



To the People



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

April 2026

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

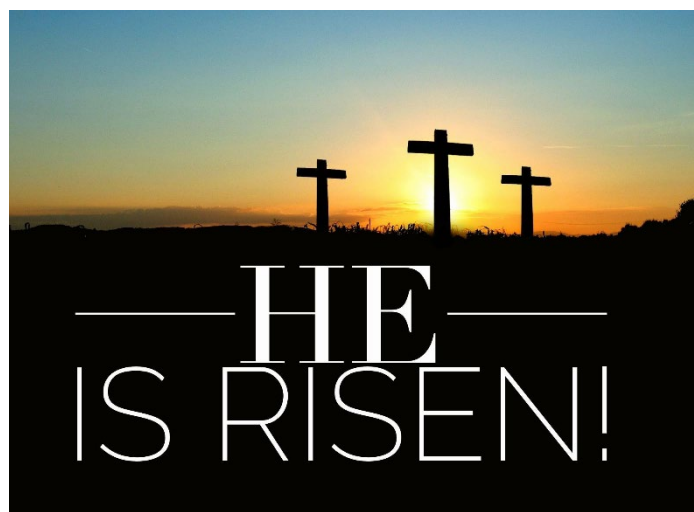
These two phrases are the call to worship, and its response, in the Eastertide services. They encapsulate why Easter is so important. Not only is it astonishing that anyone should come back from the dead but in doing so Jesus Christ confirmed as true all that he had said about being the Son of God, about God's love for humankind, about forgiveness for sins, and about eternal life.

Good Friday and Easter are causes for being "lost in wonder, love and praise" and for huge rejoicing and celebration. A God who cares about each one of us. A God willing to come and live among us and share all the experiences we have, from being a baby to adulthood. A God willing to suffer and die for us, and a God vindicated by overcoming death on the first Easter day.

The writer to the Hebrews sums up as follows: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat At the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endures such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart." (12.1-3)

One of the Collects for Maundy Thursday goes like this:

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave a new commandment to love one another as he loved them; write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave his life and died for us, yet is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Global uncertainty and local impact – the need for prayer

With all the news over the past 5 weeks and the Prime Minister's address last night, you will be very conscious of the conflict in the Middle East, the significant impacts of war both there and around the world, the sharp increase in prices for fuel, food and services here in Australia, the relative fragility of our supply systems, the impact of shortages, and how quickly circumstances can change.

Please pray for all affected, especially those in the midst of this conflict, those doing it particularly tough at home and abroad, for all who are fearful, and for the leaders in the world, in our nation and our State of WA.

Mother's Union Lady Day celebrations at St. John's, Albany, & the Cathedral, Bunbury



Isobelle Shortreed, our MU President, addressing MU members at St. John's on 20 March



Above: An MU Commemorative Plate at the national Bishops' meeting



A wonderful lunch at the Cathedral on 24 March

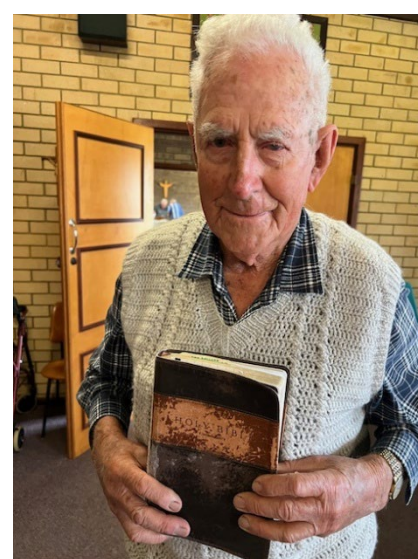


Saints at Hopetoun & Ravensthorpe

Pictured below are three members of the regular congregation who meet every Sunday in Hopetoun and once a month in Ravensthorpe, who the Revd Harold Lee and his wife Sue minister to. Bill on the right below is only 94 and is faithfully carrying his well-worn and trusted Bible. I used his wonderful joke about the retiring priest and his sermons at the Christm Eucharist.

Lyn Hoskins, on the left below, has been Treasurer and quite often Secretary for the Parish Council for over 65 years, which is a significant record, predating our legislation for specified terms of office. Lyn observed she always enjoyed book-keeping at school but with her eyesight deteriorating she can no longer continue as Treasurer. Lyn also enjoyed history at school, so her next project is organising all the information she has collected for well over half a century about the parish.

Lyn's husband Kevin is in the middle below. He became confirmed as an Anglican because he wanted to marry Lyn! and quickly found himself involved with the Vestry meeting and becoming a Warden, a capacity he still occupies approaching his 92nd birthday and 70th wedding anniversary this year. Lyn and Kevin faithfully rise early to set up the church every Sunday morning and also work in the Op shop in Ravensthorpe in a building they own, which they generously offer the parish.



Fun Day at Dunsborough on 7 March...



St George's, Dunsborough, held a Fun Day on 7 March. Although the emphasis was on **fun** they also managed to raise \$10,000. Revd Justine Richmond pictured right

Palm Sunday pics...



Top left: **St. Mary's, Busselton, palm delivery**
Top right: **Cathedral** Below: **Gelorup**
Below left: **Carey Park** Bottom left: **Williams**
Bottom right: **Revd Dr Gail Smit & kudu horn at Collie**



Installation of the Archbishop of Canterbury – 25 March



Dame Sarah Mullally – the first woman Archbishop of Canterbury since 597



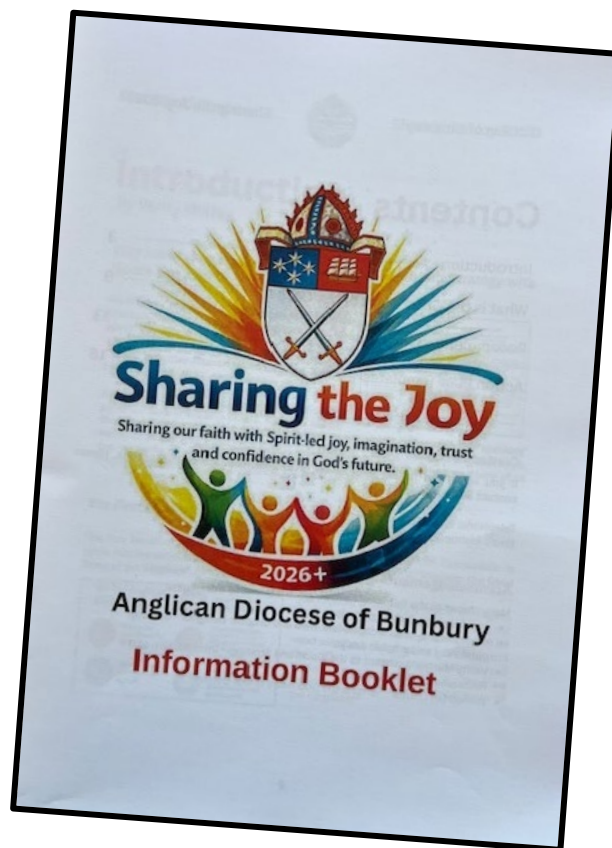
Revd Ann Frost

An ABM Coldrake medallist for her missionary work back in the day, and after 22 years of faithful service as Deacon in Carey Park parish, the Revd Ann Frost is hanging up her stole.

We give thanks to God for Ann's meticulous preparation, persistent prayer, confident leading and preaching, her compassionate pastoral care and her sense of humour!



Sharing the Joy 26+



Please find attached this

Sharing the Joy Information booklet

With thanks to Verity Murray, and to Hayley for the artwork, this booklet contains ideas, encouragement and resources to help you and your parish, Anglican Community or organisation to think about and share our faith with others.

Inside you will find that Verity has outlined how our previous diocesan **Vision and Strategy** and last year's **Hope25** has led up to this point.

Although we have attached a digital version, you may wish for printed copies in either A4 or A5 format, or both. Please let Jodi know and we will print these for you, by emailing: bishopspa@bunbury.org.au

Part of the aim is to encourage us as individuals to share our faith with others.

The other part is to build on the aim of **Hope25**, which was for every parish, Anglican Community and organisation to arrange one or more opportunities to share our faith with others. We are taking a leaf out of this nation-wide initiative to do the same again this year in our diocese. We are calling it **Sharing the Joy 26+** because the Lent course this year was entitled simply **Joy**.

At the back of the booklet are two versions of an Action Plan. We encourage parishes, Anglican Communities and organisations to work through the booklet and have a go at an Action Plan both as individuals and as a church or organisation.

Some of the resources listed will be available through the diocesan office or obtainable through the Christ's Church, Mandurah, bookshop. One of the authors, Dr Sam Chan, will be speaking via Zoom at the Clergy Retreat and we are hoping we can record this session for the rest of the diocese.

Receptions into the Anglican Church at Gelorup and Williams, on 8 March & Palm Sunday...



Lighting the Sound in Albany, March 2026

This was the view from Cliff Street, in Albany on one evening of a three-week immersive light installation, said to be one of the largest in the world.



An invitation for all Cursillistas and anyone interested to an Ultreya at Christ's Church, Mandurah on Sat 18 April...

ULTREYA

Saturday 18 April 2026

Christ's Church Anglican Church

1 Sholl Street, Cnr Sholl Street & Pinjarra Road

Mandurah

2:00pm



Contact Edna Jones 0420 647 388

**Please bring your name badge
and a plate of food to share**

News from our Schools



BCGS Snake Aware

The students at BCGS recently took part in a snake safety and education session given by Scott from Snake R&R. Situated in a bushland environment, the School continues to take proactive steps to ensure the students understand how to stay safe around local wildlife. This most recent session offered valuable learning about snake awareness, safety practices, and what to do in the event of an encounter.

35th Founder's Day Frederick Irwin Anglican School

Founders' Day 2026 marked a significant milestone as the School celebrated 35 years since its founding. The Secondary Eucharist featured an address from 1991 Foundation student and heart surgeon Dr Charles Jenkinson, along with a video message from AngliSchools CEO, The Right Reverend Peter Laurence OAM. Bishop Ian and Revd Tracey Gray, the Principal, led the service, which was followed by services at both the Primary schools and by games and events.



Georgiana Molloy Anglican School – Community

On Sunday 15th March, the inaugural Busselton Multicultural Festival celebrated the rich diversity of the city, with this year's theme centred on food. Special guests included Libby Mettam MLA, Deputy Mayor Kate Cox, and the Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA.

Students, parents and staff from GMAS contributed a striking artwork reflecting the festival's theme and volunteered throughout the event to support organisers and participants. It was a vibrant occasion that showcased strong community spirit.



A Message from Defence Anglicans about an upcoming ANZAC video

An ANZAC Day video is currently in production for 2026 and will be available for use in Anglican churches across Australia. The video reflects on current global events while honouring the service and sacrifice of Australia's Defence Force personnel, with a special focus on the ministry of Defence Anglican Chaplains.

This year's video features a powerful story of an Anglican Chaplain serving on the frontline. Parishes are encouraged to make space within ANZAC Day services to show the video. It will be available via download and YouTube, with a running time of under 3½ minutes. The video is scheduled to be released publicly on YouTube on Easter Monday.

We will send out an email with the link to the video once it has been made available.

Message from Anglicare WA

You may already be familiar with **Standing Together**, the Anglicare WA program that commenced in early 2025 which has been warmly supported by many parishes across the Anglican dioceses of Perth and Bunbury. Standing Together offers free one-hour presentations that raise awareness of the drivers of family and domestic violence and how everyone in the community can do their part in ending it.

As the project draws to a close, we would like to extend a **final invitation** to any parishes who may be interested in hosting a presentation, or even a **second session** for their community.

We have been greatly encouraged by the feedback received so far. Over **95% of participants** reported that they now have a better understanding of the many forms of family and domestic violence, and more than **90%** indicated they feel more empowered to stand up to family and domestic violence in their communities. This strong response highlights the important role parishes play in prevention and community leadership.

Presentations are free and open to parishioners and local community members aged 18 years and over. Each one-hour session provides a supportive and respectful space for participants to:

- Understand the different types of family and domestic violence
- Learn why it happens and how it impacts families and communities
- Come together to talk, reflect and support positive change

Bookings are available **through to August 2026**, with flexible delivery options including weekdays, weekday evenings, and weekends.

To request a booking, please complete the online form below or contact us at standingtogether@anglicarewa.org.au

[Presentation Booking Request - Anglicans Standing Together – Fill in form](#)

We would love the opportunity to work alongside your parish to continue building communities where everyone feels safe, respected, and supported.

Regards



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Domestic Violence Sunday – Sunday, 3 May 2026

Parishes are encouraged to observe Domestic Violence Sunday to highlight God's concern for those experiencing harm. **I have sent you resources to assist with this in an email dated 19 March.**

Please also see details below of a Webinar on 29th April.

The Standing Committee of the General Synod has asked that members of our churches be invited to make a donation towards the church's work of prevention and response.

Commission: www.tencommitments.org.au

On behalf of the Families & Culture Commission

Rev'd Tracy Lauersen, National Program Manager, Families & Culture General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia



Trauma-Informed Preaching Words that Bring Life

Webinar for Clergy and Pastoral Staff



**Panel : Pastors Alex Zunica, Ali Mcgrice Tracy Lauersen
and Clinical Psychologist Kathryn Thompson**

Join Us Live For A Lunch & Learn Webinar

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12.30 – 2.00pm (AEDT)

29 April, 2026

Register here www.tencommitments.org.au



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Bishop's Calendar

- April**
- 2** Whole School Eucharist, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School
 - 3** **Good Friday – Diocesan Office Closed**
 - 4** Service and Blessing of new Archive space, Church of the Way Coodanup
 - 5** Easter Sunday Service at St Boniface Cathedral
 - 6** **Easter Monday – Diocesan Office Closed**
 - 12** Confirmation, St George's Dunsborough
 - 17-18** Safe Ministry Commission Meeting via Zoom
 - 18** Evening Service at St Martin's Manjimup
 - 19** Northcliffe (Uniting Church) 9.00am service
 - 19** Pemberton (Uniting Church) 11.30am service
 - 20** Bishop day off (Swapping with usual Wednesday off)
 - 22** Provincial Council, Wollaston
 - 23** Bishop-in-Council / Trustees Meetings, Diocesan Office.
 - 24** Commissioning Service for Scott Thomson, St Elizabeth's Augusta
 - 25** ANZAC Day, Albany
 - 26** Good Shepherd Sunday, Chamingup Farm, Kojonup
 - 27** **ANZAC Day Public holiday – Diocesan Office Closed**
 - 28** AGM & Board Meeting, Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School
- May**
- 3** Service at All Saints, Hyden

Blessings,

