message and Lieutenant Karen Harrison (Salvation Army) led the confession.

Later at St Clements Anglican church in Merimbula, we had about 30 children at the 9.30am service.

In anticipation of this Sharon Ruthven had prepared

an art activity involving poster paints, stencils of Easter scenes and real artists' canvases for the children to paint.

We provided smocks etc and after a review of the Easter story, the kids set to work on tables erected under gazebos in front of the rectory. They produced some great artwork and we all had wonderful fun, with a piece of art to take home. Thanks to all who helped set up, run the event and clear up.

We had children ranging from five weeks old to early teens, most of them visitors.

SONRISE CELEBRATION: Archdeacon David Ruthven (standing) and some of the congregation watch the sunrise at Short Point while celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ on a beautiful calm Easter day.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

Team ministry a step forward for Holt

Parish adopts innovative ministry leadership model

By Wayne Brighton

Team ministry in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn took a big step forward with the induction of Captain Judy Douglas and the Rev'd Dr Brett Morgan to the parish of Holt on Friday 23 May 2014.

Judy is the Evangelist-in-Charge of the parish with Brett as her associate. Both Judy and Brett will work part-time, two days per week in the parish.

The appointment of Judy to the parish comes after more than 20 years of ministry experience as a Church Army evangelist in this diocese and also in the dioceses of Sydney and Melbourne. Judy headed up a fresh expression of church called FORC that sought to engage with marginalised young adults, and also served as the Diocesan Director of Synergy for several years. Judy will be ordained later this year.

Brett brings a complementary set of skills to bear with his experience in theological education and counselling. Brett was ordained in 1991 and served in a variety of parishes before moving to Canberra and working in the parishes of Wanniasa, Pearce, Chapman, Weston Creek and Radford College. He runs his own counselling practice and is employed by the Canberra Men's Centre.

The appointment of a team with a layperson in charge is not unusual. Judy's appointment is the second such appointment following the appointment of Captain Graeme Liersch as

incumbent of the parish of Gundagai after which he was ordained and made deacon and then priest-in-charge. The parish of Ashmont-Glenfield has also been led by a lay team for nearly seven years.

"I'm amazed that we have an evangelist in charge of parish and teamed with a priest, I think it's a fantastic model," said Captain Conrad Parsons, National Coordinator of Church Army Australia. "Judy's a great leader and I think the people here are going to be blessed."

"Judy and Brett are wonderfully gifted and called pastors," said Bishop Stuart Robinson. "My prayer and expectation is that their teaching, preaching, counselling, prayer and encouragement gifts will bear fruit so that the saints at St James' Holt will grow in love for one another and that some of the thousands of men and women, boys and girls in the great city of Belconnen, might come to know Christ."

Drew Anison, a warden at St James, observed how the appointment "marks a new phase in the life of the parish, a time of new beginnings, growth and church models".

The appointment of a ministry team is the culmination of 18 months of intentional interim ministry by the Rev'd Dr Chris Simon. Under Dr Simon's ministry the parish planted an olive tree as a symbol of their prayer, healing and repentance, a cutting of which was presented to Judy and Brett.

"Some months ago, God told us to expect the unexpected," shared David Minol, another parish warden. "We didn't get just one person but the ministry of two very good people for



TEAM SPIRIT: Judy Douglas and Brett Morgan bring complementary skills to the ministry in Holt parish.

our congregation."

Judy thanked Brett for taking on the role, and also thanked her husband John, "who has enabled me to flourish and follow God's call in life. I am really proud to be a part of this community".

Addressing the parish, Judy said, "All across Canberra, you're having an impact on our city, in public life, education, community service, in sharing roles for the kingdom of God. So I thank you for your love, perseverance and your hard work to get us this far. I am stoked and so looking

forward to sharing our life together."

Brett also shared something of his experience in meeting the people of St James' with his wife Karen. "Hope was the word we walked away with from our first service and a sense that God was up to something here. We are so happy and privileged to be a part of it."

A new season and a new model of team based ministry for evangelism, growing disciples and pastoral care is off to a fine start in west Belconnen.

Carwoola hosts a country-style Confirmation

From the parish

On a bleak foggy May morning the Bungendore Anglican Church hosted a Confirmation Service to celebrate and witness five teenagers profess their Christian faith, and confirm the baptismal promises made on their behalf about a decade earlier.

The service was held at one of the parish's rural centres – St Thomas' at Carwoola. The large and majestic 150 year old church building and its extensive graveyards stand amidst paddocks, and can be easily missed on the drive to Captain's Flat.

But not on this particular Sunday morning: the grounds were very much alive – in spirit and activity. The worship centre was filled with an air of excitement and celebration.

Few seats remained as the regular Bungendore Anglican Church congregation, family and friends joined Anglican Bishop Stuart Robinson for the

Confirmation Service. Bishop Stuart's words of encouragement to the confirmees were followed by the acclamation that "Christ died for sinners and rose from the tomb ... [and] through His rising restores us to life" with the hearty singing of the hymn 'These are the facts'. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation sang 'In Christ alone' to encourage all, including the five young people and their families, of the importance of always remaining focused on Christ.

By the end of the service the fog lifted, warmth filled the air, and the old paddock sprang to life as people continued the celebrations in the grounds. Morning tea, percolated coffee and BBQ egg and bacon rolls provided further opportunities to warm souls, while socializing amongst friends and visitors.

There was also an opportunity to browse books on the bookstall, or for the more active to have a turn on the jumping castle, join in a game of horse



CONFIRMED: Bishop Stuart with confirmees Thomas, Heath, Cameron, Eliza and Sophie.

shoe throwing or make and fly a kite. The day was a great celebration for all – of God's

gift of His Spirit to those newly confirmed, and strong encouragement and affirmation to all

that life involves remaining focused on "Christ alone".

HISTORY

Moving Forward in Faith

□ Reflections on the 50 years from Centenary to Sesqui-centenary

By Bill Wright

2013-2014 have been two years in which we have enjoyed celebrating the sesqui-centenary of the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Fifty years ago in 1963-1964 there were celebrations for the diocesan centenary with the theme, Forward in Faith.

In seeking to understand a little of what has happened since then it is helpful to consider aspects of life 50 years ago.

Canberra is central in setting the scene. From a population of 60,000 the city has grown sixfold to more than 360,000. There was no Lake Burley Griffin. Belconnen, Woden, Tuggeranong and Gungahlin were open grazing and farming country. There were five Anglican parishes compared to more than 20 now.

None of the significant national buildings, the National Library of Australia, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Gallery of Australia and the National Museum of Australia, which now nestle around the beautiful lake with its Memorial Carillon and Captain Cook Memorial Water Jet, had been built.

The new Parliament House, overlooking the lake, is situated on the previously tree-covered hill.

The population of the diocese has approximately doubled in the past 50 years to over 700,000. Wagga Wagga has grown from 20,000 to over 60,000 and Queanbeyan from 10,000 to over 40,000. There were 49 parishes in 1963 compared with over 60 in 2014. The number of licenced clergy has grown from about 60 to over 120. Population has declined in rural areas and the former parishes of Adaminaby, Barmedman, Batlow, Bribbaree, Delegate, Kameruka, Koorawatha, Lake Bathurst and Marulan have been amalgamated with neighbouring parishes. The two Albury parishes were transferred to the Diocese of Wangaratta, over the border in Victoria.

Forward in Faith sought to create unity across the wide-spread diocese and to stimulate interest and commitment to the church's mission. To this end a Diocesan Sunday was arranged in which all clergy exchanged parishes for the day. As a follow-up Canon Cecil Warren, Commissioner of Forward in Faith, made an intensive visitation, spending about a week in each parish explaining and enlisting support for the centenary fund, the purpose of which was to provide for an

assistant bishop, an education officer and a youth commissioner.

Nationally, the Menzies era had come to an end, and in society generally there were rapid changes, which brought challenges to the Diocese. The once profitable grazing properties at Taralga, *Bannaby*, and *Curraweela*, were sold off - as was *Bolong* more recently. The proceeds from the sale of *Bannaby* were used to build Jamieson House, accommodating the Diocesan Registry on its move from Goulburn to Canberra, so honouring the name of the donor of the *Bannaby* and *Bolong* farms, Phillip Jamieson. The Registry has now moved and the site redeveloped in 2014 as the nine-story Jamieson Apartments.

A canvass conducted simultaneously in all parishes in the 1970s aimed at creating unity across the diocese and invigorating the parishes.

To further the church's program old Bishopthorpe at Goulburn was restored and opened as a conference centre. It flourished for many years, especially in the early days of Cursillo. Changing needs and increasing costs led to it also being sold.

Five Bishops have led the Diocese over the last 50 years, namely Bishops Clements, Warren, Dowling, Browning and Robinson. Through them and the synods, the Diocese has pioneered and led the way in many of the advances in the church and in the community. There is space for only a few examples of topics debated in synods, in particular those concerning the pastoral care for God's people.

Divorced people were often excluded from positions in the church, even if they were regular worshippers. They were denied church weddings for another marriage. The Anglican Church of Australia has had its own constitution since 1961 and through its General Synod the church now allows a bishop, in certain circumstances, to authorise the marriage of a divorced person in church.

Wars in places like Vietnam, Sri Lanka, East Timor and Iraq raised debates about Australia's involvement. Relations with other Christian Churches; syncretism (involvement in other faiths, yoga, meditation, lodges) and the environment are some of the topics. One of the most controversial was in 1970 when the synod supported moves to decriminalise homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Women have always been an important part of the church, half of it in fact. However they were excluded from most of the

liturgical and management roles. There may have been exceptions, but it is only in the last 50 years that women have been able to be lay readers, churchwardens and members of synod. Moves for the ordination of women had been gathering momentum for a long while before the first women were made deacons in 1986. The Diocese was a leader in efforts to ordain women as priests, and after long delays this happened in 1992.

Many Canberra and Goulburn church members were leaders in the liturgical reforms that produced the new Australian prayer books and new Australian hymn books.

The Bicentenary celebrations in 1988 not only saw the opening of the new Parliament House, but aroused interest in developing the Anglican Cathedral site nearby. There was local interest, but the idea of a National Church on a splendid site failed to gain support. In Goulburn, thanks to the contribution of a million dollar Bicentenary gift from the New South Wales Government, the tower of St Saviour's Cathedral was erected. This allowed the installation of the peal of bells, named after the ships of the First Fleet.

The middle years, due to changing attitudes and needs, led to the winding down of some initiatives that had served so well in earlier times: the Church Mail Bag School, the Children's Homes in Goulburn and Tumberumba, the *Southern Churchman* newspaper. Young Anglicans, Anglican Men's Movement Churchwomen's Union and Anglican Boys Society have been largely replaced by newer forms of engagement. After a long involvement in the Diocese, the Sisters of the Community of the Holy Name left when the Children's Homes closed in Goulburn.

New initiatives include Cursillo, Camp Pelican, Aged Care facilities, Anglicare, *Anglican News*, the Anglican Investment and Development Fund, various chaplaincies replacing or expanding previously parish based activities, and new schools. St Mark's National Theological Centre continues to expand, alongside the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

The Anglican Historical Society, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, formed at the time of the Bicentenary, recently published a diocesan history book, *Deep and Lasting Foundations*. Its title is a motivation for a diocese continuing to go Forward in Faith, and, as expressed by Bishop Stuart Robinson, in which the love of Jesus transforms people and communities.

Historybytes by Robert Willson

The death of Rev'd George Gregory

In the March issue of *Anglican News* I wrote about the drowning of the Reverend Charles Marsden Betts near Goulburn in 1857. In an age when there were no bridges over flooded rivers such drownings were a tragic part of colonial life.

Today bridges take the traffic across Lake Burley Griffin but 160 years ago the Molonglo was usually a placid stream. When in flood it was a torrent and it cost the life of the Reverend George Gregory, a deacon who had been appointed as the curate at St John's Church. Gregory was born in Sydney in 1825 and trained for the priesthood in the college founded by Bishop Broughton. Though he was no bushman he was appointed to St John's with the vast area of bush to the south under his care. It seems to have covered much of the ACT.

In August 1850 there was heavy rain in the mountains. Gregory had been visiting squatters beyond the Murrumbidgee and was hurrying home to his books in preparation for an examination before his ordination to the priesthood. He was soon to be married to Miss Penelope Wilkinson of Queanbeyan. Gregory was then living in a cottage where the Museum now stands. Mr Stewart Mowle was living on the south side of the river and, when Gregory called in, he begged him not to attempt to swim across the flooded stream.

But Gregory was determined and stripped off and plunged into the icy water. Later in the Queanbeyan newspaper Mowle wrote a description of Gregory's last moments as he was swept away. They dragged the river but his body was not found for some days. Gregory was buried outside the east wall of St John's and later, when the church was extended, his grave was brought within the church itself. Today there is a brass plate marking the site of his grave near the altar where the celebrant stands at Holy Communion.

The similarities in the deaths of Charles Marsden Betts and George Gregory are quite remarkable. Both were born in Australia and they died before being ordained to the priesthood and while engaged in pastoral ministry in the bush. Both perished in sight of home and while attempting to swim flooded rivers. Both men were greatly loved by their people for their preaching and pastoral ministries and deserve to be remembered as our diocese celebrates 150 years.

READING: *Firm Still You Stand*, by A H Body (A history of St John the Baptist, Canberra.)

A Colonial Woman, by Patricia Clarke.

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NEWS

Response to persecution of Christians

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His power is made perfect when we acknowledge our weakness and turn to Him in faith (2 Cor 12:9).

The congregations of St Paul's Burra (in the Parish of Queanbeyan) is greeting both the challenges and opportunities by making August a time to focus on the mission of prayer, advocacy and aid for the persecuted church.

At three services, guest speakers from West Papua, Uganda/Nigeria and Iraq will share their experiences of God's grace and transforming power - His light shining brightly in dark places. An informal lunch after the service extends the opportunity to engage in lively discussion with our guests, to further our understanding and deepen our fellowship with them.

The most urgent request from persecuted Christians is for informed, heart-felt prayers for the protection of those who suffer, and for the redemption of the persecutors. The Holy Spirit needs no road map to locate imprisoned Christians, a visa to enter hostile territory, or permission to transform the heart of a persecutor.

Against all odds, terrorists who have become Christians through God's sovereign revelation in dreams and visions are leading anointed, vibrant, ministries which bring glory to God and thousands into His kingdom. Zealots transformed bring amazing gifts to the church!

Persecuted Christians should be included in every prayer meeting, for they bring exciting, faith-building rewards - way beyond anything we could ask for or imagine.

Our three special services occur on 3rd, 17th and 31st August: 9.00 am at St Paul's, 1290 Old Cooma Road. A simple lunch will follow the service at 'Bethany' (the Clergy house) with our guest where discussion and questions can be undertaken in a spirit of growing in faith and understanding.

For further information, please contact Rev'd James Wood: 62976241 or via email - james.wood@queanbeyananglican.org.au

Alternatively, you may like to contact Karen Bos at Christian Faith and Freedom: 62853116.

Karen Bos is a parishioner of St Paul's Burra, and long term Advocate of Christian Faith and Freedom.

Celebrating the *Coming of the Light*

From ABM

July 1, 2014 marked the 143rd anniversary of the 'Coming of the Light', the occasion that celebrates when the London Missionary Society first landed on Erub, also known as Darnley Island, in Torres Strait.

ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator, Malcolm MacCallum said July sees a number of occasions to reflect on reconciliation and Aboriginal history including NAIDOC Week and the 'Coming of the Light'.

"The arrival of the first missionaries was an event that was celebrated. Missionaries sometimes spelt the end of many Indigenous peoples' traditional belief systems, but in Torres Strait it was a different story," Mal MacCallum said.

The London Missionary Society messengers did not try to significantly change the unique Torres Strait Island culture. Rather, they used Deacons from the South Pacific to introduce the Christian Gospel to the Islanders.

'Coming of the Light' is celebrated in many communities across Australia, from Townsville in the east to Port Hedland in the west.

On Erub in early July, activities will include church services, a re-enactment of the landing, hymn singing, feasting and Ailan dans - strengthening community and family ties.

Erub is a six-kilometre-long volcanic island in eastern Torres Strait, closer to



CELEBRATION: Children at an Ordination at Ngukurr, NT. Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian communities took part in celebration the 'Coming of the Light' on July 1 (photo ©ABM 2013).

Papua New Guinea than mainland Australia and is home to around 400 people.

Mr MacCallum said, "At ABM we encourage Anglicans to use July as a time of reflection on our history and an opportunity to pray for the ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and reconciliation."

The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. For over 160 years ABM has been assisting people all over the world to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, provide health and education services, improve agricultural practices and strengthen the Church.

Deep Dive @ Holy Covenant

From the parish

Holy Covenant parish in Jamison has launched a series of 'Deep Dive' seminars, to enable deeper exploration of significant theological, Biblical and spiritual questions.

The seminars are not academic presentations but speak to interested and inquiring non-specialists. Each will involve a presentation by a guest speaker and then time for questions and discussion.

Holy Covenant warmly invites members of other parishes to attend any of the seminars.

When: 11.45am-12.45pm on Sundays

Where: Holy Covenant Anglican Church, 89 Dexter St, Cook

Inquiries: Sarah Bachelard, office@holycovenant.org.au

August 3: Holy Script for Holy People OR Earthy Book for Earthy Bods - Dr Alan Cadwallader.

What happens when the Bible is read not as some metaphysical deposit but as a collection formed and interpreted out of human longing, human questions, human experience? Here the Bible becomes a partner in a

dance, subject as much to treading on toes as it is to gliding across the floor.

Alan Cadwallader is Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Australian Catholic University.

August 31: Transforming Unjust Structures: Reflections on Faith and the UN Commission on the Status of Women - Rev'd Dr Sarah Bachelard.

What difference does faith make to the work of justice in the world? Earlier this year, as a member of the Anglican Communion delegation, Sarah Bachelard attended the UN Commission on the Status of Women meeting in New York.

Activists from hundreds of civil society organisations were also present, many calling for radical 'transformation' of the unjust structures that oppress and exploit the most vulnerable people on earth. What contribution can faith and faith-based communities make to this common work? What are the conditions of true 'transformation' and how might we be part of it?

Rev'd Dr Sarah Bachelard is Senior Associate Priest at Holy Covenant and director of Benedictus Contemplative Church.

She is also an Honorary Fellow at the Australian Catholic University and has recently published *Resurrection and Moral Imagination*.

October 19: At Home in the Cosmos? Musings Toward a Cosmological Theology - Dr Peter Stork.

An exploratory attempt to interweave several threads deriving from the scientific story of an evolving universe of unspeakable vastness, complexity, and beauty.

Based on the notion that Christianity needs to rediscover for its salvation story the place of the human in the cosmos, these musings address the prophetic imagination and highlight why this rediscovery is crucial for the church to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Dr Peter Stork is an Anglican layman and Honorary Research Fellow at the Australian Catholic University.

November 30: The Mystery of Christmas: The Birth of Jesus & the Nature of Incarnation - Katherine Rainger.

Advent is here and the 'todo' list is becoming overwhelming! Amongst the fun, festivity



and frenetic activity we seek to welcome the Christ-child.

This seminar will provide insight and inspiration as we 'get ready' to encounter him in unexpected ways. For whilst this child was long-awaited, his birth is also full of surprises and challenges the status quo.

This seminar will draw upon the Gospels of Luke and Matthew and their use of Jewish scripture, Godly Play stories and Katherine Rainger's own experience in Bethlehem being immersed in Palestinian Liberation Theology. The journeys of the shepherds, the magi and the Holy Family reveal much about the world of Jesus and plight of many in our world today.

Katherine Rainger serves as Youth and Children's Worker at Holy Covenant, Jamison. She also teaches part-time at Arawang Primary School. In 2012 Katherine completed a Bachelor of Theology and in October 2014 she finished a Master of Theology through Charles Sturt University (St Mark's Canberra campus).

NEWS FROM THE WIDER CHURCH

Ageing and care aren't what they used to be

Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at the University of Aberdeen, John Swinton, will be one of many highly experienced speakers at a national conference later this year organised by the Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies (CAPS).

The seventh CAPS conference will be held at University House on the campus of the Australian National University, Canberra from Tuesday 30 September to Thursday 2 October 2014.

It will bring together practitioners, researchers and older people around their common concern for the wellbeing of older people.

The theme of the conference is *Diversity, change and spirituality: Ageing and care aren't what they used to be*. It



SPIRITUAL NEEDS: Professor John Swinton believes it is essential to care for spiritual needs as well as physical needs.

has been chosen at a time when expectations by older people and their families are changing in a number of ways:

- Baby boomers are rewrit-

ing the script of ageing, care policy and practice

- Our ageing population is increasingly diverse in terms of culture, gender and sexuality
- Older people are facing new or more complex challenge as their abilities fade or change.

Meanwhile, the importance of spiritual needs of older people have not diminished at all. In fact, research indicates that these needs have become more diverse.

CAPS has research links to Charles Sturt University, Australian Catholic University and St Mark's National Theological Centre. It works closely with Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People (PASCOP).

Professor John Swinton has a passion for caring for elderly people in a way that takes seriously their spiritual as well as their physical needs. He has

worked as a nurse, a hospital chaplain and a community mental health chaplain.

This practical experience brought him face-to-face with the particular challenges faced by ageing people. It convinced him that caring for the whole person is integral to healing and community building. He now brings this passion to his research and teaching in the area of spirituality and health.

The second international speaker at the conference will be Steven Sabat, Professor of Psychology at Georgetown University in Washington DC, an expert on enhancing communication between people with Alzheimer's disease and their carers. The title of his book *The Experience of Alzheimer's Disease: Life though a Tangled Veil* (Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2001) demonstrates his conviction that recognising the importance of the subjective experience of dementia is central to caring for people living with the disease.

Australian speakers will include Rosalie Hudson, Adjunct Associate Professor at Charles Sturt University, who has published widely on end-of-life care and will address practical issues of aged care. Dr Dorothy McRae-McMahon, a writer and retired Uniting Church minister, Associate Professor Stephen Pickard, Executive Director



SPECIALIST: Professor Steven Sabat specialises in enhancing communication between carers and patients with Alzheimer's.

of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, and Mr Ahmed Youssef, a former president of the Canberra Islamic Centre will bring insights into spirituality and diversity.

Conference participants will benefit from masterclasses with many of these keynote speakers as well as from practical workshops and valuable findings of recent research in the field.

More information about the CAPS conference, including registration details, may be found by visiting www.centreforaging.org.au/conference.html, emailing caps@csu.edu.au, or phoning (02) 6272 6205.

Ken Duncan to share his talent on the South Coast

From St Peter's Anglican College

World-renowned photographer, Ken Duncan, is to visit the Far South Coast of NSW to coach school-age and adult photographers and help judge a new landscape photographic competition.

"The Principal of St Peter's Anglican College in Broulee, Stephen Babbage, approached me recently and asked me to do some work for them, and part of that work is to run workshops for the students," explained Ken Duncan. "But as we got chatting, I mentioned to him our one-day public workshop format and he had the brilliant idea to host another one of these on the south coast."

St Peter's Anglican College has teamed with Sapphire Coast Anglican College in Bega to facilitate these workshops and the competition.

The two-day student workshop will be held at Broulee on 23-24 July and is open to students from all schools in the region. Ken Duncan will teach students in years 4-11 in a hands-on workshop that will include visits to stunning locations along the coast from Batemans Bay to Merimbula.

"We are ecstatic that students from all schools in the region will be able to benefit from this excellent educational opportunity," Stephen Babbage said. "The workshop will be

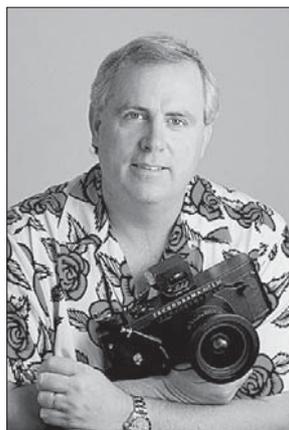
fully catered to a high standard, supervised by qualified teachers and students will have access to state-of-the-art software to learn photographic processing in the evening."

The public one-day workshop for adults will be held on Saturday 26 July at St Peter's Anglican College at Broulee. This will be a fully catered, full-day workshop where participants can learn how to capture photos to Ken's own world-class standard.

The student and adult workshops will lead into a regional Landscape Photography competition called *Coastal Signature*.

"Sapphire Coast and St Peter's Anglican Colleges are keen to inspire excellence and by providing a showcase for student photographers from all regional schools, we are providing students an opportunity to display their incredible work," Andrew Duchesne, Principal of Sapphire Coast Anglican College said.

The three categories for the Landscape Photography Competition are Primary School [years 4-6], High School [year 7-11] and Open. The theme is the Far South Coast. The competition will culminate with week-long displays in four galleries, located in Batemans Bay, Moruya, Narooma and Merimbula. These galleries will display the top six finalists in each category, as well as a selection of Ken Duncan's shots



WORKSHOPS: Ken Duncan will offer photography workshops for school students and also for adults.

from the region. Other leading landscape photographers will also exhibit their work, including Andrew Carter and Brett Thompson, who will assist Ken Duncan on the competition judging panel.

Students wishing to participate in the workshop on 23-24 July should apply at: www.stpetersbroulee.nsw.edu.au or phone the St Peter's College on 4471 5111.

Adults wanting to attend the one-day workshop on 26 July should apply at: <http://www.kenduncan.com/photography-explained-workshop>

Details on the Coastal Signature competition can be found at: www.stpetersbroulee.nsw.edu.au For further information please contact St Peter's Anglican College on 4471 5111.

Ecumenical help for youth

By John Nevile

The Very Reverend Shenouda Mansour was commissioned as Executive Secretary of the New South Wales Ecumenical Council on June 7 of this year.

One of Father Mansour's notable achievements was the founding of Youth Off The Streets. This multi-denominational community organisation helps young people aged 12-21 who are in situations such as homelessness, drug and alcohol dependency, exclusion from school, neglect and abuse. Often they are facing many interrelated factors simultaneously. It supports these young people as they work to turn their lives around and overcome major personal traumas.

Since opening in 1991, Youth Off The Streets has grown from a single food van delivering meals to young homeless people on the streets of Kings Cross to a major youth specific agency offering a full continuum of care through delivery of a wide range of services, which include crisis accommodation, alcohol and other drug services, counselling, residential programs and a mentoring program. An army of volunteers, including Father Shenouda himself, provide support in all of these.

Father Shenouda's appointment as General Secretary has the enthusiastic support of His Grace Bishop Daniel of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese of Australia, and he will be released from his parish and school responsibilities within his church. However, he will continue his ministry with the Coptic Church when opportunity arises, as his priestly calling will not cease with this appointment, even though it is his desire to work for the Council on a full time basis.

Father Shenouda's appointment is another first for the New South Wales Ecumenical Council as it is the first appointment of a member of the Orthodox tradition as General Secretary of a Council of Churches in Australia.

Googong school to include early learning centre

Anglicare to partner with school in providing childcare

Anglicare is set to partner with The Anglican School Googong to open an Early Learning Centre (ELC) in the Queanbeyan/Jerrabomberra region in 2015.

The 44-place ELC will open in January 2015 and has already received over 40 applications.

Foundation Principal of The Anglican School Googong, Ian Hewitt, says the partnership will allow both organisations to actively support children to make a smooth transition from one

learning environment to another.

"We hope to provide a fun and safe learning environment for all children who attend," said Mr Hewitt. "For the first time families in the local area will have the option to send their children to one school from Pre-School right through to Year 12."

Queanbeyan mayor Tim Overall also attended the official launch of the ELC on June 17 and said the new school would help cater to Queanbeyan's rapidly expanding population.

"It's of critical importance because of Queanbeyan's projected growth over the next 20 years, not only at Googong, Tralee and South Jerrabomberra,

but Queanbeyan's internal growth as well," Cr Overall said. The ELC will provide a Pre-School program from 9am till 3pm for 3-5 year olds.

Anglicare will also provide After School Hours and Vacation Care. School age children will have the option of two programs run from 7:30am till 9am and 3pm till 6pm.

With the increase in support from the government, eligible parents will be able to claim the Child Care Rebate or Child Care Benefit.

The Anglican School Googong will be the first school to be built in the Googong area. Students will have access to a



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Googong School Founding Principal Ian Hewitt, Anglicare's Sue Jennings, Queanbeyan mayor Tim Overall and CIC Australia's Malcolm Leslie announced a new childcare and early learning centre at Googong last month.

range of facilities to encourage healthy and sustainable lifestyles, including a swimming pool,

kitchen, gardens and tennis courts.

Divestment of aged care facilities finalised

Settlement with RSL Lifecare for Anglicare's divesting aged care services was completed on Wednesday June 18, closing the chapter on a long journey for the organisation.

Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow thanked the Anglicare Board for their "understanding and patience throughout what has been a complex and difficult process right to the end".

He said a number of key people, both in Anglicare and ADS management, worked diligently well beyond the call of duty to ensure that the transaction was a success.

"However I must highlight five in particular. I want to especially acknowledge the

extraordinary support provided me by Tina Mills and Tracey Walsh, our divestment project officer, as well as our Aged Care Director Jill Patience and Aged Care HR Manager Steve McLean for their professionalism during what has been a difficult process for them personally, while upholding the morale of staff and the care of residents."

Jeremy Halcrow also acknowledged Diocesan Registrar Trevor Ament "for his collegiality in partnering with me in the negotiations".

Name changes

It is part of RSL LifeCare's culture to name villages and services in respect and honour of military battles and those who have fought for Australia. After

the sale was complete, RSL Life Care CEO Ron Thompson announced name changes for all the sites.

Brindabella Gardens has been re-named "Fred Ward Gardens". Canon Fred Ward MC was an Anglican Minister of St John's Canberra, served in WWI on the Western Front, was awarded the Military Cross.

The citation notes that he established a soup kitchen on the Delville Wood slaughter-field on the Somme in February 1917, then at Bapaume shortly after its capture and later at Beugny. All the while he continued to feed and comfort the soldiers despite being "constantly under heavy shell fire".

He subsequently became the



HONOUR: Brindabella Gardens is being renamed in honour of heroic Military Chaplain Canon Fred Ward, MC.

first chaplain at Duntroon.

The overall village, Ginninderra Gardens is re-named 'Coral Park' (after a significant battle of the Vietnam War) and the aged care facility is re-named 'Bill McKenzie Gardens'. Bill was a chaplain who served in WWI and

received the Military Cross.

The overall village, Bimbimbe, retains the name and is known as 'Bimbimbe Park', and the aged care facility is named 'Albert Moore Gardens'. Albert was an Army chaplain who served on the Kokoda Track.

The overall village, Mariner Park, is re-named 'Sanananda Park' (Sanananda was a significant battle after Kokoda in WWII) and the aged care facility is named 'Hugh Cunningham Gardens'. Hugh, a military chaplain, was a POW at Changi and the Thai-Burma Railway.

Nullica Lodge is re-named 'Roy Wotton Gardens'. Roy was an Anglican minister who served as a military chaplain on the Kokoda Track.

Under the terms of the sale, the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn will continue providing Chaplaincy services at all the aged care facilities.

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Soul Survivor leads regional youth service

Belconnen youth learn about 'Leadersheep'

By Katherine Rainger*

After the Camp Pelican 'high' of January, Anglican youth groups in the Belconnen area have been meeting together so we can keep encouraging each other throughout the year.

Term 1 began with a combined Youth Alpha course with St Paul's Ginninderra, St James' Holt, St Barnabas Charnwood and Holy Covenant, Jamison. We have plans to continue meeting once a term with St Simon's Kaleen. All are welcome at these 'Combined Youth Gatherings!'

The first of our 'Combined Youth Gatherings' was at Holy Covenant on the 16th May. We had a youth service which was led by Soul Survivor.

Deb Stanley and her team led the worship and Deb preached about "leadersheep" drawing on the Biblical images of what a good shepherd does.

As we were in the Easter season Deb challenged us with a passage from Matthew 28

where Jesus commissions the disciples. She encouraged us all to think about who we could lead and where we could influence others for Jesus through living faithfully.

We had a great night of games, worship, teaching and hanging out. The next Combined Youth Gathering is Friday 19th September, 7pm-9pm, and the Term 4 Combined Youth Gathering is planned for Friday 12th December.

All are welcome. Contact Katherine Rainger youth@holy-covenant.org.au for more info.

**Katherine Rainger* serves as Youth Minister at Holy Covenant Anglican Church, Jamison.

LEADERSHIP: (right) Deb Stanley, Associate Director and Worship pastor for Soul Survivor NSW/ACT, spoke about 'leadersheep' in her sermon at the Holy Covenant youth service. She drew on Biblical images of the Good Shepherd to show what Christian leadership should look like.



Responding to persecution of Christians

Do we react with silence, or prayerful action?

By Karen Bos*

The persecution of Christians is widely acknowledged as the greatest human rights crisis of our time, and presents the church with both challenges and opportunities - challenges to confront appalling realities, and opportunities to celebrate the transforming power of God.

Even under repressive

regimes the number of believers is increasing. In desert times deep roots find Living Water!

Honourable people sometimes find it difficult to acknowledge evil, and recoil in disbelief and denial. The truth, which compels a response, often comes as an unwelcome invader of our comfort zones, but as Jesus reminds us, only the truth can set us free.

Challenges begin with acknowledgement that persecution has dramatically

intensified since the Arab Spring - 85% occurring in Muslim-majority nations from Morocco in the west to Indonesia in the east; from Central Asia in the north to sub-Saharan Africa in the south.

In unprovoked pogroms, outnumbered, unarmed and politically marginalised Christians are being attacked, imprisoned, tortured and killed. Hundreds of thousands more, like the traumatized Syrians and Iraqis, are facing a perilous exile from their ancestral homelands.

Christian girls and children are being trafficked - abducted, enslaved, abused, forcibly converted and married against their will in a deliberate attempt to change demographics by depriving Christian communities of their child-bearing women.

Our brothers and sisters in

Christ enduring persecution feel betrayed by silence, indifference and denial. There is a great need to breach the experiential and geographic separation between the free Western church and the suffering Body of Christ, for "if one part of the body is hurt other parts hurt with it" (1 Cor 12:26).

Fear that persecution will be seen as a disincentive to embracing Christianity needs to be overcome - Jesus' warning of persecution did not give rise to paralysing fear and fatalism which diminishes faith in God's grace and power to deliver us from evil.

It is also important to address—with intellectual integrity and moral courage—the beliefs which fuel the inhumanity to people like us; to seek the truth and to uphold the intrinsic value of every human life which

underpin Christian concepts of compassion, justice and freedom.

Jesus' question to Saul on the Road to Damascus, "Why are you persecuting me?" marked the beginning of Saul's confrontation with the Truth which, like a laser-guided missile, destroys Satan's 'weapons of mass-deception', and begins the journey towards true spiritual freedom.

Intimately acquainted with persecution, both as perpetrator and victim, St Paul assures us that we are more than conquerors through Him who loves us (Romans 8:39).

Because the church has grown in times of persecution, there is a danger in romanticising it, attributing the growth to persecution itself rather than to faith which ultimately triumphs over it. The Lord assures us that

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SUPPORT: The congregation of St Paul's, Burra (in the parish of Queanbeyan) has nominated August a time to focus on the mission of prayer, advocacy and aid for the persecuted church.

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