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Starting a journey to wholeness

☐ Lamentation Sunday builds a bridge to victims of abuse

Special services held in most churches throughout the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn on Sunday, August 10, have offered an apology for abuse or mistreatment at the hands of the church.

Lamentation Sunday services were a recognition of the pain, hurt and sorrow caused by the church's actions and inaction.

The services flowed from Bishop Stuart Robinson's public apology to victims of abuse by the church, at the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn's Synod in September 2013.

Parishes were offered sample liturgical resources to be used on the day, based on *An Australian Prayer Book* services of Holy Communion (Second Order) or *A Service of Prayer, Praise and Proclamation*.

In addition, a formal statement of apology written by Bishop Stuart Robinson, was read out during the services. The statement was also recorded on video and published on YouTube, with a link from the diocesan website.

Many church leaders felt that this apology needed to be shared and received by the whole church, and that together congregations needed to reflect upon the immense effect of abuse across the whole Diocese, and the Church universal.

Lamentation Sunday was set aside by Bishop Stuart as

part of this desire. As well as recognising the pain, hurt and sorrow relating to such abuse, Bishop Stuart said the aim was also "to raise awareness of our need to be pro-active about creating a safe environment for all people, and the ongoing work of the Church in ensuring that this is so".

Healing and reconciliation

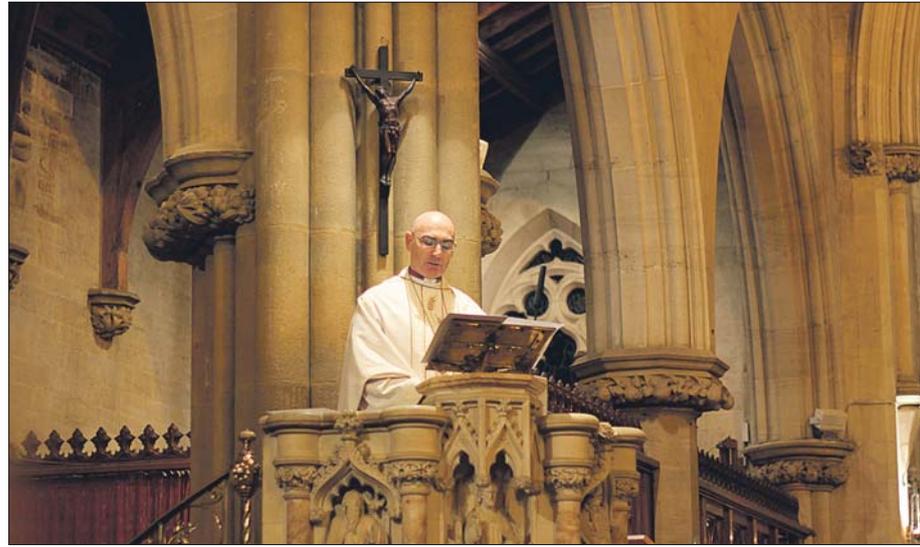
He said his hope was that such a day "will contribute to healing, forgiveness and reconciliation".

In his Presidential Address to the Diocesan Synod on Saturday September 13, Bishop Stuart said that the event had been "an offering that the watching world thought we should have made a long time ago".

"Lamentation Sunday gave me the opportunity to apologise (on our behalf) and acknowledge the secret pain that so many have had to bear. In some cases, it also presented survivors with the occasion to talk to their families and tell their story.

"For many, I believe that journey towards wholeness has begun after 40 or 50 years of tortured silence."

He acknowledged Father Michael Armstrong, rector of St John's Wagga Wagga, as "the visionary and architect of the venture and he deserves full credit for this life-giving initiative".



OVERDUE: Bishop Stuart Robinson described Lamentation Sunday as 'an offering that the watching world thought we should have made a long time ago'.

YouTube Apology:

Bishop Stuart Robinson has published the following apology to victims of abuse, both in writing and via YouTube:

"I take this opportunity to apologise for any abuse or mistreatment for those in this event (the service at which the message was being read out) may have experienced by individuals or groups connected with our Anglican Church.

We know that hurt and sorrow can last for decades – indeed, generations – so we'd value the opportunity to work with people towards wholeness, forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration, and trust that this service might begin to address such things.

Our aim is to grow communities of faith that are safe, life-giving, transformative and Christ-honouring. In addressing personal grievances

and unresolved conflict, we'll be better placed to achieve this, our aim.

Thank you for sharing in this gathering with us."

The YouTube version concluded with the following invitation:

"We do hope that you will take the opportunity to speak to the clergy, the priest, the staff of the church where you are attending, or you could contact me directly. Our aim is to work towards your wholeness, and our credible Christian witness.

The Lord be with you."

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THE BISHOP'S COLUMN

Transforming individuals and communities

The following is taken from Bishop Stuart's Presidential Address to Synod on September 12:

In 2009, I shared my dream for a diocese where the love of Jesus transforms individuals and communities.

That dream was informed and shaped by the following Guiding Principles:

- prayer is essential
- reading, teaching and living in response to the Scriptures is a first order priority
- Word and Sacrament are the basis of our worship
- valuing different worship styles and learning from each another
- building relationships with all people
- growing disciples by sharing the Gospel with friends and neighbours
- baptising and nurturing new believers in order to transform God's world
- alleviating human need and addressing injustice through advocacy, peace-building, reconciliation and loving service
- safeguarding the integrity of creation
- practicing governance that is effective and transparent
- building partnerships with other ministry agencies, Christian churches and associations.

Is that dream, predicated on these Guiding Principles, still relevant?

How is it being realised?

Reflection

Paul understood the challenge involved when God's people seek to turn God's dream into reality.

⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them...

²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law.

²² To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that I might by all means save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings. ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵ Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we have an imperishable one. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; ²⁷ but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be

disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9.9; 22-27 NRSV)

Paul is prepared to do all he can to help people see, know, and follow Jesus. He runs the race, giving all he has to the endeavour. Paul will not rest.

His passion is that the world might share in the gift and mission of our Lord Jesus.

Paul is acutely aware of how easy it is for dreams to get lost in the storms and trials of life. Our hearts and minds readily drift in different directions. Disputes around wisdom, spiritual gifts and doctrine emerge all too readily, while conflicts over wealth and social status undermine the capacity of Christ's body to make faith, hope and love real to the world.

Over and again, Paul reinforces the truth that God's mission, begun in Christ, can only ever be realised by Christians working together because of the grace of Christ.

Has the love of God so changed us that we might look at the world with God's heart and yearn for transformation? How will 'some be saved' when our strength, talent and resources are so limited?

The people who call our small settlements, towns, cities and suburbs home are acquainted with disorder and conflict. They are often distracted, disillusioned, disinterested - putting their confidence in anything other than Christ.

Many feel powerless watching events careen from hopeless to tragic in places like Gaza, Syria and Iraq.

Many feel disillusioned as the Federal Government rightly

pursues institutions for their historical indifference to child abuse whilst at the same time appearing less than cognisant of the damage that mandatory offshore detention does to asylum seekers - especially to little ones, which one chief immigration psychiatrist has likened to torture and others to abuse.

Many feel overwhelmed as unemployment and underemployment grows once again, especially among young adults, yet scores of programs designed to help people who have disengaged from school due to health, bullying, homelessness and other risk factors are delayed or wound back.

Despite the attention given to matters of disability and mental illness, vulnerable people and their families continue in cycles of poverty and distress.

Many wonder at the future we're creating as the infrastructure designed to shift our economic dependence on carbon is being dismantled while ever-larger coal mines and terminals are being mooted, even though pundits warn that such enterprises are apt to have a deleterious impact on climate and environment.

Such scenes may unseat our confidence - or challenge our world view and lead us to (rightly) ponder, what are God's purposes in all this? What kind of future will Christianity have when the impact of the Church appears to be limited, if not weak?

Given this 'canvas', I believe our diocesan dream is more important than ever but our challenge is this: How might we



Bishop
Stuart
Robinson

continue in making it a reality? Are we fit and motivated?

Are we prepared to do all we can together, as Paul would say, so that some might be saved?

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Love that transforms

In his Presidential Address to Synod, Bishop Stuart related the following story of the love of Jesus bringing transformation:

In Goulburn, a lady, to whom I'll refer as 'Mary', took up the challenge after attending an 'F5' Friendship course and the Alpha Training track (presented by Canon Margaret Campbell) at our Cathedral Convention.

Mary felt called of God to pray for the people in the public housing complex across the road from her very modest rented accommodation. She began to greet them as they passed by her gate and then she hit on a great 'outreach' idea. Mary started a vegetable patch.

The preparation and planting lead to conversations as neighbours asked what she was doing - and when it came time for the 'harvest', dear Mary began to share her bounty with her new acquaintances; free vegies for all!

Some she asked in for a cup of tea and they returned the favour. When they began to swap and share life stories, Mary quite naturally spoke about her trust in the Lord Jesus. You can imagine how delighted she was when some of the people asked her to pray for them.

Mary has now begun - for these new acquaintances - an Alpha course that meets in her little rented cottage. I believe half a dozen people are attending.

That beloved, is how the love of Jesus transforms individuals and communities! I should add that Mary keen to hone her skills, has started a distance education diploma from St. Mark's and has brought some of her new friends to church.

Not a bad effort, because Mary is in her 70s.

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Equipped and Ready

Living Waters Conference at Bateman's Bay

By Annette Cole

Living Waters - an annual conference at The Anglican Church of the Ascension, Batemans Bay, was held on the 15th and 16th August; approximately 140 enthusiastic participants from across the diocese gathered to worship and receive teaching on the theme *Equipped and Ready*.

Kate Jutsum is a young woman of God with a background in medicine, who followed God's call into a healing ministry, in a Christian organization known as SOZO. Sozo is the Greek word for healing, deliverance and salvation. Kate has been the Australian and NZ Director of SOZO for the past three years.

The gifts of teaching, wisdom and discernment that

she displays surpass her age.

Kate brought workshop style experiential learning techniques to the conference, providing participants with the opportunity to explore some of their own beliefs about our Trinitarian God, and correcting misconceptions that may hinder our personal intimacy with Him. There were many pearls of wisdom that Kate imparted and which attendees could take away and further discuss.

Kate's belief in the availability of the gifts of the Spirit to all believers shaped the kinetic learning style that flavoured the Saturday sessions. One of the highlights of the weekend was the corporate prayer workshop, where she encouraged a cohesive way of bringing individuals with their own experience of listening to God, to work together in groups using a method that engendered solidarity in the group prayer experience.

Kate's journey of walking in step with the Spirit is a powerful story of submission and obedience as she relates intimately with God. The authenticity in her walk and the humble way in which she speaks, gently encouraged and edified those present.

The congregation of The Church of The Ascension has varied expressions of liturgy and worship across their three Sunday services.

The Living Waters participants were blessed by the delicious variety of foods prepared for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea by the members of the traditional Anglican morning service; many of whom also helped by cooking and serving on the day.

The worship team was a testament to unity across the denominations in Batemans Bay as members from four or five churches gathered to provide worship music



TEACHING: Speaker at the Living Waters Conference, Kate Jutsum, used workshop-style teaching to show that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are available to every believer.

throughout the conference.

God certainly blessed the gathering over the weekend, and His presence was a testimony to the freshness and enthusiasm that the Ministry team and many intercessors at The Church of the Ascension bring to their ministry in

Batemans Bay.

Digital recordings of Kate Jutsum's presentations are available either on CD or by downloading. To purchase, contact the parish office of the Church of the Ascension, Batemans Bay, on 4472 5822.

Sapphire students ride to success

Students from Sapphire Coast Anglican College have acquitted themselves very well in the ACT Mountain Biking Championships held at Stromlo Forest Park on Friday, August 29.

Schools from Sydney to the border, ACT and as far west as Wagga participated with 550 students involved on the day.

Nine students from Sapphire Coast Anglican College got into the spirit of things by warming up for the event, with a 20 kilometres ride in Canberra on the day prior.

The competition races consisted of teams of three or four, completing as many laps of the 5.1-kilometre course as they could in 4 hours, with each student riding a minimum of

20kms. The Sapphire students rode in Junior Division (year 8 and under).

Jellat Jets (Sebastian Weber, David Fantham and Xavier Smith) finished 3rd overall, completing 18 laps, 91.8 kilometres in 4 hours. This was an exceptionally fast time and well worthy of their 3rd placing.

Teacher Jake Lambie who was coaching the students on the day, was astonished with their rapid pace.

Ghost Riders (Lillian McViety, Alanna Dummett and Lachlan Raatz) finished 14th in the mixed event, completing 12 laps. BTC Country Boys (Duncan Weber, Tristan Oesch and Lachlan Broderick) finished 26th, completing 14 laps.

These students are fortunate to have a three-kilometre mountain bike track at the College. Along with teacher Jake Lambie, they dedicate each Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes to their craft.

Coastal Signature Galleries

Following the landscape photography workshops with renowned photographer Ken Duncan in July, various venues on the South Coast will be hosting the Coastal Signature Galleries during October.

The Galleries will feature work by the finalists in the 'Coastal Signature' landscape photography competition which was run in conjunction with Ken Duncan's workshops.

As well as the work of the various finalists, the Galleries will also feature photos of the various finalists, the Galleries will also feature photos of the South Coast region by Ken Duncan, along with other highly regarded landscape photographers Andrew Carter, Toby Whitelaw and Robert Hayson.

Dates and venues for the exhibitions will be:

Batemans Bay - October 4-6, Bridge Plaza, Clyde Street.
Moruya - October 10-12, St. John's Anglican Church, Page St.

Narooma - October 17-19, Club Narooma, 98 Princes Hwy.

Merimbula - October 24-26, Club Sapphire, 119 Main St.



SETTING OUT: Lachlan Raatz and Lachlan Broderick, about to start their ride of more than 20 kilometres.



WORSHIP: The worship team for the Conference included representatives of several local Christian churches.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prayers for the Queen

Dear Sir,

The July issue of *Anglican News* published letters from The Rev'd Chris Welsh, JR Nethercote and Alan Christie reacting to my objection (AN, May) to Rev'd Robert Willson's plea for the reintroduction into the Anglican liturgy of prayers for Her Majesty the Queen. My objection as stated was to the context of the Queen as our Sovereign.

A common theme of these letters seems to be that while the Queen or King is our head of State, she should be referred to in the liturgy as in the old Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Rev'd Welsh also says that being "picky" in prayerfulness is hardly the command of our Lord. Maybe. But, in fact, a degree of pickiness is routine in Sunday services.

Some people or institutions are mentioned and many are not. Total inclusiveness is impracticable and would go on for too long. The Prime Minister of the day often gets a mention, but others "set in authority" over us seem never to get a gurnsey. Local Magistrates, traffic cops, and parking wardens, for example are at times set in authority over us, and when are they ever remembered? Similarly for teachers in schools. The general covering phrase of "those set in authority over us" referred to by Mr Nethercote is sufficient. Individuals attending services can in their own minds include whomsoever they choose to remember including our sovereign Lady the Queen in those terms if that is their liking.

Mr Nethercote also lists various sections of the Australian Constitution referring to the Queen. I am well enough aware of the

sections which go to make up Her Majesty's constitutional position, and it is these which I wish to see amended by way of the due process set out in Chapter VIII of the Constitution. Because of the constitutional position, Mr. Nethercote asserts that it is our "bounden duty" to pray for Her Majesty. Here we disagree: my view is that it is optional and should not be imposed on those who seek change. To seek change is neither irreligious nor unconstitutional. That it is optional would appear to be the considered view of those church leaders who were bold enough to bring about the change in the liturgy so regretted by Mr. Willson. Moreover, the assertion that it is "our bounden duty" appears to be at odds with s.116 of the Constitution (not referred to by Mr Nethercote) which stipulates that the Commonwealth "shall make no law for the establishment of any religion or for imposing any religious observance..." In this context it is worthy of recalling that the words of the BCP which dates back to the 16th century may be appropriate for a church which is the established church in the country of its origin and that centuries later those who wrote the Australian Constitution deliberately rejected any notion of there being an established church.

Mr Christie invoked some well known words from the Gospels about rendering unto Caesar (i.e. the state) the things that are the state's and unto God the things that are God's. It is drawing a long bow to infer from these words that one is obliged to pray to God for the occupant of a man made office of state.

I repeat that the church has no business to inflict on

its community prayers for an institution with which some members of that community actively and legitimately disagree. Why create a schism in our church when there is no need for it?

Yours sincerely,
Brian Cox,
Bruce,
ACT.

As in Heaven

Dear Sir,

Your lead article (AE July 2014) cites Kate Jutsum as stating "That means that Earth starts to look like heaven". This suggests that the BCP and the KJV render the Lord's Prayer correctly: Matthew 6 v.10 "Thy will be done IN earth, as it is IN heaven"; Luke 11 v.2 "Thy will be done, as IN heaven, so IN earth", suggesting that heaven and earth are similar 'states', or part of a continuum if you will.

John Lovett,
Murrumbateman, NSW.

Government policy and the environment

Dear Sir,

I concur wholeheartedly with the sentiments of Keith Binns (letters July 2014) who says this Federal Government is 'unbiblical' in its social policies. The poor are unprotected and inequality is rising.

He also mentions climate change and again I concur. We Christians are meant to be 'stewards of the Earth', yet by removing the carbon 'tax' (it was actually a price and not a tax), the Federal Government has helped to exacerbate climate change and put at risk life on earth as we know it.

To make matters even

Letters ...

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worse, the Environment Minister Greg Hunt has just given the go-ahead for the Carmichael mine in Queensland which will be the biggest coal mine in Australia. This will require port facilities on the coast within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. Dredging for the port will endanger coral through an increased sediment load. The burning of the exported coal will add carbon dioxide to the atmosphere and in turn acidify the oceans, killing coral.

Climate change will make storms and cyclones more severe, again killing coral. It is only a matter of time before the whole Great Barrier Reef is dead, a tragedy for the myriad of species living there but also a tragedy for those people along the coast who depend on the Reef for economic reasons (fishing and tourism).

Some Anglican churches in Australia have taken a lead in divesting from fossil fuels. This is excellent news because it is essential that the world moves quickly away from burning fossil fuels to a low carbon

future.

Would that the Government were as far-sighted.

Jenny Goldie
Michelago, NSW.

Binda sesqui-centenary

Dear Sir,

The Binda Anglican Parish will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary at 10.30 am on 19th October, 2014 would like to invite all parishioners and their families.

Former rectors and their families, former parishioners and their families, along with anyone else who would like to join us for this celebration

Please contact Beatrice Williams PO Box 199 Crookwell NSW 2583 or phone 0248321046 and leave a message if unanswered by 10th October, 2014.

Thanking you,
Beatrice Williams
Crookwell.

Clergy moves and appointments

- ◆ **The Reverend Graeme Liersch** has been elected Area Dean of Wagga Wagga and the South West by his colleagues.
- ◆ **The Reverend Susanna Pain** has announced her resignation as rector, Holy Covenant Jamieson – a post she has held since 2006. Susanna is discerning the Lord's mind for the next chapter of ministry. Her leadership and godly example has been a great boon for our diocese. Susanna's last Sunday will be 2 November. Archdeacon Matt Brain will oversee the Clergy Appointment Board.
- ◆ **The Reverend Beth Dimmick** will complete her ministry (retirement) in the parish of Harden-Murrumburrah effective 18 November. Thanks be to God for Beth's diligence,

creativity and joy. May she and Fred enjoy a fruitful retirement! Bishop Genieve will oversee the Clergy Appointment Board.

- ◆ **The Reverend Brad Lovegrove** has been appointed Warden, St David's Close. Congratulations to Brad and Louise on this exciting new venture.
- ◆ **The Reverend Dr Hugh Cox** will complete his ministry at St. Matthew's Wanniasa at the end of September. Hugh has served us with grace and aplomb and has paved the way for **the Reverend Ian Powell joining us in October.**
- ◆ **Our Dean, the Very Reverend Phillip Saunders** has taken three months long service leave immediately after Synod. The

Locum assisting the Sub-Dean, Canon Mark Cooper, at the Cathedral is **The Reverend Gunnar Rippon**. Bishop Stuart has granted him an Authority to Officiate.

- ◆ **The Reverend Michael Faragher** has resigned as Rector at All Saint's Ainslie to take up the position of Rector of Christ Church St Lucia in Brisbane effective from 12 November 2014. Michael has done outstanding work in the Parish and in the foundational activities with the new All Saints' College. Bishop Trevor will oversee the Clergy Appointment Board for All Saint's Ainslie. **The Reverend Dr Colin Dundon** will be Locum.

A year of stresses and joys

At Synod this year three people spoke to the **Bishop in Council report**. This first part was presented by *The Registrar, Trevor Ament*; the remainder of the report will be published in the November issue of **Anglican News**.

In preparing for this presentation and thinking through the major items to highlight this year, I reflected on the challenges and changes over the last four years, to in a sense look forward.

In 2011, my first year as Registrar, we as Bishop in Council brought to Synod what has become known as the Bathurst proposal. For all of you who were here then, this represented a most challenging discussion due to the fact there had never been a proposal like it in the Anglican Church. It was breaking new ground.

I don't want to revisit the financial aspect of the proposal but rather the proposal was predominately about extending and strengthening governance structures to manage risk in a timely manner, having access to professional expertise and the pooling of resources to gain greater efficiencies. In effect this was the start of a model which could enable dioceses to come together, to meet the challenges facing them and to enable the advancement of the mission of God's kingdom.

In 2012 major work was undertaken across our own governance model with the strengthening of the partnerships helped produce Diocese Finance Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee. In addition to this the Clergy Superannuation Defined Benefit Scheme was closed with member benefits being transferred to Hostplus.

This resulted in the Diocese funding the short fall in assets against the value of the member's superannuation entitlements of \$2.9 million and the purchase of the Super houses of \$0.6 million. In December of 2012 Bishop-in-Council passed the 'Anglicare Regional Alliance Ordinance 2012'. This ordinance made provision for temporary arrangements to assist and strengthen the financial and governance affairs of Anglicare. This commenced a closer partnership and relationship between Anglicare and the Diocese.

2013 represented a year of significant stress and joy, challenges and dynamic change for the Diocese. We noted how we are one Diocese made up of many parishes, entities, agencies and committees as Bishop Stuart

noted in his address. We are all interdependent. In this context Anglicare reviewed the future of its Residential Aged Care Facilities, Bishop in Council approved the resulting divestment strategy and the process of divestment was commenced.

Anglicare's recovery was built on small but significant steps, each building upon one another and this really accelerated with the appointment of Mr Jeremy Halcrow to the position of CEO.

In late September 2013, BIC passed the South Coast Schools (Special Diocesan Accountability) Ordinance. The two schools were financially distressed by the level of debt they were carrying. Bishop in Council also made a number of appointments to the South Coast Anglican Schools Board and has direct oversight of the schools. Significantly it provided a capital injection of \$3.2M into the schools.

"Close partnering within the Diocese has allowed for outcomes that would otherwise be unattainable."

The financial risk the schools represented to the Diocese was significant, warranting the Bishop in Council's response and the wonderful assistance provided by Canberra Girls Grammar School, Radford College and the Anglican Diocesan Services (ADS). Again, close partnering within the Diocese has allowed for outcomes that would otherwise be unattainable.

Now, I thought 2013 was the high level water mark in terms of work and outcomes. That was until 2014. At this point I do just want to acknowledge that if we keep our eyes open to the possibilities that God gives us, stresses can give way to joy. Can I say how great it is to work with Bishop Stuart, Bishop Trevor, Bishop Stephen, Bishop Genieve, Archdeacon Dr Matt Brain and Archdeacon John Barnes, to name but a few, in keeping our focus on Christ.

The first six months of 2014 have certainly been full, with structural changes and the regular workloads within the ADS and the Diocese continuing the theme of stress and joy. This was seen initially in the Divestment of the Anglicare Residential Aged Care Facilities. Stress has been felt through the long process



STRESSES AND JOYS: Registrar Trevor Ament told Synod that while the past year had included many stresses for the Diocesan leadership, there had also been significant joys.

of divestment. Contracts were signed in February and settlement was achieved on 17 June 2014.

Anglicare achieved the handover of management with a continuity of care to residents and compliance with legislation. I would like to congratulate the Anglicare Board, Professor Ingrid Moses (the presiding member) and the CEO Mr Jeremy Halcrow for all their work and commitment to Anglicare throughout this process. I would also just like to say – let's not do this again anytime soon!

However joy has been present within the stress. RSL LifeCare has provided the continuity of care we wish for the residents and has the capacity to sustain this work into the future. Furthermore, we have been able to partner with RSL LifeCare to continue with the most important pastoral and missional work of chaplaincy within the facilities.

The South Coast Anglican Schools Special Assistance Package has been a second significant experience of stress giving way to joy. The ADS is providing human resource and financial support for the two schools. This has included producing their financial statements, redeveloping the monthly management accounts and providing expert advice to the Principals. Two initial objectives in working with the South Coast Schools this year

new Chaplains and growing new links between the schools and local parishes. Similarly a close partnership with CGGS, Radford and the ADS has been developed. Through these relationships the administrative restructure that was undertaken has significantly reduced running costs.

The ADS has strived to provide services to the Diocese, Parishes, the Property Trust, Anglicare and the South Coast Schools. Improvements have been made in many areas of service delivery and in the provision of professional advice. In addition to these improvements the ADS achieved expenditure savings of \$600,000 for Anglicare in its first year of operations and is budgeted to further reduce expenditure by another \$580,000; and approximately \$400,000 for the South Coast Schools through the restructure of the administration.

I do acknowledge that we in the ADS have missed some key reporting dates for agencies and Parishes. This is not what we would have wanted, however in an environment where the ADS has been reducing its staffing and achieving significant savings, our resourcing has been stretched. We have not always got our timing right or responses out. We have learnt from this, and are working to ensure we can improve processes both now and into 2015. We will never stop learning and serving the Diocese as a whole.

I do want to note that the objectives of the ADS remain to facilitate mission in the activities of the Diocese and its agencies; provide Diocesan-wide consistency and standardisation within the areas of Diocesan Services while acknowledging the uniqueness and complexity of individual agencies and the services they provide to the community and disadvantaged; and provide a process of continuous improvements in the provision of service standards, ensuring efficiencies across the agencies are maximized leading to reductions in overall infrastructure costs.

The Diocese as a whole has also had some very difficult issues to address. Under the Work, Health and Safety legislation the Ministry Units bear responsibilities for the well-being of the people who participate in their life. These responsibilities are not new and are covered by the *Ministry Unit Risk Management Self Assessment Tool* which has been available to the parishes since 2003. Risk is

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"The ADS achieved expenditure savings of \$600,000 for Anglicare in its first year of operations and is budgeted to further reduce expenditure by another \$580,000."

The 2015 budget represents the next period in the ongoing recovery of the schools. None of this is easy, but it is through the dedication and professionalism of the Principals and teaching staff, and the expertise of Heather Walsh and the ADS Staff, that advances can continue to be made.

There has been a successful handover of Principal Teacher roles from an experienced leader to two new, energetic leaders. There has been deepening Christian ministry within the schools with the appointment of

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

Looking forward, looking back

Retirement at Bungendore

From the parish

Retirement is a time to look forward with expectation, and to look back and reflect.

It is a time of expectation – of what may come, perhaps a time for family, travel and hobbies; a time to continue on a journey with God. It is also a time for reflection on a life journeyed so far: Of what was and what could have been. Of times walking with God and times when not so close – and where that may have led us.

Rev'd Brian and Denyse Roberts have recently retired after a life listening to and serving God in a range of positions, the last of which was the local ministry at Bungendore Anglican Church. Brian's three year intentional ministry in the Parish has seen some change and growth – spiritually and in positioning the Parish for a secure long-term future with a full-time future incumbency.

Like many small rural parishes, Bungendore suffers from a limited population base from which to encourage attendance, and the ever increasing costs of maintaining multiple old buildings. Fortunate for Bungendore, past wise investment has ensured the long-term sustainability of part of the stipend. However, there is a need to cover full-time ministry in the rapidly growing village and surrounding area. Continuation with a part-time ministry position would

maintain service delivery at multiple centres, but provide limited opportunity for missional leadership and Parish growth.

During Brian's intentional ministry, there was a time for reflection – a time to look back to where the Parish has come from, where we are, and see God's vision for our future. To look forward to what could be. A time to embrace change required to realise these dreams. A time to move from a comfortable position of what we had been familiar with, to a time to extend this to something sustainable into the future – a longer-term God-driven comfort.

A special district with non-stipendiary ministry was created in the north of the Parish, and service formats modified in the remaining centres. A Kid's Family Church service, affectionately known as KFC, offers more contemporary worship styles and attracts younger families. Participation in a new youth group and adult study group is steadily increasing. Explorations of further opportunities to equate resulting income to long-term support for a full-time ministry have been explored. Although these projects are still progressing, Brian's hand in their instigation has enabled the projects to continue so they can realise the Parish's and God's vision.

A recent initiative for all parishioners to donate the cost of two cups of coffee each week



SYMBOLS: At his farewell service at St Philip's, Brian Roberts returns some of the symbols of ministry he had been presented with on his arrival at Bungendore Parish.

to fill the intermediate shortfall in a full-time stipend, prior to the completion of opportunities to secure a full-time stipend, is bearing fruit. This concept is not new : a similar call to the parishioners of Burra in 1868 helped ensure long term sustainability by covering a short term need in coffers.

On that occasion, Bishop Thomas announced that he could not make a formal consecration of the new

building 'until the debt was paid off'. He challenged the Parish to 'abandon the habits of smoking and nobblerizing' to pay off the building so that it could be consecrated. They rose to this challenge – A small self-sacrifice to help enable a greater God-driven vision.

Retirement is a time to look back and a time to look forward. For Brian and Denyse, and for Bungendore Anglican Parish, this is a time

to look back and reflect on our journey so far, and a time to look forward to reflect on God's vision for our future. We wish Brian and Denyse all the best as they journey onwards. This is a time to continue our walk with God, close on His heels. It is a time to work toward the realisation of God's expectations and vision for the Parish. We embrace all those wanting to walk our journey forward with us.

Nursing theme for Young's Parish Mission Day

Reflection on over a century of military nursing

From the parish

Guest speaker at the annual Parish Mission Day at St John's Church Young on June 28 was Joyce Edwards from Crookwell.

Joyce Edwards has spent a life time in nursing, and has a particular interest in military nursing.

She spoke to the women who attended on the history of Military Nursing from the Boer War through to the current campaign in Afghanistan.

With the many Centenary Remembrance Days being held around the world this year, it was a very appropriate talk and we can be so proud of those women who sacrificed their time and served during those difficult years.

Quite a few ex-nurses attended the day and enjoyed the companionship and food and everyone was given little origami nursing caps to take home.

The St John's mission for this year is the ABM Auxiliary Project for South Sudan in areas such as Basic Health Care, Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency relief.

They also support a School Girl's Boarding House Project and Solar Ovens (Schools Project).

MEMENTO: (right) The topic of nursing attracted quite a few ex-nurses to the parish Mission day, and as a memento of the occasion each guest was given a small origami nurse's cap.



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

New Scholarships for St Martin's College

□ Initiative will provide post-grad tutor accommodation

From the College

The Board of St Martin's College are undertaking a new initiative and from 2015 will provide four Post Graduate (Research) Tutor Accommodation Scholarships.

Scholarship recipients will be provided a full year of accommodation at a reduced rate and will be required to take on the role of Honorary Tutors in the college.

The college will provide support, training and mentoring to recipients to assist them in their role as Tutors.

It is hoped to appoint tutors in each of the following Disciplines: Veterinary/Animal Science, Dentistry/Biomedical Science and Arts, with a fourth scholarship being available to applicants from any discipline which could include Theology.

The tutors will help to continue in the building

of the St Martin's College student community by running tutoring groups, proof reading student assignments, and being academic mentors to undergraduate students.

These scholarships will be offered in addition to the current Scholarships that are available to undergraduate students resident in St Martin's College.

These are: **The Helen and James Faulks Scholarships** which offer support to rural students in paying their accommodation Fees and the **Christian Leadership and Community Leadership Scholarships** that were established following a generous donation from Richard Johnson College.

The closing date for the Post Graduate Tutor Accommodation Scholarships is 30th October 2014 and more information about these scholarships, including the application form, can be found on the St Martin's College website www.stmartinscollege.org



PRAYER GARDEN: View from the St Martin's chapel prayer garden, which was built to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the college, with the Fairfax centre - the college's community/office building - in the background.

Restoration program for St Saviour's Cathedral

□ Preliminary site investigation works under way

From the Cathedral Parish

Structural and engineering site works are soon to be carried out at Goulburn's historic St Saviour's Anglican Cathedral as part of a major drive to conserve its outstanding heritage features.

The Goulburn landmark, recognised as the renowned colonial architect Edmund Blacket's greatest building, has suffered rainwater and rising damp damage over many years since it was opened for worship in 1884.

In the past 30 years, the damage has become far more significant. The need for long-term damage remediation and a detailed expert conservation program to preserve the Cathedral's outstanding heritage features is now considered critically important.

Consequently, the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn late last year appointed a special St Saviour's Cathedral Heritage Conservation Committee to

investigate ways of tackling these challenging issues and raising the necessary funds.

Appeal launch

Last March at St Saviour's, the Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn, the Most Rev'd Stuart Robinson, launched an on-going Heritage Conservation Appeal which so far has raised enough to pay for a fully staged conservation plan and preliminary site investigations and surveys.

The Committee has engaged the noted heritage architect Michael Fox AM to draw up and co-ordinate and oversee the implementation of the conservation plan, as well as site investigation and survey work.

Mr Fox was the co-ordinating architect for the St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral twin spires project in Sydney. In a much-decorated career he has carried out many important heritage restoration projects in Australia and elsewhere.

Mr Fox considers St Saviour's Cathedral a masterpiece of Victorian Gothic splendour and of such national and international significance

that it must not be allowed to deteriorate any further.

Structural investigations

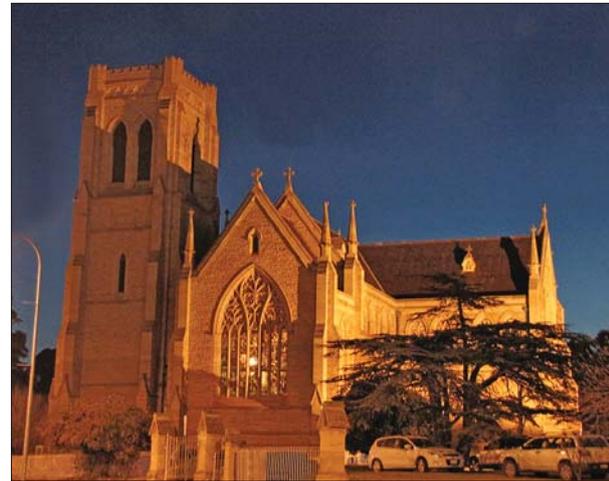
Mr Fox's preliminary research and site surveys have been completed and now work will begin in September (2014) on critical engineering and structural investigations of the sources and causes of rising damp and rainwater damage to the Cathedral's sandstone foundations and walls and internal features including the font and reredos.

This will entail hydrological analysis and geo-tech investigations of ground areas around the building and inspection and evaluation of the roof slates and timbers, guttering and drainage.

The committee has raised sufficient funds for this work, which is necessary before any proper long-term remediation and conservation program can be implemented.

Half-million dollar project

The committee estimates that solving all the Cathedral's damp, erosion,



REMEDIATION: Rain water damage and rising damp have caused considerable damage to the cathedral's sandstone foundations, walls and some internal features over many years, and long-term remediation work is now considered essential to preserve the 140-year-old building.

drainage and leak problems and saving its heritage features will cost about \$500,000.

The committee and Mr Fox agree there is no sensible point in trying to tackle larger-scale, longer-term construction projects until the immediate subsoil water problems and roof and drainage inadequacies have been fully overcome.

Once this has been achieved – and how long

it takes is dependant on a stepped-up fund raising campaign – proper consideration might then be given to St Saviour's "crowning glory" project - the completion of Blacket's soaring stone spire.

In addition, the prospect of the Cathedral's surrounding gardens and driveways being improved as part of an overall drainage plan could be realised.

AHS plans visit to Sapphire Coast

On October 11 and 12, the Anglican Historical Society will be visiting the Sapphire Coast Anglican Parish. Churches at Eden, Pambula, Wyndham, Candelo, Kameruka and Merimbula will be visited on the Saturday and Sunday.

Pambula is one of the oldest church centres in the diocese with ministrations dating from 1842, though it is possible that Pambula and Eden were visited before that from Queanbeyan.

With the appointment of Rev EG Pryce to Manéroo district in 1843, Pambula and Eden received regular ministrations.

William Grant Broughton, first bishop of Australia, paid a quick visit to Twofold bay in 1843 when he was en route from Melbourne to Sydney on a steamship and baptised some children while there.

The AHS excursion will commence at Eden with a visit to the Killer Whale Museum for an overview of the history of the area and the importance of

whaling in the development of the district.

Then will follow visits to the Uniting (1866) and Anglican (1885) churches, and on to Pambula's 1866 church before lunch at the CWA rooms.

The afternoon program comprises visits to the Anglican churches at Wyndham, Candelo and the recently refurbished Blackett church at Kameruka.

In the evening we will dine at the Rockpool Café at Merimbula Imlay Bowling Club and hear a speaker from the local Historical Society.

Sunday worship will be at St Clement's Merimbula, and the final visit will be to St Luke's Wolumla which is at the heart of much community activity.

AHS members have received booking forms but others are welcome too: if you need a detailed itinerary and booking form please contact the Secretary Alan Wilson on 6282 3213, or email alan.wilson6@bigpond.com

A year of stresses and joys

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difficult to manage across such a diverse, complex and thinly-resourced organisation. However, it is important that we attend to the various risks we face so that we might be good stewards of our assets; show good governance; comply with legislation; and meet insurance requirements.

The ADS has been able to do significant background work (you will probably not have seen this as it is the iceberg below the surface) to map the administrative and reporting processes needed in parish and agency life, prepare resources that can be used easily at the local level and then deliver these for use. We will be providing tools and resources to assist Ministry Units as they address the risks they identify over the coming six months.

From 2013, one of the most unpleasant aspects of my role has been to identify roles that will not continue. This occurred across Anglicare, the South Coast Anglican Schools, the ADS and the Diocese. Hard decisions

have been needed and this has a significant impact on people and their lives. This year the ADS said goodbye to two members of its finance staff that related to the divestment of the RAC facilities, and the contracts for two more staff have not been renewed.

Again I stress that these have been difficult decisions, but necessary ones. Please do keep all those impacted by these decisions in your prayers and that they might draw close to our Lord Jesus Christ.

The diocesan camping facilities at Wambiri and Manna Park are continuing, albeit in a different manner. Unfortunately we were not able to extend the site manager's contract at Wambiri. This coming year we will be reviewing the facilities' business plan and seeking to establish an oversight committee for them.

The Diocese has been working with the AIDF in renewing its loan facility. Currently this facility is secured by an Episcopal Pledge. The

Pledge is a promise to pay over the Bishop's signature. As a result of the situation in Bathurst Episcopal Pledges are no longer acceptable to banks.

The Diocese and the Property Trust have been working on the alternative of offering direct security to the banks over real assets. These assets will be those available to the Diocese or where current loans are in place. This will be addressed further in the AIDF presentation.

In concluding my section I would like to note how we have gone through significant structural and operational change within the Diocese. We have and continue to manage the risks facing the Diocese all the while developing and strengthening partnerships for the future.

I would like to thank all staff for their dedication and service and I would like to thank you members of Synod, and members of the Diocese for your prayers, your patience, understanding and help over the last 12 months.

Historybytes by Robert Willson

The late Father Peter Davies (1930-2014)

This image (below) is the Diocesan Ordination on February 24, 1959, at St Paul's Manuka, and I am grateful to Father Philip Thirlwell for supplying it.

On the right is Canon Peter Davies, former rector of a number of Parishes in this Diocese, most recently Yass, Curtin, and then assisting in the Cathedral, before his retirement to the central coast with his wife Marjory. He also served for some years in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Look closely and you will note that on Peter's stole is the Celtic Cross, a reminder of his Presbyterian background. Peter trained as a pharmacist and then became a Presbyterian Home Missionary.

I first met him when he was teaching a Bible Class in the Harbord Presbyterian Sunday School where his mother played the organ. I was then ten years old. Little did we know that both of us would end up as Anglican priests. Eventually Peter trained for the priesthood.

Peter was described as a priest of the old school, catholic in doctrine and churchmanship and warm and outgoing in pastoral contact. He was an able organist and was noted for his wit and scholarship.

Peter spent his last days in a Nursing Home at Mayfield and died on June 9. He is survived by Marjory and sons Andrew and Mark. Marjory wrote a fascinating contribution to the *Historybytes* series which was published in the book of that name, remembering their years in various parishes of the Diocese.

Many will remember Father Peter and give thanks for his life and ministry, as we extend our loving sympathy to Marjory and the family.



ORDINATION: Keith Sowell, Doug Kemsley, Philip Thirlwell, Bishop Burgman, Robert Tate, Raymond Blakely, Peter Davies at St Paul's Manuka, February 24, 1959.



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Cursillo looks to a different future

Big Day Out celebrates 35th anniversary of Cursillo in Australia By Wayne Brighton

In the Anglican Church, lay ministry can look a lot like Cinderella, someone who works diligently while others go the ball. As I discovered at Cursillo's 35th birthday celebration, its future doesn't depend on finding a prince but with being true to its calling.

As a program of Christian living run by the laity for the laity, Cursillo encourages people to discover their calling as active participants in God's way of life.

Not only have congregations experienced a surge of energy for love, hope and faith from renewed Cursillistas, as participants are known. Many of the diocese's pioneering missional initiatives that bring life to those far beyond the doors of the parish church trace their roots to those who took this pilgrimage journey.

An example is the Help Hands initiative at St Paul's Ginninderra.

"Cursillo's created a lot of energy, a lot of enthusiasm with a lot of impact in the diocese over the years," said Steve Daniels, Diocesan Lay Director of the Cursillo Movement.

"Cursillo is not an end in itself, nor is it just personal but it's communal. It encourages people in their faith journey, to encourage one another and to change their environment as they engage in apostolic action," he said.

"Cursillo is a doorway into a deeper experience of God and a pathway into a richer, more fulfilling life with community at its centre," shared the Rev'd Geoff Hoard as he reflected on his own Cursillo experience.

Working as a management consultant, Geoff encountered God in a more profound and deeply personal way at a Cursillo retreat. Its emphasis on community has coloured and enriched his whole approach to community development.

"The spirituality and fellowship unlocked by Cursillo has made many new initiatives possible, like Braidwood's team

ministry and Queanbeyan's *Bennies Place* for the homeless," he said.

Canberra and Goulburn opened the door of the Anglican Church to Cursillo in Australia.

In 1979, then Bishop Cecil Warren invited a team from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, Canada to lead the first retreat.

New teams soon spawned in other regional dioceses like Grafton (1983), Rockhampton (1984) and Bathurst (1985). Bucking the trend, Cursillo shifted from the bush to the big smoke of Brisbane (1985), Adelaide and Perth (1992), Melbourne (1993) and Sydney (1994). Australian members have been instrumental taking Cursillo to New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and South Africa most recently.

In its 35-year diocesan history, Cursillo has held some 74 retreats for women and 59 for men. Some 1560 women and 970 men have benefited from its work and sense of community. Over 30 of its members have pursued ordination as a result of its encouragement to make faith an active part of daily life.

Like many Christian organisations entering middle age, Cursillo is now encountering some significant challenges.

"How do we help others to know about Cursillo, what it means to be a Cursillista and the impact of a three day weekend?" asked Steve Daniels. "It's a common problem not just here but across Australia," he added, noting how the movement finds it harder to draw in new participants.

Bishop Ian Palmer from Bathurst spoke of his experience, enthusiasm and hopes for Cursillo as the renewal movement's newly appointed Episcopal Advisor. Bishop Ian shared about his own pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, the birthplace of Cursillo.

"Cursillo is a liminal space, a threshold in time with three parts to it. The three days of Cursillo take people on the journey towards Christ. It is an invitation for people to choose life rather than to continue in the same way. It is about God doing a work in people's lives. Cursillo has been a great blessing but we still need to make the choice to change, where are we going to go?"

Next year will be a pilgrimage time for Cursillo as its organisers look to discover new ways to reinvigorate the movement in the diocese.

"We want to find ways of strengthening the fourth day community to re-energise past members," Steve Daniels said,



SPEAKERS: (above) Jeff Hoad, one of the speakers on the Big Day Out, with Diocesan Lay Director Steve Daniels who acted as MC for the day.

REACHING OUT: (right) National Episcopal Advisor Bishop Ian Palmer urged the Cursillo Movement to "reach out to those on the periphery of the church".

referring to the opportunities of mutual support offered by Cursillistas to each other once retreats are complete.

"Can we actively find ways to reach out to those on the periphery of the church? Cursillo has done a fantastic job reinvigorating people within the church but can it become an evangelistic movement once again?" challenged Bishop Ian.

I suspect Cursillistas will find their way forward if they are able to re-imagine their activity in light of the movement's core values and central purpose. If it seeks to ignite faith among those who are already within our congregations the pool of potential participants is shrinking fast.

Although the movement may want to become younger, we live at time when generational diversity is expanding rather than diminishing. Spirituality is no longer a matter of connecting with the divine or even experiencing the Spirit. It is about choosing who we want to become.

The gift of Cursillo is that the abundant life we all seek can only be found in the body of Christ. If members can connect its evangelistic spirit with those searching for answers through new forms of pioneer ministry, it may yet find a whole new way of life.

Cursillo will be holding its national conference from 24 to 26 October in Coffs Harbour, see the national website for more details.



Inaugural Elizabeth MacKinlay Public Lecture



JOHN SWINTON

Living longer—living well: ageing, spirituality and why we might not want to live forever

John Swinton, an engaging public speaker, is Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care at the University of Aberdeen, where he is the Director of the Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability, Co-Director of the Kairos Forum and the Director of the Centre for Ministry Studies. He has a background in nursing and healthcare chaplaincy and has published extensively in the areas of practical theology, mental health, spirituality and human well-being and the theology of disability.

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By Sarah Hubert*

For the past four years Norm McKay has been doing something very special that many people benefitted from, but few knew he did.

From around the time of his 80th birthday, Norm has supplied the raw ingredients and cooked over six hundred two-person meals for St John's Care to give to people in need of food.

It started when his son's church home group were making meals for St John's Care and had some spare containers left over, Norm had grown twenty pumpkins and did not know what to do with them and decided that cooking them up into soup for patrons of St John's was a good way to use them.

Norm, who was an electrical engineer by trade, has always had an interest in cooking and spent a lot of years attending evening college cooking classes.

He developed two different dishes that were nutritious

and substantial and started supplying St John's Care regularly.

"It's not an expensive exercise, and I only do it from about April to September, when the weather is cold and vegies are more expensive for people," Norm said. "By careful buying I have been able to keep my costs down".

He puts the meal into one litre containers, enough for two people: "By trying this quantity on ourselves, my wife and I have found this to be an adequate evening meal".

Asked if he had ever had any feedback, Norm said he once asked Sue Jordan if he should change the recipes and she had replied, "No way!"

Due to previous heart surgery Norm no longer drives, so in return for another member of St Peter's, Weston, delivering the prepared meals to Reid, Norm helped with the monthly Anglicare collection of food at Cooleman Court, where is he is well known for his friendly smile and enjoying a chat to the

shoppers.

Now Norm needs a heart pacemaker and cannot continue his cooking efforts but he's hoping someone else will take up the baton. "Do you know, it would be good to think that someone else might take over the cooking now".

When Norm was asked why so few people knew that he has been doing this for so long, he replied that he had not wanted to trumpet it, and he believed it was something he had been called to contribute as a Christian.

And the response from the recipients? Sue Jordan said, "The meals are simple but brilliant and really loved by the clients. One recipient has said she wished she could hug him. Norm, SJC will really miss your efforts but we thank you for all your love, hard work and generosity. We love you".

**Sarah Hubert serves as Volunteer Coordinator for Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT.*



CONTRIBUTION: Norm McKay has made an outstanding contribution to the work of St John's Care in Canberra over the past four years, although few have known about it.

National Chaplain of OSL to speak at healing seminar in Ainslie

Fourth Annual Bishop Owen Dowling Memorial Healing Seminar and Service

The keynote speaker at this year's conference will be Dr Annette Rice who is a GP Doctor from Melbourne and is currently the National Chaplain of Order of St Luke (OSL) Healing Ministries.

The annual conference will be held on Saturday 18th October, 2014 (St Luke's Day).

Annette will be speaking on "The dynamic relationship between medicine and prayers for healing - a personal perspective."

There will be opportunity for questions and the topic will be of great interest to many. All are welcome.

The venue will be Ainslie Church of Christ, 82 Limestone Avenue, Ainslie, ACT 2602. The day begins with a cuppa at 11am and Annette will speak to us at 11.30am.

The Healing Service - a Service of Prayer, Bible Reading and Singing - will begin at 1.00pm with

opportunity for individual prayer, laying on of hands and anointing. The day will conclude at 2.00pm.

You are invited to bring your own lunch (scheduled for 12.30pm). Tea, coffee and juice will be provided. A book stall will be operating.

There will be a retiring offering to help defray expenses.

OSL Healing Ministries is a world-wide interdenominational body of Christians who believe that the healing of body and mind was a very real part of the total ministry of Jesus Christ. The ultimate aim of The Order is the restoration of the healing ministry to the normal stream of church life. For more information go to the OSL Website: www.osl.org.au

This annual healing seminar and service recognizes Bishop Owen Dowling's outstanding contribution to the healing ministry and the leadership he gave to OSL.

The Canberra Chapter of the Order of St Luke meets on the second Tuesday of each month at St Luke's Anglican Church,



GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Annette Rice, National Chaplain of the Order of St Luke.

Newdegate Street, Deakin from 2.00pm to 3.15pm.

For enquiries about the seminar and service or the local branch of OSL please contact David French {Secretary} by phoning 0428 121 934 or email: pppadre121934@gmail.com or John Gibson [Chaplain], Phone: 0451 681 118 or email: johnngibson@grapevine.com.au

Research role for Dr Scott Cowdell

The Canon Theologian of the Diocese, the Rev'd Dr Scott Cowdell has been appointed as an adjunct Research Professor of Theology at Charles Sturt University.

Announcing the appointment, The Right Rev'd Professor Stephen Pickard, Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, said that this was a high honour and "is testimony to the esteem with which Scott is held in the University and indeed in Australia and overseas as a scholar and writer".

"His contribution to the Public and Contextual Research Centre at CSU has been outstanding," Professor Pickard added. "He is a valued colleague and friend to those with whom he works at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture."



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Anglicare's DNA defines values

□ CEO tells Synod his organisation is reconnecting with its roots as it adapts to a changing world

Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT Jeremy Halcrow has stressed the need for Anglicare to hold onto its essential values as it adapts to changes in its operating environment.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it," he said, quoting Spanish philosopher George Santayana.

Presenting the Anglicare report to the Synod of Canberra and Goulburn Diocese on Saturday September 13, Jeremy Halcrow explained that Santayana's point was much deeper than a mere encouragement to "learn from history"; rather, the philosopher was saying that if an organisation is to grow and mature in a fast-changing world, it must do so without losing its shared history and values.

"For Anglicare to progress as an organisation, it still has to retain its 'Anglicare DNA'," he stated. "Our journey to maturity will begin with understanding our core identity; what must we never give up, despite the need to adapt to the changing world around us?"



SUSTAINABILITY: Anglicare CEO Jeremy Halcrow told the Diocesan Synod that Anglicare had been making a concerted effort to ensure financial sustainability.

He reminded the Synod that Anglicare was not unique in this matter: all ministries and parishes of the diocese confront

the same questions.

"It's just a tougher gig at Anglicare, when the majority of the staff are not Christian,

and so there is no shared understanding of the Jesus story – the gospel – which sits at the core of our identity."

To help in the process of embedding an understanding of Anglicare's core identity and mission, he said he had been telling staff about the organisation's 'creation story'. This story began with Mother Esther, who he described as "Mother Theresa of Melbourne's gold rush-era slums".

Arriving in Australia from England in the late 1880s, she joined and invigorated the Church of England Mission to the Streets and Lanes of Melbourne, providing food and shelter especially for mothers and children in crisis.

Over the following half-century, Mother Esther and her Community of the Holy Name founded soup kitchens, children's homes and hospitals. When in 1929 a new residential home for girls was purchased in Goulburn, the diocese invited the Sisters to run it – which they did for nearly 40 years.

"The work of the Sisters at St Saviours formed the core of Anglicare's DNA," Jeremy Halcrow said. "The social context is different, and so is the model of care, but the motivation to improve the lot of at-risk children is the same.

"At core, the DNA that the

Sisters left Anglicare is twofold: first, caring for vulnerable children and young people; and second, working with Anglican churches to overcome poverty."

He said a mature Anglicare will be able to keep the demands of service quality and financial performance in balance with that core mission.

Sustainability

Over the past two years, Anglicare has made a concerted effort to ensure financial sustainability, with those efforts starting to bear fruit this year. The CEO reported that the organisation's key financial targets for a surplus operational result and fundraising revenue had been met a year ahead of schedule.

This had been the first operational surplus since the merger of Anglicare's various enterprises seven years ago.

"Please note, this result is not an outcome of selling the nursing homes," he stressed. "We operated the residential aged care facilities for the full financial year, with the sale only completed in the dying days of June."

Jeremy Halcrow pointed out that it was important for Anglicare to build up reserves to enable the organisation to withstand unexpected shocks, and also to re-invest back into its core mission.

Sustainable Living hubs

Earlier in the year Bishop Stuart presented his vision to the Anglicare Executive team of integrating Anglicare more closely with the Anglican Church by co-locating Anglicare Services with parishes.

Jeremy Halcrow told the Diocesan Synod that in this Diocese, six locations already fit that bill: Ashmont, Bega, Calwell, Eden, Moruya, and Wagga.

"Our partnership with St Johns Care in Reid is mature and deepened even further this year," he added.

"But such integration must go deeper. I want us to develop a more sophisticated understanding of what integration looks like: what are Anglicare's core competencies and what service mix fits into each parish context. This must be done carefully to ensure the professional service delivery of Anglicare enmeshes with the parish mission: even basic

human needs, such as love and friendship, are best met by the parish and its volunteers."

He said that parish engagement in social action often grew from emergency food provision, and by using this as starting point Anglicare had developed a service model that could fit with parish life, bringing together professional staff and volunteers to provide financial literacy programs, family support, mentoring and skills training.

"We are calling these co-located services "Sustainable Living Hubs" because they aim to assist people in crisis to move beyond mere surviving from day to day, to grow into sustained engagement with community - and particularly the community life of the parish," he explained.

The Anglicare Board has reserved monies from fundraising surpluses to invest in new parish locations for such hubs, and the plan is to continue

to do so over future years.

Anglicare has employed The Reverend Ian Coutts, a priest with extensive experience as a social worker in England, to help bridge what is often "a substantive cultural gap between Anglicare professionals and parish life".

Ian Coutts has been tasked with identifying the most strategic locations for such hubs, and overseeing and shaping a service model that can fit the parish context.

"Financial literacy is a key step in this model," Jeremy Halcrow said. "The No Interest Loan Scheme provides loans to people on very low incomes so they can make purchases that will break them out of the poverty cycle.

"Our central loan administration office is based in Dubbo, and has a growing team of volunteers which now stretches across 30 parishes in rural and remote NSW."

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Deep snow helps deepen faith

❑ Synergy's Winter Camp helps Gen Z explore practicalities of following Jesus

The 5th Annual Winter Camp Pel saw campers and leaders spend a week in the mountains of Talbingo.

The damp weather didn't deter the energy and enthusiasm of all as they gathered to hang out, renew old friendships, make new ones and learn about what it means to live as a follower of Jesus.

This year's Winter Camp had a more relaxed feel but was still full of exciting activities including its own Amazing Race, Nerf War, worship and teaching sessions, workshops and even a Film Making Group.

Due to a bumper snow season it was the best snow ever seen on Winter Camp and the Snow Day was amazing! Almost the entire day was spent tobogganing, building snowmen, ice forts and many a snowball fight! Some even learnt how to drive in snow chains.

"This was my first Winter Camp," said Synergy Director Andrew Edwards who was also the speaker for camp. "The tangible presence of true Christian community was amazing! Everyone was welcomed and accepted and Jesus was definitely present with us over the week. You know you've been accepted

when the campers make a video starring you and your lack of hair!"

The Camp theme was Re:Generation.Z – What does it mean to live as followers of Jesus, in practical ways, everyday in every way.

For camp director Elske (Celine) some of the highlights included: "The talks by El Macho (Andrew) were great, especially the challenge to work on your spiritual buff-ness (1 Tim 4:8). There were lots of deep spiritual conversations about some really tough things with campers in various stages of their faith journey. God provided opportunities to be part of steps towards healing for some hurting youth."

Huge thanks goes to Camp Directors Celine and Caroline and to Lucas for making Winter Camp happen, Talbingo mountain retreat for providing a great venue for camp and to Peter and Jeanette Blundell from All Saints' Tumut and their team for blessing all with outstanding meals during camp.

For more information about Camp Pelican, including the upcoming Summer Camp opportunities visit www.synergyc.net/camps or contact Andrew Edwards at camps@synergy.org.au.



WHITE-OUT: A bumper snow season saw campers enjoying the best snow coverage in years, with great conditions for a wide range of snow activities - including snowball fights!

Celebrate youth ministry

❑ Diocesan Youth Ministry promotion Sunday October 19

Synergy Sunday is a day set aside to formally celebrate the work God has done, and is continuing to do, in youth and children's ministry across the diocese.

It's an opportunity for your parish to celebrate young people and children and commit to supporting them and Synergy in the year ahead.

Synergy, the youth and children's ministry agency of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, works across four broad areas as we seek to grow passionate disciples of Jesus:

- ♦ Supporting Parish Ministries (Children and Youth);
- ♦ Camp Pelican;
- ♦ Bishop's Gap Year (BYG);
- ♦ Networking within the Diocese (including Anglican schools).

Our Synergy Sunday focus for this year is Camp Pelican. Camp Pelican has a long history in our diocese of being a catalyst for growth and discipleship for young people.

We know that many members of our Diocese have fond memories of their 'Camp Pel' experience and how it fuelled their faith.

This year we're asking you to help others experience first hand the life changing power of Jesus at Camp Pel.

- Please:
- ♦ **PRAY** for our work
 - ♦ **PRAY** for our children and young people
 - ♦ **GET INVOLVED** in youth and children's ministry
 - ♦ **GIVE GENEROUSLY**
- We ask that you would



Please partner with us to reach young people and children for Jesus
visit www.synergy.org.au

prayerfully consider how you might support Synergy in the year ahead and we thank you for supporting young people and children across our diocese.

For more information on Synergy Sunday, Camp Pelican or Synergy visit www.synergyc.net, email Andrew andrew@synergy.org.au or contact the Diocesan Office on 02 6245 7101.

Bishop's Gap Year recruiting for 2015

The Bishop's Gap Year is one BIG (BYG) Year! It seeks to provide a meaningful year of growth and Christian experience and is open young people post year 12.

The BYG provides a holistic experience of life and Christian service through: a placement with a local ministry; biblical study through St Mark's; practical training with the BYG Coordinator and the opportunity for a short term mission trip.

Participants of BYG experience life involved in the mission of Jesus. They are involved as a team member on Synergy's camps and conferences, equip themselves for life and ministry and mentored as they explore how they can live as a disciple of Jesus.

In 2014, Tobias, Ryan, Patrick and Hsa have been experiencing Christian ministry firsthand as participants in the BYG.

"BYG has helped me to grow in my faith" said Has, who is serving at Good Shepherd Curtin. "It's helped me to know how to read and understand the Bible."

Tobias said he has found the Bishop's Gap Year "inspiring, rewarding, and fulfilling". "It's helped me grow as a person and discover more about myself," he said. "I've especially enjoyed my placement work and the opportunities for camps and retreats."

Applications are now open for BYG 2015. For information please visit www.synergyc.net, contact Andrew Edwards at andrew@synergy.org.au or through the Diocesan Office on (02) 6245 7101.



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