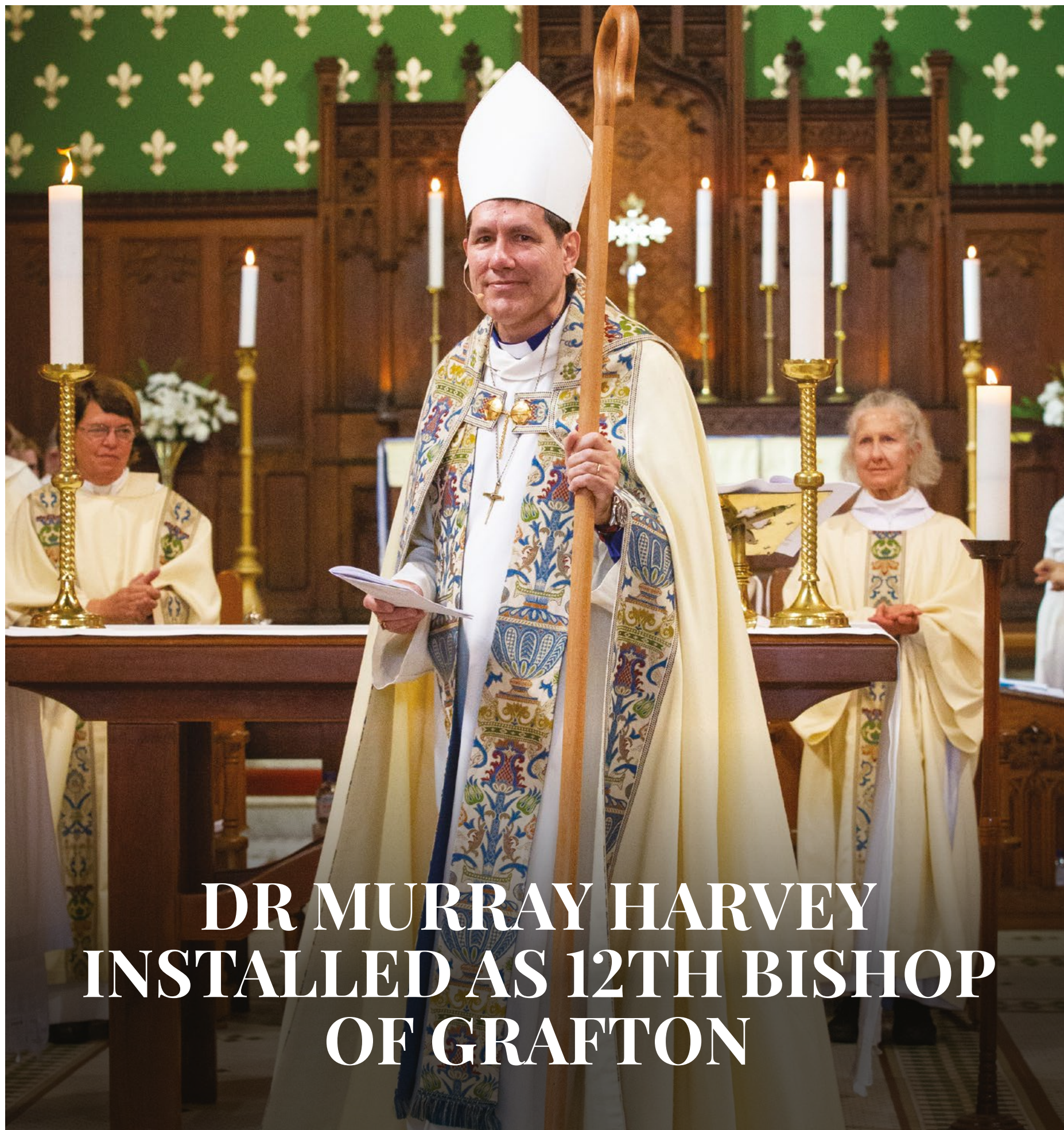


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FROM THE BISHOP

Living as people of hope this Advent



In a cardboard box in the garage I keep a birds nest. It fell from a tree in a storm a few years ago and I've always kept it. I use it occasionally as an illustration for school assemblies and sermons. As I hold it in my hand, I think of the new life it once cradled. To me it speaks of the hopes that we have for something new coming to birth. In some Northern European cultures the birds nest is a symbol of the home, a reminder that we strive to make our home a place where family members are nourished in love and warmth. Yet while the nest cradles, it does not fully protect. What is cradled has also to be allowed to grow and be free.

As we journey through Advent we are reminded by the church's liturgy that hope is a key theme of this season (if your church uses an Advent wreath, each of the four candles might represent Hope, Peace, Joy and Love respectively). In some liturgies, the first Candle in the Wreath is the Candle of Hope, which burns brightly to recall the Patriarchs (like Abraham) who lived by the light of faith in hope of the fulfilment of God's promises.

Brother David Steindl-Rast distinguishes between hope and hopes. He writes that a person of hope will have a whole array of lively hopes. These are the hopes we might have for a new job or a new friendship. We might have hopes for an influx of children to our local church, or for a youth worker or even just a Rector. These hopes might come to pass but they might not. Illness, a broken relationship, financial troubles, death or changing demographics might shatter those hopes. When hopes get shattered, a person of hopes gets shattered with them. But a person of hope



draws on something much deeper. Hope, which draws on faith, liberates from the bondage of hopes. Hope is an openness to God's future, whatever that might be. Hope can afford to hold its own hopes lightly, ready to give them up to grow and be free.

What hopes are precious to you right now? Do you hold them close? Perhaps too close? Is the hope in you prepared to give them up if things don't go as planned? We might ask this question of ourselves and of our church community. Hopes for a particular future for our church might evaporate

but there is still a reason for hope because if we are open to it, the God of hope has a future for us (*Romans 15:13*). This Advent, let's live as people of hope.

+Murray

Archdeacon Gail Hagon Announces her Retirement

Diocesan Archdeacon and Ministry Development Officer, the Venerable Gail Hagon, has announced her resignation to take effect from the end of this year. Long service and accrued leave will carry her though until March 2019.

Her resignation will end 26 years of service as a layperson, priest, archdeacon and Diocesan administrator.

During that time she has served in the Parishes of South Grafton, Wauchope, Ballina and Grafton.

Her lengthy service as MDO and Diocesan Archdeacon has coincided with some of the most challenging periods in recent Diocesan history.

"Words can't adequately describe the contribution that Archdeacon Gail has made to the diocese over 26 years," Bishop Murray said.

"In many bigger dioceses the job of Diocesan Archdeacon

and MDO would be done by at least two people, but she has employed the gifts and skills that God has given her in such a way that she has been able to carry these multiple responsibilities with grace and efficiency.

"However, all this comes at a cost to her personally, and now it is time for Gail to start giving her own needs and that of her husband and family a higher priority.

"From a personal point of view, I am immensely grateful to Gail for the friendship, support and advice she has given me as a new Bishop finding his feet.

"I am thankful and also relieved that, because she and Mark live locally, she will still be available to me for continued advice and support."

Archdeacon Gail says for personal reasons pertaining to her sense of wellbeing, the time is right for her to exit from

full-time ministry and from the role that she has held for almost 10 years.

"Although tinged with sadness there is much to be thankful for" she said.

"May I please ask for your prayers for Mark and I as we make this adjustment in our lives?

"But, perhaps, more importantly can I ask you to continue to pray for Bishop Murray and Leanne as they live into being the Bishop of this Diocese."

Opportunities to farewell Archdeacon Gail and thank her for her valuable service to the Diocese will be held throughout the Diocese in December at Ballina (8th), Grafton Cathedral (14th) and Coffs Harbour (15th).

A full summary of Archdeacon Gail's service to the Diocese will be part of the next edition of the *North Coast Anglican*.



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Dr Murray Harvey Installed as new Bishop of Grafton

By Archdeacon Matthew Jones

Dr Murray Harvey was Consecrated and Installed as the 12th Bishop of Grafton in Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton, on September 29, 2018.

It was a wonderful occasion as people gathered in Christ Church Cathedral in Grafton for the consecration of our new Bishop, the Rt Reverend Dr Murray Harvey.

There was a palpable sense of excitement in the air and it was obvious from the liturgy that many people had worked very hard behind-the-scenes to put this beautiful service together.

The music was splendid and it was wonderful to see such a large gathering of people representing many different parts of the church.

Lay people and clergy from many parishes within the Diocese turned out in great number, along with many visiting clergy from around Australia and from overseas.

There were also many representatives from other denominations showing their support for our new Bishop.

The preacher of the day, The Very Rev'd Tim Barker, Dean of Guernsey (UK), travelled from England for the occasion and delivered a very inspiring sermon.

As the procession entered the Cathedral it was exciting to see so many mitres as bishops from far and wide came to give their blessing to our new Bishop.

Bishop Murray's family members were sitting in the front row and we are sure they would have felt the love and support of the Diocesan family.

Bishop Murray holds a doctorate in Health Science from the School of Psychology, Deakin University, Melbourne and worked for several years as a psychologist; he was ordained in 1991.

He has held several key appointments in the Diocese of Brisbane, especially in the areas of education, governance, professional standards and vocations.

Towards the end of the service, Bishop Murray asked Archdeacon Matthew Jones if he would say a few words of thanks to Archdeacon Gail Hagon for her role as Diocesan Administrator.

Archdeacon Matthew spoke of the enormous dedication that Archdeacon Gail had given to this very demanding role and also made reference to how relieved she was now looking as the mantle was handed on.

He then presented Archdeacon Gail with an arrangement of flowers from her diocesan family as an expression of their deep gratitude and thanks. The applause said it all!

There was a great atmosphere of joy as we processed out of the Cathedral at the end of the service. A new chapter in the life of the Grafton diocese had begun and it felt like everyone was looking forward to this next stage of ministry with great excitement.



Port Anglican Soup Kitchen Supports Local Community

New expanded services, exciting additions and projects are underway at Port Anglican Soup Kitchen. Services such as the Port Anglican Soup Kitchen are essential in any community. Not everyone is homeless, but many are at risk of becoming homeless. They may be living hand-to-mouth, have mental health issues and/or drug and alcohol dependencies. Others are disadvantaged due to factors relating to their physical health, domestic violence or challenges they face in maintaining relationships or holding a job.

The doors at Port Anglican Soup Kitchen are open to anyone who needs a filling and nutritious meal and just as importantly, they provide social support with a venue for many to meet and socialise. It's a place where friendships form, and some of their regulars now look out for others who may be more vulnerable.

Operated wholly by volunteers, the kitchen has been going for more than 20 years. Currently,

they serve a three-course meal to between 60 and 80 people nearly every Wednesday, with surplus bread, rolls, fruit and vegetables available to take away by anyone who needs it.

Karen Richards has been at the soup kitchen for over five years and says, "I enjoy being part of a team of people who have made a decision that although they can't fix all the problems in the world, by simply helping out for a few hours each week they can contribute to improving someone's day."

"It is an ongoing reminder that whatever frustration you might be dealing with in your own life, it rarely compares to what you see others going through who haven't been as lucky. As a volunteer, you are fulfilling a need that sadly exists, but while you are giving you gain a lot more back in terms of satisfaction and seeing a different perspective."

The volunteers prepare food, cook, set up the room, serve the food, clean up, wash up, as well as chat with and show

interest in the daily lives of the Port Anglican Soup Kitchen patrons. Port Anglican Soup Kitchen provides donated canned food to those who need it/can use it. Every year there's a great turnout for the annual festive Christmas lunch with plenty of trimmings.

Services such as Port Anglican Soup Kitchen play an important role in reducing food wastage. They could not do what they do without the businesses and organisations that provide support. The Soup Kitchen receives regular donated produce from many generous businesses, and they have a strong relationship with OzHarvest, who pick up and deliver the produce. Much of this comes from Coles Supermarkets via their Second Bite initiative.

Green waste is also donated to some very grateful pigs, who look forward to it every week.

All locals are welcome to dine at the Soup Kitchen. The Soup Kitchen's door is open to all.



Bishop Murray Baptises and Confirms in Bangalow

The Parish of Bangalow welcomed Bishop Murray to All Souls' Day in Bangalow on November 4 where he baptised two children, and baptised and confirmed one adult.

It may seem odd to baptise and commemorate the faithful departed on the same day but this does complement the paschal mystery of the eucharist. The Parish of Bangalow observes its Feast of Title for All Souls' Day on the first Sunday in November and gathers for a seated brunch following the service. This year additional music for the service was provided by violinist Bianca Urbina who played three pieces by Bach, including from *Ich steh mit einem Fuß im Grabe* (I stand with a foot in the grave). Bishop Murray reminded us of Bach's contribution to our liturgical music, joking that in Bach's day the (1 hour) sermon

was preceded and followed by a cantata.

Jasper and Sienna were baptised at the commencement of the service, followed by the baptism and confirmation of their mother, Tracie. Before she was confirmed, Tracie gave a short testimony of what she was doing and why, affirming her place in the community of faith as a fellow pilgrim. In his homily, Bishop Murray quoted former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams who said that "Saints show us what is possible." Like musicians, saints give themselves completely over to the creative intention of the composer.

To commemorate the faithful departed, the congregation was invited to come forward, light a candle from the paschal

candle, and say the name of the person they were remembering as the candle was placed in a sand tray. A vast array of burning lights in two sand trays beside the paschal candle shone with resurrection light.

Following the service everyone gathered in the parish hall for brunch with conviviality and hospitality as all were made welcome. This informal gathering gave Bishop Murray time to converse with residents from The Buttery and with other members of the Parish. Fr David Gilbey, Catholic Parish Priest of Bangalow-Byron Bay, also dropped in to meet Bishop Murray.

One short sleep past, we wake eternally, and death shall be no more: Death thou shalt die.
From the Holy Sonnets of John Donne.



Stephanie Alexander Visits Lindisfarne

Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School welcomed a very special guest to its flourishing edible garden at the Junior School this term.

Stephanie Alexander, founder of the *Kitchen Garden Foundation* and inspiration behind Lindisfarne's Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden, joined an excited group of Year 3 and 4 students who took the iconic Australian chef on a tour of their crops.

Starting with the elevated herb pots in the school's outdoor pizza parlour, Stephanie's garden tour moved through giant vegetable patches, around the native bee nest, past the fruit vines and ended in the chicken coop where the students proudly showed off their feathered friend's eggs.

"I was really proud of what we could show her," said Year 3 student Anna Haubek. "I was grateful to get that experience

and I think Stephanie really liked our baby chickens."

A group of Year 4 students originally started the Lindisfarne Community Garden as a learning tool for their colonisation studies.

"We wanted to teach the children how in the colonies they had to gather their own food and only had what they could grow," said Lindisfarne Year 4 teacher Luran Turnball.

Stephanie's Lindisfarne stopover comes off the back of her nation-wide book launch.

"I'm launching my new book," said Stephanie.

"My hope is to attract more and more tentative cooks into the kitchen and introduce them to the joys of cooking."

Later in the visit, Stephanie sat down for some lunch made from the Lindisfarne garden produce and expressed her delight.



Angel Tree supports children in need this Christmas

You can pluck an Angel from a tree at St Mary's Ballina and St John the Baptist Lennox Head in the lead up to Christmas, and you'll be making a difference to a child somewhere whose Mum or Dad is in prison.

An initiative of the Prison Fellowship Australia Angel Tree is a Christian ministry with more than 1000 volunteers bringing hope to prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families and others affected by crime.

The Fellowship says children of imprisoned parents risk anti-social behaviour, as well

as mental health problems, school failure, law-breaking and unemployment.

Once parishioners pluck an angel, they are asked to either buy the suggested gift or make an appropriate donation so it can be given to a child whose parent is in jail at Christmas.

Being separated from a parent at Christmas time is a painful experience.

Suggested gifts are based on information gathered by Prison Fellowship volunteers and prison chaplains. The prisoner writes a card to be presented along with the gift, assuring

the children that Mum or Dad misses them and loves them.

Providing gifts from the jailed parents gives them the chance to say "I love you" to their children with a tangible gift.

It presents an opportunity to demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ to families in need, with gifts generally valued between \$20 and \$30. Parishioners who are unable to shop for a particular gift are encouraged to donate via an envelope marked Angel Tree. Some donations are used to pay for postage of the presents.



Nine Lessons and Carols has a wondrous Christmas history

The cattle are lowing will have more impact than usual at St Mary's Ballina this Christmas as a near life-size model cow graces the altar along with sheep, manger and wise men for *Nine Lessons and Carols*.

Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of Jesus' birth from the days of the prophets to the stable in Bethlehem and the dawn of Christianity, and this year is the 100th anniversary of the first service at King's College, Cambridge, which sought to bring a more imaginative approach to worship.

King's College introduced *Once in Royal David's City* as the opening hymn, with the first verse sung solo by a choirboy and growing in force in each successive verse. The BBC has

broadcast the King's College service since 1928, even during the war years when stained glass windows had been removed and there was no heating. Today there is a worldwide audience of many millions.

(The very first service of *Nine Lessons and Carols* was held in Truro Cathedral, Cornwall, in 1880, at a time of restructuring. It was a great success and helped relieve some of the stress being felt by local villagers and parishioners.)

At St Mary's Ballina, this year's service will start with the hand-bell ensemble playing, leading into the traditional Kings College introit with *Once in a Royal David's city* sang by a boy solo, followed by choir and congregation, with clergy and

choir processing. Readings and carols follow, including the 15th century plainsong *O come, O come Emmanuel* and *Long Ago Prophets Knew*, a melody from 16th century harmonised by Gustav Holst.

The 30-strong combined St Mary's Evensong Choir and the Ballina Christian Choir will be supported by trumpet and guitar as well as organ for the service, which will include the traditional Irish tune *No Wind at the Window* and *Behold a Rose is Growing*, set in four parts and by Michael Praetorius in 1609.

The congregation and choir join in Carols like *Silent Night*, *The first Nowell* and *We three Kings of Orient are*, accompanied by trumpet and organ.



In the 9th lesson, St John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation, which leads to *O come all ye faithful*, once again with the majestic trumpet and organ sound.

Combined choir with singers from St Mary's Evensong and Ballina Christian choirs will be at 7pm on Friday December 21.

Rural Young Scientist set to Compete on the World Stage

Year 12 student, Isaac Heagney, from St Columba Anglican School (SCAS), has won the national title of "Rural Young Scientist" for an invention that could help save the lives of rock fishermen that are swept into the water. The award was presented at the finals of the STANSW Young Scientist Awards, held at the University of Wollongong on October 31.

Isaac's invention is an emergency alert for rock fishermen. "If a fisherman falls into the water it sends a text message to a nominated mobile number with their GPS coordinates. I undertook the project in my HSC Design and Technology class and used a

lot of science and technology principles to solve the problem I identified." Isaac explained.

For his prototype, Isaac won \$2100 in prize money and an all-expenses paid trip to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix, Arizona in the USA, held in May 2019. As an ISEF Finalist, he will have the chance to showcase his invention to thousands of delegates at the fair.

The win came as a surprise to Isaac, who had submitted his online entry earlier in the year with little anticipation of a win. "I love rock fishing," Issac said. "I fish every chance I get,

mostly chasing mulloway off the rocks. But rock fishing can be a dangerous sport and my family worry if I go alone. So I thought, I can do something about that."

The invention works by sending a WiFi signal between a transmitter on the fisherman's belt and a receiver in their fishing bag. If a fisherman falls into the water the WiFi signal (which can't travel through water) is interrupted and an alert is sent from the device in their fishing bag. It sends the GPS coordinates of the fisherman to a nominated mobile number to alert rescuers.



Bishop Murray Visits Alstonville

Alstonville Anglicans welcomed Bishop Murray Harvey to the parish on October 14. It was Bishop Murray's first parish visit and first confirmation as Bishop of the Grafton Diocese.

It was a very busy day, with four different worship services held at Alstonville and Tregeagle.

The first service at 8am at St Bartholomew's, Alstonville where Bishop Murray preached on *Mark's Gospel, 10:17-31*. Following the service and morning tea, Bishop Murray and the Rev'd Dr Desiree Snyman attended the 10am service at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Tregeagle.

In the afternoon, Bishop Murray attended our new

service. The new service focuses on young families and people exploring faith anew, or for the first time. It explains biblical stories through Godly Play and interactive participation and craft activities. To top off a great day of worship, Bishop Murray presided over the confirmation service for Iris Cowie and Bruce Fleming.



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Urunga Op Shop has a new home

By Rev'd Canon Zoe Everingham

The newly relocated Anglican Op Shop in Urunga had its official opening on October 26. Volunteers and shoppers enjoyed tea, coffee, chocolate mudcake and sausage sangers while indulging in retail therapy.

Staff must be congratulated on all their efforts to move from the premises in Orara Street into St Barnabas Church Hall just around the corner. The new shop offers safer access with sealed car parking and a resurfaced ramp for customers with reduced mobility, parents with children and bulk deliveries.

The re-arrangement of St Barnabas more closely illustrates the role of the church in the community.

The Food Pantry operates on Friday mornings (10am – 12md)

from the foyer of the church, providing food assistance as required. The Op Shop located in the adjacent hall offers good quality recycled clothing and friendly hospitality. Training volunteers from the "Work for the Dole" program provides them with the opportunity for personal growth, friendship and a renewed sense of purpose, thereby increasing community capacity. Proceeds from the shop assists with other local charitable ventures including Christmas food hampers for Urunga families. "Chomp & Chat" operates from the Op Shop kitchen each Friday 11.30am-1.00pm, and offers a free lunch and great conversation. A bible focus group meets weekly and Parish Council meets monthly in the church vestry.

At the centre of these activities is God - represented by the prayer/worship/church space

in the middle of the building. This space is now open daily and accessible through the Op Shop. Visitors are encouraged to take time out of their busy lives to quietly reflect, pray and meditate in this space. Resources are available to take home.

Like many of our church buildings, St Barnabas was only open to the public on Sundays for worship by a faithful group of cradle Anglicans. For the past five years, our Food Pantry operated from the hall on Friday mornings with Chomp and Chat (free lunch) starting three years ago, also on Fridays. Now the building is used every day of the week with visitors being able to access the church space also. We pray many new seeds will be sown and nurtured through the new layout of the St Barnabas church premises.



Open arms to the troubled at Blue Christmas

St Mary's at Ballina will conduct a Blue Christmas service again this year in recognition of people of all ages who have difficulty reconciling their state of mind with the happiest of celebrations surrounding them.

The Rector of St Mary's, Venerable Matthew Jones, said

while Christmas is a time of peace, joy and thanksgiving for many, others who had suffered major setbacks or the loss of someone precious found it difficult to embrace the festive mood.

"Services like this have been welcoming increasing numbers,

and it is appropriate that we recognize the impact the season has on people battling so many personal problems in their lives," Fr Matthew said.

"How daunting must it be when you are struggling with intense emotions to be confronted with crass advertising jingles,

iconic animals from a different hemisphere, galaxies of decorative lights and ceaseless songs involving snow," Fr Matthew said.

He said Blue Christmas gave people struggling with anxieties their own special time to ask God for strength and look

around and see they are not alone.

"Above all, this is a service to ask for God's peace as we celebrate the birth of His Son."

Blue Christmas will be celebrated at St Mary's this year at 6pm on Sunday, December 16.

Hymn Fest at St Cuthbert's Tweed Heads

By Yvonne Turner

Under the guidance of organist Ross Johnson the decision was made to have a "Hymn Fest" and invite the wider community to come along and participate in singing hymns that we have all grown to love. Saturday October 6 was the chosen date. It was not to be a performance, rather a way for all to enjoy singing some of the hymns that perhaps are not now regularly part of worship.

All across the world, people join together to sing hymns, songs and choruses as part of worship. Singing in worship is an ancient tradition which remains alive and well today, and our rich collection of

hymns is a testament to the popularity and power of music in worship.

The sources of church music are many and varied and include: ancient Gregorian chants and chorale liturgies, traditional hymns, missional choruses and contemporary worship songs.

Once a hymn book would have remained the standard of a church for many years. Some of us remember *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, *The Australian Hymn Book*, and the *Book of Common Praise*. Most recently we have sung from *Together in Song* and *Mission Praise*.

Hymn Fest was an opportunity to celebrate the great tradition

of church music and to share in some of the well loved hymns which may no longer be used in modern worship.

With some background into the chosen hymns, the composer, and indeed information about what inspired the work; St Cuthbert's hosted 70 people to a rousing afternoon singing wonderful hymns.

Naturally, at the completion of the singing, a great afternoon tea was enjoyed with the fellowship amazing.

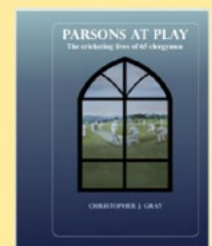
Rector, Rev'd Rachel Rynehart was instrumental in ensuring the day was the success it was, and future "Hymn Fests" will certainly be on the parish program.

CRICKET and the CLERGY

Books by Bangalow Parish author, Christopher Gray, show how close cricket and the Church have been down the centuries.



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Centenary of WWI Armistice

By Susan Fitzpatrick

On Remembrance Day November 11, 2018, St Bartholomew's Alstonville hosted a reflective service of the cessation of hostilities of the First World War 100 years ago. Remembering also all the fallen of all wars and conflicts. The service, led by Parish Council member Johnny Sernberg a former British Army serviceman, included reflective hymns, poems, prayers and a reading of John's Gospel. A short address by Liam Fitzpatrick on his family's grateful experience with Legacy was moving. The gathered of 140 people of parishioners, ex-service people, family and friends then marched to the RSL Memorial in Elizabeth Brown Park, led

by Ballina Pipe Band. The Alstonville RSL Sub-branch President, Mr Mark Quilligan led the memorial service, with laying of wreaths, recitation of *The Ode, The Last Post* and *Reveille* following two minutes of silent reflection. The silence observed at 11am, was the time in 1918 when the guns fell silent, ending what back then was known as the "war to end all wars." The Ballina Pipe Band then led the gathering back to the church under the Australian flag surrounded by a planting of 100 crosses with red poppies, where the Rev'd Dr Desiree Snyman led prayers for the departed, the *Lord's Prayer* and the *National Anthem*. The retiring offertory collection was donated to Legacy.



News from Clarence Valley Anglican College

Valedictory Dinner

On November 9 our graduating Year 12 students were able to finally relax and enjoy their Valedictory Dinner, held at the beautiful Angourie Rainforest Resort. The dinner was a mark to the end of HSC examinations and a chance to reflect on the students' time at CVAS. Wonderful speeches, fantastic food and music were a fitting end to celebrate this student cohort and to wish them well for their future.

Jacaranda Festival

The annual Jacaranda Festival for 2018 was a very busy time in the life of the school. Students marched in the annual Jacaranda March of Youth with a fantastic banner created by the Primary students under the direction of Mrs Vidler. The Equestrian team won many individual events at the Clarence Valley

Equestrian Challenge and came away with the trophy for the best school, well done team, parents and Mrs Elliott. The students won the Dragon Boat races on the Sunday which they say was a lot of fun, thank you Mrs Burgess. Caitlin Grainger participated in the Junior Jacaranda Queen contest and spoke very well when interviewed, congratulations on a bid effort, Caitlin. At the 50th Jacaranda Art & Youth Art Exhibition Sophie Brien won first place in her class - Youth Art Members: Primary Senior. Sophie submitted three pieces, and it was her painting - *Pair of Bee Eaters* that won the award. Great work Sophie. There were a large number of woodwork pieces that were a part of the Woodwork Exhibition at the SGRSL, thank you to the students and Mr Barclay for supporting this. Finally the CVAS Float in Saturday's parade was fantastic with



so many students and staff participating. Thank you to students, staff and team leader Mrs Graham. We are proud of the efforts of all concerned

in embedding CVAS into the community.

Remembrance Day
On November 11 CVAS were

honoured to lay a wreath in remembrance of the serviceman and women who sacrificed their lives in war. Lest we forget.

Lismore Anglicans raise money for women's cancers with bra-stallation

Lismore Anglicans have been raising money and awareness for women's cancers with their impressive bra-stallation on the fence of St Andrew's. The team collected bras, decorated them and hung them on the fence of the church as part of Girls Night In. They successfully raised \$524.15 to support the efforts against breast and cervical cancer. "A huge thank you once again to everyone who came to our #girlsnightin for participating, volunteering and donating. We are so glad to have raised \$524.15 on the day!"



SNAPSHOT



St Matthew's, South Grafton experienced their first Messy Church recently under the leadership of the Rev'd Don Ford and his wife, Carolyn. This proved to be a very successful venture with adults and children all participating in the various activities. Songs chosen were all lively and sung with gusto. The craft activity during

the evening involved making Advent Calendars and a cube with a different Grace on each face of the cube. A shortened form of Communion was included in the program and the evening concluded with a sausage sizzle enjoyed by all. Another Messy Church is to be held on December 8 at 5.30pm.



Alstonville Anglicans held a Blessing of the Animals at services on September 30. They acknowledged the positive role that pets play in the lives of people they know and care about. The Pet Blessing Service was a way to remember St Francis whose feast day is October 4.


During the afternoon service, Dr Mike Fitzgerald, the local vet, spoke about animals and their relationship with people. Mike awarded prizes for the best groomed animal, the oldest, the youngest and the one that looked most like their owner! Among the pets blessed was a cat, dogs and a chicken.

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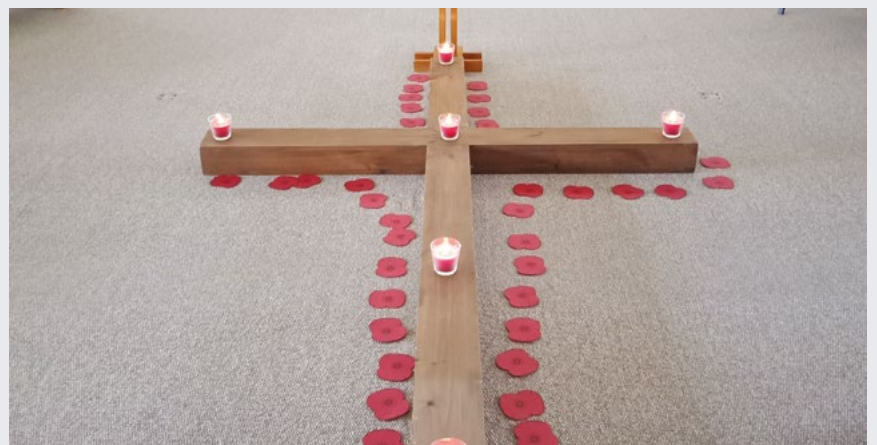
St Mary's, Ballina joins churches around the diocese and around the country in ringing our bell each Friday at noon, for the refugee children still being held on Nauru. They are joined by members of the Ballina Region for Refugees action group. The church will continue to ring the bell each Friday until all refugee children (and their families) have been released from Nauru.



On November 11 at St Paul's Spirituality Centre, Byron Bay, a service was held to commemorate Remembrance Day and to welcome Bishop Murray Harvey to our Parish. Bishop Murray blessed our restored bell and it was rung for a minute silence following the service. The old bell has a beautiful tone and is over 100 years old.



The Parish of South Grafton hosted the inaugural North Coast Regional Children's Ministry Training Day on October 20. The Equip Conference was attended by many seeking to hone their skill in ministry to children. Participants travelled from South West Rocks, Uralla and even Maleny in Queensland.



The Remembrance Day service conducted by Wauchope's relatively new Rector, Rev'd Angela Dutton, opened with a hymn prayers relating to the commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the armistice at 11am, on the 11th of the 11th 1918 followed.

IN BRIEF

APPOINTMENTS

The Venerable Matthew Jones has been appointed Diocesan Confessor for Hearing Confessions Involving Child Sexual Abuse. The other Diocesan Confessor is The Venerable Gail Hagon.

The Rev'd Sally Miller has accepted the full-time position of College Chaplain at Emmanuel Anglican College commencing in 2019.

The Rev'd Rachel Rynehart will take up a 0.6 position as coordinator and teacher of the RaVE program at Emmanuel Anglican College commencing in 2019.

RESIGNATIONS

The Venerable Gail Hagon, Diocesan Archdeacon and Ministry Development Officer, has announced her resignation. Gail will take Long Service Leave commencing 27 December followed by a period of Annual Leave both of which together will run until about the middle of March 2019.

The Rev'd Canon Zoe Everingham has resigned as Rector of The Bellinger Parish. Zoe's final services in the Parish will be on Christmas Day.

MEMORIAM

Wayne Johnson, former CEO of Anglicare North Coast, died in July 2018 following a lengthy illness.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8 December – Celebration of Archdeacon Gail's ministry at St Mary's Ballina

14 December – Service at Christ Church Cathedral to celebrate Archdeacon Gail's ministry

15 December – Celebration of Archdeacon Gail's ministry at St John's Coffs Harbour

21 December – Bishop's Registry and AFGD close for Christmas holidays

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22 February 2019 – Clergy Conference at South Grafton Ex-Servicemen's Club



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Holding out for a hero

By The Venerable Sally Miller

Do you know what an “earworm” is? You know, that song that gets stuck in your head that you find yourself humming and you simply cannot get rid of it. Annoyingly it’s usually a song you don’t like! Like, the *Chicken Dance* tune. You’re welcome.

My current earworm is an old Bonnie Tyler song, *Holding out for a hero*. It’s not my favourite, and three weeks on it’s quite annoying, and I am blaming my Year Five Religious and Values Education class! We have been working on a unit of work about heroes, great and small. It’s great, we’ve looked at heroes of the Bible, heroes of the past and everyday heroes. And I am still humming.

I’ve loved this unit partly because we get to tell great stories, but mostly because of what I have learnt about this rather eccentric, occasionally behaviourally challenging little group. On one level it is a great and obvious opportunity to talk about Jesus, to articulate that Jesus is no “superhero”, but that he is in fact a super hero, someone to look up to, to rely on, who has saved us, and who

we can trust to follow. Beyond this however has been that incredible discovery that these 10-year-olds are in fact holding out for a hero. People to trust, look up to and believe in.

They aren’t looking for someone who wears a cape to swoop in and save them, rather they are looking for someone to be their everyday hero. To speak words of encouragement, to point them to better things, to greater goals and show wisdom, love and compassion. Someone to believe in.

If you think about it, they are looking for someone to point them to God, to remind them of Jesus... but they don’t want to read about it, they don’t really want to dwell on the historical Jesus. No, they need to see it lived and real today.

Back to Bonnie Tyler for a moment... the first line of this (darn) song says, “Where have all the good men gone? Where are all the gods?”

This is a very salient question for us all. Where are all the good people? Where is God?

We might feel that we know the answer to these questions, and that’s fantastic, but the

truth bomb is that there is a whole lot of people who DON’T see the answer, let me say that again... they do not SEE the answer. The power of Jesus’ message is that he lived his words; Jesus’ death was the culmination of his actions.

It turns my stomach to see how the Christian faith is being portrayed in the wider world, and worse, how many believe that such portrayals are accurate. This is challenging, and painful for it must surely say that those of us who understand the gospel, the good news of God to mean forgiveness, love, compassionate care of others, embracing inclusiveness, giving voice to the voiceless, lifting up the vulnerable and the broken, a place of drawing people in; if this is what we believe the Christian faith to be then somehow our story, God’s story is not being told, not being shown, not being lived.

Our children need us to be heroes, their heroes. People to look up to, people whose lives shout of God’s love and remind them that there is a great big story that they can be a part of and be upheld by.



I want to be that hero. An everyday hero, not hidden in a secret cave, but one that turns up with love and compassion every day, in my home, in my family, in my work place and in God’s world. Imagine that, imagine if all of us became

such people. It’s really not an option, it is essential. As Bonnie Tyler reminds us we “gotta be sure, gotta be soon and gotta be larger than life!”

PRAYING WITH THE SAINTS

Nicholas Ferrar – Deacon and Man of Prayer

By Rev’d Camellia Flanagan
**DIED 1637, FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 4**

Nicholas Ferrar, born in 1592 was the son of a London merchant who was an early member of the Virginia Company, the group which established the American colony in 1607. In 1622 Nicholas succeeded his elder brother John as the company’s Deputy, becoming responsible for its day to day administration. In 1624 twin disasters struck: the company was dissolved and John faced a threat of bankruptcy. This turn of events convinced Nicholas and the family that they should renounce worldliness by leaving London and devoting themselves to a life

of godliness. Nicholas and John’s widowed mother, Mary, purchased the manor of Little Gidding, Huntingdonshire, England, as part of a deal to rescue John from debt. An outbreak of plague in London in 1625 caused the family to move to Little Gidding earlier than they had intended. On arrival they found the church used as a barn and the house, uninhabited for 60 years in need of extensive repair.

In 1626 William Laud, Bishop, but later Archbishop of Canterbury, ordained Nicholas a deacon though Nicholas made it clear that he would not proceed to the priesthood. He and the family and a few friends soon established a regular round of prayer,

fasting and almsgiving based on Archbishop Cranmer’s Book of Common Prayer daily offices. They restored the abandoned church building and became responsible for regular services there. They taught the neighbourhood children and looked after the health and wellbeing of the people of the district. Day and night there was always at least one member of the community kneeling in prayer before the altar that they might keep the word “pray without ceasing”. Their pattern of life placed them in a middle way that was neither Roman Catholicism, which founds its authority not only on scripture but also on church tradition, nor Genevan Protestantism, with its dependence only on scripture.

They wrote books and stories dealing with various aspects of the Christian faith and practice. In 1633 the poet George Herbert on his deathbed sent the manuscript of *The Temple* to Nicholas telling him to publish the poems if he thought they might “turn to the advantage of any dejected pour soul” and otherwise to burn them. Nicholas arranged to publish them that year. (Turn the poem on its side to see the shape of Angel’s wings, a pattern poem whose design enhances the meaning)

They fasted with great rigor, and in other ways embraced voluntary poverty, so that they might have as much money as possible for the relief of the poor. The community was

founded in 1626 when Nicholas was 34. He died in 1637 aged 45, and in 1646 the community was forcibly broken up by the Puritans of Cromwell’s army. The memory of the community can inspire us all to look at our lifestyle and measure it according to common prayer precepts.

*Lord, who createdst man in
wealth and store,
Though foolishly he lost the
same,
Decaying more and more,
Till he became
Most poore:
With thee
O let me rise
As larks, harmoniously,
And sing this day thy victories:
Then shall the fall further the
flight in me.*

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Gifts fit for a King!

Christmas inevitably leads us to think of gifts being exchanged between family and friends.

The New Testament contains a few instances of gifts given to Jesus. Initially, we think of the wise men from the East, who bow down and worship the infant Jesus, and present their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These indeed are gifts fit for a king (*Matthew 2:11*)!

But there is another story of gifts being given to Jesus which is easy to miss. In *Matthew 25* we find the story sometimes called the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats. In this story the people to Jesus' right ask when it was that they responded to Jesus' physical need. The King replies "Truly I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me."

Serving those in dire humanitarian need is a way of serving our Lord, and our service is a gift to him. This is the theme of Anglican Overseas Aid's (AOA) Christmas Appeal this year. Over the past 12 months, AOA

has responded to a number of crises around the world. From famine in South Sudan, to the Rohingya refugee crisis, to the recent tsunami in Sulawesi, Indonesia, AOA has responded with immediate care for people in dire need. These immediate and life-saving needs include food, shelter, clean water, safe spaces for children, and medical care.

AOA has been able to respond to these crises with money in a Rapid Response Emergency Fund. This fund exists to enable them to respond quickly, usually through Anglican Church partners, when humanitarian disasters strike poor and vulnerable communities.

Now however, the reserves in the Rapid Response Emergency Fund are running low and need to be replenished so that AOA is always in a position to provide immediate assistance.

This is where you can help those impacted by humanitarian emergencies. You can enable AOA to serve the most vulnerable all year round by donating to help

them replenish their Rapid Response Emergency Fund. It is a very fitting gift for Christ our King.

Money from the Rapid Response Emergency Fund has been used to help women like Aliyah. She is one of many who have been displaced by widespread armed conflict engulfing South Sudan. The camp she lives in, run by the Episcopal Church, is home to over 5,000 internally displaced persons.

When we see images like the one of Aliyah and her child, do we see Jesus? Do we respond knowing that we are actually responding to Jesus himself?

We never know when disaster will strike. When it does however, and we are called on to provide emergency relief and life-saving aid, we need to again find generous hearts.

Without your support, AOA will not be able to respond as quickly as they have in the past. Your financial support saves lives. We urge you to donate to AOA's Christmas Appeal to help people recover and resettle after disaster strikes.

THREADS LAID BARE

The Shofar and Golden bells

By Rev'd Camellia Flanagan

The shofar is a ram's horn made into a trumpet and used from ancient times by the Jewish people as a battle alarm and in religious ceremonies. It is first mentioned in the bible in *Genesis 22.13*, "And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son." The shofar or ram's horn is used in many services still by the Jewish people. It was originally used as a reminder of God's presence in battle mentioned in *Numbers 10:9*, "When you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets..."

Along with the shofar, and following the invention of metal crafts, bells were used to sound a warning, to make an announcement and in worship.

Bells were made following the advancement of metallurgy in ancient China in 2000 BC. Bells were slowly introduced into Chinese culture, religion and the way of life. With the

development of the metal crafts, including gold smithing, bells were made in the known world and they are mentioned in the bible in *Exodus 28: 31-35* about 1500 BC, "You shall make the robeall around the lower hem, with bells of gold between them all around— a golden bell and a pomegranate alternating all around the lower hem of the robe. Aaron shall wear it when he ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the holy place before the LORD, and when he comes out, so that he may not die."

Recently Chris Latham's music composed for Remembrance Day 2018 played an important role in helping people express grief. *The Diggers Requiem* with 600,000 bells included in the music to represent every soldier who died in the First World War is being performed in various places throughout the year. Can we think on the significance of bells in our own daily life and when we hear a local church bell may we pause and remember others in prayer?

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Paraphrase, Matthew 25:37-40

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Better Together – Annual Report Out Now

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The focus of the report is *Better Together*. As the Leadership Team noted in the report, “... we are also very proud of our staff and take this opportunity to pay tribute to their dedication, professionalism and the innovative approach they take as they work together with people to develop solutions and help people build resilience. We value every opportunity that we have to work together with the people who seek our assistance and are humbled by the trust they place in us. We truly are *better together*.”

The report features several *better together* stories that demonstrate both the difficulties that many of our



clients face and the creative ways that our staff work with them to overcome their difficulties. One of these stories is featured on this page to whet your appetite for more!

“None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful.” (Mother Theresa)

Sylvia’s Story

A few months ago, our Emergency Relief team were approached for assistance with a power bill by Sylvia, a single mother with two children. During the needs assessment, Sylvia disclosed that she had recently left an abusive relationship and was struggling, not only financially but also in dealing with her children, who were also suffering impacts of the abuse.

We responded by providing financial assistance in the form of food vouchers and assistance with utility bills; this afforded Sylvia some breathing space. Our skilled workers negotiated an electricity plan with a substantial discount with

Sylvia’s power company; this was possible due to Anglicare’s participation in the Energy Assistance Payment Scheme. We also referred her to “Start Safely”, a Housing New South Wales rental subsidy program aimed at assisting people escaping abusive relationships, given the additional costs that people in such situations have in re-establishing themselves. Whenever a client discloses domestic abuse to our workers, we always check if they are in touch with domestic abuse counsellors; in this case, Sylvia was already linked in with such support. We also referred Sylvia to Activities 4 All, a new program by Share the Dignity, designed

for children who have witnessed domestic abuse. Activities 4 All provides free sport, recreational, music or arts activities to children as they recover from long-term exposure to domestic abuse, empowering vulnerable children to learn new skills, develop self-confidence, and feel a sense of belonging within a community.

When our workers recently checked back in with Sylvia, Activities 4 All had linked her children in with local activities and she was accessing services, managing her budget and very grateful for our time, support and knowledge of what help is out there for people in crisis.

Farewell Bob Simkus – A True Legend

Robert (Bob) Simkus was a Board member of Anglicare North Coast for 9 years as well as the Volunteer Financial Administrator for around 12 years. He was a retired Accountant, who devoted enormous amounts of time to the organisation. It would be extremely difficult to quantify the contribution Bob made to Anglicare North Coast, but he certainly saved us many thousands of dollars through his dedicated and selfless volunteering. He was a tremendous asset to our organisation and a valued member of the team.

When Bob joined the Board of Anglicare North Coast in August 2005, all of our accounting functions were undertaken by the Diocesan Accountant. It had been clear to our senior management for some

time that specialist financial management staff, dedicated to Anglicare North Coast, and with a detailed understanding of our operations, was essential to meet our current and future organisational requirements. A range of options were considered by the Board and a decision made to purchase software for the MYOB Financial Management System. Bob had never used this software but decided after a Board meeting one day to purchase a sample pack of the software so that he could see what was involved. After ‘playing’ with the software for just one evening, Bob contacted the Chair of the Board early the next morning to let her know that we didn’t need to pay accounting staff when, in his words, “We can do this ourselves”!

Bob was recognised with a national award from Anglicare Australia in 2008 for ‘Individual Achievement’. As usual, Bob was very surprised to receive this award and wondered why such a fuss was being made about a volunteer accountant – a typical response from this humble, selfless gentleman.

Bob continued his voluntary work until he passed away recently, aged 93 years. To the end, Bob was committed, patient and a tireless worker. Nothing was too much trouble for Bob and he willingly agreed to our many requests. Whilst we mourn Bob’s death, we are comforted that he is now in a better place, free from the ill-health and frail body that came with old age. Bob was an absolute legend and will be greatly missed by his Anglicare North Coast colleagues.



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