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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

CONFIRMATION 2022

It was a joy to host our Diocesan, Rt Rev Mark Short, on Sunday 15 May to administer the sacrament of confirmation to candidates from the parish prepared by Lynne Withers for presentation. Three candidates were welcomed into the community of faith - Amelia, Elizabeth and Tasma. We were saddened on the day by the inability of our fourth candidate, Katherine, to be present due to enforced isolation with Covid-19. We thank the Bishop for his sharing



the day with us - not only the service of confirmation but also a blessing of our new community facility behind the current Parish Hall and *Lunch with Friends*. The morning tea hosted in the Hall after the service of Confirmation provided a wonderful



opportunity for parishioners to meet and welcome the Confirmees and enjoy the fellowship that accompanies these occasions. We pray for these young women as they continue their journey of faith and develop their understanding of a life empowered by the Holy Spirit and lived in service to their Lord, Jesus Christ.



PENTECOST 2022

Just weeks after our Confirmation service, we gathered to celebrate the "church's birthday", the Feast of Pentecost, this year falling on Sunday 5 June. This feast day is a joyful but sobering reminder that the Holy Spirit has been gifted to each of us as members of Christ's fellowship to enable and empower us to live lives of service and praise, witnessing to the love and salvation offered us through the sacrifice of God's only Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Having received the Spirit, we are no longer alone and journey onwards confidently in that knowledge. We pray that our lives may be beacons of God's saving grace and love and that we will always honour His name in all we do and think and say.

"And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house...Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit."



Acts 2: 2 - 4a

IN THE ABSENCE OF A LETTER FROM REV MARK WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTARY ON THE READING FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on Saturday 6 August 2022, on which day the Gospel reading is from the Gospel of St Mark 9:2-10. As you read this passage the following from a commentary by William Barclay will help inform your understanding:

“We are face to face with an incident in the life of Jesus that is cloaked in mystery...What happened we cannot tell. We can only bow in reverence as we try to understand. Mark tells us that the garments of Jesus became radiant. When the incident came to an end a cloud overshadowed them. In Jewish thought the presence of God is regularly connected with the cloud. It was in the cloud that Moses met God. It was in the cloud that God came to the Tabernacle. It was the cloud which filled the Temple when it was dedicated after Solomon had built it. And it was a dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God’s presence would return to the Temple. The descent of the cloud is a way of saying that the Messiah had come, and any Jew would understand it like this.

The transfiguration has a double significance.

(i) It did something very precious for Jesus. Jesus had to take his own decisions. He had taken the decision to go to Jerusalem and...face and accept the Cross. On the mountaintop he received the approval of his decision.

(a) Moses (the *supreme law-giver* of Israel) and Elijah (*the first and greatest of the prophets*) met with [Jesus]. When these two great figures met with Jesus it meant that the greatest of the law-givers and the greatest of the prophets said to him, “Go on!”...It is as if at that moment Jesus was assured that he was on the right way because all history had been leading up to the Cross.

(b) God spoke with Jesus...Jesus put all his plans and intentions before God and said, “What will you have me do?” And God said to him, ‘You are acting as my own beloved Son should act and must act. Go on!’ [Jesus] saw, not only the inevitability, but the essential rightness of the Cross.

(ii) It did something very precious for the disciples.

(a) They had been shattered by Jesus’ statement that he was going to Jerusalem to die....They were bewildered and uncomprehending. Things were happening which not only baffled their minds but were also breaking their hearts. What they saw on the mountain...would give them something to hold on to, even when they could not understand. Cross or no Cross, they had heard God’s voice acknowledge Jesus as his Son.

(b) It made them in a special sense witnesses of the glory of Christ. A witness has been defined as a man who first *sees* and then *shows*. This time on the mountain had shown them the glory of Christ, and now they had the story of this glory to hide in their hearts and to tell to men, not at the moment, but when the time came.

Naturally the three disciples were thinking hard as they came down the mountain-side. Jesus enjoined them to tell no one what they had seen...The disciples still had to learn what Messiahship meant. There was only one thing that could teach them that - the Cross and the Resurrection to follow. [Only after that] might they tell the glory of the mountain top for then, and then only, would they see it as it ought to be seen - as the prelude, not to the unleashing of God’s force, but to the crucifying of God’s love.

Still their minds worked on. They could not understand what Jesus’ words about resurrection meant. Their whole attitude shows that in fact they never understood them. Their whole outlook when the Cross came was that of men to whom the end had come. We must not blame the disciples. It was simply that they had been so schooled in a completely different idea of Messiahship that they could not take in what Jesus had said...Jesus was overturning all the preconceived notions and ideas of his disciples....He was trying to compel them to see that in fact the herald (Elijah) had been cruelly killed and the Messiah must end on a Cross. They still did not understand, and their failure to understand was due to the cause which always makes men fail to understand - they clung to their way and refused to see God’s way. They wished things as they desired them and not as God had ordered them.”

Ref: Barclay, William: *The Daily Study Bible: The Gospel of Mark*. Rev.ed. Edinburgh, Saint Andrew Press, 1975.

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 (anglicancg.org.au) or can be downloaded for you at the Parish Office if you have no access to the web.





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	9:30am Holy Communion 11:30am St Paul's Talbingo
REMAINING SUNDAYS	9:00am Holy Communion 10:30am Family Service
EVERY WEDNESDAY	7:30am Holy Communion
EVERY THURSDAY	10:30am Blakeney Lodge Holy Communion/Morning Prayer
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY	2:00pm Holy Communion
SECOND WEDNESDAY	2:00pm Holy Communion at Murray Glen Village
EVERY ALTERNATE FRIDAY	10:45am Uniting Care Prayer and Praise

ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH TUMUT

Saturday 18 June 2022 was a day for thanksgiving and sadness in Tumut when many from our local Christian community gathered at St Stephen's Uniting Church for *A Service of Thanksgiving and Closure*. The service, to mark the closure of the church building, was presided over by Dorothy Creek, the Riverina Presbytery Chairperson, and provided opportunity for rejoicing in song, for prayer, and for reflection as several long-term congregational members provided reminiscences of the life of the parish over its more than 170 years. The message for the day was given by Rev Keith Robinson, the Eastern Region Minister, providing encouragement and affirmation for the congregation who met with a sense of bereavement mixed with a sense of hope, solid in their knowledge of the saving love of our Lord Jesus Christ and His support for us all in our continuing ministry in His name. The faith of the congregation continues although regular worship in the church building has now ceased. The building will retain a life of different service - as the venue for special celebrations and services - whilst the parish hall and infrastructure will continue its use in the community for several ongoing purposes.

In our various Christian congregations in Tumut we rejoice that we have the opportunity to embrace our fellow believers from the Uniting congregation, providing them a welcome, giving them nurture, learning from them through their expressions of faith as they learn to share our expressions. May we continue to grow together in mutual love and support.

The prayers used on the day of closure included these words:

"Ever-faithful God, you will be with us as we move on. You, O God, were at the heart of Jesus' ministry, you sustained him all the way to the cross.

We move on to fresh ways of worship, we move on in new communities of faith. We move on to work with new partners to build up the life of the Uniting Church and of the whole church of Jesus Christ.

With you, we move on to strive for justice and peace in our local community and throughout the world. We move on to both sing familiar hymns with familiar friends, and to sing new songs with new friends.

Though we let go of our cherished place, God remains with us. Though we sing new songs and worship in new ways, God remains with us.

We come together ...with a strong sense of grief as we say farewell to this hallowed place. We come together also with great hope for continuing our life of faith within different congregations whether nearby or distant. Loving God, for the life of this congregation...we give thanks in Jesus' name. Amen."



YOUR GIFT TO GOD

Everyday we give prayerful thanks to God for his many blessings and selfless love for each of us in our unique and special life situations. We know in our hearts that His Spirit is consistently present with us, even though there are times when we fail to acknowledge it, even to the point of “getting angry with God” for appearing to be absent. With joy, we recognise that He is not absent, it is we who are failing to understand the impact of His presence. This constancy of his presence is God’s gift to each of us.

Acknowledging our shortcomings in not always recognising God’s gift of His presence with us, how much time and energy do you put into considering the essence and content of your gift to God?

Your gift to God is more than MONEY or a FIGURE on a CHEQUE or a DIRECT DEBIT against your account.

- * It is a life of prayer and thankfulness.
- * It is a commitment to Christian community.
- * It is a gesture of good will.
- * It is a service to those in sorrow.
- * It is an aid to our young people.
- * It is an expression of faith in the future.
- * It is an effort to extend our Christian influence.
- * It is a holy thing, dedicated to God for the service of ALL people.
- * It is a gift of yourself to Christ for His work.
- * It is a contribution to Christian education.
- * It is a gift of gratitude to God.
- * It is a vote for a Christian world.
- * It is a hand reaching out to other communities and nations in a ministry of health and healing through wider missions.
- * It is so much more than we can ever include in a list.

Such a list can never be complete or exhaustive - no service in God’s name can be left off, no service is too small or too large to be omitted. What we can know is that the totality of our lives and resources, personal and financial, are an eternal gift offering to God as thanks to Him for his generous provision to us of life and hope. Do not allow your “*gift to God*”, embodied in your personal service or financial support for His community of faith, to diminish to a level that no longer represents a sufficient thank offering for God’s great love expressed to you through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, to be your Lord and Saviour.

Spiritual growth is not so much what we have done, but the feeling of love for Him that we put into everything we do.

Windows of Heaven - a Garageman on God

“Check the tyres for you, Reverend?”, asked Dave, the service station attendant, as I got out of my car. Without waiting for a reply he began to wrap up the car, the bowser and me with the retractable air hose.

“A funny thing happened the other day,” he volunteered. “My little bloke, Brett, wanted to know who God was. If I’d known you’d be in today, Reverend, I could have brought him along.”

I hadn’t even time to breathe the proverbial sigh of relief when he continued: “But I told him God was a sort of king. So, quick as a flash he comes back to me and says,

“So, the Duke of Edinburgh is God , is he, Daddy?”

“Nar,” I said, “He’s just the Queen’s husband.”

“Well, is Mr Whitlam God?” Brett asked.

“Nar,” I said.

“What about the headmaster at school?” asked Brett. “Is he God?”

“No, he’s not God,” I said, “though I’ll bet he wishes he knew as much about you kids as God does!”

“Well,” said Brett, “the Minister down at the church, he must be God.”

“Well , no, not really,” I said, “but I reckon he knows a lot more about it than I do.”

“But, you know, Reverend, when you stop and think about it,” said Dave, “you can’t really describe God without pointing to people.”

A particular and special avenue of ministry in our congregation involves the leading of intercessory prayer during our gathered worship. Various members of our congregation generously and prayerfully accept this role. The following article has been contributed by one of these people, **David Menzel**, outlining his understanding of the role and the responsibilities he believes he undertakes.

PREPARING AND LEADING INTERCESSIONS

As someone relatively new to the *Book of Common Prayer* and *A Prayer Book for Australia* (our “green book”) and now leading intercessions in our recently adopted church family at All Saints, I’ve enjoyed learning and reflecting on this subject of leading intercessions in common worship.

This brief reflection touches on 3 perspectives: British, Australian and USA – but above all, reflects feedback from caring friends.

In his book *Leading Common Worship Intercessions: a simple guide*, Doug Chaplin of the Church of England offers this advice:

“Like other forms of ministry, leading the intercessions in a service is both a privilege and a responsibility;

- Remember that you are helping to lead others in prayer, not simply praying in public;
- the language of your intercessions should broadly match the style and vocabulary normally used in your church’s worship;
- the intercessions are not a ‘shopping list’ of concerns, nor are they a news report or an opportunity to express a personal opinion which might not be shared by others; they are appeals to God who already knows the prayers on our hearts.”

In relation to the format for the prayers Chaplin includes this advice:

“The typical pattern for intercessions in Common Worship services is this: [prayers for] the Church of Christ; [for] Creation; [for] Human society, [for] the Sovereign (Australian Government) and those in authority; [for] the local community; [for] those who suffer; [for] the communion of saints. It is sometimes appropriate to deviate from the pattern, especially on a significant occasion or in time of catastrophe.”

I have taken another perspective from the writings of The Rev’d Dr Margaret Wesley from St Paul’s, Ithaca-Ashgrove (Sydney) who describes our intercessions this way:

“When we lead our congregations in intercession, we stand in the space between God’s love and the congregation’s need, and we build a bridge there with our words....An intercessor is a go-between: someone who holds one hand towards the love, grace and power of God, and the other towards the suffering, brokenness and beauty of all creation.”

Rev Margaret reminds us that when we feel helpless about situations in the world (eg Afghanistan or Ukraine) and wish that there were something we could do, that:

“There is always something we can do. Like many churches, St Paul’s organised a vigil where we could stand in that go-between space. We wept with the people of Afghanistan/Ukraine, named and protested their mistreatment, and remembered together that God has always loved and rescued just such vulnerable, oppressed people.”

Rev Margaret relates the following story:

“My children used to tease me that the only time I ever read the news was when I was rostered on for intercessions at church. Life is overwhelmingly busy sometimes, yet the holy space we inhabit when we lead a congregation in intercession makes it just as important to immerse ourselves in the needs of our world, community and congregation as it is to name and appeal to the character of God. My kids’ teasing challenged me to stand in that place of intercession every day, not just when I was on the roster.”

Some of the tips she offers in preparing intercessions are:

1. Read the Bible passages and prayer (Collect) of the day. What aspects of God’s character will be dwelt on through the service?
2. Mostly use a familiar call and response like “Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer”. This is familiar and does not present distraction for those you lead in prayer.
3. Be aware of any particular significance to the day or season. At least mention this, and, if appropriate, possibly shape your whole intercessory prayer around it.

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4. Inform yourself about the needs of your church, your community, your country and your world. Include one or two concerns from each of these areas.
5. Allow yourself to feel the sadness, anger and joy around you. Only then will your prayers come from your heart and body, as well as your head.
6. Ask yourself, "Can all God's people gathered here today say 'Amen' to this?" If the answer is "no", generalise it or leave it out.
7. Collect prayers you like so you can find language to borrow when needed.
8. Read your intercessions aloud at home so you can hear how they sound.

A few suggestions below are gathered from a USA layanglicana blog:

- Be yourself.
- When praying through specifics do enough research to get your facts right.
- Be unafraid of silence. It's rare for the leader to leave enough silence and space in the prayers. Often, this role is seen as reading rather than leading, which makes a huge difference.
- "Lord, in your mercy : hear our prayer" will do me every time. It allows me to concentrate on the prayers, rather than trying to remember an unusual phrase.

And this blog's suggestions re what not to do:

- **No gossip.** Remember that God knows the detail before you tell Him, so don't: 'We would just like to lift little Johnnie, whose mother has just run off with the milkman, into your loving care O Lord.'
- **No politics.** Pray for politicians/the government without giving any endorsements. These are intercessions, not an essay for you to prove to God/the congregation your knowledge of the minute detail of the crisis in capitalism or Balkan politics.
- **No sermonising.** These are intercessions, not an essay to prove theological understanding. Intercessions can however be thematically related to the Gospel for the day.
- **No 'chatting to God' language.** Avoid like the plague such phrases as "Oh Lord - I would just like to ..." or "I only want to ..." I have the same cringe points - "Lord we just wanna..." and "Lord, you know that it's the Parish Council meeting tomorrow..." . I think the cringe points are likely to arise when people insist on doing the prayers extempore. In ordinary speech people use fillers like this, but they are really not appropriate here.

Personal input/feedback from caring and wise friends

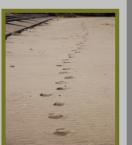
I remember some advice: "It's your best friends/family members who will give you constructive criticism that will help you develop - many 'friends' just can't be bothered". Seek constructive feedback - not just approval - about your intercessions from people you consider wise and caring. Some advice I've received is always to remember that, although I might be leading intercessions, I am also very much praying them as well - and that people respond more easily to prayers from the heart .

COLUMBARIA?

Situated on the garden side of the All Saints' Memorial Fence at the south-west corner of the church building are panels of fencing upon which memorial plaques for deceased members of our faith community have been placed. This All Saints' Memorial Wall was dedicated to purpose in 1989 . It is not, in the strict meaning of the word, a columbaria, a wall which has individual recesses (each called a columbarium) into which the ashes of a deceased person are inserted. Our practice at All Saints' is that the ashes of the deceased person are interred in the ground in front of the wall and a memorial plaque for the deceased affixed to the wall above. We do, as a community, commonly but mistakenly, refer to this facility as "our Columbaria". It does, nonetheless, create a sacred space which allows for quiet contemplation and reflection upon the faith and life of many who have been integrally part of our faith community in past years and whose families have opted to have remains interred in this space.



Remember, no matter how far you've walked away from God, the return trip is only one step.





Pentecost 2022

The boy and his toy



God bless this house
to His purpose



Without Lorraine and David the
building installation would not
have happened so smoothly



“SUNDAY SCHOOL” ROOMS



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It was a delight, when Bishop Mark was with us at All Saints' for our 2022 Confirmation service in May, to be able to invite him to inspect and “bless for purpose” our new community space created by the installation of the new demountable buildings behind the church hall. The work was not complete (and is still a “work in progress”) but the building was fully installed and at lock-up stage, awaiting outside finishing of ramps, paths and landscaping. The facility has a large meeting/playroom, fully accessible toilets, a kitchenette, multiple office spaces, networking facilities and neat and clean finishes throughout. It promises to facilitate many different uses as its possibilities are tested and developed. The search for an appropriate name to reflect its commitment to community use is still underway, whilst ideas and contributions to landscaping now provide a welcome opportunity for input from all parishioners.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

As history was made with the siting of the new demountable building at All Saints' in the early months of 2022, some interesting history was also unearthed during site preparation. The "stumps" under the old Sunday School rooms, erected by the Young Anglicans of the 1940s and 1950s, commemorate their hard work, energy, excitement and vision. "Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions." (Joel 2:28) These young people certainly had a vision for service and the parish in their time and their works and memorials speak for them:



Bob Doon; Grace Doon



Jim Anderson



S Bonnette; John Doon



Ken Brown



Lance Wren



D F - David French?

These are a few samples only of the "stumps" retrieved from beneath the old Sunday School building. It is hoped that at least some of the collection can be repurposed and given long-term recognition, perhaps by being incorporated into some new seating for the outdoor Riverside chapel or as some garden ornaments or furniture. If you have suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to let them be known to the wardens or a member of Parish Council.

Don't fret! Cheer up! Neither the sun, nor the Son, has gone out of business. He is with us. A new day will dawn and the Lord will bring himself to the centre of our problems.



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.



SYMBOLS IN OUR CHURCH

In the last issue of the Spire various symbols of the church were examined. In this issue, the examination continues.

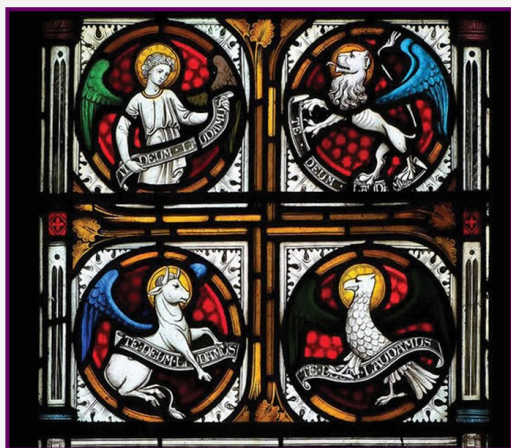
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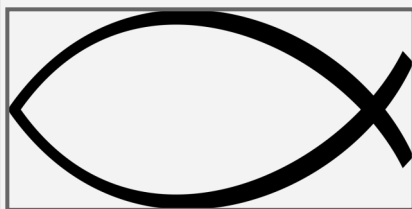
The Dove - is seen in windows, in liturgies, on vestments and more. It is used to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit to God's people on earth. It was originally recorded in the story of Noah's Ark - the dove was released and eventually returned bearing an olive branch, the assurance to Noah that God had caused the floodwaters to recede and life on earth to be renewed. For early Christians, the dove with an olive branch in its beak became a symbol of peace. At his baptism, Jesus was seen to receive the Holy Spirit as a dove descended upon his head - a sign of his divinity and the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecies. The purity of the dove was established when, in Jewish sacrifice, the dove and the turtledove were the only two birds seen as acceptable for sacrifice because of their purity.



The Flames - Again, we see the Holy Spirit, in many contexts, represented as flames of fire. Fire is used in many ways in the Bible to represent the presence of God - for Moses in the burning bush (Exodus 3:2), for the people of Israel in the pillar of fire to lead them through the wilderness (Exodus 13:21), for John the Baptist in his prophecy concerning the coming of our Lord (Matthew 3:11), for the "new" Christians in the receiving of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:3). Fire is the presence of God (the pillar of flame), the passion of God (the passion of the new Christians for their mission) and the purity of God (as in the silversmith's fire which refines the dross from the precious metal Malachi 1:3-4).



The Four Evangelists - As can be seen in the Rose Window in the west wall of All Saints', the four Evangelists are often represented in Christian writing and iconography by the four beasts mentioned in the Bible in Revelation 4:6-8 and Ezekiel 1:1-21 - the Angel/Winged Human (Matthew), the Lion (Mark), the Ox (Luke) and the Eagle (John). The gospel of Matthew deals with the genealogy of Christ, the human ancestors, the humanity of Christ. The gospel of Mark deals with the herald's voice in the desert, prophesying Christ's coming - a reference to the roar of the lion which once inhabited the desert. The gospel of Luke deals with the sacrifice of Christ, oxen being the common sacrificial animals in Jewish ritual. The gospel of John (and his three epistles and Revelation) is referenced by the eagle as he takes high philosophical flight to pass on his message, his eye as sharp as the eagle's eye.

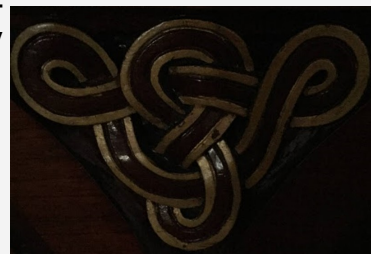


The Fish - The Christian Fish, also called the Jesus Fish or Ichthys, was a secret symbol of early Christians. The symbol, which was used by early believers to identify themselves as followers of Christ, consists of two intersecting arcs tracing the outline of a fish, easily sketched in the dirt with the toe of a sandal and just as quickly scraped out again. Fish frequently appeared in the ministry of Christ, a staple of the diet in biblical times and often mentioned in the Gospels.



The Trinity - The "triquetra" is an ancient symbol found on Celtic period grave markers and used to represent a three-part interlocking fish symbol for the Christian trinity, the "three are one". The trinitarian belief is that God is one being, made up of three distinct persons who exist in co-equal, co-eternal communion as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (John 16: 12-15)

The Trinity symbol as it appears on All Saints' altar



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NEWS FROM NEW 2U

The shop and its volunteers continue to thrive, supporting the community, encouraging its volunteer cohort, maintaining social networks and supporting the Parish financially. Congratulations to all involved in any way.

Our new Anglicare "contact" in Canberra, Mrs Chloe Pailthorpe, took up her position during June and we look forward to working with her as she becomes familiar with our particular environment. Apart from her new role with Anglicare, she herself is involved in the management of the "op shop" in Braidwood Parish. It was a delight to welcome her to Tumut in early July, in company with Rev Sarah Plummer, as they seek to familiarise themselves with the people and services of the partnership shops.

The shop continues to trade successfully and has contributed well to parish finances over the last six months.

As has been written before, there is much joy to be found in volunteering in the store, through a work contribution, the fellowship associated with it, the meeting of new people and visitors and the knowledge that you are contributing to an important Parish outreach in our local community.

COME ON IN : JOIN THE TEAM AT New2U

The Management Committee

TUMUT COMMUNITY PANTRY

The Pantry continues to provide a wonderful service to the community through its operation from the Uniting Church Hall on Friday mornings from 10am-midday. It is an ongoing privilege both for those who volunteer their time to serve and to those who are able to donate items for distribution to be able to provide comfort and support to members of the community in special need.



Is this a service to which you feel called?

Please contact Rev Liz or Judy Cooper to discuss the ways in which you may contribute.

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

After a long Covid-enforced break the Council has attempted to meet twice over the last few months but has not been able to secure a quorum. Those who have been able to meet have nonetheless made some plans for activities during 2022/2023. Please ensure that you keep an eye out in the weekly *Newsletter* for events as they arise.

More than ever, as some of our Christian brethren in Tumut find themselves without ordained/called leadership in their particular denominations, we need to live out our faith as an inclusive Christian community, committed to sharing God's love and promise of salvation. We are called to care for each other and support each other on our disparate journeys through life, neither judging nor condemning but loving as we know Jesus loves us.

Next meeting: Wednesday 27 July at 2pm in All Saints' Supper Room. Please join the group for afternoon tea and a chat.



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



Judith Robin Kalinich	31 March 2022
Margery Smith	19 April 2022
Betty Piper	2 May 2022
Valma Betty Howe	3 May 2022
Janice Elaine Vafiopulous	9 May 2022
Vicki Smith	d.6 June 2022
Richard Charles "Dick" Smith	10 June 2022
Kenneth Leighton "Tim" Meyer	18 June 2022
Walter James White	20 June 2022
Kevin John Duncombe	24 June 2022
Rodney George Cooper	27 June 2022
Lance Maxwell Webb	28 June 2022
Lilly Webb	15 July 2022
June May Lucas	15 July 2022



6 August	Feast of the Transfiguration
15-21 Aug	Seven Days of Prayer and Fasting
Sun 18 Sept	Songs of Praise @ TCC
9-11 Sept	Diocesan Synod
Sun 6 Nov	Prayer for the Persecuted Church
Sun 27 Nov	Bishop's visit

Baptisms



Lucy Curry	29 May 2022
Arthur William Percival	2 July 2022

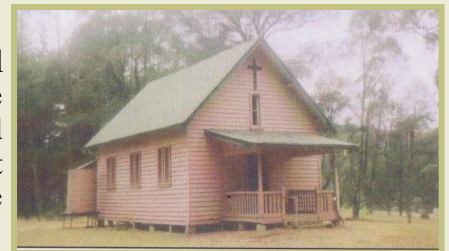


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