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Welcome to Bishop Carol



On a pleasantly cool day on 22 February the Diocese celebrated the consecration of The Venerable Carol Wagner as Assistant Bishop at St Saviour's Cathedral in Goulburn.

A procession of brightly robed theological students of the Diocese, local and visiting clergy, Canons, Deans, Archdeacons and Bishops entered the Cathedral where guests from around the Diocese and country had gathered to welcome

the new Bishop.

The service began with the collation of two new Archdeacons for the Diocese: The Reverend Rebecca Newland as Archdeacon for the Coast, Monaro and Alpine Regions; and The Reverend Neil Percival as Archdeacon for Young and the North-West.

Following the reading of the Scriptures Bishop Denise Ferguson, Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of

Adelaide, gave the sermon from Acts 1:14-17, 20-26, in which Jesus tells his disciples of his great love for them, a reflection of the love he has received from his father, and how he yearns for them to abide/remain in this love – a love that carries responsibility and unconditionally wants the wellbeing of the other.

Bishop Denise exhorted the new Bishop to be a servant leader, to exercise this unconditional love and to ensure those she is called to care for retain the gospel heart and hope.

Carol was presented to the Chief Consecrator, Bishop Peter Stuart of the Diocese of Newcastle, by two former Bishops of the Canberra and Goulburn Diocese, The Right Reverends George Browning and Trevor Edwards.

Bishop Peter then led Carol through the Oaths and Declarations before the laying on of hands by Bishops from around the country, and the presentation of gifts to the new Bishop.

Bishop Peter presented Carol with the Scriptures, saying 'study it well

and expound its teaching. In it are contained the words of eternal life.' The Reverend Amanda Wheatley

"When God's people fill a majestic cathedral to sing his praises, hear his word and pray, and share around his table, there is for me a very real sense of God's presence. A consecration and collation bring the added elements of dedication, commitment and blessing for those called to new avenues of service. I found the consecration service deeply moving, and it left me with a sense of awe, gratefulness, and great responsibility. The resounding welcome from the gathered church at the end of the service brought tears to my eyes! Thank you for this privilege. Please continue to pray for us as we find our feet and seek to serve you in new areas in the power of the Holy Spirit."

~ Bishop Carol



presented the Pectoral Cross, with a reminder that 'he whom you serve reconciled us by his own blood'. The Episcopal Ring was presented by Dean Phillip and Sue Saunders, with the exhortation to 'be faithful to the bride of Christ'. Deacons from the parish of Bodalla-Narooma presented the Cope and Mitre and Bishop Mark and members of Bodalla-Narooma Parish presented the Episcopal Staff as a sign of Carol's pastoral office.

The congregation then participated in the Eucharist before Bishop Mark

welcomed Carol as Assistant Bishop in his Diocese. Mayor of Goulburn Mulwaree, Bob Kirk, welcomed the new Bishop on behalf of residents of the local area.

Bishop Carol previously served as Archdeacon of the South Coast and Rector of the Parish of Bodalla-Narooma and has ministered in parishes across the Diocese since 2000. She will now be based in Canberra and take up particular responsibility for ministry support and development of clergy and church workers.



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Meet the New Archdeacons



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Clergy Moves

The Reverend Neil Percival OAM has been licensed as the Archdeacon for Young and the North West (22.02.2020).

The Reverend Dr Grant Bell has been appointed Archdeacon for Wagga Wagga and the South West and will be collated soon.

The Reverend Ian Marshall has been appointed Director of Ordinations.

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Bishop Carol Writes ...



In the aftermath of the dreadful fires this summer season, change has affected us in many different ways. Individually, many people have suddenly lost everything – homes, farms, businesses, and tragically, sometimes loved ones. They find themselves slowly and painfully putting their lives back together again.

Coastal towns, relying on summer tourist income, are now facing enormous commercial losses. Farmers with silage and hay to spare find themselves dependent on the goodwill of others.

Formerly stable and contented communities are now dealing with fragility and low morale.

I think of a couple, evacuated by the fires, for whom the change was just too much to deal with. A fissure

in their relationship was blown open by the stress, and they have parted ways. I can think of more than one business on the coast now permanently closed, because it was a journey too far to reopen their doors after their loss.

However, not all change is bad. It can be an opportunity for us to grow and move forward. I spoke to a lady at the evacuation centre in Narooma, who told me that after she had been evacuated on three separate occasions, each time taking with her those things that she considered most precious, she realised she had lost her unhealthy attachment to 'things'. She now felt able to seriously declutter her home and start afresh.

As Christians, we are called to journey with God through a life of ongoing change which leads us to increasingly reflect the glory of God. Through the season of Lent in particular, we are invited to embrace

change in our spiritual lives as we ready ourselves for the celebration of Easter – change in our thinking, our values and our behaviour. As we invite the Spirit of God to bring conviction of those things that stand in the way of our relationship with him and with each other, we are also invited to repent, and allow his Spirit to change us so that we become more like him.

This Lent may also be an opportunity for some of us to embrace change that has been thrust upon us through adverse circumstances. God is able to take any change in our circumstances and, as we work with him, raise something beautiful from the ashes.

This Lenten season, may we not be afraid of change, whether within or without, but rather be willing to embrace it in the transforming power of the Spirit, that we may become more like Christ.

As I sit in my new office, looking out over the city of Canberra instead of the sparkling waters of the Wagonga Inlet, I have been reflecting on the impact of change in our lives.

A Gathering of Clergy Spouses



Bishop Mark and Monica

Bishop Mark and Monica Short were thrilled to host their fourth meal for clergy spouses on Saturday 29th February. Mothers' Union were fantastic, supporting the event. Members of Mother's Union arrived early to the Short's home to set up the food stations and to finish creating a yummy meal.

power to the next generation.' The chat was followed by a prayer time, asking God to uphold everyone who was able to come. Then our very honoured guests started arriving.

For those of you who are foodies, and who are interested in the menu, the meal started with a huge cheese platter. A Burmese chicken curry, a Burmese pork curry, a vegetarian curry and some side dishes followed. (Mark and Monica now realise they love Burmese food and are thoroughly enjoying the leftovers.) Dessert was sticky date pudding, passionfruit slice, fruit salad, ice creams and coconut yoghurt. The meal finished with tea and coffee. The cooks made sure that

there was something for everyone with allergies.

The members from Mothers' Union skilfully mingled, ensuring everyone was comfortable, had plenty to eat and were having a good time. They then washed up. Thank God for Mothers' Union and

their gentle words and kind servant heart!

It was a treat to spend time with beautiful people; each spouse is precious life-giving sunshine to our diocese. There are two more events planned for clergy spouses this year.

Please pray for our spouses, the spouses' events, for Mothers' Union and our diocesan family.

by Monica Short (Patron of Mothers' Union) and Joan Eberle (President of Mothers' Union).



Ruth Holt, Christy Robinson, Cath McLennan, Naomi Cole, Anna Boxwell and Elysha Cole enjoying lunch



Some of the fabulous cooks

There was even time for the cooks to sit-down, chat and dream dreams about how Mothers' Union can bless people in our beautiful diocese. We read together Psalm 71. Focusing on Psalm 71:18b 'I declare your



Some more spouses sharing lunch outside

FORMER SEX SLAVES TRAINED & EMPOWERED TO FREE OTHER GIRLS



BY SALLY BRUCE

A Life Restored

Sunday 8 March 2020 was International Women's Day so we are sharing a story from the Dignity Freedom Network, a Christian organisation partnering with Good Shepherd ministries, part of the Anglican denomination in India, to rescue Dalit women and girls from a lifetime of ritualised abuse in the Jogini practice. This ministry provides rescued girls with health care, vocational training, and counselling, underpinned with the gospel, helping them discover a God who loves them.

Manimalla was distraught to learn that she was to be dedicated as a Jogini at the age of 14 due to the insurmountable financial problems her family faced. The dedication would save her parents from the impossibility of finding a dowry for her now she was of marriageable age. Manimalla's family are Dalits, those who fall below the caste system, trapped in a world of discrimination, exploitation and oppression. Rural farming had provided a meagre living for them, but her parents had already dug deep for her older sister's dowry. Now there was nothing left. Her grandmother and aunt were Joginis, and so her dedication seemed an obvious solution. Having observed the abuse experienced by her family members, Manimalla was justifiably terrified.

A particularly heinous form of abuse that vulnerable Dalit girls endure is known as the Jogini practice. Little girls are dedicated to the temple goddess in a form of marriage. After they reach puberty they become the property of the village and can be used and abused by any man, anytime. Dedicated without their consent, or understanding, these girls are trapped in ritualised sexual abuse. The plight of Joginis is a hidden terror, denied by the authorities and unrecognised by the global community.

Fortunately Manimalla lived in a South Indian village where Good Shepherd Ministries works, seeking

to end this heinous practice. Good Shepherd is a nationally led and run Anglican ministry, seeking to restore dignity and hope to vulnerable and exploited women and children across India. In Manimalla's case a team member – herself a former Jogini – alerted our team of the impending dedication. Staff informed Manimalla's parents that



dedications are illegal, and presented them with alternatives, thus saving the terrified girl from suffering from the abuse that thousands of others had experienced.

With her parents' permission, Manimalla moved to the safety of our shelter home, and attended one of our schools. Manimalla reports that the first weeks were difficult as she missed her family, and struggled to learn in English and Hindi. 'But I came to know that the house mothers cared for us, and the other girls became like sisters to me', she recounts.

Manimalla has since graduated

from high school, attended our teacher's college, and today teaches English and Environmental Studies in one of our 103 Anglican schools across the country.

'My goal in life is to study further, and gain a Masters in Education', says Manimalla. 'However, my greater desire is to see the total dismantling of the Jogini system, the abusive system that ruined the life of my Aunt and my Grandmother, and so nearly destroyed mine. Today I have a hope and a future, it is my aspiration to see this evil practice completely eradicated.'

DFN partner with Good Shepherd Ministries, a nationally led and run Anglican ministry in India.

While the Jogini practice exists in around 3,000 villages in Southern India, Good Shepherd is currently active in approximately 260, advocating for the rights of these women and girls, and working to prevent at-risk girls like Manimalla being trapped in heinous abuse. Former Jogini women are provided with health care, counselling and economic development initiatives, all undergirded with the gospel where they discover their inherent God-given worth.

DFN are hosting an initiative, inviting people to organise their own fund-raisers to support more

Jogini Village Workers so that we can expand our reach into more villages, so girls like Manimalla will be prevented from dedication, and women who have only known abuse and exploitation, women like her aunt and grandmother, can hear a story of hope and joy. Our ultimate goal – just like Manimalla – is to see the complete eradication of this heinous abuse.

For more information visit www.dfn.org.au or E: info@dfn.org.au.

We invite you to follow our International Women's Day campaign on Facebook/ Instagram.

And the LORD sent a plague ...



Reverend Dave McLennan with volunteers June Maxwell, Jackie Burnett and Carol Willey (Op Shop coordinator) outside the new-look Mary's Market, in Calwell Shopping Centre.

Prince George: Perhaps this disgusting fellow is some sort of blessing in disguise.

Blackadder: If he is, it's a very good disguise.

Prince George: After all, did the Lord not send Moses a lowly earthworm to comfort him in his torment?

Blackadder: Nope.

Prince George: Well, it's the sort of thing he might have done.

The old BBC 'Blackadder' series occasionally stumbled into a

biblically illiterate, but still valid, theological insight: sometimes God's blessings do come in very good disguises.

When termites were discovered in the floor of the Op Shop run by St Mary in the Valley (Parish of South Tuggeranong), it created more than a little anxiety.

For many years, St Mary's Op Shop – 'Mary's Market' – has operated out of the church building – a valuable community outreach which

has created a close-knit team of volunteers.

However, with its renewed focus on children and youth ministry, the parish had been agonising about how to create some much-needed physical space, without unnecessarily uprooting Mary's Market.

When it became clear the termite infestation would require a temporary evacuation, the result was much prayer and some tentative conversations with the management of the nearby Calwell shopping centre. Seeing the benefit to the community, the Calwell Centre offered a lengthy – and very generous – 'peppercorn lease', allowing Mary's Market to relocate into a commercial site within the shopping centre.

'What originally looked like a minor disaster has instead given us two great gifts', says SMiV's rector, Reverend Dave McLennan. 'We now have a much stronger presence in the middle of our community, and more space in our parish centre, which we're repurposing to support our growing children's ministry. Instead of seeing the end of one ministry, the termites have given a significant

boost to two ministries.'

In January, Mary's Market began trading in its new location – no longer hidden inside a church building, but now in the heart of the local shopping precinct.

Carol Willey, the co-ordinator of Mary's Market, has been amazed by the interest in the shop.

'I felt a little nervous to say the least about relocating to a commercial environment such as a bustling shopping centre. But step out in faith we did, and with the prayers of all our parishioners and friends and wonderful support from the Calwell Shopping Centre Management, we are enjoying an opportunity now for outreach to our wider community. A true answer to prayer and a blessing indeed!'

With a cross prominently placed on the wall and parishioners very well represented among the 30 volunteers serving in the shop, Mary's Market has become a tangible sign of God's kingdom among the people of South Tuggeranong.

Mary's Market is now open Wednesday-Saturday, from 9.30am to 4pm, at the Calwell Shopping Centre.

Kaleen lends a hand in Cooma after the fires

On Friday 21 February a team from St Simon's Kaleen-Giralang-Lawson went to a property near Numeralla

in the Cooma Parish that had sheds, water tanks, electricity lines, vehicles and other infrastructure destroyed

during the recent bushfires.

Peter and Mary Mitchell of Badja Glen on the Badja Road at Badja are

parishioners of Cooma Parish and are now in their eighties.

Reverend Paul Cohen has known Peter and Mary for 25 years, since his Camden Parish days when he was Bishop Trevor's curate. Joining Paul and Sue Cohen were Archdeacon (retired) Brian Roberts (of Numeralla), Jim, Paul, Rick and Russell, all retired gentlemen.

The team was able to help:

1. Put in a new 15,000 litre 'header' water tank for the house, having unloaded it and rolled it up a hill past blackened trees and the melted old tank.
2. Remove debris from a burned and collapsed very large shed blocking an access road.
3. Dig two trenches (20m x 600mm deep and 30m x 600mm deep) ready for new electricity wires to other buildings.

Sue provided wonderful sustenance for the team throughout the day!

The team will be going back in a few weeks to provide further help.

It might be that your parish would be able to undertake something similar. The long road to recovery could begin with the first small steps.

by Archdeacon Paul Cohen



What's Happening

Land For Sale – Sunshine Bay

The Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a number of residential and rural residential land parcels available for sale at Sunshine Bay in NSW.

For more details:

<https://batemansbay.eldersrealestate.com.au/land/sale/lots-1-to-6-ascension-way-sunshine-bay-nsw-2536-21572956/>

<https://batemansbay.eldersrealestate.com.au/land/sale/lots-7-to-10-crosby-drive-sunshine-bay-nsw-2536-21573117/>

Or contact the agent:

Robert McBride Elders Real Estate Batemans Bay
M: 0412 413 727 E: robert@eldersbatemansbay.com.au

Apartments For Sale – The Jamieson

The Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn has a small number of one-bedroom apartments remaining for sale at The Jamieson Apartments in Canberra in the suburb of Reid.

Ideally situated whether for investment or for owner occupiers.

There are also two commercial units that remain available for lease or sale.

If you or someone you know is looking for residential or commercial property in central Canberra then please contact Heather Walsh for further details:
heather.walsh@anglicands.org.au or phone 0418 806 988.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

An all-inclusive Christian holiday program for Primary School children of all abilities including those with special needs.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

15th - 17th April 2019 | 9:00am - 2:30pm
ELC Radford College, 1 College St, Bruce
Cost | \$15 / day

Families can meet Leaders & Mentors

14th April 1:00pm – 2.00pm

There will be a nurse on side to give medication and feeds if needed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ANDREA 0404 256 714



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Speaker

The Rt Revd Stephen Pickard
Followed by Garden Tour and AGM

Theme: 21 Years of Change on the Hill and ?

Schedule:

9.30am – Tea, Coffee available
10.00am – Presentation by +Stephen
11.30am – Bible Garden Tour
12.30pm – Lunch

1.30pm – AGM
2.30pm – End of day prayer
3.15pm – Afternoon Tea
3.45pm – Departure

Cost:

A \$20 donation to the Anglican
Historical Society includes lunch and all
refreshments and registration.

RSVP: (return slip below)

Wednesday 25th March.
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*"The light shines in the darkness
and the darkness has not overcome it"*

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