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## New Wine Kids Australia

### □ Dynamic new children's ministry network hits the road

New Wine Kids Australia has just been launched by Brian and Ali Champness (from the F5 Congregation in Goulburn) with the endorsement of New Wine UK and Australia.

Brian and Ali ministered as Children's Pastors in an Anglican church in the UK for five years where they were involved with New Wine and were excited to see how this movement has helped and inspired local churches develop vibrant children's and families ministries.

This is done through training events, networking, mentoring and exciting summer conferences which attract thousands of families each year.

While in the UK, Brian and Ali hosted New Wine training days for children's leaders, spoke at conferences and were the Team Leaders for 'Boulder Gang' at the Summer Conference which consisted of more than 600 children aged 10-11 and over 120 leaders.

New Wine began in the UK in 1989 as a Christian festival and has now grown to be a large network of churches with the vision of "Local churches changing nations".

New Wine is now an international movement represented by many different denominations and the strong network amongst the leaders has built great unity.

New Wine Kids Australia has the



**NETWORKERS:** Temora priest John Jenner with F5 Family Worker Brian Champness (at left) and an enthusiastic group who took part in the 'Coffee and Connect' gathering in Temora.

vision of "Connecting leaders to connect children to God". It is an open network assisting churches and children's ministry leaders who are wanting to see renewal so that this generation of children and families can be reached with the Good News of Jesus.

### Promotional tour

In October, Brian and Ali set out to launch New Wine Kids Australia with a road trip around the Canberra and Goulburn Diocese and also to Melbourne where they held "Coffee and Connect" meetings with anyone involved in ministry to children and families.

They visited Canberra, Temora, Batemans Bay, Bega and Melbourne to share the heart and vision for New Wine

Kids and to also hear about the great ministries that are already being done in churches to reach children and families.

Brian and Ali said that they were encouraged to see churches active and enthusiastic about reaching out to their community.

"There are so many people doing great things to reach children and families with the message of Jesus," said Brian. "Programs such as 'Mainly Music' and 'Messy Church' seem to be having great impact into communities as churches see many people attend these programs. Other churches are active in scripture teaching and running kids clubs and family services. I believe as a network we can help each other

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# New Wine Kids Australia

build strong ministries to children and families in our churches."

One of the main ways that New Wine Kids will assist churches is by providing a network and support for leaders and volunteers to connect to share resources, ideas and encouragement.

One of the ways this will happen is through the Facebook page. People have already started posting questions and people from other churches have been responding and sharing ideas. Anyone can be a part of this Facebook group by searching 'New Wine Kids Australia' in the Facebook search bar.

Another focus of New Wine Kids is training and conferences. Being part of a network provides the opportunity to get some good quality practitioners to share inspiration and skills to improve our ministry to children and families.

"We are excited to have Rev'd Dr Mark Griffiths coming to Australia in March 2016 for the 'Elevate' Children's and Families Ministry Tour," Brian Champness said. "Mark is the senior leader of Warfield Church, a large church based on the outskirts of London, and also the leader of New Wine Kids in the UK.

"He is a gifted communicator and will inspire anyone who ministers to children and families and he will also have opportunities to speak to

other senior ministers."

Mark Griffiths has several published books including 'Don't tell cute stories - change lives' and 'One Generation from Extinction'. Mark and the 'Elevate' Children's and Families Ministry Tour will consist of one day conferences in Goulburn (12th March), Melbourne (5th March) as well as Temora, South Coast, Sydney, Newcastle and other regional centres.

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October 2016 will see the launch of the 'New Wine Spring Conference and Family Festival'. This will be a four-day gathering for adults, youth and children.

Of the event, Ali said: "This is always the highlight of the year in the UK and it will be a great opportunity for all generations to come together. We will have great speakers and worship leaders for all age groups as well as a variety of electives and some 'all-in'

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family services."

New Wine Kids Australia is also looking to launch internship and mentoring programs in the coming years.

"One of the visions of New Wine Kids Australia is to see a new generation of children's and families ministers that are well trained, equipped and resourced to reach this new generation with the Good News of Jesus," said Brian.

If you would like to keep up to date with New Wine Kids Australia and the events and programs they run, either search 'New Wine Kids Australia' on Facebook and join the group or contact Brian and Ali at brian.champness@anglicancg.org.au or 0476 168 118.

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**VISION:** Ali and Brian Champness have a vision for a new generation of children's and family ministers to reach a new generation of young people.

# Bishop's Convention 2016

## □ Making disciples who make disciples

Bishop Stuart Robinson has invited Mike and Sally Breen from the UK/US to speak at the 2016 Bishop's Convention.

The Convention will be held in Goulburn's Veolia Arena – a state of the art, multi-function, climate controlled facility for up 1,000 - on Saturday May 7, 2016, with the annual Barlow Lecture on the Friday evening (May 6).

Mike Breen led a church re-plant in the inner London suburb of Brixton in the late 1980s, where he pioneered the concept of missional communities.

From 1994 to 2004 he served as Senior Rector of St Thomas' Sheffield, England. Under his leadership St Thomas's grew to become the largest church in England in 2000.

Later that year he launched a team that began a church planting movement in Europe, planting more than 1400 churches in four years.

Bishop Stuart has urged lay people across the diocese to mark the date in their diaries.

"This will be our signature training event for lay members of our churches in 2016," he stressed. "Please invite parish councils – and whole congregations to this world class event."

The Koorong organisation (owned now by the Bible Society) will run a full conference bookshop on site during the Convention.

Bishop Stuart said final pricing for the event is yet to be determined, but "the indicative conference fee will be \$75.00". Childcare. will be provided.

"Do please start planning to attend now – and we'd be thrilled if you used social media to get the word out – today!" he added.

Bookings will open from mid-November - check the Diocesan website for details.

### Mike and Sally Breen

When you listen to Mike and Sally Breen speak, you are caught up in the incredible passion they both share for the church, its mission, and the discipling of its people.

Mike is a speaker, author, minister



**TRAINERS:** Mike and Sally Breen have trained thousands of church leaders in developing a discipling culture in their churches.

and entrepreneur, who has been one of the leading innovator in the discipling movement throughout Europe and the US for more than 25 years.

In addition to his calling as a church planter and pastor, Mike has authored over 20 books including the best selling, *Family on Mission* (3DM Publishing 2014), *Building a Discipling Culture* (3DM Publishing, 2011), *Covenant and Kingdom* (3DM, 2010), and the three-book *A Passionate Life* series (Cook Communications, 2005).

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***(Bishop Stuart Robinson)***

As a speaker, Mike Breen is in demand across the United States, Europe and Australasia. He speaks regularly in Colleges and Universities that include Azusa Pacific University, Wheaton University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Fuller Seminary, London Theological College, Durham

University and Cambridge.

He is equally sought after in Mega Churches (Crossroads Church - Cincinnati, OH, Grace Midtown - Atlanta, GA, and Discovery Church - Orlando, FL), as well as Conferences and Festivals (Verge, New Wine – Holland, Denmark Summer Festival, North American Mission Leaders Conference).

While Mike and Sally normally travel as a team, Sally is an innovator in her own right. Having spoken at most of the places that Mike has visited, she covers topics for women's and mixed groups around the world.

Her topics range from *The Integrated life*, *The Faithfulness of God*, *Children, Marriage, Dating*, *The Rhythm of Life*, *Health patterns*, and *Family on Mission*.

Mike and Sally live in South Carolina, where they founded 3DM, a movement/organization which has now spread to five continents, training thousands of leaders and churches in how to move to a discipling culture and missional mindset.

They have been married 34 years and are the proud parents of three adult children and two grandchildren.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT BISHOP**

# Playing the game better

There is a great saying: "The older I get the better I was!"

As I enter middle age and begin to think back on past sporting glory rather than present (or dare I say it) future capacity, deep in my heart I know that my memory of what I used to be able to do will become rosy indeed!

The reality is that while I had many of the raw ingredients to make a decent athlete I had one fatal flaw-I was really dumb when it came playing the game (it didn't matter which game either!).

This was in stark contrast to my siblings who had athletic skill and the ability to 'read the game! They knew where to run, where to stand, which angles to pass the ball on and how the game worked ... and it all seemed to come as second nature. They had an intuitive grasp of the game, its explicit rules, but also its unsaid 'feel'. Whereas I was OK they were excellent!

In many ways the great challenge in successfully negotiating life is similar to the challenge in becoming a sports-star. We are constantly being called upon to respond to and anticipate an environment that has said and unsaid rules and where a 'feel' for the game can often determine how appropriate our moves are.

This is particularly acute for those who wish to live their lives as disciples of Jesus. As disciples we are called to live as 'strangers and aliens' in this world, not settlers or escapees. This means that we will be constantly negotiating a playing field and people who will assuming that the play works

to one set of rules, while we will be wanting to employ another. Same field... different game!

The great challenge is that we need to be like my siblings rather than me. We need to be able to respond to the spoken and unspoken values of Jesus' world rather than being caught up in the rules of the here-and-now.

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I find it fascinating that there is an entire genre of scripture given over to the challenge of living as disciples in a world that marches to the beats of different drums. We often call these books the 'Wisdom Literature' - the parts of scripture that deal with questions of daily life like Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and even Job.

Indeed it is the 'wise' approach to life that seems to drive the apostles as they tutor the very first churches that were planted soon after Jesus returned to heaven. They were constantly reflecting on real, day-to-day challenges in real communities and situations, but with their eye on a different game - How do we interact with this situation given that Jesus has begun God's Kingdom?

Friends, this remains our question as we live in the same space that those

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first churches did. Jesus has irrevocably begun God's Kingdom, yet we live awaiting its completion - so, how do we interact with our situations given that Jesus has begun God's Kingdom?

The good news for aspiring athletes is that one can improve their 'feel' for the game. I'd like to think that I am a much smarter footballer than I ever was (pity I am so much more slow, fragile and weak now). This is certainly true for life. Indeed many of the letters that the apostles wrote were written precisely to help train Christians to become better 'players of the game', more wise participants in God's work.

So as we approach Advent and another Christmas, use this as an opportunity to grow in wise play.

As you revisit the promises God made to send one who would undo the hurt done through human pride and sin; as you remember the recurring pattern of rejection, redemption and restoration made clear in the Old Testament; as you pray that Gods' light would once more be known in the world; as you prepare to celebrate that in Jesus God's plans will come to fruition, bring the demands and challenges of your life to the top of your mind and ask, 'How can I respond to this challenge, given that Jesus has begun God's Kingdom ... and I get to play in this game'!

## Jerusalem appointments for CSU theologian

A Charles Sturt University (CSU) theologian has been appointed to dual leadership roles in Jerusalem.

Reverend Dr Gregory Jenks, senior lecturer in the CSU School of Theology and the outgoing Academic Dean of St Francis' Theological College in Brisbane, has been appointed as Dean of St George's College and a Canon of St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem. The appointment was announced by the Most Reverend Suheil Dawani, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem and Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Dr Jenks is the first Australian

appointed to this position, which he took up at the start of November.

His academic interests include theological archaeology and the socio-political history of the Holy Land. He has been a regular visitor to the region over many years, and is a co-director of the Bethsaida Archeological Site on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

"The Christian community in the Middle East is vital to the long-term future of the region," Dr Jenks said. "While in a weak and vulnerable situation right now, Christians have been part of the local culture for 2,000 years.

"Christianity started in Palestine and spread to Egypt, Syria, and Turkey, before taking root in Europe. As a minority found in almost every country in the Middle East, Christians have an important stake in secular and democratic political processes."

St George's College is part of the Anglican compound in Jerusalem which comprises the Cathedral, the College, a pilgrim guest house, and a K-12 school.

It welcomes people from many parts of the Anglican Communion, and provides short-term hospitality, fellowship and education opportunities for Anglican pilgrims from around the world.

# Advent vigil for asylum seekers

From Advent Sunday (November 29) to Christmas, Sister Jane Keogh will be standing, sitting and walking in front of Parliament House in solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees on Nauru and Manus Island and in Australia.

Jane Keogh is a member of the Roman Catholic Brigidine Sisters and has worked for justice for refugees and asylum seekers for the past 14 years.

"I'm now 70 years old and the situation is worse than ever," said Sr Jane. "Reason and sensibleness have not worked so now it's time for a little madness!"

Sr Jane points out that Advent is a season of reflection, penitence and hope. She believes it is particularly appropriate that we as a nation reflect on and repent of our treatment of refugees, and that refugees themselves find this Advent to be a time of new hope.

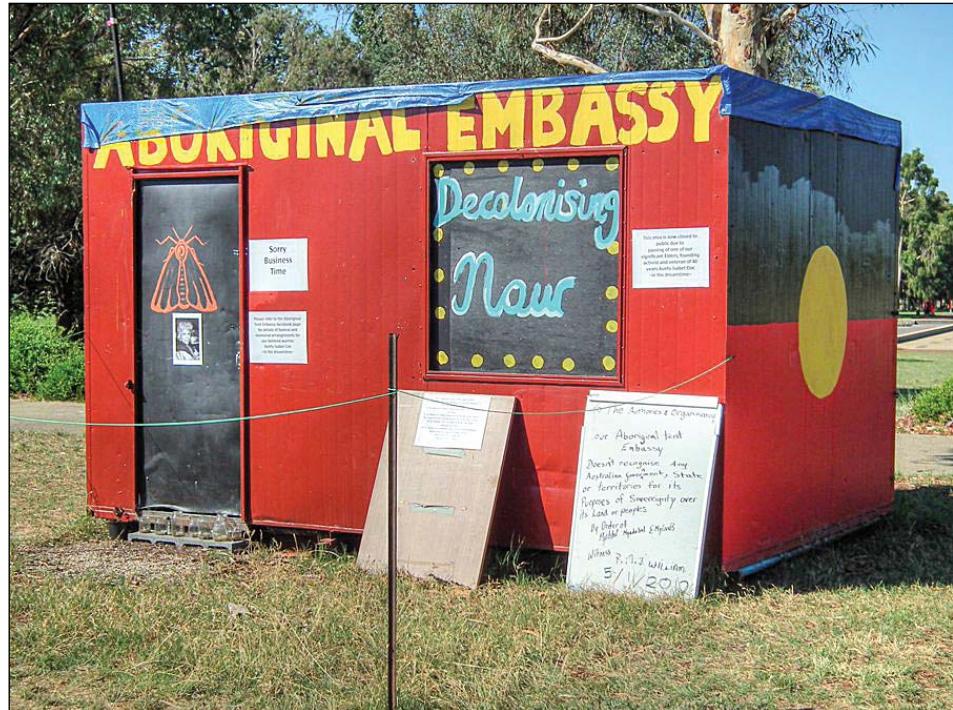
The Aboriginal Tent Embassy will give her refuge at night as otherwise she would not be allowed to stay in the Parliamentary Triangle.

Sr Jane hopes to get significant media coverage to spread understanding about Australia's treatment of some of the most persecuted and vulnerable people in the world.

"But I'm not doing it for headlines," said Sr Jane. "I'm doing it for my own humanity. If it makes no difference to anyone else, it is at least an opportunity to stand up for who I am and what I believe in."

"I like to think I'll be standing there representing the hundreds of thousands of Australians who feel shame and anger about our treatment of refugees and want the cruelty to end. There are children who have spent their whole lives imprisoned, surrounded by hopelessness and suffering, women who are abused, fathers separated from their families, young men who have spent five years locked up with nothing to do but worry."

"They cry out to us for help and we turn our backs. Innocent people are punished, allegedly to teach a lesson to others."



**SUPPORT:** The Aboriginal Tent Embassy at Parliament House will provide overnight refuge for Sister Jane Keogh during her 26-day vigil in support of asylum seekers. Photo: Google Images.

By spending 26 days confined within the parliamentary triangle she will be saying to asylum seekers, particularly those imprisoned indefinitely on Nauru and Manus Island and in Australian detention centres: "I am with you, I hear your anguish, I feel your pain, I cry with you, I will never give up fighting till you are free and can live with dignity and hope."

## Showing solidarity

Sr Jane hopes that people from all Christian traditions, from other faiths and indeed people who profess no faith might want to join her at times, to show solidarity, to make their own peaceful protest, to walk around the lake with her carrying their own banners, to pray or sing or meditate in silence.

She will be wearing the Advent colours of purple and black and displaying a prominent banner.

Those who cannot join her in person might like to follow her vigil on her blog on the internet. You can find the link to the blog by going

to the Facebook page of Jane Irene Keogh.

People who visit her in person might like to bring cards or messages of support which will be delivered to asylum seekers imprisoned in Nauru and Manus Island.

## Daily timetable:

- 7.30 am - 8.30 am (weekdays only): walking around the lake clockwise from Reconciliation Place.
- 9.30 am - 1.30 pm: on the lawns and under the trees in front of Parliament House.
- 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm: time out for personal reflection.
- 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm: on the lawns and under the trees in front of Parliament House.
- 4.30pm -5.30pm (weekends only): walking around the lake, clockwise from Reconciliation Place
- 5.30pm- 7.30am: at the Tent Embassy.

# Where will you be on November 29?

## People's Climate March in Canberra

By Gillian King

At midday on Sunday 29 November at Parliament House, there is only one place to be in the Canberra region. On the last weekend of November, thousands of people from all parts of our community will gather to help create the biggest, most diverse climate march the world has ever seen, on the eve of United Nations climate talks in Paris.

The People's Climate March in Canberra has been specifically organised so that congregations of Christians can come directly from church on Sunday morning. The Diocesan Public Issues Commission is encouraging Anglicans to attend.

Local Anglican Jenny Goldie is working through Climate Action Monaro to organise transport to the March from Cooma, Bredbo, Michelago and Royalla. Contact Jenny on 0401 921 453 or [jenny.goldie@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jenny.goldie@optusnet.com.au) if you are interested.

Gillian King, a member of the Diocesan Public Issues Commission, is on the ACT State Organising Committee for the march and is working hard to ensure that people of faith are seen and heard through this event.

"It is only by standing up and speaking out that the voices and wisdom of people of faith will be heard by the people making decisions about what can be argued is the greatest moral issue of our time at this critical time in humanity's history," she said.

"As people of faith, it's up to us to join in and make Sunday November 29 the largest and most diverse climate change action the Canberra region has seen."

"Together we will show that people of faith and people in the Canberra region are already showing leadership and taking action on climate change and that our Federal decision makers are out of step with us, and the rest of the world."

The Canberra People's Climate March is part of a global gathering of everyday people calling on leaders to tackle climate change and make the transition to a brighter and fairer clean energy future.

## Event details

**What:** Canberra People's Climate March, an international weekend of community action on the eve of the UN climate talks in Paris. Join us by wearing your traditional or religious dress, or the colour purple to represent many cultures, many faiths, one world to celebrate our diverse cultures and faiths, and our unity in caring for our world as our common home.

**When:** Gather at 12 midday, Sunday 29 November

**Where:** Federation Mall, the lawns in front of Parliament House

**Why:** Climate change is impacting us now, yet decision makers are dragging their feet. We will show how large and diverse our community call for climate action is. We'll demonstrate that communities are already getting on with the job, and it's time to follow our lead. From here on in, we're all in.

There will be six sections in the Canberra People's Climate March, each with its own colour.

"Come along, with your friends, family and congregation, to join the People's Climate March and represent many cultures, many faiths, one world. If you celebrate our unity in caring for our world as our common home, and our diverse cultures and faiths, wear your traditional or religious dress or the colour purple and join in."

Groups and individuals are encouraged to come up with their own creative messages, bring banners, colours, and instruments.

### Follow the call

"Let's follow the call of leaders such as the Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Francis and call for decisions to be based on taking care of Creation and ensuring care and fairness for the poorest and most vulnerable," Gillian said.

"To change everything, we need everyone. Together, we can urge our leaders - and support each other - to take action to implement the solutions (most of which already exist) before it's too late. The aim is to show that people all over the world - a broad, diverse, united and powerful movement - are committed to urgent and real change, and that we want our decision-makers to reflect this and we will hold them to account. For this movement to be successful it is important that it involve as many people from as many different aspects of our community as possible.

"From here on in, we're all in!"

She said that climate change was impacting Australians and people across the world right now, and it was getting worse: 2015 is on track to be the hottest year on record globally. Rising sea levels and extreme weather are hitting us every year. In the Canberra region, hotter, drier summers mean more heat waves and bushfires.

Climate change will make things harder for the most vulnerable people, including those in Canberra and surrounds, who are less able to cope with extreme weather events.

"We are already seeing the effects of climate change around the world, from rising sea levels drowning our Pacific Island neighbours to extreme heat, drought and storms to extra strain of climate change fanning the winds of war in places like Syria," she said. "Yet the solutions are available, including different ways of relating to each other and sharing resources."

Gillian King said that the People's Climate March would be the world's largest action, from the most diverse spread of communities, calling on all leaders to "do what is necessary to secure our future".

"It hopes to demonstrate the strength in our diversity, and that people from all walks of life are calling for climate action," she said.

Sign up for the March and learn more at [peoplesclimatemarch.org.au/canberra#ACT](http://peoplesclimatemarch.org.au/canberra#ACT) – and stay tuned to the Facebook event [facebook.com/events/794077210702920/](https://facebook.com/events/794077210702920/)

# St Mark's NTC: *refracting God's abundant grace*

**By Andrew Cameron\***

There are these two difficult facets of being human. I find it helpful simply to notice them without guilt or shame in the first instance; for self-recognition opens our eyes. The first of these difficulties is anxiety. The second is 'loss aversion'.

For British philosopher Alan Watts, we 'lose the present' in future worries and past regrets. 'The object of dread may not be an operation in the immediate future,' he observes in *The Wisdom of Insecurity*. 'It may be the problem of next month's rent, of a threatened war or social disaster, or being able to save enough for old age, or of death at the last. This "spoiler of the present" may not even be a future dread.

It may be something out of the past, some memory of an injury, some crime or indiscretion, which haunts the present with a sense of resentment or guilt.'

For most of us, the anxious past and the

future are not as real, but more real, than the present.

In *Thinking, Fast and Slow*, neuroscientist Daniel Kahneman writes of how our brains process quickly and not always 'rationally'—such as in loss aversion, where professional golfers putt more accurately for par than for a birdie, and 'giving up a bottle of nice wine is more painful than getting an equally good bottle is pleasurable'. We are wired to hoard.

Right now, Anglicans have some worries and some loss aversion. Both crimp our imagination, and hinder creative, generous mission. But Jesus knows us, and closely addresses anxiety and loss aversion on his epic journey to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51–19:42).

He also knows a God of extraordinary abundance. Everyone who asks receives (ch. 11). We're more valuable than birds (ch. 12). God's kingdom is like tiny yeasts in a huge

pile of flour (ch.13). Heaven erupts with joy over one repentant sinner, and when a spendthrift comes home (ch. 15). Even a thieving, self-serving manager is praised (ch. 16), because at least he understands the power of generosity.

Jesus encountered many on that road who loved to hoard, for whom anxiety and scarcity defined them. 'If you, even you, had only recognised on this day the things that make for peace!' he laments. 'But now, they are hidden from your eyes.' For Jesus, when our eyes open to the grace of God, we joyfully differ from what surrounds us, and bring peace.

St Mark's exists to open people's eyes to Jesus' way of seeing. At our best, our courses are prisms refracting God's abundant grace, setting Australians free from belief in anxious stories of scarcity.

Come to our Open Day on November 21st to find out more.

\***Andrew Cameron** serves as Director of St Mark's NTC



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# Living the multi-cultural experience at CSU Wagga Wagga

**From St Martin's College**

St Martin's College is a ministry of the Diocese of Canberra Goulburn and the Diocese of Riverina.

It provides a clean, safe community for students who are studying at CSU's Wagga Wagga campus.

The past year has seen some changes in the college resulting from changes in the government's Higher Education funding. There has been a decline in full time, on campus enrolments at Wagga with all accommodation experiencing about a 10-15% vacancy rate compared to the waiting lists that existed a couple of years ago.

The college has taken up the challenge and has diversified its accommodation with an increasing number of International students (12% of residents) and Post-graduate students (5%) and these are now part of the St Martin's community.

This diversity has strengthened and enhanced the college community with one of the highlights for the year being the Multicultural dinner catered for by the students themselves, and calls for this to be a more regular event.

The spiritual formation of students



**ORANGE BREAK:** One of two St Martins' teams in the mixed netball competition: Caitie Skinner, Shae Sadler, Pam Cowie, Elly Hodgkinson, Kelsey Deeves, Adam Windel and Ashley Snare tuck into the oranges at half-time.

has also been enhanced with the multi-faith meditation being a highlight of the week.

The college community is blessed to have amazing support from the local Anglican Parishes. St Paul's Turvey Park cater for a "Welcome Back to Uni" meal four times a year. These have become a much anticipated event, as the students not only enjoy the wonderful home cooked food, but many friendships have developed over these meals and the St Paul's people have also become mentors to the students.

Wagga Parish, Community of the Redeemer Ashmont and St Paul's Turvey Park also continue to provide a home cooked meal for students during their final exams, again a ministry that is greatly appreciated and valued by the students.

The St Martin's student Community not only receives ministry and generosity from others, but is also a generous community that gives to others. This year the students have raised funds for victims of the Nepal earthquake, participated in Biggest Morning Tea and Relay for Life and a

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**COTTAGE 372**, which comprises a mix of international and Australian students: Razma Alim, Sanjana Chand, Padma Devaraj, Sancho James, Kailash Patil and Sajid Latif.

# Historical Society visits Monaro

**By Charles Body**

More than 40 people from around the diocese joined the Anglican Historical Society's weekend tour of the Monaro district on Saturday 31 October and Sunday 1 November 2015.

The Society's Tours Officer, Jill Hodgson, organised a packed program with visits to St Thomas' Michelago, St Bartholomew's Bredbo, St Peter's Nimmitabel, St Mary the Virgin Gedgedzerick, Christ Church Cooma, St Paul's Cooma and St John's Adaminaby.

Saturday's program was carefully planned to ensure that the group was in Nimmitabel at noon for the unveiling of the Nimmity Bell. The purchase and installation of the bell is a community initiative designed to encourage tourists to stop in the town and explore its many attractions.

In association with the unveiling of the bell, there were numerous displays and street stalls and displays. The only regret is that Historical Society members were not able to spend more time (and money) in Nimmitabel.

Apart from St Paul's at Cooma, none of the churches visited by the society has weekly services. However, all are beautifully-maintained and continue to serve their communities as they have done for over a century.

The faith and commitment of the members of these churches and the way in which the churches are an integral part of their communities is an inspiration to people from larger suburban parishes.

It was a great pleasure to have Fr Bill Pryce, currently locum at Grenfell



**TYPICALLY MONARO:** The church of St Mary the Virgin at Gedgedzerick in a typically Monaro setting.

in the Diocese of Bathurst, join the tour. Fr Bill's great-grandfather, the Rev. Edward Gifford Pryce, was the first Anglican priest appointed to the Monaro.

His remarkable ministry in the district from 1843 until 1856 covered the Monaro, the south coast and extended into Gippsland in Victoria – and this at a time when travel was by horse and there were few roads.

The Rev'd Bill Wright, a long-serving priest in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, was also a participant in the excursion. Bill was rector of Adaminaby from 1958 until

1961, not many years after the town was moved from its old site (now under the waters of Lake Eucumbene) to a new site about eight kilometres away.

Bill's renowned pastoral care skills would have been much in demand at this time of great stress and pain in the community.

The Society's tour, and the visit of Fr Bill Pryce in particular, received considerable local publicity, with a reporter from the Monaro Post visiting St Paul's after the Sunday morning service to interview Fr Bill and other members of the Society.

## Multi-cultural experience at CSU Wagga Wagga

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group of students again spent a week at St Christopher's Children's Home in Fiji.

The students who participated in the Fiji trip set up a new library for the home, organised games and activities for National Youth day, learnt to cook gulgula and took a donation of \$2000 to the Sisters who run the home - a gift from the college community.

Apart from all of this activity

students participated in a range of activities during the academic year including a river float on the Murrumbidgee; Saints' Cup netball, touch and soccer – we won the cup back from St Francis college; a weekly pizza and games night for “stress relief”, Trivia night, Talent quest, scavenger hunt and a champagne breakfast for Ag Race Day were all highlights.

The college also offered students

tutoring support and this year set up a “colouring-in” station as another way of helping with pre-exam stress levels.

Applications are now being accepted for students wanting accommodation in 2016.

So if you know anyone studying on CSU's Wagga Campus encourage them to have a look at the college website [www.stmartinscollege.org](http://www.stmartinscollege.org) or to contact the college for further information.

# Give the Gift of Education for Christmas

This Christmas ABM is giving the gift of education to children in Kenya and the Philippines.

Fundraising Manager of ABM, Christopher Brooks said, "Christmas is a wonderful time to give to others but to give to children seems to bring that extra joy. This year ABM is ensuring we give hope and joy to children in our partner countries by having our appeal focus on two Christian Education projects."

"I encourage our supporters to consider a gift to ABM's Christmas Appeal to give the gift of education to children in Kenya and the Philippines," he said.

In Kenya, The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry is a Christian Education program which builds young children's faith from ages 3 to 12.

In slum areas such as Kibera, which is located within the Archbishop's diocese in Nairobi, there is a great need to grow faith in the children.

This program is being well received by the children and their families but even more success is possible if the program continues to grow and strengthens the faith of even more children.

The Archbishop and the Bishops in Council recognise the program is encouraging and effective for the children and are



**TRAINING:** ABM's Evangelism and Christian Education Project is providing much-needed training for ordained and lay leaders in the Philippines, such as the teachers of these Sunday School children. Photo © ABM/Brad Chapman 2012.

hoping to spread it all across Kenya. The program has now been extended across other Dioceses in West Kenya.

In a recent report the church told ABM, "God is helping the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to develop strongly in Kenya and nearby countries with about 25 centres either operational or planned. It is now developing in nine schools across Kenya and will provide nurture for children from Nursery to class eight."

The program is now being delivered in Anglican Churches in Kenya with some assistance also going to development of this ministry in Uganda and South Sudan and Burundi.

Across the world in the Philippines, the Evangelism and Christian education project provides much-needed training and education options for ordained and lay leaders.

The training leads lay leaders to a deeper participation and commitment to contribute to the ministry of the church in the broader society as a whole.

The project also provides opportunities for ordained ministers to specialise in particular pastoral works such as counselling for the young people or conducting spiritual retreats.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines has a Vision-Mission-Goal – "by the year 2018 we envision a vibrant and dynamic church of caring, witnessing and mission-oriented parishes."

Continued support will help the Church reach 170,000 young members of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and help leaders realise the vision of 2018.

Your support of ABM's Christmas Appeal will help children learn the love of God. Please give generously at [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org).

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**NEWS**

## Former Bishop of Grafton removed from Holy Orders

A former Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton has been removed from holy orders on the recommendation of an independent Professional Standards Board.

Keith Slater had been Bishop of Grafton for 10 years until his resignation in May, 2013.

The deposition means Mr Slater no longer holds any ordained position, role or status within the Anglican Church of Australia and returns to being a lay member of the church.

The recommendation follows a hearing by the Board, headed by former Supreme Court judge, the Hon. Mr Moreton Rolfe QC.

The hearing related to the diocesan response to allegations of abuse at the North Coast Children's Home in Lismore during the period 1940-1980 and claims for compensation.

The hearing followed findings by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and evidence given at the hearing by Mr Slater.

The Board's recommendation was directed to the Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Sarah Macneil.

Dr Macneil adopted the recommendation and informed Mr Slater of his removal, or deposition, from holy orders.

Under church law there is no avenue of appeal.

The choice of recommendations available to the Board varied from counselling to loss of all standing as an ordained person within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Earlier this year a former Registrar of the Diocese, Patrick Comben, also was removed from holy orders following his appearance at the Royal Commission investigating issues relating to the NCCH.

## Insights into lives of church leaders of recent decades

Former *Canberra Times* journalist Graham Downie has published a book distilled from interviews and conversations with church leaders and prominent lay Christians over the past four decades.

The book, *Servants and Leaders*, was launched on Thursday November 12 at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

Graham Downie worked as Religious Affairs journalist for the *Canberra Times* for most of his working life, and in retirement has continued to write occasional freelance articles featuring well-known Christians.

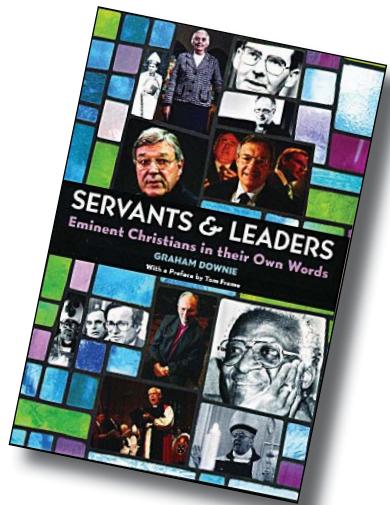
Church leaders of all persuasions and prominent lay Christians have opened up to Graham Downie over forty years on the issues and feelings that matter to them most. Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, former Anglican Archbishop of Sydney Peter Jensen, former Governor-General Peter Hollingworth, cabinet minister Fred Chaney and pioneering Presbyterian minister Joy Bartholomew are among those featured in his book.

These people have shared their thoughts on church and society, morality and sex, world affairs, women, homosexuality or child abuse.

An award-winning religious journalist, Graham Downie has been able to exploit his reputation for integrity and impartiality to get influential people to talk openly about their beliefs, controversies, embarrassments, triumphs and disappointments, personal and global concerns.

Former Editor of *The Canberra Times*, Ian Mathews, was invited to launch the book.

The book will be distributed through book shops, or people can call Graham Downie direct on 6161 1901 to order a copy.



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# Is terrorism a threat to us all?

**□ Bishop George Browning last month addressed the annual gathering of the Association of Retired Federal politicians, in the Senate Chamber of the Old Parliament House. He was one of three speakers discussing the topic of terrorism, along with General Peter Leahy, previous head of Army, and Professor George Williams of ANU. Dr Browning's speech is reprinted in full:**

Terrorism is one of those words that is in almost daily usage by the media and there is a tendency for it to be used when it is not necessarily appropriate.

Was the Martin Place violence terrorism, and if so what was the aim of it? Was it rather the final act in the life of a very disturbed and needy human being who aligned himself with any group from a bikie gang to a religious sect?

So what is terrorism and what is it not? Terrorism is not any form of random violence, it carries very specific meaning.

Terrorism is: "The unofficial or unauthorised use of violence to achieve a political end".<sup>1</sup>

What then is politics? Politics is about governance and the art of negotiation that humans, social beings, need to employ to achieve social and economic security and well being. Politics necessarily comes into play in all aspects of life be it sport, local community life, the Church, as well as affairs of state, nationally and internationally.

The greater the reach of governance sought over diverse interests and expectations, the greater will be the skill required to achieve an outcome which benefits all. In a political vacuum or when the politics has failed, terrorism arises either as an attempt to short circuit the necessary political process, or as an expression of frustration that the aspirations of a particular group are being thwarted, ignored or suppressed.

The situation in Syria is an example of the first, the situation in Palestine the second.

Terrorism is essentially about politics, about the failure of (perhaps even absence of) due political process, and not essentially about religion. On the other hand religion has frequently been appropriated in an attempt to 'noblise' that which is not noble, to give credibility to that which deserves no credit. The 'cause' is frequently the very antithesis of that religion's basic tenets.

Religion can become coterminous with terrorism for one of two reasons. Either the combatants in the cause consider governance to be essentially the domain of religion; or a minority turn their economic or social grievance into a religious or spiritual crusade.

The former is clearly the case with Daesh or the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which has ambitions for a worldwide caliphate. The latter was the case in Northern Ireland where the Catholic population had suffered long-term social and economic disadvantage at the hands of British ambitions.

Terrorism is a threat to us all if religion and national governance become coterminous, or if legitimate long term grievances remain unaddressed, or if a party external to the grievance interferes, and without thought upsets the balances that have enabled a measure of cohesion and stability to exist.

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There is a sense in which we have tilled the soil which has enabled the emergence of Daesh and we continue to be involved in a conflict without really knowing what the outcome will be, or whether it will lessen or increase deep feelings of injustice in the region.

## Genesis narrative

Let me turn for a moment to violence within religion. The three Semitic



**BIBLICAL SOURCE:** Dr George Browning goes back to the Book of Genesis to find explanations for the deep divisions that led to conflict.

religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam share a considerable body of sacred text, including the pre-historical narratives of Genesis. It is well known that these texts contain the narrative of rivalry and violence between the brothers Cain and Abel, the supposed children of Adam and Eve.

What is less well known is an informed interpretation of this text which, being pre-historical, might give meaning to all humanity, not simply people of faith, any faith. The name Abel in Hebrew is *Hevel*,<sup>2</sup> a word for breath.

Jews, like the Greeks, spoke of the soul or the spiritual dimension of humankind in language drawn from the act of breathing. "In Hebrew words for soul – such as *nefesh*, *ruach* and *neshamah* – are all types of breath".<sup>3</sup>

*Hevel* means a shallow, fleeting, ephemeral breath. Abel therefore represents human mortality – a mortality

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that comes less from sin than from the fact that we are embodied souls in a physical world subject to deterioration and decay.

What will eventually kill Abel (humanity) is Cain. Cain in Hebrew means to acquire, to posses, to own. Eve conceived and acquired *kaniti*, a man, with the help of the Lord.

The entire ethical-legal principle upon which the Hebrew Bible is based and which is sacred to Islam and Christianity, is that we own nothing. Everything – the land, its produce, power, sovereignty, children and life itself – belongs to God. Cain represents the opposite: power as ownership, owner-ship as power.

The Hebrew word for Baal has the same range of meanings. Violence therefore in the teaching of the three Semitic religions begins in competition for scarce goods, of which the first is land. Owning or desiring to own that which belongs to another in the three Semitic religions is the source of violence and ultimately the cause of human destruction.

Given that the Bible assumes this to be a universally applicable truth, a truth that should be applied to all people in every generation, the 21st century looms as open to fairly widespread violence for three reasons.

The first is that in past generations rivalries were, on the whole, localised and could remain so. In a global world this is far more difficult, if not impossible. Leaving aside all other issues, the environmental crisis on its own is potentially the source of very considerable rivalry and violence. Already we are seeing many people becoming environmental refugees.

Advanced countries that have historically contributed most to the cause of the crisis are proving very reluctant to change their behaviour. Those who have contributed least but are adversely affected the most can and do feel deeply aggrieved. It is obvious that the seeds of political violence can sprout from this soil; indeed I understand the military are already weighing the potential gravity of this threat.

The second reason is that if violence is largely related to control or ownership of resources; as global population expands, competition for resources, including those as basic as water, will escalate. For example, Israel controls 92% of the water in historic Palestine. Gaza is virtually out of water. The



**RELIGIOUS TERRORISM:** George Browning says that religion and terrorism can overlap when combatants in the cause consider governance to be essentially the domain of religion. He cites ISIL as an example of this. Photo: Google Images/Rueters

aquifers have become so denuded that salt water has seeped in making them brackish. The health of all, especially the children, is severely affected.

The third reason is that while endemic poverty has been eliminated from some parts of Asia and Africa, nevertheless there is growing global inequity with 1% of the global population now owning or controlling 90% of the world's wealth. This inequity is not simply restricted to wealth; it also impacts governance – politics.

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### Disproportionate influence

The facts of the matter are that the wealthy have a disproportionate influence on political decision making through their lobbying capacity, and this diminishes the appeal of democracy.

If it becomes clear that democracy cannot deliver equity then there will be increasing dissatisfaction with the democratic process and a temptation to subvert or challenge it.

I would like for a moment to bring Francis Fukuyama into the conversation, particularly through his: *The Origins of Political Order*.<sup>4</sup>

In this important work Fukuyama argues that human beings have evolved with an essential loyalty to family and tribe. He argues that loyalty beyond that is hard or difficult to sustain. He argues that we have evolved with commitment to such loyalty because of its necessity for survival. A single human being has zero chance of survival; we all need the security and protection of a group.

### Imposed boundaries

Tribal loyalty continues to prevail as the dominant political engagement in much of Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific with little loyalty shown to national boundaries or national government. Western colonisation has been, in part, responsible for the continuation of tribal loyalty through the imposition of national boundaries that bore little relevance to ethnic, religious or tribal affiliations.

As a result, on the one hand people of the same ethnicity can find themselves artificially separated, and yet on the other hand they can be called upon to express loyalty to a form of governance which unites them to others with whom they have little in common. (Those on either side of the border between PNG and West Papua are the same ethnicity).

It is useful to remember that the national boundaries of the Middle East did not naturally evolve but were imposed by Western colonisers. The boundaries of what today is known as **(continued next page)**

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Iraq were set by the British and those of Syria by France. When the boundary of Iraq was being established by Britain, it was well known that three different loyalties were being imposed on each other: the Kurds, the Shia and the Sunni.

Fukuyama argues that if loyalty is to be enduringly established beyond the family, or tribe, the advantage needs to be clear and the rules that guard that advantage must be strong enough to be relied upon. Since the industrial revolution, economic advantage has been a strong incentive for loyalty beyond the family or tribe. What has guarded and sustained that loyalty has been acceptance of, and commitment to, the rule of law.

## Australian context

When members of a tribal society migrate to Australia, the success of their integration is dependent on many things, but it includes confidence that Australia's rule of law will not be partisan, that it will in effect guard the rights of all without fear or favour. (This is a confidence that much of the Australian indigenous population is yet to realise).

For those who migrate to Australia from a tribal society that happens to be Islamic, growth into this confidence takes time and is made more difficult if a language barrier continues for too long. It may take a generation for this confidence to grow; in the mean time there might be a temptation to fall back to Sharia law, upon which folk have customarily relied. This integration becomes virtually impossible if there is a perception, let alone a real life example, of Australian law unfavourably treating those who are yet to have full confidence in it.

How am I to summarise a very complex issue? Much of the terrorism with roots in the Middle East has grown out of a failure of national politics.

Libya, Yemen, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, perhaps even Lebanon, fail to deliver a national form of governance which overcomes tribal rivalries. The West has been keen to remove despots but has given little thought to what form of governance will replace them.

Even in the West, politics is destructive if it is partisan and

confrontational in its style. Australians rightly rejected this style in the Abbot Government and they hope for better in the Turnbull Government. Either the idea of nation state, a relatively recent historical invention, has to be abandoned, or that State must find a form of governance that does not clearly advantage one group at the expense of another.

Also, given the irreversible nature of globalisation, no nation state or group of states can seek unjust advantage at the expense of other states and not expect to live with the consequences.

## Notes:

1. *Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus* (Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2007).
2. Among other things the keyword of the book known in English as *Ecclesiastes*.
3. Jonathan Sacks, *Not in Gods Name*.
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## Clergy moves and appointments

- ◆ **The Reverend Owen Davies** has been appointed by the NSW Police Force as Chaplain, NSW Police Academy, and will be licensed accordingly.
- ◆ **The Right Reverend Trevor Edwards** will take on the role of non-stipendiary Rector of the parish of Murrumburrah-Harden with **the Reverend David Rajasakaram** appointed Priest-in Charge Murrumburrah-Harden following David's ordination to the priesthood at the Priests' Ordination Service in November 2015.
- ◆ **The Reverend Bob Lindbeck** will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Southern Monaro.
- ◆ **The Reverend Peter Malone** has been appointed the part time Warden/ Chaplain at Brindabella Court, Dickson, ACT.
- ◆ **The Reverend Dr Erica Mathieson** will be collated as Archdeacon for North Canberra at the beginning of the Priests' Ordination Service on Saturday 28 November 2015. Erica will continue as Rector of Hackett Parish.
- ◆ **The Reverend Natalie Milliken** has been appointed Chaplain to the Junee Correctional Centre effective from 1 November 2015.
- ◆ **The Reverend Susanna Pain** will be commissioned into her new role as part time Associate Director,

Liturgy, the Arts and Spiritual Care at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture on 18 November 2015, at the ACCC at 7.30pm.

◆ **The Venerable David Ruthven** has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Wagga Wagga. David will commence in February 2016.

◆ **The Reverend Graham Schultz** has accepted an appointment at Bowral in the Diocese of Sydney and will complete his ministry and locum at Turvey Park on 13 December 2015.

The following candidates, God willing, will be **ordained Priest** on Saturday 28 November 2015, 11.00am, St Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn:

- ◆ **The Reverend Judy Douglas;**
- ◆ **The Reverend Natalie Milliken;**
- ◆ **The Reverend David Rajaskaram;**
- ◆ **The Reverend Craig Roberts;**
- ◆ **The Reverend Andrew Robinson.**

There will be three new Canons of St Saviour's Cathedral – the **Reverend Roberta Hamilton**, the **Reverend Susanna Pain** and the **Reverend Steve Clarke** (Arts). Roberta and Steve will be collated at the commencement of the Priests' Ordination and Susanna will be collated at a later date.

# Hope, love, joy and peace: reflecting on the themes of Advent

## Anglican Overseas Aid offers free booklet to guide Christians through the lead-up to Christmas

A new free Advent reflection booklet from Anglican Overseas Aid invites people to rediscover the reflective opportunities of the Advent season leading to Christmas.

“Advent is traditionally a time of reflection in anticipation of both the birth of Jesus and his eventual return, as well as being a time for welcoming God into our lives every day,” said Anglican Overseas Aid’s CEO, the Reverend Dr Bob Mitchell.

“But often the pressure and stress of preparing for Christmas and finishing off the calendar year overwhelm those moments that could be used to slow down, be still and reflect.

“All year round, Anglicans and Anglican churches across Australia generously and compassionately support the work that we do with poor communities around the world, so we decided we wanted to give something back.

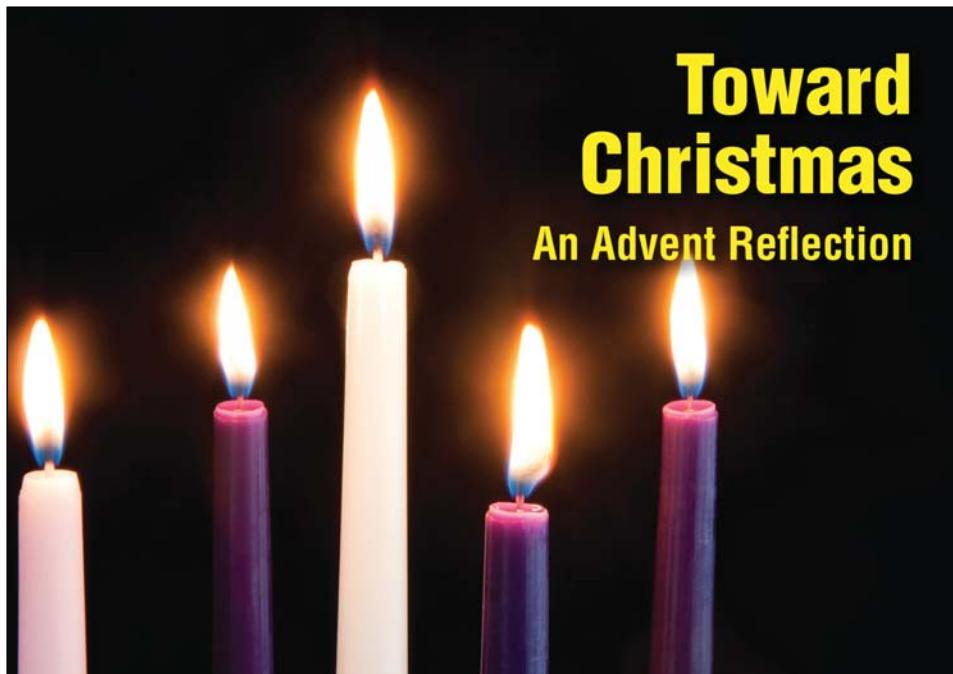
*“Toward Christmas: An Advent Reflection* is our way of inviting people to take some time for themselves and connect with the deeper story that is at the foundation of their faith, particularly in this busy time of year.”

Bob Mitchell said that the booklet had been inspired by the agency’s *Gifts of Light* Christmas gifts catalogue, which last year was redesigned around the themes of Advent.

“We realised that charity Christmas gift catalogues often don’t emphasise the central story of the Christmas season, so we redesigned *Gifts of Light* to follow the traditional themes of Advent – hope, love, joy and peace – and the Advent lectionary readings,” said Bob Mitchell.

“This year we thought we would like to offer people something more reflective, so we created the booklet as a free gift to complement the *Gifts of Light* catalogue.”

Bob Mitchell said the free, pocket-



sized Advent reflection booklet was a simple, low-key tool for personal reflection based on the weekly themes of Advent.

It contains a short overview of the history and tradition of Advent, and follows the Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace. Each theme has a page with a reflective image and quote from a significant Christian, along with questions that invite the reader into reflection around the theme.

Bob Mitchell said the booklet could be ordered in bulk for use by churches and other groups, or as part of orders of Christmas gifts from the *Gifts of Light* catalogue.

“Churches and groups are invited to contact us to order multiple copies,” he said. “Alternatively, you can also choose to receive a copy of the booklet

with every *Gift of Light* card that you purchase. Our suggestion is that you give the booklet to your loved one at the start of Advent, and then give them your *Gift of Light* card at Christmas. It’s a simple way to reclaim the spirit of Advent and Christmas, and you get to give a gift twice!”

To order multiple copies of *Toward Christmas: An Advent Reflection* for your church, community group or family, contact Anglican Overseas Aid on 1800 249 880 or [aoa@anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](mailto:aoa@anglicanoverseasaid.org.au)

Alternatively, you can request one copy of the booklet with each *Gift of Light* Christmas gift card that you purchase from Anglican Overseas Aid via their website at: [www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](http://www.anglicanoverseasaid.org.au)

## Anglican News in print for December

The December issue of *Anglican News* will be a printed tabloid edition, and will be due in parishes by Sunday December 6.

The deadline for all copy and photos will be Wednesday, November 25, but production will be held back to include coverage of the Ordination in St Saviour’s Cathedral, Goulburn, on Saturday November 28.



# THE BISHOP'S APPRENTICESHIP INITIATIVE

Synergy Youth and Children is proud to announce a brand new initiative commencing in February 2016.

*Go! The Bishop's Apprenticeship Initiative* is an exciting new opportunity for young people aged 14 – 25 to grow in their faith and service as a disciple of Jesus.

Anglican News asked Andrew Edwards, Director of Synergy Youth and Children to tell us about this exciting new initiative.

“*Go!* is all about giving young people opportunities to learn more about what it means to follow Jesus, to grow in their faith and understanding of Him and to learn practical skills while serving in a range of hands-on ministry projects,” Andrew explained.

“*Go!* is designed to be a very practical year that can be done alongside whatever else young people are doing, be that school, University, work or a combination. It’s an internship, an opportunity to work alongside others in ministry and for young people to discover the gifts, talents and heart God has given them for serving Him and reaching the world.”

*Go!* is founded upon the need to engage young people in both knowing what they believe and why, and teaching them how to put that into action.

“Our goal is to provide easily



accessible opportunities for young people to grow as disciples of Jesus” Andrew said. “*Go!* will provide a year filled with quality teaching, deepening relationships with Jesus and plenty of hands-on ministry opportunities and experience across the Diocese. We want to help young people understand that serving God and others is part of the DNA of a believer – it’s something that we need to be building into our lives as part of who we are. We are called to be disciples, who make disciples, who make disciples!”

Young people will have the

opportunity to learn from experienced ministry leaders throughout the year, connect with a mentor, assist with various ministries across the diocese and become part of Team Synergy and experience the diversity of ministry through avenues such as social media, online and resource support.

“It’s going to be an exciting year and I can’t wait to serve alongside the young people who sign up for 2016” Andrew said. “I’m so excited to see how God grows these young people in their faith, commitment and service to Him, our Diocese and the world. Please remember us in your prayers!”

For more information about *Go!* visit the Synergy website [www.synergy.org.au/go](http://www.synergy.org.au/go), or contact Andrew on 0437 883 122 or [andrew@synergy.org.au](mailto:andrew@synergy.org.au).

*Go!* will be replacing the Bishops Gap Year (BYG) for 2016.

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or by contacting Andrew at [camps@synergy.org.au](mailto:camps@synergy.org.au) or 0437 883 122

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