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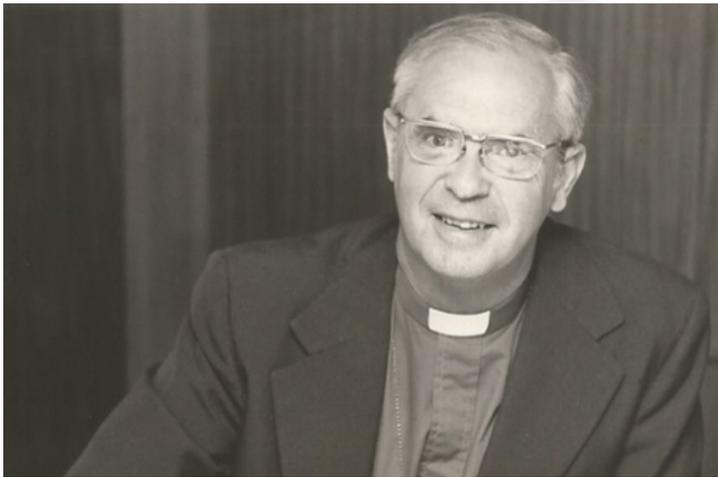
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# Remembering Bishop Cecil Warren



A Memorial Service for the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Cecil Warren, was held at St Saviour's Cathedral on 16 November.

The Reverend Dr Chris Simon gave the eulogy, after gathering stories and information from many sources. This article is adapted from that eulogy.

Bishop Cecil spent his early years as an Air Force radio operator and subsequently made extraordinary progress through external studies to matriculate; then to an honours degree from Sydney University; a Th.L. by external study in two years, and thence to Oxford. His wife Doreen spent time in the Northern Territory while considering the possibility of serving in PNG with ABM.

Bishop Cecil returned to parish ministry in Canberra from 1957 to 1963. He was consecrated an Assistant Bishop in 1965, then served as Diocesan Bishop from 1972 to 1983.

Bishop John Grindrod – a former Primate – on the back cover of Bishop Cecil's Book: *A Little Foolishness*, writes this commendation:

'Bishop Cecil Warren 'dreamed' the Australian Church. He moved with a sense of urgency, for he had a vision of the Anglican Church of Australia as not just a collection of dioceses, but a Church with a strong cohesion and sense of mission.'

He then quotes Cecil as writing of his early life:

'The Church, as I knew it seemed a poor thing ... Its proclamation was weak, its worship uninspiring and joyless, and its relationship to the community pitiful ... Ordination presented itself to me as a way of helping to put things right.'

Bishop Cecil spoke of struggling in some ways to move from theory to practice and how the liturgy of the Church and especially the words of the Nicene Creed were instrumental in enlivening his faith. Stories were shared of his and Doreen's daily reading of Scripture and praying together – even prior to Ordination – a good reminder of the benefits of regular disciplined prayer and Bible reading.

Bishop Cecil, in choosing the lessons that he desired to be used at his funeral service, and as used at this morning's Service, indicated a strong intention that the Gospel should be preached.

Thus, the ringing statement of Paul in Romans 6:3-9 (NIVUK):

'Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.'

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.'

In reading of Cecil's Christian journey, it was never more apparent that amidst all the pressures of the rapidly expanding city of Canberra, and the sheer practicalities of the day-to-day pressures that confronted him, as both Assistant Bishop and then Diocesan Bishop, that motivation that drove Paul was that which drove Cecil Warren.

Certainly, in many ways, he never wore his faith on his sleeve as it were, and yet perhaps one of his most significant contributions to both the life of this Diocese and the church beyond, was his introduction of the Cursillo Movement. What a brave move, to insist that all members of Bishop-in-Council and all clergy and their spouses were to attend. It indicated what it was that was his true inner motivation and drive. And true enough, how many then and since have either discovered or rediscovered the truth of 'being alive in Christ'. And so must we ...

As one commentary states (Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, citing Krister Stendahl, at <https://www.workingpreacher.org>):

'Paul's jubilant rhetoric that proclaims that 'we might walk in newness of life' and that you are 'alive to God' arises out of the experience of resurrection known in the Christian community in cities throughout the empire and in Rome in the first century.

As that was true of the early Christians so, upon reading Cecil's small tome was it not only true for him, but he also wished it to be true for all those who belong to God's Church –

not least those of us gathered here today. And, without a doubt, is now fully true in all its eternal glory to Cecil now.

And, of course, Paul was simply reflecting – affirming – that same message from John in the Gospel reading (John 14:1-6) – which of course is frequently read at funerals and says one writer (Elisabeth Johnson, <https://www.workingpreacher.org>) 'for good reason. It contains promises that are profoundly comforting in the face of the death of a loved one ... this text is not only about life after death but is a text that has everything to do with our lives here and now.'

The words of Jesus in today's reading indicate that Jesus is responding to the anxiety of his disciples by saying, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me' (14:1). Jesus calls them back to this fundamental relationship of trust and assures them that he is not abandoning them, but simply preparing a way for them and us here today.

This statement by Jesus is a promise, a word of comfort to his disciples. It is also a word of comfort for all God's pilgrims that says that it is OK to ponder, it is OK to question – just as Cecil Warren did many years ago.

And, as he discovered many years ago, there is an eternal answer for those who search. An answer that became real to Cecil Warren, and an answer that he would want to become real for all of us today.

We thank God for the life and witness of Cecil Warren – for who he was, for the vision that he had in advancing the Kingdom and those people across the Church who he ministered to over his years of faithful service. And we remember the mutual love and faith shared by both Cecil and Doreen.

Thank you, Lord, for your faithful servant Cecil Warren and the hope that is both his and ours in Jesus.

# Bishop Mark Writes ...

Monica and I are thrilled to be spending our first Advent and Christmas with you after our return to the Diocese. This is such a significant time of year, not least because of the opportunity it gives us to reflect on and engage with God's mission.

What is God mission? Here's one summary: God becomes our gracious guest so that He might be our generous host.

Think of the first Christmas. Here is Jesus, God the Son, becoming a guest in our world. First in His mother's womb, then in a feeding trough, He moves into our neighbourhood. God becomes one of us, receiving food and drink and friendship from His creation. What a gracious guest He is!

That of course is not the end of the story. Jesus also came into our world so that He might be our host. Entering into a world that had gone astray from its maker, He offers hospitality and table fellowship to all as a sign of God's coming Kingdom. In His life, death and rising again He does all that is needed to welcome us home, if we say yes to His invitation. What a generous host He is!

We live at a time and place when there seem to be fewer and fewer spaces for people to genuinely connect with each other. The ABC's recent Australia Talks survey found that almost half of Australians experience loneliness at some time. Contrary to popular expectation, some of the loneliest Australians are not older people living in remote locations but younger people living in inner-city suburbs.

With God's help, generous hosts and gracious guests have the potential to transform this situation. Generous hosts create comfortable space for people to connect. They take the initiative in welcoming people into neighbourhoods, workplaces and churches. They help people feel at home and look for ways for communities to celebrate together.

Gracious guests enter unfamiliar space for the sake of connecting with others. They love saying 'yes' to an invitation, and help neighbours and colleagues feel that their hospitality is noticed and valued. They are willing to be blessed by people whose life experience and faith commitments may be quite



different to theirs. We experienced this first hand as we moved into a new home this past month. Even as we were unloading furniture a Muslim neighbour crossed the road and gifted us a pot plant and a block of chocolate. Saying 'thank you' was a great way to begin a relationship.

As I travel around the Diocese I am thrilled to hear of churches and individuals seeking to engage their world as guest and host. When we open ourselves to the possibility of

creating and entering shared space with others, we will find that our appreciation of God's world and our participation in God's mission is deepened.

Monica and I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and holy Christmas. We pray that in 2020 we might join together in following our gracious guest and generous host into the world He loves, and for which He laid down His life.

## Clergy Moves

*The Reverend Stephen Davis* has been licensed as Rector Holbrook (17.11.2019).

*The Right Reverend Trevor Edwards* has resigned as Vicar-General & Assistant Bishop from 11.01.2020 but will be on leave from 13.12.2019.

*The Right Reverend Allan Ewing* will be licensed as Locum Rector Woden from 12.12.2019 till the appointment of a new Rector.

*The Reverend Ian Forsyth* has had his ATO renewed (22.11.2019).

*The Reverend Vicki Hancock* has been licensed as Hon Assistant Deacon Gunning (4.12.2019).

*The Reverend (John) Nick Hearnshaw* has been granted an ATO (4.12.2019).

*The Reverend John Kuruvilla* has been licensed Priest-In-Charge Southern Monaro (part-time) from 1 Sept 2019 till 1 Sept 2021 (7.11.2019).

*The Venerable Em Des McGuire* has retired as Hon Assistant Priest at Braidwood (24.11.2019) & been granted an ATO from that date.

*The Reverend Tim Narraway* has been licensed as Priest-In-Charge Cobargo and Chaplain Sapphire Coast Anglican College (30.11.2019).

*The Reverend Philip Rademaker* has been licensed as Assistant Minister (Youth & Families) (Priest), Hawker (30.11.2019).

*The Reverend Katherine Rainger* has been licensed as Senior Chaplain Radford College from mid-Oct 2019.

*The Reverend Angus Robinson* has been licensed as Rector Arawang (18.11.2019).

*The Reverend Dr Guerin Tueno* has been licensed as Acting Rector, Locum, Weston from 01.01.2020 until the Reverend Jason Page's returns to full time Rector.

*The Reverend Erin Tuineau* has resigned as Assistant Chaplain Radford College (from 13.12.2019) and has been granted an ATO from that date.

**The Venerable Carol Wagner will be consecrated on the 22nd of February 2020 at 11am in St Saviour's Cathedral.**

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## Retirement of Des McGuire



*The day also included a dedication of the newly renovated accessible toilet outside the Church.*

On 24 November the Parish of Braidwood had a special service to thank the Reverend Des McGuire and Tania McGuire for their service to the Parish over the past seven years, as Des is now finally retiring from parish ministry.

It was evident throughout the service and parish lunch how deeply both Des and Tania have connected with the people of Braidwood and surrounds.

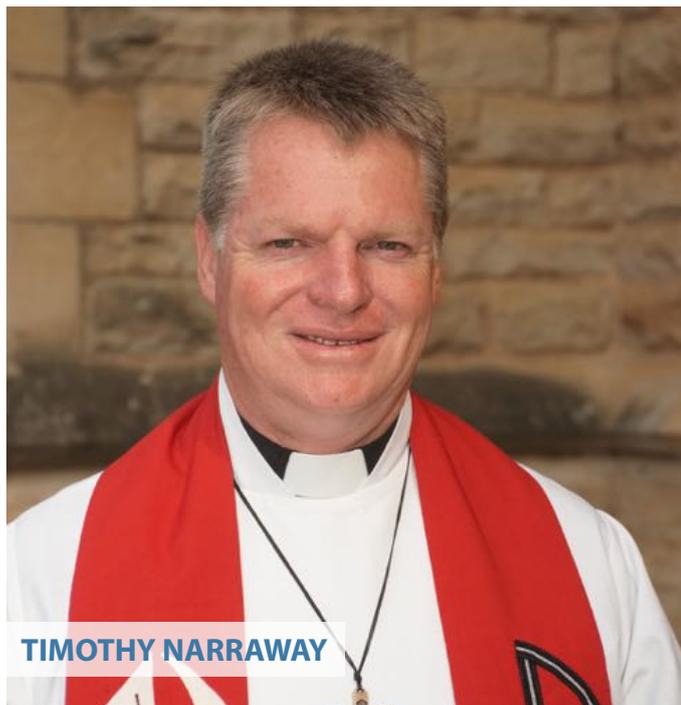
There were a number of heartfelt testimonials that spoke to the depth of love and appreciation felt by members of the Parish. With Des's mission and commitment to empowering the congregation, the Parish is better equipped than it's ever been, to meet the challenges of being

church in the 21st century.  
*by Jane Carmody  
 Chair, Braidwood Parish Council*



*Des and Tania wearing one of their gifts from the Parish – a stole and scarf made by members of the congregation – including the painting of the silk!*

# Meet Two New Priests in the Diocese



**TIMOTHY NARRAWAY**

Tim Narraway is married to the delightful Annemarie. They have two children, Caitlin and Nathaniel. Tim worked in nature conservation and safaris in shallowest, lightest Africa before emigrating to Australia in 2000 where he worked for a small research consultancy in Canberra.

Since arriving in Australia, Tim has been involved in ministry of one kind or another, from leading large Sunday schools, being on the Emmaus team, to parish and prison ministry and Kairos.

Currently he is working in the parishes of Cobargo and Narooma as well as being chaplain to Sapphire Coast Anglican College. He is a third order Franciscan, with a love for Christ-centred spirituality, and enjoys running quiet days for parishes and the order from time to time.

He completed a B.Th. from Charles Sturt University and St Marks National Theological Centre to add to a B.Pr. from UNISA, which he completed whilst working in wool production.

The Narraways have enjoyed being on the South Coast team, and are passionate about encouraging people and seeing them come to faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. He is particularly grateful to the range and depth of mentoring, opportunities and encouragement he has received from many of his colleagues across the greater Church family, especially retired clergy.

Tim's hobbies include playing guitar, reading biographies, kayaking, art and photography, snorkelling, and cooking.

Phil was born in Sydney to loving Christian parents and grew up in Bathurst and Orange, NSW. While there has never been a time when Phil did not know of the love of Jesus, his journey of faith has involved periods of deep questioning and grappling with having a disability.

Over the years he has developed an appreciation of how God works in surprising ways and in unexpected places. Most of all, he has come to love the way in which the Gospel of Jesus turns the assumed order of the world on its head.

Phil completed a ministry apprenticeship in Canberra and Darwin

prior to studying theology at Moore Theological College in Sydney. He graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity (Honours) in 2016 and his thesis was on the theological significance of disability and healing in Jesus' ministry.

After serving for two years as a Deacon at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Belrose, God called Phil to serve at Christ Church in Hawker where he anticipates remaining in 2020. Phil is grateful for the support of his friends and family in his journey towards ordination. Phil is married to Laura and they have two children; Lucas and Phoebe.



**PHILIP RADEMAKER**

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# New Rector for Holbrook



Reverend Stephen Davis was commissioned as the new Rector of Holbrook on 17 November.

Stephen originally studied at St Mark's National Theological Centre in the 1990s. As a student he was associated with St Paul's in Manuka. He then served at St Peter's in Weston, where he became a Deacon.

Throughout the ordination process Stephen was a candidate for Bathurst Diocese and following ordination returned to Holy Trinity in Dubbo, where he served for five years.

From there he went to be Rector of West Dubbo, then to Bellingen in the Grafton Diocese, Finley in the Riverina Diocese, and is now

returning to Holbrook in the Canberra & Goulburn Diocese.

Stephen is married to Leeola and they have four children and four grandchildren. He is a mad enthusiast of both modern and old motorcycles. Leeola is a keen quilter.

Leeola grew up near Moree and has previously worked a registered nurse. Stephen grew up near Coonabarabran and was originally an automotive mechanical engineer. They are self-confessed country people.

They both love people and love the Lord and try to join the two together.

# Defence Sunday at Charnwood and Hall



CHAP Emma Street, CHAP Russell Smith, CHAP Nikki Coleman at St Michael and All Angels, Hall.

'Defence Sunday' is observed annually on the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day (11 November). Marking this day provides an opportunity for the church to consider and pray for the spiritual needs of those who currently serve in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), and those who minister to them. It is also an opportunity for

parishes to make connections with the local ADF community and look for avenues of shared ministry between parishes and chaplains.

For the parish of Charnwood and Hall, that shared ministry involves literally sharing their Priest-in-Charge with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF). For a parish with a vision of 'Walking together with Jesus to take his life into the world', prayerful and practical support of ADF chaplaincy through their own minister enables a small parish to walk far beyond the parish boundary.

As a part-time Priest-in-Charge, the flexibility to spend a few days each week in a workplace chaplaincy allows me to 'walk the talk' of a pastor who encourages all members of the church to go into the world as

ambassadors for Christ.

Coming from a small (but energetic!) parish, time in chaplaincy also provides the opportunity to broaden ministry experiences, particularly to younger adults. Inclusion in a larger, experienced, and ecumenical ministry team also provides personal and spiritual support which in turn enhances my capacity to serve the parish. I keep reminding myself that the requirement to be physically fit is good for me too.

This ministry also brings the world to the parish. We were blessed on 10 November to welcome Navy Chaplain Russell Smith, who shared from his chaplaincy experience on the high seas and preached on John 15 'remaining in the Father's love'.

by Reverend Emma Street

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Celia Irving

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- If there is demand, a second group will be available from 2pm to 4:30pm also starting on 12 February

#### Facetime / Skype sessions:

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Sessions available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

For more information, please contact Celia at  
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