

dNews

a newsletter for the Diocese of Ballarat

30 October 2024

From the Vicar General

Some Synod Resolutions

Anglican Board of Mission – 175th Anniversary

In acknowledgement of the ongoing contribution that the diocese, parishes and faith communities make to the ministry and work of Anglican Mission Agencies and specially highlighting the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Anglican Board of Missions and to recognise the historical link the Diocese of Ballarat has with ABM, the following motion was passed at synod.

That this synod:

1. Notes with gratitude that the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) will celebrate its 175th Anniversary on 29 October 2025 and
 - I. Encourages the Diocese and its faith communities to both participate in events organised by ABM and to consider organising their own events in 2025 or 2026 to mark this achievement, highlighting particularly the involvement of members of this Diocese over that time.
 - II. Explores with ABM where God is calling this Diocese to participate in God's ongoing mission through ABM to complement the existing mission partnerships it has.
 - III. Asks the Bishop to write to ABM to convey the interest of this diocese in celebrating this significant anniversary with ABM.
2. Gives thanks for the almost \$27,000 donated by the Diocese and its faith communities to the work of ABM and Anglicans in Development (AID) in 2023 and for the prayers said in support of our partners, particularly prayers for the peace of Jerusalem, Israel, Gaza and the Middle East;
3. Encourages parishes to support ABM Church to Church and Reconciliation Programs that

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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

12th November 2024

Property & Finance Committee

10 Dec.

Clergy Retreat

Mon 4-Fri 8 November 2024

Ballarat MU Deanery - 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

28 November @ 10am

St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt St

MDC Quiet Day

30 November 2024

Camperdown Abbey

Conductor Rev'd Catie Inches-Ogden

work with First Nations peoples throughout Australia and partner churches overseas.

Archbishop Phillip Freier – Retirement

To acknowledge the significant ministry and leadership that Archbishop Philip and Mrs Joy Freier have played in the life of the Province of Victoria and the National Church the following motion was passed at synod.

That this Synod records its grateful thanks for the ministry and faithful service of the Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier as Metropolitan of the Province of Victoria and Archbishop of Melbourne.

- Gives grateful thanks for Archbishop Philip's, wisdom, Godly council, encouragement and friendship to the Diocese of Ballarat.
- Leadership at all levels of the Anglican Church, including as the Metropolitan of the Province of Victoria, as a Metropolitan and the Primate within the Australian Church and the Anglican Communion, and in advancing Christian unity, including as co-Chair of the

Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission.

- Expresses its gratitude to Mrs Joy Freier OAM for her generous contribution to the ministry and life to the Anglican Church of Australia, and
- Prays for God's blessing on Archbishop Philip and Mrs Freier as he prepares for retirement, and they embrace the next phase of their journey of faith and hope.

Diocese of Ballarat 150th Anniversary

The Diocese will celebrate its 150th anniversary of our foundation in 2025. To highlight this significant anniversary the following motion as passed at Synod.

That this Synod notes that the Dioceses of Ballarat will celebrate the 150th anniversary of in 2025.

Further that this synod notes the following important dates in the founding of the diocese:

- 1st May 1875 – The consecration of the Reverend Samuel Thorton at Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury as the inaugural bishop.
- 11th August 1875 – The enthronement of Bishop Thorton at Ballarat in Christ Church Pro-Cathedral.

Further that this synod encourages the diocese to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the diocese with appropriate liturgically, cultural and social events.

ABM 175th & Diocese of Ballarat 150th

In the next few months we will begin to identify and plan ways in which we can celebrate these to significant anniversaries. + Garry has encouraged us to look outwardly as we celebrate our 150th anniversary as a diocese. I hope we can take-up his challenge as a diocese and support a number of specific ABM projects through-out 2025 as we are grateful for 150 years of the diocese.

Clergy Retreat

The Clergy Retreat will be held at Pallotti College, Warburton, next week 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

“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 21st and 28th October, 4th and 11th November, 5.30-6.30pm

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

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

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) by Thursday, October 17th, to confirm their attendance.

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.

Parishes of Camperdown & Holy Apostles – St Mary's Cobden Fete

On Saturday I enjoyed a hamburger with onion at St Mary's Cobden at their Fete. It was lovely day and the grounds of St Mary's and the church provided an inviting setting. The local Brick Club (Lego play) had a display and activities in the church and the various stalls spread-out around the grounds. The morning tea was delicious! I had two plates of goodies! It was good to see the locals interacting with parishioners and Fr Matthew in a friendly and convivial way. They also raised some money! This is a story of hope. They even had an international guest assisting on one of the stalls!

Never underestimate the important pastoral element that fund raising events like, fashion parades, fairs or fete's provide in the context of your communities. Stories of Hope, can emerge from conversations, encounters and even the open doors of a church on such occasions.

Fr Scott

From Anglicare

Ballarat and Central Highlands

SYNOD – 2024 Thank you

This week we are sending out a huge thank you to those who donated so generously at the recent 2024 Synod. Last year's Socks for Synod theme saw an inundation of donated socks to be given to people attending our Community Breakfast program. On the coat tails of last year's huge success we launched 'Soaps for Synod 2024'. We have received in excess of 700 items of toiletries, including, soaps and shower gels, shampoos and conditioners.

Congratulations on another fantastic giving effort. The products will be distributed to those who need them through our Community breakfast and Emergency Relief programs.

All donations to AV programs here in Ballarat make a meaningful difference to local people and to those in the wider region who are doing it tough.

Christmas 2024

As Christmas fast approaches, we hope the spirit of giving and spreading joy remains strong within the Diocese of Ballarat. Anglicare Victoria is gearing up to again help many individuals and hundreds of families across the Ballarat region to have a brighter and more joyful celebration. As we do every year, we ask that anyone who can make a donation to our Ballarat Christmas program, large or small, please consider doing so. We need toys for boys and girls aged zero to twelve, and gift cards or cash donations to purchase vouchers for teenagers and families. Donations of Christmas toiletry gift packs, Christmas treats and special celebration foods will also be gratefully received and given as part of our 2024 Christmas Program.

Donations and gifts can be dropped at 14 Victoria St Ballarat between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM Monday to Thursday. Cash donations can be made to the Bishop's Appeal Ballarat by contacting the Diocesan Centre on 5331 1183, or online via the Anglicare Victoria giving portal [Working Together for Better](https://www.workingtogetherforbetter.org.au) tomorrows ([Anglicarvic.org](https://www.anglicarvic.org)).

From the MDC

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
info@hope25.com.au

Thank you Jesus

Thank you Jesus is a small booklet of prayers for children. It can be used with church groups, given at baptisms or used as a gift for children and grandchildren. Hard copies are available from the Diocesan office or it can be downloaded from the diocesan website.

<https://ballaratanglican.org.au/thankyoujesus/>

MU Thought for the Week

Women's equality and empowerment: created equal by God

'Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you' (Exodus 20:12)

From its very first chapter, the Bible tells us that both male and female are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Not surprisingly, then, the commandments given by God at Mt Sinai command equal respect for both mother and father. Of course, as we all know, there are differences between the sexes – to the woman is given the joy (and pain) of bringing a child into the world. Mary gave birth to Jesus. But the very differences make it essential that we practice equality of worth. This is part of the Christian message which should flow forth from the gospel message as it is taken into all the world, challenging and transforming the sinful practices which have so often worked in unjust ways against the interests of women.

Question for thought: In what ways have I seen unjust behaviour in my own community?

16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

Ballarat MU deanery will recognise 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence at a service at St Peter's Anglican Church Sturt St on Thursday 28th November commencing at 10.00 am. Refreshment will be available after the service. All are welcome. This will be followed by our Christmas Luncheon at the Western Hotel at 12noon. Please feel free to bring along a spouse or friend. RSVP by November 25th to Jan 0412 467 875

Townsend News

Christmas Lunch

Monday 25th November at Bunch of Grapes hotel.

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 in February 2025.

TRINITY COLLEGE

Proclaiming the Year of the Lord's Favour: Studies on Readings from Year C

Saturday 9 November 9.30am-12.30pm (ONLINE ONLY)

A half-day Zoom seminar for clergy and lay people to be enriched by the readings from Luke and elsewhere in the Bible for the forthcoming Church Year C. For clergy, this is a study day, providing you with resources for preaching, worship and ministry, commencing on Advent Sunday. For lay people, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore the Bible, discover its riches and deepen your spirituality.

There will be plenty of opportunities for questions, comments and other input.

MORE INFO & TO BOOK:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1300029>

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

St. Paul's Bakery Hill SPRING \$2 PLANT SALE

Date: 2nd November, 2024 from 8AM to 2 M.

Payment by cash or eftpos available.

All plants \$2 unless otherwise marked. Some advanced stock of varying size priced accordingly.

Also included in the day's activities is a sausage sizzle, trash 'n' treasure and second-hand book sale.

Other things for the garden include worm tea and bagged sheep manure.

For those needing a snack there are home-made cakes, biscuits etc.

During the day our church will be open and you may be fortunate enough to hear our very talented organist Jack Stacey playing the wonderful old pipe organ that has recently been restored.

Put this one in your calendar!



Holy Trinity Anglican Church - Sebastopol

FETE

and

OP SHOP SALE

Saturday 2nd November 2024

9am - 2pm

227 Albert Street Sebastopol

BARGAINS GALORE

ANGLICAN PARISH OF WARRNAMBOOL
CHRIST CHURCH
CNR KOROIT & HENNA STREET



PARISH FETE
SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
10.30AM - 1.30PM



BBQ

BAKED POTATOES



DEVONSHIRE TEA

PLANTS

BOOKS

BRIC-A-BRAC



TRASH & TREASURE

CRAFT



JAMS & PRESERVES

CAKES



BISCUITS & SLICES

SAINT MATTHEW'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH WENDOUREE

Parish Fete

Saturday 9th November

**All stalls and hall
open at 10.00am.**

*Op Shop, Plants, Craft, BBQ, Pancakes, Cakes,
Soft drinks, Tea and Coffee, Books, Christmas gifts,
Material, Raffles (drawn 2pm).*

SILENT AUCTION

Limited EFTPOS available - cash preferred.

204 Forest St Wendouree Ph: 4343 1419

Piano for Pleasure



Students of Bronislaw Sozanski

*Hannah Cao, Emily Tao, Limor Chen,
Shayla Tang, Jayden Chen*

SUNDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2024 2PM

Anglican Cathedral Synod Hall

Saturday Afternoon Piano Recital

9th of November at 2 PM

With

JACK L. STACEY

Pianist, Organist & Composer



Ballarat Christ Church Cathedral – Synod Hall

(Entrance via the Cathedral)

49 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Central

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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".

More info: BRTLC Secretary
(03) 53 323 666

e: info@unionsballarat.org.au





*Please join us in celebrating
190 years of
Anglican Worship
on our St Stephen's site*

Beginning with a Sung Eucharist on
The Feast of Christ the King Sunday
10.30am Sunday 24 November 2024
At St Stephen's 57 Julia Street, Portland
Followed by lunch in the hall



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