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Students Gather in Wagga Wagga



Over 60 students and staff from Anglican schools across the Diocese gathered in Wagga Wagga on the afternoon of 5th and morning of 6th May for a student leadership forum and to celebrate the dedication of The Riverina Anglican College's new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) building.

Students met on Sunday afternoon for a service at St John's Wagga Wagga and for the first time had an opportunity to meet Bishop Mark and to hear him preach. The College provided the wonderful music for the service and students took part in the readings and prayers.

The students were then challenged by activities arranged by the Reverend Andrew Robinson and Libby Gale (Canberra Grammar)

designed to help the students integrate and get to know one another. This gave staff of the schools an opportunity to get to know each other as well and the Bishop which was especially helpful to the newer principals.

This was followed by a BBQ dinner at St John's prepared by the Reverend Gavin Krebs, Anna Krebs and Kym Hoey, with the help of TRAC students.

Students and staff were hosted at The Riverina Anglican College on Monday morning for breakfast prepared by the staff and students of the College.

Steven Bowers, Principal of Burgmann Anglican College, then gave an address to the students and staff on leadership.



Staff and students cooking breakfast with plenty of advice

The morning ended with Bishop Mark dedicating the new STEM building.

Bishop Mark said the forum was an ideal opportunity to connect with a vital part of the Diocesan family.

'Through our schools the Diocese is blessed to be in contact with around 5,000 young people. In Wagga Wagga I was honoured to spend time with some of them and be encouraged by their enthusiasm, maturity and willingness to embrace the responsibilities of leadership. I look forward to seeing what God does in them and through them in the future.'

*by David Holmesby
Chair of Anglican Schools
Commission*



Bishop Mark dining with the students



Bishop Mark dedicating the new STEM building

Bishop Mark Writes

HOW GOD'S JUDGEMENT CAN UNITE US

I've only ever once had someone tell me to 'go to hell'. They were angry, perhaps with good reason. Still, their words stung and wounded. For a time our relationship was distant and strained.

Words about hell and judgement can do that. Spoken carelessly or in anger, they can give the impression that we are using God's judgement to distance ourselves from 'the others' who are somehow less deserving than we are.

There can be yet another way in which talk about judgement divides us. Here, we distance ourselves from other believers on the basis that we wouldn't talk or write about judgement in the way they do.

Either way, we can find ourselves using God's judgement as a tool for drawing lines and building walls. But what if there is a way of speaking about God's judgement that can actually unite us? What if we were to begin, not with what God's judgement means for the other person but with what it means to us? Here's my attempt to do just that:

God's judgement reminds me that I am responsible and accountable.

At my ordination as a priest I was challenged with these words – 'Remember that you will be called to give account before Jesus Christ: if it should come about that the Church, or any of its members, is hurt or hindered as a result of your negligence, you know the greatness of the fault and the judgement that will follow.' I take it that the compilers of our liturgy had something more than

denominational discipline in mind here! In the gospels Jesus is clear that judgement awaits those who claim to act in God's name but instead exploit and mistreat God's people. That could be me. It could be you.

God's judgement reminds me that I need grace and mercy.

God judgement is more than calling out a few poor lifestyle choices. It is the maker of our universe bringing down the curtain on the old, broken order so new creation can take its place. Even in what I think are my better moments I align myself with that old order in so many ways – in my casual greed, in my assumption that I should be at the centre of the universe, in my neglect of others. I desperately need the grace of Jesus. Perhaps you do as well.

God's judgement assures me that I can live in hope.

Justice matters to us. It matters even more to God. In Romans 12:19 Paul urges us not to seek justice through vengeance, but to leave room for God's final judgement. We are not to be like Jonah, watching our world from a distance as we wait for that judgement to come. Instead, we enter into that world with compassion and blessing, knowing that one day God will set all things right. That gives me hope. What does it do for you?

If you'd love to continue this conversation please email your thoughts to me at mark.short@anglicancg.org.au.



Clergy Moves

The Reverend Angus (Gus) Robinson has been appointed as the next Rector of Arawang Parish and will commence later this year.

The Reverend Monica Adau Garang's ATO was renewed (24. 05.2019).

The Reverend Judy Heggart has been granted an ATO (06.06.2019).



Our Diocese is committed to holistic Safe Church Ministry. This means: we commit to our pastoral, duty of care, legal and insurance obligations; with the goal that all ministries are spiritually, emotionally and physically safe; based on the premise that Diocesan parishes and ministries should be person-valuing and respectful places free from abuse and harm, for ministry to God's glory.

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Everything Old is New Again

BY REVEREND HAYDN SWINBOURN



On Sunday 5th May over 110 people gathered from the local community and around the Diocese to celebrate the rededication of St Edmund's Hall, Gunning, and to celebrate over 180 years of ministry in the district. Bishop Mark Short preached a magnificent sermon and called for all to rededicate themselves to the service of Christ. Later, he led in the rededication of the renovated hall to the glory of God and the service of the community.

From the beginning of ministry in Gunning, willing and able volunteers have been the hallmark of the Parish. On 31st March 1838 the Reverend Robert Cartwright began an 18-year voluntary ministry with a licence which read, 'Minister of the District of Yass, the entire County of Murray, and the western division of the County of King'. Some 35 years later, the church of St Edmund was finished and consecrated. The

chancel and the porch were added in 1912 and 1926 respectively.

Since Cartwright's great start, at least 48 ordained ministers have held the licence as Rector, Priest-in-Charge, Locum or local Minister. Currently the Reverends Haydn Swinbourn and Vicki Hancock continue the tradition. Seven past Rectors and several other former clergy family representatives were present on the day.

Over the past 180 years the Parish boundaries have changed. Today St Edmund's is an independent centre in the Cartwright Mission District. Plaques around the church and grounds bear testament to the faithful lives and work of parishioners, as well as the tragic loss of life in war time. The Service Register of 19th December 1915 records a service was conducted at 11.00am, 'Military - March of Kangaroos'.

Several significant building projects have been undertaken including St Edmund's church; the 'Parsonage' (1873), now Rectory and its restoration in 1954, and of course the Hall construction in 1952.

Over the past three years, under the guidance of Mrs Lesley Johnson, Vestry Chair, with the support of many in the Diocesan Registry, a plan was developed and brought to fruit to renovate and extend the hall. With care and generosity of Vanessa Bell (Project Manager), Karina Smith (Draftsperson), and Jason Cooper (Builder), a magnificent result has been achieved. The hall has state-of-the-art toilets and kitchen as well as providing a flexible hall/meeting space.

The vision of the current Vestry is that the Church and Hall are for the promotion of the Gospel and the



support of the Gunning community.

The hall was put to the test after the dedication with a 'cracking' morning tea. People from throughout the community continued to chat and remember well into the afternoon. A great day and a tremendous reminder of the providence and care of our great God.

'Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.' Romans 13:8



CC's Ministry Centre: Connecting & Community!

THE REVEREND YVONNE GUNNING



On Saturday 11th May Archdeacon David Ruthven dedicated the new CC's Ministry Centre at Cootamundra Anglican church.

It was a special day as Archdeacon David began CC's when he was the Rector here about 10 years ago. The new refurbished centre has begun to

build upon that original vision.

We are keen to use our new space as a hub for our church and local community to facilitate pastoral care and fellowship. We are also excited with a beautiful café-style space in which to share the gospel, while enjoying great coffee. It's an inviting area with new and pre-loved Christian books for sale.

We plan to use the ministry centre

to train people in how to share their story and invite those that want to hear more about the Christian faith to a Discovery group in the café. We have people praying specifically for God to bring people who are open to hear the Good news about Jesus.

On Thursday and Friday each week CC's offers a light meal, milkshakes, coffee and great scones. We often have people come who are lonely and who just want to chat.

When CC's opened 10 years ago it was an Op Shop in our old Sunday school rooms. We are thankful for the partnership that we had with Anglicare and for the great training and resources they provided.

We have now taken the Op out of the shop and remodelled to make it a modern space to connect with the community.



100 Voices Raises Over \$3,000 for BCA!

BY REVEREND CANON KEVIN STONE



In actual fact there were more than one hundred voices singing praises to God. This all happened on Saturday afternoon, Election Day, 18th May. And if you take in the audience then there were 300 people giving glory to God. This was an event organised by Maneerat Jeerapaet Pinyopusarerk from the Parish of Ginninderra. St John's Hall Reid was the venue.

And yes, there was a 100 Voices massed choir that Maneerat conducted from an extension ladder. Participants of this choir came from many localities: Yass Valley Voices; St Ninian's Uniting Church Choir; Spence Community Choir, which has been together since 2008; as well as individuals representing many different Christian denominations or none!

The 100 Voices massed choir sang the following hymns: Jubilee Hymn to the Holy Spirit; Immanuel; I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say; Lord of All Hopefulness; A New Command-

ment; Road to Zion; Bless Australia. And concluding with audience participation in singing Amazing Grace. They were accompanied by pianist Heather Shelley, and flautist Naomi Elliot, with Narrators Heather and Malcolm Bullock.

The afternoon was introduced by the MC, the Reverend Doug Newman from Batemans Bay. He then introduced Canon Kevin Stone, who through his work as a member of the ACT/NSW Committee spoke of the vision that inspired the formation of BCA and the support that has occurred across this Diocese for the work of the Society. 'It was a wet night on 26th May 1919 when a small gathering of 26 church people met in the lower hall of St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter House, Sydney, which marked the beginning of the Bush Church Aid Society.' The result of that meeting was a vision to see 'Australia for Christ'. Subsequently down through the years it became apparent that 'going the distance'

was a real witness for the gospel.

During the course of the day there were other groups contributing, introduced by Warren Ganter Saunders Gungarri who played a Didgeridoo solo. The Zimbabwe United Methodist Choir sang Agungkan mubatsiri wedu (God our present help in times of need); and Jehovah mufudzi wangu (The Lord is our Shepherd). The Indonesian Christian Community Choir, with Conductor Yama Radimin and pianist Frieda Scott, sang Agungkan kuasa namanya (All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name) and Slapa yang berpegang (Trust and Obey).

After this there was Afternoon Tea. Ladies from the Parish of Ginninderra did a magnificent job in catering for so many. It was delightful to have afternoon tea on the deck at St John's where there was much talking and laughing. Kevin Stone met Barry Banks during afternoon tea. Following Kevin's talk, when he mentioned living at Ivanhoe in the 1980's where he was Principal of the Central School, Barry was keen to let him know that he had taught at Darnick, a railway siding between Ivanhoe and Menindee, where he was appointed in 1963. They could both relate to the isolation experienced by many BCA staff!

The afternoon concluded with a medley from Bewdy Uke from St Simon's Anglican Church, followed by the Vietnam Evangelical Choir singing Here I am to Worship and Psalm 146, accompanied by pianist Samuel Le. Peter Kuot and David Jok from the South Sudanese Anglican

Church also contributed items.

It seemed unlikely that over \$3,000 could be raised to support BCA as the tickets only cost \$5 a head. But the response was overwhelming as people generously gave to this important cause through a free-will offering. There were also reports of God's healing, as Maneerat reported: 'Jeni Murdoch who did the tickets at the door told us about miracles that happened: one lady who could hardly walk due to back pain, walked out after being prayed for. Another person with a haemorrhage felt better after being prayed for. Praise God!'

As an addendum to the May edition of Anglican News, the following clergy have also been involved with BCA: Bishop Greg Thompson, a former Rector of St John's Canberra, who was NSW State Secretary in the 1990's; an earlier Curate at St John's, the Reverend Gordon Thomas, went with BCA 50 years ago as Missioner to Southern Cross WA; and the Reverend Ron Keynes, who was Rector at North Goulburn 1976-1982, had in earlier years been a BCA Missioner at Leigh Creek and Ceduna. Are there others?

BCA has recently announced that Archdeacon Greg Harris, the Rector of South East Bendigo Parish, has been elected the next National Director of the Bush Church Aid Society of Australia. He will replace Mark Short, now Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn. Greg and Karen expect to commence work with the BCA in August.

Burgmann Supports the Winter Pantry Appeal



Each year students across Burgmann Anglican School participate in a variety of ways to support Anglicare during their

Winter Pantry Appeal by donating non-perishable items and raising awareness and resources for those in Canberra who find it especially

challenging in winter.

The Winter Pantry Appeal is the Term 2 charity focus in each sub-school, and the generosity of families is extraordinary as they collectively donate thousands of items each year. Funds are also raised and donated through various activities organised by the Ginninderra Award students in Middle School.

Additionally, Senior School students may volunteer to participate in the Winter Sleepout. These students spend the night in the school gymnasium 'purchasing' pieces of cardboard and items of comfort by providing cans of food. In 2018, 800 cans of food were

collected in this single activity.

Burgmann Anglican School is proud to support this important charity.

To donate visit: <https://www.anglicare.com.au/services/get-involved/appeals/winter-appeal-2019/>



40 Years of Anglican Renewal

BY BISHOP IAN LAMBERT



Left to right: Gloria Kwashi, Archbishop of Jos, Nigeria – The Most Reverend Benjamin Kwashi (Chairman of SOMA International), The Reverend Liz Rankin (National Director of SOMA Australia) – recently of Batemans Bay Parish.

As SOMA Australia (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) prepares to host celebrations in October 2019, Melbourne, Australia, for **SOMA International's 40 years** of service and ministry, what better opportunity than to share with you the remarkable story of the conception of this global short-term mission organisation.

In 1978 an International Anglican Conference on Spiritual Renewal was held in Canterbury, England, prior to Lambeth, the gathering of Anglican bishops held every ten years. 300 leaders from around the world attended.

A year later, 'Sharing of Ministries Abroad' (SOMA) was established as a legal trust. Michael Harper was appointed director with the support of an international group of Anglican leaders in renewal. It was an appropriate name as the acronym SOMA is the Greek word for 'body', and SOMA was to be a ministry to

the body of Christ.

SOMA Australia born

During 1985 and 1986 a group of Australians, together with two New Zealanders, became the initial board of what was then called SOMA Pacific and later became SOMA Australia, as SOMA New Zealand was as established. John Wyndham was appointed National Director and led the way for SOMA missions out of Australia to the Torres Strait Islands, South Korea, Japan and Mauritius.

Currently there are seven countries across the world who have an established Board, United Kingdom, Ireland, South Africa, USA, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia and each of these countries send short term mission teams across the world to continue to encourage, teach, equip, share in ministry and take care of the nervous system of the Anglican church of both lay and clergy alike.

Recent Mission

In 2019 SOMA Australia has sent

mission teams to Vietnam, Indonesia and Nepal. With Bishop Ian Lambert (Chair of SOMA Australia) recently returning from leading a team into Borneo's 'interior', he commented 'What an amazing privilege to serve God's Kingdom on short term mission – to see God move powerfully in healing and salvations, and join with local people passionate for Jesus, as they were encouraged by the Team. And in one local village in East Borneo where the Anglican Home Church had outgrown the home in which they were worshipping, the local Muslim community gifted them a large portion of land for them to build a new Church. We were constantly blown away by the provision and love of God.'

Victoria 2019 – All Welcome

The SOMA International 40th Anniversary will be a time of great celebration as well as an opportunity to share in the work of God's renewal here in Melbourne, Australia.

Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi, Chairman of SOMA International, and teams from across the globe (United Kingdom, United States of America, Singapore, New Zealand, Southern Africa, Ireland) will join our Australian team to facilitate four mini missions throughout Geelong, Bendigo, Mornington and the Melbourne area. Each area will host a SOMA Conference over the weekend of Friday 25 – Sunday 27 October 2019. This will be followed by a thanksgiving Service to be held the following weekend, Saturday 2nd November 2019 at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne and concluding with a celebratory dinner (venue to be confirmed), sharing in the past, the present and the future.

For more information please:

- visit our website: www.somaau.org
- email us: contact@somaau.org
- visit our Facebook page: SOMA Australia



Bishop Ian Lambert and Dr Teresa Parish praying for local Community Chairman in the 'Land of the Three Suns', Indonesia.



Diocesan Synod 2019

Our Diocesan Synod will be held from 6-8 September 2019 in Goulburn.

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Burgmann Anglican School is seeking expressions of interest for temporary teaching contracts and casual teaching staff.

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Snowy Mountains Ministry

Commencing as soon as practical, BCA and the Experimental Ministries Unit of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, seek a church planter for a new ministry in Jindabyne NSW. Jindabyne is a thriving town and a major gateway and service centre for both summer and winter sports in southern Monaro.

Applicants must be in priest's orders and be able to be licensed by the Bishop of Canberra & Goulburn. Proven experience in leading a parish is essential and experience in church planting is highly desirable.

Applicants need to meet all the requirements for Working with Children & Safe Ministry for Canberra & Goulburn and BCA.

For further information contact Larissa Simpkins on (02) 9262 5017 or larissa@bushchurchoaid.com.au

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What's On

Wednesday 26th June

DIOCESAN MOTHERS UNION OVERSEAS & NORTHERN DAY

10am: Eucharist

11am: Talk

"What in the world is happening? Worldwide and in Northern Australia"

12pm: Lunch



Guest Preacher and Speaker: Christine Brain
Anglican Mothers Union Australia Overseas and Northern Outreach Convenor

Christine is married to Peter. They have served in ministry in Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Armidale dioceses, and currently live in "retirement" in Perth. They have four children and 15 grand-children, aged from 17-2. She has been involved with Mothers Union for over 30 years, the last 5 of which have been in the role of Overseas and Northern Outreach Coordinator on the Executive of Anglican Mothers Union Australia. She loves sharing with MU members and others about the various projects Mothers Union is involved in both in Australia and overseas. In her free time Christine enjoys reading, especially "whodunnits" and missionary biographies, gardening and bushwalking.

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