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A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

God of hope and love,
you have called us to be the body of Christ.

Inspire us in the Diocese of Willochra
to worship with joy and energy,
serve with compassion and be welcoming
of others in our communities,
so that all will know the good news of Jesus
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be honour and glory for ever.

Amen.



SEEKING A PIONEER FOR COMMUNITY MINISTRY

The Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Willochra
Parish of Flinders Plain

A challenging and exciting opportunity exists for a Pioneer Minister to start a community ministry in Port Pirie West in partnership with the Cathedral Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Port Pirie and the Diocese of Willochra.

We see the minister (and family) finding a place to live in the community, intentionally building gospel relationships with their neighbours and nurturing and encouraging them in life and faith.

We pray that as they walk and talk and share life, together they will grow the kingdom of God and the Body of Christ.

A Diocesan living will be provided.

Clergy and lay ministers are encouraged to enquire and express interest; an appointment package could then be shared.

Please enquire to Bishop John Stead bishop@diowillochra.org.au

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BISHOP JOHN STEAD

Threat... or Opportunity!

To react... or Respond?

I came across these words on Facebook from 'Buddhism Daily':

When you can't
control what's
happening,
challenge yourself
to control the
way you respond
to what's happening.
That's where your
power is.

We will either react to the events occurring around us, which we have no control over; or we will respond: thoughtfully, prayerfully and reasonably.

Reaction may include depression or anger. Strong emotions. We need to acknowledge that is how we feel. In recognising these emotions, we can regain control and bring ourselves to a more centred place where we seek, in prayer, to be at peace: John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

Reaction is appropriate in circumstances where we are under threat of harm. We respond with one of flight, fight, freeze, fawn (to use flattery as a defence mechanism). These types of reaction will not address the situation we are currently facing. Instead, we must respond; shifting our thinking to work out how best to move forward in a way which will strengthen us and strengthen others and put us in the best place to act when circumstances change.

As we journey towards Good Friday and Easter, we see Jesus plagued to some degree by reaction – there is a genuine debate occurring as he prays in Gethsemane. Jesus journeys through this and chooses to respond to the situation, trusting that God, his Father's will would be done.

The weeks and most likely, months ahead of us offer opportunities to establish new ways of being connected, of worshipping together that help us to realise that we can be the church without the building. The time we will have allows us to gather a Mission Leadership Team to plan for the Missional Action we will take as soon as the suspension of worship in our church buildings is lifted.

Creativity and Intentionality are responses to circumstances which we cannot change.

Will you React... or Respond? Will you see a Threat... or Opportunity?



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ST PETER AND PAUL CATHEDRAL CHURCH, PORT PIRIE

FOOD ON FRIDAY

Our Food on Friday group waiting patiently for this week's meal. We began with fruit buns, tea and coffee, while the meal was being prepared, and then had chops and sausages with onion gravy and mashed potato, pumpkin and peas, followed by a beautiful fruit pudding and ice cream.

The costs for this meal were negligible, about \$10.00 in all, because most of the food had been donated. A very generous

farmer from Caltowie gave us the beautiful lamb chops, a grower from the Riverland provided pumpkin in exchange for some sausage rolls, Aldi supermarket provided the sausages, potatoes and the "Christmas" fruit pudding, and I bought gravy powder, peas and ice cream. We also get bread each week from Bakers Delight and Baker Bears.

Our guests enjoy getting together each week, to discuss many things, weekly events, school happenings, family issues, religion and many other things.

Jean, our new Pastoral Care Worker has begun a small service, at the beginning of the evening, with the children and anyone else who would like to join in, and then joins our guests for the meal.

The kitchen staff also join with the guests to have their meal. Our family is growing in size and in relationship.

REV'D LETTIE ALLEN

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT DINNER

On February 28th we had a dinner at the Cathedral to show our support for those recovering from the recent bushfires in South Australia. We had members of most of the churches in Port Pirie, as well as members from Rotary.

At last count we had raised well over \$2,000, with donations still coming in. Our Guild members did an amazing job, with Brian and Elaine from the Lutheran church helping us to wait on tables. A very big thanks to everyone who helped in any way.



WILLOCHRA BURSARY RECIPIENTS FOR 2020

The Willochra Bursary was launched in 2015, during our Centenary Year, to assist indigenous students in completing Year 12. In the Centenary year we awarded bursaries to three students. Each year since 2015, we have awarded one or two bursaries, depending on the applications that we receive. It is always a difficult task to select the needs of one student above another. The bursary currently stands at \$750.00, awarded to each recipient, and we review this amount each year. The money can be used for anything that can enable the student to complete Year 12.

Past bursary recipients have come from Port Lincoln, Gladstone, Ardrossan, Peterborough, Clare, Whyalla and Port Pirie.

This year's Willochra Bursary recipients are Georgia McCleery from Leigh Creek Area School and Abbie Scarce from Minlaton District School.

We congratulate both girls and wish them every success in their Year 12 studies.

**REV'D ANNE FORD, CAROLYN NUTT AND DOROTHY THORPE
WILLOCHRA BURSARY COMMITTEE**



REV'D SANDRA BRYSON AND GEORGIA MCCLEERY



ELLEN BURFORD, PASTORAL CARE WORKER (SCHOOL CHAPLAIN), ABBIE SCARCE AND CANON MICHAEL FORD

FAREWELL TO TIM AND JULIA BUTLER

In early January, members of the congregation of Holy Trinity, Riverton arranged a luncheon to say farewell to Tim and Julia Butler who had served the church, the Wakefield Ministry District and the diocese well for some twenty years. It was with deep regret that we said goodbye, but we understood their reason for moving into suburbia and are pleased that they are enjoying their new life at Flagstaff Hill.

Secretly and with the assistance of Father David's email lists, we invited members of other congregations in the Wakefield Ministry District as well as a few 'old' friends to join with us to say goodbye.

It was a wonderful afternoon and we enjoyed seeing Tim and Julia's surprise as guests came through the door. I don't think anyone stopped talking for several hours and Tim's speech was truly magnificent.

Our church members presented Tim and Julia with a huge basket of goodies which they say will last them for some considerable time.'

We wish them well and miss them very much.



SHROVE TUESDAY IN SCHULZ PARK - TIM AND
JULIA ENTERTAINING THE CHILDREN

MISSION TO SEAFARERS



Christmas Services were held on the Adelie on 23rd and on the Acacia 24th December. Adeline's captain served dinner on Sunday 22nd December.

REV'D SUSAN DOUGHTY



ADVENT RETREAT CRYSTAL BROOK

The photographs below, picturing Bishop John with three of the participants and a wreath made by Rev'd Sandra Bryson, were taken at the Advent Retreat held at Crystal Brook at the beginning of December and led by Bishop John Stead.

REV'D JENNIFER THOMPSON



A YEAR'S MIND CABINET FOR MINLATON

On Sunday March 6th, a new Year's Mind Cabinet, hand-crafted by Fr Roger Dyer, was presented to the Church of St Benedict at the Sunday Service and was blessed by Fr Andrew Lang.

Roger and his wife, June, travelled from Ballarat for the occasion.

The project has been over a year in the making and was generously financed by Joan Correll who also supported the Archives Cabinet which sits in the porch of the church and was "commissioned" last year.

The idea of the "Year's Mind" was introduced by Anne and Michael Ford twelve years ago after seeing it in two of their previous parish churches. Names of the faithful departed (in this case, all members of the local community) are recorded in the Year's Mind book and every week, the names pertinent to that week of the year are included as part of the Intercessions in the Sunday Service. Many of our worshippers are very grateful that they can be reminded every year of those who were part of our community, whom we loved but see amongst us no more (until after earthly death).

The two photos show Fr Andrew Lang, Fr Roger Dyer and Joan Correll next to the cabinet, the other being the cabinet sitting under the cross which Roger made as an adjunct.

CANON MICHAEL FORD



SAINT MARGARET OF ANTIOCH ANGLICAN CHURCH

Prior to Christmas, the Christmas tree in the beautiful old St Margaret's Church, Tumby Bay was decorated with home made Christmas biscuits. One hundred and fifty one children (accompanied by their parents and carers) each plucked a biscuit from the tree and rang the church bell as they raced around Tumby following the "Traders Trail". It was great time for everyone who was involved.

Christmas Eve at St Margaret's was celebrated with a special service conducted by Fr Brian Bascombe. People of all ages attended and it was a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of Christ in this very traditional way. Visitors attended from Brisbane, Perth and Adelaide.

In the new year we welcomed over 200 people into the Church for the 2nd annual Summer Art Exhibition. It was open each afternoon from Sunday 5th January to Sunday 12th. Fifteen very talented and gifted artists exhibited their art work which included paintings in oils and acrylic, collage, cards, lino print, tapestry and other mediums. Locals, holiday makers and visitors came to see the amazing art work. Many artists were ecstatic about the sales generated from the exhibition. Live music provided atmosphere and entertainment on 6 out of the 8 days with some people returning a few days later to sit in the Church and appreciate the talents of Lin Coburn, The Linz Trio, Christine Charlton, Bill Polain and the Tumby Ukuleles. While many admired the historic and beautiful interior of Saint Margaret's as they viewed the art, others came specifically to see the interior of the church building. Many enjoyed the Church Tour and Quiz which took them on a self guided tour and pointed out the significance, some history and unique traditions. Delicious Devonshire afternoon teas were appreciated. This event, like many things that happen at St Margaret's was only a success due to the many Friends of St Margaret who assisted in so many ways..... our grateful thanks to each and every one.

MOTHER'S UNION IN THE DIOCESE

Following the Yorketown - Edithburgh bushfires in December, Members of Mother's Union in our Diocese approached the Australian Executive, requesting an amount of \$1,000.00 to assist families affected by the fire. I must say that when I first heard of the fire and it was reported that it was racing towards Sultana Point, my thoughts immediately went to June and Geoff Harrison and their one way in/one way out road. Fortunately, the wind changed preventing the fire reaching Sultana Point and also the town of Edithburgh.

The \$1,000.00 has been divided up into vouchers to spend at the Yorketown Foodland and these were distributed to families by Jane Tanner in February.

ELIZABETH HARRIS

ANGLICARE WILLOCHRA

Louise Lang has recently been appointed in the Anglicare Willochra Development Coordinator role.

Louise grew up in Launceston, Tasmania. After a fairly regular schooling she worked towards a qualification in education. This was interrupted slightly by her marriage to Andrew and then later by the birth of their first child, Oswald. During this time they both completed evening classes at the local Missionary Training College and not long after this they were accepted as students to study at the Christian Service College, Kumasi in Ghana, West Africa. Two years studying and living in Kumasi was a very stimulating and influential period in Louise's life; during this time the family was blessed with the addition of Esther.



The family returned to Australia, and after a few years Andrew was ordained. Following a number of moves, and the birth of Rupert, Louise started working with the Diocese of Tasmania as a Field Worker promoting Anglican mission agencies, ABM and CMS in particular. As this position came to an end, the local school chaplaincy became vacant and Louise served as school chaplain at two country district high schools for two years before the family moved to Victoria. Over this time Louise became involved in the Mother's Union and served on the Executive of MU Australia.

In Horsham Louise worked in Emergency Relief at the Christian Emergency Food Centre, Emergency Housing with the Salvos and cooked at the best fish and chip shop in town! She volunteered as a CRE teacher, delved into Scouting and worked on the local Community Radio sharing in the presentation of an hour show "Alive in Faith" on behalf of the Anglican Church.

After the family moved to Melbourne Louise worked with Anglicare Victoria for nearly 11 years, working firstly as a coordinator of a neighbourhood house in Clayton and more recently as the Team Leader Homeless Support Services based in East Melbourne and Fitzroy. During this time Louise discerned her vocation to the diaconate and has recently celebrated four years as a deacon.

Louise is looking forward to working with the Anglicare Willochra committee, developing a plan to align the work of the Anglicare Committee with the Strategic Plan of the Diocese, mapping activity across the Diocese and strengthening of existing partnerships with AnglicareSA.

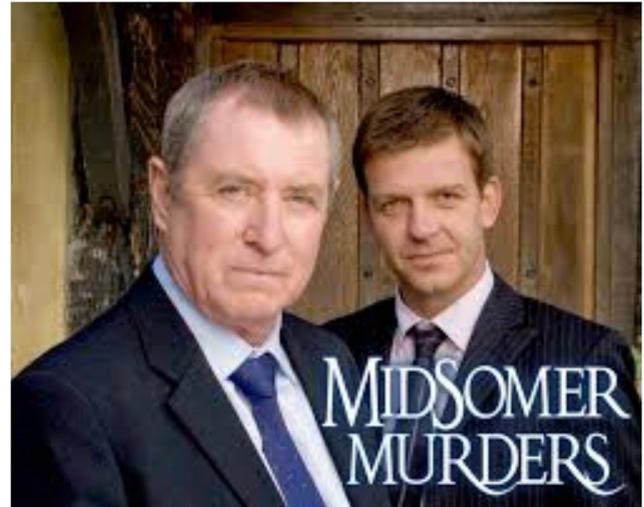
COOL WORLD THE REV'D JOHN FOWLER

'It's been remarked upon' replies Detective Chief Inspector Tom Barnaby. D.S Scott's introduction to the county of Midsomer comes with the usual triumvirate of murders that is one of the hallmarks of Midsomer Murders, yet another quaint and very English crime series screening regularly on ABC TV and Foxtel.

I think the appeal of Midsomer Murders lies in the fact that, compared to crime shows from America, there is no crash and bash, with everything, including most of the murders, done quietly, systematically and almost politely. There is certainly a gruesome element to Midsomer Murders, but much of it is played out behind the scenes. The skulduggery, deception, betrayal and revenge happens in stately homes with well manicured lawns and is often carried out by people as innocuous as the chairperson of the annual village fete.

Played by veteran actor John Nettles, D.C.I. Barnaby is softly spoken, methodical and excruciatingly polite. Barnaby is tailor-made for the serene country lifestyle, and together with wife Joyce and daughter Cully, embrace village life with quiet enthusiasm. His designated sergeants, on the other hand, see it all with bemused detachment and seem keen to move back to the hustle and bustle of the city. But with an average of three murders per episode why would you leave? Any self-respecting thief-taker would surely welcome the opportunity to work in an environment where the ever mounting body count would guarantee that there was never a dull moment.

From gruesome murders in picturesque settings to annoyingly good looking children and teenagers with parents in high paying occupations and all living in palatial multi-storey homes, welcome to the wonderful world of Kids TV. Cool World has spent some time trawling through the 'kids and family' channels of Foxtel and discovering how much things have changed since he watched television as a child. Andy Pandey, Adventure Island and Romper Room have all been pensioned off and in their place we find blended families wearing the



latest fashions, three dimensional cartoons and kids with more money than my parents ever had.

Programmes such as Coop And Cami, Ask The World, Bizaardvark and Hannah Montana, which launched the career of Miley Cyrus, are certainly entertaining with lots of colour and movement and zippy soundtracks but I have yet to encounter an ugly kid, an overweight kid or a parent who wasn't earning an absolute packet. It seems to me that children's television is providing similar amounts of escapism as shows that are aimed at adults. Designed to make them forget the drudgery of their own lives, adults seem to enjoy watching the 'beautiful people'. And now our kids are watching families with attractive kids and even more attractive parents whose lifestyle is frantic and at times totally unrealistic. I wonder what message this may be sending.

CANON JOHN FOWLER

MINISTRY DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN FLINDERS



A FUNERAL PRAYER

THANK YOU FOR LIFE

We cannot create life.

It is a gift,

a spark from the fire that is God.

This life we did not create

is a fragment of God within us,

to be loved and nurtured.

Because this life is of God, it can never die,

only return to it's creator,

to the heart of the One

who loved it into being in the first place.

And so we thank you, God,

for the life that is within us now,

the same life that was within *N*,

whom we have loved while *he/she* was with us,

and remember today.

We give you thanks for *his/her* uniqueness,

for *his/her* qualities that will be forever etched

in our memories and our hearts.

We give thanks for *his/her* love, a reflection of yours,

that gave us a time and place to be born into,

room for us to grow,

and companionship along the way.

And, above all, we offer you our grief and laughter,

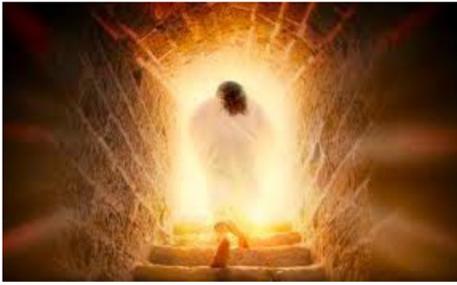
which marks our own love and esteem for *N*

who seems to have been lost to us -

But not to you.

Amen.

Rev'd. Sr. Sandra Sears



UNRAVELLING #1

Jesus,
when you went down to Hades to preach to the dead,
did you find Judas?
Did you unravel his guilt like a woman's hair*
with your silent, deep eyes?
And will we find him in heaven?
And if we do, will we, Simon-like,
be scandalised?
Or will our unravellings greet his
with a holy kiss?

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*Luke 7:36-50



UNRAVELLING #2

It appears that lately,
across the neat, tight rows
of my carefully knitted up life,
I have dropped some stitches
which have run
all the way to the bottom.
The only solution,
it seems,
is to unravel completely
and start again.
After all, Lord
what else can you do
with such a slack, sagging life?
'Ah, well. The truth is,
sometimes I find a hammock
far more restful than a mattress.
Something to do with
accommodating my generous curves,
I suspect.'

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THE WILLOCHRA HOME

Christmas 2019

The Willochra Home celebrated Christmas in style, with residents and families enjoying a meal together.



OUR NEW BUS

GETTING WILLOCHRA'S NAME OUT ON THE STREETS

ISSUES THE REV'D FLO WALTERS

WHAT DO WE SEE?

Last week a non-church friend dropped in for a chat. During the conversation she used what I would call a racist label to refer to somebody from an Italian background. The word grated not just on my ears but also on my heart. So I told her that such labels were unacceptable in our home. She was apologetic but also annoyed that I had pulled her up on it.

The incident left me wondering just how much racism there is in the small country towns of our diocese. If we scratch beneath the surface what do people really think about others with a different skin colour, with a different first language, and with different cultural customs? How many people have a racist vocabulary just up their sleeve ready to use? How many people deep down are comfortable with racial prejudice? How many people are ready to categorize, pigeon hole and label other human beings simply because they are different?

I believe that as Christians we have a responsibility to make a stand against racism in whatever form it comes. When we are encouraged to turn the other cheek I am sure that does not apply to racist comments or vilification.

It is important to remember too that Jesus was a Judean man. Most likely he would have had dark if not black hair, brown eyes, and according to Jewish custom a beard. He may even have resembled some of the Middle Eastern men we see at airports – men who make us feel uncomfortable because we wonder if they are terrorists.

1 Samuel 16:7 tells us that the Lord does not look at outward things. He looks on the heart. May we pray for the love, wisdom, courage and strength to do the same.

THE REV'D FLO WALTERS



National Redress Scheme

**For people who have experienced
institutional child sexual abuse**

The Diocese of Willochra is committed to the National Redress Scheme to provide an additional avenue for redress for those who have experienced abuse in the church. The Diocese was declared as a Participating Institution in the Scheme on 1st March 2019.

Persons wanting to make an application to the Scheme may do so at any time while the Scheme remains open.

Further information about the National Redress Scheme, including information on how to access advisory and support services, can be found [here](#).

SMALL "S" SERVANTS (4)



MARIANO DI SER AUSTERIO
CROCISSIONE

During this season we celebrate the most important event in human history, the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour. This event brought to a climax God's Plan A, a plan that had been established before the beginning of time, before the creation of the universe and the world, and well before the creation of people. It is such an event that our calendar,

established from existing calendars, was changed to represent the time before this event – BC – and the time following it as AD. Before Christ and Anno Domini – in the Year of our Lord. The phrase is taken from the full original phrase "anno Domini nostri Jesu Christi", which translates to "in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ". Space precludes expanding the concept of God's Plan A as we are focusing on a few people who played integral parts in the fulfilment of this plan.

THE MAN WITH THE WATER JAR

Peter and John were directed by Jesus to make preparations for the Passover celebration meal, and they were told to look for a man carrying a jar of water. The narrative is best read in Luke 22:1-13. We are not told who this person was, nor how Jesus organised with him in advance, but this small s servant played an important part in the preparation for what has been celebrated for more than 2000 years – the Last Supper.

JUDAS

You may think I am crazy including Judas in the list of Small s servants responsible for the organisation and enactment of the crucifixion. He wasn't acting as an obedient servant, more as a traitorous spy, yet he was integral in the fulfilment of this plan God had meticulously planned from before creation. Salient words are recorded by Matthew in 26:24 "The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to the man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."

PONTIUS PILATE

Not only was Pontius Pilate a small s servant of God, he was a small g Governor of the Roman Empire. Without his role in the trial of Jesus we would probably have never heard of him. He thought he had the power to either free Jesus or order his

crucifixion to which Jesus replied "You would have no power over me if it were not given you from above." {Full narrative John 19:1-16} In our definition of a servant, we have to agree that unwittingly Pilate was serving the Living God to bring about His Eternal Plan.

Thomas of Cyrene

Cyrene was a settlement in Northern Africa, Eastern Libya and had a Jewish settlement from around 300BC. Nothing is known about Thomas, but we read that he was on his way in from the country {Luke 23:26} and he was seized by the Roman soldiers to carry Jesus' Cross. He was the first small s servant to follow Jesus by denying himself, take up Jesus' Cross and follow Him. {Matthew 16:24-26} We know nothing of this person other than the sentence we have read.

OFFERING OF VINEGAR IN A SPONGE

Towards the end of his life, Jesus called out to God "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani" and one of the watching crowd ran and got a sponge, put it on a stick and offered it to Jesus to drink. One gospel says that Jesus did not drink it. It is known that this was a bitter drink, but giving the person the benefit of the doubt, one can only assume that this person, a small s servant, was doing what they could to alleviate the suffering of the man on the cross.

OUR ROLE AS A SMALL S SERVANT

The Gospel of John opens early in its text with these words – He {Jesus} was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him." {John 1:10-11}

I used to blame the Jewish people, the Roman guards and everyone else involved with the Crucifixion of Jesus until I realised, as Jesus also brought into reality in the Garden of Gethsemane, this was God's Plan A to redeem me, and to redeem all who call on His name. The Gospel of John continues "Yet to all who received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." {Verse 12}

My role as a small s servant of God is to be obedient to whatever I believe the Lord calls me to do in my little corner of the world. If I don't, if I am disobedient, I am just like the group spoken about in verses 10 and 11.

THIS EASTER PERIOD, MAY WE ALL ENSURE WE ARE OBEDIENT
SMALL S SERVANTS OF THE RISEN SAVIOUR.

JOHN CROWNSHAW

CHARLES, KING OF ENGLAND A POLITICALLY INCORRECT MARTYR



I am writing this on January 30th, the day our Lectionary bids us remember Charles the First, the only English King who was executed - in 1649 after a farcical trial devised by his opponents, the Roundheads who, under Oliver Cromwell, had defeated the King's Cavaliers in a seven-year Civil War which cost the lives of 160 thousand men.

What caused it? Scholars and historians diverge on the popular reasons but recent opinion suggests that religion was the root of it all.

Charles was a rigid, very devout, High Church Anglican who had been brought up to believe in the Divine Right of Kings, who, as a consequence, needed to justify themselves to no-one and no earthly authority (including the "court" which tried and condemned him to death). He was more extreme in these views than his father James 1, also Elizabeth 1. Before that they had all tolerated and protected the Elizabethan Act of Settlement which imposed the Anglican Faith on worshippers throughout the land as a means of curbing the "Papists" (Roman Catholics) and Dissenters (Protestants, Quakers, Non-Conformists). They were all regarded in various quarters as being extreme in their beliefs. It was time when religion was the dividing force in society as a result of the Reformation begun a century earlier.

But Charles went too far. He "sacked" Parliament more than once, at one point ruling without it for eleven years and this provoked the Civil War. Money was mixed up in it (what else?) but there is little doubt that his absolute adherence to the Divine Right theory was the basic reason for the collision between the King and the People.

No Western democracy these days would endorse these Divine Right views, so in this sense, Charles 1 was a very politically incorrect model, and the history of English Monarchy since those sad 17th century days is a study in evolutionary change to the Constitutional Monarchy we see operating in Britain and Australia today. Britain will almost certainly see Charles the Third reign as its next king, maybe soon, (maybe not Australia?) but we can be sure that he won't revive the theories espoused by his hapless forebear. If you watch a re-run of the 1953 Coronation Service (a religious rite), you can discern just a few subtle hints of the theory still in evidence. What will the next one will be like?

We can't escape the fact that the first Charles died for his faith which was the Anglican faith. He once said, "Nowhere on earth could be found a church that professed the true religion with more purity of doctrine than the Church of England, and he would maintain it, not only against the Papists, but against separatists." He deserves to be acknowledged as a martyr even though, now in 2020, he seems way out of line. However, he was maybe no more so than those early colonial explorers in this country who committed genocide on our indigenous people. In more recent instances take Margaret Court and Israel Folau for their views regarding essentially homosexual people, and against whom, the P.C. activists want to tear down statues, rename stadiums and ban sportspeople from doing what they do well.

More than anything, it shows how the movement to political correctness is a clear and present danger. Charles the First, proud Anglican to his death, fought against it – and lost.

CANON MICHAEL FORD

SAND TALK

So Christ cried out to the Jews, "You are gods" {John 10:34}; but men were incapable of understanding what he meant. Instead we find that the Christian West, far from creating a new world, is moving with giant strides towards the possibility of destroying the world we have. [C.G.Jung Memories, Dreams, Reflections]

January 2020; the various media are ablaze with comments and commentary to the drought and bush fires, here in Australia and elsewhere. What to do; who is responsible; where to now? Perhaps the answer lies hidden in full view. We are perhaps blinded by the cultural biases we all have. The "Christian West" Jung was referencing supported and facilitated the colonial expansion into lands that are now in crisis. We are profoundly influenced by the view that 'our' system and it's way of thinking is the right and only way. We would do well to let go of that arrogance and pay heed to the wisdom of the indigenous peoples of the lands we conquered. One of those indigenous persons, who has gifted those open to seeing with other eyes and ears, is Tyson Yunkaporta.

Tyson Yunkaporta is an academic, an arts critic, and a researcher who belongs to the Apalech Clan in far north Queensland. He carves traditional tools and weapons and also works as a senior lecturer in Indigenous Knowledges at Deakin University in Melbourne. He draws deeply from his involvement in Indigenous education to provide a template for living. It's about how lines and symbols and shapes can help us make sense of the world. It's about how we learn and remember. It's about talking to everyone and listening carefully. It's about finding different ways to look at things. Most of all it's about Indigenous thinking and how it can save the world. To illustrate the point I quote from the last chapter of SAND TALK:

"This process for working with Indigenous Knowledge in sustainable ways came from two years of following song lines from north to south and then east coast to west coast with Mumma Doris Shillingworth. She has observed interventions and programs imposed on her community for over half a century, noticing that they always begin with the last step - Direct. [all steps: Respect/Connect/Reflect/Direct]

Government agents come into the community with a plan for change and they direct activities towards this change immediately. When it fails, they go backwards to the next step, Reflect. They gather data and measure outcomes and try to figure out what went wrong. Then they realise they didn't form relationships with community, so belatedly go to the next step Connect. Through these relationships they discover the final step (which should have been the first), finding a profound respect for members of the community they ruined. They cry as they say farewell and return to the city, calling, 'Thank you, I have learnt so much from you!'

BROTHER MARTYN ROBINSON CSBC

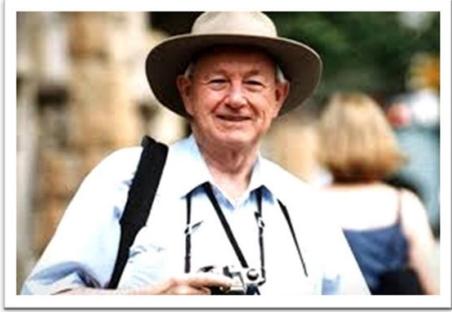
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RAMON WILLIAMS

If you don't already know of Ramon and his work, I would like to introduce him as a good friend of mine. To begin, the following are excerpts from an article written by Dan Wooding, Founder of the ASSIST News Service.

Ramon's motto for more than 50 years has been: "To tell others what others are doing for the Lord!"

Ramon has been supplying news articles and photos to the Christian media from "down under" for more than 50 years, and he is considered by many, including myself, as one of the great heroes of the Australian Christian Media.



RAMON WILLIAMS, MEDIA PHOTOGRAPHER
FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

This self-effacing former missionary has, for more than half-a-century, been running the equivalent of a Christian AP (Associated Press) news wire. In 2013, the Australasian Religious Press Association honoured him with a Special Citation for "exceptionally meritorious service to the Christian community, and specifically to Christian media, for 50 years."

After he received his award from the Australasian Religious Press Association Don asked Ramon to share with him some of his rather extraordinary story. So here it is:

My wife Dorothy and I, were serving with WEC (Worldwide Evangelization Crusade) in Java, Indonesia when the Lord's call came. I was the Government Representative for the five WEC fields, preaching most Sundays in Kediri, East Java, then applying for visas for new workers in Jakarta once a month.

WEC announced, from London, that there was a need for someone with experience to produce good quality audio-visuals. Photography had been a serious hobby in my teenage years, but given-up when challenged by the Lord, at the age of 22, to put it aside and follow Him. Now, having asked me to lay it down, He wanted me to pick it up and use it for Him.

At the Billy Graham Crusade in Sydney, 1968, I noticed that, at a pre-Crusade ministers' meeting, the local media photographer photographed Billy Graham speaking, but did not recognize church leaders to whom Mr Graham spoke afterwards. "Where is the Religious media?" I asked a committee member, "There isn't any and none have requested media passes for the Crusade which starts this week," was the response.

I was granted a media pass and I started on a new course of action not anticipated before, media photography - for the Christian media. Worldwide Audio Visuals and Photos Ltd, was created as a non-profit company and continues to this day. Our mission statement: "Telling others what others are doing for the Lord!"

Now that I have had to think back over my many past experiences in the media world, my reaction has been: "God has been good!"

I have known Ramon for the past seven years and was present when he received his Citation from the Australasian Religious Press. He is now 88 and not in the best of health. He cares for his wife whose memory if failing but he still finds time to correspond with his friends. He is a wonderful man, kind and caring, courteous and considerate and I am honoured to call him a friend.

ELIZABETH HARRIS (WITH THANKS TO DON WOODING)



ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA (AMUA) IN WILLOCHRA AND WIDER AFIELD

OVERSEAS LINKS AND A WAVE OF PRAYER

The Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer is a special way of connecting MU members with each other around the world through the ministry of prayer. MU members are asked to pray for particular rostered dioceses at midday local time, so that each MU diocese is prayed for on five consecutive days each year.

The concept of this continuous Wave of Prayer came about after the First World War. During the war, members had been praying for each other as their countries were involved in the conflict in many different areas. When the war finished, MU members decided that they would like to continue with this prayer link-up, and so a roster was put in place, linking a diocese in the UK with other dioceses around the world. As new Dioceses join MU they are added to the roster, and the idea of friendship links with the other dioceses prayed for at the same time has grown, along with the prayer.

Because of our MU Wave of Prayer, which has been in place for almost 100 years, since 1921, there has been continuous prayer for MU and its work. As the different time zones move around the world, there is sure to be someone praying for you!

What an encouragement - both for us to be aware of this support, and also as an encouragement to make sure that we are part of that prayer by our own regular involvement.

Nel Taylor Overseas and Northern outreach Convenor for AMUA in the Diocese of Willochra reports on recent activities from our rostered countries in the Wave of Prayer.

It was lovely to receive news from Hereford and Thailand this past month. It was also cause for reflection in that even in our rich country where we seem to have everything, disaster can strike and suddenly we can have nothing. How transient is the material world, and how precious is our faith in God.

"Members in the diocese of Hereford reported that they had received permission to stand in front of their Cathedral and demonstrate during the 16 days action against gender



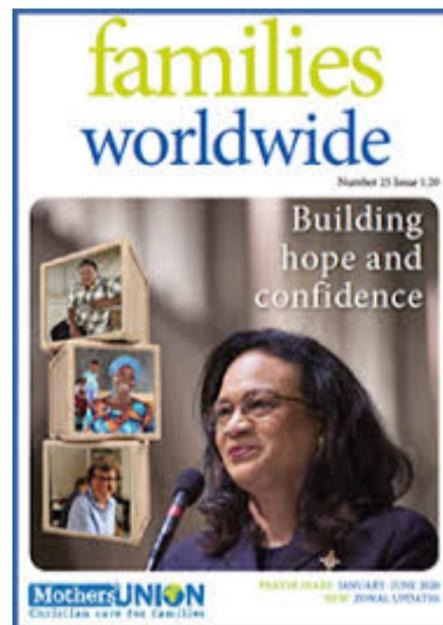
MOTHERS UNION MEMBERS IN HEREFORD UK

violence. Naturally, they have been praying for us during the bushfire crisis, and I sent a letter telling them about our fires on Eyre Peninsula and Yorke Peninsula, as well as the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island.

Eh Mu Lar Htoo in Thailand has sent us a report from the nursery schools they are running in the 2 refugee camps on the Thai/Myanmar border. I don't think these children have much chance of an education, and I understand that people are basically living in these camps indefinitely.

The diocese of Hereford has received an email from Julie Okeke in Mbamili, Nigeria. We had not heard from these people so we at least know that they do exist. I have not made contact yet, so that is something to look forward to. Diocesan President Aida in Yambio, Sudan, says all is going well, but we have not had any news from DP Eunice in Kenya.

Wave of Prayer Dates for the Diocese of Willochra are 8th—10th June each year.





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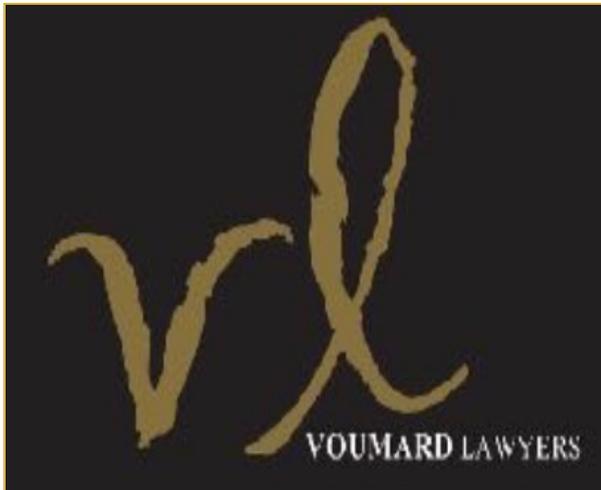
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Like a tree planted by water, with roots that reach deep by the stream.' Jeremiah 17:8

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It's been a worrying time over the past few months with bushfires burning over much of the Australian countryside, droughts which are forcing some farmers off their land and tragic events such as the volcano in New Zealand, and

now the Corona virus. I don't know how you feel but it certainly brings to my mind the fragility of life.

I wonder what Jesus would make of our world today. If he were to be on earth to experience the mess we get ourselves into at times, would he feel the need to start all over again with his ministry. Would he need to teach us to believe again, to have faith, to look after each other, our land and all that God has given us.

We have such a diverse land—every state seems to have a different climate. I recently spent a few days in Brisbane with my son and his family, and experienced the sudden storms and showers of rain, the lush green of the plants. Tree ferns, ginger plants, all the tropical foliage that we cannot have in South Australia. Previously I was in Sydney overnight and it rained the whole time.

Areas that so badly need rain don't get it and those who suffer flooding wish for less. I believe that this has always been the case but today we are made so much more aware of climate change, rising sea levels, the poisoning of rivers and the sea by rubbish dumped and the changes in the seasons. There is no doubt in my mind that this phenomenon is 'people generated' and not necessarily a natural occurrence.

Well for all of that, my garden came through the many days of over 40° heat without suffering too badly though I suppose my water bill might be expensive. I have had enough peaches and plums on my trees to keep me going and to share with friends, and after the one shower of rain we did have, my lawns are looking quite green again.

We can't change our ways of thinking overnight but if we listen to what God has to tell us about the preservation of what we have, hopefully we will have it for a long time yet. Who likes paper straws!

ELIZABETH HARRIS

WARNED

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The sands of time have rendered fear
Blue skies on high no longer clear
Stars were bright whence they came
Now dimmed, obscured, pollution's haze

Crystal clear our waters gleamed
Fish abundant, rivers streamed
Ocean floors sandy white
Now littered, brown, pollution's plight

Trees towered high above
Trunks baring professed love
Birds chirping from sites unseen
Gone, paper joined pollution's team

One can't blame pollution alone
As they say, you reap what you've sown
So let us plant a better seed
Tear out old roots, cultivate, weed

Protect what has been given for free
Our waters, skies, wildlife and trees
For once they're gone, don't you say
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These include Ministry Training, the Cathedral Endowment, our Linked Diocese of Mandalay, Anglicare, The Willochra Home for the Aged at Crystal Brook, Camp Willochra at Melrose, and our Indigenous Bursary Fund.

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