



## To The People



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

October 2025

Synod in Albany starts on Friday 10 Oct. We appreciate Living Water hosting us all. Over half of the Synod representatives this year will be receiving Synod papers electronically this week and Synod books will be available for all others at Synod. As usual, financial information will be sent later, or available at Synod. We have just received the Audit back and Finance Cttee. are scheduled to meet on 7 October.

### The clock is ticking

There are eleven months left before I am due to retire. As you may know, retirement age for bishops in our diocese is 70, which occurs for me on the 28 August next year.

Under our Bunbury Bishopric Election Statute, the Administrator (Archdeacon Geoff) can call the Bishopric Nomination Committee together *three* months before the date of retirement. Bishop in Council considered this at our last meeting with the result that Renae will be introducing a change in the legislation to enable this process, if passed, to begin *six* months in advance, instead of three.

### Bishop's Visits

Jodi has written to all parishes and Anglican communities asking you to let her know if you have any particular events, anniversaries, and Confirmations/Receptions? She will be trying to accommodate these requests whilst coordinating me attempting to visit every parish and Anglican community before the end of August next year.

### Post-Synod "Hub" meetings

From time to time, we have held pre-Synod meetings in Deaneries, which have been very well received. This year we are proposing to have post-Synod "Hubs" in four locations. These are for clergy, Licensed Lay Ministers, Wardens, Treasurers, Secretaries, Safe Church Contacts, Parish Council members and anyone else who would like to come. They are in some different locations from usual and people are welcome to attend based on which is closest to you, or on a date that works for you. You are warmly invited to come along.

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**Saturday 8 November**, is the scheduled Northern Harvest Deanery date but open to all **and meeting in Mandurah**

**Friday 14 November at St. Paul's, Bridgetown**

**Monday 17 November at Living Water**

The content of these Hub meetings will be listening to parishes and Anglican communities, working on the new Vision and Strategic plan, building sustainable ministry and updating about Work, Health and Safety and Insurance.

### Vale: Margaret Smythe

Margaret was a much-loved member of St. John's, Capel, an LLM for a quarter of a century and a stalwart of Boyanup parish. Her funeral service at St John's was packed out in the church with a sizeable number watching the service outside under shade cover on a big screen. Revd Terry O'Neill officiated. Margaret was an only child, whose father was 68 when she was born. She went on to be a dental nurse, marry a teacher and have three children. Among her many claims to fame and sporting achievements, she had managed to visit 66 countries. The church was full of flowers from her garden and she had pre-prepared her own funeral service order including the hymn "We shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace". May she rest in peace and rise in glory!





## Williams 100th Anniversary – Sunday 21 September

Despite the weather, which was as “wet and tempestuous” as Archdeacon John Wollaston described in his diary camping overnight in Williams in 1853, Revd Paul Bartley and the parish team put together 2 days of celebrations and invited the local community to join in. This marked 100 years since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anglican church was built in Williams. There was an Art competition for children and adults, historical memorabilia on show, the planting of an oak cork and a Sunday service with bush poetry and a gospel message. One of the winning items was a wonderful and entirely edible model of Holy Trinity!





## Recent valued visitors to Secret Harbour Church

Revd Paul Watson sent in the following photos of recent visiting groups at Secret Harbour. They comprised the Longriders' Christian Motorcycle Club on 14 Sept. and visits by Shalom House Men and Women on 27 July and 10 August respectively. There are no prizes for guessing which groups are which!



## Police Remembrance Day – Michaelmas – 29 September

Revd Wayne Warfield is now the WA Police *Senior* Chaplain. He led wonderful prayers at the Bunbury Police Remembrance Day observance on Monday.





## St. George's, Dunsborough and sponsorship for their community "Sustainable Sewing" idea

Revd Justine Richmond and St. George's, Dunsborough, successfully applied for a \$3,760 grant from the Plico-Starling Energy group to run a monthly community workshop from September to March on "sustainable sewing" repairing clothes and re-using textiles. Pictured here is Jo Kennedy, of a Single Leaf South West, who is fronting this initiative and is a regular contributor to St George's recycling initiatives.



## Opening and blessing of Georgiana Molloy Anglican School's new classroom block – 18 Sept

GMAS has been growing steadily in student numbers and consequently running out of space. This was the first new build in 8 years - a very welcome addition completed on budget and time. It houses two classrooms but is a flexible learning space that can be used for classes, meetings, examinations and even services.

Reverend Peter Laurence OAM, CEO of AngliSchools, City of Busselton Councillor Kate Cox, members of the School Council, and of Smith Construction and Cotan, were all present alongside the students who will be next year's Yr 12 leaders. The opening also signals the beginning of the School's 10-Year Master Plan. Pictured below, Mr Brad Evans the Principal, and one of the Yr 11 students who was part of a Cello duet.





## Event at the Cathedral Hall - "Mending our relationship with Earth" led by Iain Radvan

On Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 27 of us gathered at St Boniface Hall to participate in a session facilitated by Fr Iain Radvan SJ. Iain was ordained a Jesuit priest in 1994 and is currently the chaplain for the Australian Christian Life Community (CLC). After 20 years as a chaplain and teacher Iain has moved into the ministry of spirituality, running retreats and giving spiritual direction and supervision. At present he is working at the Jesuit retreat centre in rural South Australia (Sevenhill). Iain's passion is eco-spirituality, and we were blessed by his knowledge and love for God's creation.



We reflected on the wonder of the earth, then a session lamenting what we have done to the created world. We ended with a session on action, what we can do as individuals and as the body of Christ in the world to repair the damage we have done. Iain used video, photographs, music and poetry as well as times of discussion

to highlight the points he was making.

Another highlight of the day was a field trip to the Big Swamp before lunch.

Thank you to Darryl for accessing the Seafarers bus and driving us.

Another highlight for me was discussing these topics with members of other Christians from Anglican, Roman Catholic and Uniting churches as well as a Hindu friend of one of the participants. How unifying it is that we stand as one on the issue of the preservation of the earth.



Revd Carol Reid (Boyanup, St Boniface Cathedral and CLC member).



## Reception of Isobel Shortreed into the Anglican Church – 27 Sept



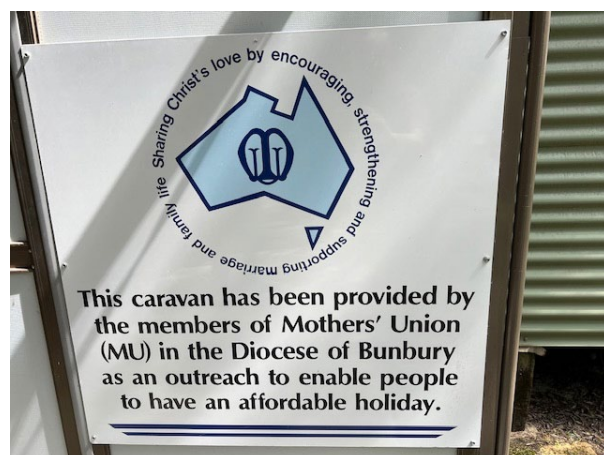
Isobel is a member of Christ's Church, Mandurah and a former Uniting minister and General Secretary of the WA Council of Churches. She has been worshipping at Christ's Church for some time and was formally and joyfully received into the Anglican Church on Saturday, 27 September.

In connection with this and with another request about a minister from a different denomination Dr Renae Barker looked into the practice of the Anglican Church of Australia and found we had not debated these matters nationally for a very long time. She advised we consulted other bishops, which we did. The consensus of their replies was that we could accept the ordination of ministers who had been episcopally ordained, but otherwise we could receive ministers into the Anglican Church, if they so wished, but as lay people and indeed potentially as Licenced Lay Ministers.



## Keeping the campsite in shipshape order

Our campsite manager, Eric van der Wacht, as usual has been busily preparing our Anglican campsite for the new season. One of his tasks in the past year has been accommodating the replacement Mothers' Union caravan. It was taller than the last one which necessitated Eric literally raising the roof above it by a half metre or so. We thank God for he and his wife, Sam, who make people feel so welcome and generate so many repeat and new visitors to this very special place.



## Quilt Show at St. George's, Dunsborough - 21 & 22 Sept.

Dunsborough's Quilt Show featured even more quilts than before. The amount and quality of the work is outstanding and the display draws crowds to come and view them. As you may know, there is an extraordinary prayer ministry attached to the quilts which are sent to people far and wide who are in need of comfort and of prayer. Di Gillett, on the right hand side in the picture below left, is the mastermind and somehow managed to still arrange this year despite being recently widowed.





## Lamenting our Climate Risk

Recently, the government released the first National Climate Risk Assessment, which indicates some fairly drastic measures are needed in order to preserve the places where we live.

The report gives Australia the information base needed to plan government responses and keep Australians safe. Some of the key findings include:

- More frequent and severe extreme events like floods, fires and cyclones.
- Sea level rise could put 1.5 million more people in high-risk coastal areas by 2050.
- Climate change will increase costs, reduce productivity and worsen inequalities.
- Heatwaves could lead to more heat-related deaths, especially in northern Australia.
- Australia's unique ecosystems are under threat. By 2050, up to 70% of native plant species could face conditions outside their current climate range, risking species loss and ecosystem collapse.

If you want to find out more about this report, resources are available online at

<https://www.acs.gov.au/pages/national-climate-risk-assessment>.

Our lectionary during this Season of Creation has contained many readings of lament. It is an opportunity to pause and think about how creation might be calling out to God. If we personified creation what would it be saying? How do we hear its lament?

Additionally, if things don't change, it could impact (and perhaps devastate) future generations. It leads us to reflect on what the lament of those future generations will be if some of these things come to pass. Interactions with young people indicate that future generations are already lamenting. In a group of about 100 15-year-olds, almost all of them strongly believed climate change is happening, and they lacked hope for the future. They felt powerless to do anything about the climate crisis and believed governments are not paying enough attention to climate change and global warming. They thought that by the time everyone can see what is happening it will be too late. Some even indicated they were not willing to bring children into the world as a result.

If we look at some of the biblical laments and imagine them to be the voices of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren in the future, what does that move us to do?

We are fortunate to live in a part of the world where we are not impacted directly by the type of destruction the biblical lament was responding to. However, the climate crisis has the potential to bring lament to many in the world, including us. We have a responsibility to pray for our leaders, to lobby government and lament to anyone who will listen - so that these climate statistics are taken seriously. We can review and alter our own consumption of resources and encourage others to do the same.

We cannot change how our young people feel, but we believe we have a responsibility to find a way to stand alongside them, and God's precious creation.

Rev'd Justine Richmond and Adrian Price.  
Sustainable Living Working Group.

## Foodbank moving to a new home in Bunbury

Revd Cathie Broome spotted that Food bank are moving from Clifford Street to a new purpose-built location at 4, Wayland Close, Dallyelup alongside a mental health facility for young people and financial wellbeing services.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION / REQUESTS

**Elijah House – *online training* available across the diocese for 7 weeks from 15 October. Information from Revd Jamie and Verity Murray**

**Course details: Keys to Transformation Teaching Series Unit 1**

**ONLINE COURSE:** Wednesdays, Time: 7pm AWDT

**Introduction** | October 15<sup>th</sup>. Prayer and Discussion October | 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, November | 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, December | 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Includes:**

- + 7 lessons (Topics) from Elijah House Prayer Ministers including Sandra Sellmer-Kersten
- + Prayer Ministry Small Groups
- + Workbook
- + 2-week access to review course content

**Unit 1 Course Topics Include:**

Biblical Basis  
 Ingredients of Christian Prayer Ministry  
 Bitter Roots  
 Hearts of Stone and Inner Vows  
 How We See God  
 Honouring Father and Mother  
 Accomplishing Forgiveness

**Keys to Transformation Course Goals:**

**To understand:**

Why we and others act the way we do  
 Why we experience difficulties in our lives and relationships  
 We have choices, there are solutions  
 How, in the power of the Holy Spirit we are helped and enabled to help others  
 The Opportunity to begin implementing what is modelled during the course:

All are welcome. This unit is the entry to all our Keys to Transformation Series Units 2 – 8.  
**REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!**

[Events – Elijah House Australia](#)

Please copy the above link into your browser for further details. This link also enables you to register for the course

### **Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology at Living Water and online**

Albany Ministry Training (AMT) is a non-denominational Christian training ministry based at Living Water Anglican Church delivering the nationally accredited VET Diploma in Christian Ministry & Theology (11238NAT). Units of Study include Jesus and His Teachings, Worldviews & World Religions, Practices of Christian Communities, Walking by the Spirit, Teaching Scripture, Self Care, Leadership and Church History. Lectures take place at Living Water on Thursdays from 8.30am till 3.30pm during school term time. Students may also participate remotely via livestream. Primary Trainers are Revd. Shane Marques and Revd. Dr Richard Goetz. Applications for 2026 are now open. For more information visit our website: <https://lwac.org.au/programs/albany-ministry-training>



## A request from Bishop Paul in Kapsabet - a special event on 16 Nov.

You may recall that for some 8 or 9 years Kapsabet has been slowly building what they call their ACK Plaza, close to the centre of Kapsabet town and not far from their present diocesan office. (ACK=Anglican Church of Kenya). The plan is to lease the lower floors to an IGA equivalent and provide offices for lawyers and government and eventually move their diocesan staff and Bishop Paul to the two upper floors. They expect to generate enough income from the lower floor leases to be able to pay for more clergy stipends.

All the work that has been done has been paid for. They have not borrowed funds because the interest rates in Kenya are around 14% but that means they have not yet been able to finish the project. Hence the following letter and invitation Bishop Paul has sent us:

Good afternoon my brother Bp Dr Ian and the good people of the diocese of Bunbury.

Hope this email finds you all in good health and in high spirits as we celebrate the power of God's favour during this holy season of Trinity.

We are so excited to share with you our forthcoming fundraising towards the completion of our ministry project dubbed, ACK Kapsabet Plaza. We are honoured by the Head of State & Government as our Chief Guest.

We covet your prayers and support that will enable us realize this dream for the sustainability of the gospel ministry. The love and generous support from our Christians and clergy is overwhelming. The spirit of ownership and participation is quite inspiring.

God bless you and grow you in every way even as we celebrate our Companion/Link partnership for the sake of the gospel and for the benefit of our peoples.

With Gratitude and Thanksgiving

Bp Dr Paul Korir  
For and on behalf of the people of  
the diocese of Kapsabet, Kenya



**Below left:** how +Paul's future office looked in January this year.

**The Anglican Church of Kenya**  
**Diocese of Kapsabet**

The Synod, Standing Committee of Synod, Bishop, Clergy, ACK Plaza Patron, Board of Finance, ACK Plaza Steering Committee and the Christians of ACK Kapsabet Diocese in Liaison with Chief of Staff & Head of The Public Service and the Governor, Nandi County

**Bp Dr Ian & Bunbury Diocese**

To a Thanksgiving Service and Main Fundraising for ACK Kapsabet Plaza to be held on  
Sunday 16 November 2025 at Eliud Kipchoge Sports Complex, Kapsabet. The Service begins at 09:00am.

**The Chief Guest of Honor will be:**  
**H.E. Dr. William Samoei Ruto, C.G.H**  
President of the Republic of Kenya and  
Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces

**The Preacher for the day will be:**  
**Bishop Ernest Ng'eno**  
(ACK Diocese of Kericho)

**RSVP**  
The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Paul Korir  
Diocesan Bishop  
ACK Diocese of Kapsabet  
P.O. Box 643 -30300 Kapsabet

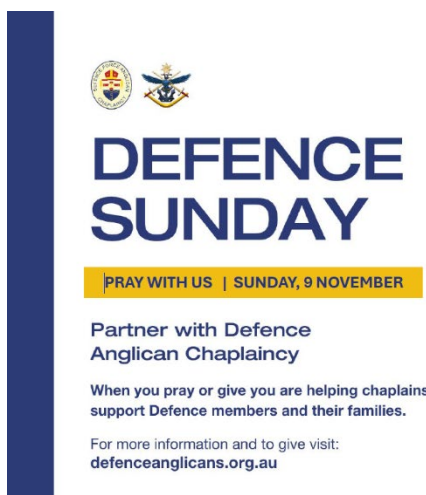
**RSVP**  
Mr. Philip Mitei  
Chairman, Board of Finance  
ACK Diocese of Kapsabet  
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With our heart of gratitude and thanksgiving,  
Let us continue praying for one another.  
Thus far the Lord has helped us: Ebenezer (1Sam 7:12)



## Defence Sunday – 9 November

Please find information below from Bishop Grant Dibden, the Anglican Defence Force Bishop, with links to materials for use in this service. He would be delighted if you could also contribute financially to the work and ministry of the Defence chaplains.



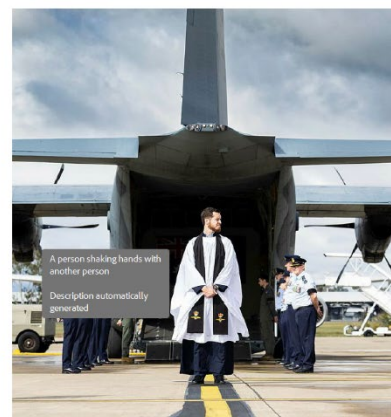
**DEFENCE SUNDAY**

PRAY WITH US | SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

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When you pray or give you are helping chaplains support Defence members and their families.

For more information and to give visit:  
[defenceanglicans.org.au](http://defenceanglicans.org.au)



Bishop Grant Dibden, the Anglican Bishop to the Defence Force has advised that Sunday 9 November has been designated as "Defence Sunday" as it is the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day. This day is an opportunity to thank the members of the Defence Force for their work, to remember those who have served in war and particularly to highlight the work of the Anglican Church among Defence personnel and their families through Defence Chaplaincy. You will have an opportunity to pray for this ministry and make a financial contribution via an offering, QR code or on [www.defenceanglicans.org.au](http://www.defenceanglicans.org.au).


Liturgical resources and prayer points are also available on that website. Bishop Grant has made a short video for Defence Sunday that you could play at your church. You can find it on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YM9ZAqKgtL88>

### WA Assisted Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Bill 2025 information

The General Secretary of WA Council of Churches has distributed a letter from Peter Abetz outlining the Bill that is currently before WA government, detailing a number of key issues. I have attached Peter's document for your perusal.

### Tree of Life 2026 Program


Revd Ross Jones, Director of the Tree of Life program, has sent the 2026 program, which is attached in pdf form.



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## SAVE the DATE!!!

**God-willing, we propose to hold an Ordination Service at St. Boniface Cathedral, on Saturday 7 February**

### Ridley College Children's and Youth Ministry Training Day 2026

We're excited to announce the date for the *Ridley Children's and Youth Ministry Training Day 2026* – and we'd love for you to be part of it!

 Date: Saturday after Labour Day – 14 March 2026  Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

 Location: Ridley College and Livestream

Theme: Big, Strong, and Mighty Inspired by the Colin Buchanan classic: "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!"

 Bible Focus: Psalm 8  Speaker: Dave Chiswell

The Children's and Youth Ministry Training Day is a day of practical training and biblical encouragement to energise and equip anyone doing ministry with children and young people. Bring your entire team and extend the invitation to all those you know involved in children's and youth ministry.

Save the date now and stay tuned for registration details coming soon!

Centre for Children's and Youth Ministry  
Ridley College

### Bishop's Calendar

<b>September</b>	<b>29</b>	<b><i>Kings Birthday – Diocesan Office Closed</i></b> Police Remembrance Day, Bunbury
<b>October</b>	<b>9</b>	Travel and Preparation for Synod 2025 - Living Water, Albany
	<b>10-11</b>	<b>Second Session of the Forty Second Synod, Living Water</b>
	<b>12</b>	Confirmation Service at Living Water, Albany
	<b>14</b>	National Bishops' Planning Meeting via Zoom
	<b>16</b>	Mother's Union Country Rally. Christ's Church Mandurah
	<b>17-18</b>	Safe Ministry Commission Meeting via Zoom
	<b>21</b>	Finance Committee Meeting, Diocesan Office
	<b>27-30</b>	National Bishops' Meeting, Sydney ABM 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner
	<b>31</b>	Farewell Dinner for The Primate Archbishop Geoff Smith, Sydney
<b>November</b>	<b>1</b>	Archbishop Geoffrey Smith Laying up his Staff, St Peter's Cathedral Adelaide

Blessings,

