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PREPARING FOR EASTER 2022

The Lord cares for the way of the righteous. So we are told in Psalm 1 which talks about the straightforward choices between good and evil, between salvation and destruction, between life and death. Judged by this choice, our faith must be a simple faith, as we affirm in the acclamation we make each time we rehearse the Eucharistic Prayer of Thanksgiving - *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.* What else do we need? What else can we say? In the Psalm, the Blessed Man is like a tree, firm and thriving, living out God's purpose and intention, whereas the wicked man (of v.4-5) is the opposite - like the husk off the grain that blow away, no substance and no nutrition. The final verses of the Psalm promise God's watchfulness over the righteous, whilst the wicked are left to perish. There is an easy choice - we look to the Lord: delight in his learning, serve him wholeheartedly and find His blessing.

We are reassured in the Easter joy that our loving Lord Jesus Christ willingly takes on His shoulders the wrath and anger of God (that should fall on us) and He bears it all on the cross in order that we may turn to Him and live. There is a simple and straightforward choice for us - but often manipulated by the world if we fail to be vigilant in our journey. We do not need to listen to the world or live to the world's expectations - we can find strength and success in choosing the path with God towards salvation. This is the life Jesus led - not rich in the world, but rich in the spirit.

Just as I am, without one plea
but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you would my Saviour be,
O Lamb of God, I come.

A meditative hymn of our Anglican hymnody (*Together In Song* 584) is a wonderful resource:

Just as I am - I need nothing else but my focus on Jesus. This is riches, health, well-being.

Can you, in company with the writer of this hymn, state your faith so simply:

Just as I am, O Lamb of God, I come?

TENEBRAE

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.



CONFIRMATION

It is good to report that planning is underway in the Parish to conduct a service of Confirmation in May 2022. An invitation has been issued to our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Rev Mark Short, to join



us to administer this sacrament. Given the disruptions of the last couple of years, it is some time since we enjoyed hosting a visit from our Bishop and we look forward to this opportunity to share time with him. Candidates for Confirmation (adolescent and adult) will undertake a course of preparation prior to the service, searching various issues of faith and understanding and encouraging them in their growing relationship with Jesus. If you are interested, or know of anyone else who is interested, in becoming a candidate, please contact Rev Mark (0413 446 535) or Lynne Withers (6947 2222) or Wendy in the Parish Office (6947 1155).



MARK'S REMARKS

A summary of Rev Mark's words to the Annual General meeting on Sunday 6 March 2022:



Our Church is at a crossroads where the direction we take over the next couple of years has enormous potential to affect the future of All Saints' Parish.

The choice? We can look either to the past or to the future. There is "security" in the past, familiarity, but also stagnation. Inevitably this leads to "death", closing the doors due to lack of people and relevance. Looking to the future is scary, unknown and feared. As we remember that we have a God who loves us, who is big and powerful, who has promised to grow His church and care for His people, we can step out in trust.

What is the future we seek? My vision includes worship that recognizes and includes our excellent Anglican traditions as enshrined in the prayer book; a church that is growing and bursting with children and young people and celebrating the diversity of the wider church; teenagers meeting in a youth group; pastoral care at our aged-care facilities; community outreach through various mission activities. I also see our church as a support and resource for all the Christian churches of the Snowy Valley, Anglican and others, maybe even having an office staffed full-time to provide that support.

How do we get there from here? There is no silver bullet solution. As we ponder, remember that the Bible is very clear that it is God who grows His church. - we may water and plant but we need to come before our Father and ask Him to do the growing. It is our job to be God's people in the world. My dream is in Acts 2:42: "[The early church] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." What will this look like for us? It will not happen in an hour or two of worship each week.

My dream is that everyone in our church will be meeting together in diverse groups, of different sizes, for a variety of reasons, sharing their lives and growing in God. This includes much of what we are already doing - Lunch with Friends, Bible studies, Friday meditations, community outreach and our new Caring Groups designed and facilitated by Rev Liz.

But it's more than just these. I would love to see, each week, the vast majority of us meeting together in small groups to learn from God's word, gathering with another 2 or 3 to pray, sharing our lives in fellowship over a meal or a cup of tea, then all of us meeting together on Sundays as a great expression of our unity as Children of God washed clean in the blood of Christ.



Is this a lot? Yes, it is. It's probably going to mean there are things we will need to stop doing, even good things, in order to start doing better things. This is what it means to be "Devoted ...to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." It is what God has called us, as His church, to be. It is what it means to be God's people.

ALL SAINTS' CARING GROUPS

All Saints' Caring Groups have been established in an attempt to ensure that everyone in the Parish is connected with a group that cares about their wellbeing. We would like to aim for all parishioners feeling as if they belong and that someone cares. The groups are to be facilitated by a person already selected and in agreement, who will co-ordinate the gathering of the group and endeavour to select activities and meeting places that are suitable for that group. No-one has to report back to the Parish Council. If needs arise and the facilitator feels it is necessary to pass on information (with the personal approval of the person concerned) to the Rector or myself, as Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, then that is appropriate.

These groups are just a suggestion, you are not obligated to attend. However I suspect you may find them helpful and enjoyable. So give them a try.

Your facilitator will be in touch with you soon, if not already.

The Rev Liz Sloane

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

SHEPHERDING is CARING for OTHERS

Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep." Jn 10:14

There are many biblical texts naming Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He is the guiding hand that loves us, protects us and cares for us always. The shepherds in Jesus' time (and still today in Israel) had small flocks. They moved their sheep about the land seeking the best feed and water they could find. They knew all their flock individually and were protective of them.

In Jeremiah 3:15 the Lord says to Jeremiah regarding the Hebrew people, "I will appoint you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely." The Lord knows the people need love, direction, care and compassion and signals the gifting of some to especially care for others.

There are many caring roles still today where some are called to "shepherd" others. Parents, and often grandparents, need to love and protect those in their care, guiding them on the right track, helping them to make good choices in life. Teachers, doctors, clergy, counsellors, employers all have shepherding roles in caring for those in their charge, or who come to them for help.

I think that often during our lives we are called to shepherd others. It may be for just a few minutes, or it may be a life-long caring role. All we need will be provided by God as He calls, then enables us, to carry out His work. We may be gifted with kindness, mercy, compassion, understanding, tolerance, patience or wisdom - whatever is needed for the task. Jesus is our primary role model in caring sensitively and effectively.

Psalm 23, a much loved psalm, speaks of the Lord shepherding his people through life's challenges. Here is a contemporary version of that Psalm:

The Lord is my constant companion.
 There is no need that He cannot fulfil.
 Whether His course for me points
 to the mountain tops of ecstasy
 or to the valleys of human suffering
 He is by my side.
 He is ever present with me.
 He is close beside me
 when I tread the dark streets of danger.
 And even when I flirt with death itself
 He will not leave me.

When the pain is severe,
 He is near to comfort.
 When the burden is heavy,
 He is there to lean upon.
 When depression darkens my soul,
 He touches me with eternal joy.
 When I feel empty and alone,
 He fills the vacuum with His power.
 My security is in His promise
 to be near me always,
 and in the knowledge that He will never let me go.



Contributed by Rev Liz Sloane

A LEGACY TO EMULATE

Throughout my youth, my mother taught me that God was personal - not so much through formal lessons, but through everything she said and did. God-talk was always on her lips.

Ref: Galea, Ray: *Nothing in my Hand I Bring*. Kingsford, Matthias Media, 2007 p.12

LENTEN SYMBOLS and PRACTICES

Imposition of ashes

This happens during the liturgy on Ash Wednesday. Palm crosses from the previous year are burnt and the ashes used to make the sign of the cross on each penitent's forehead, symbolising the beginning of the Lenten journey of repentance and self-denial.

Palm crosses

These remind us of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and are distributed to worshippers on Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of the Holy Week journey to the cross.

Maundy Thursday

Silence follows the liturgy on Thursday evening in Holy Week and in that silence the Sanctuary is stripped of all furniture and decoration, reminding us of the stripping of all dignity and humanity from our Lord prior to His crucifixion. The Sanctuary Lamp is extinguished.

A SEASONAL MEDITATION

The Feet of Jesus

Small and perfect and bare the feet,
play in the dust of the village street;
paddle and splash in the tingling chill
of the springing stream at the foot of the hill.

Feet of a child that shall journey far
to the hammer and nails of Golgotha.

Brown and sandalled and hard the feet,
walk where the wind and waters meet,
wrapped in the surf of the restless wave,
swift and certain and strong to save.

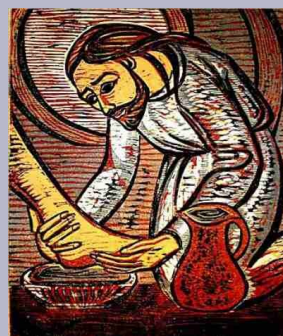
Feet of a man who is travelling far
to the hammers and nails of Golgotha.

Tired and bleeding and torn the feet,
came to a halt with their work complete;
for a moment firm on the hilltop stood
and were laid at last on a cross of wood.

The feet of God which have travelled far
to the hammer and nails of Golgotha.

This poem was created by Bishop (ret'd in 2019) Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926) who is a prolific hymn writer of our time. In 2003 he was awarded an Order of the British Empire "for services to hymnody" and his work appears in published hymnals throughout the English-speaking world and in translation.

Well might we meditate on the challenge from one of our well-known hymns: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" (*Together in Song* 345)



LENTEN SYMBOLS and PRACTICES cont'd

Liturgy. During Lent our liturgies are more sombre and penitential. We refrain from saying the Gloria, we rehearse the full text of the Ten Commandments, we refrain from decorating our worship space (eg no flowers), we return to the basics of our faith, practise self-denial and attempt a greater discipline in our faith journey.

Lighting of the New Fire. On Easter Day we celebrate in so many ways, including this ceremony early in the day. New Fire, New Light, New Life.

MEDITATION AT ALL SAINTS'

Each Friday, at 1.30pm, a small group meets in the Sanctuary at All Saints' for a time of quiet meditation. This takes the form of a selected text, a short reflection, music and a time of silent meditation. Participants are not asked to contribute in any way, just to relax and let the words and music guide their thoughts into a deeper personal reflection.

If you'd like to spend some quality time and quiet moments deepening your relationship with God, then this may suit you.

Why not come along and try it? It is not necessary to come every week, just when the Spirit moves you.

Rev. Liz

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY at Murray Glen Village

Have you ever thought that you'd like to delve deeper into the readings we hear at Sunday worship? For about five years this little group, each Tuesday, has been looking at the readings for the coming Sunday. We take turns reading the set passages, spending time discussing each after it's read, and discovering how it might relate to our own lives. We talk about the believed author of each text and the context of the time when it was known to have been written.

What verse seems to strike you the strongest this time?

What might be the significance of these words for our times?

What would it have been like to be caught up in this, at this place and time?

The Bible Study is held in the Community Rooms at the Village from 1.30pm until 2.30pm each Tuesday. We do take a break in January. All comers welcome.



MOTHERING SUNDAY 2022

On Sunday 27 March (Fourth Sunday in Lent) All Saints' commemorated "Mothering Sunday", reflecting a tradition maintained since the sixteenth century of families gathering for worship at their "Mother Church", either the nearest important church or cathedral, or the church in which they were baptised. Many folk were given the day off enabling them to reunite with family for the occasion. As time went on, servants and apprentices were still given the day off, but instead of specifically going to their "Mother Church", they spent time with their families and, indeed, their mothers (often resident in the place of their baptism anyway).



Associated with this "festival" is the Simnel Cake, a rich fruit cake made with dried fruit and marzipan, blessed and shared on this one day in the middle of lent as a festive respite from the 40-day Lenten fast. It was traditionally decorated with eleven marzipan balls representing the eleven disciples of Christ (excluding Judas). Given that the festival fell towards the end of winter, the cake was created from what was available - the dried fruits and flour of the previous year's harvest.

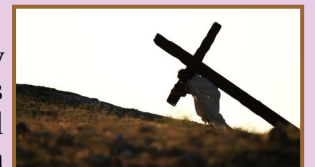


LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday	27 March	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints' Fourth Sunday in Lent, Mothering Sunday Family Service with Sunday School at All Saints'
Wednesday	30 March	7.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
Sunday	3 April	9.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints' Fifth Sunday in Lent
Wednesday	6 April	7.30am 2.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Holy Communion at All Saints'
Sunday	10 April	9.00am 10.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints' Palm Sunday Family Service with Sunday School at All Saints'
Monday in Holy Week	11 April	7.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
Tuesday in Holy Week	12 April	7.30am 7.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Tenebrae Service
Wednesday in Holy Week	13 April	7.30am	Holy Communion at All Saints'
Maundy Thursday	14 April	6.30pm 7.00pm	Shared meal, followed by Holy Communion at All Saints' and the stripping of the Sanctuary
Good Friday	15 April	9.00am 3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy at All Saints' Stations of the Cross
Easter Eve	16 April	5.00pm	Holy Communion at Holy Advent, Tumorrore
Easter Day	17 April	6:00am 9.00am 11.30am	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

FAITHFULNESS

From Ash Wednesday (3 March) we have each been travelling with Jesus on his 40-day relentless journey on the road to the cross. It is, however, a solitary journey, as was his when he was accompanied by twelve disciples who seemed not to understand the full implications and the ultimate destination of that journey. Unlike us, however, even on the darkest days, they felt no sense of reassurance in the certainty of Jesus' resurrection and all that it represents of God's love and redemption - they had not understood Jesus' words and the certainty of the Father's promise that the power of death would be overcome through this dramatic event.



We have each undertaken our own Lenten disciplines of self-denial or reflection whilst on this journey and we must pray that these actions will have changed us and our daily habits so that we may each become a brighter reflection of God's love within our community and in our actions. Our lives and our faith will have been enriched by this extended journey of faith.

FAREWELL TO 2021

Maestro Harvey



Christmas Carols in the "new" hall



Award-winning window at New2U



Community Pantry Christmas packing



Beautifully restored nativity figures

Anglican Women ceased as a formal group



Goodbye Sunday School rooms

KIDDYLINK PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is happily underway again after interruptions caused by COVID restrictions and by school holidays. The group brings together children and carers (Mums, Dads, Grandparents) for fellowship, play and sustenance for everyone each Wednesday morning from 10am until 12.00pm or thereabouts. The group meets in the Parish Hall and welcomes the leadership provided by Ms Anna Dickinson, our very capable, creative and caring teacher. You're welcome to come for a short period or for the whole session but we know you and your children will learn to value the friendships developed and the activities undertaken within this caring environment.

Can KiddyLink provide an avenue of Christian service for you even when you have no children attending? Preparing fruit for voracious young children? Serving refreshments to their carers? Preparing/cleaning up for activities and games? Sharing patient love with youngsters? Providing a listening ear for the adults? Call in any Wednesday morning to help our young families grow and develop and share friendships.



What a joy it is to be singing in church again without masks or other impediments. As COVID regulations relaxed towards the end of February we were able to enjoy some of the freedoms previously lost or restricted in our structures of worship. Come, join us in singing praises to our great God, with full hearts and voices!

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN HERITAGE SUNDAY

All Saints' celebrated National Christian Heritage Sunday with costume, music, reflection and much fun on Sunday 6 February 2022. We reflected on the situation of the First Fleet passengers as they experienced a new land and on the responsibilities of Chaplain Richard Johnson as he encouraged the convicts, the troops and the free passengers to understand their experience and their environment through the lens of their established faith. Rev Mark's sermon for the day was based on the same text as was used by Chaplain Richard at the first service at Sydney Cove in the new colony (from Ps 116) on 3 February 1778.



The following is an excerpt from a history referring to the occasion:

"The sense of relief and gratitude at having finally landed in an area that at least looked comparatively promising would thus have given the Chaplain the opportunity to speak to the

situation of both convicts and soldiers in a meaningful way and this would account for the manner in which the congregation responded. The service was well received. Tench wrote that the behaviour of both the troops and convicts was 'equally regular and attentive'."

(From Neil K. Macintosh: *Richard Johnson Chaplain to the Colony of New South Wales* p 49 Library of Australian History Published 1978)

In the church a most wonderful display of Australian vegetation set the scene for Sydney Cove and banners representing each of the ships of the First Fleet, carried by the younger members of the congregation, were deposited at Sydney Cove for the duration of the service. It was a joy to have the children lead the intercessions on the day.

Thanks to all those who contributed to the success of the commemoration - Lorraine Wysman, Rev Mark, Bonnie Carroll, the children, musician Kate Stuart, the music group and all who created appropriate costumes.



NEW FLOWER STANDS

The Parish thanks parishioner, David Wren, a member of the Tumut Mens' Shed, for the crafting of new flower stands now in the church. There are two to stand at the chancel steps (as at left), one in memory of Kathleen Johnston and one in memory of the Wren family. A third is in the West porch (right), donated by the Mens' Shed. They are beautifully crafted and very much sturdier than those which had been in use until these were received. The stands were placed in the church on Heritage Sunday and blessed and dedicated by Rev Harvey Sloane on Mothering Sunday, 27 March 2022. Various timbers were used in the crafting, - poignantly, in the feet of the pair of taller stands, some rescued sugar pine from the Laurel Hill sugar pines burned in the 2019/2020 firestorm.



HALL RENOVATIONS/DEVELOPMENTS

Most of the work of renovating the Parish Hall is now complete, including the two offices, the hall space itself and the men's toilet. There have been many inputs along the way from members of the parish - thanks to all for their time and talent. The end product is schmick! Outstanding odds and ends will be finished as time permits. The search for grants to finance the replacement of the stage curtain is underway.



SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS



This is a peaceful picture of the "Sunday School" building as we have known it since 1949. As reported in a previous *Spire*, it has reached the end of its useful life and a modern pre-fabricated replacement building has been procured to occupy the same site. The amenity of the new building will be so much greater than



Going...



going...



gone!

new development.

was the case with the old. Removal of all materials from the old building (including asbestos) has been achieved with assistance from many parties - to whom we give thanks - and the site stands ready for its

development (and that of the Parish journey - the money from the sale of thus given us the ability and the opportunity to minister to the community.

That ministry is, after all, the focus in our own faith journeys and of our relationships amongst the faithful All Saints' family and its extended community. As these physical works are completed so our spiritual journey can benefit from new resources and possibilities. Thanks to our God who so generously provides and leads us into new beginnings.

It is important that we remember that this Hall itself) is complimentary to our faith the Glebe land has financed the works and

This is what's coming



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 1511) or Lorraine Wysman (0427 471 722) to discuss your needs and the availability of the facility.



NEWS FROM THE BLYTON FAMILY

Many parishioners will have fond memories of Rev Geoff Blyton, his wife Marj and their children from their ministry time and later retirement in Tumut. Each year we are privileged to receive Christmas greetings from the family and an update on their activities. Judith is enjoying her role as grandparent as well as her library work; Mark now has a pilot's licence and has been touring and flying in Australia during 2021 instead of travelling overseas; Alison remained in California, unable to visit Australia due to Covid restrictions - but stays well herself; Diana spent much of the year working from home instead of on campus, reading, and crafting for relief; Pamela's business is now online and she has had her products featured in a national art, design and fashion magazine. The newsy letter and card addressed to the Parish were received by Ralda - she would be pleased to share it with you if you contact her.

SYMBOLS IN OUR CHURCH

There are so many examples in our worship and our church environment where symbols are used to direct us, to focus us, to explain for us, to represent ideas, to challenge us, to signify parts of our journey through the liturgical year, and many, many more. In this and future *Spire* issues some of these symbols will be examined.

If there is a symbol which you would like examined, please let the Editor know.



The Alpha and Omega - a Christian visual symbol representing Jesus and the Father as the First and the Last, the beginning and the end - they are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet and appear in many Christian contexts. We meet the expression first in the Book of Revelation (written in Greek), where they are used to denote Christ and God (Revelation 1:8), reflecting the words in Isaiah 44:6, "I am the first and I am the last; beside me there is no God." In All Saints we see this symbol on the altar front, on priests vestments and in some windows.



The Paschal Candle. A new, large, white candle is lit every year early on Easter Day at the ceremony of the Lighting of the New Fire, the candle representing thenceforth the resurrected Christ as the Light of the World who overcame death and darkness. The candle is a steadfast presence, its flickering flame of light and warmth illuminating our shadowed world, and it is used in worship services in the Easter season (until Pentecost) and thereafter throughout the year at baptisms and funerals. At baptisms, another candle is lit from this flame and the small candle given to the newly baptised with the words: "Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father." Various symbols can be used on the candle: the Alpha and Omega (as above) the Cross (often with nails), the "Chi Rho" (see below) and the year.



The Chi Rho. This is one of the earliest forms of Christogram (a sign to represent Christ), using the first two letters (XP) of the Greek word Christos, superimposed upon one another. It was emblazoned on the military standard, coins and medallions of Constantine the Great and widely accepted in later Roman life with the general recognition and acceptance of Christianity. It is now used on vestments, church furniture and other items.



IHS. This Christogram has been used since mediaeval times, representing the first letters of Jesus in the Greek alphabet (iota-eta-sigma). In modern times a useful back-acronym has been applied to it: *In His Service*. The symbol appears on the alms dish used at the altar in All Saints' to receive our offertory during services and on the baptismal font.



Sanctuary lamp. This is used in churches as a perpetual light, indicating the presence of the Reserved Sacrament and/or God's eternal presence. It is only ever extinguished on Good Friday and is always relit on Easter Day. It reflects the Menorah from the Temple in Jerusalem and the continuously burning fire on the altar of burnt offerings in front of the Temple.



Altar candles. The minimum number of candles on the altar is two - representing Jesus as human being and God, one called the Epistle candle (right hand side - south) and the other the Gospel candle (left hand side - north - in early Christianity the heathen to whom the Gospel was to be carried were mostly in countries to the north). The candles are lit from right to left and extinguished in reverse order - so that the Gospel candle never burns alone. A third candle is added to these when the Bishop visits and shares in worship.



The Eagle. The eagle appears as a representation of faith and energy in Isaiah 40:31. It flies highest in the sky (closest to heaven!), is believed to be able to stare into the sun (as a Christian can gaze at the revelation of the divine word) and capable of carrying the Word of God to all four corners of the world. It has been used from mediaeval times as a lectern to carry what is traditionally a book too heavy to be held by hand. In Christian iconography it also represents St John the Apostle whose writing is said to most clearly witness the light and divinity of Christ. His Gospel is the one most occupied with Jesus' divinity, thus represented by the eagle. The lectern in All Saints' is remarkable because it is carved in one piece from wood from the prow of a ship.

More examples in the next issue of the Spire.

NEW2U

The shop and its volunteers have continued to cope well through the changing Covid-driven environment of the last 4 months. Congratulations to you all.

Our Anglicare "contact" in Canberra, Mrs Kaye Pritchard, retired from her position early in January, needing some relief from the pressure of the previous twelve months. We thank her for her dedicated service over very many years and look forward to creating new relationships with new personnel over the course of this year.

As well as accomplishing a magnificent outreach into the local community and to visitors to our region, the shop has traded very successfully and contributed substantially to parish finances over the last twelve months. The audited financial reports were presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Parish in early March and words of thanks were recorded for all those involved.

An added bonus at the close of 2021 was the awarding of the Lions Club Christmas window award to the shop - well done to the "dressers", Kaye and Barbara. (See photo p.6).

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

WHAT COMES AROUND...

In The Spire of 9 December 1994 the following notice appeared:

"On the Grapevine: MARK SHORT, ministry student from Moore College, Sydney (who is training for the Goulburn/Canberra Diocese [sic]) will be visiting Tumut from 5th to 12th December to gain knowledge of a country parish. He will be staying at the Rectory and is hoping to meet as many parishioners as possible."

Now, the Rt Rev Mark Short is our Diocesan Bishop in the Canberra Goulburn Diocese and will be visiting our Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 15 May. We look forward to welcoming him here and he will be pleased to meet as many parishioners as possible, just as he was in 1994!

TUMUT COMMUNITY PANTRY

What a magnificent response the Pantry received to their appeal for goods for inclusion in Christmas hampers in December 2021. Donations were forthcoming from individuals, from all the churches and from local businesses. Thankyou to our community. We were able to distribute many hampers to our clients and thus contribute that little bit extra joy to their Christmas. We are now well underway in 2022 and thank God for the opportunities and provisions that are placed in our path. Our faithful volunteers are the backbone of the service but can only operate with the support of your donations and prayers.



The Rev Liz Sloane

INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

After a long Covid-enforced break the Council met again in March 2022 and has begun making 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 or called leadership in their particular denominations, we need to live out our faith as an all-encompassing 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 18 May, 6pm @ All Saints'



YOUR GIVING TO GOD'S WORK

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From our Registers

Funerals



Shirley Douglas	3 December 2021
Gordon John Booby	5 January 2022
Phillip Ernest Sturt	5 January 2022
Patrick Joseph Dowell	11 January 2022
Joan Margaret Bell	8 February 2022
Renee Van Niekerk	11 March 2022
Joyce Mavis Back	10 March 2022



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Calendar**

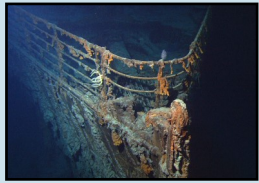


Sun 10 April	Palm Sunday
Mon 11 April	Holy Communion
Tues 12 April	Holy Communion Tenebrae Service
Wed 12 April	Holy Communion
Thur 13 April	Shared meal and Eucharist Stripping of the altar
Fri 15 April	Good Friday Liturgy Stations of the Cross
Sun 17 April	Easter Day
Sun 15 May	Confirmation
Wed 18 May	ICC meeting 6pm All Saints'
27 May-2 June	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Sun 4 Sept	Songs of Praise
9-11 Sept	Diocesan Synod
Sun 6 Nov	Prayer for the Persecuted Church
Sun 27 Nov	Bishop's visit

Baptisms



Evie Mae Webb	26 March 2022
Pippa Rose Webb	26 March 2022

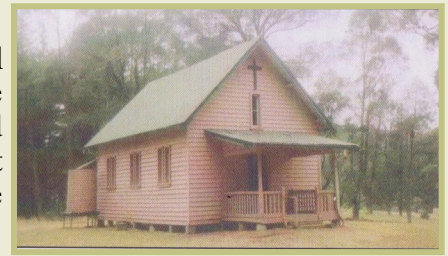


Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.



FOR YOUR 2023 DIARY

The delightful Holy Advent Church, a country centre of All Saints' Parish, will celebrate the centenary of its beginnings at a special event to be held during the weekend 16/17 December 2023. This will be a celebration of joy and thanksgiving, shared by the parish with the members of the Holy Advent congregation and in the presence of our Diocesan Bishop. Keep the dates free and watch for more information.



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Judy Cooper (Tumut)	6947 9047		
Lorraine Wysman	0427 471 722		

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Judy Cooper (Chairperson)	COVID Compliance; Education/Scripture	Rev Mark Evers	Youth; New2U/Anglicare
Dianne Smith (Treasurer)	Finance	Rev Mark Evers	Publicity
Lorraine Wysman	Property Development	Geoff Rotgans	Secretary
David Menzel	Equipment Maintenance	Andrea Quinn	

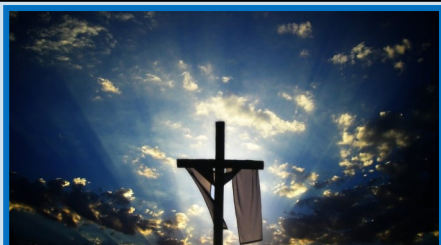
All Saints' Catering Service 2022

Judy Cooper	President	Rod Cooper	Treasurer
Ralda McAlister	Secretary		

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Andrea Quinn	Elizabeth Stanford	Lorraine Wysman
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The Rector and Wardens wish all members and friends of the parish a very happy and holy Easter. May the grace of our risen Lord be known to you in the hope, joy and peace that are at the centre of the resurrection story.

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