

dNews

a newsletter for the Diocese of Ballarat

4 September 2024

From the Vicar General

Season of Creation



SEASON OF CREATION

"To hope and act with Creation"

The Ministry Development Committee is encouraging us all to engage with the *Season of Creation*.

Around the world, Anglicans, and members of many other churches, will focus on care of the created order from 1 September until 4 October.

The Gospel call is to restoration and renewal, not just for souls, but for bodies of all kinds. Many of us find God speaks most clearly when we are at one with nature and we find our hearts grieving when we see nature being callously destroyed or abused.

We will be using adapted prayers through this period in our liturgies as we reflect on the Season of Creation 2024 theme "To hope and act with Creation".

Can I encourage everyone to reflect on how you, your parish and community interact with 'creation' in over this period of time.

You might choose to visit a local Botanical Garden or forest area for a 'Quiet time' of reflection or prayer.

You might use some of the resources available in your Sunday or Weekday liturgies.

The ABM website has some excellent resources and ideas.

I hope many people will either join in by attending the Tree Planting Day at St Mark's Abbey or making a donation towards the cost of the trees.

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

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

8th October 2024

26th November 2024

Property & Finance Committee

17 Sep, 15 Oct, 19 Nov & 10 Dec.

Lay Ministry Day - 24 August

Camperdown. Practical hands on training: Communion by extension, preaching & sharing stories, and more.

Tree Planting at the Abbey

5 October 2024

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

In all things, please keep our farming communities in your prayers as we move from a 'dry or green Winter' into Spring.

Paralympics

The sporting attributes of the Paralympians is evident in the news and on our television screens. Their athleticisms is matched by their courage, determination and resilience. Their life stories and those of their families and friends are inspiring. Once again the scenes of the Parisian streetscapes, skylines and French hinterland are majestic.

Little Book of Saints Too

Can I commend to your reading the second edition of the Ministry Development Committees imitative titled Little Book of Saints Too. The lives and faith of the people included

in this new addition reflect the rich diversity of our diocesan community.

Maybe, on a Sunday morning, after the 'all important' Notices, one of the 'saints' entries could be read out over the next few weeks?

Conclusion

Season of Creation – Archbishop Welby

"In the face of the climate crisis, protecting God's Creation is a spiritual imperative for Christians throughout the global Church. The Season of Creation has inspired us to come together in prayer and action – to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. That is why, inspired by the Orthodox Church's leadership, the Anglican Communion enthusiastically supports this ecumenical season. I encourage Anglicans around the world to pray for the unity of the Church, as we follow Christ's call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us."

Archbishop Justin Welby – Archbishop of Canterbury

Fr Scott

From the MDC

Little Book of Saints Too

Our second book of stories about people who inspired or encouraged people from our diocese was launched on Saturday. Copies are available on the diocesan website, or hard copies can be ordered from the diocesan office. Thanks to all those who contributed.

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

Celebrating the Season of Creation

(Sept – Oct 2024)

"To plant is to hope, to restore is to heal, to protect is to love"

2024 is the second year that the Ministry Development Committee of the Ballarat Diocese has used the Communion Forest as our theme. This year the Communion Forest through the Diocese of Southern Africa has put together a wonderful set of resources that can be used by members of our Diocese. The sermon notes have been brilliantly composed by seven different female Bishops from the Anglican Communion and they lead us deeply into considering God's creation and our role in caring for it.

All Christians are called to be aware of God's Creation – this guide calls to both awareness of the need to act to care for Creation whilst reminding us that we are people of hope!

This guide includes resources for all of us: the sermon notes are great resources if you are preaching during the Season of Creation or to use as materials for reflection during this time. There are prayers and liturgical materials for Clergy and Lay Leaders who are preparing services during this Season.

There are lots of ways to measure the Season of Creation – this guide suggests six weeks, but parishes may like to observe four Sundays from September 1st to October 1st. Parishes might also like to consider the idea of a Harvest Festival at a time suitable to their local area, or a "Blessing of the Pets" on St Francis Day as a traditional end to the Season of Creation.

Resources:

There is a complete PDF of the Anglican Season of Creation Manual 2024 here: <https://easternsynod.org/wp-content/uploads/Anglican-Season-of-Creation-Manual-2024.pdf>

There is a website that contains the same information in webpage format here: <https://preachingforgodsworld.org/>

There is information about celebrating Harvest Festivals on our own Diocesan website here: <https://ballaratanglican.org.au/harvest/>

For more information on the Season of Creation you can go here: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> and for Communion Forest here: <https://www.communionforest.org/>

Planting Day at the Abbey

As part of our diocesan Communion Forest initiative, we are holding a planting day at the Camperdown Abbey on Saturday 5th October from 11am - 3pm.

Come along and share fellowship as we revegetate part of the Abbey grounds.

If you are not up to physical work, come and encourage and keep up refreshments for the workers.

Please bring: your lunch, gardening tools and gloves, comfortable clothes, sunscreen and hat.

Plants will be provided but your parish might like to make a donation towards the cost of the plants.

For more information email:
rdshackell@gmail.com

Mothers' Union

The words we speak

'Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry' *James 1:19*

You only have to be deaf to realise how powerful words are. They are the very means of our relationships and virtually every human being has this power in their possession. The Bible says a lot about our speech. The quotation from James is very interesting. It is easy to be quick to speak – we all do that. But we are encouraged here to be 'quick to listen', to take the speech of the other person seriously and to exercise discipline over our own words. What we need to avoid is slander and gossip, destructive criticism, immoral speech and the like. The essence of our speech is to love the other person as we seek to bless them and to build them up. All this comes from the Holy Spirit who gifts us with self-control.

Question for thought:

Is my speech motivated by love for others?

Townsend News

Sunday September 29th

You are all warmly invited to attend St. John's Soldiers Hill, 9.30am service for our **World Day of Prayer Service** and following the service join us in the parish hall for morning tea. The service will be led by our Chaplain and Parish priest, Fr. Chris Keast and GFS members with the guest preacher, Bishop Mark Burton.

Christmas Lunch: Monday 25th November at Bunch of Grapes.

Garden Festival

St Peter's Anglican Church
1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat.

in aid of the

Bishop's Anglicare Appeal

September 21st, 9.30am - 1.30pm

Herbs, Shrubs, Plants, Jams, Chutneys and...

Ballarat City Memorial Brass Band.

Tea and Coffee available.

TOP 10 - Hymn Fest 2024

Thank you so much for sending through your Top Ten favourite hymns. Altogether, we had nearly 40 submissions and we have NOW a list of our Diocesan Top Ten. If you would like to know whether your choice/s made it to the final list, why not attend our Hymn Fest on 6th Oct at 3pm? It will be anchored by Bron Sozanski who is a committed music teacher and well known in the music arena. The Hymns will be accompanied by Scott Harrison (organist) and Dave Tolputt (Trombone). Plus, our Solomon Islands Brothers will render one of the hymns a capella. The whole event will only last for an hour followed by a lavish afternoon tea provided our parish. Please bring a carload of people and spread the news around.

The Anglican Parish of Ararat

HYMN FEST

**Come and Sing
Top 10 all time favourite
hymns accompanied by
internationally acclaimed
organist Scott Harrison.**

**When : 6th October 3pm
Where : Holy Trinity, Ararat**

**Followed by country style lavish
afternoon tea**

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Connecting through Songs and Prayer

Tuesday 10th September 2024
7pm to 8pm

St Peter's Church
1309 Sturt Street, Ballarat



Come along and sing with us uplifting
and reflective songs.

A welcoming place for community focus and
friendship.

We also meet 1st Tuesday of every month
(1st October, 5th November, 3rd December)

Cost: by donation only

For more information and to reserve your seat,
please contact Marc Ponzi on 0401 063 594



Our 4th & final
Evensong
St Paul's
Bakery Hill
5pm
Sunday 8th
September

Celebrating 170 year of St Paul's Bakery Hill

Special features:

1. **Celebrant: Father Geoffrey Tisdell OGS.**
[Priest Associate St Paul's]
2. **Preacher: Father Chris Keast.**
[Rector: St John's Soldiers Hill]
3. **St Paul's Singers**
4. **Conversation about the life of St Paul's community.**
5. **Shared supper.**

All are welcome to join us.

SERAPHIM TRIO



perform

**Beethoven, Lili Boulanger,
and Saint-Saëns**

Anglican Cathedral Synod Hall Ballarat

49 Lydiard St South

Sunday 8 September at 2pm

Tickets from seraphimtrio.com
or at the door - phone (03) 5345 7522

Adults \$40 / Concession \$35
Students \$15 / Primary School Students Free