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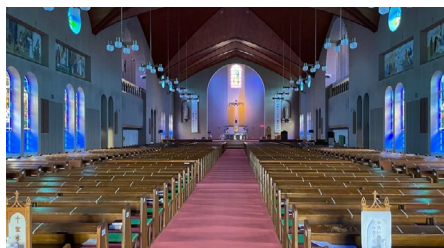
On Saturday 25 November 2023, we welcomed forty Samoan men to our church community at Cootamundra. For us it is an answer to prayer.

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Letter From Bishop Mark

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”² He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”

Matthew 18:1-5

I have been reflecting on these challenging words of Jesus as legislation is introduced into the ACT Legislative Assembly for the introduction of voluntary assisted dying. Similar legislation came into force in New South Wales this past November.

These developments require Christians to communicate a distinctive vision of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, even when the vision is neither well understood nor shared by the wider society. Please pray for me and others as we seek to do this in the days ahead.

But what kinds of actions will complement and give credibility to our words? It is here that Jesus’ words search us.

In using children as an object lesson Jesus probably has in mind not their supposed innocence, but their vulnerability and marginality within the society of His day. In placing a child in the midst of His disciples Jesus is setting a vision for the church that will emerge from their witness. His church will be a community that welcomes and honours the vulnerable and the marginal, not least because in their vulnerability and marginality they echo the service and sacrifice of Jesus Himself.

Illness, especially illness that has no foreseeable end other than death, renders us vulnerable and marginal. We become ever more dependent on others. We find ourselves excluded from familiar places and activities and sometimes (sadly) from familiar and treasured relationships.

In that light, can we imagine Jesus putting a terminally ill person in the midst of his disciples and inviting His church to do the same?

So where are the terminally ill in our churches, ministries and lives? Are they confined to the margins, named from time-to-time in our intercessions but otherwise invisible? Or are they welcomed to the heart of our common life, with the expectation that in encountering them our appreciation and experience of the Lord Jesus will be deepened?

Of course, we must not romanticise or minimise the suffering than can accompany the end of life. Furthermore, in welcoming the terminally ill we must not approach them merely as objects of our benevolence, as if they have nothing to offer and teach us.

But for all that, there is important work for us to do in commending the Lord Jesus and His gospel in our engagement with the ‘least of these’.

With prayers and blessings,

Bishop Mark Short

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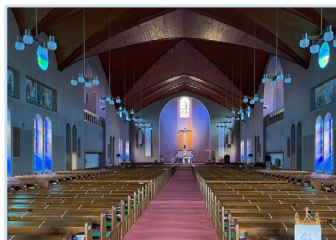
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Centenary Celebration for a Vibrant Country Church

Written by Elizabeth Standford, All Saints' Parish, Tumut

Tumorrara, an isolated and picturesque rural parochial district some 37km from Tumut, is part of the culturally significant lands of the Ngunnawal, Wiradjiri and Walgalu peoples. It first welcomed European farming settlement in the mid-nineteenth century, since which time there has been significant Christian ministry in the area.



Pictured: Holy Advent church with its newly-replaced roof Dec 2023

Within its landscape of farms, forestry and native bushland, on a small acreage donated by Mr William Garner, an elegant timber church building was erected by Mr Dallas Margules in the early 1920s using local timber milled by him and his brother Louis at their local mill.

One hundred years ago, on 16 December 1923, Bishop Radford dedicated and licensed this new building, the Church of the Sacred Advent, at Tumorrara in the Parish of Tumut, on the petition of the then Rector of Tumut, the Rev K L McKeown and the wardens. Over time, the church became known as the Church of the Holy Advent. In 1925 a parishioner gave to the church land which became known as the Tumorrara Glebe, leased to provide a steady income for the support of the infrastructure into the future.



Pictured: Holy Advent church in its surroundings

The church and its community have thrived throughout the last 100 years and on Saturday 16 December 2023 a joyful celebration was held to mark the centenary of its consecration. Our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Mark Short, assisted by Deacon, the Reverend Liz Sloane, led over 70 parishioners and visitors in praise and worship to celebrate the past and present ministries of this vibrant community.

It was a joy and a privilege to welcome the descendants of many families who were involved in the establishment of the church, many of whom still worship there at services held three or four times a year. Included in those present was Mrs Lola Moulstone, niece of the builder Mr Dallas Margules. A shared evening meal, including a celebratory cake, was enjoyed by all in the Tumorrara Hall following the service.



Pictured: Gathering for centenary celebration



Pictured: Front right: Mrs Lola Moulstone (nee Margules), the niece of the builder, Mr Dallas Margules

The church building is the appropriate repository of three beautiful stained glass windows which were relocated there in 1974 from another outcentre of the Tumut Parish, St Jude's at Gilmore, when that church was closed. In this manner the Tumorrara church incorporates many treasured memories of the worshipping communities from extended outlying parts of the Tumut Parish.

To commemorate the building's milestone anniversary a 24-page booklet entitled *Holy Advent Church Tumorrara Centenary 1923-2023*, including many photographs, was prepared by Alison Faulder (Church Warden) and other members of the congregation.



Pictured: L-R: Reverend Liz Sloane, Rev Canon Harvey Sloane, Rev John Jenner (Locum Rector All Saints' Tumut), Rt Rev Dr Mark Short in front of the Gilmore windows relocated to Holy Advent church Tumorrara.



Pictured: Centenary cake and booklet

May God bless the community as it moves forward into its next hundred years of Christian ministry in this beautiful landscape.



MOVEMENT FOR THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN

bringing change and understanding



25 January 2024: A Day to Celebrate in the Anglican Church

On 25 January 1944 Ronald Hall, Bishop of Hong Kong and China, ordained a woman, Florence Li Tim-Oi, as a priest. This was not only a first for the Chinese Church but also for the world-wide Anglican Communion.

The ordination may have been a matter of expediency as the Second Sino-Japanese War prevented priests from tending the Anglican community of Macao. Bishop Mok had already licensed Deaconess Tim-Oi to preside at Holy Communion; Bishop Hall determined to ordain her: 'God had clearly shown that He had already given her the gift of priesthood'. A year later, she was forced to revert to the role of deaconess: Canterbury and the rest of the Anglican Communion could not stomach a woman priest. For their part, the Chinese Communists designated her as a counter-revolutionary, persecuted her and sent her off to work in a factory until 1974. While the Diocese of Hong Kong and Macao officially recognised her as a priest in 1971, it wasn't until 1979 that she resumed her public ministry. In 1981 she received permission to visit her family in Toronto and settled there, working as an honorary assistant priest.

In 1984, Tim-Oi was formally reinstated as a priest, an event celebrated not only in Canada but also in Westminster Abbey. From then until her death in 1992, she faithfully exercised her priesthood, concerned not for herself, but that women should be fully valued by the Church and in society. The Rev'd Canon Edmund Der, St James' Cathedra in Toronto, remembered her thus:

When honours were heaping on her at the height of the movement for ordination of women priests, she remained humble and always reminded herself of the psalmist words "I am a worm". She thought of herself as an unworthy servant of the Lord. Archbishop Ted Scott hailed her as one of the top ten influential figures in the twentieth century. He especially appreciated her life and ministry as one who had broken barriers of humanity in different cultures and races and gender bias; a life more positive than negative in establishing a new community of equality of men and women. Her career, as an evangelist, a deacon, a priest, an innovator, a motivator,

an empowerment leader, a pastor, a counselor and above all an intercessor, would always be my example of a mentor and a pioneer for all priests: male or female. (<https://www.anglican.ca/faith/worship/resources/li-tim-oi/li-tim-oi-der/>)

In 2004 the Anglican Church of Canada included Florence Li Tim-Oi on the Calendar of Holy Persons and in 2018 she was incorporated into the Episcopal Church's calendar of saints. Note *The Lectionary Calendar* page <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/lectionary/florence-li-tim-oi/?fbclid=IwAR2ECyoVstcjTg9J6nq93WoQ51HorXcO8IJUptuYxlylYsLo1982Z34wjQ8>

The Movement for the Ordination of Women Australia takes heart from the words of Florence Li Tim-Oi, recorded in 1985 by her biographer, Ted Harrison, in *Much Beloved Daughter*:

I can certainly see no theological argument against the ordination of women. We are all God's children, male and female, it is good for us to serve God. I don't think the details of the theological debate are important. If Jesus gave freedom to all mankind, why does our Church not give proper, natural freedom to females?

We also confess to a particular interest: Bishop Ronald Hall is the uncle of Brisbane MOW pioneer and activist, Joan Lethlean.

We encourage Australian dioceses to similarly honour Florence Li Tim-Oi on the 80th anniversary of her ordination on 25 January 2024.

To facilitate celebration of this remarkable woman and her legacy, MOW has included a summary of her life, with links to liturgical resources, on its website at <https://mowatch.com.au/celebrating-the-rev-dr-florence-li-tim-oi-pioneering-priest/>.

Grand Piano Dedication in Braidwood

Written by Anne Sanders, Parish Councillor/
Concert Co-ordinator, Anglican Parish of Braidwood



Bishop Mark Short is coming to St Andrew's Anglican Church in Braidwood on Sunday 18th February to perform a service of dedication for the recently acquired grand piano, offered to the Braidwood parish by Professor Ken Lampl for a very generous price. We encourage all those wonderful musicians and music lovers in the Canberra Goulburn Diocese to join us.

Come and celebrate the purchase of this instrument for St Andrew's Anglican Church and the Braidwood community. This much loved instrument has been in ANU Music Professor Ken Lampl's possession. A number of his major works have been composed on this piano, so it comes with a wonderful pedigree.

The concert celebrates the hand-over of this piano to St Andrew's, and our intention to expand the opportunities to bring professional pianists to perform for, and raise the profile of, Braidwood's concerts to our growing community. We also hope to attract pianists who wish to rehearse and practice in the quiet beauty of the church. The program will feature a range of compositions, classical to contemporary, performed by highly esteemed musicians. This is a first for Braidwood and will include one of Lampl's compositions *Mirrored from far away* for cello and piano, a piece he composed during the Covid lockdown and this is first time it will be performed in its original format. Ken Lampl will be joined by his renowned colleagues, Edward Neeman (piano) and David Pereira (cello). They will be performing with Brendon Lukin (organ), Catherine Lukin (soprano, organ) and their son Dominic Lukin (tuba). The concert also provides the opportunity to feature the church's historic organ, thus two magnificent instruments that the Braidwood Anglican parish is very proud of.

The service will commence at 10am and the concert from 2pm (it will run for about 75 minutes). Make a day of it in historic Braidwood. There are many cafes open for lunch, you can enjoy strolling the heritage town, then grab your seat and prepare to be enchanted from 2pm. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased [online here](#) or on sale at the door on the day from 1.30pm. It's always a good idea to bring a cushion as the wooden pews can be a bit unforgiving!

The 2024 Summer program of Braidwood Concert Series gets off to a cracking start in February. The *Chamber Philharmonia Cologne* returns after a four year absence on Saturday 10 February from 6pm. This is followed by the Piano Dedication Concert on Sunday 18 February from 2pm. Both these concerts will be held in St Andrew's Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood.

The 2024 Autumn program launches with the nationally acclaimed contemporary *Ensemble Offspring* on Saturday 2 March, 2pm at the Braidwood Uniting Church. This concert is presented by Braidwood Concert Series in association with Music in the Regions. This is followed by a Sydney contemporary jazz ensemble, led by jazz pianist Wilbur Witta on Saturday 20 April at 2pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church. The Autumn program concludes on Saturday 19 May with the return of the ever popular *Luminescence Chamber Singers* presenting, *Of the body*.



[Click to follow the Braidwood Concert Series News for more about the concerts.](#)

Alternatively, contact Anne Sanders, Concert Co-ordinator: artwork123@icloud.com



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From Marulan to Nagasaki

Written by Michael Bridson, All Saints' Marulan

Recently I had the privilege to travel to Japan and view for myself first-hand the beautiful city of Nagasaki, some 1000km SW of Tokyo. Nagasaki being the second atomic bombed city during World War II is often described as the forgotten city, with many hearing about Hiroshima but much less about Nagasaki.

The death and scale of destruction in Nagasaki is difficult to imagine, with some 40,000-70,000 killed, and some 60,000+ injured at the moment of the explosion. The total number of deaths (as at 2020) directly attributed to the atomic bomb surpasses 195,000 souls, as shown in the following image.



Nagasaki Hypocentre Memorial – 500 metres above this exact spot the atomic bomb exploded 9 August 1945 at 11:02am.



View of downtown Nagasaki city seen from Mt Inasayama Observatory.

With the exception of memorials and remnants of destroyed buildings and structures which still exist within the city (can be seen when knowing where to look), and the peace park and the atomic bomb museum, it's hard to believe that something so terrible happened there 78 years ago.

The deaths of so many atomic bomb victims, and their eternal remembrance at the Nagasaki peace park, reminds me of 2 Corinthians 4:18: *“because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal...”*. Whilst this scripture refers to God being unseen and eternal, it seems a befitting epitaph to the eternal memory of the victims of the atomic bombing, who are also unseen.

Around 500m from the hypocentre is St Mary's Cathedral, which is also referred to as the Urakami Cathedral. The Cathedral has been completely rebuilt, after being almost completely destroyed by the atomic bomb. Only a few structures remained after the bombing.

One of the challenges facing the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum is how to preserve the experiences of atomic bomb survivors, for future generations to learn about those incredible stories of triumph over adversity.



Interior of Urakami Cathedral as it stands today.

Despite the incredible suffering and deaths, Nagasaki today is a beautiful, modern and vibrant city which has been totally rebuilt and sits within the Urakami valley. The unique topography of Nagasaki is one of the reasons why blast damage from the atomic bomb was confined and limited to a narrower area than the blast damage to Hiroshima (which compared to Nagasaki is relatively flat, offering less blast protection).



Re-built Urakami Cathedral (in background).

**Note headless statues (in foreground) of Saints from the destroyed Cathedral with some surviving relatively intact after the atomic bombing.*

Whilst I had an interest, all my life, in the atomic bombing which occurred in Japan at the end of World War II, I have to admit that I did not expect to find a Roman Catholic Cathedral in Nagasaki. According to the information on display around Nagasaki and the Atomic Bomb Museum, the Urakami valley has been home to Christians since the 16th century, with Christianity surviving despite the bans on Christianity, which lasted from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Some 10,000 out of 15,000 Christians in Nagasaki perished from the atomic bombing of Nagasaki.

One cannot help but lament the pain, suffering and sorrow of all the souls who perished in the instant of the atomic bombing, and those who survived for a short time after, but went on to suffer for many years. Even survivors of the atomic bombing who are still alive today, say how much they are still impacted every single day of their lives by the bombing.

I'm reminded of the following passage from scripture: Romans 6:8-9, *"... if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him..."*.

The Urakami Cathedral originally had two bell towers, one being destroyed by the explosion, and the other being blown off the Cathedral and coming to rest down the hill from the Cathedral, to its final resting place.



Urakami Cathedral Belfry blasted off the Cathedral and coming to rest down the hill adjacent to the Cathedral.



Wooden statue of the Virgin Mary inside Urakami Cathedral which miraculously survived the atomic bombing with only some superficial charring.

At the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum is a large collection of items on display demonstrating the awesome destructive power of the atomic bomb. One noteworthy display includes remnants of stained-glass window pieces from the Urakami Cathedral.



Stained-glass window fragments from the Urakami Cathedral.

**Note: under magnification at the top, stained-glass window fragments melted to spherical beads (~1200°C) under the intense heat of the bomb.*

In contemplating the awesome destructiveness of the atomic bomb, the Fat Man atomic bomb was a mere 21-kilotons TNT explosive equivalent. Compared with the destructive power of thermo-nuclear weapons which can range anything from 1 Megatons (MT) to 10 MT or more. Unlike atomic bombs, there is no theoretical limit to the size of a thermo-nuclear bomb. The destructive power of nuclear weapons today are orders of magnitude greater than those used at the end of World War II.

Looking at the death, destruction and misery in Nagasaki, and the seemingly endless wars even in the 21st century, one can't help but ask the question where does humanity go with the warmongering and destruction available at the push of a button?

One might expect the atomic bomb survivors having endured and survived such a terrible attack might well feel a sense of revenge for the death and destruction which was inflicted upon their people. One cannot help but think about certain passages from scripture,

including Ecclesiastes 3:8: “... *a time for war, and a time for peace...*”, and Exodus 21:24: “...*eye for eye, tooth for tooth ...*”.

However, one of the most remarkably consistent themes from the atomic bomb survivors, and the take-away message which really stood out with me, was not a desire for revenge or retribution, but rather a desire for peace. It’s as if the survivors of the most terrible attack, having survived that attack, realised the futility of war, and understood their survival of that attack was for peace. The desire for world peace is represented by the Peace statue in Nagasaki Peace Park.

I’m reminded of some appropriate scripture passages from Romans 12:19: “... *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord...*”, and Matthew 26:52: “...*Then Jesus said to him, ‘Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword...*”.

In a world seemingly full of war, deaths and destruction, whether that be the recent horrific events in the Middle East, Africa or Ukraine, I throw out a challenge. That is to take the message of peace from the survivors of the Nagasaki atomic bomb victims, and spread that message far and wide, and do it every day. If each one of us spread this message, we could live a little bit of our day for the victims, and send a message on their behalf.

As so appropriately stated in Matthew 5:9: “... *Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God...*”.

Let us live our lives as Christians according to the message of God, and make it known the futility of war, and the grave consequences for all humanity posed by weapons of mass destruction. I’ll close with a few words from my personal inspiration from the Book of John 7:17: “...*Anyone who resolves to do the will of God will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own...*”.



Nagasaki Peace Park – Peace statue



Sunset over Nagasaki and Nagasaki Harbour – looking out over the East China Sea - seen from Mt Inasayama Observatory

St Nicholas Sunday Celebrations

It was a big day at St Nick's in Goulburn on St Nicholas Sunday this year. The parish celebrated their patron saint with help from local member The Honourable Angus Taylor MP.



Written by Reverend Paul Davey, Rector - St Nicholas, Goulburn

The Hon Angus Taylor MP opens the St Nick's chairs and packs hampers.

Mr Taylor officially opened the building's new chairs that had replaced the old pews. The parish council had implemented the key change to remove a capacity constraint that was restricting further growth of the parish. The functional capacity of the St Nick's church building with pews was about 140. Back in mid-2022 the 10am service was growing to the point where it would soon be reaching over 80% capacity on a regular basis and was already achieving that on occasions. So the St Nick's parish council started problem solving and looked at the three obvious potential solutions (new service, bigger venue or increasing the seating capacity). Increasing the seating capacity by changing the pews for seats was initially not the preferred option for the parish council. However, it soon became clear that only a few people were prepared to leave the 10am service to plant a new afternoon or evening service. There was also difficulty even finding a big enough venue that was available weekly let alone the cost of renting it. So the parish councillors did the hard work of measuring the internal space of the St Nick's church building and working out what could be done. In the end they worked out they could increase the seating capacity by 100 by switching from pews to seats and by removing some furniture. With the decision made they ordered the chairs and installed 240 new chairs in the church building in March 2023.

The decision has paid off with 10am service attendance over 130 on most Sundays and on some Sundays reaching 150+ and 180+. Even on the bigger Sundays there is still plenty of room for more people to come. The capacity constraint has been removed and the parish is growing again.

On St Nicholas Sunday, Reverend Paul Davey reminded the parish why they got the new chairs. *"We didn't do it because we're anti-pews and we didn't do it because we wanted more comfortable seats. We did it for the people who aren't here today. So that they can also come and hear the good news of Jesus!"*

Of course, seating capacity is only one type of capacity constraint. So the parish is implementing a church database system and looking to hire a second minister amongst other measures to remove other capacity constraints. This will enable it to continue its mission in the northern suburbs of Goulburn. *"The city of Goulburn is growing rapidly and we feel responsible to do everything in our power to cater to their spiritual needs in partnership with other parishes and churches,"* said Reverend Davey.

St Nicholas is the patron saint of giving gifts to children in need and so appropriately the parish packed its St Nick's Christmas Hampers for distribution to needy families on St Nicholas Sunday. The parish brings in groceries and Christmas treats throughout November each year ready for packing on St Nicholas Sunday. Angus Taylor also got stuck in and was packing hampers with gusto. He commented afterwards in parliament, *"They're doing unbelievable work, extraordinary work, for their community. They distribute the hampers through the schools and, of course, the schools have a very good idea of the families who are in greatest need. We sent many, many hampers off on Sunday, which will have started to get out this week to families in need around the Goulburn region. I thank that wonderful congregation at St Nick's for the incredible work that they're doing."*



Revitalisation Prayer for Cootamundra

Written by Rev Capt Yvonne Gunning, Anglican Parish of Cootamundra

On Saturday 25 November 2023, we welcomed forty Samoan men to our church community at Cootamundra. It was a special day, and we served many Samoan dishes. For us it is an answer to prayer. We have been praying for twelve months for the revitalisation of our church and partnering with City to City.

We are amazed at God's plan and overjoyed. Of course we cannot ever underestimate the amazing way God answers prayer, we never imagined that our 9am traditional service would be transformed in this way! The roof was lifted with the sound of their harmony as they sang on Sunday! The abbatoir at Cootamundra has re-opened and will employ up to 1,000 people.

There will be islanders who love the Lord Jesus joining our churches. It's wonderful to hear the men singing hymns and choruses when they gather together for any meeting whether for work or a social gathering. We hear them singing praise songs as they travel on their bus.

We are planning to run easy English ESL next year with a Samoan bible study.

One Saturday the doorbell rang at the rectory and it was our Samoan brothers all ready to cut the grass and weed the gardens at the church! Its so encouraging!

We give thanks to God for answered prayer. ■

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God's Work in Gundagai



Written by Reverend Wendy Anderson Anglican Parish of Gundagai

God has blessed the parish of Gundagai and I would like to share and offer encouragement to other small parishes and centres, who like Gundagai and Nangus are small in numbers, to never give up hope for our God is truly remarkable and he has a purpose for our parishes. God's love and answered prayers has been seen in our parish throughout the past year and continues on in 2024.

Each year the Anglican parish and the Catholic parish join forces to help the families within our town. With the help of Woolworths manager, Ankit, and donations from our churches we were able to help families over the Christmas period. Alongside my son Zak, Jim and Craig from St Patrick's Catholic Church, we delivered hampers and toys to those in need.

Christmas was celebrated at both centres with families coming together to worship and give thanks to their God for the giving of himself to us through his Son Jesus and sustaining us through some tough times. As always our God is with us. I have never lost hope in the beauty of his love for us and how in his time all things are possible. Our God is so gracious to us and this is the reason for hope in a world that at times seems to be very dark.



Christmas day lunch was celebrated on my son Gary and daughter-in-law Jannie's farm and the workers from Gundagai Meat Processors were invited to

join us. Around 20 workers came to join my family in the Christmas celebration. It was a joining of different cultures, people who came together to celebrate the birth of Christ. We were reminded that Jesus' love is the bond we share not only on Christmas day but everyday and that our differences are not so big and that we can overcome anything through him.



Australia Day was celebrated and Marie Lindley was named Citizen of the Year (pictured left). Marie has worked and given so much of her life to St John's Anglican Church. She was a member of the Young Anglicans, is a

member of the Anglican Flower Show, secretary of the Parish and parish councillor. On a more personal note, Marie and her husband John are my Church Elders and they have always encouraged and supported me in my journey with God and the parish of Gundagai. They truly have been a blessing to me.

After the service I attended Mass at St Patrick's Catholic Church. Father Joe and I discussed the importance of unity in our town and how, especially in this time, we need to come together in unity and offer the hand of Christ to all he sends our way. As always my prayer is that all the churches in Gundagai come together to offer the love of Christ through the outpouring of his Holy Spirit to his people in this place we call home. After many years of praying for unity I feel deeply that God's hand is at work here.

Our God is so amazing.

And this is why small parishes must never give up hope and I know God will continue to work and bless us in Gundagai. I am blessed to have been called to serve my God in his town and to minister to his people. May God's blessings and his Holy Spirit continue to work within our parishes in this land we love and call home.





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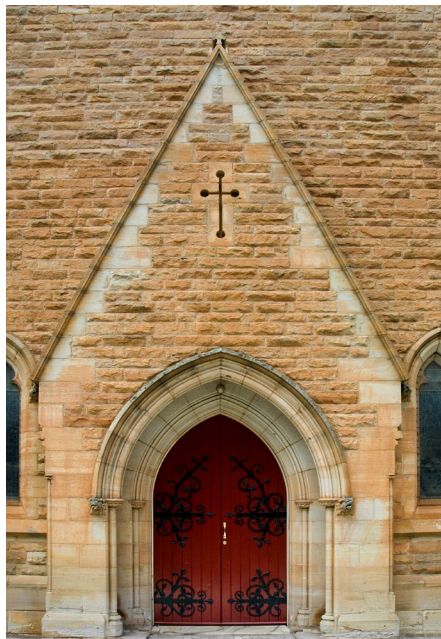
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- **Outside School Hours (OOSH) Coordinator** Canberra
- **Early Childhood Educators** Canberra
- **Centre Director** Canberra
- **Case Manager - Child, Youth & Family Services** Yass
- **Casual Educators** Goulburn
- **Senior Carer Practitioner** Orange
- **Family Connection & Mentor Support Worker** Orange
- **Manager Foster & Kinship Care - Permanency Support Program** Orange
- **Senior Manager Intensive Therapeutic Care** Liverpool
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Arvo Church Ministry Coordinator & Community Chaplain

St Mary in the Valley (www.smiv.org), a suburban church located in Calwell, ACT, is seeking to be an intergenerational Anglican community devoted to Jesus, growing in faith, and living for others.

To nurture & lead the 'Arvo church' congregation of SMiV, particularly through the provision of ongoing opportunities for worship and fellowship.

To function as a community chaplain to encourage outreach into the community, potentially through Calwell shops, Anglicare Early Childhood Centre across the road, Warrigal Aged care Centre and any other ways and to provide services to the community and to encourage participation in the life of the church, focusing on families with children.

The position is fixed term for an initial period of 12-months, with an extension possible, if requested by the parish.

To qualify for a Stipendiary Lay Minister's position, the applicant needs to be either an Anglican or willing to be admitted into the Anglican Church.

A full description of this position, and details on how to apply, can be found [here](#).

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THE CENTRE FOR AGEING AND PASTORAL STUDIES (CAPS) AND THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE (ACC&C)

NATIONAL CAPS CONFERENCE: SPIRITUALITY AND AGEING: FLOURISHING IN COMMUNITY AND CARE

Monday 23 September 2024 – Tuesday 24 September 2024

(Pre-conference workshops on Sunday 22 September)

ACC&C campus, Barton, Canberra, Australia

An inspirational conference that will help us all flourish as we age, in whatever setting we are in

Be inspired by keynote speakers, practical workshops and stimulating papers as we explore, discuss, and enable spiritual care and flourishing in the areas of dementia, palliative care, and community and aged care.

Essential for anyone interested in meaningful ageing and caring for older people in a meaningful way: spiritual care practitioners, mental health practitioners, nurses, faith leaders, aged care managers and CEOs, care coordinators, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, activities officers, lifestyle coordinators, volunteers, researchers, and anyone wanting to find meaning in life as we age.

Interested in getting involved?

- Call for papers and presentations early 2024
- Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities for organisations and businesses
- Join our volunteer team

To register your interest, please email caps@csu.edu.au



Seeking Connection

A Year of Living Intentionally

Session 1: Seeking Connection Entrée	January 20	Tim Narraway
Part 1. The Inward Disciplines		
Session 2: Meditation	February 17	Linda Chapman
Session 3: Prayer	March 16	Rebecca Newland
Session 4: Study	April 20	Michael Brown
Session 5: Fasting	May 18	Tim Narraway
Part 2. The Outward Disciplines		
Session 6: Simplicity	June 15	Tim Narraway
Session 7: Solitude	July 20	Jane Simmonds
Session 8: Submission	August 17	Tim Watson
Session 9: Service	September 21	Karly Ferguson
Part 3. The Corporate Disciplines		
Session 10: Confession	October 19	Angela Young
Session 11: Worship	November 16	Mandy Wheatley
Session 12: Guidance	December 21	David Oliphant and
Session 13: Celebration	January 18	Tim Narraway

Venue: All Saints Bodalla Anglican (the church with the yellow door), Bodalla.

Cost: \$15 to cover cost of printing, materials, and refreshments

What to bring: notebook, pen, life experience, generosity of spirit

What time will it begin? 11am **What time will it end?** 1pm

RSVP: Tim Narraway Email: revtimanglican@gmail.com mob: 0411 825 204

What is it?

An intentional friendship group for those who want to cultivate a deep connection, those who seek to grow in their relationship with God, are curious about ancient practices from the Christian Tradition, and have the courage to explore life changing experiences in a kind and generous group setting. All groups are facilitated.

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Brendon Lukin, organ

Catherine Lukin, soprano and organ

Dominic Lukin, tuba



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 St Andrews Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood
 Tickets: \$25 online (QR code) or on sale at the door, from 1.30pm

