

# dNews

a newsletter for the Diocese of Ballarat

9 October 2024

## From the Vicar General

### Communion Forest – Tree Planting Activity at St Mark’s Abbey

On Saturday the 5th of October some 25 people from across the dioceses gathered, on a windswept day, to plant trees and native grasses at St Mark’s Abbey. It was a blustery day in terms of the weather, but a productive day in beginning the process of rejuvenating an outdoor ‘gather area’ design by Sr Raphael. People travelled from beyond the diocese to participate in this Communion Forest project, that connects us to the wider Anglican Communion’s environmental programs.

I was surprised to find that for some it was their first visit to the Abbey, which is a lovely contemplative, sacred and relaxing place to visit.

### Soaps for Synod

I look forward to welcoming you to our diocesan Synod to be held at the Diocesan Centre, Ballarat on the 18th to 19th October.

I hope parishes have caught the vision of ‘**Soaps for Synod**’ and are making sure their synod reps will have an abundant stock of “...**soap, toothpaste, body wash, conditioner or shampoo!**” to bring to Ballarat next week. These gifts will be distributed “... to those experiencing hardship in our communities.”

I have asked a number of parishes to make brief or concise presentation of ‘**Stories of Hope**’ during Synod. I also want to remind all members of synod to bring with you to this session of Synod a ‘Story of Hope’, either from the past or the present. It needs to be no more than a A4 page, in point form, or clearly in your mind to communicate with others over our time together.

### Meeting – Meeting & More Meetings

This week Bishop in Council, Ballarat Anglican Diocesan Corporation and The Ballarat Diocesan Trustees gathered for their respective meetings.

The dNews is now coming out weekly until further notice. Contributions must be made to:

[dnews@ballaratanglican.org.au](mailto:dnews@ballaratanglican.org.au)

by 5pm Tuesday each week.

The Diocese reserves the right to edit content to meet space requirements.

## Dates for your Diary

### Bishop-in-Council

26th November 2024

### Property & Finance Committee

15 Oct, 19 Nov & 10 Dec.

### Synod

18/19 October 2024

### Clergy Retreat

Mon 4-Fri 8 November 2024

### MDC Quiet Day

30 November 2024

Camperdown Abbey

Conductor Rev’d Catie Inches-Ogden

## CLERGY RETREAT

**When:** 5pm Monday 4 November – 9:30am Friday 8 November

**Where:** Pallotti College. 80 McNamaras Rd, Wesburn VIC 3799. Wesburn/Millgrove is approximately 70km from Melbourne and is at about a 3 hour drive from Ballarat.

**Retreat Director:** Bishop Kate Prowd

All stipendiary clergy are required to attend the retreat. Non-stipendiary clergy, including Locally Ordained Ministers and those holding a PTO, are welcome but should contact Fr Chris Keast ([ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au](mailto:ckeast@ballaratanglican.org.au)) by Thursday, October 17th, to confirm their attendance.

These, separate and distinct groups or gatherings are important mechanisms for the operation of diocese. Each have differing functions and roles in the governance of the diocese. I am grateful for the time, energy, reflection and wisdom our lay representatives bring to these meetings.

### **Deaths**

I attended the celebration of Darrell Couch's life at Holy Trinity Ararat on Tuesday morning. They reflected on how Darrell through-out his life and ministry had left his fingerprint on the hearts, and lives of many people. The service was all crafted by Darrell with his 'fingerprints' on the words, images, music and prayers. I note and am grateful for the pastoral care Darrell and Mary have received from the clergy in the Parish of Ararat.

The Right Reverend David Robarts of the Traditional Anglican Church, formerly Dean of Perth and sometime Rector of Warrnambool, died in Launceston recently. Fr David is remembered in Warrnambool for his 'erudite' preaching and pastoral care.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **Clergy Retreat**

The Clergy Retreat will be held at Pallotti College, Warburton, commencing on Monday 4th of November. + Garry, earlier in the year, invited Bishop Kate Prowd, an assistant bishop in the Diocese of Melbourne to conduct the Clergy Retreat. The annual retreat is an important opportunity for the clergy of the diocese to have sometime apart from parish life and to reflect on ministry and life. It is also an opportunity for relaxation, reading, 'sleep', prayer and fellowship.

### **Green Drought**

Please continue to keep our farming community in your prayers as they live through the reality of a 'green drought' across the diocese and into South Australia. The contrast between an abundant harvest last season and a devastating one has not only financial implication, but effects whole communities, schools, and emotional or mental health of individuals and their families.

God Bless.

*Fr Scott*

## **"The by-word for patience: studies in the Book of Job"**

A series of Bible studies  
led by Rev'd Dr Mark Garner

Everyone is welcome to participate,

EITHER in Synod Hall (49 Lydiard Street Sth, Ballarat)

Mondays 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30-6.30pm

OR via Zoom: Wednesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November, 5.30pm -6.30pm

*If you would like to join either group, please let Fr Mark know by Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October (markwjgarner@gmail.com)*

## **From the Registrar**

### **Synod**

In the business of this season, it can be easy to forget that Synod is upon us – at least until this week when the panic sets in!

Synod books have been express mailed out today and include the audited financial statements signed off following yesterday's Bishop-in-Council.

All Synod members please carefully unpack your envelopes as it will include several other items not least being your name tag! (Which will save time on the arrival desk hustle).

Synod will commence from 3pm Friday 18th of October with a Eucharist from 5pm.

### **Diocesan Safe Church Officer**

The recruitment a Safe Church and Support for the Bishop has been put on hold. This should not be seen as the Diocese not valuing these duties or being unwilling to support Parish Clergy and Safe Church Officers.

The intention remains to resource at a Diocesan level Safe Ministry and related training but as part of an overall review of the Registry and its staffing.

The Vicar General will be engaging a suitably qualified person for the review with the aim being a registry able to respond to the changing needs of the Diocese including Safe Church and or a Personal Assistant for the Bishop.

## From the MDC

Communion Forest Planting Day at the Abbey Last Saturday, despite howling gales and the threat of rain, twenty two brave people planted around 150 native plants and grasses around the new gathering space at the abbey. Next time you visit the abbey, be sure to check out the new garden beyond Subiaco. Thanks to all of you who came and worked so hard, and thanks also to the five people and the parish, who contributed to the cost of the plants

It was good to have the assistance of Philip Hughes and his wife Marilyn who travelled up from Melbourne. One of Philip's roles is Australian Provincial Representative to the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. We hope to have future planting days at the abbey, continuing our diocese's Communion Forest Initiative. Maybe you can join us next time.

## Hope25 - Hope - in an uncertain world

An initiative of the Mission and Ministry Commission of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia

Hope 25 seeks to empower Australian Anglican parishes and communities in an intentional season of sharing hope in Jesus from Easter to Pentecost in 2025. They provide training resources and materials to help your parish take part in this initiative.

Contact: [www.hope25.com.au](http://www.hope25.com.au)  
info@hope25.com.au

## Townsend News

### Christmas Lunch

Monday 25th November at Bunch of Grapes.

### Monday October 28th at St. John's Soldiers Hill

There will be a coffee morning tea with a stall from 1000 to 12 noon. \$5 entry.

Proceeds will go to the World Travel Fund for the World President of GFS who will be visiting Ballarat 1 February 2025.

## Hymn Fest 2024

We had a successful Hymn Fest with almost every pew filled and church nearly overflowing. People came from all around the Diocese which was very encouraging and humbling. It was well emceed by music extraordinaire, Bron Sozanski who did an excellent work and research, keeping all of us together in sync and tuned. We did go "live" on our Facebook page too.

<https://www.facebook.com/araratanglican/videos/1928755457550386>

Please accept our sincere thanks to all those who attended from near and far as well as those who contributed towards the poll.

Please see below the top 11 hymns with one of them sung by Solomon Islands acapella. I have also included the tunes and hymn nos. (AHB and TIS). *Fr Martin*

Top 11 Hymns	Tune	TIS	AHB
Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer	CWM Rhondda	569	478
Immortal Invisible God Only Wise	St Denio	143	80
Here I Am Lord (I, The Lord of sea and sky)	Daniel Schutte	658	
Praise My Soul The King of Heaven	Praise my soul	134	68
Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace	Channel of Peace	607	
What A Friend We have in Jesus			
<i>Sung by the Solomon Islands Brothers</i>	Sicilian Mariners (Acaella by SIB)	590	165 (i)
All Things Bright and Beautiful	All Things Bright (Monk)	135	70 (ii)
All People Who On Earth Do Dwell	Old Hundredth	59	10
Love Divine All Loves Excelling	Hyfrydol	217 (i)	148 (ii)
Dear Lord and Father of Mankind	Repton	598	519 (ii)
Be Thou My Vision	Slane	547 (i)	455 (i)

# St. Paul's Bakery Hill - 170th Anniversary Celebrations

Back To Church Weekend  
16th and 17th November 2024



## **SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER CHURCH OPEN DAY 10.00am to 4.00pm**

Historical displays, hear the beautiful 1864 English J.W. Walker Pipe Organ being played by our Church Organist Jack Stacey, short talks, artwork and other displays. Look at the amazing stained-glass windows. Take a walk around our grounds and memorial garden. Enjoy a free cuppa and chat.

## **SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 10.00am Eucharist and service of Thanksgiving.**

The first service was held on this site in 1854, and will acknowledge all past, present and former parishioners and also honour those members of St. Paul's listed on our WW1 Honour board.

An 'order and pay' luncheon will follow at The Red Lion Function Centre in Main Road Ballarat from 12 noon. Pre-lunch bookings are essential.

On behalf of Parish Priest Sr. Elisa and congregation an open invitation is extended to everyone to come and help us celebrate this wonderful milestone. St. Paul's Bakery Hill is also a significant site to the 1854 Eureka history.

For enquires and luncheon bookings please contact: Denise on 0417 306 600 or [denisemlay@gmail.com](mailto:denisemlay@gmail.com)

# Soaps For Synod

**Or toothpaste, body wash,  
conditioner or shampoo!**

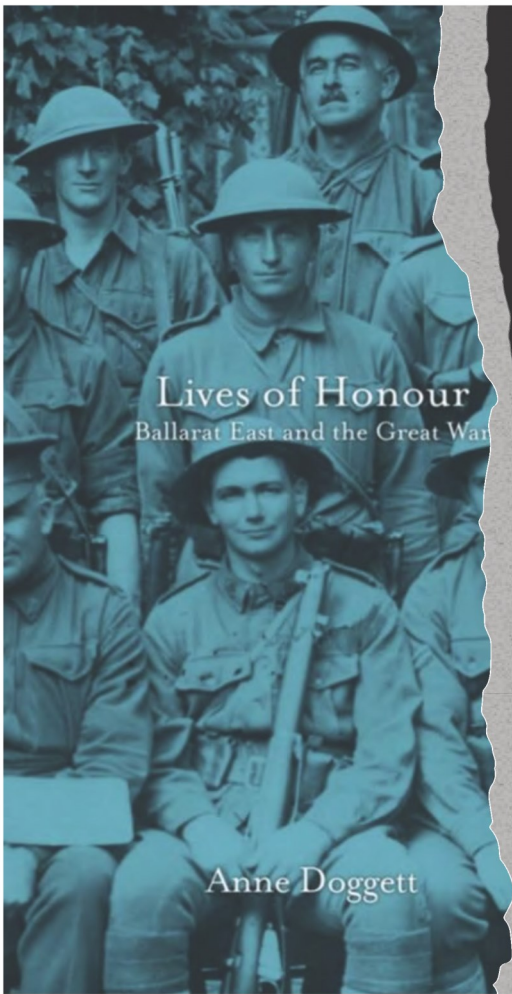
**Thank you** for supporting the work of the Bishop's Appeal and Anglicare Victoria in the Diocese of Ballarat to give assistance to those experiencing hardship in our community.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

**JAMES 2:14-17**







**Lives of Honour**  
Ballarat East and the Great War

Anne Doggett

Book Launch  
Monday 11 November 2024, 2.30pm  
Eureka Centre  
102 Stawell Street S. Ballarat East

St Paul's Church, Bakery Hill, invites you to the launch of *Lives of Honour: Ballarat East and the Great War*. The book examines the lives of 177 World War One soldiers who were closely associated with the church.

In publishing this book, St Paul's acknowledges the assistance of a City of Ballarat Community Grant, and a Saluting Their Service grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Guest speaker, Dr Carolyn Holbrook, Associate Professor School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University, has a deep interest in military history, and is the prize-winning author of *Anzac: the Unauthorised Biography*.

Entrance is free. Light refreshments and discounted copies of *Lives of Honour* will be available after the launch. Please indicate your intention to attend by emailing [adoggett1204@gmail.com](mailto:adoggett1204@gmail.com), or calling 0401 007 429.



ANGLICAN PARISHES OF CAMPERDOWN AND HOLY APOSTLES

# Combined Parishes Fair

*Saturday 26th October*  
*9am-1pm*  
at  
*Saint Mary's Anglican Church*  
*39 Curdie St, Cobden*



Raffle: 1st Prize - \$100 IGA Voucher    2nd Prize - Quilt    3rd Prize - \$75 Kooler Dairy Hamper  
4th Prize - \$50 IGA Voucher    5th Prize - \$20 Laffs Voucher



# Ballarat Reform League Charter

# 170TH ANNIVERSARY

You are warmly welcome to gather with  
**Unions Ballarat Trades Hall & St Paul's**  
to celebrate the foundation of Australia's Democratic Tradition

Join us at the site of the 1854 Monster Meeting  
& the formation of the Ballarat Reform League.

**St Paul's Church**  
**Bakery Hill, Ballarat**

**Monday 11th November, 2024**  
**6pm-7pm**

The Charter will be read, along with a key note address from  
**Associate Professor Carolyn Holbrook**  
*Deakin University, Director of Australian Policy and History*

**Followed by supper**

*"That it is the inalienable right of every citizen to have a voice in making the laws he is called upon to obey, that taxation without representation is tyranny.*

*That being, as the people have been hitherto, unrepresented in the Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria, they have been tyrannized over, and it has become their duty as well as interest to resist and, if necessary to remove the irresponsible power which so tyrannizes over them".*

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