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Laying Down our Lives

As the dreadful events unfolded in Bondi Junction earlier this month our younger son and I were a few kilometres away emerging from a tour of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

It's hard not to confront an event like that and wonder - what would I have done if I was there? Would I have fought for others or would I have fled?

The truth is I can't know what I would have done. And yet the idea of being willing to lay down our lives for others is deeply ingrained in our culture. "*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*" is after all the biblical text engraved on war memorials across Australia. Whether recognised or not, it points us to Jesus, the good shepherd who willingly gives His life for the sheep He will call into His flock.

Subsequent generations of believers have been inspired by Jesus to heroic action. However, in 1 John 3:16-17 the Apostle points us in a different direction:

¹⁶ We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Here we imitate Jesus in our generosity, love expressed in actions, not just pious sounding words. Before action there is seeing – being attentive to a person and their needs.

In his book *How to Know a Person* the US journalist David Brooks recounts his journey from what he calls "a certain aloofness in my personality" to someone more open to the experience of others.

Here's how he describes the power of being seen:

"Human beings need recognition as much as they need food and water ... No crueller punishment can be devised than to not see someone, to render them unimportant or invisible ... On the other hand, there are few things as fulfilling as that sense of being seen and understood. I often ask people to tell me about the times they've felt seen, and with glowing eyes they tell me stories about pivotal moments in their life. They talk about a time when someone perceived some talent in them that they themselves weren't even able to see. They talk about a time when someone understood exactly what they needed at some exhausted moment – and stepped in, in just the right way, to lighten the load."

I began my sermon by speculating on what would I do in a moment of crisis. But in light of 1 John I suspect that's not the really important question. For the question God's word presses upon me is what do I do in a moment of choice? What do I do when confronted by the needs of others? What do I do when the clock is ticking and I have to decide whether to stay and see or turn and go? Perhaps it's in those moments we learn whether we really are willing to lay down our life for others as Jesus laid down His life for ours.

With prayers and blessings,

Bishop Mark Short

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Easter Sunday 2021 at Breadalbane



Bishops Mark & Carol at Canterbury Cathedral during the Lambeth conference.



Bishop Carol with Jesse

A final word from Bishop Carol

Assistant Bishop Carol Wagner reflects on her time in the Diocese, sharing her journey into ministry, how she came to Canberra & Goulburn and some of the joys and challenges she has encountered along the way.

Anglican News interviewed Bishop Carol from her retirement on the beautiful South Coast.

How long have you been in the diocese?

It seems a very long time - more than 24 years!

What led you into ministry and brought you to work for the Diocese initially?

Like so many in the pews, my experience of the Anglican church outside my home church and diocese (then Sydney) was fairly limited. I'd been a faithful Anglican for more than 25 years before I entered theological college and, amongst other things, began to learn more about the wider Christian church and my own denomination. It was most enlightening!

My first introduction to the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn was through reconnecting with a long time friend who had become a rector in the diocese. I had begun to explore an insistent call to ministry, when the Lord orchestrated a 'chance' meeting with this friend. As we chatted over lunch, it was a revelation to me to discover that in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese, women were able to be ordained and even become rectors of churches. The wheels were set in motion for my family's move to Goulburn less than a year later.

I began my BTh through the Australian College of Ministries (Churches of Christ) which had an external studies hub in the Wollongong area where I lived. I later transferred to St Mark's to complete my degree. My first experience of ministry in the diocese was as student minister at my friend Nick Hearnshaw's church - St Nick's North Goulburn - in 2000. After I was ordained, I stayed on as the curate, until I was appointed to the parish of Taralga in September 2002. Since then, I've also ministered in the parishes of Berridale & Snowy Mountains and Bodalla-Narooma.

What have been the highlights (or joys) of your time in the Diocese?

There have been so many! I still have trouble finding words to describe the sense of blessing and thankfulness I felt when I was ordained at St Saviour's Cathedral in 2001. From then it has been a whirlwind of joy, delight, challenge and sorrow as I have ridden this roller coaster we call 'ministry'.

But some specific highlights of my time in the diocese:

- Baptising a rolling group of teenagers over a few years in the hot tub at the rectory in Taralga, so many of whom are still going strong; and baptising an older man in Lake Jindabyne. We both froze, but it was so worth it.
- Leading an 85-year-old man to Christ in his hospital bed, after his life-long claim that he was an athiest. It remains one of my greatest joys to be able to lead a soul to Christ.
- Watching the lay leaders I've worked with discover and use their gifts and grow in confidence and enthusiasm.
- Seeing ministry units and parishes serve selflessly and faithfully, sharing the love of Jesus, and joining in fellowship and worship, often despite many challenges.
- Placing a communion wafer in the tiny upturned hands of an earnest three-year-old at the altar. She gazed at me seriously while I whispered "the body of Christ keep you in eternal life." It just melted my heart!

Highlights as an Assistant Bishop?

It has been a weighty calling, but also full of blessing. Some memorable highlights have been:

- Walking with the leadership of struggling rural parishes as they've sought to keep worship and ministry afloat in challenging times.
- Helping people in conflict find resolution and move forward.
- Celebrating wonderful milestones in parish life - confirmations, inductions, centenaries, dedications, the birth of new ministries and the laying to rest of old ones.
- Walking with clergy in their joys and sorrows.
- Coming to know the parishes and their people across the diocese.
- Collegial gatherings of clergy and of the Australian bishops.
- One particular highlight I will long remember, is my experience of meeting with bishops from across the world-wide Anglican Communion at the Lambeth Conference in the UK in 2022. It was an amazing experience and great gift from the people of the diocese.

What have been some of the biggest challenges?

- Recognising not everything can be 'fixed'.
- Not having a regular church family as you do in a parish.
- Maintaining a healthy life-work balance.
- Dealing with spiritual, mental and physical exhaustion.
- So many meetings...

What will you miss most?

- Visiting the churches and people across the diocese, both in celebration and in struggle. It is my hope that I'll still receive occasional invitations to parishes just to visit, for confirmations and celebrations, or to lead retreats.
- Gathering with the clergy and leaders of the diocese and my colleagues at the ADS.
- Being 10 minutes away from two of my three sons.
- I really won't miss the climate.

What are some of your plans for retirement?

- Initially, it's to have a time of rest and recuperation. Jay and I will catch up with some much needed renovations on our home in Narooma, and then take some trips in our caravan.
- Spend time walking and praying on the beach again.
- Get back into music and art.
- I'll also continue working with those in the Discernment Program for the next year on a part-time basis.

A final word...

**God's people are beautiful
- I have been inspired,
encouraged and prayed
for during my time as
Assistant Bishop. It has been
a very great privilege to serve
you and it has been a time
in my life and ministry I have
deeply valued. Thank you.**



Offering Hope in an Uncertain World



The official launch of the HOPE25 project will happen in a few weeks' time at Pentecost, when the Australian Primate, Geoffrey Smith will announce the official kick-off of this nation-wide Anglican collaboration, to declare the hope that can be found in Jesus.

We wanted to give you some advance notice of key resources that we will be using during HOPE25.

The HOPE25 Website

In the very early days of being built, the HOPE25 website will grow to become a rich resource base for all Anglican Churches to discern how best to join in the national project. There are already a few resources, with a system for anyone to contribute their knowledge about how to share the hope we find in Jesus.

Action

Visit www.hope25.com.au and consider bookmarking it, so you are ready to return there. Especially take a look at the resources gaps and consider whether your knowledge and skills might be helpful.

The HOPE25 Collect

The Mission and Ministry Commission have written a Collect for HOPE25:

God of Hope

You call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world;

By you Spirit awaken in us

A true vision of your kingdom,

A greater certainty of our salvation, and

A deeper dedication to your service;

That through our words and actions the same Spirit may

Bring many who are lost to be fond,

And for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ,

In whose name we pray. Amen.

Action

Add the Hope25 Collect into your service plans for after the Pentecost launch. Add HOPE25 into your own regular prayers.



Hope25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes, schools and agencies in a season of proclamation from Easter to Pentecost in 2025

The HOPE25 Monthly Email

One of the resources you can tap into immediately is to subscribe to the HOPE25 monthly emails. The team at the National HOPE25 office will be sharing stories, resources and prayers in regular emails. This will help us connect across Australia and stay across new additions to the HOPE25 website.

Action

Go to the HOPE25 website and enter your email to be added to the HOPE25 email list.

The HOPE25 National Project Officer

Wayne Schuller has been appointed by the Mission and Ministry Commission to work as the HOPE25 Project Officer. It will be Wayne who oversees and drives all the connecting and resourcing that each Diocese and local Parish, school or agency will make use of.

Action

Pray for Wayne Schuller as he commences in this role, that he will be able to draw together the right people to prepare what we need for the HOPE25 project.

Our Local HOPE25 Preparation

While there are some wonderful things happening at a national level to bring resources to support the HOPE25 project, it is also true that we will need to get to work in our Diocese. We will look to encourage and support every school, agency and ministry unit to be prayerfully planning for how to be involved. This will feature at our up-coming clergy conference and also be the focus of the conference at the Cathedral, planned for Saturday 17th August.

Action

Make sure the people in your agency, ministry unit or school know about the Bishop's plan for a Conference at the Cathedral on Saturday August 17th.



Longing for Sacred Space: The Story of a New Service

Written by Rev'd Helen Dean, Assistant Priest, St Barnabas Anglican Church, Charnwood

St Barnabas Parish has a new Communion Service that surprised us. We didn't plan it. It was a response rather than an initiative. It was congregation-driven, not clergy driven.

It reached more people than we expected, and they were not all from our church. We let the congregation know about it after it had been going for a few weeks, but attendees mostly came by word of mouth from a friend rather than responding to announcements or information.

So, how did it start? Mary was in her nineties and found it difficult to come and sit through the length of the Sunday service for physical health reasons. As a result, she was not able to come to church on Sundays as often as she would have liked. However, she really missed the community, and she missed taking communion. She did not want to have a personal home communion. She really wanted to take communion in the sacred space of the church.

Our response was to arrange to have a very short home communion style service in the church, but to schedule it for late Monday morning after the sorting of the op shop donations. Mary had been a leader of the sorting team and knew most of the current sorters. Most sorters were from our church, but there were also other volunteers. The sorters loved Mary and wanted to join her for this very short service.

After a few weeks, they were joined by one or two other members of the congregation who were not as well as in the past, and who found it difficult to sit through a conventional service. We were also joined by some fitter parishioners who were scheduled to perform other duties in the church after the sorting had finished. They all wanted to worship together. The time, the place and the brevity of the service combined to make this possible for them.

Current attendance is up to a dozen. Some people are there every week. Others come most weeks, as they can. Sacred space, holy sacrament, and the community of the body of Christ. This service has been a surprise and a blessing for us all.



SAVE THE DATE
Friday 10 May 2024
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The Cathedral Celebrates a Year of Milestones

Written by Rev'd Canon Anne Wentzel (Acting Dean)

Last Saturday to the exact date and time 160-years-ago, members of the St Saviour's Cathedral celebrated the historical event of the arrival of the first Bishop of Goulburn, the Right Rev'd Dr Mesac Thomas. In a short, pithy and realistic re-enactment, and to the amazement and curiosity of the bystanders in the market Hall, Mesac and his wife rose from their adjoining graves and told the story of their first days in Goulburn and the vision of building a cathedral. Even the weather proved to be a realistic backdrop – rain and mud, just as it was those many years ago.

In Mesac's words: *"Let ME tell you about the day. That Saturday morning was very inauspicious in so far as the weather was concerned, a steady rain coming down, and making the streets and roads quite unfit for traffic on foot. At ten o'clock a great number of persons went as far as the top of the Big Hill and there met me with the greeting 'Your Lordship'.*

A procession was then formed, consisting of numerous carriages and horsemen who entered the town and proceeded through Auburn Street and hence to Mandel-son's Hotel where Mrs Thomas and I took up a temporary abode.

It was intended that a procession be formed and start from the mechanics institute to the cathedral, but owing to the state of the streets this was abandoned.

From the first day I recognised the limitations of our St Saviour's church and immediately with Dean Sowerby planned to build a larger church, no, a cathedral in Goulburn as being amongst the needs of this diocese.

I saw too that this infant diocese needed to be strengthened with more clergy, more churches, more parsonages, more schools, more money and for my dear wife Mrs Thomas, an episcopal residence.

My wish was for a new cathedral seating 1000 people. It would be cruciform in shape and provide a definite choir, all of which would be on a small scale compared with English Cathedrals.

I'm most ashamed that I must most humbly ask for money from the homeland as a contribution towards the work of the Church in a young colony and a new diocese. I estimated the cost as between 10,000 and 20,000 pounds....but we do have 100 pounds in hand!

Today I can humbly recall that the present magnificent cathedral took 10 years to complete and on this 160th Anniversary. Mary and I are proud and congratulate the faithful people of so many generations who care for and worship in faith our Lord and Saviour.

Mary and I knew many hardships and dangers and great weariness on our long journeys across the diocese. It wasn't just once that Mary found herself slipping in mud and ending up in water. One night in a tiny country church I was preaching and my sleeves caught on fire from the candles on the pulpit. On the rush to put out the flames one of the church wardens knocked over Mary as she too rushed from her seat at the front of the church to help me.

A final word before my beloved wife and I return to our resting place at the North East corner of the cathedral. We delight in the Goulburn seasonal weather, the large family of magpies in the tree close by, the endless wandering pilgrims from all over the world who pass by Mary and I pray for them all. Well my dear Mary, it is time for us to return to our rest, as at 12 noon the angels will call us to sing to our Father, God in heaven."

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!



On Sunday 14th January 2024 St Saviour's celebrated the placing of the Foundation Stone on its 150th Anniversary for the beginning of our cathedral. It took a decade for Mesac to realise his vision and raise money to begin the works while at the same time establishing the new-born

Goulburn Diocese. Some 50 people, yes, once again stood on the NE corner of the Cathedral in the wind and rain to witness this historic event. The Bellringers and a commissioned work forever to be called The Mesac Surprise Major Peal. ■

Couples' Sabbath Weekend Away

Written by Ruth Bartholomeusz

Following an invitation from Bishop Mark and Monica and Bishop Stephen and Jennifer, seven couples departed Canberra for Thredbo on Friday 1 March for a Couples' Sabbath Weekend away, to finish on Monday 4 March. The weekend was inspired by John Mark Comer, Bethany Allen and Brian Rouanzoin's definition of Sabbath shared in their podcast Rule of Life Practicing the Way as: "stop, relax, delight and worship". It was also inspired by Dr Amy Erickson from St Mark's National Theological Centre thinking that the Sabbath can be perceived as resistance to the world's demands to work in ways that take us away from God and prevent us from resting in Him. Alongside this, there was the desire to support couples in ministry, to offer time and space for rest and renewal and to recognise the important role clergy spouses have.

None of us knew quite what to expect, but the warm welcome and relaxed atmosphere meant that everyone was soon chatting and getting to know each other around the dinner table – we even had a birthday to celebrate! We were encouraged to read Psalm 121 as couples and to reflect on how we can stop, relax, delight and worship God.

Saturday and Sunday were left to each couple to decide on their activities. Some walked up the hill to Eagles Nest (one couple the long way round and walked 16kms!), some rode the gondola and chair lift and had a picnic at the top. Some walked the track to Mt Kosciuszko, some slept and some did a much more sensible walk by the creek! For some couples, the phones were turned off and a complete break was enjoyed.

Dinner time each night was for sharing our adventures and getting to know each other. We shared Evening Prayer with a reflection on Psalm 121 Saturday and Communion with a reflection on Sunday evening.



We are very grateful to the Mothers' Union, generous individuals who made donations and the Diocese for the provision of accommodation, food and baskets full of gifts and goodies. The following quotes highlight how great the weekend was:

"We had a lovely weekend meeting new folk and enjoying their fellowship, stories and recommendations, and greatly appreciated the warm welcome and care provided by those who organised the event, and also of course, the hospitality provided by Mothers' Union. The opportunity to walk in the great outdoors and visit such an iconic landmark as Australia's tallest peak was wonderful." Helen

"The food for the whole weekend was delicious. The basket of goodies and snacks to take walking was so generous and appreciated. The short devotions/talks we shared over the weekend were good food for thought. Conversations with individuals or the whole group were very interesting. We greatly enjoyed our free time which we spent walking, even though it was a bit challenging up the mountain and to Mt Kosciusko, but very satisfying in such a wonderful outdoor environment. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole weekend; the group, the food, the accommodation and the location." Susan

"The Couples weekend was a wonderful time away. Who could knock back being waited upon, no meals to prepare (scrumptious too), comfy beds and a time of leaving behind the everyday chores back home and all with good company. Walks in the village and the bush. Rides on the gondola, and a picnic high up in the mountains with the help of a chairlift to get there! Topped off by a meditation on Ps 121 and a communion in the round to finish up. A superb time of fun and relaxation." Kathryn

We would all thoroughly recommend that you take advantage of the opportunity to take a Sabbath break, even if it is only for a day or two, to recharge the batteries and spend time away from the busyness of 'normal' life.

Connecting with Our Past through the work of Skilful Hands

Written by Jennifer Garden

St John’s Schoolhouse Museum is busy preparing for the [Canberra and Region Heritage Festival](#) in April. This year we will be offering what promises to be a very interesting exhibition of historical handiwork, much of which has a direct connection to our local history.

The theme for the Heritage festival this year is “Connections”, and our exhibition is called “SKILFUL HANDS connect us with our past”. In the [Festival Handbook](#) it is described as follows:

The skilful hands of women and girls in sewing, knitting and other handiwork created and decorated clothes and homes in a bygone era. While their creators are gone, their work remains as a tangible connection to their descendants. This Schoolhouse Museum exhibition features some of this beautiful work, as well the images and lives of the women who made them.

The exhibits feature some items from the Museum’s existing collection, including a treasured collection of school samplers. There is also a 1924 treadle sewing machine, once extensively used by a Canberra woman, a former pupil at the Schoolhouse.

In addition, we have received some generous loans of ancestral heirlooms, along with the related stories of the people who owned or created them.

The Exhibition will be open daily from 2-4PM in the Museum, right through the Festival, which runs from 13-28 April. Entry is by a small donation, which includes a short guide to the layout of the Exhibition.



SKILFUL HANDS CONNECT US TO OUR PAST

St John’s Parish & Schoolhouse Museum & Canberra and Region Heritage Festival 13-28th April - 2024

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Entry by donation (EFTPOS available) - includes a short Guide to the Exhibition

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In Memoriam**Dr Alison Joan Buchanan***Written by Bishop George Browning*

In recent decades few if any have made a greater contribution to Diocesan life than Joan Buchanan (Kitchin).

Born in South Africa, from an early age Joan challenged then prevailing norms about restrictive female roles. She would have none of it then, or now. Graduating with a medical degree (when few women did so) she and her husband Reg (an orthopaedic surgeon) demonstrated that developing a healthy and lively family life (six children) and leading highly demanding professional lives were not alternative choices. She was of course a strong supporter of the notion that leadership roles in the Church should be exercised by those who possessed the charisma for them and not be restricted by gender exclusion.

Moving from South Africa became inevitable because she and Reg could not live in or under an apartheid regime. Joan's moral code, shaped by her deep Christian conviction, was not simply that equality in human life is sacrosanct, but further, there is a divine bias towards the poor and marginalised which must be mirrored in the lives of those who claim discipleship of Christ. (In moving, she left behind her brother Duncan who became Bishop of Johannesburg. Fortunately, she and Reg brought with them an abiding love of rugby which they were able to transfer to the Wallabies!)

Joan's deep care for the voiceless and the marginalised led her to take a lead role in the Church's response to the scandal of abuse, not simply of children, but of all who became the victims of the power of others. When I arrived in 1993 there had been a serious case of child abuse by a Diocesan clergy person in a rural Parish. Joan navigated us through to protocols, expectations, and norms almost a decade before such protocols were finalised in the national Church. During my 15 years in the Diocese Joan never ceased her extraordinarily generous and demanding role as the lead contact person. For this the Diocese will be forever in her debt.

Joan's heart ached for those afflicted by violence. Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Middle East Myanmar, Refugees, were constantly on her more recent mind.

Joan was what I would call a radical Christian, someone who was unshakeably and deeply rooted in her faith and who lived the consequences of that faith in the way she lived her life. For her, Christ did not simply reveal the nature of God, but in him true humanity was also defined. A longtime parishioner of St Alban's Woden, she was nourished in a small faith community comprising an

extraordinary concentration of similarly highly-informed and socially-aware Anglican Christians. Chair of the Parish council for some years, her contribution there is deeply cherished. The foundational legacy of St Albans under the SSM brothers appearing to be indelible!

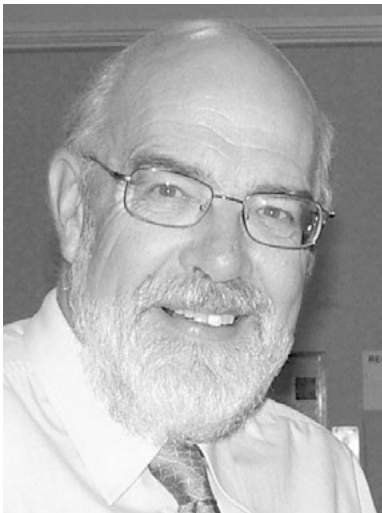
As years progressed and Joan's faith deepened, she became more impatient with trite, lazy, and oft-repeated expressions of religiosity and overly simplistic certainty. Highly intelligent, she was extremely well read, familiar with the writings of a wide range of theologians, notably, in her formative years, CS Lewis and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who fashioned a robust and lasting faith in thousands of her generation. She applauded good and thoughtful preaching, Graeme Garrett and Stephen Pickard being amongst those she most admired and looked forward to hearing. This intellectual openness and inquisitiveness, together with her firsthand experience of pastoral care, made her an invaluable member of the St Mark's Council.

She was also nourished in the arts, for many years taking a regular seat at the Sydney Opera House.

Never short of an opinion, it is certain many will recall moments which are probably best, from their perspective, left unmentioned! However, any blemishes were more than balanced with beautiful personal traits. Others have testified to my own experience of these traits. Meeting her after a period of absence, and before engaging in the topic to hand, she would remember the names of family members and ask after each, especially if she had known of challenges faced. Her bountiful generosity, (and that of Reg), may not be well known, because it was exercised discreetly. But many potential personal crises in others were alleviated by such benefaction. Parties at the Kitchin home were to be treasured, Elisha would have found the cellar never ran dry!

Being of South African origin, she could never depart far from the Zulu notion of Ubuntu – "I am because you are", or to put it another way: "we are because Christ is."

Following later years graciously and humbly lived in an aged care facility, she left strict instructions that no euphemism was to describe her departure. Particularly it was not to be said that she had 'passed', but that she had died. Why so important? Well, because dying is not simply part of living, it is also life's gateway. Her dying to self over a long and fruitful life had enabled others to live. In dying she instructed her body be composted as her small contribution to the re-cycling life of a flourishing created order, all part of the redeeming purpose of God.



In Memoriam

Robert Arthur

Written by Clive Rodger

One of the great privileges of life is long term friendships. It was my privilege to call Bob a friend, having worked with him for over 40 years. Bob had a stellar career in tertiary education culminating in being appointed Registrar of ANU. He also made huge contributions to the life of secondary education in Canberra serving on many school boards.

Bob Arthur 2005

It has been through Bob's many and varied Diocesan involvements that I have known Bob best. In all these activities Bob was an exemplary Christian, a wise well-informed adviser, a courteous and gracious advocate and a true servant of the church he loved so deeply.

My first meeting with Bob was when I chaired the Finance Division of the Diocese in the early 1980's. Bob was a formidable member with a deep knowledge of Diocesan life and parish histories. This knowledge was important in informing decisions about application for loans and other risk assessments. Bob was also across the Synodical and governance processes of the Diocese. Bob and I also served on the Property Trust and worked closely together to sell the Diocesan rural properties and ensure the proceeds of the sale were appropriately quarantined.

For many years I chaired the St Mark's Executive. I remember a lunch with Bob when he was still ANU Registrar. I asked whether following his retirement

he would be willing to serve St Mark's as its Business Manager. Bob accepted and for about a decade served St Mark's with great distinction and dedication. By that stage St Mark's was in partnership with Charles Sturt University in being the foundation member of the School of Theology. His deep and extensive knowledge of complex tertiary education funding proved invaluable. He was strategic in negotiating the partnership arrangements with St Francis College in Brisbane and St Barnabas College in Adelaide.

For more than 50 years Bob has served in the Parish of Holy Covenant. Bob's seminal contribution to his local church exemplifies true servant leadership. Whether Chair of Council or operating the audio system Bob served with skill, competence, graciousness and with a passion for serving Christ.

We have lost a great one. Let us all be encouraged by his example of service and care for God's church.



St Mark's opening of new Administration Building 20 Feb 2009



Bob Arthur on the Episcopal Elections Committee at Synod 2018

In Memoriam

Betsy Boundy



In March 2024, Betsy Boundy passed away, so we thought we'd re-rerun her story and recipe from the Anglican News October 2022 issue.

When Mrs Betsy Boundy moved to Canberra from the Adelaide Hills about 20 years ago to be closer to family she joined the 8.00am congregation at St John's Church Reid. At St John's Betsy helped at the monthly group that tidied up the beautiful St John's Church Yard. After each working bee the group had morning tea and amongst other treats Betsy made Cheese Crumbles for us. I just loved them and Betsy gave me the recipe saying 'if you make these once you will make them for the rest of your life'. Well it is true! I make them often and most people who taste them also love them. Recently Betsy turned 100 years and there were a number of great celebrations for her at St John's. Congratulations Betsy! In honour of Betsy and her 100th anniversary she agreed to me sharing her recipe with you. I hope you enjoy making these delicious biscuits as much as I do.

Thank you Betsy.

Betsy's Poem

Betsy not only blessed us all with her custard crumble but has been and continues to inspire parishioners of St John's by her lively faith.

She loves to write poetry. Last year she wrote the following poem, which she headed: 'A prayer I needed during a long period of frustration and sickness.'

*The little things in life are so important
They regulate the way we pass our day:
They guide us with their gentle repetition
To find the proper footpath to God's way.*

*The big things, when they happen can astound us,
And often help to make us lose the way,
If 'good' we must remember to be thankful;
If 'bad' we need to trust God on the way.*

*We're only meant to fit in with God's pattern,
And reconcile our joy or pain with faith
And then we find that everything unravels
And we can rest again in God's good grace.*

- Betsy Boundy, Canberra September 2021

Betsy says: 'if you make these biscuits once, you will probably make them for the rest of your life'.

Betsy's Cheese Crumbles

Ingredients

Makes 24

1 cup self-raising flour (plus 2 flat teaspoons of baking powder if you wish)

1 cup grated good quality mature or tasty cheese

1 cup rice bubbles

1 tablespoon parmesan (preferably fresh)

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon mustard powder

120 grams melted butter (be generous; do not use margarine)

cayenne pepper (sprinkle to taste)

Instructions

1. Crush rice bubbles with a rolling pin.
2. Mix ingredients; if mixture seems too moist (rarely happens) add a little extra flour.
3. Roll teaspoonfuls of the mixture into balls in your hands.
4. Cook in a moderate oven (170 degrees if fan-forced) for about 12 minutes, or until golden brown.

Recipe Source: Betsy Boundy (parishioner, St John's Anglican Church, Canberra). Originally came from a Head Teacher of Cookery at Adelaide CIT.

Solomon & The Queen of Sheba

Written by Reverend Robert Willson

I Kings 10: 1-13

In the NSW Art Gallery there is a very large painting by Sir Edward Poynter of the scene of this reading, when the Queen of Sheba came to visit King Solomon. The 19th century was an age of fascinating archaeological discoveries in the Biblical lands and the artist was inspired by these revelations.

My Orthodox study bible comments that the coming of the Queen of Sheba is a supreme moment for the Israelites, confirming their status as the chosen people of God. This story illustrates perfectly what God had intended for Israel, to be a shining light among the nations and to draw all nations to itself for conversion, because of the manifestation of the righteousness and wisdom of God.

SHEBA was a tribe of northern Arabs, descendants of Abraham, and were well known as traders. Josephus links them to Ethiopia in Africa but scholars are not sure about this. The Queen came probably on a mission of trade and the exchange of goods. She also examined Solomon to find out how true were the stories of his wisdom. Such encounters were quite normal among rulers like Solomon.

The Queen was amazed at the wealth and wisdom and splendour of the palace and court of Solomon and returned to her own country very impressed by him.

King Solomon had prayed that the glory of the temple he had built might turn the hearts and minds to know the truth about the Lord God. The visit of the Queen was a test of the temple's power, but it failed the test.

She was impressed by the splendour of the temple but it had not won a new convert.

So the simple lesson for a Christian is that we are not won by wonder.

Jesus knew this very well. The temptations of the devil were to win people by wonder and by miracles ... turn stones into bread ... throw yourself down from the temple and they will believe. Jesus knew better the hearts and minds of people.

When the first man walked on the moon people gasped in wonder. By the time of later moon landings they had grown stale.

A beautiful building like a temple or cathedral will induce wonder. But only as we bring the glory of it home to our own hearts will it really transform our lives. Otherwise it is just a nine days wonder.

Solomon's temple and the King himself, impressed the Queen of Sheba, but it did not change her. She went back to her own lands and her own faith.

Jesus asked his disciples about what people were saying about him. Then he asked "Who do you say that I am?"

What is your answer? ■



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Braidwood Concert Series

Written by Anne Sanders, Concert Co-ordinator, Braidwood Concert Series

2024 Autumn program

According to recent reports, experiencing live music is good for your health and apparently seeing live music can be a powerful experience! It can even bring audiences' heart rates and breathing into sync.

Following on from a fabulous Piano Dedication concert (115 in the audience), with Bishop Mark in attendance, on Sunday 18 February at St Andrews Anglican Church, Braidwood, we have two more wonderful musical offerings in April and May. We'd love to welcome people from the diocese to these events and suggest you make a day out in Braidwood. Come for lunch and a stroll around the heritage town, followed by a wonderful afternoon concert. Head home before sundown! Both church venues have beautiful acoustics and come alive with great music and appreciative audiences.

On Saturday 20th April, Wilbur Whitta, an award-winning pianist and composer who makes contemporary jazz, is coming to Braidwood. He and his "Wildfire" ensemble, including Tom Avgenicos (trumpet), Jack Stoneham (alto saxophone) and Alex Inman-Hislop (drums), will present new works as well as a selection of their favourite jazz repertoire from their new album titled 'Wildfire', released by ABC Jazz. Come and celebrate the album release with a concert!

Wilbur was born in Canberra and during his childhood spent time with his grandfather, the late Paul Dan, who lived in Mongarlowe near Braidwood. Wilbur has

performed extensively around Australia, the UK, Europe and Japan. He has appeared as a member of legendary Australian jazz outfit "Ten Part Invention", and has performed alongside artists of international acclaim such as Kit Downes and Will Vinson. He currently leads his band "Wildfire".


Wilbur was selected as a finalist in the 2021 National Jazz Awards, and in 2019 (while living in London) won the UK-based Dankworth Jazz Composition Award. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic Wilbur had earned a name for himself as an in-demand pianist in London, where he received the UK's Tier 1 Exceptional Talent Visa, and was selected as a semi-finalist in the Riga Jazz Stage jazz piano competition in Latvia.

The legendary jazz pianist Mike Nock, who has performed twice in Braidwood noted "Wilbur Whitta is an exceptionally talented young pianist/composer who I expect will make a substantial contribution to Australian music in the years to come".


Fresh from their Canberra International Music Festival engagements, the radiant Luminescence Chamber Singers will perform "Of the body" at the Braidwood Uniting Church from 3pm on Sunday 19th May. If you missed their previous performance or would like to hear them again, come and enjoy "Of the body" in the intimacy, warmth and light of the Braidwood Uniting Church. Seating for this concert is limited, so best to book in advance. Come and support great live music by Australian musicians, performing Australian compositions in Braidwood!




Wilbur Whitta "Wildfire" Jazz Quartet
 Saturday 20th April from 2 – 3pm
 St Andrews Anglican Church, 47 Elrington St, Braidwood
 Tickets \$40 adults, \$35 concessions and under 18s FREE.
 Available online: www.events.humanitix.com/wilbur-whitta-wildfire-jazz-quartet
 or on sale at the door on the day from 1.30pm. Cash welcome.



Luminescence Chamber Singers, "Of the body"
 Sunday 19th May from 3-4pm
 Braidwood Uniting Church, 68 Monkittie St, Braidwood
 Tickets: \$45 adults, \$40 concessions, \$35 under 35s and \$20 under 18s.
 Available online: <https://events.humanitix.com/of-the-body-gwuufw8a>
 or on sale at the door on the day from 2.30pm.
 Cash welcome.



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Calling all Anglicans!

The Cathedral's final event celebrating decade anniversaries this year is the 140th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral and its first service. This will be the highlight when Bishop Mark and Bishop George will celebrate and preach, the augmented Cathedral Choir will sing and a great celebration will take place.

Clergy of the Diocese, Goulburn Anglicans, representatives of Goulburn clubs and organisations, retirees of all vocations and professions and especially members of other denominations. This is the Mother Church of the Canberra & Goulburn Anglican Diocese – let us take this opportunity to celebrate together.

All are invited to join us on Sunday 28th April at 10am.

We look forward to seeing you.

Clergy Moves

- † **The Venerable Paul Cohen** has been appointed as Rector of Queanbeyan and will be inducted at Christ Church Queanbeyan on 18 May 2024 at 5pm. He will resign as Rector of Kaleen on 18 May 2024.
- † **The Reverend Gregory Harris** (BCA National Director) was granted an Authority to Officiate in the Diocese on 12 March 2024.
- † **The Reverend Timothy Purser** was licenced as Youth Minister, Parish of Wanniasa on 2 April 2024.
- † **The Reverend Nathanael Thierry** has been appointed as Chaplain to the RSL Aged Care facility at McKenzie Gardens.
- † **Bishop Carol Wagner** resigned as Assistant Bishop and Vicar General on 12 March 2024. She will continue as the Vocations Director for one day per week.

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