

The Parish Paper

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The Anglican Parish of Bass—Phillip Island

Rector: The Rev'd Ruth Hanlon



**Choose
Hope
Love
Justice**



It's Good Friday and members of St Joseph's Catholic Church march with St Paul's congregants into the grounds of St Paul's.

The journey from St Joseph's at the other end of the Bass village provided time for contemplation of the message of the stations of the cross that had just been shared.

The folk of Bass seldom see more than a

couple of people at a time walking along the bitumen. So this group, following a rough hewn symbol of salvation, would have been a significant witness.

In a time when Christianity has become little more than something parents and grandparents used to believe in, it is good to show the world at large that Jesus died for *everyone's* sins.

Our parish acknowledges the Boon Wurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land on which we live and meet. We commit to working respectfully to honour their ongoing cultural and spiritual connections to this country

Ruth's Reflections

As I look back over the past few months, there has been a lot going on!

We've had Adrian Lane from Bush Church Aid come to visit and preach at all three sites. As a result of this we now have a link church in Tasmania to focus our prayers and strengthen our connection with



Adrian at St Paul's, Bass

BCA. Dave and Lauren

Horne serve at Southern Beaches in Tasmania, and I know them, which is a lovely connection too!

We've had World Day of Prayer, some gathering at the Catholic Church in Cowes, while Sandy led and I spoke at St Augustine's in San Remo, focusing on the Cook Islands and Psalm 139.

On Wednesday 26th March the Emergency Food Relief started in San Remo at the Mary Talbot Room with community Volunteers. This has begun slowly but is building up and we pray this will be a blessing to the community.

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The inter-church planning for Winter Shelter has continued with the hope of offering accommodation a few nights a week for the homeless in the Bass coast community. Annie Taylor and Erena Norfolk have especially been involved in this wonderful project, with Annie being on the committee. It is wonderful that this is a project of the combined churches along with many community groups. We pray that it will

be a place of refuge and bring hope to those who find themselves in difficult circumstances. It was hoped that it would begin in the first week of June, but planning and permit processes are still being undertaken.

We pray that the committee can get through all the red-tape and accommodation can be offered soon, as the weather is certainly getting colder and hopefully we will have some rain over winter too!



Both the Emergency Food Relief and Winter Shelter tie in beautifully with the current season of Hope25 across the Anglican church of Australia. I was so encouraged with our weekly prayer and training on how to share our faith on Wednesday nights that was part of Hope25.

The Alpha course then began on 30 April and has been well attended; the course is already inspiring many in renewal of faith and we pray that others who are attending will come to faith for the first time and discover a wonderful relationship with Jesus.



M Hanlon

It has been a privilege to take a couple of funerals for past parishioners, Barbara Payne and John Shields. We give thanks for their lives and their faith, knowing they are now with Jesus. We continue to pray for their families, especially Denis and Jennie.

On Sunday 30th March we enjoyed a combined parish service and lunch with engaging speaker Ian Whitehill from Prison Fellowship. ►



I look forward to our next 5th Sunday combined service on the 29th of June at 10:30 at St Paul's Bass; which happens to be their patronal festival. Bishop Richard Treloar will be visiting us and I hope many of you will make it a priority to come along. It is wonderful to come together and worship as a parish.

In the last parish paper, I reflected on my first Christmas in the parish, now I have enjoyed my first Easter also. From the simple Maundy Thursday service with foot washing, to the solemn liturgy and reflective service on Good Friday with a full church, to the joyous Easter day. I felt privileged to lead the Interchurches dawn service. After a night of rain, the dawn was glorious as over 100 gathered down on the foreshore.



Then over 100 gathered in the parish hall at 10 am.

The children in the congregation were invited to come forward, where Rev'd Ruth read them the Easter story. It is good that we



can celebrate these important events in the church with many visitors that come to the island. We had smaller numbers in San Remo and Bass, but still times of celebration. I am thankful to Michael Hanlon, who led Good Friday, and John Wright Easter Sunday at St Augustine's. Bass again joined the Catholic church at St



Josephs with the walk of the cross finishing at St Paul's with a service ably led by Les Ridge.

It was also an honour to be involved in the Anzac Day services, at dawn and 11 am.



These services were very well attended with between 2-3,000 people. I am encouraged that the church is still invited to say a prayer and lead all in the Lord's prayer.

Michael and I are now Police Chaplains for Cowes and San Remo. We have been attending Police Chaplaincy training in Glen Waverly. We are beginning to grow relationships with the police and hope we can be of support as needed.

Along with our synod reps, I have just attended my first Diocesan Synod in Sale. On the Sunday morning it was humbling to be led in worship by our first nation sisters and brother. Indigenous Provincial Archdeacon Uncle Glenn Loughrey spoke beautifully on the gospel message of love. He was accompanied by his Springer Spaniel who got rather excited during communion! ►



Synod Sunday morning Eucharist.

*Clockwise from top left:
The Ven Canon Uncle
Glenn Loughrey with
Springer Spaniel delivers
a homily on love, Rev'd
Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy
administers the cup, Left
to right—Rev'd Kathy
Dalton, Rev'd Sue
Newcombe and Rev'd
Canon Aunty Phyllis Andy
celebrate the Eucharistic
Feast.*



May the Hope25 collect continue to
be our prayer:

*God of Hope
you call on us to be your witnesses in
this uncertain world;
by your Spirit awaken in us
a true vision of your kingdom,
a greater certainty of our salvation,
and a deeper dedication to your
service;
that through our words and actions
the same Spirit may bring many who
are lost to be found,
and for them to celebrate the hope
that we can only have in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.*

Amen

God bless you all, ☐

While the official Hope25 project finishes at Pentecost, the Diocese (and I'm sure the church across Australia) are committed to continuing the emphasis of sharing hope in our communities. It has been a wonderful time of coming together and being reminded of our calling as the church.

**FROM CHRIS BARNES, CEO,
MAF IN AUSTRALIA:**

Throughout the month of April, we celebrate God's love for us in sending His son Jesus to take our place on the cross, to be our Saviour, to bring hope of eternal salvation into our world.

Here at MAF, we're also celebrating answered prayer in Papua New Guinea, where relief has finally come after more than 12 months of crippling fuel shortages. I'm especially grateful for the generosity of our donors, whose faithful support helped keep our aircraft flying and our mission alive during this challenging season.

Support MAF's Ongoing Disaster Response in Myanmar

A devastating 7.7 magnitude earthquake – Myanmar's strongest in more than a century – has left an estimated 3,000 people dead and thousands more injured. Over 10,000 buildings have collapsed or been severely damaged, forcing families to seek shelter in monasteries or sleep beside the rubble of their homes under makeshift tents.

In response, MAF has been privileged to deliver emergency supplies – bottled water, food and other essentials – to affected communities in Naypyitaw, working alongside trusted government partners. We've also begun installing water filtration systems to help provide clean drinking water for those in greatest need.

But the road to recovery is long. Many communities remain in desperate need of support – from clean water and shelter to transport for medical and relief teams.

Other news this month comes from Myanmar, where, following the devastating earthquake in late March, MAF has begun disaster relief operations—bringing practical help, hope and emergency supplies to our partners in Naypyitaw and surrounding areas. ☐

Mission Matters

And in South Sudan, our teams continue to serve faithfully despite a complex and unstable

security environment. Pilot Matt Marples recently shared, "It is a fantastic testimony of how God is still in control, even in these challenging days. This work is really at the heart of why we are serving here despite the challenges."

As I reflect on and share these different crisis situations from around the globe, my prayer this Easter time is that we might all remember who our ultimate Saviour is. Our God is sovereign, in control and aware of every situation, every person, every joy and heartache.

'So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.'
2 Corinthians 4:18



Refueling in PNG



Emergency supplies delivery in Myanmar



Meet The Hornes

The Horne family is currently serving with BCA in Tasmania and is now the latest addition to our mission family support program.

Here is some background that will help put some facts and faces to names as we reach out to support their mission.

David & Lauren Horne Field Staff Southern Beaches

Dave & Lauren Horne and their kids Elka, Posy and Lennox have served on the Southern Beaches of Tasmania since December 2020. It has been a time where they've been encouraged, but also challenged. Here Dave tells us a bit about his role and how you can be praying for them.

You've been on the Southern Beaches for over a year now. What have been some of the highlights?

Ministry-wise, I'm always so encouraged when someone new walks through the door at one of our services, or connects with one of our ministries. Those decisions are rarely spontaneous and usually are the fruit of weeks, months, or even years of God's work in that person's life to turn their heart toward him. We've been blessed to see quite a lot of people poke their head in for a week or two, so we keep praying that God will continue that work in them so they can learn to connect and love our church community.

What does your day-to-day role involve?

I'm not sure that any two days are the same. In a large regional parish with only a few staff, I'm constantly responding to different needs.

For instance, today I am planning the service for Sunday, then running a burial service,



*Dave & Lauren Horne and their kids
Lennox, Posy and Elka*

then helping at our after-school kids' program. In the car today before school drop-off, Elka asked me what I was doing today, and when I told her, it did make me wonder what sort of things get shared in her classroom and if her teacher must wonder what on earth I do for a job!

How has the family settled into life on the beaches? Our family has integrated into the community, through Elka attending the local school and getting into sporting activities, but also with Lauren taking the younger kids to community activities where she has made some great friends. The Southern Beaches area has a community garden, a nippers program, a junior soccer club, and a small pool which offers swimming lessons, so once we signed our kids up to all of them we can't help but bump into the same people and get to know them.

How have you made connections in the community?

In 2021 the local surf lifesaving club indicated that they were looking for a chaplain. So when Life Saving Chaplaincy Australia got in touch with me I was excited to accept that role! I'm now a qualified Life Saving Chaplain and have just finished my first season. ►

It was simultaneously great, and awkward! People tend to steer clear of someone wearing a 'Chaplain' shirt until or unless they really need to. So there were some great moments of supporting people, getting to know them and helping out at the club, as well as lots of moments of standing around. But overall it was a great way to get into the community and have some really fantastic interactions with parents and club members.

What have been some of the challenges since the loss of your senior minister?

When I arrived at Southern Beaches, I came with vision, strategies and dreams. I quickly realised that most of those wouldn't fit, so I had to re-dream and re-plan. In late 2021 when our Rector announced he was leaving, that became a bit of a crisis for the parish, and me! So, my re-dreaming got shelved, and all of my energy has gone into keeping our main ministries ticking over. It can be frustrating and disappointing at times to feel like nothing is getting past the planning stage; so I'm learning to manage my expectations, to be content with God's timing, and trust that good things are happening even if they are different from the things I had hoped and dreamed of.

What does the financial and prayer support of BCA mean to you?

This Southern Beaches area is growing so quickly; the school is overflowing, every block of land is sold, old houses are being bought and renovated, the mediocre surf breaks are packed with kids, women, grandpas... and yet, we are the only church in the area. We wouldn't be here without the support of BCA. Our church wouldn't exist without BCA. God is using your generosity, your prayers and donations to directly impact the lives of men, women, and children in Southeast Tasmania, and what a beautiful picture of the body of Christ that is!

What can supporters be praying for you?

Please keep praying for people who know and love Jesus to come and minister alongside us. The 'small group' that Lauren and I lead has 13 adults and seven children: it's basically a

church plant! We would love to multiply, but many of our members are still young in their faith. By God's grace, they are growing in their faith and will one day be leaders, but right now the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few.

And now our first newsletter from Dave and Lauren

G'day Partner Churches!

Especially our newest partner church, Bass Philip Island!

Thank you for your ongoing support and gospel partnership with us. I know that 'support' looks different for all of you, but whatever you do we appreciate it!

It feels like we just got past Christmas, and then Easter was upon us! Anyone else feel like that? We had a particularly taxing Christmas period, and I didn't take any leave, so maybe it's just me having not really recovered yet.

If you want to hear about how our Christmas events went, including our first ever Community Carols event, you can find all of that in our most recent Newsletter, available in our BCA profile on the website.

But the last two weeks have been really busy for us here, as we had a Mission Team from Moore College come down and help out in the parish. They helped us evangelise, they ran a prayer and worship night, and encouraged everyone with their testimonies and their general loveliness. I'm really hoping some of those students end up back here in Tassie to do ministry, they were all great gospel people.

And as soon as they left, it was Easter!

Our Good Friday service was great, as was our Easter Sunday dawn service, but I think the highlight for me was the Easter Monday BBQ in a local park. We had 47 people who do not regularly connect with our church come and have a sausage, heard the Easter story, and have an easter egg hunt! One of the families was one that I've personally been praying for for ages! So that was so great to see God at work to reach people that ordinarily wouldn't, ►

or don't, attend our Sunday services.

When I say 'thanks for your prayers', that's what I mean. I'm convinced we are seeing the fruit of your prayers, our prayers, and God's gracious goodness as people hear and engage with the gospel. Please keep doing it!

It's currently school holidays here, and Lauren and the kids are back visiting her parents at the North of the state, while I busily prepare for being away for the next month on some annual leave.

Oh, also, I've had the pleasure of hosting Greg Harris down here twice in the last two months, and he continues to be a great source of wisdom and encouragement for the family and I. For those of you who give financially to BCA, it's your giving that enables those encouraging trips and BCA's ongoing, much-needed, financial help of our church.

May God continue to encourage you in your ministry, equipping you with the people, skills, and provisions needed for doing his will.

Peace,
Dave

Mission Prayers

Rhoda Hayhurst

A Prayer for the day of Pentecost

O God who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgement in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

MAF Mission Aviation Fellowship

Please pray for Josh and Ely Flynn and their children Evelyn, Margot, Reuben and Dorothy serving with MAF in the Arnhem Land Programme, Yolnu Country, Northern Territory

Please pray for;

- * The health and wellbeing of all of the family.
- * The safety of the children at school, good friends and peaceful environments.
- * Safety when travelling and spiritual protection as they undertake their many tasks and community life.

MAF International

Please pray for;

- * The safety of all pilots and ground staff.
- * Safe landing strips in dangerous areas.
- * Good maintenance of all planes.
- * Good cooperation between staff, spiritual protection in all areas of work.
- * Health and strength of all members of the team.

The Bush Church Aid Society

Prayer

Lord our God we pray for all who live in remote parts of Australia. Thank you for the Bush Church Aid Society, for its ministry of word and sacrament, its medical work and support services and its care for the young. Encourage workers in loneliness and refresh them in hardship. Call many to stand with them in making Christ known, that your redeeming love might be accepted throughout our land. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Please pray for;

- * David and Lauren Horne and their children for strength and good health as they serve in Southern Beaches Tasmania
- * For growth and protection of the church as it moves from being a church plant to being an established church.
- * Give thanks for all those who support BCA in prayer and financially.

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that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Please pray for;

- * The Mulherin family in Cambodia, Josh and Oliva with children, Tim, Daniel, Ben and Will.
- * Pray for safety, health and spiritual wellbeing.
- * For generous hearts giving to the Lasting Hope Appeal 2025

Local Parish Missions

Lord God we pray for all the communities in which we live and work. Help us always to be good neighbours and friends; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for all involved in parish mission. Pray that God will protect and keep safe all workers. Make our places of mission places of peace, encouragement and safety. God is our strength and refuge let us lean on Him and praise Him for His faithfulness in all things.

Please pray for the work of the MTR [Mary Talbot Room]

- * Pray for more volunteers
- * Pray for health and strength of current workers
- * Pray for cooks to fill the shelves.
- * Give thanks for all who come through the door that they will be blessed and filled with peace
- * Give thanks for the Emergency Food Relief at San Remo.

Give thanks for all who serve and work at the Book Sales over the year. Give thanks for all donations.

Give thanks for the Winter Homeless Shelter Project. Pray for open hearts and minds in this project.

Give thanks for all volunteers in the local community serving your people.

Give thanks for all who attended the Alpha

course. Keep their hearts and minds open to the work of God in their lives.

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created, and by whose love we are redeemed: Guide and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to you and to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Teach us gracious Lord, to begin our works with reverence, to go on in obedience and to finish them with love; and then to wait patiently in hope, looking joyfully to you whose promises are faithful and reward infinite through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish Council Notes

Secretary, Sandy Ridge

Parish Council meetings March–May 2025

Parish Council Planning Day is scheduled for Saturday 23 August at Allansfield Retreat Centre in Rhyll. The Facilitator will be Peter McPherson, canon of St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne. Councillors answered questions in preparation for Planning Day. What do you value about the Parish? What do you value about the church site you attend? Further questions to be discussed are What is working well in the parish / particular site at present? What is not working well?

Winter Homeless Shelter Project:

A Committee has been formed with representatives from the Inter Church Council of Phillip Island—Uniting, Anglican, Baptist and Catholic churches, also PICAL, Salvos Outreach Program representatives, Housing Matters - Wonthaggi and other Community members. Annie Taylor is our Parish Representative. The committee are calling for volunteers who need to attend one training session. The program commences this winter for the first 6 weeks in the Uniting Church, followed by St Philip's. Donations of big plastic tubs with lids, single doona covers and sleeping bags would ►

be gratefully received.

Website:

www.basscoastwintershelter.wordpress.com

Emergency Food Relief

Located in the MTR at San Remo on Wednesdays. Ruth opened the venture with prayer on Wed 26 March. A \$100 donation enabled the purchase of hygiene items and \$1,000 for food and other items. It was a slow start but is picking up. There are now 9 recipients. Parish Council needs to confirm that this service will continue beyond the 3-month trial period.

Revised Parish Directory:

James Millward has updated the directory. Copies were provided to each centre. Any changes to be sent to James.

Missions:

Adrian Lane, BCA, has suggested we take on Southern Beaches in Tasmania as a link church and get their newsletters and particularly pray for them as our focus. First Nations minister, Rev'd Kathy Dalton, will be the guest preacher at the combined Parish service on 30 Nov 2025.

Ruth and Michael:

Rev'd Michael Hanlon now has Permission to Officiate. He may be involved in wider Diocesan activities.



Above: The Rev'd Michael Hanlon receives his Permission to Officiate.

Rev'd Ruth Hanlon is currently chaplain of the island RSL. She was on duty at both the dawn and 11 am services on ANZAC Day, at the latter



Photo: J Millward

leading the march to the cenotaph from the grounds of St Philip's (see above). Rev'd Ruth is also Chairman of the ICC this year and led the dawn service at Cowes on Easter Day. Both Michael and Ruth are receiving training to be Police Chaplains.

Hope25: Ruth and Annie presented our plans for Hope25 at the March Deanery meeting. Prior to the Easter celebrations, we met on a Wednesday evening to pray for the parish and Hope25. These have all been well attended. James ran a weekly course in Evangelism using Natural Evangelism by J John. Ruth presented a sermon series on Hope after Easter. An Alpha course started in Cowes on 30 April. This runs for 11 weeks including a day away. 27 people attended the first week, including some from the Baptist Church. A delicious meal is followed by a video and discussion. New members have joined since the beginning with some parishioners watching by live stream.

Lay Readers:

Parish Council unanimously supported James Millward's applications to be a Lay Reader and a Liturgical Assistant. The Licences for the other Lay Readers—John Dawson, Glenys Gijbsers, Sandy Ridge, Les Ridge and Richard Prideaux—are up for renewal and this is being ►

handled by the new Diocesan Clearance, Officer Jules Lanham.

Combined Parish Service

Held at 10.30 am on 29 June at St Paul's Bass. This will be St Paul's Patronal service, Bishop Richard will celebrate. Dr Andrew Malone, lecturer in Biblical Studies at Ridley College, will preach.

Finance: Offertory is going well but Fundraising is down, despite MTR being 4% above expectations. Book Sale and GP breakfast profits are down. Cost of GP Breakfasts will be raised to \$25. Our giving for Missions is low. It was agreed that \$1,000 be donated for the Winter Shelter project.

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Parish Hall:

The committee discussed work that needs doing prior to the Hall being used for the Winter Shelter project, mostly painting. Labour has been volunteered and a grant for paint will be applied for.

Chat n chew:

has continued to maintain a regular clientele and newcomers and visitors are in regular attendance. Some clients are attending the Alpha course.

The Cowes rectory

The tenant has received a favourable report from the estate agent and is keeping the gardens cared for. She agreed to Guild members picking grapefruit to be used for making marmalade for the Mary Talbot Room (MTR).

Bass:

There have been no maintenance issues with the church house at Bass from which we receive a regular rental income. Planning continues for the sale of vacant land at Bass. Congregations at St Philip's and St Paul's are enjoying the benefits of the reverse cycle units installed.



MODAWA Niusleta

NEWSLETTER OF THE MODAWA INSTITUTE
OF HIGHER EDUCATION March 2025

The Modawa Institute of Higher Education in Popondetta PNG has taken another step forward with classes starting in the David Hand School of Teaching. A class of 18 students has commenced studies for a Bachelor of Education (Primary Teaching), alongside a class of similar size in Theology.

Principal, Bishop Jeffrey Driver, said this first year intake in education was intentionally a small one. "This is a soft start. We are learning and growing, introducing new staff and new requirements, so we want our take our time and build carefully".

Bishop Jeffrey said the small intake also reflected the poor standards in secondary education across the Northern Province. "While there were many more applicants for the course, a majority did not meet the entry level required by Government authorities. This in its own way underlines the importance of developing teacher-training in this part of the country. Ultimately it will lift the standards for education in a part of the country that is educationally disadvantaged".

Preparations for this development have been going on for about two years, with enlargements to lecture theatres, improvements to the library, ICT, and staff housing. Staffing has had to be expanded, with qualified academics in the disciplines required by the national curriculum for teacher training. The cost of some of this additional ►



Carpenter, Mr MacDonald Barua, has been working on disability access to the library, as required for institute registration

staffing will eventually be met by the Department of Higher Education, but in the meantime the institute has to carefully manage a much-expanded budget while at the same time still investing in more infrastructure.

A new boarding facility for female students is the major project for this year. The buildings are being prefabricated at PNG Forest Products in Bulolo. The cost of these buildings has already been funded by partners including the Australian Government, and the Williams Trust in New Zealand. However, transport and construction costs still need to be met.

Students in Theology

In the meantime, the institute has a new intake in theology, with about 17 ordinands and eight day students. With Fr Giles Motisi heading off to Australia to work part-time in a parish and further his studies, Fr Gabriel Manae has been appointed Deputy Principal by the Governing Council. Fr Spencer Kombega has also joined the academic team.

Students this year come from the dioceses of Popondetta, Aipo Rongo, New Guinea Islands and Dogura.



Some of the newly arrived ordination candidates with their spouses.

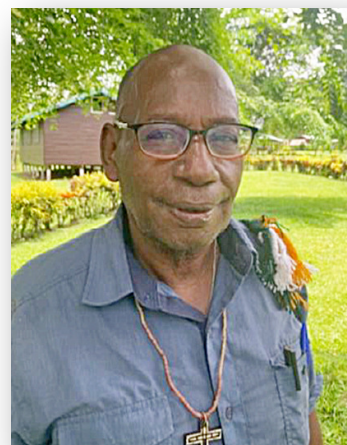
Most will be studying a two-year certificate in theology, including an ordination formation program. Some will move on to a diploma program, but National Government guidelines will not allow students with less than a Year 12 qualification to undertake diploma or degree studies.

Our new IT Officer, Mr Blake Jim, is upgrading the ICT facilities. This year all students in the School of Teaching will be issued with a laptop.

Further studies

This year, Fr Giles Motisi (opposite) will be taking up a parish appointment in Gippsland, Australia, while seeking to study within the Melbourne College of Divinity.

Newly ordained deacons, Martin Ogoba and Gabriel Gai, have started studies at the Catholic Instituter in Port Moresby. We have



also applied for scholarship support for Fr Gabriel Manae to pursue Masters Degree qualifications.

Deans and Principals meet in Auckland.

Heads of Theological Schools from around the Pacific met in Auckland in March. Bishop Jeffrey Driver attended for the Modawa Institute. The theme was *Indigenising Anglican Theology* and representatives came from Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Philippines, as well as South Pacific Countries.

For your prayers and support.

The development of the Modawa Institute of Higher Education has come about by the contribution and commitment of many, both in PNG and with our international stakeholders. But it is still an infant in swaddling cloths, full of potential but very fragile.

A major concern for the development of the institute has been a recent suggestion that the canon establishing it had not been fully passed by the Provincial Council meeting that considered it in 2023. Please pray that this matter may be resolved in a way that does not impede our progress, particularly with the DHERST registration and accreditation processes. With most of our student body being new enrolments, we are once again looking to our supporters to provide a student scholarship, in either ministry training or teaching ►

(\$1,500, or \$750 for half). This can be done through the Anglican Deposit Fund, Diocese of Gippsland. Through this fund you may also contribute to the Spouses programme. Account name: Newton College BSB 705 077 A/c 00041107 This is for online banking only (Giving code: student support)

Support ABM's ongoing operational grants to the college (<https://www.abmission.org>)

Contribute to the Building Fund. This can be done through the Diocese of Gippsland Account, but please make the purpose clear (Giving code: building). The capital works needed to accommodate these new disciplines is an investment in the present and the future!

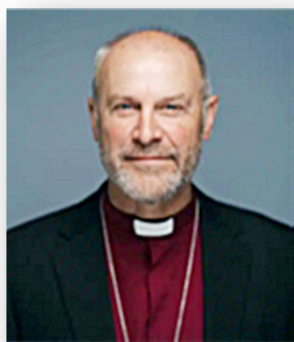
Renovate a student house (This can be done through the Diocese of Gippsland Account; giving code shouse) Here is a project for a parish that might extend over a couple of years. We need to renovate each of the student houses, including better reticulation of water and renovation of septic toilets. \$5,000 over two years will make a big difference to one house.

Please remember our students. Each week they face basic challenges such as the provision of an adequate diet for their families, access to healthcare, or items like school uniforms. Some of our ordination candidates receive no financial support from their dioceses and rely almost entirely on the small allowance we provide of K150 a month for a family (about \$AUD 55) for all their extra needs. They make great sacrifices to train for ministry. Can we make a small sacrifice to support them?

+Jeffrey Driver



ANGLICAN
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The Right Rev'd
Dr Richard Thorpe

DATE 24 May 2025

New Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne has today announced the election of the Right Reverend Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe.

The Administrator Bishop Genieve Blackwell was pleased to announce the decision following the deliberations of the Archbishop Election Synod. The Synod, comprising approximately 760 people of the Diocese, consisting of clergy and lay parish representatives, began its work on Friday 23 May.

Archbishop-elect Ric, currently serves in a special episcopal role as Bishop of Islington in the Diocese of London. It encompasses diocesan, national and international responsibilities, held together within the Gregory Centre for Church Multiplication (CCX) with a focus on church planting. Ordained in the Diocese of London, Bishop Ric did his undergraduate theological studies at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University and his doctorate through Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky United States.

Archbishop-elect Ric says "we have come to love Melbourne over the years, as we have served and ministered in the diocese, in other denominations, and across the nation". His passion is "seeing the whole Church of God thrive, enabling churches to be healthy, new congregations planted, and struggling churches revitalised".

The Chair of the Board of Nominators, Dr Jenny George, described Archbishop-elect Ric as "an experienced and visionary leader. Ric has been personally involved in revitalising small or shrinking parishes and planting new churches. His commitment to developing future leaders is seen in his local and global training of church planters and other leaders".

He will succeed Archbishop Philip Freier who retired in February after serving 18 years in office.

Bishop Thorpe will be installed as Archbishop in St Paul's Cathedral later in the year at a date to be advised. Bishop Blackwell will continue to serve as Administrator until that time.

Grace and peace,

+Genieve Blackwell

The Right Reverend Genieve Blackwell ☐

2024 Synod Report

Sandy Ridge

First Session of the 41st Synod of Gippsland Diocese: 16–18 May 2025 at Sale

Each Gippsland Synod comprises three annual sessions. This year was the first session of the 41st Synod and was held at the Garnsey Campus of Gippsland Grammar in Sale. This is a lovely venue which includes St Anne's chapel.

Richard Prideaux, Sandy Ridge and Helen Millward represented the Parish of Bass-Phillip Island. Les Ridge was the official photographer again, this year receiving a list of photos to take from the new TGA Editor Krista Mountford. Ann Prideaux accompanied Richard as an observer. Diocesan Financial reports were presented by Richard Gijbers.

The session started on Friday evening with a Eucharist in St Paul's cathedral. Robed Clergy and



Lay Readers processed in (except for Les who was taking photos). The Rev'd Kathy Dalton and The Rev'd Canon Phyllis Andy gave a welcome to country. The organist was Marion Dewar from St

Peter's Leongatha, and Cathedral Dean Keren Terpstra had written one of the hymns.



The psalm was led by Richard Prideaux (*above*). Archdeacon the Ven John Webster was collated, (*seen below at Bishop Richard's left*) and three



regional deans were commissioned: (*Above from left*) The Rev'd Canon Dr Fran Grimes Southern region, The Rev'd Daniel Gebert Western region and The Rev'd Sue Newcombe Eastern Region.

Bishop Richard preached the sermon. After the service we had a short break before Bishop Richard gave his Presidential address (available on Gippsland Anglicans website).

Saturday started with a short prayer service then business was conducted in the Hall of the Garnsey campus.

On Saturday evening, there was an Evening ►



Prayer service in the cathedral, after which we enjoyed dinner in the Delbridge Hall. (Above)

Final business was conducted on Sunday morning after a church service in St Anne's chapel on the Garnsey campus. This was a moving service,



organised and conducted by first Nations ministers The Rev'd Kathy Dalton and The Rev'd Canon Phyllis Andy. The sermon was preached by Ven. Canon Uncle Glenn Loughrey, Provincial Archdeacon— Reconciliation, First Peoples Recognition and Treaty. Dean Keryn Terpstra provided music on her harp and the grand piano.

There were elections, but no legislation at this session. No-one from our Parish was nominated for any of the positions.

Bishop in Council (BiC)

- Report on strategic and property matters.
- Finances 2023/24 and Budget 2025/26.
- Actions from last year's Synod
 - * Diocesan Clearance Officer working with Kooyoora to improve clearance processes.
 - * Governance Group established to look at training for diocesan and parish office

holders and to review the Parish Administration Act 1994. Reports on progress provided.

- * Governance Group established to review and update legislation. Report on progress provided.
- * BiC reviewing McNeilly Estate Advisory Committee issues resolved.
- * Diocesan Hope25 Facilitation established and encouraged participation and supplied resources.
- * Working Group on Locum Ministry (proposed by Rev Liam Matthews) has provided an interim report and is planning implementation of recommendations.
- * Youth Ministry group working on fostering interparish cooperation.

Summaries of Motions passed

- BiC to form a working group to develop a comprehensive communications strategy for the Diocese.
- Diocese to negotiate a policy for voluntary workers insurance regardless of their age.
- Synod affirms the healing ministry of the order of St Luke and Bishop and BiC to search ways to develop this ministry in the future. (Allansfield on Phillip Island is part of this ministry.)
- Climate change and ACTinG: Acknowledge significant impacts of climate change; encourage Gippsland Anglicans in engagement with the theology of creation; reduce greenhouse gas emissions from church ►



properties; ACTinG to advise BiC on development of resilience.

- Ministry of women in the Diocese: give thanks for ministry of women; notes that licensed clergy and the majority of diocesan bodies have 50% or more representation of women; notes findings of Addressing Disparity Report and encourage Governance Review Group to consider legislative measures such as paid parental leave; requests BiC to create a working group to trace recent trends and collect the stories of ordained women in the Diocese in Preparation of 30-year celebration at the cathedral in December 2026
- Anglican Board of Mission: Encourages participation in 175th Anniversary service and dinner at 5 pm on 29 October 2025; asks for support for Reconciliation work and Mission education.
- Hope25: Maintain the focus on outreach generated by Hope25 project and identify opportunities each year for parishes and ministry centres to share their work.

Presentations:

- Hope25 panel presented by The Rev'd Susan Liersch
- ABM: The Rev'd Amy Turner and Meagan Schwarz
- Aboriginal Ministry panel: The Rev'd Kathy Dalton, The Rev'd Canon Phyllis Andy, Ven. Canon Uncle Glenn Loughrey

Reports presented

- Acting on Climate Together in Gippsland (ACTinG) Jan Down
- Anglicare Michelle Taranto, Acting Assistant Director

- Modawa Institute (was Newton College) Bishop Jeffrey Driver
- Mothers' Union Lindy Driver, Diocesan President
- St Paul's Anglican Grammar School Principal Cameron Herbert

Reports provided but not formally presented

- Gippsland Gahini Covenant of Companionship Sarah Gover
- Gippsland Grammar
- Kooyoora
- Ministry Development Program Belinda Seabrook and Graham Knott
- Ministry Wellbeing and Development The Rev'd Dr Timothy Gaden
- The Abbey Director Cath Connelly

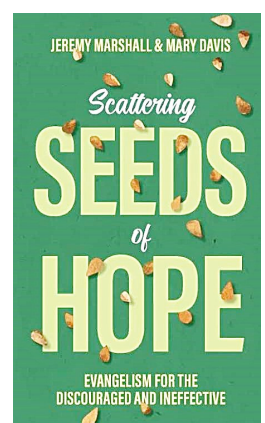
Book Review

Richard Prideaux

Review of Jeremy Marshall & Mary Davis: Scattering Seeds of Hope: Evangelism for the Discouraged and Ineffective, London, p/b, 10 Publishing, 2016.

Marshall and Davis have produced an outstanding easy to read paper back to encourage folk who feel they have been unable to effectively communicate the Gospel to their friends and neighbours.

They begin with simple New Testament stories that mysteriously still fit in very well with our fast moving culture which values stories and personal contributions above abstract propositions. ►



The co-author Jeremy Marshall suffered for many years with a virulent assault of incurable cancer which he fought off for five years longer than his medical team thought he would last and which enabled him to play a major and helpful role in the creation of this book.

The initial chapter reminds us of how challenging it is to communicate with the members of our own household or close friends and explores his successes and some defeats. There are other very powerful stories and suggestions to ponder in relation to difficult situations. The material on the Good Shepherd on page 56 is helpful as is the quote by Solzhenitsyn on p.57: the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being.

A second very useful distinction is that on the making of 'disciples,' not converts. Marshall suggests that "making a decision for Christ" eg at a large evangelistic rally is perhaps less important than learning about living together in an everyday manner as part of Jesus's church, with a changed posture and a changed life through meeting Jesus Christ. (p.65)

Marshall encourages making face book approaches online but also warns of the dangers of Facebook evangelism noting Tim Chester's short book "will you be my Facebook friend?" In which Chester reminds us that Facebook does not cause sin, but it can accelerate it, because it liberates us from the constraints of the body. (p117). Marshall reminds us that social media is not just about our posts but how we engage with others ... it's speaking the language of those we want to reach (p71). Marshall also reminds us that unleashing creative energies in the church encourages church members, particularly young people.

Another excellent section in this book is Marshall's emphasis on the Holy Spirit using the story of Nicodemus on p.82. Here we must ask for God's strength not just struggling on in our own strength.

Scattering the Seeds of Hope for the Discouraged and Ineffective is a very helpful book for clergy and church members. I warmly commend it.

Seasonal Cooking

Sally Matthews

Autumn is one of my favourite seasons, as the leaves change colour and fall to the ground, I refer to my garden as baring it's bones; it's a time to take a good look and change things around a bit.

I also love the green leaves of the citrus and the bounty the trees deliver. We have various types of lemons, limes to squeeze and kaffir leaves to cook with, oranges, grapefruit and cumquats. I love to make marmalade and my favourite is cumquat. Cumquats make a tart, aromatic marmalade with a beautiful golden hue. The cumquats that I have just preserved are from my friend Gilly's garden. Her cumquat tree was laden with fruit.

I may have mentioned that I am training to be a CWA Judge in Home Industries and I am almost there! The exam is done and dusted with a score of 99.5%. Before beginning the course, just over two years ago, I would never have known the difference between household marmalade and exhibition marmalade. I imagine you have your favourite type and many would favour a chunky style. That is what we refer to as a household marmalade.

The cumquat marmalade recipe that follows is from the CWA '*Well Preserved*' book. I recently won 1st prize with this marmalade at the Bass Group Exhibition in Loch. It is an exhibition marmalade, as I cut the fruit very finely. But you can cut the fruit into quarters for a chunky style household marmalade.

I am also giving you a cumquat jelly recipe. I am thrilled with it and I am going to enter it in the State Exhibition at Kyabram. A jelly is really quite simple to make once you get the hang of timing and the result is most rewarding.

Marmalade and jelly are delicious for breakfast, but have so many more uses. Add a tablespoon of marmalade to your Christmas dried fruit mixture for a really moist cake, glaze your Christmas ham, serve the jelly on a cheese board or with roast pork. Best of all you can enjoy the flavour of citrus throughout the year every time you open a jar of your preserves. ►

Cumquat Marmalade

Ingredients:

1kg cumquats
Juice of 2 lemons
6 cups of sugar
7 cups of water

Method:

1. Slice fruit very finely or chop into four. Reserve seeds.
2. Cover fruit with water and add the seeds in a gauze bag. Soak overnight.
3. Next day put the fruit, seeds and water in a large pan. Bring to the boil and simmer until about half the water has been reduced.
4. Add lemon juice and sugar, bring to the boil.
5. Boil rapidly until setting point is reached, remove from the heat and leave for 10 minutes.
6. Stir, bottle and seal with kleerview covers and lids.

Hints:

Setting point can be tested by thermometer, a cold saucer and wooden spoon. I use all three.

1. Marmalade sets at between 104°C and 105°C on your thermometer.
2. Put two saucers in the freezer and drop a teaspoon full of marmalade onto the saucer - if it wrinkles it is set. If not ready, cook more and test again.
3. Stir the marmalade with a wooden spoon and then lift it out and watch the back of the spoon as the mixture drops down - the drips will come together as a sheet when it is ready.

Let the marmalade sit before bottling so the fruit doesn't sink in the jar.

use granulated sugar for a clear marmalade

jam sugar can be purchased at Woolworths. It sets the jelly quickly resulting in a brighter colour.



Cumquat Jelly

This is a New Zealand recipe from Chelsea sugar.

Ingredients :

1 kg cumquats halved
1 lemon thinly sliced
1.5 litres water
4 cups of jam sugar

Method:

1. Place fruit and water in a large saucepan, bring to the boil. simmer for 90 minutes.
2. Remove froth with a slotted spoon.
3. Pour mixture into a muslin bag or muslin lined sieve. Let it drip overnight and do not squeeze! Squeezing makes a cloudy jelly.
4. Measure your liquid and add an equal quantity of sugar to the pan. e.g. if you have three cups of liquid, you need three cups of jam sugar.
5. Stir until sugar dissolves and then boil rapidly for about five minutes
6. Use the saucer test to see if the surface wrinkles.
7. Skim any foam from the top and ladle slowly into glass jars. This will prevent air bubbles through the jelly.
8. Seal with Kleerview covers and lids.

I hope you really enjoy these recipes and share with family and friends. ☐



Parish Dates 2 June–8 September 2025

June

27 May–3 June: Week of Prayer for Reconciliation

29 May–8 June: Thy Kingdom Come – Ascension to Pentecost

The Very Reverend Robert Key, Anglican Communion Lead for Thy Kingdom Come, invites Anglicans around the world to connect with this annual prayer initiative during the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost. Not to be confused with the Anglican Church of Australia's Hope25 initiative now in full swing.

1 Sun	Parish Paper Distributed	
8 Sun	Pentecost	
9 Mon	King's Birthday Public Holiday	
14 Sat 9 am	Craft Market	St Philip's
14 Sat 9 am	Sausage sizzle	St Philip's
14 Sat 9 am	Devonshire Teas	St Philip's
15 Sun	Trinity	
19 Thu 12 pm	Guild	Emmaus Room
19 Thu 7 pm	Parish Council	Emmaus Room
23 Mon 12.30 pm	MTR Committee Meeting	MTR San Remo
29 Sun 10.30 am	Combined Parish Service, Patronal Festival St Paul's	
Bishop Richard will celebrate & Dr Andrew Malone, lecturer in Biblical Studies at Ridley College, will preach.		
29 Sun	NO SERVICES	St Augustine's, St Philip's

July

6 Sun	Congregational meeting	St Paul's
6 Sun	Congregational meeting	St Philip's
12 Sat 9 am	Craft Market	St Philip's
12 Sat 9 am	Sausage sizzle	St Philip's
12 Sat 9 am	Devonshire Teas	St Philip's
13 Sun	Sea Sunday	
17 Thu 12 pm	Guild	Emmaus Room
17 Thu 7 pm	Parish Council	Meeting Room, St Paul's
18 Fri 9 am–12 pm	Deanery	St Peter's Leongatha
28 Mon 12.30	MTR Committee Meeting	MTR San Remo

August

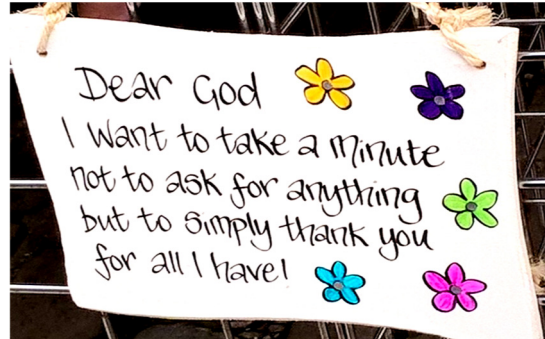
2 Sat 9.30 am–3 pm	Lay Readers Training Seminar	Christchurch Drouin
6 Wed		Transfiguration of our Lord
9 Sat 9 am	Craft Market	St Philip's
9 Sat 9 am	Sausage sizzle	St Philip's
9 Sat 9 am	Devonshire Teas	St Philip's
21 Thu 12 pm	St Philip's Guild	Emmaus Room
21 Thu 7 pm	Parish Council	St Augustine's, San Remo
23 Aug	Parish Council Planning Day	Allansfield Centre, San Remo
24 Sun	Congregational meeting	St Augustine's ►

August continued

25 Mon 12.30	MTR Committee Meeting	MTR San Remo
29 Fri	Parish Paper Deadline	lesliejr1201@gmail.com
30 Sat 12 pm	Abbey Feast	The Abbey, Raymond Island

September

4 Thu	Parish Paper printed
7 Sun	Parish Paper Issue
7 Sun	Father's Day
7 Sun	Congregational meetings St Paul's & St Philip's



Church Service Times

ST PHILIP'S

Sunday 9 am:
Holy Communion

4th Sunday of the month:

Prayer, Praise and
Proclamation.

All other Sundays:
Holy Communion.

Thursday 10 am:
Holy Communion

ST PAUL'S

Sunday 12.30 pm:
Holy Communion

ST AUGUSTINE'S 11 am:

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month:
Family Service

2nd & 4th Sunday of month:
Holy Communion

5th Sunday of month:
TBA

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