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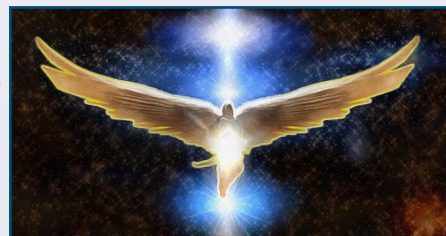
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MISSION STATEMENT: With the Holy Spirit working through us, to encourage our community to be part of God's family and become the body of Christ

ANGELS

The word *angel* is derived from the Greek word ἄγγελος (*angelos*) meaning a divine messenger of God.

Angels are ineffable, eternally a mystery and mysterious. We so readily associate them with Christmas and Easter but there are actually angels involved everywhere we look: in our Old Testament and New Testament scriptures, in our liturgical expressions of the "seasons" of our faith, in our religious art, in our hymns and songs. There seem to be no places where "angels fear to tread"! But how can we know what angels are?



In the Gospels alone an angel appears to Mary at the Annunciation (and thereafter to Joseph), an angel appears to Zechariah concerning the birth of his son, John the Baptist, the angels herald the birth of the infant Christ, an angel comes to Joseph to tell him to take the infant Christ to Egypt (and again later to return from there) to avoid Herod's massacre of the Jewish infants, the angels accompany Jesus during his wanderings in the wilderness, the angels come to the guards and the women at Jesus' tomb - and this is only the Gospels. There are angels who have a role in the actions recorded in *Acts* and in further books of the New Testament, not least in that magnificent piece of visionary poetry, the *Revelation to John*. In this short space, we cannot begin to address the ubiquitous presence of the angels in the Old Testament writings. Why are there so many angels and what roles do they play in our understanding of God's working in the world? We meet them variously as witnesses, recorders, messengers, heralds, protectors and observers.



There is no definitive scriptural description of an angel even though the writings describe how they sometimes may appear to us (Numbers 22:22-35, Genesis 3:24); they may be archangels, angels, cherubim or seraphim, even fallen angels (Isaiah 14:12-15, Matthew 25:41, 2 Peter 2:4, 2 Cor 11:14). They are messengers, watchers (John 1:51), military hosts and warriors (Matthew 26:53, Rev 12:7), sons of God, ministering angels (Hebrews 13:2, 1 Peter 3:22, John 5:4), destroying angels - always created to worship and glorify God the Father and God the Son in all they do and represent. They are too numerous to count (Hebrews 12:22, Rev 5:11-12) and only four are named in any scriptural writings (Michael, Raphael, Gabriel and Uriel).

Perhaps we can come closest to actually understanding (in a limited and very human way) what an angel is when we consider the following texts from the letter to the Hebrews:

"Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?" (Heb 1:14)

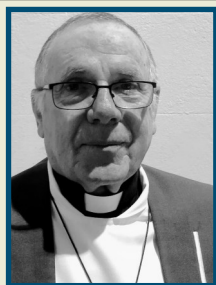
"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Heb 13:2)

According to these writings, do we not all have opportunity to be included in the legions of God's angels? As we serve the Lord together in faith we are, in our own way, angels being served and angels



serving the "other" that we meet on our daily journey. Life is a busy highway but faith gives it a direction and a purpose. Remember the exiled Jacob's dream when he rested in Beersheba. As he slept on a bed of earth and stones, "...he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it....Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place - and I did not know it!...how awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' "(Gen 28:12, 16-18)

PRIESTS' PONDERINGS



Dear Friends

What a great joy it is for us to share with you in this “in-between “time and such a privilege for us (Harvey, Liz, John and Carol) to share with you as a ministry team. In God’s gentle timing, having two priests/families with such a diverse experience of churchmanship and a shared love of Jesus, gives us, as a church community, a window into what could be the next step for our life together here in All Saints Parish.



JOHN REFLECTS:

Between us, and with your help, we are dreaming, praying and most importantly, caring for each member of the church as we are able to. With you, we want to proclaim and trust in the “goodness of God” as, in his love, Jesus walks the troubled and painful road to the cross.

To imagine that, in love, before time began, the Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) determined that for you and me, Jesus would take on our humanity and bear pain so that we could be made new and be drawn into this life of love that the Father, Son and Spirit share. We are, says the apostle Paul, new creations in Christ (2 Cor 5:17) . John writes that this love of God is made real moment by moment, day by day, as we love one another. He says, “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us”. 1 John 4:12

As a church, we exist and come to life because of our participation in the resurrection of Christ. We share in the sufferings of Christ, but we are made alive by his rising to new life. The marvellous images of the resurrection in the gospels come to mind: running, rushing, excitement, joy, eating, catching a large and extravagant harvest and jumping with exuberance into the water to swim to Jesus.

This, says Richard Rohr in *The Immortal Diamond*, “is all freedom for the future, because the past is over, gone, and totally forgiven.”

I shared with you at the Annual Meeting some of this newness, this resurrection life. I trust that you found the ideas about Christian Community encouraging, life-promoting and hope-filled. I hope also that you have had a chance to pray through some of the ideas yourself. There are spare copies at the rear of the church if you missed getting one.

I conclude with the last point from that document:

“We Believe That Blessing for Others, and Us, is Nurtured by Community. Love is more than a word. Love is an action. Love is nurtured in us in our ‘impossible communities’, our imperfect churches. We are healed and healing people who can bring healing to all aspects of the life of the wider community around us. We carry the hope and power of the resurrection”.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you'. (John 20:21)

Let us pray that we will be those whose life and words nourish many.

HARVEY REFLECTS:

As John has stated above, we are now operating with a team. The team, though, is not just the four members mentioned. I see the team as all members of our parish community. All people in our parish have individual talents and when these talents are used for the benefit of others they can be referred to as gifts.

A couple of thousand years ago a small boy was trotting along with two fish and five barley loaves : he had no idea he was about to be part of a miracle because of what he was carrying. That small boy helped feed about five thousand people. We all carry with us things God will use to ‘feed’ others. These items may seem insignificant to us but to God they are invaluable. We have among us people who can sing, garden, mow, cook, play, smile, pray, encourage, laugh, saw, cry, listen, nail, write, draw, knit, paint, sew and love. What a team!!

We are on a journey together and Jesus is not walking in front of us, nor behind us, he is walking with us. What a gift - let us make the most of it, together.

With love and prayers this Easter, John, Carol, Harvey and Liz.

ANGLICAN NEWS

Our Diocesan newspaper, *Anglican News*, is a great read and keeps us in touch with what happens around our Diocese of Canberra-Goulburn. The latest edition is always available on the website (anglicanng.org.au) or can be downloaded for you at the Parish Office if you have no access to the web.



**COME
WORSHIP**
with us!



These are our regular weekly services times
*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker*
Psalm 95:6 (NIV)

We hope you can join our common worship

FIRST SUNDAY	9.00am Holy Communion, All Saints' 11.30am St Paul's Talbingo
REMAINING SUNDAYS	9.00am Holy Communion, All Saints'
EVERY WEDNESDAY	7.30am Holy Communion, All Saints'
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY	2.00pm Holy Communion, All Saints'
SECOND WEDNESDAY	2.00pm Holy Communion at Murray Glen Village
EVERY THURSDAY	10.30am Blakeney Lodge Holy Communion/Morning Prayer
EVERY FRIDAY	10.45am Uniting Care Prayer and Praise

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday	25 March	9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints' Fifth Sunday in Lent
Wednesday	29 March	7.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
Sunday	2 April	9.00am	Holy Communion at All Saints' Palm Sunday
Monday in Holy Week	3 April	7.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
Tuesday in Holy Week	4 April	7.30am 7.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Tenebrae Service
Wednesday in Holy Week	5 April	7.30am 2.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Holy Communion All Saints'
Maundy Thursday	6 April	6.00pm	Shared meal, followed by Holy Communion at All Saints' and the stripping of the Sanctuary
Good Friday	7 April	9.00am 3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy at All Saints' Stations of the Cross
Easter Eve	8 April	5.00pm	Holy Communion at Holy Advent, Tumorrooma
Easter Day	9 April	6.00am 9.00am 4.00pm	Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Communion at All Saints' Holy Communion at All Saints' Holy Communion at St Paul's Talbingo

If you always tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

MAINLY MUSIC - WHAT FUN!

The cessation of the *KiddlyLink* playgroup at the close of 2022 left the parish bereft of services designed specifically for pre-school aged children and their carers. We have been greatly indebted to Anna Dickinson and her band of helpers for their mighty input over so many years. Thankyou, Anna.



After much prayer, consultation and planning it is a joy to be able to report that the introduction of the *Mainly Music* program in the parish is now underway - a program providing fun, interactive music sessions for young children and their caregivers, joining together in music making and social activities. It runs in the Church Hall each Wednesday from 10am -11.30am at a cost to each family of \$5. More information is available from the website www.mainlymusic.org or from Carol Jenner (0417 653 003).

The program is a magnificent opportunity for parishioners of all ages to be involved with younger families in many different ways. Join in! Try it out!



FAREWELL TO JUDITH ANN DAU

At the close of 2022 it was with sadness but thanksgiving that her many friends and colleagues farewelled Judith Ann Dau, well known to communities in Tumut and Canberra and further afield as a woman of faith, compassion and love. She was born Judith Nelson in Concord on 4 November 1934. As a child Judy experienced the Christian faith through attendance first at a Presbyterian Church and later at an Anglican Church. From about the age of 10 years she visited Newington Old Women's Home with her father under the umbrella of the Sydney City Mission with which he had an involvement and as she grew up developed a desire to continue such service. She undertook nursing training in Redfern and completed her midwifery training at Newcastle Hospital. A member of the Australian Nurses Christian Movement, her ambition was to use her skills and passion in the mission field. She moved to Tumut, serving initially as District Nurse in Tumut but subsequently working as an accountant in the Co-op office from 1966 to 1983.



In her time in Tumut Judy was a faithful member of the our worshipping community at All Saints' Anglican Church, involving herself in pastoral care, worship and administration. She was instrumental in establishing the tape ministry to those who were blind, vision impaired and/or housebound, providing them with information, recordings of church services and readings of the Tumut and Adelong Times, recordings personally delivered each week by Judy herself and a company of helpers. This is the service which continues to this day (on CD) to residents of Tumut and the wider community. She also operated for many years as an agency for the (then) Anglican Development Fund), enabling many local folk to manage their money and support the Diocese through that channel.

In 1975 Judy married the Reverend Canon Fred Dau, a previous Rector of All Saints' and he and Judy spent many happy years serving their Lord and travelling with their caravan and their cameras. They were together long-term members of the Temora Camera Club. After Fred died, Judy began a "house and pet-sitting" ministry, looking after clergy homes and pets across the breadth of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra Goulburn, allowing clergy to take well-earned "no-worries" holidays or health breaks and providing Judy with a much-treasured circle of friends. Judy was invested as a Lay Canon of Saint Saviour's Cathedral in September 2011 in recognition of her ministry across the Diocese. Despite her feeling a strong call to ordination as a deacon in the church this was not to be for Judy but she was welcomed, loved and included by the household of deacons, recognised for her life of loving and serving in the name of her God.

Judy is remembered locally for her pastoral care, her photography, as a Justice of the Peace, for her many community roles and services, and her compassionate care of those in need. In 1993 she was awarded the Tumut Australia Day Citizen of the Year award and in 1994 an Order of Australia in the Queen's Australia Day Honours list for service to the Anglican Church of Australia and the community. In her response to the latter award Judy included the following words: "It's here [in Tumut] I am fulfilling the role mapped out for me by God and my charter is simple – show the love of God, preach the gospel and practise it. As Christians, God gives us all gifts and it's our responsibility to identify them and use them."

Judy died in Canberra on 25 November 2022 and a celebration of her life was held at Holy Covenant Anglican Church in Jamison, ACT, on 9 December 2022. She is fondly remembered by Fred's family: John and Gail Dau, Archdeacon Anne Ranse and their families, the family of Elizabeth Dau (dec) and sadly missed by her good friend Jacqueline Elliott and all that knew and loved her. Ww praise to God for this lady who lived well, loving her neighbour as herself.

YOUTH GROUP REPORT

One of the highlights of last year was the coming together of our Tumut Christian churches to run a combined Youth Group for High School aged students. This was an initiative of the Tumut Inter-Church Council, meeting first at St Mary's Hall and later at All Saints' Hall.

In 2023 the group has yet to get underway again - there are administrative arrangements to be finalized for all those involved in the organizing and decisions to be made about the most satisfactory day and time of meeting to be agreed. It is hoped that it will again become a focus for outreach to the youth in Tumut.

RECTORY RENTAL

The vacant rectory building has been cleaned and all necessary repairs and pest treatment carried out. In consultation with our Archdeacon, Parish Council has decided to offer the property on the market for rent for an initial six month period. This will help avoid the deterioration that would inevitably occur if the building were left vacant for an extended period and have the added advantage of providing some interim income for the Parish. Under the agreement, the toilet by the carport will still remain available for Parish use.

FAREWELL TO REV MARK AND GENEVIEVE AND THE FAMILY

After four years of service in All Saints' parish Rev Mark Evers was farewelled at a gathering following the morning service on Sunday 8 January 2023. Rev Mark and his family had arrived in Tumut from Gyra (in the Diocese of Armidale) in hot January weather in 2019 and were sent forth on his new ministry path in Wagga in correspondingly hot

weather this summer. Parish Council Chair, Judy Cooper, presented the family with a framed collage of distinctively Tumut/All Saints' photos,

thanking Rev Mark for his ministry and his walk with us. It has been enlivening to see a family once again filling the Rectory space and making some much appreciated changes to some of that space. Amongst all the facets of his Parish ministry Mark has been part of some major infrastructure

development in the Parish (the new Community Hub building and the Parish Hall upgrades), an encourager of the Youth Group being established under the umbrella of the Tumut Inter-Church Council, a facilitator for a family-oriented ministry at a 10.30am Sunday service and a capable leader of ministry affairs through the challenges of the COVID19 environment. We thank him for his time with us and wish him joy and satisfaction in his new ministry amongst the growing residential areas of North Wagga and as chaplain to Wagga preschools.

His commissioning as an assistant priest in the Wagga Parish took place on Sunday 19 February 2023.



R to L: Judy Cooper with Ruth, Genevieve, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mark and Micah Evers



MINISTRY ARRANGEMENTS MARCH 2023

Since the departure of Rev Mark from his ministry at All Saints' we have been privileged to welcome a joint ministry team - at the invitation of the Bishop and the Parish Council Reverend Canon Harvey Sloane and Reverend John Jenner have generously agreed to pastor us through the period to the end of July. The arrangements for the apportioning of the responsibilities of ministry are as follow:

HARVEY:	1 st Sunday	St John's Batlow
	2 nd , 3 rd Sunday	All Saints' Tumut
	7.30am Wednesday	All Saints' Tumut
	2.00pm Wed (1 st & 3 rd)	All Saints' Tumut
	10.30am Thursday	Blakeney Lodge
JOHN:	1 st Sunday	All Saints' Tumut
	3 rd Sunday	St John's Batlow
	4 th Sunday	All Saints' Tumut
	2.00pm 2nd Wed	Murray Glen Village
	11.00am Friday	Uniting Care

We are blessed to receive ministry also from both Reverend Liz Sloane and Carol Jenner:

LIZ:	Pastoral Care Coordinator (meeting 11am last Wed of the month)
	1.30pm Tuesday Bible study @ Murray Glen Village
	Tuesday am, Wednesday am Blakeney Lodge
	Friday am Uniting Care
	Home communions (Tuesday, fortnightly)
CAROL:	New2U and Community Pantry
	10.00am Wednesday Mainly Music

We thank the John and Carol and Harvey and Liz for their willingness to serve God so graciously in our midst and the Parish Council asks you to keep them in your prayers daily, knowing they need energy, strength and good health as they provide this leadership.

PARISH MUSIC LEADERSHIP: CAROL



I thank God daily for His gift of music and the deep way it has moulded my life and provided, for me, an inroad into community.

I was born into a very musical family: Dad was an accomplished violinist and bass vocalist and Mum an able pianist and accompanist and, at a later age, a superb pipe organist. Church choirs and musical events featured highly in our family's activities - Dad sang with The Brotherhood Choir - a Methodist men's choir which was highly regarded in Sydney in the '50's & '60's. My own musical education was interrupted by our family relocating from Sydney to our farm outside Tamworth but once at High School my long association with the Dominican Sisters for piano tuition began. Time to practise was hard to find as the daily bus trip was long. I am so grateful now for Mum's insistence on practice. I only realised how hard that must have been when the 'boot was on the other foot' and we were encouraging our own girls to 'hang in there' with practising too! Our family attended a very small country church and Mum encouraged me from an early age to be her 2iC and play for the service. My faithful parents would attend church at night in Tamworth where I sang with Dad in the choir and Mum played the organ. School choirs and musicals fed my love of singing and delight in harmony - my first role was Josepha in *'The White Horse Inn'* in Yr 11- and AMEB Pianoforte was an HSC subject.

My time of study at UNE (B.Sc) provided more opportunities to play for chapel services and sing in a group that provided the music for church youth camps around Armidale - a group that was, incidentally, put together by John! The Christian commitment of our chapel friends was transformational to me - suddenly I was seeing young people with a very vital faith, who were serious about their walk with the Lord. Incidentally from that time several of our friends, including John, went on to theological study and ordination.

Nursing at RPAH (while John was studying at Moore College around the corner), marriage, and midwifery at KGV followed and then we began our ministry life (and family) at Christchurch Anglican Church in Gunnedah. It was so good to be back in the country and closer to family. In between babies our wonderful 'boss' Rev Ken Allen encouraged me to begin a choir for special occasions: Easter and Christmas. I borrowed music that we'd sung in the church choir in Tamworth, and we had a ball!

Music can be so empowering. So often we have seen friends/children discover unknown abilities and delight in working together on a musical project. Building a team of people who delight in singing about their faith is very precious. Our first parish was St Simon & St Jude's Warialda and choir work for Easter and Christmas continued there! Hours were spent recording individual parts that farmers used to listen to and learn as they drove their tractors around their paddocks. We even put together a joint choir with the Moree Anglican Church which delighted both parishes!

My piano teaching career began at Warialda teaching a friend's son after his teacher had left town. 30+ years later I can say this was a most precious time of my life: 1-on-1 time teaching and sharing God's goodness with little people and families is such a privilege. Accompanying the School Choir in Warialda, and later Tamworth, for trips to the Opera House, school bands and school musicals followed.

Special friends along the way had introduced me to the wonder of backing tapes/discs and, at long last, I could sing with an orchestra and so could my choir! Other friends had demonstrated ways of accompanying that 'liberated' me from my AMEB stodginess!

Our time at St Paul's Anglican Church in Tamworth provided the opportunity to produce several Psalty/Kids Praise musicals with the children and more seasonal cantatas. It was a very special time for us to be sharing all this with our own children who were increasingly involved with the wonderful musical culture at the Tamworth Regional Conservatorium and Tamworth Musical Society (I even boldly took on the Musical Direction of Rodgers & Hammerstein's *'Cinderella'* with a 45 piece orchestra!)

God used our time in the Pilbara with BCA at Paraburdoo to open more doors for musical engagement with the families in the community. My job as receptionist at the school meant I met every new family as they came to the town and provided a face for the church there - as Scripture teaching was not possible. Musical, choirs at both Tom Price and Para and more piano teaching filled my time. Once again God's gift of music provided so many opportunities to get alongside families and to share His love.

It was here I first learned of *Mainly Music* and its wonderful Christian connection with young families. We had plenty of young families (average age: 8 years!) but no older people to be part of 'The Team' so that idea went onto the back burner until we returned to St Paul's Anglican Church in Temora where it has run now for 11 years! We look forward to a long history too of blessing Tumut's young families in Jesus' name with our own *Mainly Music*.

Now we are at All Saints Tumut! Never have we encountered a church with so many able keyboard players and such a beautiful organ that I long to master!

I am so grateful to God for the musical abilities He has given me, particularly as part of the John&Carol clergy team! Much as we love the newer music and the fabulous videos now produced, there are so many places yet to have the technology to enjoy this. Life has meant being adaptable to unaccompanied singing, pedal organs, pianos with missing keys and being out of tune etc but, even so, our great God can still be praised and worshipped!



Christmas carols and tea -
musicians Jenny and Kate



Nativity scene—thanks to Sue
Handley for her restoration efforts

Tumorrroma picnic



Pantry
Christmas
hampers



Kammer Philharmonie Köln in concert
March 2023

New2U Christmas “hamper”
from Angicare



Farewell to Warren and Luke as
they relocate to Wagga

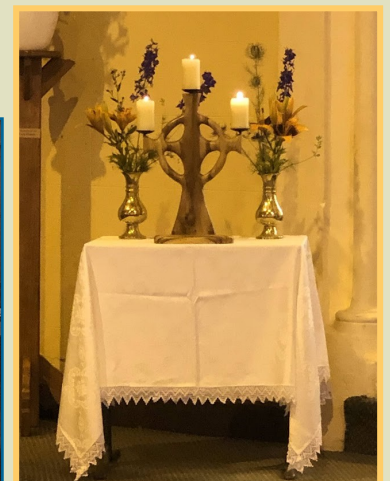


All Saints' Christmas

Farewell to
Margaret Davies



Remembrance Service 2022



LORD, LET ME SEE - A reflection from Rev Liz Sloane

The Easter story of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God, and including, for us, the Lenten journey of preparation for this special season, are an integral part of our Christian life. Each year, as we acknowledge Ash Wednesday, our focus deliberately turns to the message of Easter and God's gift to us. God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, gave us His son, in supreme sacrifice, that we might find hope in our lives through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Focussing exclusively on something means excluding other distractions in life. This is what we endeavour to do in Lent. How challenging that is at times when the world around us is such a noisy, demanding presence. Drawn into the Easter story, we must ask ourselves, '*What does this mean for me*'? We need time and space for such reflection and for nurture of our spiritual self.

We live in community, called to be part of that community, which means our making a contribution.

I turn now to a hymn, "*Let Me See*" ¹, which calls us into contribution:

Lord let me see, see more and more,
See the beauty of a person, not the colour of the skin,
See the faces of the homeless with no-one to take them in,
See discouragement because she'll never win:
See the face of the Lord in pain:
Lord let me see.

Lord, let me hear, hear more and more,
Hear the sounds of great rejoicing, hear a person barely sigh;
Hear the ring of truth, and hollowness of those who live a lie;
Hear the wail of starving people who will die;
Hear the voice of the Lord in the cry:
Lord let me hear.



Today's world is all about image. How do we present ourselves to the world around us and what do others see in us? "*Let me see*" is such a simple request; "*See*" is such a small word with a wealth of meaning. It can simply refer to the use of the eyes, but often the implied request is much deeper, a reaching to understand or to know what God has placed in our path. Our Lenten journey to Easter is about looking deeply into ourselves to see if we are on track with Jesus, reminding ourselves of His supreme sacrifice for us. So may we take the time to see and hear where God is leading us on our life's journey.

The Lenten journey is an interval on our Christian pilgrimage, a pilgrimage which involves us in carrying Easter into our lives every day throughout the year.

1. *Together in Song. Australian Hymn Book II.* Sydney, HarperCollins Religious, 1999. Hymn no.681

RIVERSIDE GARDEN MAINTENANCE

The planting of the Riverside Garden, initiated by Nick and Anne Browning, provides a lovely highlight of the Riverside Walk behind All Saints' outdoor chapel - when the garden is in good condition! It does, however, very rapidly become infested with weeds and loses much of its appeal. Our roster of grounds maintenance volunteers cannot be expected to take on the task of maintenance and we are thankful to Victor Leinonen who has in the last few weeks spent many hours cleaning up the mess the garden had become. Thanks, Victor. (Thanks also to Ken and Judy who removed the rubbish.)



There is no particular timetable for tasks in the garden - if, at any time, you have an hour to spare please feel encouraged to contribute to its upkeep by weeding, poisoning, pruning or even planting. If it is found that we cannot maintain the plot adequately it may be necessary to remove it - a most unwelcome idea.

If you have suggestions for a way forward, please let them be known.

TUMUT COMMUNITY PANTRY

The close of 2022 saw the "Christmas Pantry" provide over 100 hampers to families in our service area, bringing that extra dollop of happiness to challenged households and much joy to the Pantry volunteers who put so much effort into providing the service throughout the year. Thanks to the Management Committee who set such a wonderful example of leadership in Christian service. Thanks also to the volunteers who are thoughtful, caring, gracious and generous in all that they do, even in times when they themselves can be challenged in their daily lives.

The service continues in 2023, opening its doors to the public every Friday from 10am and those interested in volunteering are always welcome to come and discuss what contribution they can make.

ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS LIGHT SHOW

The All Saints' Christmas Light Show in 2022 was a great initiative. Cast Snowy created the show, highlighting the Christian message and projecting it onto the church tower in River Street, Tumut on the nights of 22nd, 23rd and 24th December. Thankyou to Michael McSweeney and his team for their great efforts in preparing this inaugural event. It put All Saints' well into the spotlight in the Tumut tradition of Christmas lights on homes and businesses. Maybe we can do it again in 2023? If you have ideas please contact Lorraine Wysman.



WHEN DO WE WELCOME A NEW PARISH PRIEST?

There is an established process within the Diocese for seeking a new Rector for a parish. This will involve us initially in a parish consultation led by Archdeacon Grant Bell - a meeting at which the congregation is asked to articulate their vision for the Parish, consider their strengths and their recognised needs and seek to summarise the ethos and culture and financial standing of the Parish. From this a document is created which can be submitted both to the Diocesan Clergy Appointments Board (3 Diocesan personnel and our 3 Parish representatives) once it is established and to any candidates enquiring about possible appointment. It provides background and understanding to inform all ongoing discussions.

At our recent AGM the three representatives elected for this process were David Menzel, Judy Cooper and Elizabeth Stanford. The gathering together of the full Clergy Appointments Board (the CAB) will be initiated in due time, following discussions between the Archdeacon and Bishop Mark Short.

This is not a process which can be rushed and must be supported with prayer and careful deliberation at all times.

KIDDYLINK FAREWELL

At the end of 2022 it was with sadness that we marked the closure of the KiddyLink Playgroup, which had met weekly at All Saints' since 2007 under the careful care of Anna Dickinson, our Coordinator, and her team of helpers, especially Maz Pearce. The original "Mums and Bubs" group had initially met in 2004 at Banksia Crescent and then All Saints', until withdrawal of Government funding in 2007.



Maz Pearce and Rev Mark

It was then that Anna stepped into her role as Coordinator. Anna Dickinson and Rev Mark Pastoral care was a strong part of Anna's leadership as she walked beside many of our families in their varied journeys. Numbers have fluctuated over the years but there was always a sense of loss as youngsters moved on to "big school", tempered by joy at the arrival of new families to share the fun, the games, the music and the food.

At the last meeting of the group Rev Mark Evers made a presentation to each of Anna and Maz, thanking them for their generous service to the families and the loving care of the children entrusted to their guidance. Over the time that the playgroup has operated there have been many other volunteers who have been part of the team for longer or shorter periods and our thanks go to those folk as well.

TENEBRAE (Reprint of an article from the *Spire* March 2022)

This service during Holy Week commemorates the suffering and death of Christ and is most usually based on readings of the Passion of Jesus, using music and candles to create a sombre atmosphere, complete with darkness in which the Lord is hidden from view. Candles are extinguished after each of the readings, leaving just the Christ candle alight - a stark visual reminder that our Lord was slowly but surely left alone in the darkness of a world fraught by sin. At the completion of the service the Christ candle is "hidden", signifying the burial of Jesus in the tomb. At the signal of a loud noise (signifying an earthquake), it is finally extinguished. The worshippers leave the space in silence and with no blessing.



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Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00am to 1:00pm

Monday: Closed



Recycled clothing for all ages, plus bric-a-brac, shoes, handbags, jewellery, books, gifts, toys, travel luggage, manchester and more!

**ALWAYS A BARGAIN
BROWSE REGULARLY
SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY**

DONATIONS of good quality items during opening hours are always appreciated



NEWS FROM NEW 2U

What a great time our volunteers have! There has been turnover in our 'workforce' - some have retired, others have just begun their journey with us - but the experience for all is of companionship, caring and satisfaction in serving our local community and our Parish.

Financially 2022 has been very rewarding. Our total receipts for the year were \$32488, allowing us to support the Tumut High School Chaplaincy (\$5000), All Saints (\$10000), to make Rectory wood purchases (\$340), meet all our operating and MOU (Anglicare) expenses and retain a balance at the end of the year of \$4119. This is a magnificent outcome for our small establishment and reflects good management and dedication by our volunteers and management team. Thankyou to all.

A most successful summer sale is now enabling us to begin offering our winter stock - the changeover is a big undertaking and we thank all those involved, whether in the shop itself or in the sorting, washing, steaming and ironing departments. Every small (or large) contribution ensures a tidy and welcoming shop for locals and tourists alike. It is for ever surprising to see in action the Christian outreach ministry that is achieved through our activities.

We acknowledge the support we received from Rev Mark Evers and Genevieve and wish them well in their new ministry in Wagga.

As was written in our report to the Parish AGM: "We are blessed by God both in our fellowship and in our service and will seek always, in His strength, to continue that service to the best of our abilities."

The Management Committee

IS OUR EVANGELISM WELL-DIRECTED?

A little boy was waiting for his mother. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a laugh; "You're kidding me, right? You don't even know the way to the Post Office."

YOUR GIVING TO GOD'S WORK

If you are a pledged giver, thank you. If you wish to become a pledged giver, sets of Giving Envelopes are available from the Office upon request.

If you wish to make your regular contribution to God's work through All Saints' via direct periodic payment from your account please use the following details:

Acct name: All Saints' General Account

BSB 032-766

Acct No.: 110007

Ref: [Offering] [your name]

If you have any queries please contact the Parish Office on 02 6947 1155



From our Registers



Funerals



Patricia May Rochester	5 Dec 2022
Fay Inez Miller	14 Dec 2022
Ronald Arthur Goldspink	24 Dec 2022
Cynthia Joy Crampton	16 Dec 2022
Joan Austin	27 Jan 2023
David John "Jack" Penrith	16 Feb 2023
Pamela Joy Archer	27 Feb 2023

Baptisms



Kacey Joan Knox	28 Jan 2023
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Sun 2 April	Palm Sunday
Mon 3 April	7.30am Holy Communion All Saints'
Tues 4 April	7.30am Holy Communion All Saints' 7.00pm Tenebrae All saints'
wed 5 April	7.30am Holy Communion All Saints'
Thurs 6 April	Maundy Thursday 6.00pm Shared meal & Eucharist Stripping of the altar
Fri 7 April	9.00am Good Friday Liturgy 3.00pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 7 April	5.00pm Holy Communion Tumorrroma
Sun 8 April	6.00am Holy Communion and Lighting of the Paschal candle 9.00am Holy Communion All Saints' 4.00pm Holy Communion Talbingo
21-28 May	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
8/9/10 Sept	Diocesan Synod Goulburn
16/17 Dec	Tumorrroma centenary celebrations



When you, your family, your friends or your community organisation are seeking a venue for a forthcoming gathering, remember the Parish Hall is now available for hire - it is beautifully updated, has catering facilities, is air conditioned and/or heated as needed. Contact the Parish Office (6947 1155) or Lorraine Wysman (0427 471 722) to discuss your needs and the availability of the facility.



SUNDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

Every Sunday there is a very social gathering of friends from All Saints' who meet at 12nn to share lunch and enjoy each others' company. The venue changes from week to week (check with someone at church on Sunday morning) but the joy is constant - come when you can and chat with friends.



A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She occasionally walked around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.'

The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.'

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

Please save:

Used postage stamps, pre-stamped envelopes, envelopes with company, business and council logos. All these are collected for sale to stamp enthusiasts, raising needed funds for mission and outreach. Either leave them whole or cut across the top to include the logo and stamp (printed or otherwise). These can be left at the Parish Office or at the rear of the church. Thank you to all who save stamps regularly and pass them on to us to support the work of Missions.



SPIRE subscription

Your annual Spire subscription of \$5 per annum can be paid at any time at the Office (9-12 Mon, Wed, Fri), by Direct Deposit or through the Sunday offertory plate.

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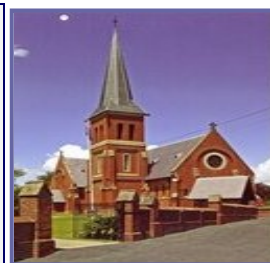
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Locum priests: Rev John Jenner (0428 680 930) and Rev Harvey Sloane (0412 699 723)



Lay Ministers

Ron Biggs	6947 3258		
Judy Cooper	6947 9047	Jeff McAlister	6947 2585
May Doon	6947 2342	Ralda McAlister	6947 2585

Wardens

(Rector's Warden)	Not appointed	Alison Faulder (Tumorrroma)	6946 6255
Judy Cooper (Tumut)	6947 9047		
Lorraine Wysman (Tumut)	0427 471 722		

Parish Councillors 2023

Lynne Withers (Asst Secretary)		Rev Liz Sloane	Pastoral Care
Judy Cooper (Chairperson)		Rosemarie Menzel	
Dianne Smith (Treasurer)			
Lorraine Wysman			
David Menzel			

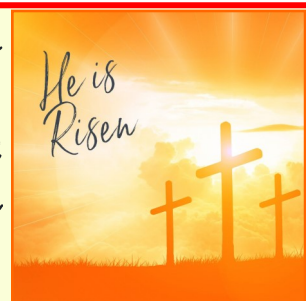
All Saints' Catering Service 2023

Judy Cooper	President	Gloria Davies	Treasurer
Ralda McAlister	Secretary		

All Saints' Synod Representatives 2023

Vacant	Elizabeth Stanford	Lorraine Wysman	
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Reverend John, Reverend Harvey and the Wardens wish all members and friends of the parish a very happy and holy Easter. May the grace of our risen Lord accompany you, the joy of the season rest with you and the peace inherent in the resurrection story remain with you throughout your journey.



CDs of weekly church services and also the *Tumut & Adelong Times* are available post-free to the sight impaired.

Please contact the PARISH OFFICE (6947 1155) on Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings if you know someone who would like to receive either or both CDs weekly.



If you would like to know more about the issues raised in this *Spire*, about church activities or ministry, please contact the Parish Office. The Office is attended on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9.00am to 12nn. Phone: 02 6947 1155