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RENEWAL IN TUGGERANONG

The Reverends Steve and Anna Boxwell with Prabha and Theo

Renew Anglican Church recently celebrated our 4th birthday, and on that day we were thankful to be able to share in the baptism of two members of Renew; a woman, Prabha, and her teenage son, Theo, who have become followers of Jesus over the past few years through Renew. We hope you find it encouraging to read their testimonies, which they shared at church on the day of their baptism. Following their baptisms we sang around the pool together and shared lunch as a church, celebrating the work of God in Tuggeranong.

Prabha's story of renewal

I was brought up in a Hindu family, but I was not religious. If anything, I had a negative view of religion and the conflicts it can cause and was suspicious of religious institutions. Nevertheless, I felt that there was something 'more', something 'greater' in this life, but was unsure of what that was.

I started coming to church primarily to chaperone my son, Theodore, to see what he was getting involved in and to make sure it wasn't a cult! After attending a few sermons, I felt like I wanted to learn more about Christianity, so I did the 3-2-1 course about Christianity with Anna.

In the several weeks that followed, after wavering back and forth, trying to pray, and spending time reading the Bible, it eventually made sense to me: God sent Jesus to save us from ourselves.

At the same time, I was learning what it was like to be part of a Christian community. I made many close friends here, and I loved the idea of belonging to a Church Family.

The first time I took communion at church, I was starting to believe, but was still conflicted and scared of letting go of the life that I had always known. The second time I took communion, I was completely sure that God exists, that Jesus is real, and I could feel the Holy Spirit. I realised that I wasn't losing anything by letting go of my old life but gaining so much more.

My life before becoming a Christian had a lot more worry, times of hopelessness, emptiness, and uncertainty. And a lot of fear. I felt that the only people I could depend on were my family, a few close friends and myself. And this caused me a lot of anxiety, as deep down I knew I had no real control over how things will turn out.

I was also very self-critical and felt like I wasn't living up to both my family's expectations and my own expectations. I worried a lot more about what other people thought of me.

Life now feels hopeful and secure. I know that God has a plan for me and that it's okay to not know what the future holds. Whatever lies in store, the good and difficult, God walks with me and I am not alone. I now pray regularly – for help and to give thanks. And my self-worth comes from being a child of God.

I love these words from Titus Chapter 3 Verses 4-7, where Paul writes:

'But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.'

Theo's story of renewal

If you asked me as a seven-year-old what I thought it would be like to be in high school, I would not have thought I would be in Canberra. Much less would I have thought I would be a devoted Christian. Today, I'm here to share how God has worked to redeem me.

I first began my Christian journey at Renew Youth in 2018. I was invited to go by a school friend. When I first went, I knew nothing about Jesus or Christianity, but Youth was such a welcoming environment and I haven't stopped going since. One week, our leaders covered the basics of the Christian message. When I heard about God's love in coming to die for my sin, that was when it became real to me. I realised that I was guilty and Jesus' atoning death was the only way to be made right with God. It made perfect sense. I didn't yet have a serious faith, but God had provoked in me a desire to seek Him.

Soon after, I began coming to church with my mum. Hearing the Bible explained through sermons fuelled my newfound longing for the things of God. I realised more and more what it meant to trust in Jesus, and slowly but surely, God's Spirit began His work.

Before following Jesus, I was very insecure. I sought involvement from others, and I wanted control over everything. I would point the finger

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Bishop Stephen Writes ...

Once upon a time the Sundays after Pentecost were referred to as 'Ordinary Sundays'. The point was that the Christian calendar which began with Advent in November and a fervent hope for the coming kingdom of God, had now come to fruition in the life of Jesus, his ministry and mission, death, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Spirit. Hence following Pentecost Sunday, we celebrated Trinity Sunday. A kind of 'rounding out of God' in the drama of salvation.

Henceforth, the world-wide Church of God was called to live in the fullness of God's presence in Christ through the power of the Spirit. And this was 'ordinary time' ie life in the ordinary, under the extraordinary providence of a good and loving God. It reminded me of George Herbert's poem on prayer in which he unfurls a cascading series of images and phrases to depict the nature of prayer: 'the church's banquet'; 'the soul in paraphrase'; 'heart in pilgrimage'; 'heaven in ordinary'.

The colour green was the colour of ordinary time – and remains so today. Green for growth, for new things, for surprises in the cut and thrust of everyday life. My own green stole tells the story of a burnt stump, of smoke ascending like a prayer, of new shoots sprouting, of contoured gum leaves, and the healing oil of the leaf falling upon people reviving and evoking fresh praise and gratitude to God.

In truth we are in the green time season of the Church. We seek new shoots. We hope and work for new things. It's a time for Green policies, protocols and procedures: for the environment (certainly); for the way we engage with others with respect and courtesy (of course); for mission and outreach to those downtrodden, trapped in cycles of despair, the homeless and those without hope who know little of green shoots in their lives (why yes it's a gospel imperative)!

And here's the rub. It's not easy being green (to coin a phrase from Kermit the Frog of Muppet fame). It's not easy living in green time. For a start, in the southern hemisphere winter has come, growth is slow, some things lie dormant waiting for the warmth of another season. And it's not just the season that jars; there are many challenges and difficulties that are costly to negotiate; conflicts to be faced and harnessed for the good so that something new, fresh and surprising might sprout.

Ordinary time is hardly dreary time; it's darn hard work. Which is why we call upon the Pentecostal Spirit to come to our aid, to strengthen us to divest ourselves of the sin which clings so closely, to stir us up to new heights, to transcend our tribal instincts just like Christ. This is the way of the cross and it reminds me that the struggle to live in ordinary time is splattered all through the Anglican Lectionary. I say splattered because there are so many Red days for martyrs (Ugandan martyrs June 3, and apostles; Barnabas many others); White days for missionaries (Columba of Iona June 9), spiritual writers (Evelyn Underhill), pioneer ministry in the outback (Sydney Kirkby BCA), the Coming of the Light and first missionaries to the Torres Strait 1871).

As I write we are in the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation. Here is a challenge for everyone and especially in Australia as we learn to walk hand in hand with the First Peoples of this ancient country.

The colour green is flanked by red and white. This reminds me that growth and new initiatives for the kingdom require something of us. The way of Christ is the way of humility and kenosis (emptying). We are called to be a humble church in ordinary time. Martyn Percy's recent book, *The Humble Church: renewing the body of Christ*, is well worth a read.

May this season of discipleship bring new surprises and joy in God and a newfound Samaritan love for our neighbour, whoever and wherever they may be.

CLERGY MOVES

The Reverend Sandie Kaine has been licensed as Hon Assistant Priest Manuka (24.05.2021).

The Reverend Rod Oldfield has been appointed Locum Assistant at Sapphire Coast.

Mrs Janice Ackland has completed her 12 month ministry contract as stipendary Bushfire Recovery Chaplain/ pastoral care worker in the Eurobodalla Shire Council Area. Mr Garry South will take over that role from Janice and will commence shortly. Mr Ray Flint will undertake a similar role in the Eden/ Sapphire Coast region.

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PRAYER (I)
BY GEORGE HERBERT

Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth
Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.

LOOKING BACK: A YEAR IN RETROSPECTIVE

Jane Simmonds writes about her year as Archdeacon for the Household of Deacons

A year has passed since Bishop Mark invited me to become the Archdeacon to the diaconate and the time has been marked by joys, sorrows, challenges and just plain difficulties. I felt inadequate for the task, but God's grace continues to sustain and guide me. I am encouraged by my fellow deacons, and Paul's words:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil 4:13

It has been an absolute joy to finally meet most of my fellow deacons face-to-face at our Household gatherings in Canberra and Harden, as well as at Synod and Clergy Conference. It is wonderful to share stories of our various ministries, have some training and pray for each other. I have also spoken to people who feel called by God to the diaconate, encouraging them to pursue their vocation in spite of the hurdles they may experience in their journey to ordination.

The passing of two of our Household members saddens us all: Reverend Bill Huff-Johnson and Reverend Mary Thorn, who have gone to be with God after years of service to him. May they rest in peace and rise again in glory.

I am learning to be part of the Senior Leadership team and beginning to find my way around all the relevant documents during the Bishop-in-Council meetings. It is an illuminating experience to see how our diocese works as we further God's kingdom.

Challenges. Yes there are many, but we believe that the Holy Spirit guides us as we encounter each one. However in my case the Holy Spirit pushes me to do the things I find difficult: giving a talk to the formation class at St Marks, and doing a presentation about the diaconate at the Clergy Conference. Like all Archdeacons I walk a fine line between my role as Head of the Household of Deacons and my work in Narooma and Bodalla, focusing on pastoral care for older people in their own homes and in residential care. Sometimes these duties clash.

At our ordination as deacons, we are exhorted to pray and work for peace and justice in the world. This has been the greatest personal challenge to me this year.

In our parish we took part in the Lenten Journey 'God of Compassion'. I have never taken part in a study group that has promoted so much spirited discussion. The public issues raised caused great controversy and I thank the Commission for raising such topics.

The subject of 'First Australians' provoked the most discussion. We were dismayed to hear that the local ministry at Mogo had been curtailed due to lack of financial support. The matter was brought up at Parish Council and a fundraising effort will take place later in the year. In the meantime individuals have been donating to an Indigenous Family, Support and Encouragement group at Batemans Bay and to specific Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects through ABM. We were greatly encouraged to hear that Canberra Grammar School had scholarships for Indigenous students and the other Diocesan schools offer bursaries to these students as well.

Other major topics were that of 'Refugees' and 'Increasing Inequality'. Many diverse views were debated. As a parish we continue to give financial and emotional support to a refugee family who have moved from here to Canberra, who are appealing their deportation. As individuals we are funding education for disadvantaged children through The Smith Family sponsorship scheme.

Every little bit helps.

It's the action that's important ... If you do nothing, there will be no result. Mahatma Gandhi

Yes, it has been an exciting year.

ANGLICARE OPENS DISABILITY DAY CENTRE IN CROOKWELL

Sallyann Allport, Mayor John Stafford, (participants) Julie and Sam, Wendy Tuckerman MP, Reverend Wayne Landford

On Wednesday 19 May, Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT's Disability Day Centre in Crookwell was officially launched by NSW State Member for Goulburn, Wendy Tuckerman, and Upper Lachlan Shire Mayor, John Stafford. The centre began operations at the end of 2020, and is the result of a partnership with the congregation of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church at 17 Denison Street, who generously provided their church hall as the location for the centre.

Sallyann Allport, Anglicare's Disability Operations Manager for Southern NSW and ACT, says that the disability day centre meets a significant need in the Crookwell community. 'As a Crookwell local myself, it's encouraging to hear people around town say how much they appreciate the service this centre offers,' says Ms Allport. 'Often smaller communities miss out on services, but now participants in our service don't have to travel to Goulburn to access this sort of support.'

Anglicare's team at the centre provide participants with service planning, individual support, group-based activities and social connection within the local community.

Julie, 55, attends the centre as a participant, and enjoys the variety of activities offered. 'We do so many different things here; bowling, cooking, painting, going shopping and talking,' says Julie. 'And the staff here are spectacular! They are very helpful and really caring. I'm really happy and wouldn't want to go anywhere else. I live by myself and if the centre wasn't here I'd probably just be sitting at home watching TV.'

Reverend Wayne Landford from St Bartholomew's Church is pleased to see the parish hall and kitchen facilities being used for this initiative. 'St Bart's has always been about Christ in the Community – showing compassion for those who cross our paths. To be out in the community and being a positive part of the world around you is what God wants us to do as a church. Together with Anglicare, that's what this centre is all about', says Reverend Wayne.

The centre is open four days a week from Monday to Thursday and assists four to five clients.

With the capacity to assist up to 10, Anglicare's hope is to see this service grow so that local people who are living with a disability feel supported and integrated as part of their community.

For more information about Anglicare's Disability services phone 4823 4000 or visit www.anglicare.com.au/disability

Mayor John Stafford, Wendy Tuckerman MP, Reverend Wayne Landford, Jeremy Halcrow, Simon Bennett, Sallyann Allport

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at others or at society. I thought having these things would make me happy, but my obsession left me feeling unloved, worthless, and totally unfulfilled. It was the good news of the cross that broke the connection between my works and my worth, turning my old pursuits on their heads. Jesus freed me from my grip on control, on insecurity, and on my need for approval from others. God now brings me fullness of peace every single day.

Pre-Christian me was also a very vengeful person. I would hold bitter hatred and deep grudges against those who wronged me, and I was not at all forgiving. The Lord quickly addressed this problem in my heart. When I beheld the reality of Jesus' grace – that He would have mercy on me, a terrible sinner – I began to show mercy to my own enemies. Knowing God's faithfulness has enabled me to truly love my neighbour. He has changed me from a bitter, angry person to a forgiven forgiver.

But in many ways, I was still unchanged. The environment of my new high school had negative effects on me. I struggled to let go of the desire to fit in, and moreover I became supportive of people expressing sexuality not in line with God's ways. But over time, God was prompting and convicting me that I had to make Him my first priority. During the bushfires of 2019/20, I finally surrendered my whole life to Jesus. I went back to school the next year as a realised, cross-bearing Christian.

Next, God had me go through a period of depression. Depression was like a storm cloud of sorrow following me everywhere. Every single day became difficult. Normal activities became overwhelming and burdensome, and I was always tired. This drove me to depend on the Lord more than ever. God answered my cries of desperation. He provided me with the grace and strength by which to meet each day. He brought me peace and joy and comfort no matter where I was, and He taught me to trust Him as the only constancy in chaos. God was utterly faithful to His promises; I tell the truth when I say I would not have come through without His help. I'm very thankful for God's faithfulness, for all the wisdom He gave me during 2020, and for His good purposes for my suffering. The trial truly transformed me into someone living for Christ.

Over 2020, God also began the work of the gospel in my school through leading me to other Christians. Time and time again, He has guided me and enabled me to be bold for Christ and witness to others about Him. In addition, some friends and I started an online Christian forum that the Lord prospered more than we ever would have imagined. Today, the group has over 500 members. He has upheld us through the many challenges we've faced, and He has raised up many wise and wonderful leaders to moderate. The Lord has brought a culture of Christian fellowship, unity and encouragement there that still stands today. I am honoured and humbled to have had such a special place in all of this.

As I prepare to be baptised, I bear witness to you all that I belong to Christ, who has died and was raised from the dead. I hope and pray this was an encouragement and reminder that God is willing and able to take broken people as a treasured possession for His glory.

Story from Reverend Anna Boxwell

THE OPPORTUNITY IN OP SHOPS AROUND THE DIOCESE

MIKE & CHLOE PAILTHORPE AT PHIL'S EMPORIUM BUNGENDORE

Op Shops have long been an important part of many Parishes. Once just the source of affordable clothing for the community, Op Shops have now become a multi-focused place.

There are always bargains to find, it's somewhere to help the environment by recycling unwanted goods, and more often now a safe place for anyone to connect with a friendly face and have a chat. Through the challenges of 2020 and the COVID pandemic it has become more apparent just how important that is with many people asking, 'when are you going to be able to open again, I miss you!'

Important also is the multitude of extra benefits for the communities that flow from the Op Shops. In Bungendore Parish the village Captains Flat now has a wonderful Op Shop in the unused church. What a great way to connect with the community and create some fun. Initially they had a coffee machine and served customers on Saturdays. They now connect with The Men's Shed drop in morning and have donated the coffee machine to them, as well as supplying the coffee beans and eggs for their bacon and egg rolls each week. All this creates a huge excitement for this small community and brings in many outsiders to join in the fun. Of Course Phil's Emporium Op Shop at Bungendore continues their involvement in a multitude of activities at the church and in the community. Both of these Op Shops use their income to give back to continue their work in the community and involve many who have no other connection with the church.

At Young Parish their regular yearly donations to community support groups shows their generosity and connection with the wider community. This parish, like so many others, have dwindling numbers of volunteers and are thankful for the community volunteers who help at St John's Op Shop and feel connected to the church and community in this way. This year Reverend Neil Percival was pleased once again to present cheques to representatives from Young Crisis Accommodation Centre, Riding for the Disabled, the Hospital Auxiliary, Fund-raising for Motor Neurone Disease, the Young Community Hub and Young Special Religious Education, all from funds raised from their huge number of donations received weekly. Young also hold regular books and toy sales in the Parish Hall which bring large numbers from the community to the church.

Sapphire Surprises at Eden is an Op Shop but also the home of Emergency Relief for the area. Such an important way for the small church to support the wider community. Again many volunteers are not regular church goers but are totally committed to giving their time to help and be involved in this way.

Mary's Market at Calwell started in the church building and is now in the thriving shopping centre thanks to the generosity of the centre management. Church in the market place!

All of the Op Shops in the Diocese have similar stories of community involvement. Many Parishes rely on the income from their humble Op Shops to cover general expenses. What would happen to these Parishes without the Op Shop serving up Christian values to the community?

The generosity flowing from the church Op Shops, the Volunteers and church community is a fabulous way to extend the church from regular services to people who may have no other connection to the church. Let's all get behind them in some small way to ensure they continue the fabulous work of Op Shops for many years to come.

by Kaye Pritchard
Anglicare Parish Partnerships
Retail Coordinator

We have included a flyer of Op Shops in the Diocese in this issue. See pages 9-10.

NEW JUNIOR SCHOOL OPENS AT THE RIVERINA ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Wednesday 22 April, was a very special day at The Riverina Anglican College as we opened Stage 1 Build of our Junior School. With the easing of COVID restrictions, we were very grateful to be able to invite a small number of honoured guests to join Junior School staff and students in acknowledging and celebrating this momentous occasion.

The Hon Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Riverina, was unfortunately unable to attend, however, we were very pleased to receive his words of encouragement via video message.

'I do not need to express the importance of good education to the audience today because it is clear you all appreciate this fact because you are here celebrating this moment. The Federal Government recognises this and that is why we have provided $900,000 in funding through the Capital Grants Program to ensure that this junior school further enhances the already outstanding facilities and offerings at TRAC … This wonderful school community, your wonderful school community, will be even better with the addition of these six learning spaces and indeed a flexible learning area as well as student amenities and an administration area.'

Principal Mr Paul Humble and Board Chair Mr Colin May

Principal Paul Humble addressed the students, saying 'You make this school with your energy, your fun, your laughter, your learning and growth. They inspire all of us that are here today to be the best that we can be so that we can be there for you each and every day. Thank you for being the first students at our wonderful Junior School.'

Story from the TRAC Newsletter

Principal, Mr Paul Humble and Board Chair, Mr Colin May welcomed guests including Dr Joe McGirr MP; Mayor Greg Conkey; Founding Chair, Mr Neil Stubbs; Founding Principal, Dr Ian Grant; Venerable Dr Grant Bell and Diocesan General Manager, Mr Trevor Ament. We were honoured to have The Right Reverend Dr Mark Short declare the building officially open with the unveiling of a plaque.

Diocesan General Manager, Mr Trevor Ament, Bishop Mark Short and Venerable Dr Grant Bell.

RESTORATION AND RE-DEDICATION AT BOOROWA

Assistant Bishop of the Canberra and Goulburn Anglican Diocese, Bishop Carol Wagner, reads the prayer of re-dedication for the lych gate of St John's Church. It was one of the parts of the church which has recently undergone restoration.

In the crisp, sparkling autumn weather of last Sunday morning, Assistant Bishop the Right Reverend Carol Wagner, resplendent in the traditional cope and mitre, officially re-dedicated historic items of the fabric of St John's Church, Boorowa.

The recently-restored lych gate and two stained-glass windows of the northern aspect of the church were the chief focus of Bishop Carol's re-dedication.

The lych gate commemorates local men who lost their lives in WWI; one of the windows was established in the memory of Charles Ludovia and Celia Anne Hume, and the other to John Ovens. All had been regular worshippers at St John's Church.

Representatives of many local families were present to witness the ceremonies, and attend Holy Communion at which Bishop Carol presided.

Prior to the ceremonies the Chairman of St John's Parish Council, Roland Walsh, welcomed Bishop Carol and the many visitors. Roland acknowledged the support the church had received during the restoration project, particularly from the Community War Memorials Fund of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Enterprise Foundation of the Bendigo Bank, and a number of generous private donors.

In her sermon, Bishop Carol spoke of the 'birthday of the church', Pentecost, which was an occasion in which a small, grieving Christian community was to receive the power by which they were able to achieve great things with God's assistance.

She said the beginning of the church was made possible by people with whom and through whom God could work to achieve his purpose.

'We are commanded to go on being filled with the spirit, and to walk day by day with God,' Bishop Carol said.

Today the church was continuing to work towards greater unity, and to resolve various issues which had the capacity to divide Christendom.

Bishop Carol congratulated the Anglican Church community in Boorowa for their faithfulness and for the energy and determination with which they had approached the task of restoration of historic and valued assets.

Following the re-dedication and Holy Communion services, the gathering enjoyed socialising over morning tea in the Parish Hall.

by Derrick Mason

Worshippers at St John's Church on Sunday pass by one of the recently restored windows on their way to receive communion. Both stained glass windows on the northern aspect of the church have now been restored.

BISHOP BROUGHTON CONTINUED HIS MONARO WANDERINGS: 1845

BY REVEREND ROBERT WILLSON

It was Sunday, February 16 1845, and Bishop Broughton was in Cooma on the Monaro. There was no Church but he led worship in an overcrowded room lent by Mr Commissioner Lambie (still remembered in a street name). The Reverend Edward Gifford Pryce led Morning Prayer and the Bishop celebrated the Eucharist and preached.

After the service the Bishop and Pryce set off on horseback for a trip of twenty miles to a place he called 'Jejereric', the station of Richard Brooks. We know it as 'Gegedzerick', site of the first church in the Parish of Berridale.

If you have difficulty in pronouncing the name be comforted that Bishop Burgmann a century later still could never pronounce it. Presumably the origin is an aboriginal name.

The party spent the night at Mr Brooks' home and it was proposed that a small chapel should be built of wood nearby, to be called 'St Mary the Virgin' and the Bishop laid the foundation stone accordingly. This is an echo of St Mary the Virgin church at Denham Court near Liverpool, where the Brooks family had lived.

It was in fact to be fifteen years before the church was finally completed and it was in stone, not wood. By that time Bishop Broughton had returned to England and was dead but the little church he founded, finished in 1860, still sounds to the praise of God. However, the village of Berridale grew up on the other side of the hill and All Saints' is the Parish Church there. Three of the happiest years of my own ministry were spent there from 1976 to 1979.

Broughton commented in his narrative of the very large congregation for the ceremony that day. He wrote that a leading Scottish Presbyterian attended the service. This man admitted to the Bishop afterwards that he had always thought that Church of England worship was a 'flagrant relic of popery'. However what he shared in that day convinced him that this accusation was quite unjust.

He admitted that he had been wrong and asked for copies of the address by the Bishop to be printed and circulated in Scotland. Bishop Broughton was only too happy to do so. This little incident shows the Bishop as an evangelist and teacher of the Faith. I reflect that too often when we preach a sermon there is no real teaching. We do not really expect anything to happen and we are not surprised when nothing happens.

The next day the Bishop began the long return journey to Sydney. When he reached Michelago, he found that the sick man he had prayed with earlier was much recovered. The healing ministry was important to the Bishop.

As I study the travels of the Bishop I wonder what his thoughts were on his lonely journeys. Often he was quite alone and following an unmade track with few signposts.

Probably his thoughts went back to his earliest years and his education at Barnet Grammar School and at the King's School, Canterbury, in the shadow of Canterbury Cathedral. Broughton was born in 1788, the year the Colony was founded.

He would recall what a vivid impression an evening visitation to the great Cathedral made upon him when he was only 10 years old. Entering the darkened Cathedral with a group of boys and masters and passing so many memorials, he would remember especially the place where Thomas Becket was murdered in 1170.

George Shaw in his fine biography of the Bishop begins the first chapter with this story and I commend the book, entitled *Patriarch and Patriot* to lovers of Anglican history in Australia. I also commend the film *Becket* in which Richard Burton portrayed the martyred Archbishop.

One day in 1853 Broughton himself would be buried in that ancient cathedral and I vividly remember standing before his tomb there. There is a replica of his tomb in St Andrew's Cathedral in Sydney and some beautiful memorials in St James' Church, King Street, including a window with his Coat of Arms.

Broughton was the only Bishop of the whole of Australia and, in spite of his failings, he set a very high standard for those who followed him.

BISHOP MARK AND MONICA VISIT COOTAMUNDRA

BY REVEREND YVONNE GUNNING

On the weekend of 1-2 May, Bishop Mark and Monica visited the Parish of Cootamundra. On Saturday morning they attended the mainly music reunion. Both joined in with the songs and actions and interacted with the kids and carers that attended the event. Fun and games for all.

Bishop Mark shared that he is visiting every parish and it was much to the delight of the Cootamundra Parish to have them with us.

On Saturday evening both Bishop Mark and Monica spoke at a parish dinner. Beautiful table decorations and a great sense of community was the platform for the engaging talk on the mission and vision of the diocese: 'Low fences and deep watering holes.' The imagery was very encouraging and recognisable in a rural parish where there are many sheep. Bishop Mark's words resonated with our strategic plan and our prayers for people to come to faith in Jesus.

At both Sunday services, the 9am traditional and 11:15am family service, Bishop Mark preached on Acts 8:26-40, challenging us with 'Are we are on a mission from God or a mission with God?' Mark's closing words were: 'Mission is recognising that God has a plan, and that he graciously invites us to join in with what he's already doing. May God bless you in the wonderful adventure of being on mission, not just for Him, but with Him.'

REMEMBERING INDIA IN A TIME OF CORONA VIRUS

BY MICAH WAGNER

Tony Pawar from ADS IT, whose parents caught COVID back in India

As June comes around, many of us in Australia are breathing a sigh of relief. COVID vaccinations are rolling out, and restrictions are being lowered. We are able to go out to restaurants, or physically go into work. People are even able to have small social gatherings.

It's easy to think that the past year has simply been a bad dream.

But sadly, that's not the case. Australia has in total had more than 30,000 COVID cases. 910 have died. It's a shocking number, and just hearing the stats reminds us of how bad it was only half a year ago.

With the current situation unfolding in Melbourne and a reinstated lockdown we have been reminded that the pandemic is far from over. It's still affecting colleagues and loved ones around us, even though our personal environment may have lulled us into a false sense of security.

A conversation with one of our office employees, Tony Pawar, revealed that the situation was far from serene.

'I'm sure you've been following the news, about COVID in India', he states. 'It's pretty bad.'

Like many others, Tony has relatives and loved ones that live overseas. His parents live in India – a country which is undergoing massive turmoil at the moment due to the pandemic.

India has recorded a staggering number of over 28,500,000 COVID cases. With oxygen shortages and overtaxed medical staff, the situation is dire, and the death count has risen to terrifying levels.

'My parents caught it', Tony tells me, 'They were eventually okay, but they were put in lockdown, and I was told by their doctor that as long as they managed to survive 12 days, they would be okay. Those 12 days … they were hell.'

Tony, like many others, was unable to travel in order to be with his loved ones due to travel restrictions, and so could only ride those 12 days out with his family. It's a terrible thing for anyone to go through, and the fact is that many people are suffering through the same story.

COVID isn't over, and people still need our support.

Routine can be a seductive drug, and it can be tempting to fall back into our old regimes without too much thought. But we need to understand that we haven't cleared this hurdle yet. Friends and colleagues are still being affected by this horrific pandemic, and they need our love and support now more than ever.

So please be conscious of those around you, physically and emotionally, supporting and praying for those who are still going through this trauma.

A prayer you might like to pray for India:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We pray for India and the devastation that continues there. Please strengthen, protect and guide those who are treating the sick and comfort those mourning the loss of loved ones. Turn the hearts of any experiencing fear and anxiety that they might find your peace and be with those rendered lonely by their circumstances.

We pray especially for the Indian Government, and for those bearing responsibility for confronting the challenge, that you would give them wise counsel and enable them to properly resource and support all the necessary services in a way that maintains peace and safety for the communities. Strengthen your children in India to testify to their trust in you and be witnesses of your grace and glory to those around them.

In your mercy bring a swift end to the worst of this crisis. Amen

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Please share these events with any ministry spouses you know and encourage them to come along!

Calendar of events for spouses in 2021-early 2022

1. 19th June. Lunch at the Shorts, followed by a bushwalk

2. 25th September. Workshop: Growing kindness and goodness. Being peacemakers – from a Gospel lens. Followed by a Q&A panel about Mothers' Union and Anglicare services

3. 7th November. Picnic at Willan's Hill Wagga Zoo & Aviary and Miniature Railway Rides, Wagga Wagga

4. a) June/July onwards. Five weeks self-paced Ministry couples course starts

b) 6pm 25th-noon 27th February 2022. Ministry couples weekend away – Smiggin Holes in the Kosciuszko National Park, Perisher Valley, Snowy Mountains

For more information on each event please visit our website: anglicancg.org.au/news-and-events/events/

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