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## Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church



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### From Rev Ian

Our Annual General Meeting in March was an important milestone. The reports which were prepared for the meeting show us the considerable scope of ministry and witness undertaken in the Parish. Congratulations and thank you to each of you who work and contribute so much to make this happen. Well done!

Of course it would all be a bit easier if there were more of us. True. There is an easy way for there to be more of us, have less of them. Yes, whenever we find ourselves thinking or speaking in the language of us and them, stop and realize that there is only us. What I mean is that we can do more together than we imagine. I think that this is the challenge facing the Parish - to work cooperatively to build up all of the ministries for which we are responsible.

To make this happen will take leadership – I'm willing to do my bit – are you willing to participate?

What I am talking about is the kind of thinking which starts to make plans about how things will look in 5, 10, 15 years from now. There is a lot that we can do which is quite achievable. Some of it will take imagination, some will be experimenting, other parts will take planning followed by determined action.

Is it worth the effort? Let me know what you think.

The Reverend Ian Marshall



### Why do we light fires?

Living where we do in this semi-desert landscape, the idea of fire and the potential to dislocate community and destroy property is not something that we would wish to entertain. For those who have lived in these

valleys over many decades, the memories associated with the bush fires of 1985 are still vivid.

None the less, fire has and does play an important part in both ancient and modern times. For thousands of years Aboriginal people have used fire to manage the landscape. We use fire for cooking our food, for keeping us warm and for generating light. Fire is used for smelting ore and for forging metal. It is used for firing bricks and glazes.



As we approach Easter in Australia, the trees change colour as we progress through Autumn. Easter can be a time of gathering together with family and friends – or a time for solitude. For Christians it is also time for contemplation of faith. In the Christian church, the lighting of candles at Easter represents the risen Christ as a symbol of light and life, dispelling darkness and death.

On Easter Sunday, the dawn service (6:00am) at St Paul's Burra will herald the lighting of a fire - and yes, if necessary, we will obtain a fire permit! We begin with thanksgiving for the gift of fire and a prayer asking that the new fire may be a sign of God's presence. From this new fire the new Paschal candle is lit; this candle



will be used in our liturgies until the next Easter, when another new Paschal Candle is lit from the next Easter's new fire.

Why not join the folk at St Paul's in the pre-dawn darkness and experience the lighting of the Easter fire?



*“Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.*

*Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water  
will flow from within them.*

## Retreat in Daily Life (14-20 April)

Following the pattern of the last couple of years you are invited to participate in a Parish wide **Retreat in Daily Life** during Holy Week. Our focus this year to seek new ways of encountering God, Someone outside of ourselves that helps bring meaning and life to us. As part of this, everyone is encouraged to take time out to re-focus.

This is not necessarily about doing anything different to normal. It is not about going to extra meetings, praying harder, reading our bibles all day everyday. It is about being. It is about sleeping with bread, sleeping with something that brings life, hope.

### **Sleeping with bread<sup>1</sup>**

During the bombing raids of World War II, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The

fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once again homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, “Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow”.



It is about living each day of our retreat week in the light of who God is. Intentionally holding onto a piece of bread each night as we sleep. Intentionally taking bread, life with us as we walk, talk, drive, work, rest, play ....

So, rather than simply giving up a “luxury” for Lent, our plan is to add something to our everyday lives that refreshes and restores; to find an activity, space or experience that brings us life, restores our hope or infuses us with joy. This will be different for each of us. For some it will be intentionally taking time out in nature – perhaps walking, canoeing, riding or simply enjoying the view; for others it will be reading, or writing – or even creating something with our hands using the materials we have available to us; for another this might take the form of meditation, intentional reflection or prayer. Rev Ruth plans to email out some "food for thought" each day during the week - if you would like to receive these emails (or a hard copy) please let her know.

There will be no formal gatherings during our retreat week, just the opportunity to spend time quiet in Christchurch or St Paul's without distraction, or to use the labyrinth at St Paul's as a help to reflection. Please get in touch with Rev Ruth or Veronica at the Parish Office if you would like to use



<sup>1</sup> From “Sleeping with bread: holding what gives you life” by Matthew Linn and Sheila Fabricant Linn (1995)



either of the churches or labyrinth as part of your own Lent journey. The challenge of our retreat week is to find God where we are – in our everyday lives. Look for Him, listen for Him – a word, a touch, a thought, something we see. Journal your answers or share them with someone you trust if you dare. But whatever you do with your answers be present to what you are doing, thinking, feeling.

For more information please contact Rev Ruth (0401 032533 or [rthwltn@gmail.com](mailto:rthwltn@gmail.com))



## Christ Church Garden Restoration

We are slowly making headway with the donations for Garden Restoration but a lot more is needed if we are to apply for a Heritage Grant from Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council. The beautiful donation box is located on the Welcome Desk and any donation whether large or small is greatly appreciated.

Currently we wish to refurbish the seats in the garden which are very sad looking indeed and definitely dangerous in parts. To this end we have contacted the Queanbeyan Men's Shed, at the Council's suggestion to replace the woodwork if possible on all seats. The Men's Shed has agreed to help and so all we have to do now is raise enough funds for a dollar for dollar grant request to the Council.

One future project that is being considered to follow the refurbishment of the garden seats is the placing of pine log post and rails along the side of the carpark where we presently have star pickets and wire around the trees. Besides being a more permanent looking fixture they would be much more aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Restoring the Garden would mean that future Spring/Summer functions could be held in this once beautiful garden. If new grass could be laid in parts and the flower beds renewed with new watering systems added, the whole garden could come alive once more. It would look as if someone cared and hopefully new members would wish to join this happy, caring congregation.

We hope everyone can see this vision and will help work towards it!

Regards

Teddie James  
Warden  
Christ Church, Queanbeyan



## Do You Have Beautiful Feet?



There is a huge open door in Queanbeyan to teach scripture to primary school children. Unlike in the ACT, the five primary schools in Queanbeyan hold regular classes throughout the year. A small team of volunteers reaches about 800 children each term.

Sadly, this year we will be cutting back our classes unless we can recruit more beautiful feet to continue the work. You don't have to teach on your own, and we will take whatever level of commitment you can offer, whether that is weekly teaching, teaching for a term, or a number of lessons per term.

Lessons are half an hour. Some lessons are run at lunchtime – what a great way to spend a lunch hour!

Our biggest need at the moment is the Year 6 class at 12.30pm on Tuesdays at Queanbeyan Public school.

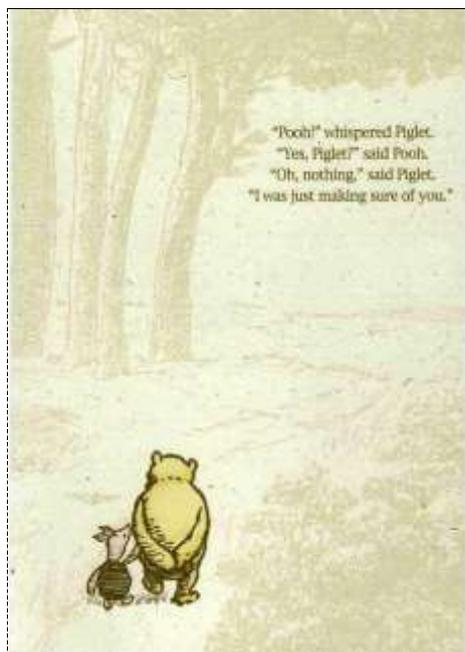
But we also need help:

- With the Yr 5/6 class at Queanbeyan West at 2.45pm
- At Jerrabomberra with Yr 3 at 12 noon and Yr 4 class at 12.40pm on Wednesdays (last three weeks of the school term)
- People to fill in at all the schools (Tues, Wed or Thurs) when others are away.



## Can you help? Want more information?

If so, contact Maija Henzell, SRE Coordinator on 0431 693968 or email [ghezell@tpg.com.au](mailto:ghezell@tpg.com.au) or Rev Ruth (0401 032533 [rthwlt@gmail.com](mailto:rthwlt@gmail.com))



## 100% hOPE Children's Choir

The Anglican School at Googong provided a wonderful venue for a performance of the children's choir from the 100% hOPE children's charity.



It was a wonderful afternoon. The team danced and sang with energy, enthusiasm and joy, as they brought us a mix of traditional and contemporary African acapella singing, dancing and drumming. The choir are part of a group of children rescued from chronic poverty, and living a life of hope in the charity's village. Some of the young people shared their stories of survival, using their stunning voices, the sounds of their

rhythmic drums, their acrobatic moves, and even break dancing.



The charity aims to give underprivileged children in developing countries a future and a hope through educational development and self-sufficient communities. Their projects in Uganda include the building of a village – a community for children in need; and a primary school – Hope Christian College, which is open to the public, and has the highest standard of facilities and resources in the region.

More information about the 100% hOPE project can be found at [www.100-hope.org](http://www.100-hope.org)



## Ordination

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the feast of St Matthias, Bishop Trevor ordained to the diaconate Wendy Anderson (Gundagai), Heather Millard (Gungahlin), Craig Rogers (South Wagga), and our own Gaynor Elder.



Gaynor has been a member of Christ Church since experiencing a conversion in 1997; she was so affected



by this that her life completely changed. Since then, her desire is for others to know the unbelievable

richness of God's love, forgiveness mercy and presence which is available to all no matter what their lives look like.

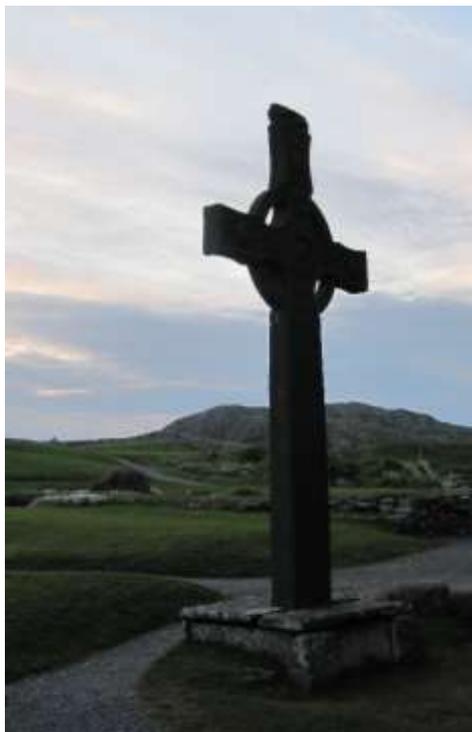
Gaynor writes:

Thank you to everyone who donated money towards my clergy gear - I was overwhelmed by your generosity and feel truly blessed. Thank you also for all the well wishes and prayers and for those who came to the ordination, it really meant a lot to me. For those who don't know I have been licensed to the Canberra Hospital and it's such a privilege to journey with people for a time while they are at their most vulnerable. It's

amazing to see God at work in the hospital and in the lives of those who find themselves there for whatever reason. The work can be quite challenging as you

never know what you might be confronted with so I would really value your continued prayer support.

Blessings, Gaynor



**Christ, as a light  
illumine and guide me.**

**Christ, as a shield  
overshadow me.**

**Christ under me;**

**Christ over me;**

**Christ beside me**

**on my left and my right.**

**This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.**

**Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.**

**This day be within and without me,  
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.**

**Christ as a light;**

**Christ as a shield;**

**Christ beside me**

**on my left and my right.**

Canticle for morning prayer, from Celtic Daily Prayer, Northumbria  
Community



# Groups

## Tuesday

**Prayer Group** This group meets Tuesdays in the small hall at Christ Church. The group is a prayer group which offers worship, prayer, open discussion concerning every day issues and their relationship to scripture, fellowship and support for its members. The group operates in an environment of trust and confidentiality between its members. The group is not a Bible study group. Please contact Veronica on 0490 415 814 for more information.

**Waters'Edge@Home** Conversations about God, reflections on life. Join us as we meet in a Googong home from 7:30-9:00pm on alternate Tuesdays during school terms (in weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 of term), to discuss and reflect on passages from the Bible. No prior knowledge necessary. More information from Rev Ruth (0401 032533 or [rthwltn@gmail.com](mailto:rthwltn@gmail.com))

## Wednesday

**Men's Lunch** Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Queanbeyan Leagues Club. Contact Rodger Poole on 0431 598 884 for more information.

**Ladies' Lunch** Meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at 12md, at the Country Heir café. Contact Margaret Maher on 0417 201 650 for more information.

**Women's Art and Craft Group** The Women's Art and Craft Group meets once a month on a Wednesday night for art and craft and conversation. Meeting at 2 Tully Place Jerrabomberra. Anyone wanting more information can call Tania on 0412 822 952.

## Thursday

**Bible Study** A Bible Study to discuss the readings for the following Sunday. 10.30 am in the Rectory. Please contact Rev Marilyn on 0429 107 624 for more information, or just turn up.

## Friday

**mainly music** is a fortnightly session (in weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 of school term), targeted at children who are not yet at school and includes a high quality music program with time for play and craft after a delicious morning tea. It is also a great opportunity for parents, grandparents and carers of the children to get together, make new friends, and enjoy the session with the children. If you would like more information please get in touch with Rev Ruth (0401 032533 or [rthwltn@gmail.com](mailto:rthwltn@gmail.com)).

**Queanbeyan QDAC Evening Bible Study** If you like having a chat over a cup of tea, reading the bible and praying about what's been discussed, then this is for you. We meet every other Friday, at 7:30 pm in Queanbeyan. Please phone Josephine on 0415 140779 for more details.



## Regular Worship

<b>Christ Church, Queanbeyan</b>	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Sunday School 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month – All Age service
	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
<b>St Matthew's, Karabar</b>	Sunday	9.30am	Family Communion Service
<b>St Paul's, Burra</b>	Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion
<b>St Thomas', Michelago</b>	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion – 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
<b>Waters' Edge @ Googong</b>	Sunday	10am	Family Eucharist at The Anglican School Googong

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Monday 9.00am to 1.00pm

Wednesday 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Friday 12.00pm to 4.00p



Queanbeyan, Karabar, Burra, Michelago, Jerrabomberra, Googong

April 2019

# Easter Services



<b>Christ Church, Queanbeyan</b>	Monday in Holy Week	7pm	Compline
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	Wednesday in Holy Week	10am	Holy Communion
		7pm	Compline
	Maundy Thursday	7pm	Last Supper, Stripping of the altar, Vigil following
	Good Friday	9am	Prayers, Litany, Recognition of the Cross
	Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion
<b>St Matthew's, Karabar</b>	Good Friday	10am 3pm	Holy Communion Prayer before the Cross
	Easter Day	9.30am	Holy Communion
<b>St Paul's, Burra</b>	Easter Day – Sunrise	6am	Lighting of the New Fire
	Easter Day	8am	Holy Communion
<b>St Thomas', Michelago</b>	Easter Day	10am	Holy Communion

