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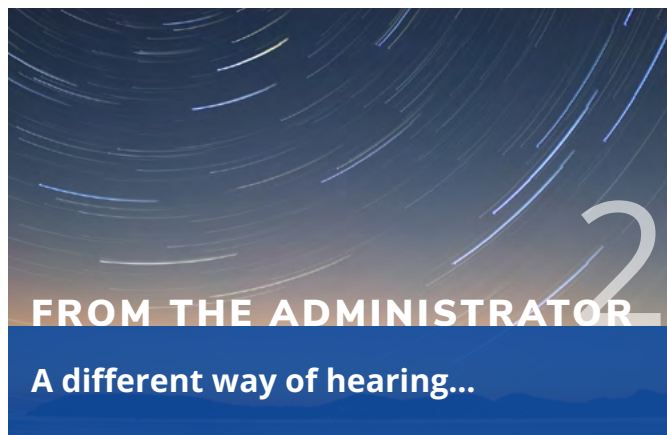


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For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. - Romans 8:14

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To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

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To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

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To respond to human need by loving service

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To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

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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.



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Artwork by Indigenous artist Veronica (Fatima) Lulu.

Her paintings represent her traditional country, Balgo, Tanami Desert, Western Australia

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In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A different way of hearing...



THE RT REVD KATE WILMOT *Assistant Bishop*

Sometimes, it can be profoundly moving to hear familiar words given an unfamiliar translation.

I remember a surprisingly deep response when first encountering Kel Richards' retelling of the birth of Jesus in the Aussie Bible. This was a paraphrasing of scripture rather than a scholarly translation of the text but to have the Nativity transported into a local context (Mary and Joseph go off to "Bethlehem Shire") made a huge difference to the way I heard and experienced the story.

Years later, I listened at a Pentecost service as a male colleague read from John 16:13 saying unexpectedly "When the Spirit of truth comes, she will guide you into all truth; for she will not speak on her own but will speak whatever she hears, and she will declare to you the things that are to come."

This is not a common reading of the passage, but it was a new way of hearing. For many of us, inclusive language delivers not only a sense of relief, but a deep invitation into a reimagined relationship.

I expect these kinds of reimaginings and new horizons were a feature of the Pentecost event described in Acts 2:1-11. Suddenly people heard Good News delivered in their own first languages. They recognised that something exceptional was taking place and they were amazed and wondered how it could be done.

What reorientated people at Pentecost was not what they spoke, but what they heard.

In March, at the National Bishops' Meeting, the bishops of the Australian Church sat and listened as First Nations people Professor Glenn Loughrey and The Reverend Shannon Smith spoke of the importance, the issues and the possible outcomes of the Voice to Parliament.

It was a very real experience to be receiving this presentation in Hobart (which the first peoples called Nipaluna). Tasmania is a stunningly beautiful place with a very terrible history for indigenous people in addition to a sad and savage history for the first Europeans imprisoned there.

In our broken world, there are no perfect solutions anywhere (because perfection belongs to God).

The longer I live in Australia, the more I find myself wanting to hear and see in new ways, to know and discover the natural beauty of our country and to receive the difficult details of its marred history.

I want to hear the Australian people (all of them) speaking in their own first languages and I hold out hope that the Voice to Parliament will bring repaired and reimagined relationships between original Australians and those who came later.

I want to take hold of the whole of our history, not just a part of it.

For this reason, I'm going to support the Voice to Parliament and I'm going to trust the Holy Spirit to guide and direct our hearing.

Site of Contradiction

DR BILL LEADBETTER *Senior Lay Canon*

In the south-west corner of St George's Cathedral, just inside the door, there is a plaque which states, very simply, 'We are proud to acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional owners of these lands and waters'. Above it, there hangs a painting called 'Oneness' by a young Yamadji woman in which aboriginal images twine with depictions of the cross.



Yet, as if to contradict these images of reconciliation, at the other end of the nave, and not far from the pulpit, a small block of wood is inserted into the brickwork. The wood is from the jarrah tree under which Christian prayers were first conducted in Perth in 1829. It represents the historic identification of church and colony that pertained for long decades.

Likewise, outside the Deanery, at the foot of the stairs that connect Pier Street to Cathedral Square, there is a plaque recognising the First Nations leader, Midgegooroo, who was executed near that spot. Midgegooroo was killed at the order of the Executive Council, at the head of which was the Acting Governor, Lt Col Frederick Irwin. Irwin also happened to be a principal lay leader of the Anglican Church in Western Australia.

These inconsistencies are well recognised by the Chapter of the Cathedral, as is the need for a coherent response to them. There is an understanding that, in the same way as the Diocese is working towards its Reconciliation Action Plan, so too the Cathedral needs to begin to develop its own.

The Cathedral is a site of contradictions. It carries the weight of the colonial past, but also reaches out to those alienated by that past. Contradiction can be a good thing. It is a sign of the recognition that things do not have to be 'either/or' but can be 'both/and'. That, after all, is the fundamental message of Christian inclusion.

Another Virtuoso Performance!

Described as 'one of the greatest organists of our time' by ABC Radio National, Joseph Nolan returns for another virtuosic performance at St George's Cathedral on 15 June.

Joseph's 2021 concert at the Cathedral sold out well in advance and prompted both a standing ovation and an encore, followed by fabulous reviews. Now he is back to play pieces by Bach, Liszt and Widor.

It is rare to hear Joseph play the organ in a solo recital in Perth as his primary focus is training and conducting the Cathedral's stunning choirs. However, Joseph does appear regularly in Perth as both a conductor and concerto organist with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra, whose Chief Conductor Asher Fisch is on record as saying: 'Joseph Nolan should be heard in the finest concert halls in the world.'

Joseph has recently been signed as an exclusive artist with Mark Stephan Buhl Artists Management, based in Vienna, lifting his international profile even higher. His most recent tour was in New Zealand, alongside world famous pianist Gabriela Montero and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Gabriela is quoted as saying: 'Joseph Nolan is an extraordinary artist and adorable human being!'

Joseph describes the works he has chosen to play on 15 June as a 'passionate and engaging repertoire' that befits *Limelight Magazine's* very recent critique of Joseph being 'the master of sustained intensity'.

All of the programmed works are drawn from Joseph's highly successful CDs recorded in Europe, which have received unanimous praise from the world's top music review publications from New York to London and Sydney.



He is perhaps best known for his recordings for Signum Records of Widor's complete organ works, recorded on the organ of La Madeleine Paris - declared the 'benchmark set' by *Gramophone*, *The New Criterion* and *MusicWeb International*.

Joseph's recording on the organ of St Bavo Haarlem was described as a 'wonderful accomplishment' in *Gramophone*, received innumerable 5 star reviews, was Editor's Choice in *Limelight*, and was selected as a 2018 Recording of the Year by *MusicWeb International*. His recording on the organ of St Sulpice is another CD to be awarded 'benchmark' status, this time by the *American Record Guide*.

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STEPHANIE BUCKLAND *Chief Executive Officer*

National Volunteer Week, 15-21 May, is a time to recognise the contributions of the individuals who dedicate their time and energy to making a difference in the lives of others.

Our volunteers play a critical role in supporting Amana Living staff to deliver exceptional care and services to residents and clients, helping to realise our mission to support older people to lead fulfilling lives.

Their commitment and dedication light up the lives of our residents and clients in countless ways, from playing games and assisting with crafts to organising outings and visiting one-on-one. They also play a crucial role at the end of residents' lives, providing companionship for those residents looking for comfort as they approach death.

It's these acts of kindness and generosity of time that make a huge difference and leave a lasting impression.

Amana Living has a long history of involving members of the community in the lives of our residents and clients. Just like the residents and clients we support, our volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds. Their reasons for getting involved vary too.

Our newest volunteers are part of the No One Dies Alone Companion Program. Volunteers like Jo and Steph who donate their time to spend with residents who are near the end of their lives.



Jo (left) and Steph (right) - NODAC volunteers

Jo is a funeral celebrant and teacher who chose to volunteer for us after experiencing her parents' deaths. She was with her mum when she passed away and believed everyone should have someone with them when they die.

Whereas Steph is a care worker who has seen first-hand what it's like for aged care residents to be alone at the end because their family was unable to be there with them. She feels privileged to be able to support residents as they near death.

And then there's Anthea who has spent 10 years visiting the residents at St George's Care Centre. Anthea keeps coming back because of the smiles she gets from the residents as she gets them involved in weekly bingo game, and fulfilment from supporting those who need extra help. She tells us she goes home satisfied knowing she has done something good that day.

Every one of our volunteers is special because they are committed to making a meaningful impact on the lives of others.

As we take a moment to reflect on the importance of volunteers, we at Amana Living want to express our heartfelt gratitude to those who have selflessly given their time to the thousands of residents and clients we serve every day.

Reconciliation and Schools



THE REVD PETER LAURENCE OAM *Chief Executive Officer*

It seems only yesterday that the Anglican Schools Commission was welcomed by Reconciliation Australia to the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program, receiving endorsement for our inaugural RAP some three years ago. Since then, we have been flat-out implementing the numerous strategies and actions that comprise the current 'Reflect' RAP.

Bringing life to our RAP has been such an energising experience for our schools, and those of us who work in the ASC Head Office. That's not to say that our schools were not engaged in the reconciliation journey before the RAP. Of course, they were.

But the RAP has carefully and methodically detailed initiatives which will purposefully move us along the path of mutual respect and stronger relationships with the traditional custodians of the lands on which our schools are located, where we work and learn, worship and play... and beyond.

The ASC RAP Committee, which includes aboriginal and non-aboriginal teachers and support staff across ASC schools, meets regularly throughout the year. It monitors our progress in implementing the RAP, celebrates successes and considers how schools might better walk the journey towards reconciliation.

So many components comprise bringing life to our RAP across the schools. Underpinning them must be an aspirational and hope-filled vision. A memorable activity over the past year has been a 'visioning' exercise undertaken by our RAP Committee with Principals and some other staff. The aim of the exercise was for the ASC to develop a gracious, inspiring and challenging statement that would capture our



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strategic direction in the coming years. It would be important for the Vision for reconciliation to capture elements of our Core Values: Justice, Respect, Integrity, and Inclusion. An underlying commitment to the Vision supported the ASC's strategic intent to "enrich the capacity of our schools to be learning communities, grow their Anglican Identity and be proactive in promoting inclusion, justice and respect for all."

In many ways, our draft Vision is bold in that it culminates in 'Treaty', set in the context of Australia being on a journey towards such a goal.

Since the drafting of this Vision, much effort around Australia has been focused on the upcoming 'Indigenous Voice to Parliament' referendum and the significant implications of this initiative of the current Commonwealth Government.

The ASC's draft Vision is a work in progress and will continue to take shape throughout this year, as we actively participate in the reconciliation process, not least through 'yarnings' around the Voice.

For now, let me share with you our brief vision, hopes and aspirations in this space. They are:

- To bring grace, dignity, and respect to the reconciliation conversation;
- A commitment to education that empowers schools and young people to engage meaningfully with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's history, current reality, and future aspirations; and
- Celebrating difference and strengthening understanding while engaging with culture and language to continue a shared journey to Treaty.

The ASC is close to fully implementing our 'Reflect' RAP. Shortly we'll commence the significant task of drafting an 'Innovate' RAP, the second level of strategy and process in reconciliation plans. Here we are, with an enthusiastic and engaged RAP Committee, ready to embark on the next stage.

The ASC has much to celebrate in the small steps taken on our reconciliation journey to date, yet we are only at the beginning.



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A Good Life – Part 2

CHRIS THOMASON *Chaplain*



Firstly, let me say a big THANK YOU to all who responded to my request and gave me a snapshot of what they believe is their good life or would make a good life for them.

I enjoyed the different perspectives and whilst there were numerous interesting stories there is one, I wish to share with you.

Smiles, given and received.

Amazing memories made and shared as part of life's story.

Caring Christ centred community.

Relationships nurtured and nourished.

Environment, the beauty and the energy.

Diversity, a world full of wonder to discover.

Thank you, Robyn, for your acrostic summary of what makes a good life for you, it resonated with me.

Not surprisingly I didn't receive any responses that said winning the lottery is what makes a good life, as we know it might alleviate some financial issues but wouldn't necessarily lead us to the good life. After looking at the responses and looking for themes or patterns, I have concluded that there were two main themes in your responses that tells me what makes a good life. Both are mentioned in Robyn's summary of what makes a good life, they are relationships and community.

So, can we see evidence for this in academic study? Recently, I completed a university post graduate unit in Clinical Pastoral Education and one of the assigned readings talked about the medical system being time poor which means it ends up concentrating on the symptoms and doesn't see the whole person, doesn't take time to develop a relationship with the patient or their families. In the book, *See me as a Person*, the authors Koloroutis and Trout argue, that approach maybe time efficient in the short-term, that failing to see the bigger picture, to

look at the effect in the community can miss the reason behind the illness¹. The book suggests that spending time investing in the community, building relationships with patient and families can, in the long term, provide better health care and result in less repeat visits. Although written with the American Health system in mind I can see some similarities with our health system.

Last year I did a short presentation to a group of fellow students about the similarities I saw with another book, this second book, *Radical Help*, is written with the British welfare system in mind, a welfare system not unlike ours². In *Radical Help*, the author, Cottam, suggests that we could revolutionise the welfare system by building community and relationships. Cottam states, 'Relationships – the simple human bonds between us – are the foundation of good lives³.'

My analysis of the responses I received confirm what the textbooks tell me.

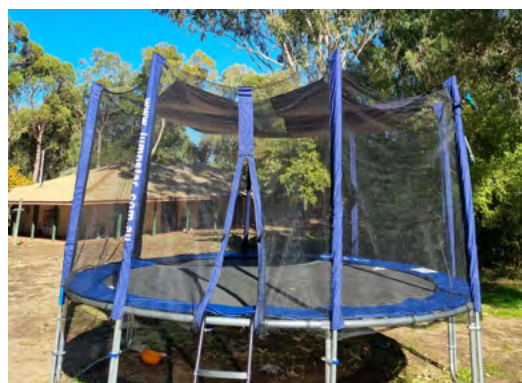
How does this fit with Anglicare WA and Anglicanism? Anglicare WA is committed to tackling disadvantage. In the last paragraph of our current strategic plan it states, 'Our intent is transformational – designed to take care of everyone in the community, by developing capability, creating possibility and growing good lives. Above all, it is about human relationships [emphasis added]⁴.'

To learn more about how we are using community and relationships to journey with people towards their good life, stay tuned for *A Good Life Part 3*. There might even be a way in which you can help.

1 Mary Koloroutis, and Michael David Trout, *See Me as a Person: Creating Therapeutic Relationships with Patients and Their Families*. (Minneapolis, Minn.: Creative Health Care Management, 2012.)
 2 Hilary Cottam, *Radical Help: How we can remake the relationships between us and revolutionise the welfare state*. (London, Virago, 2018.)
 3 Cottam, *Radical Help*, 205.
 4 Anglicare WA, *Strategic Plan*. [anglicarewa-strategic-plan-2022-2025.pdf](#) Accessed 13 April 2023

Creating opportunities for children to thrive through play

The sweet sounds of children playing, their laughter and joy echoing through the lush trees and bush landscape, it is a reminder of the healing and nurturing living environment Parkerville Children and Youth Care's campus has come to be for the children and young people who reside in our care.



We understand the importance for each child and young person to feel supported and have a safe space where they can heal from their past experiences of mistreatment and abuse. Thanks to the generosity of supporters to our Christmas appeal last December, we have recently had the opportunity to provide a makeover for the outdoor play area at our campus which benefits the children and young people who live in our cottages.

As part of this exciting makeover, a big trampoline, large net swing and monkey bar set, and a stylish cubby house was installed, creating plenty of fun and new learning possibilities for children of all ages.

Three very special little girls who reside in the cottages took on the challenge to help make the new cubby house, named 'The Little Hut', a fun space for all the children. They painted, decorated and organised kitchen and shop equipment both inside and out to create a space where imaginations can flourish and creative minds grow.

Since completing the makeover, the children on campus have spent much of their time in the new outdoor space taking in the fresh air and the surrounds of nature. It is a space the children feel safe to build connections with one another and their carers, and is a blossoming environment for the children to learn in.

To learn more about how Parkerville Children and Youth Care provide support to children and young people in the community, visit parkerville.org.au/what-we-do.

Being part of the reconciliation journey

NEIL STARKIE *GM Strategic Partnerships and Growth*



Since 1963, St Bart's has been standing by the side of vulnerable West Australians and we recognise the special role we play in championing an inclusive and supportive environment where our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients can thrive.

In 2022 we had the pleasure of launching our Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which is just the beginning of our ongoing journey towards reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, organisations, staff and communities.

St Bart's head office is in East Perth, which is at the heart of a precinct where many rurally residing Aboriginal peoples moved to in the 1920s. Aboriginal people were getting work at the local scrap metal yard as well as at the local railyard and factories. Lower cost housing and hostels were also available in the area at the time.

Noongar Elder and Wungening Aboriginal Corporation Community Engagement Manager Patrick Egan said the area is of significance to Aboriginal peoples. He said it held many memories of pain and sadness, representing the disconnection of many from the land to which they had a spiritual connection.

With this rich history of the land on which we provide our services to some of Perth's most vulnerable people, it is our mission to enable a culture of support and security for Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander staff and residents to thrive at St Bart's.

Aboriginal people are over-represented in the population of people experiencing homelessness in Western Australia and, in some of our services, more than half of our clients identify as Aboriginal people.

Reconciliation is not just a matter of symbolic gestures. It requires systemic change and ongoing commitment from all Australians to address the root causes of inequality and disadvantage.

Our RAP has been developed in consultation with our RAP Working Group and external partners and represents the foundation for St Bart's to build, maintain and champion respectful relationships and actively seek out opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to have empowerment, equality and choice.

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God-Talk: International Students



THE REVD DR ELIZABETH J SMITH AM *Mission Priest, Parish of The Goldfields*

The young men and women come from Mongolia, Indonesia, and every corner of India. They come from China, the Philippines, and half a dozen African countries. They come speaking Portuguese, Spanish, Japanese, Korean. They may be Hindu, Sikh, Muslim, Buddhist, Christian or atheist. From their home countries, they bring high achievements in IT, engineering, geology, metallurgy.

More than 100 of them are in Kalgoorlie this year to do a Masters degree in one of the mining disciplines at the WA School of Mines campus of Curtin University.

These international students add millions of dollars to the Australian economy through the \$80,000 or so per year that each one pays up front in fees. When they graduate, they and their skills will be snapped up by Australian mining companies. Meanwhile, their families, and sometimes their governments, are supporting them. To pay their living expenses, the students work many hours a week at fast-food outlets or stacking supermarket shelves. In university holidays, they will try to get jobs in local mining companies to gain experience in their chosen field.

I hold a visiting chaplain pass that gets me onto the WASM campus. I gravitate to the international students who are so far from home, and who are wading through such complex and demanding cultural and linguistic challenges. I ask about their languages, their families back home, their dreams for the future as well as their looming deadlines for assignments and exams.



I am in awe of the courage of these students. Australia is a long way from home, and Kalgoorlie is a long way, culturally as well as geographically, from mainstream Australia. They are studying in a foreign language, and in an education system very different to the one in which they have excelled in their home country. Like the many other Goldfields residents of non-European background, they face casual racism and entrenched discrimination every day.

At Pentecost, we tell the story of a day when everyone from the known world who had converged on Jerusalem heard, in their own languages, the great things that God was doing. I'm committed to telling those stories, in my own Aussie accent, to audiences ranging from elite to bogan.

But listening, as well as speech, is a gift of the Spirit that I want to cultivate. I make the effort to listen carefully to these students, who need extra time to put their thoughts and feelings into words in their second, third or fourth language. I will listen patiently and speak slowly, so that relationships can grow.

I also do the international students the simple courtesy of learning how to pronounce their names correctly. Many of them adopt nicknames that are easier for lazy Aussie tongues to get around. But God knows their true name, and so should I.

I can't speak Mongolian or read Hindi. I do have an app for Mandarin. But perhaps my listening may open a channel for the Spirit to speak directly to another person's heart.

Family and Domestic Violence in our Parishes

THE REVD GEMMA BASELEY

Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Beaconsfield and member of the Family and Domestic Violence Working Group

Violence in our communities is unacceptable, whether that violence occurs in the street, in our home, in our workplaces or in our churches, and whether it is perpetrated by men or women.

Our Christian scriptures proclaim the equality of every human being and demand our behaviour towards others is characterised by the behaviour of God towards us – justice, love and mercy, compassion, patience and a mission to heal the sick and mend the broken hearted. The Anglican Church of Australia wants to prevent and to help address the terrible injustice of domestic and family violence, responding with care and compassion towards those affected.

To facilitate this work, Perth Synod 2022 adopted the **Ten Commitments for Preventing and Responding to Domestic and Family Violence.**

10 COMMITMENTS FOR PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE

- 1** Our Church acknowledges and laments the violence which has been suffered by some of our members and repents of the part we have played in allowing an environment where violence went unaddressed.
- 2** Our Church leaders commit to ensure conditions that support the prevention of violence, a church culture that promotes equality, and support for those who experience violence.
- 3** Our Church consistently teaches about equality, freedom from violence, respectful relationships and the honour/value of every person.
- 4** Our Church affirms that human relationships are to be based on respect and mutuality.
- 5** Our Church acknowledges the different experiences of all people and that these have played a part in whether they have been treated with respect and equality.
- 6** Our Church actions are directed by the gospel of love, peace and justice, and are informed and engaged with local, state and national government initiatives as appropriate.
- 7** Our church supports cultural change in our communities by communicating effectively to our members.
- 8** Our Church trains our leaders, pastoral staff and parish councils to understand and be equipped to respond in ways that prevent and address domestic and family violence.
- 9** Our leaders and pastoral staff hold themselves to account and are guided by the Anglican Church's Code of Conduct: *Faithfulness in Service.*
- 10** These commitments are regularly reviewed and improved.

These Commitments, for the prevention of and response to domestic and family violence in the ACA, are a tool to help resource and empower the Anglican Church to bring about change and to continuously improve our preventative work.

May is DV Awareness Month. This is a time for all of us to speak up about domestic violence, raise awareness, and support survivors of this devastating but common issue.

Domestic and Family Violence isn't always physical, it can be Financial, Emotional, Coercive Control, or Technological Abuse.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone, and it is present in every community, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, socioeconomic status, religion, or nationality. Recent research shockingly revealed that Christian families are at least as likely (if not more likely) to be places where Family and Domestic Violence is a lived experience.

Family Domestic Violence Working Group: The Anglican Diocese of Perth

Following the adoption of the Ten Commitments, a Family Domestic Violence Working Group has been set up in the Diocese to resource and equip parishes and ministries with a response. This response will be formed by local knowledge, inspired by the work already being undertaken by General Synod and other dioceses around the country.

The month of May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month and aims to raise community awareness of the social and personal impacts of domestic and family violence, the need to end it, as well as the support services

available to those affected by violence. The first Wednesday in May is set aside as **Domestic Violence Remembrance Day**; a national day to remember and honour those who have been killed by domestic and family violence. Whether held on that day, or acknowledged at another time in May, you may wish to hold a liturgical event with that as a focus. Candlelight Vigils have been one example that have been previously held to mark the day.

The FDV Working Group is currently working to produce liturgical resources to support services of lament and repentance and to remember, in prayer before God, those who are victims and perpetrators of intimate partner violence.

What can be done?

It is important to acknowledge that FDV is an issue in whatever town, city, village, street or community you find yourself in. As many as 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will have experienced abuse or violence in their home. That is a significant number.

Perhaps we should begin with lamenting and repenting of our part in this crime and commit to making change, as we move forward.

Raising awareness of safety and providing information on support agencies is a practical way of responding, and building a brighter future. Could you display signs in your buildings that clearly demonstrate people, phone numbers and agencies that could help? Messages in pew sheets and newsletters might be a lifeline for some.

And perhaps you could add a purple bench to a public space...



The Purple Bench Project

First set up in Nova Scotia, Canada, in 2015, purple benches are now springing up, slowly but surely, worldwide. Painted bright purple (the colour of FDV awareness and prevention, and to draw attention), each bench is situated in a public place and displays a plaque, in memory of those who have died through family or domestic violence. They also display local helpline numbers for those who find themselves in need.



If you are interested in ordering a plaque and/or a bench for your grounds, please email mothergemma@gmail.com

A poster for Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2023. The background is dark blue with several overlapping purple circles of various sizes. At the top, a purple circle contains the text "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2023". Below this, the text "TOGETHER, WE CAN END THE ABUSE." is written in white. The main text "FIGHT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" is in large, bold, white letters. Below that, the phrase "Help end the silence" is written in a smaller, italicized white font. At the bottom, a white banner contains the text "HELP IS AVAILABLE - CALL 1800 RESPECT" and "1800 737 732" in bold black letters. Below the banner, the text "AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY - 7 DAYS A WEEK" is written in a smaller white font.

What in the world is MU up to?

MRS CHRISTINE BRAIN *Communication Officer, MU Perth*

Did you know that Mothers Union is not a secret society?

We love to have people who share our aim of Showing Christian care for families join in our activities. One of the ways we work to fulfil this aim is by the financial support of projects which benefit families in Australia and internationally.

In Australia, some of the projects we have supported include the provision of funds to allow needy families to have a holiday, clergy and lay leaders in the Northern Territory to be trained in safe ministry practices and ministry families from the Diocese of North West Australia to gather for a biennial conference in Perth.

Internationally, Anglican Mothers Union Australia has supported literacy and numeracy programs in Africa and the development of church and community development programs in Tanzania. Currently, AMUA members are contributing to the development of disaster resilience in Tonga and Fiji in partnership with Anglican Aid Abroad. Of course, all this takes money! Sometimes this comes directly from the pockets of members, and sometimes special fundraising activities are held, giving others an opportunity to join in the fun and support these projects.



Two such events have been planned by Perth Mothers Union groups in May. The Carine-Dun Craig branch is holding what promises to be a yummy Coronation High Tea on Saturday 6 May at St Nicolas' Dun Craig to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III and on Wednesday 24 May Warnbro branch is hosting a High Tea and Musical Afternoon at St Brendan's by the Sea. All are welcome, and further details can be obtained from the organising parishes. So, put on your best hat or bow-tie, join in one (or both) of these events and support a very worthy cause.

A Voice to Parliament Yarning Session

The Parish of Bull Creek-Leeming in partnership with All Saints' College: Invite you to an information session hosted by the Social Responsibilities Commission (SRC) and Aboriginal Ministry Group.

Our aim is to provide a panel of speakers who will assist us to deliberate on this important referendum question before our nation, and allow you to ask questions of the panel.

The referendum question reads:

to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.



When: Thursday 11 May 6-9pm

Where: All Saints' Chapel

RSVP: 8 May

Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHSHS>

A light supper will be provided after the Yarning Session.

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Nor'West Postcard



JOCELYN ROSS OAM

Bishop Darrell and Elizabeth Parker were 'on the road' after Easter visiting the towns of Northampton, Kalbarri, Carnarvon and Denham meeting parishioners and the locum ministers who currently serve there. Darrell is hoping to find ministers and finances for long term residential ministry to these churches and communities. It was also exciting to see the Murchison and Gascoyne rivers flowing and a glimpse of the eclipse during their trip. In Northampton they met Geoff Brewin who is spending five weeks supporting the Anglican congregation. In Carnarvon The Revd Jonathon and Pascale Deeks were in town for the solar eclipse event, and led a Sunday Service for the congregation at St George's.



(From left) The Revd Jonathan and Pascale Deeks at St. George's, Carnarvon; Bishop Darrell Parker checking out "Nature's Window" at Kalbarri.

Stephen and Melinda McKerney drove to Denham to celebrate Easter with the members of St Andrew's and visitors. Since then The Revd Brian and Annie Fyffe have returned for their next two month in the town. At Dongara The Revd Steve and Edna Pivetta were there to conduct services on Good Friday and Easter Day. We are always so grateful for locums who are willing to travel to our Diocese and help us cover our vacancies.

Recently Amanda Kyngdon drove to and from Port Hedland for their elder daughter Ada's regular check-up with the orthodontist, taking baby Abigail with her. Over 800 kms there and back for a two minute appointment. Then Newman's rectory family life was disrupted

again as their son Ben had a fall from his bike and was flown to Perth Children's Hospital to have the break in his arm reset. Amanda and baby Abigail went with him, where both Ben and Abby had a delightful time with toys the hospital provided. Ben said it rated 1000 out of 1000!!! They were back in two days, Ben with a very impressive plaster.

Chaplain Matt Warth helps prisoners meet Jesus at Roebourne Regional Prison. He says that studying the Bible with them is enabling the men turn their lives around. 16 inmates regularly attend a weekly session, working through a book Just for Starters - 7 basic studies in Christianity.



Following their attendance of the GAFCON Conference in Rwanda, our Registrar Khim Harris, in company with our former Bishop Gary Nelson, and the Rector of Kununurra The Revd Daniel Faricy, have just spent a week in Moroto in our link Diocese of Karamoja in Uganda, conducting clergy and lay readers theological teaching and training ministry.



The Diocesan Office is very appreciative of Rachel Mark who has moved to Geraldton to assist the new Bishop, as well as work alongside our Administrator Andrew Thorburn. It has been a huge learning curve for both Rachel (and Bishop Darrell), moving to a regional city in the largest land Diocese in the world! It is lovely to have them both with us.

"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25).

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

Bunbury Bulletin

THE VEN GEOFFREY CHADWICK *Archdeacon*

Retreat

For many years now, all the Bunbury clergy (as well as some others) have gathered together in May for retreat. Although geographically large, our numbers are small, and it is one of the special features of the Diocese that we can all retreat together.

Usually silent, we give each other the gift of quietness and stillness. Nevertheless, it can be difficult for those who come from the far reaches of the Diocese who long for some collegial time. So, space is also allowed for those who need to talk, reflect and fellowship with others.

Again, we will be enjoying the surrounds and wonderful hospitality of the St John of God Retreat House in Shoalwater. If being enclosed gets too much, there are ample opportunities to wander past Penguin Island, watch a few Dolphins or admire the overhead Pelicans!

This year we are trying something a little different. Instead of an imported director giving talks, some of our number will be giving the reflections. Topics will include:

- 'Becoming More like Jesus-hinderances'
- 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'
- 'Fools for the Sake of Christ'
- 'The Raising of Lazarus'
- 'The Pascal Lamb'
- 'Jesus as a threat'
- 'You were washed, sanctified and justified'
- 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life'

We always look forward to this holy rest from our often-busy schedules. No doubt the season of Easter will help to renew us.

Blessings



Currently in the Bunbury Diocese there are two **school chaplaincy** positions available. One at [Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School](#), the other at [Georgiana Molloy Anglican School \(Busselton\)](#). Both are full time positions. For information about the schools see the links above.

Expressions of interest may be made by emailing the Archdeacon at archdeacon@bunbury.org.au

Our Rich Liturgical Heritage



THE RT REVD DR PETER BRAIN



There are many references to God the Holy Spirit in our liturgies that remind us of how fortunate we are to know the triune God. Five from Morning Prayer combine to show us that the supernatural work of our Lord's conception: *conceived by the Holy Spirit*, continues in the lives of believers revitalising us more and more as we seek to live for him.

The first comes in the absolution. Following the declaration to God's repentant people, of the forgiveness of their sins the minister prays: *therefore let us ask him to grant to us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that we may please him, and that the rest of our life may be pure and holy.* God's forgiveness is always dependant on our repentance. Our repentance will be evidenced by our continuing desire to change our ways. This change is possible because of the Holy Spirit's ministry within us. We are not alone in our discipleship, nor are we powerless to make changes in the direction of obedience.

A second is found in the Apostle's creed: *I believe in the Holy Spirit.* Belief in the Holy Spirit is confirmed in our daily experience. He always convicts us of sin and points us to Jesus as our Saviour. Our objective belief in the third person of the Godhead is based upon Scripture and subjectively proven by us as we wage war against our own sins. In this way the Christlike fruits of the Spirit blossom in and among us.

The next is found in the last of the six verses and responses from the Psalms. This request is from Psalm 51:10-11 and runs: *Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew us by your Holy Spirit.* The believer will never be content with forgiveness alone. As marvellous as this is we will always be seeking a new and clean heart. This renewal can never come from our efforts alone. But God the Holy Spirit will do an 'inside job', so to speak, transforming our self-centred, impure motivations into God focussed affections.

The fourth, so appropriate at the time of the coronation of Charles the III has the petition: *and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way* [BCP]. Here is a model way to pray for others, Monarchs, Prime Ministers and citizens alike. Strictly speaking this petition is for believers, as replenish would suggest. But since we are bound by the apostles Peter and Paul to pray for leaders, believers or not, here is a prayer that the Holy Spirit might incline their hearts to respond to the Lordship of Jesus. God's desire is that all might be saved through trusting Jesus, and that the surest way for any leader to fulfill their ministry of governing is to walk in God's way. Praying citizens do more good for the nation than they can ever imagine. As a healthy by-product we will be kept from our national pastimes of grumbling about and expecting far too much from governments.

'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore' reminds us that we are never alone as we leave our time of worship to serve God in our daily work, families and communities. Our fellowship with the Holy Spirit is totally dependent on God's loving grace to us in Christ. Joyful obedience and willing service come through the person of the Holy Spirit who dwells within all who have turned to Christ. Our fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ is strengthened and enriched, as we bear one-another's burdens, exercise the Spirit's gifts in sacrificial service and display the Christlike fruits of the Holy Spirit in all we do.

ANNE WILSON tssf *Acting Archivist*

Preservation or “How to Keep”: Part Two - Newspaper and Magazine Articles



Unlike bibles, newspapers and magazines are only created for short term use, so the paper deteriorates quite quickly. It is also not practical to retain a whole edition when only one article is required. Before capturing significant newspaper articles for parish or personal scrapbooks, it is important to prepare for their preservation and storage.

There are three main tasks:

1. Preserve by scanning, photographing or photocopying.
2. Capture the metadata so that the information is available for future reference.
3. Create an accessible and secure location.

Preserve

Scan at high resolution or 400 dpi, which is possible for most home scanners. A document can be scanned as a jpeg image or as a pdf document. Check the image against the original to make sure you have captured all the text. If the article is larger than the available scanner size, try the scanning facilities at a local library or stationary store.

Photographing with any smart phone or digital camera will produce a good image but requires care or stabilizing of the camera on a tripod to capture the image evenly.

Set the photocopier/scanner for high quality resolution and print on high quality or archival paper. Large articles can be scanned and reduced in size for printing on A4 paper.

Capture the Metadata

Digital documents: Create a document folder on a computer or online document sharing platform, with a topic or subject title, eg "2006 Parish 50th Anniversary". Rename the file title of the image or pdf with the publication, edition and page numbers and event, eg "The West Australian_2023-01-02_p21_Dinner" and save to the folder.

Paper documents: Create a folder, as above, with the topic or subject title and date. On the photocopied page, in pencil, record the publication, edition number and/or date, and page number. Note 'newspaper copied and destroyed' with your initials. Paper copies can be stored safely in medium quality Copysafe

document sleeves, which are available from any office supply or stationery shop, or in specialist scrap book albums. Non-Copysafe sleeves will deteriorate quickly, leading to loss and/or damage to the paper. Record the location of the folder in an index.

Create an accessible location: All electronic storage methods are subject to obsolescence in five years or less. If information is intended for

long term use, it is important to plan for regular backups of the information, migration to new storage methods or to maintain an online document storage platform.

If the metadata is not retained, the information will lose its value and enter the realm of hearsay but the effort that goes into capturing accessible information will be a blessing for years to come.

Did you know?

TROVE the Australian National Library digital collection, which holds a lot of information drawn from newspapers, has recently been saved from closure by an injection of government funding.

[Find out more - trove.nla.gov.au](http://trove.nla.gov.au)

Want to Know More?

The Library of Congress has some useful and entertaining videos on their digital preservation series for personal archiving, particularly Snow Byte and the Seven Formats¹.

(digitalpreservation.gov/multimedia/videos)

The Digital Preservation Coalition produces a user-friendly handbook (www.dpconline.org/handbook)



¹ Ref: Library of Congress. Snow Byte & the Seven Formats: A Digital Preservation Fairy Tale. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, -06-24, 2013. Video. <https://www.loc.gov/item/2021689152/>.



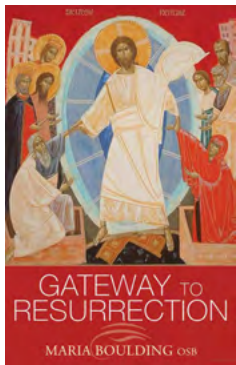
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THE REVD ROSS JONES *Team member of the Tree of Life Programme*



In Eastertide, I am assisted by reading and reflecting on Maria Boulding's *Gateway to Resurrection* (2010)

While very ill with terminal cancer Maria Boulding gathered her reflections on her life journey of prayer with a life centred on the scriptures, which had been an endless source of inspiration and joy for her. Boulding understood her vocation as somehow being the Church in a life of thanksgiving.

Then unexpectedly terminal cancer brought her a journey of weakness, pain, and dependence on other people for ordinary things, with the letting go of cherished independence—a reliance on loving carers and medical experts for pain control.

This experience of suffering caused Boulding to reflect on her and others' long and often painful journeys that had drawn them into God. Their journeys bore the marks of Easter with the signs of the cross and resurrection. It seemed to Boulding that her and others' achievements owed nothing to human cleverness or self-sufficiency.

They were stories of weakness, failure, and the humbling of human pride, with reliance on the power of the risen Christ and the outpouring of Christ's Spirit on all believers through the Easter victory. The journey through death to glory is a journey of discovery that suffering and happiness are not incompatible, as the weakness seems to help bring a new understanding of friendship, love and tenderness.

Love flows around us, through us, and is new for us every day. Love is communicated through shared grief, tenderness and bodily care. Being shown these depths of love is discovering new ways of what the Christian community is through accepting others' love.

The gift of coming to acceptance, of saying 'Yes' to God in Mary's words of 'Let it be with me according to your word' (Luke 1:38). Everyone who preserves in the inner journey of prayer comes to let go of one's ideas about how the journey should work out and accepts a far more baffling itinerary.

The two disciples of Jesus, on their way to the village of Emmaus, were stating that their 'hope was that Jesus of Nazareth was the one to redeem Israel' (Luke 24:21). They then discover, in their loss and confusion, that they are on a more wonderful journey, that is very different to the one they had envisaged.

Letting go and letting God, loss of independence and self-sufficiency, and being freed from the need to be useful and justify one's existence by achievement is liberation into a deeper connecting love.

Letting go and letting God takes us into Christ's servant role, consummate in his Passion. Self-emptying is Godlike and glorious, for that is the Trinitarian life. At the heart of Christ's self-emptying is divine joy in the Trinitarian glory. 'Now the son of man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him' (John 13:31).

The early Church Fathers linked the notion of grace as a deifying gift with that of humble, self-emptying service. For Saint Basil of Caesarea (330-379 CE), deification includes washing the feet of disadvantaged people.

Many people have needs around us that require humble service assistance. These occasions challenge us to wash the feet of people experiencing the challenge of disadvantage and marginalisation.

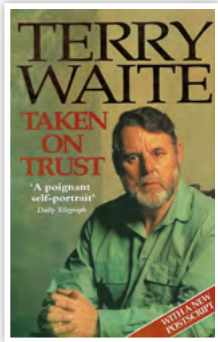
Presenting the Easter hope of the risen Christ is best achieved through meeting the core need of the person before us.

Allowing others to minister to our needs can be even more of a challenge, as we, like Boulding, find that the loss of self-sufficiency and independence leaves us dependent on the care of others.

The letter to the Colossians states succinctly that as God's loved ones, we act with 'compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience', living in a life of forgiveness and acceptance as we are clothed with God's love (Colossians 3:12-14).



REVIEWED BY SHIRLEY CLAUGHTON



Taken on Trust

Terry Waite

Paperback can be found (474 pages) approx \$35.00

E-book available on-line and several excellent videos easily accessible on YouTube

It was 1997 when Terry Waite was taken hostage in Beirut, Lebanon and kept there, in solitary confinement for most of the four years he was held prisoner. He had worked tirelessly and at great risk to secure the successful release of hostages in the 1980s.

When he was led into his cell, he knew he would be there for a long time and he made the following determinations; 'first, I would strengthen my will by fasting; I would refuse all food for at least a week. Second, I would make three resolutions to support me through whatever was to come: no regrets, no sentimentality, no self-pity'.

Then, he said 'I did what generations of prisoners have done before me. I stood up, bending my head, I began to walk round and round and round and round...'

Towards the end of his captivity, he was allowed a radio. 'I switched on the radio; the announcer is introducing the Sunday service. As the service continues, an elderly man says: 'we pray for all captives, and here in Belfast, we especially remember Terry Waite and his family'. When Terry heard it, he saw prayer as an invisible bond which links people together: 'Thank you old man, whoever you are – I pray for you also'.

Whilst re-reading this book, I recall that in those years from 1987-91, Terry Waite was regularly mentioned in intercessions. Many at church were also members of Amnesty International and wrote letters to prisoners. Terry tells the moving story when a postcard found its way into his hands: 'Three years since I had a normal conversation with anyone; three years since I saw the sun or felt the wind and the rain; three years in chains'.

Then the guard hands him a letter - 'My heart leaps. After all these years, a letter! My hand shakes as I turn it over. It is addressed to me by name, but the address has been scratched out.' However, the message is clear: *Dear Terry, you are not forgotten. People everywhere are praying for your release, and that of the other hostages. With best wishes, Joy Brodier.* I stare at the signature...why after all these years without any mail or news from the outside, should this single postcard find its way to me?

He asks for books, and eventually receives a wonderful book, *Beyond Euphrates* by Freya Stark. 'Reading in

captivity is sheer delight. I have time to enter into the mind of the writer...here I can discover how to convert my loneliness into creative solitude.' His books, range from Mills & Boon and kids' books to one volume of an Encyclopedia! When playing Desert Islands he often thought he would request an encyclopedia as the one book to take. Now it is a puzzle how to read it, however, he finds inspiration in the maps and gets lost in memories of places visited. He thinks of his books from home – how marvellous it would be to have works of philosophy and theology with me now. 'At home my shelves are filled with books read, reread, half-read and not yet read.'

He asks for, and is given, a bible – initially disappointed that it is a modern version without beauty of language, but he accepted that a modern version is useful for study purposes. Searching for inspiration he finds the Old Testament too full of violence and comments that perhaps the desire for tangible reality 'leads me to take the Bible too literally'.

'At last another book, and what a book. I hold it in my hands and feel genuine happiness for the first time in weeks - *The First Circle* by Solzhenitsyn. After weeks of pleading, hoping, waiting, I have a book and one I have always wanted to read. I examine it in detail, I count the number of word so that I know how long it will last me. I want to savour the book, to enter into the mind of the writer. Solzhenitsyn came to Lambeth Palace once, bearded, angular, marvellously individualistic.' A sentence jumps out from the page: 'if one is forever cautious, can one remain a human being'.

To preserve his sanity, he wrote stories in his mind. Over 40 years of memories, dreams and reflections. Over four years, he 'wrote' in his imagination. Laying chained, fearfully waiting interrogation, he examined the events which had led to capture, but when he thought of family and friends, the process would be too painful, and retreated for a while into fantasy or mental arithmetic. On release he took a pen and started to write.

The bells ring out

The ringing of bells has been a call to worship, a celebration of joyful events and an expression of loss for centuries. Many churches have just one bell but some have six or more and those bell ringers practise the art of change ringing, widely regarded as the most highly developed branch of the art.

Every Sunday morning bell ringers at St George’s Cathedral, Christ Church in Claremont and Christ’s Church in Mandurah come together and make a glorious sound to welcome their congregations.

Who are the ringers and what do they do?

Ringers range in age from high school students to retirees. Ringers tend to be people who enjoy music or maths, word or number puzzles, and usually have several hobbies or interests. They ring for many reasons: a service to the church and the greater community; the social aspects of ringing; the health benefits of making music with others; and the physical and mental exercise.

Change ringers practise a unique style of ‘bell music’ – the music is created by following mathematical patterns called methods which are rung from memory. As a ringer gains experience they will learn longer and more complicated methods. When you’re a ringer you never stop learning – this is one reason why it is not unusual to meet people who have been ringing for fifty years!

Learning to ring takes the same dedication as learning any other musical instrument – regular instruction and practice are essential to make progress. It takes some months to learn to handle a bell, and thereafter there is a lot of fine tuning of the skills. It is challenging but very rewarding. Ringers are always very encouraging and love to see others succeed.

Many ringers derive so much satisfaction from the art that they ring regularly at church and secular towers. Ringers are also welcome to join the ringing at towers in other states or overseas.

At church towers the commitment is a practice one night a week and service ringing on a Sunday morning. Other special ringing for weddings, important events in the church calendar and performances for civic occasions is arranged from time to time. At the time of writing, ringers are preparing for the coronation of King Charles III.



Photos: members of the St George’s Cathedral Association of Bellringers

BELL RINGING FESTIVAL

9-12 June 2023

From **9 to 12 June 2023** bell ringers from across Australia and New Zealand will be meeting in WA for four days of ringing, festivities and fellowship. Highlights will be outings to the towers at Bunbury and York, opportunities for performance ringing, a gala dinner and the hotly contested striking competitions to determine the best bands from across the region.

JOIN US!

Training places are available from time to time - new and returning ringers are warmly welcomed. Contact the ringers in Perth, Claremont, Rockingham or Mandurah via the tower directory on anzab.org.au.

Mission to Seafarers Geraldton

THE REVD PETER SCHENDZIELORZ *Chaplain and Executive Officer*



Did you have your usual breakfast this morning? Did you check your email or the news on your phone? Did you go to church or Bible study this week? These are all things we take for granted in daily life that are often inaccessible to the roughly 1.8 million seafarers who serve aboard ships that transport around 90% of worldwide freight and cargo.

Cereal and milk were warmly received by Ukrainian crew who appreciated a taste of home amidst the distress of circumstances back home. We regularly provide internet SIM cards to crew to help them stay connected. And recently at Easter, crew came ashore in Geraldton to attend church - a rare opportunity amidst restrictions elsewhere and busy schedules in port.

Seafarers often spend many months at sea away from family and friends, in tough conditions. They have a variety of physical, spiritual and welfare needs and the Mission to Seafarers (including chaplains and volunteers) care for crew in all of these areas. This might involve a conversation about life and faith onboard, provision of fresh food for the journey ahead, a SIM card to contact family, a free Bible, DVD, clothing or toiletry items. In the last 12 months, access to shore leave via bus transfers and a welcoming centre for rest and recreation are also available to crews again.

A seafarers' chaplain, serves in much the same way as a hospital chaplain, prison chaplain,

or chaplain in another context - caring for people when they're away from home and disconnected from their family and faith communities. Together with local volunteers, they provide care, prayer and support to crew whilst in port or at anchor, and contribute to the life of the wider port community.

MTS is an international ministry of the Anglican Church, with 27 centres around Australia. WA has facilities in Esperance, Albany, Bunbury, Fremantle, Geraldton, Dampier and Port Hedland.

Visitors are most welcome, as are donations of time, finances and gifts (like clothing, beanies, toiletries, Bibles, books and DVDs). Your prayers for this work are also much appreciated! Every day is different when caring for crew that know Jesus as their Lord and saviour, helping them live out their faith onboard; and in helping others get to know Jesus, one interaction at a time. If you're particularly interested in exploring opportunities to serve seafarers in the northwest, visit www.mtsnwa.org for more information.



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



By the time most of you read this, one of the most significant events of the decade will have occurred; the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III. The ancient liturgy, the moving pageantry and the superb performances of music old and new, will have created memories to be savoured for a lifetime. Most significant in what has been achieved in the Coronation, is the knowledge we now have of the King's deep passion for the arts and especially, music.

Yes, of course, we know that he has advisors on all such matters, but now we have seen and heard from artists themselves of His Majesty's discussions with them and the knowledge he has of the arts of composition, of the relationship between the stave, rhythm, and words and their meaning.

Indeed, the importance for society in the very creation of music and all the arts. In the past we knew that as Prince of Wales he played the 'cello, piano and trumpet and that, from time to time, he has sung bass in The Bach Choir. Perhaps his work in humanitarian aid for artists has not been so well known, nor the commissioning of music; but the Coronation has displayed his activity in all these matters. We have seen the community involved, including WA youth, The Vocal Fusion Youth Choir from Bunbury, as part of the special recording made as part of a Commonwealth Choir and which was played as part of the official Coronation Concert.

The musical commissions heard in the Abbey offered contemporary interpretations of centuries of musical tradition, bringing together world-class composers, who are some of the greatest living artists from across the classical, sacred, film, television and musical theatre fields. They took varied approaches to their compositions - whether for orchestra, solo voice or choir - resulting in a diverse and accessible musical programme.

One of the works was inspired by a favourite hymn of the King's 'Be Thou My Vision', as a 'Triptych for Orchestra' by a trio of composers Nigel Hess, Roderick Williams and Shirley J Thompson. Yes, there were many superb commissions, including the deeply reflective work commissioned by the King for the 'Agnus Dei' by Tarik O'Regan. I record these thoughts, as I believe such value placed by the King in the arts will give our artists greater confidence of their rightful prominence, and positive influence in our world.

(6 May is the release date by Decca of the Coronation album and other associated music.)

To Perth Theatre

BSSTC and Blue Room Theatre present Ian Michael's production of Angus Cerini's, ***The Bleeding Tree***, at Studio Underground to 14 May. *Can three women bury their dead weight secret? A lot can happen in three days...*

From 12 May at Ed'z Sports Bar, 2 Cockburn Road, Hamilton Hill, a new play (with touches of black comedy) opens. By Perth playwright Yvette Wall, who drew on her experience working in community services, ***At Home With The Sheridans*** premieres. Seasoned burglar Jake takes Marilyn on her first break-and-enter; Mr Sheridan suddenly arrives home with his secret lover (who has secrets of her own).

THEATRE - AND OTHER ARTS



(Clockwise from top left): At Home With The Sheridans features Sarah Christiner and Phil Barnett, at back, and Sherrilee Walsh, Chris Thomas and Melissa Humphries at front; Marilyn (Sarah Christiner, left) on her first burglary with Jake (Phil Barnett) in At Home With The Sheridans; Chris Thomas, right, plays Max Sheridan, up to no good with Zoe (Melissa Humphries); Beth Sheridan (Sherrilee Walsh, left) confronts her husband's lover Zoe (Melissa Humphries) as burglar Jake (Phil Barnett) looks on. Photo credit: Mike Bowser Photography

Also from 12 May at Melville Theatre, **Quiz**, the true story of the Who Wants to Be A Millionaire? cheating scandal by playwright James Graham; director Vanessa Jensen. Major Charles Ingram – dubbed ‘the coughing major’ – charged with cheating to winning £1 million!



(From left): Benjamin Small as Major Charles Ingram in *Quiz*; Murray Jackson plays Chris Tarrant, host of the UK's Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?; Benjamin Small as Major Charles Ingram and Ruhama Rowe as his wife Diana; ; Hilliard QC (Paul Cook, left), Judge Rivlin (Paul Hogan) and Woodley QC (Jayma Mathewson) look at trial by media.



Actors in *Quiz* include (from left) Paul Hogan, Sarah Diggins, Nikki Di Camillo, Phil Bedworth, Sandhya Krishnan, Paul Reed, Laura Mercer, Paul Cook, Brian O'Donovan, Michelle Sharp, Murray Jackson, Alanna Van Mierlo, Jayma Mathewson and Shaeyla Oosthuizen with Benjamin Small and Ruhama Rowe (centre, front).

Do not miss Theatre 180s **The Lighthouse Girl Saga**, by Jenny Davis OAM and Hellie Turner, directed by Stuart Halusz: the Stage and Screen story of where the Gallipoli legend began in Albany. Playing from 19 May at Ace Cinemas Midland.

Appointment

The Revd Michele Yuen Cathedral Pastor 23.07.23
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St George's Cathedral

Information about our services and events can be found on the website at www.perthcathedral.org
Everyone is very welcome to all services and events at the Mother Church of the Diocese.



SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am
Holy Eucharist (BCP)

10.00am
Choral Eucharist

5.00pm
Choral Evensong

MONDAY TO SATURDAY SERVICES

Monday - Saturday	8.00am	Morning Prayer and 8.15am Holy Eucharist
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	12.15pm	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Eucharist
Monday - Saturday	4.00pm	Evening Prayer

SPECIAL SERVICES

Tuesday 2 May	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 at 12.15pm
Sunday 7 May	5.00pm	Festal Choral Evensong to mark the Coronation of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen, followed by a Champagne Reception. <i>RSVP to the Cathedral Office for catering purposes</i>

SPIRITUALITY SERIES

Enrolments to spirituality@perthcathedral.org or phone 9325 5766

Wednesday 10 May, 9.30am-2.00pm

Living in Love and Faith: the spirituality of diversity and difference

Presented by The Revd Steve Hilton, Precentor of St George's Cathedral
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Wednesday 24 May, 9.30am-12.30pm

A Spirituality for our Latter Years: a reflection in acceptance, adjustment and anticipation

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CONCERTS AT ONE

Wednesdays - 3, 17, 24 May 1:00pm

Concerts at One series - lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral

WALK OF WITNESS

Saturday 27 May, 9.00am

Join the Friends of St George's Cathedral on an ecumenical walk to visit some of the city centre churches and cathedrals as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The walk will start and finish at St George's Cathedral.