

Queanbeyan and District Anglican Church



From Rev Ian

Thanks for your welcome to QDAC. It has been good to get to know you and to figure out how we work together in the ministry and mission of Christ in this district. It seems that significant steps forward have been made in the past twelve months and now people are keen to 'get on with it'. Of course that has been happening already.

We have enough opportunities for ministry in all of our centres and in our links and engagement in our communities that we don't need to wonder what we can do.

Next year we will have some work to do - it is mostly strategic, about how we plan for and construct the future ministry in this area. There seems to be enough goodwill to start on this task.

Early next year we will have some of our pattern of ministry for the year in a Parish calendar. So let's have a good year.

May this Christmas be for you a time of blessing and peace.

The Reverend Ian Marshall



I lift up my eyes to the hills, but where shall I find help?
My help comes from the Lord, who has made heaven
and earth.

Christmas Worship

Christ Church, Queanbeyan



Sunday 23 December

- 8:00am - Holy Communion
- 10:00am - Family service with Holy Communion

Monday 24 December

- 6:00pm - Crib Service
- 11:00pm - Holy Communion

Tuesday 25 December

- 9:00am - Holy Communion

St Matthew's, Karabar

Sunday 23 December

- 9:30am Holy Communion

Tuesday 25 December

- 9:30am Holy Communion

St Paul's, Burra

Sunday 23 December

- 6:00pm Family Christmas celebration

Monday 24 December

- 9:00pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist

Tuesday 25 December

- 9:00 am -Christmas Day Celebration with Holy Communion

St Thomas', Michelago

Monday 24 December

- 6:00pm – Family Christmas celebration



A New Bishop

The Reverend Dr Mark Short has been elected as the eleventh Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

The Electoral Synod, or 'parliament' of the diocese, came together in Goulburn over two days in November, to elect The Reverend Dr Mark Short.



The synod consisted of 124 clergy and 175 lay representatives from across the diocese, voting according to a set of church rules for electing a bishop.

Mark Short is currently National Director, The Bush Church Aid Society, and was formerly Rector of Turvey Park and Archdeacon of Wagga Wagga in this Diocese.

Educated at Moore Theological College and the University of Durham, UK, he became an Anglican priest in 1997. Formerly he worked as a Graduate Economist for the Commonwealth Department of Industrial Relations and Journalist for the Sydney Morning Herald.

Mark (51) is married to Monica and they have two children. Mark's other interests include bushwalking, train travel and reading.

'Mark brings to the position a wealth of experience in national ministry with oversight and pastoral care of gospel workers across the country, as well as in parish ministry to regional and rural areas, where he has worked to develop sustainable and engaging ministry models,' said Synod Chairman, Bishop Trevor Edwards. 'It is the role of the Bishop to provide leadership, care and vision for Anglicans within the Diocese and to represent the church to the wider community.'

The new bishop will be consecrated and installed in a service at the Diocesan cathedral of St Saviours in Goulburn on 6th April, 2019, at 11.00am.



Karabar Housing Co-Operative



KARABAR HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE

Karabar Housing Cooperative (KHC) is a small local charity with connections to QDAC. It was established in 1986 by parishioners of the Queanbeyan Anglican parish in response to the problem of increasing rents in the area. The Cooperative was established under the aegis of a Government initiative on land owned by the church which had not been developed up to that time.

Most of the funds were raised from private persons, augmenting a grant from the NSW Government. That grant was subsequently repaid to the Government. Initially, the Cooperative leased some land from the Anglican Church Property Trust and constructed six dwellings. However, over the intervening years it has acquired more property and now has 22 dwellings spread over several sites. The charity operates with one paid part time member of staff and seven volunteers who comprise the board.

The Cooperative's office is co-located with HOME in Queanbeyan and St Benedict's Community Centre providing support for homeless and other marginalised groups. Co-location has enabled some sharing of resources and has also helped to facilitate referrals of tenants to mental health, financial or other support.

The Cooperative's income comes from rent and this has remained the case over the years. Rents are concessional and equate to between 64% to 75% of market rent, and no more than half of a tenant's income.

The mission of KHC is to provide quality affordable housing for people on low incomes, and with limited means, in the Queanbeyan region. KHC currently houses 48 people including 14 children. Tenants include people with a disability and older people as well as employed people with low wages.

The Cooperative is proud of the condition and quality of all of its properties which are continuously maintained and renovated as required. It is confident that they meet the needs of residents who would otherwise find it difficult to



get and pay for equivalent accommodation at market rates.

KHC recognises that some of its longer-term tenants may face challenges associated with ageing. It has responded to these challenges by replacing baths with walk-in showers and installing grab rails where necessary in bathrooms and also externally. KHC has also covered the initial installation cost of the Vitalcall Medical Alert System for tenants in need.

If you would like to find out more about Karabar Housing Cooperative you can contact the administrator by email at karabarhousing@gmail.com



Aged Care Ministry

When I first came to worship at Christ Church, more than sixteen years ago now, it was not long before I was approached by the Rector to be a member of the aged care ministry team. My answer was "Yes!" My reasoning for this response, completely lacking in logic, was that when I am there, requiring residential care, when I can no longer come to church to worship, I want someone to provide that care for me.

This has long been a ministry provided by those of this parish. We have gone weekly to take the Eucharist to three aged care facilities in Queanbeyan – George Forbes House; Queanbeyan Aged care Facility (formerly Queanbeyan Nursing Home); and Warrigal Care – this last being currently on hold while the facility is being rebuilt.

I have encountered some wonderful moments as we have led these services. I recall one lovely woman whose dementia had reached the point where she was beyond speech. In the service she was accompanied by a volunteer carer; she sobbed loudly throughout the service. But when we sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", she was able to join in the singing – she knew all the words, with the familiarity that comes from years of faithful worship.

Currently we need new and willing people to join us as part of the team. Would you like to be a part of this vital ministry, to those who need to know that when they cannot remember, God will not forget them? Do you have a couple of hours free on a Friday morning?

It is a requirement that members of the team complete a police check, the Diocesan Safe Ministries Questionnaire, and attend safe ministries training.

Interested? Please contact me (my details are listed below) and we can talk about making you a part of the team.

Rev Marilyn

A Care Giver's prayer

I like the word care giver, Lord.

It says so much about who we are called to be in your kingdom.

Care indicates the deep regard we hold for others.

Carer echoes the scriptural assurance that you love a cheerful giver.

As giver, I will strive to bestow on those in my care your special gifts of faith, hope and love.

I will attempt to empower them to use their strengths and abilities.

I will share with them the belief that your Holy Spirit is alive and well within them, no matter what their condition is.

Care giver is who you are to me, Lord; may I care for others in return.

So be it, so be it.

Author unknown



Need a Laugh?

The Wedding

A father texts his son:

"My Dear Son, Today is a day you will treasure for all the days of your life. My best love and good wishes, Your father."

His son texts back: "Thanks dad. But the wedding isn't actually until tomorrow!"

His father replies: "I know."



Events

Colour Me Googong!



Wow! What an afternoon! Despite the storms and downpours, the creative juices flowed freely. Participants ranged from 4 to 70+ years, some semi-professional artists, others without a creative bone in their body – but all came away with something to remember.

So what is this all about? Back in 2016 the Pelican Foundation invited the Waters' Edge @ Googong team to cast a vision for the future: we named this vision "**Diving In – Empowering Women**". Our goal was, and still is, to reach female residents within the Googong township, both by developing pastorally sensitive visiting to the vulnerable, lonely and needy and identifying strong women role models within the community who are willing to share insights and energy. We have a passion to develop activities and events focussing on women and their families that would change lives and transform the Googong community and provide opportunities for people to encounter Jesus Christ.

And so the dreaming started. The artists amongst us have long wanted to create a space where families could come together and draw, paint, collage, write and play. And so "Colour Me Googong" was imagined. Jason Derulo's 2018 FIFA World Cup anthem "Colors" became our inspiration for the day. And as we listened we began to create.



Oh, what a feeling
Look what we've overcome
Oh, I'm gonna wave-a-wave my flag
And count all the reasons
We are the champions
There ain't no turning, turning back

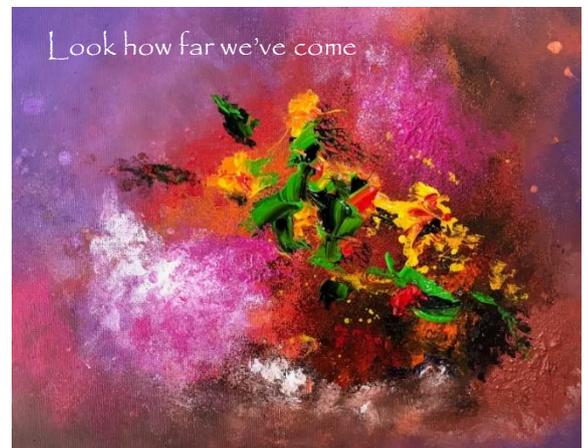
Saying "Oh, can't you taste the feeling"
Saying "Oh, we all together singing"

Look how far we've come
Now, now, now, now
There's beauty in the unity we've found
I'm ready, I'm ready
We still got a long way
But look how far we've come
Now, now, now, now
Hands up for your colors ...

Songwriters: Jason Desrouleaux / Edgar Barrera / Ishmael Montague / Geoffrey Early / Jamie Sanderson / Nija Charles
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A number of ideas from the song struck a chord, but for most of us "Look how far we've come" was a significant theme and so pertinent to our current situation. Some painted, others used collage, textas, glitter - others experimented with brushes, sponges and even mops to express the ideas in our heads and hearts. Children and some adults immersed themselves in the paint (quite literally) whilst others took a more considered approach, but everyone took a step in exploring the media on offer and expressing something of their heart in doing so. Conversations went beyond the superficial as played and spent time together. Relationships deepened as we worked together on art and in the clean-up!). Doors opened as we expressed our hearts to our loving and faithful God ... and not one another.

This was a first ... but we learnt and played so much you can be sure we are looking forward to next time!



Regular Worship

Christ Church, Queanbeyan	Sunday	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion with Sunday School 1 st Sunday of month – All Age service
	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
St Matthew's, Karabar	Sunday	9.30am	Family Communion Service
St Paul's, Burra	Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion – except 1 st Sunday
		9.00am	Café Church – 1 st Sunday only
St Thomas', Michelago	Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion – 2 nd & 4 th Sunday
Waters' Edge @ Googong	Sunday	10am	Family Eucharist at The Anglican School Googong - 3 rd Sunday
		5.00pm	Waters' Edge @ Café at Yellow Belly Café, Googong – 1 st Sunday

Contact Details

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Fr Michael Cockayne	Celebration Community	6297 8099	0418 634 763
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Rev Canon Simon Wooldridge	Priest		0403 085 253
Rev Marilyn Waind	Deacon	6299 1298	0429 107 624
Rev Mary Thorn	Deacon	6297 3395	
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Rev Geoff Hoad	Priest		0418 422 322
Rev Jill Elliot	Deacon		0409 662 819
Veronica Grin	Parish Administrator		0419 924 962



Groups

Monday

Evening Prayer Evening prayer is held in the Parish Office located at Christ Church each Monday between 1:00pm and 2:00pm. Please contact Veronica on 0419 924 962 for more information.

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 rthwlt@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 rthwlt@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.



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Office hours:

Monday 9.00am to 1.00pm

Wednesday 12.00pm to 4.00pm

Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm

