



# MESSENGER



*Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*  
Isaiah 6:1

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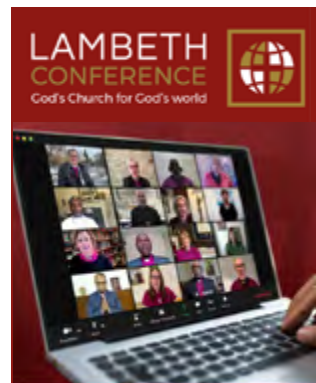
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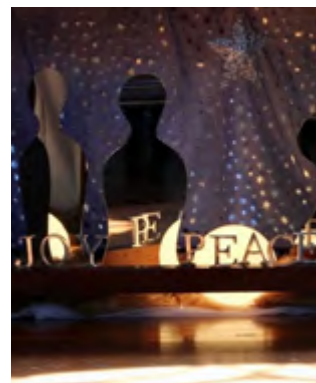


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**COVER IMAGE:** The Presentation in the Temple (San Simeone mostra Jesu) by Antonio Ermolao Paoletti (1833-1913) in Basilica di san Giovanni e Paolo church, Venice, Italy



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome dear readers to this year's first edition of *Messenger*!

We kick-off 2022 with a beautiful new format and with thought-provoking articles from Rowan Williams, Paula Gooder and our usual contributors.

Happy reading!

*The Editorial Team*



## 5 MARKS OF MISSION

- 1 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- 2 To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- 3 To respond to human need by loving service
- 4 To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- 5 To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

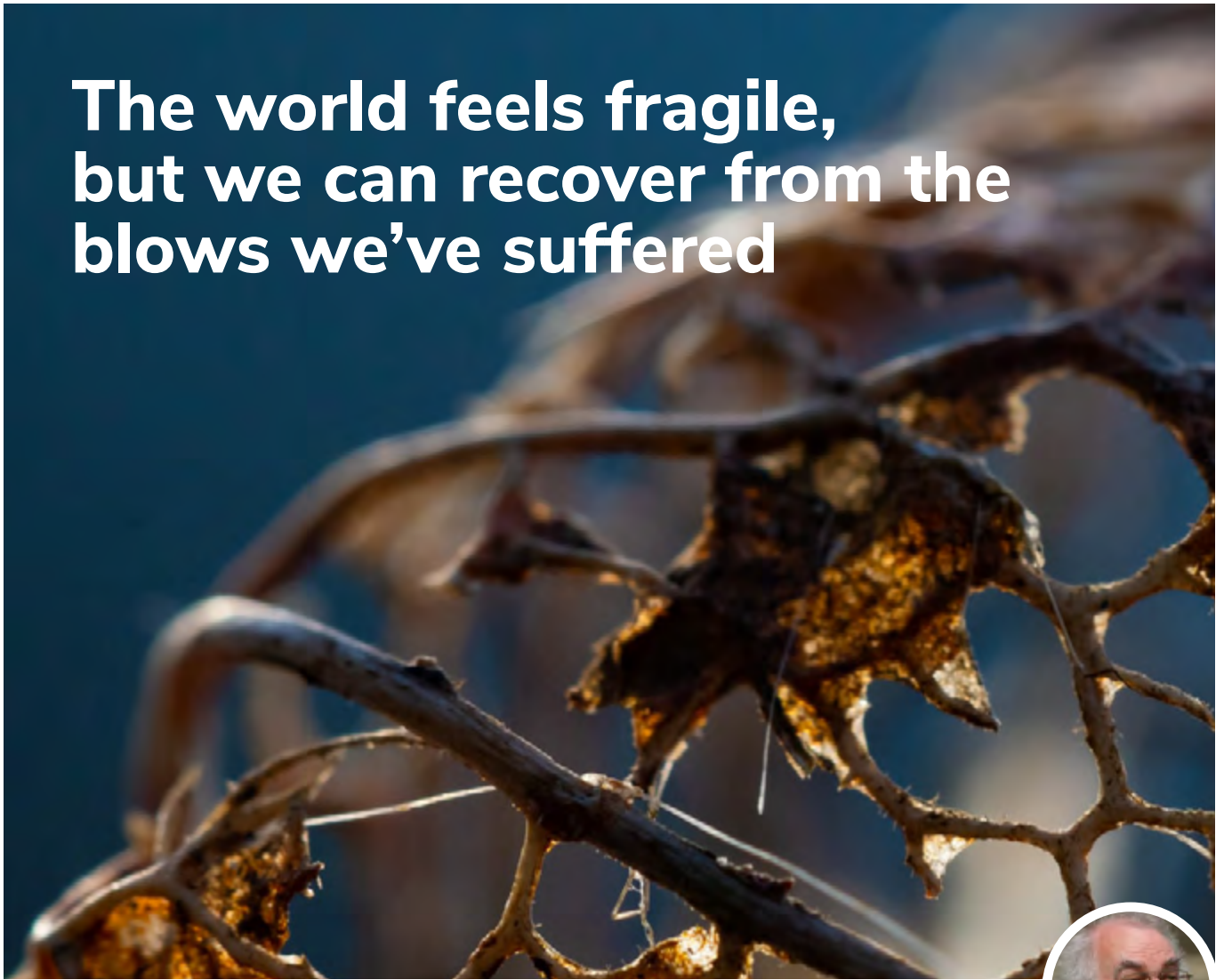
## MISSION 2020+ PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit!

Give us new confidence in your grace,  
new words for the mission we share,  
new strength to go where you send us,  
new spring in our step, as we set out  
to spread our faith in changing times,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

# The world feels fragile, but we can recover from the blows we've suffered



**ROWAN WILLIAMS** *Former Archbishop of Canterbury*  
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**Rather more than half of the population of Afghanistan is facing levels of food shortage not seen for decades. Just under 1,500 people died in the Mediterranean during 2021, attempting to flee to a safer environment. The likelihood of wildfires is predicted as a risk comparable to severe flooding in parts of the UK in the coming decades. About one person in 1,000 in the Democratic Republic of Congo has received full vaccination against Covid-19. And the challenge of the pandemic worldwide, the continuing background of loss and fear, still casts an enormous shadow.**

Statistics – not simply unconnected – that give a little flesh to the overall sense of 2021 having been a sombre year – on top of the low-level anxiety, the unexpected personal losses and

the sheer confusion experienced by everyone caught up in the pandemic. The human story is not looking much like a smooth record of upward progress just now. We are more

fragile than we had been led to assume. And this means that we are also less different from our ancestors than we normally like to think – and that the more secure and prosperous members of the human race are less different from their fellow-human beings than they find comfortable.

Our ancestors, right up to the modern age, knew they were fragile. A brief period of dazzling technological achievement combined with the absence of any major global war produced the belief that fragility was on the retreat and that making our global environment lastingly secure or controllable was within reach. But the same technical achievements that had generated this belief turned out to be among the major destabilising influences in the material environment. And the absence of major global conflict sat alongside the proliferation of bitter and vicious local struggles, often civil wars that trailed on for decades.

**But perhaps it is only in the past two decades that we have quite caught up with the realisation that global crises are indifferent to national boundaries, political convictions and economic performance.**

The vulnerability cannot be neatly cordoned off.

For the foreseeable future, we shall have to get used to this fragility; and we are going to need considerable imaginative resources to cope with it. In the past, people have found resources like this in art and religion. Today it is crucial to learn to see the sciences as a resource and not a threat or a rival to what these older elements offer. It is more than high time to forget the phoney war between faith and science or art and technology.

**Belittling the imaginative inspiration of authentic science is as fatuous as the view that sees the arts as just a pleasant extra in human life, or religion**

**as an outdated kind of scientific explanation.**

Just because inflated claims are made for science, and unrealistic hopes are raised, it is dangerously easy to forget why and how it matters, and to be lured into the bizarre world in which the minority report in science (about climate, pandemics or whatever) is given inflated importance just because we have been disappointed about the utterly unqualified certainty that we thought we had been promised.

And what matters about scientific research is that it is not undertaken to prove an existing view correct, and so to reinforce the existing power or advantage of some over others. People rightly look with deep scepticism at research purporting to show that racial, social or sexual privilege is somehow grounded in the natural order.

Ideally, what scientific discourse offers is not the guarantee of indisputable results that will simply tell us what to do, but a method of meeting each other in a shared exploratory conversation that will not be derailed by the presence in the room of non-negotiable convictions about the natural world that would make discussion on an equal footing impossible.

**Science helps us live with our fragility by giving us a way of connecting with each other, recognising that it is the same world that we all live in.**

We have to forget our self-protective habits in order to discover our shared challenges. But what science alone does not do is build the motivation for a deeper level of connection. We act effectively not just when we find a language in common to identify problems, but when we recognise that those who share these challenges are profoundly like us, to the extent that we can to some degree feel their frailty as if it were ours – or at least, feel their frailty impacting directly on our own, so that we cannot be secure while they remain at risk.



This is where art comes in. Like the sciences, it makes us shelve our self-oriented habits for a bit. Listening to music, looking at an exhibition, reading a novel, watching a theatre or television drama, we open doors to experiences that are not our own.

**If science helps us discover that there are things to talk about that are not determined just by the self-interest of the people talking, art opens us up to how the stranger feels, uncovering connections where we had not expected them.**

What religion adds to this is a further level of motivation. The very diverse vocabularies of different religious traditions claim not only that the Other is someone we can recognise but that they are someone we must look at with something like reverence. The person before us has a claim on our attention, even our contemplation, and on our active generosity.

The religions of south and east Asia question the very idea of a safe and stable self with a territory to protect against others; while for Judaism, Christianity and Islam, the claim of the stranger is grounded in the conviction that every human beings is a vehicle of God's presence and God's glory – 'made in God's image'.

Being more deeply connected will not take away the fragility of our condition, but it will help us see that it is worth parking the obsessions of tribes and echo chambers so that we can actually learn from and with each other; that it is worth making what local difference can be made, so as to let the dignity of the human person be seen with greater clarity. 'Our life and death are with our neighbour,' said one of the saints of early Christian monasticism. That is the humanism we need if we are not to be paralysed by the fragility we cannot escape.



THE MOST REVD KAY GOLDSWORTHY AO *Archbishop*



**As 2022 gets underway and the world continues navigating the changing COVID situation, plans for the Lambeth Conference to be held in July this year are well underway. The Archbishop of Canterbury will host the fifteenth Lambeth Conference, a meeting of bishops of the Anglican Communion for a decennial meeting 26 July-8 August at Canterbury.**



A separate concurrent gathering of bishops' spouses will take place under the leadership of Mrs Caroline Welby.

The Lambeth Conference will explore the theme 'God's Church for God's World', unpacking something of what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of the 21st century world.

Since July 2021, the Assistant Bishops and I have been part of pre-Conference virtual meetings with other bishops from across the Communion. These 'Bishops' Conversations' have provided opportunities to gather online for prayer, companionship, sharing of ministry experiences, and bible studies on themes from 1 Peter. These conversations have been enriching and uplifting, challenging and thought-provoking.

As we draw closer to the Conference itself, all bishops will be engaged in a three-part study series on 'Ministry in a Conflicted World' which will offer theological and practical resources on three habits that can shape our ministry and leadership - 'Be present', 'Be curious', and 'Reimagine'. These online sessions run February to April, and will bring to a head the 'listening phase' of the journey to Lambeth.

Hearing first hand from Anglicans in places of war and unrest, climate disasters, changing political situations, and pandemic nightmare reminds us how significant our friendship and fellowship in Christ can be in daily life. Listening

and being present with Anglicans from other places and situations we can barely imagine is a wonderful gift and grace for our shared mission in the world.

Bishops Kate, Jeremy and I may or may not be free or allowed to travel to the UK in the middle of the year, however our prayers and friendships, and our practical support wherever possible continues and lives beyond the restrictions of this current time.

Normally, we plan ahead without a second thought, hardly acknowledging that we can never be masters of our own destiny. Now we know that anyone predicting the future proves themselves fanciful or untrustworthy at best, deluded or mischievous at worst. We cannot and do not know what the future holds. All we know for sure is that the future belongs to God, and all Christ's disciples are called to follow him there, embracing God's future with faith instead of fear.

In other words, all that is required of us is the humility and trust to look and listen for the Lord who goes before us, recognising and responding together as best we can to the One who gathers and sends us - into situations where salt and yeast and light are needed, where trust is eroded and hope is hard to find, and to do so with helping hands and love in our hearts.

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# A Message for the New Year



THE REVD RAE REINERTSEN *Locum Cathedral Pastor*

**Happy New Year everyone!**

**I wonder how many of us have made New Year resolutions, or more importantly, have we been able to keep them?**

New Year is all about making a new start, perhaps making new promises/resolutions, and looking towards the future with some optimism, thus giving us opportunity to make new plans for events that will take place. Some of these we will be kept, whilst others will fall by the way side.

As we put away all our sparkly decorations and think of the precious gifts brought to Jesus by the three kings, let us think about how we can take some of the special things that Christmas offers us into the New Year! I am thinking about how we show thoughtfulness and kindness to others, not just in giving gifts and exchanging cards, but to continue to share God's love, joy and welcome, that we showed at Christmastime.

The last two years of our lives have been very unpredictable to say the least, and it has been hard to keep our promises/resolutions and to plan ahead with a lot of confidence due to the COVID restrictions. I thought this year was going to improve, but we are now having to deal with another variant of COVID on our doorstep!

As we enter the New Year with uncertainty of what lies ahead, it has brought with it much pain, anxiousness and grief in our communities.

**The way ahead is this, that we can only look forward with hope, through whatever we face - the good, the bad or the ugly - with God's love and presence, which remains constant, no matter what the circumstances we face.**

In Lamentations 3:22 and 23 in which Jeremiah complains bitterly of all kinds of hardships and problems he and his community faced, Jeremiah's underlying trust in the goodness of God doesn't allow the problems to consume him, and he reflects on the Lord's loving-kindness, compassion, greatness of God's faithfulness, receiving new hope every morning.

Whatever challenges we will face in this New Year, let us remember to draw near to God, facing the future with the knowledge of his constant hope and love which will never fail us.



# Taking friendships to new heights

**STEPHANIE BUCKLAND** *Chief Executive Officer*



**A plethora of research has been carried out around the world on the impacts of isolation and loneliness due to COVID-19 lockdowns, especially among older people.**

**But loneliness and social isolation are not just COVID issues. Many older West Australians have lost their social circles for many reasons, including mobility issues, cognitive impairment, moving away from their homes, or outliving their friends.**

Amana Living offers a simple solution for those living in the community who may need a little social interaction and a lot of fun. The Kites social outings program takes groups of older people on a variety of adventures which are tailored to meet the needs of the participants. Outings run Monday to Saturday throughout the Perth metropolitan area. Some of the destinations include Hillarys, Fremantle, Toodyay, the Swan Valley, and Kings Park.

Typically, the bus arrives at your door in the morning, takes everyone to morning tea then on to the day's destination. Participants take lunch together, have a jolly good time, and are dropped home at the end of the day.

Best of all, everyone makes new friends who meet regularly.

Kites client, Audrey, was afraid to face the world after a challenging marriage that left her isolated. She discovered Kites after contacting Amana Living.

'These outings have taken me out of my shell, and I've found this naughty rascal who has been hiding inside. I had no idea this funny person was there and she's amazing. It's like a new me

has emerged from within,' Audrey said.

Audrey's Kites friendships have grown over time, and when she missed a trip, her new friends made sure she was alright.

'I was away for two weeks because I had pneumonia, and all my friends on the bus were worried about me. These people, who I didn't know before, care for me and miss me when I'm not there,' Audrey said.

**'I had nobody before Kites, but I've now made all these beautiful friends.'**

Another Kites client, Barry, joined the program to help him get out of his house after giving up his driver's license. He felt he had lost his independence and couldn't go out and socialise.

'I find the trips quite delightful, and I've made a lot of friends on the bus. I even met a lady who was born a couple of streets away from me in Bournemouth (UK) and we enjoy a good chat about the football,' said Barry.

'It's a fantastic day out and I look forward to it every week. It's just good fun, we share a lot of jokes and always have a laugh. The Amana

Living people are fantastic; they mix with you and really understand you.'

On a recent Kites outing Barry celebrated his birthday, cutting a cake baked by Audrey, such is their friendship.

**The Book of Proverbs tells us,  
“Sweet friendships refresh the soul  
and awaken our hearts with joy, for  
good friends are like the anointing oil  
that yields the fragrant incense of  
God’s presence”  
(Proverbs 27:9)**

Amana Living currently has more than 300 Kites clients, so there are plenty of opportunities to develop new friendships and enjoy the company of others. On top of the regular day trips, Kites also has a variety of special-interest clubs including the pamper, movie, history, animal lovers, gardening, and the op shop hop clubs.



Audrey and Barry at a recent Kites outing

## Kites Seniors Social Outings

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THE REVD PETER LAURENCE OAM *Chief Executive Officer*

**Happy New Year to all Anglican *Messenger* readers!**

**In general, I'm a 'glass half full' person ... first looking at the opportunity and not the impediment. So, you may be surprised to read that I sense a lack of the usual excitement and buzz of a new school year commencing here in WA this year. Optimism and hope have been replaced with uncertainty and anxiety.**

The school year ended with much hope of borders opening and Delta abating during 2022. We hope that both are occurring, but they do so in the context of the 'O' word. Omicron changed everything over the Christmas holidays.

With the WA border remaining closed, families and friends from Australia and around the world must wait a little longer to be reunited. Some people have not seen their parents, children or other loved ones for over two years.

We are also eagerly awaiting news on the return of international students. We look forward to welcoming them back to our schools when border restrictions allow. They form a highly valued part of our communities, enriching the life and culture through the diversity they bring.

What none of us know is how this year will play out, with the Omicron variant now starting to spread in Western Australia. In a sense, this will be WA's 'first wave'. January gave us an insight into what to expect, as we saw numbers climb rapidly in all states and territories apart from our own.

Schools will be taking every precaution to be Covid-safe places for both students and staff. But we know that primary school aged children are largely unvaccinated (or have one dose) and that, with young people being in close

proximity to one another all day every day, the environment is such that schools will be places where Omicron is spread.

What have we learnt from the past two years of the pandemic? Many things of course. We know that, if necessary, we can pivot to home learning at very short notice. Everyone hopes that this isn't necessary over the coming months, but schools are ready for such an occurrence. We also know that it's important to plan, but not too far ahead as things change rapidly in Covid-times. We need to be flexible and open to change at short notice. We need to communicate with our people – our staff, our parents and carers, and our students. If there is a vacuum of information, it is filled with stories of fear and uncertainty. Let in truth and light through regular and open communication.

Most importantly, the past two years of the pandemic have taught us that we will get through the challenges of the next few months together. Schools and parishes are resilient places.

**Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).**





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# New Year

**MARK GLASSON** *Chief Executive Officer*



**Over the Christmas period I spent some time reflecting on the difference between what was currently happening with how we experienced Christmas in 2020. It seems to me that in 2020 we ended the year strongly with hope for a better 2021. We had negotiated COVID-19 and there was a sense of energy and renewal as we headed for the new year.**

Our most recent Christmas however was different. Our hopes for 2021 were largely unfulfilled as the pandemic and our responses to it continued to pummel our families and communities. Closed borders, distant relatives, the threat of lockdowns, underlying fears and anxiety meant for many getting through the year became a real slog. It was like we crawled to the line.

As I thought about how our hopes had been dashed, I became increasingly concerned about 2022 and our preparedness for the next challenge COVID-19 sends our way.

As I saw the Omicron chaos unfolding on the other side of the country I wondered “how will we get through this?”

**One thing we know is that the impact of COVID-19 to date has not been universally shared.**

75% of all deaths were people living in residential aged care and there have been almost four times as many deaths due to COVID-19 for people living in the lowest socioeconomic group compared with the highest. The virus might



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have entered on cruise ships and aeroplanes, but it was felt most severely by the old and the poor.

As we move into the new year and open up to the rest of the world, we need to ensure that we don't neglect those who have already paid the highest price. At Anglicare WA we are bracing for a shock – we expect the people and families we serve, and members of our own team will be put under enormous physical, emotional and financial pressure.

To get through this we will all need to dig deep and lend a hand whenever we can. I expect demand for our services will increase rapidly in the first six months of the year.

**We are anticipating more people and families in housing stress and facing homelessness, increases in family and domestic violence, less financial security and escalating levels of anxiety and mental illness.**

It will be tough though I am confident that Anglicare WA will rise to the challenge.

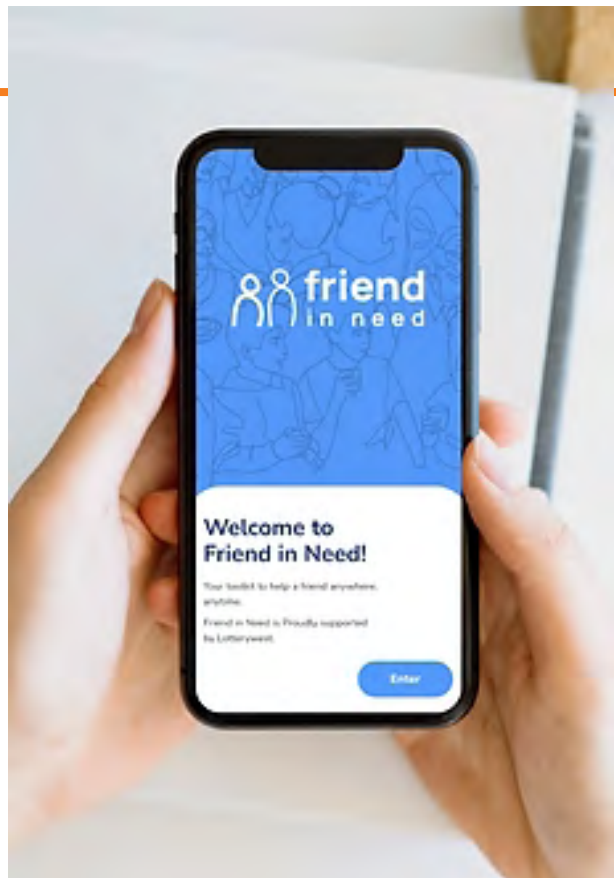
A lot of people will not need our services though, they will just need a friendly face, a listening ear or someone to help with shopping or chores. I am also confident that the community of Western Australia will rise to this challenge; it is what we have always done.

**To support the community in this work we have developed a new support called Friend in Need.**

It is designed to give people all the information they need to support someone going through a tough time.

You can download it to your phone and have it with you whenever you might need it. One thing about 2022 is certain – everything we do to lend a hand will make a great difference to someone in our community.

You can get Friend in Need at your App Store of choice.





# Every day is the perfect day for a new beginning



## How are your New Year's resolutions holding up?

**On the eve of January 1 this year, three out of four Australians<sup>1</sup> – almost 14 million people – promised themselves that things would be different in 2022...that their life would be better in some way.**

The early days of any new year is the traditional season of new beginnings as we set our sights on a healthier lifestyle, better balance, making positive change, giving up bad habits and making good ones.

But the chance to change our lives isn't limited to one fleeting day of the year or moment in time.

Any day is the perfect time to set a new direction and start on a journey of transformation that might take weeks, months and even years to complete. Thankfully, we see it all the time at Parkerville Children and Youth Care, as we help young people and their families recover from trauma, violence and abuse, and start afresh.

Parkerville Children and Youth Care has been supporting vulnerable young people for more than a century and their resilience still never ceases to amaze us.

**How we travel the pathway of healing and transformation has changed over time – we're a modern, progressive organisation today, keen to deliver innovative and responsive services for children and families working on new beginnings.**

Our mission is to protect, care, advocate and promote healing for young people who have

<sup>1</sup> Based on a national survey of 1013 Australians conducted by Finder.

experienced trauma and challenges in life no child should experience; to support their families; and to work with the community to help make WA the safest place in the world to bring up children.

We work with more than 10,000 Western Australians through our integrated family support, early intervention and prevention, youth and foster care programs.

Families like Toby and his mum Jessie who have now moved into their first home – a milestone for anyone by even more remarkable in this case. When we first met them, Jessie had been homeless, escaping family violence and making poor choices about her health and wellbeing. Toby had been in a series of foster homes.

The transformation began – working through all the challenges of life and COVID-19 to give this family a new beginning. Jessie worked hard to become the best version of herself and a good mum.

That's what makes any year a good year for the teams at Parkerville Children and Youth Care.

Seeing such positive change in the children with whom we work is especially exciting. Anyone who has the strength to conquer the kind of adversity they have experienced is amazing. We refer to them as our “superkids” because their courage, resilience and willingness to keep trying to engage and connect is a true “superpower”.

We know their future depends on what we do to help them to reach their potential despite their history.

**We help them find the resolve to conquer their fears and give them the opportunity to make a fresh start and a new beginning.**

As a specialist advocate and service provider, we believe everyone deserves the opportunity to realise their potential and live their best life with the very best help we can provide.

Many people will have made New Year's resolutions and many won't achieve them... this time. But even the process of deciding to change can have a surprisingly positive impact on your health and happiness.

**The very act of making a resolution can make you feel hopeful and optimistic. If you believe things can get better you are more motivated to take positive action.**

When you're moving forward with clear direction it lifts your spirits and has an engaging effect on the people around you.

When you seek to be better, do better, or contribute more fully, you can inspire others too. Even if your resolution is focused on self-improvement, your commitment and example can have a positive effect on families, friends, colleagues and communities around you.

At Parkerville, it is our job to be the catalyst for change for young people and their families. We do that by empowering individuals to transform their lives and advocating for the change our community needs to make WA the safest place in the world to raise a child.

Sometimes making one small change, taking one small step, is all it takes to unleash the superpower within and find the strength to overcome a problem that seems overwhelming.

If the one small step you can take is to contribute to our work in 2022, please visit

[parkerville.org.au/donate](https://parkerville.org.au/donate)

Together, we can make new beginnings happen for more children and families.

# Resolutions of Purpose

**SAMANTHA DRURY** *Chief Executive Officer*



## Did you make any New Year resolutions for 2022?

**A fresh year often brings with it a sense of renewal and an opportunity to take stock of what is and what isn't working in our lives. Whether it is to eat healthier, take up a new hobby, exercise more, or connect in a more meaningful way with family or friends, there is always a sense of hope that in the coming year we will reap the benefits of self-reflection and improvement.**

And yet, as we enter our third year living alongside COVID-19, it would be reasonable to throw the concept of New Year resolutions out the window as we scramble to make sense of the daily influx of information that is presented to us. In between the pro-vax and anti-vax supporters, conspiracy theories and the nightly news channel, it can be difficult to keep a level head. But it is now more important than ever to stay focused on our priorities and set ourselves realistic goals.

Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist, Viktor Frankl (1905-97), devoted his life to studying, understanding and promoting 'meaning' after finding the will to live through and survive the Holocaust. He later went on to found what he called the field of 'Logotherapy', which is based on the premise that man's underlying motivator in life is a 'will to meaning'. From his personal experience living in a Nazi concentration camp, Frankl found that those around him who did

not lose their sense of purpose and meaning in life were able to survive much longer than those who had lost their way.

We have seen evidence of the same philosophy here at St Bart's with residents who are able to find purpose in their daily activities. From the young man at one of our Community Recovery Villages who has stumbled upon a new-found passion for cooking and tending to his vegetable garden, to the number of resident volunteers who dedicate their time to cook BBQ lunches for other residents, tidy up our gardens, and speak openly with school groups about their experiences of homelessness and mental health challenges. All of these St Bart's residents have found meaning, which allows them to continue to put one foot in front of the other in their recovery journeys.

It's never too late to make a personal resolution for positive change.

For more information on St Bart's services, please visit [stbarts.org.au](http://stbarts.org.au) or get in touch with us by calling 9323 5100.





# Christmas in Summertime!

**THE REVD GEMMA BASELEY** *Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Beaconsfield*



**I arrived on Australian soil on 1 September 2021, spent 29 days in quarantine, got married on 30 September, and was licensed to St Paul's Beaconsfield on 4 October.**

I had assumed Christmas was Christmas, wherever you found yourself that day. How wrong I was! I also assumed Christmas here would be the same, just considerably warmer. Again, wrong.

The first indication that I was no longer 'walking in a winter wonderland' was the sight of 6 huge inflatable kangaroos on a nearby balcony (apologies, "6 white boomers", according to Rolf Harris). The second indication was slightly more ecclesiological...as we collectively studied long-range weather forecasts to see if the arrival of the sheep from the local urban farm would be cancelled, for fear of heat stroke. The shepherds in our nativity sang 'Waltzing Matilda' and the Angel Gabriel greeted Blessed Mary with a 'G'day', rather than a Hail, Mary! Mince pies and mulled wine after the nativity service were replaced with ice poles and cold sangria. And I sweltered under my vestments, rather than being grateful to them for keeping me warm.

Christmas day hit 43 degrees. We valiantly still cooked a 'traditional' Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, but we cooled off in the sea, and wore sun hats instead of Santa hats. And not a single person even considered whether it might snow this Christmas.

And then there was the sudden threat of a community-based COVID outbreak, and, with about an hour to spare, we decided to move all services outside – for safety, and because we

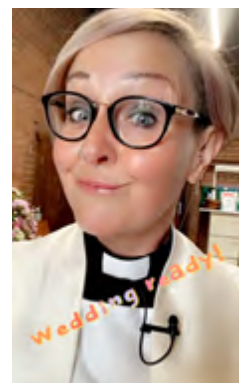
could. I can't imagine that would have been as positively received on the Northeast coast of England, where temperatures barely rose over freezing.

I added new carols, of Australian descent, into my repertoire and missed singing about Bleak Midwinters but, would you look at that: on a clear, starlit Christmas eve, in the dark of night, with candles lit, and a choir singing, our Lord Jesus Christ was born among us.

God incarnate. Immanuel. Born to each of us, just as he was that first Christmas.

And then, suddenly, it really didn't matter where we were, who was there, or who was missing. What really mattered was that God was there, is there, always will be there, here, with us. Regardless of the weather or the location.

Joy to the world – the whole world – the Lord has come. Alleluia.



# Our Rich Liturgical Heritage



THE RT REVD DR PETER BRAIN

**It is always good to be able to greet one-another with the words ‘Happy New Year’. Apart from the wish that it may bring happiness, there are some important assumptions that rescue it from mere formality, wishful sentimentality or politeness. Truths from our everyday liturgies invest our greeting with hope, purpose and meaning.**

In Morning prayer, before the Bible is read, we say/sing from Psalm 95: *today if only you would hear his voice: Do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness and later we pray: we thank you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty power, and grant that today we fall into no sin or run into any kind of danger, but lead and govern us in all things [Collect of the morning].* Our years are made up of days. We are wise never to put off what we ought to do today, especially as we hear God’s written word. We are also wise to thank God for each and every day he gives us, especially as he promises to lead and strengthen us for obedience each day.

**A happy New Year can be expected and enjoyed only as we follow Jesus in glad and wholehearted obedience.**

The fact that we say, ‘Happy New Year’ and not ‘we hope your karma is good this year’ is based upon the Judeo- Christian understanding of history, which is linear, not cyclical. This results in a confidence that life is going somewhere,

and is not just a dreary round of constant struggle for improvement. This is expressed in our creedal insistence that not only did our Lord come from heaven at a particular time in history but on the third day he rose again. Christianity is focussed on a person, who came amongst us in great humility. It is not a philosophy, nor a theophany. Each day and New Year will always bring its share of challenges and troubles as well as joys and opportunities. Mercifully none need be lived outside of friendship with God the Son, fellowship with the Holy Spirit and God’s fatherly care.

But there is more. The One whose coming was earthed in reality and over whom history divides into BC and AD, will come again on a day as we pray: *on the last day, when he comes in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal [Advent Collect].* This Day will be his glorious day, where all God’s gracious purposes will be completed. Jesus will be vindicated as the Lord of all and all who have embraced him as their Lord and Saviour will be glorified with him forever in the

New Heavens and the New Earth. The cyclical world view is a dreary and hopeless way of trying to fit ourselves for a better future.

**Reincarnation delivers only blame to those suffering, whereas the linear world view reminds us of the grace of God for every day.**

We are to serve all equally, and choices made now will be honoured for eternity by God. And how blessed we are that there is such a way! It is the resurrection of Jesus that marks him out as the Saviour and the judge. And all depends on our response to him now in this life. Life lived joyfully with him now and for eternity, serving others for him, with a humble but quiet assurance, sees every day and year as a new adventure with and for him, no matter what happens to us.

Each day is a new chance to prove God's grace and faithfulness and to share the gospel with others by our lips and our lives. Two old hymns are full of encouragement at these riches.

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be our defence while life shall last, and our eternal home (Isaac Watts). This happiness flows from today's choice to follow Jesus: O happy day! That fixed my choice on Thee, my Saviour and my God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice, / and tell its raptures all abroad. The chorus: O happy day! O happy day! When Jesus washed my sins away; / He taught me how to watch and pray, and live rejoicing every day, O happy day! O happy day! When Jesus washed my sins away (Philip Doddridge).*

## GETTING READY FOR LENT

Here are some helpful resources to get you thinking about your Lenten journey in 2022

### Anglican Board of Mission

'Repairing the Breach' Lenten Study 2022 examines what it means to be people of healing in a broken world:

[www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=28](http://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=28)

### Anglican Overseas Aid

Online and downloadable Lenten reflections:

[anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/news-and-resources/bible-studies-and-reflections/](http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au/news-and-resources/bible-studies-and-reflections/)

### Church Missionary Society

'Lament for Lent' offer resources to help the church to lament in the face of increasing unrest and uncertainty:

[churchmissionsociety.org/our-stories/lament-for-lent/](http://churchmissionsociety.org/our-stories/lament-for-lent/)

### Common Grace

Lenten video series from Christian leaders exploring the teachings of Jesus and their application today:

[www.commongrace.org.au/lent](http://www.commongrace.org.au/lent)

### Loyola Press

Daily Reflections, Prayers and Devotions, Art, Family and Children's Activities, Reading List for Ash Wednesday, Lent and Holy Week:

[www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/](http://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/)

### Lenten Reading

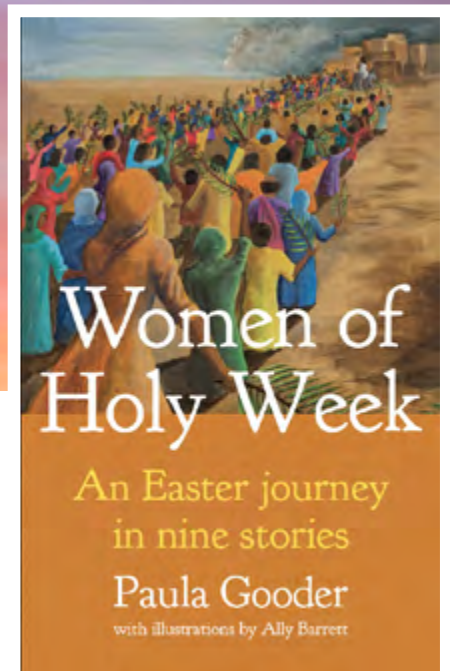
An extensive list of Lent books

[spckpublishing.co.uk/bible-studies-and-group-resources/lent?product\\_list\\_limit=100](http://spckpublishing.co.uk/bible-studies-and-group-resources/lent?product_list_limit=100)



# Women of Holy Week

## *An Easter journey in nine stories*



DR PAULA GOODER

**These nine stories about nine different, but interlinked, women were written as Holy Week, Easter and Ascension day reflections/sermons for Southwark Cathedral in 2021.**

Holy Week is a time when Christians across the world travel together as companions on the way in reflection and in prayer, focused on Jesus, the one whose suffering and death, whose resurrection and new life draws us together and makes us one. It is together, as God's people, that we accompany Jesus in this last week of his life and as we do so we join countless others who have trod this way before us.

One of the powerful features of Holy Week and Easter is that our remembrance of the events in the last week of Jesus' life joins us with those who were there with him and invites us to imagine what it might have been like to have seen the events for ourselves.

A few years ago, I was reflecting on this task of imagination, of placing ourselves in our minds into the story of Jesus and the early church. As I reflected, I noticed something that brought me up short. When I imagined Jesus and his disciples, the early church and the earliest followers, nearly everyone was a man. There was hardly a woman in sight. You may be thinking to yourself that there is a reason for this. The New Testament encourages us in this direction. The stories and discussions, the gospels and epistles have, what you might call, a strongly male cast. There not many roles for women. And yet they were there: sometimes named, sometimes not; sometimes speaking, often silent.

You may be familiar with the Bechdel test in fiction and film. To pass the test two female characters need to have a conversation of a reasonable length about a subject other than a man. Only 50% of contemporary films usually pass the test – we can, I'm sure, all agree that the Bible as a whole, let alone the Gospels would not fare well under this scrutiny. Over the course of the past few years, however, I have tried to repopulate my own biblical imagination with women. Women who were there but whom we often miss, overlook or simply forget. In these stories I have tried to draw attention to the women who were there, lurking in the background of the stories, key characters but often overlooked.

**Over the course of the nine stories, I have imagined what it might have been like to accompany Jesus in this final week of his life from the perspective of nine women.**

Some of them we know with certainty were there because the Gospels tell us they were: the widow with two coins, the woman with the ointment of pure nard, Mary wife of Clopas, Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of Jesus. Some are not mentioned at all but someone like them was probably present: a woman journeying to Jerusalem for the Passover, the wife of a scribe and a female disciple at the last supper. I have also aimed to travel from the outside in: from people who had the most fleeting encounters with Jesus at the start of the week to his most devoted followers at the end.

With each story I have provided one or more bible passages that can be read alongside the stories and a few questions to prompt reflection and conversation. In addition, for each story I have provided a few additional notes which you might find helpful to know to aid you in your own.



## 2022 World Day of Prayer Service

Friday 4 March 2022

The service this year is from England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the theme

'I know the plans I have for you'

Service locations and times are available at [www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org)

# God-Talk: Snake

**THE REVEREND DR ELIZABETH J SMITH AM**

*Mission Priest, Parish of The Goldfields*



**If the image is a bit grainy, it's because I was not going to get close enough to the snake to take its portrait in high definition.**

I have a healthy respect for snakes. I know there are many in the bush where I walk each day, although I see them rarely. One slithered across my path recently, and for a couple of days I gave every dry branch on the ground a second look, in case it was more serpent than stick.

I worry about irresponsible dog owners who let their pets off the leash in the park. It only takes a moment for a curious dog to put its nose into the clump of grass where a snake is minding its own business – and it's goodbye to the family's best friend.

After a recent First Aid refresher course, I invested in the special constrictive bandage designed for snake bite first aid. You put a pad at the site of the bite, and start winding the bandage upwards from below the bite. And the bitten person doesn't move a muscle until help arrives.

The Bible has several snakes with stories to tell. There's the talking, tempting, tricky serpent of Eden. There's the bronze serpent that Moses made as a visual antidote for the wilderness wanderers who were being bitten by snakes. John the Baptist memorably calls his listeners a nest of venomous little snakes. And Jesus tells us to be as wise as serpents when we go out into the wicked world.

So I choose to think of our desert snakes as wise, rather than malevolent. Their venom is wondrously complex. They can survive extreme heat and cold. They avoid becoming prey to hungry eagles or bigger lizards that would like a



snake for dinner.

What is snake-like wisdom going to look like for me, as a follower of Jesus in the Goldfields?

Wisdom means choosing my spiritual niche carefully. In the religious ecosystem of my community, I represent an unusual and fascinating God. I live alone yet am willing and available to listen to everyone and to talk to all and sundry. I do my work with historical consciousness, multicultural awareness, and complex theology. No over-simplified spiritual sweetness here, but rather a relishing of depth and diversity.

Wisdom means knowing my limits. I can't re-write the sadder and more distorted bits of parish history. I can invest deeply in the handfuls of people who are most open to learning. However hard I work or pray, real change in individuals' lives and in the Church is the Holy Spirit's job. And the Spirit is far better at it than I will ever be.

And wisdom means remembering that love makes up for most deficits. My energy may be low, my creativity patchy and my frustrations spiralling – yet if I get up each morning and choose to love the people, in all their strangeness, Jesus will find a way to meet them; and a way to meet me, too.



# ABM Gathering at Wollaston

## Saturday 26 February 2022

The Anglican Board of Mission Perth Committee invites all connected with or interested in ABM to gather with Archbishop Kay on Saturday 26 February 2022, at Wollaston Theological College, Mt Claremont, commencing at 3.00pm with worship in the Chapel and concluding with light refreshments.

This gathering is an opportunity to celebrate and promote the work of ABM and to acknowledge and support ABM's missional partnerships.

This celebration will be an opportunity for ABM to formally recognise a number of people who have generously contributed to ABM's missional work by presenting them with a Coaldrake Award.

This Award is named after a former Chairman of ABM (1957-1970), Canon Frank Coaldrake, who was himself a missionary and made an exceptional contribution to overseas mission.

In 1970 he became the first Australia-born priest elected as Archbishop of Brisbane but died suddenly before he could be consecrated.

On Saturday 26 February the Perth Committee will also make an ABM presentation to those 'recently' ordained, to acknowledge the gifts they too are able to share with the Church.

Please come and join us. To assist with catering RSVP by email to Lee-Ann Bok at Wollaston Theological College at [lbok@perth.anglican.org](mailto:lbok@perth.anglican.org)

**Come join us at a gathering  
for the friends and supporters of**



**ANGELICAN BOARD OF MISSION**  
*Working for Love, Hope & Justice*

**with The Most Reverend Kay Goldsworthy AO**

on Saturday **26 February 2022** at **Wollaston Theological College**  
commencing in the Chapel at **3.00pm**  
for worship, fellowship and the presentation of Coaldrake Awards  
Light refreshments to follow.

RSVP [lbok@perth.anglican.org](mailto:lbok@perth.anglican.org) by Thursday 24 February



# Nor'west Postcard

BY JOCELYN ROSS OAM

God bless you with his love, mercy and peace for 2022. So thankful that we have a God in whom we can trust in these days when Covid news takes over our lives! I hope your Christmas celebration was a blessed time for you, as we thank our Father God for His Son Jesus.

There was a wonderful celebration of Handel's Messiah by Opus WA Arts Orchestra and Chorale in Geraldton's Holy Cross Cathedral with over 300 people attending. Many who came had never heard of this music, but to hear the words of Scripture sung, and read them upon the screen was very moving.

I heard from many parishes of Carols events and Christmas services. The Revd Frank Nicol, Karratha Minister, wrote: 'Thanks to those of you praying for us over the Christmas period. We had a great time singing carols with our community, running Christmas lessons in local schools, preaching evangelistically in our advent services and getting out to Holy Trinity, Roebourne for Christmas Eve. We appreciate your prayers. Please keep praying that God would bring His fruit from those events.'



Frank and Jo and their three children have left on their 3 month long service leave,

The Revd Ray and Lyn Arthur will be locum tenens. The Revd Steve and Tamara Combe, with Hannah, Sarah and Nathanael, also move to Karratha as Steve is the new Chaplain at Dampier Mission to Seafarers, and will assist in the parish. Please pray for this family as they adjust to life in the Pilbara

and the children start new schools. Another addition is Gabrielle Spackman, daughter of Archdeacon Paul and Melinda Spackman of St George's Bluff Point, moving to a teaching position in a primary school there. An asset to St Mary Magdalene's church and to the town.

Carnarvon was pleased to welcome The Revd David and Traci Mitchell (Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students at Curtin University) with their three children for a couple of weeks, with David conducting the Christmas and New Year services.

We were back in Denham in December for Carols by the Sea on the Saturday evening, in such winds that 40 of us huddled in a barbecue shelter on the foreshore but sang heartily, so good! Sunday, The Revd Bill Ross led a Christmas Communion Service, and Monday morning we visited the School for a Christmas presentation to the students - 'what does the church teach about Christmas!'

Psalm 23, such an encouragement and consolation. Read it over and over!



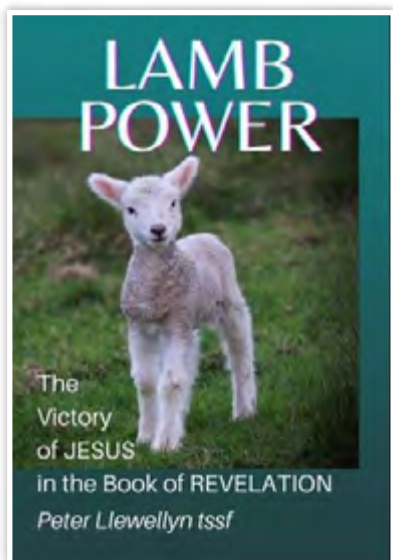
Welcome to life in Australia to The Revd Allan and Jo Baird, with Andrew and Sarah, from Oxford in the UK, just coming out of quarantine firstly in Darwin, then in Perth as they start ministry in Dongara Parish.



Two boys from Geraldton Cathedral into the swing of the Denmark Family Festival in January. The 50 strong team shared the gospel with hundreds of kids, dozens of teens and their families through Bible time, small group discussions, friendships and fun.

For more news about the North West visit [anglicandnwa.org](http://anglicandnwa.org) | [@northwestanglicans](https://twitter.com/northwestanglicans) or sign up to receive the North West Network magazine

REVIEWED BY THE REVD TED WITHAM



Peter Llewellyn tssf, **Lamb Power: The Victory of Jesus in the Book of Revelation**, Craigie, Western Australia, Mountaintop Books, 2021

The God of Christians is a powerful God, and yet the paradox at the heart of Christianity is that any power that our God has is *absence of power*.

It is one of those marvellous coincidences that two priests from the Diocese of Perth are publishing books exploring the non-violent nature of Jesus Christ's power: *Lamb Power*, by Peter Llewellyn and *Practicing Peace: Theology, Contemplation, and Action* by Michael Wood. *Lamb Power* was launched at the end of 2021 and Michael's book will be published by Wipf and Stock in mid-2022.

The expression 'Lamb Power' underlines the extraordinary claim that the One who has saved the whole creation and is making it new is like a little lamb. This image which occurs in John's book *Revelation* is striking. A lamb appears weak, unable to support itself, maybe wobbly on its legs; yet the One who is like a lamb has the strength to bring all things back to God.

Peter Llewellyn is now retired after 30 years of ministry as parish priest, school chaplain and lecturer. He is a professed member of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis. He brings to the study of *Revelation* both the thorough research of the academic and the practical spirituality of a Franciscan.

His new book *Lamb Power* has the voice of a patient teacher. He wants us to know all he knows about Revelation, and he unpacks it clearly section by section. His thesis is that Revelation is, despite some of the violent symbolism, a celebration that the victory of Jesus has been won by non-coercive means.

The violent imagery of dread Riders and battles is the response of the evil powers to being overcome. They have no power over God's people. They are defeated – they just went down noisily! The good news is that all human beings, all creation, are restored to live in the presence of God throughout eternity.

Peter has been mulling over the meaning of Revelation for many decades, and his book is a readable, hopeful and joyful cheering for the victory of the Lamb. It is the best book on *Revelation* that I have read. Whether you have always wanted to know more about John's *Revelation* or you simply want to be reminded of the joy and Good News of Jesus' victory, I commend *Lamb Power* to you.

Get your copy today!

RRP **\$25** plus P&P **\$10** anywhere in Australia

Please email or SMS your postal address and mobile to:

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# A New Year's Resolution

NAOMI LAM *Diocesan Archivist*

**The new year is generally a time where we make resolutions for the upcoming year. One of our goals in Archives for the new year is to improve accessibility of the collection through digitisation and improved web presence. Sharing some of our significant collection items and stories with the wider public.**

Within the collection we have a large collection of lantern slides which document the early years of the Church in Western Australia. "Lantern slides are positive transparent photographs made on glass and viewed with the aid of a "magic lantern," the predecessor of the slide projector" (McCabe, n.d).

The collection of 63 lantern slides includes images of some of the earliest churches in Western Australia together with images of people who played a significant role in the history of the Diocese and Province.

The collection has been digitised several years ago and would be considered significant in its ability to tell stories about the church and early colonial life in Western Australia.



2007/00017/011 Bishop Riley on Camel



2007/00017/033 Old Fremantle Church



2007/00017/029 Picton Church



2007/00017/037 Visitors - Perth Congress

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# On Your Marques



## THE REVD TED WITHAM

The Revd Ted Witham has been helping Messenger readers flex their brains for more than a decade, setting challenging crosswords in his spare time. Ted is fascinated by linguistics and teaches French and Latin at the University of the Third Age.

## Clues

### ACROSS

- 1., & 8 across. Swept right away back for sitting in church. (4)
- 2. No saint involved in making Messiah. (6)
- 8. See 1 across.
- 10. Cross croc tethered to an eight-piece band. (5)
- 11. Modern translation of the Bible in St Mary Rouncevale. (3)
- 13. Crazy admen nominated? (5)
- 16. Do back the power of mesmerism. (2)
- 18. Thrash in the back mall right away. (3)
- 19. Self right away in Norwegian town. (3)
- 21. Machine intelligence in old Canaan. (2)
- 22. Divine presence within the monument. (5)
- 24. Huge U.S. infantry arthropod. (5)
- 26. I dance around to the Dean's side. (6)
- 28. Age of short series for rubbing out. (6)
- 29. Subscribe to Episcopal Life. (2)
- 30. More modest when you rub helm about. (7)
- 32. Wet right away for us. (2)
- 33. Can Dad employ a short stop? (5)
- 34. Rotate the rig for the global religion index? (3)
- 36. Tense around young people. (5)
- 39, 41, 42, 43 & 45 across. Magic dots joined to teach Christian basics. (10)
- 46. About to teach acute men to prepare for baptism! (13)

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### DOWN

- 1., & 9 down. Stop around the stake. (4)
- 3. Not the New Order. (2)
- 4. The philosophical postdoc came across parsimonious William! (5)
- 5. About time for the article. (4)
- 6. The seven backed the glacial snows. (5)
- 7. Ta ta Teletubbies. (2)
- 9. See 1 down.
- 12. Miracle drew on ring. (6)
- 13. Grandma elevated to the South West. (6)
- 14. Stage in mondegreens. (6)
- 15. Mister spins high hats. (6)
- 17. I hear both are fighting. (4)
- 18. Jacob's wife to heal wound. (4)
- 20. Giving false witness in the conciliar proceedings. (4)
- 21. Once more in the laneway! (4)
- 23. My clever host. (2)
- 25. Set Australian Standards for a Roman coin? (2)
- 27. A gem I reset as an icon. (5)
- 28. Draw lines to make a cobbler's awl. (5)
- 31. I hear a razz along the row to the desk. (6)
- 35. Governor's personal assistant. (3)
- 36. The Thomas Merton Centre. (3)
- 37. Saint Thomas Episcopal. (3)
- 38. The purpose in nausea! (3)
- 40. Officer of the Order of Australia. (2)
- 41. In the beginning: Genesis. (2)
- 44. In the beginning - again. (2)
- 45. Christianity Today. (2)

See page 31 for solution

### ANTHONY HOWES

Anthony presents more news of arts and entertainment every Saturday from 10.00am till 12.00noon on Capital Radio 101.7 FM and Capital Digital



**I don't know about you, I cannot help but, at the beginning of each new calendar year, ponder on certain activities of 'long ago'. Have things changed? Do I think differently today? Thus, it is that I have been looking back to some of my early writings for the *Messenger*.**

I first started writing these columns for the *Messenger* over 12e years ago. Here is a somewhat condescending paragraph from those early years:

*In the late 1960s I read two slim volumes, which have shaped my work in theatre, and defined what I consider, for the Christian, to be 'religious drama'. Both published by SCM Press, K M Baxter's 'Speak What We Feel' and 'The Church & The Arts' edited by Frank Glendenning, led me to the conclusion that there are three forms – the biblical; the consciously Christian; and that which deals with the human condition. While all three are essential to the Church's mission, it is the last form, in which the Church has often failed to engage; and it is in that last form that both the Theatre and the Church have so much to gain from each other.*

Do I still believe that the 'engagement' between church and theatre is still somewhat distant? More importantly, what do you think?

Here is another early viewpoint of mine:

*The live Theatre really can be one of the channels of Grace – we all gain so much from being part of this wonderful creative force; and audiences complete the creation.*

This less pretentious statement is easier to substantiate. I, and quite possibly, you, can provide examples where that feeling of 'completion', both during and at the conclusion of a performance is deeply felt. I have had friends who have felt this while watching the Oberammergau Passion Play in Germany, and at Perth's Theatre 180 production of *A Fortunate Life*. Same people, different countries, different play types, same participation in God's theatrical creation.

So, where are we in our WA theatre and church relationship today? From me, there is optimism when I see the direct dialogue - lectures, productions of both established and new works - between the already mentioned Theatre 180 Company and our Cathedral. Here are specifics on which to build. Much more interaction from other church agencies and theatre companies is needed, of course. This will come, I believe, but only when individuals take the initiative in making contact and viewpoints know.

Contact and interaction from the theatre aspect had a pessimistic viewpoint expressed by Eugene Ionesco many years ago when he said: *One can dare to do anything in the theatre and it is the place where one dares the least.* So that is where the Church might step in. But if it does, it must remember the dictum from another great theatrical name, Bertolt Brecht, when he wrote: *From the start it has been the theatre's business to entertain people ... it needs no other passport than fun.*

As this year's plays, operas, ballets, concerts, art exhibitions and 'happenings' come our way, let acknowledgement come from us all of the creative power of God which is found there: and as well, that such expressions of that creativity may resonate in our Churches, of any size or shape.

In closing, I give my thanks to our artists in having persevered through lockdowns, border closures and uncertainties frustrating the ability to plan. They engaged their weapon against the pandemic – their art. Earlier I wrote of the arts as a channel of God's Grace. Our artists have been seen using the talent that God has given them. Simply, to them all; thank you.



# Fruit (and veg!) in Rockingham



**THE REVD ANDY PEARCE** *Rector, Parish of Rockingham-Safety Bay*

**I want to share an exciting initiative from down here in little-old Rockingham. We call it Sprouts! Every Thursday afternoon a small group of us from St Nicholas' Rockingham join a small group of boys from a local primary school to grow vegetables, hang-out and laugh together.**

It all started after I googled the suburb in which my family and I would be moving to; having been invited to serve as the Rector of the Parish of Rockingham-Safety Bay. Google 'Cooloongup' and you get a colourful set of results; news reports of gangs of kids stealing, assaulting and vandalising the suburb.

God instantly put these kids on our hearts and in the prayers of my wife – Kim - and I. We knew we had to do something to get into the lives of these kids. We didn't know what, but we knew we had to pray for these kids.

After arriving in 'Rocko' we saw them in action; roaming the streets late at night, throwing rocks at cars and abusing members of the public. We also learned that these kids were victims of complex and messy social problems that had

left them on the fringe of our community and the focus of much hatred.

Having called our church to pray, we discovered God had already stirred a passion among others to serve and reach the Youth of Rockingham. We increased our church's financial giving to YouthCARE school chaplaincy, invited our regional YouthCARE chaplain to come and share some insights at a Sunday service and we purposefully started to pray for one of the local schools where many of the kids who hit the headlines start out.

I've been a Christian for 25 years now and it still amazes me that when you pray, things happen.

We were subsequently invited by the YouthCARE chaplain of that school to start something





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for a group of Years 5 and 6 boys. Karen had established a good initiative with the girls, but wanted something for the boys. We instantly said yes, gathered a small team and decided that we would make use of a neglected veggie patch on the school grounds.

We have much to give thanks for. For term four of 2021, we have weekly met with two cohorts of kids, we've formed friendships, turned a weed-covered patch of mud into harvest of corn, chillies, peas, tomatoes and cucumbers and we've formed relationship with kids we'd

never have met otherwise. The school chaplain Karen's vision for the initiative is to 'break cycles' of brokenness and give the kids some role-models and friendship. We do this in the name of Jesus in the hope that he would become their hero and saviour. We have already seen fruit beyond the veggie patch and we wait with excitement and anticipation for what God will do in and through the Sprouts kids.

Thank you for reading this and for praying for us down here in Rockingham.



## CLERGY NEWS

### APPOINTMENTS

The Revd Dr Gift Makwasha	Chaplain, St George's Anglican Grammar School	08.03.22
The Revd Jill Gleeson	Priest-in-Charge, Heathridge	01.03.22
The Revd Caro Hemmings	Chaplain, John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School	01.02.22
The Revd Steven Hilton	Precentor, St George's Cathedral	
The Revd Lyn Harwood	CCWA Prison Chaplaincy Co-ordinator	

### LOCUM TENENS

The Revd Rae Reinertsen	Locum Cathedral Pastor	17.12.21 - 16.12.22
The Revd Graham Wright	Casuarina Prison	01.01.22 - 30.06.22
The Revd Jan Boyle	Lynwood-Langford-Ferndale	01.01.22 - 30.06.22
The Revd David Prescott	Como-Manning	01.01.22 - 17.04.22
The Very Revd Dr John Shepherd AM	Fremantle	01.01.22 - 17.04.22
The Revd Sidney Middlemost	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	01.01.22 - 17.04.22
The Revd Dr John Yates	Bassendean	01.02.22 - 17.04.22
The Revd Rob Healy	Swan	01.02.22 - 17.04.22
The Revd Lindsay Hore	Joondalup	06.02.22 - 17.04.22
The Revd Bob Milne	Amana Living	01.03.22 - 31.12.22

### PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE

The Revd Clive McCallum		20.12.21
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### RETIREMENT

The Revd Rae Reinertsen		16.12.21
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### RESIGNATIONS

The Revd Dr Gift Makwasha	Priest-in-Charge, Joondalup	07.03.22
The Revd Sarah Stapleton	Chaplain, St George's Anglican Grammar School	17.12.21
The Revd Dr Eleanor O'Donnell	Chaplain, Hale School	
The Revd Caro Hemmings	Chaplain, Swan Valley Anglican Community School	25.01.22
The Revd Rae Reinertsen	Chaplain, GFS	07.11.21

### ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE - 24 FEBRUARY 2022

Mrs Bec Bydder  
Mr Peregrin Campbell-Osgood  
Mr James George  
Mr Andrew Milne

### RIP - CLERGY

The Revd Brian McGowan		14.11.21
The Revd Ken Broadbent		26.01.22

### RIP - LAY

Mrs Sheila Harrison	Wife of The Revd Tim Harrison	22.11.21
Mrs Betty Lou Molyneux	Wife of The Revd Raymond Molyneux	10.12.21
Mrs Nancy Booth	Widow of The Revd Harold Booth	24.12.21
Mr Ken Harwood	Husband of The Revd Lyn Harwood	07.01.22



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**THE HISTORY OF ANGLICANISM –  
WHERE WE'VE COME FROM AND  
WHERE WE ARE TODAY**

Guest Speaker:  
Dr Bill Leadbetter, Cathedral Scholar

### WEEK 2:

**ORDERS OF MINISTRY IN  
ANGLICANISM – MINISTRY ROLES  
AND FUNCTION**

Guest Panel:  
The Rt Revd Jeremy James (Bishop)  
The Revd Gemma Baseley (Priest)  
The Ven Mandy Herriman (Deacon)  
Mr Steve Mellor (Lay Person)

### WEEK 3:

**ANGLICAN LITURGICAL EXPRESSION –  
WORSHIPPING AS A COMMUNITY**

Guest Speaker:  
The Revd Jacob Legarda, Archbishop's Chaplain

### WEEK 4:

**ANGLICAN MISSION TODAY –  
SENT OUT TO SERVE**

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### SUNDAY SERVICES

<b>8.00am</b> Holy Eucharist (BCP)	<b>10.00am</b> Choral Eucharist	<b>5.00pm</b> Choral Evensong
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### MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Monday-Saturday	8.00am	Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	12.15pm	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Eucharist
Monday-Saturday	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

### SPECIAL SERVICES

Tuesday 1 February	12.15pm	Service for Healing and Wholeness A special celebration of Holy Communion that includes prayer for healing and wholeness This service is held on the first Tuesday of every month
Sunday 6 February	5.00pm	Choral Evensong in recognition of the 70 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II
Thursday 24 February	7.00pm	Ordination of Deacons
Sunday 27 February	5.00pm	Choral Evensong for St David of Wales

### SPIRITUALITY SERIES *Hand sanitising and social distancing*

#### A Day in the Spiritual Life of the Cathedral

Wednesday 9 February (9.30am-12.00noon)

Tea/coffee in Upper Burt Memorial Hall, prayers and Eucharist; A Life of Prayerfulness with Bishop David Murray, St George's Cathedral Centre for Spirituality (Entry \$12.00)

#### Coffee, Prayers and Spirituality

Wednesday 23 February 9.30am-11.30am

Tea/Coffee, in Upper Burt Memorial Hall, prayers; Spirituality and Transforming Industry (pt 2-Youth) with Mr Chris Oughton, CEO Kwinana Industrial Council (Entry \$5.00)

Enrolments by Monday 21 February to Bishop David Murray, Cathedral Centre for Spirituality on 9325 5766 or [spirituality@perthcathedral.org](mailto:spirituality@perthcathedral.org)

#### St George's Cathedral Centre for Spirituality Quiet Day - Preparation for Lent

Saturday 26 February (9.30am-4.00pm)

Tea and Coffee is provided, but please bring your own lunch. The Quiet Day will be conducted by Father Ian Crooks, Associate Priest, St George's Cathedral.

More details soon!

### MUSIC

#### Magellan Concert in association with the Cathedral Centre for Spirituality

Thursday 17 February (10.30am)

Bach Bonanza with Faith Maydwell (piano), Sacha McCulloch (cello), Sally Boud (viola) and Paul Wright (violin). A cornucopia of famous solo Bach works for keyboard, cello, viola and violin

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