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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

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF BISHOP MARK'S MINISTRY AS PRIMATE

On Saturday 14 February our mother church, St Saviour's Cathedral in Goulburn, welcomed worshippers from near and far to a service of prayer and thanksgiving to mark the election of our Diocesan, Bishop Mark Short, as Primate of Australia. There



Bp Mark Short and Rt Rev Dr Philip Freier

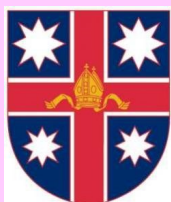
were bishops, clergy, friends and family present for this wonderful celebration. It was a momentous occasion - Bp Mark is the first non-metropolitan bishop to be elected to this role.

The role of the Primate is to guide the Church in its common life, to offer pastoral leadership to bishops and dioceses, to convene national bodies and to be the public face of the Church as it moves through the challenges of its modern life.

Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and Bishop Genieve Blackwell presented Bp Mark to the presiding member, the Right Reverend Dr Philip Freier, former Primate of Australia and former Archbishop of Melbourne.

Bp Mark preached from the readings included in the service (Mark 8:1-10, Ephesians 4:1-16), emphasising the relevance of the message that we have a responsibility to provide for the many from the resources of the few. In the feeding of the four/five thousand everyone eats and is satisfied, despite the seeming inadequacy of the resources. This is also the theme of Bp Mark's *Reflection* in the February edition of *Anglican News* now available online. Bp Mark challenges us to move forward thus:

"Today is a call to pray together for the life and witness of the Anglican Church as we play our part in God's purposes in this land we call Australia."



RIVERSIDE REFLECTIONS

Greetings in Christ!

On the cover of this edition of *The Spire*, our editor Elizabeth Stanford provides us with a write-up about the service that took place at St Saviour's Cathedral on Saturday 14 February 2026. As stated there, one of the key purposes for this service was to formally recognise and give thanks for Bishop Mark's appointment as Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, and to pray for him and his wife Monica as they undertake this significant role in addition to shepherding the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn.

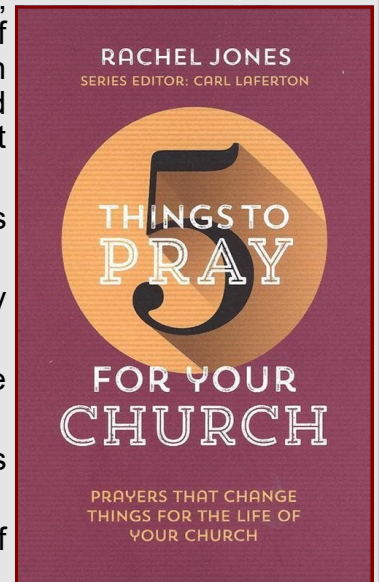


In Bp Mark's own words, the other main reason for the service was to launch a season of prayer for the national Anglican Church. We cannot flourish and grow in our own strength; we need to petition the God who can take our few resources and multiply them for His glory: a point that is very relevant to our parish at this time!

Prayer is, of course, not something that should just be limited to one season. Christians are urged to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests." (Ephesians 6:18a) Yet sometimes it can be hard to be motivated in this aspect of our discipleship, particularly if we don't know exactly how or what to pray.

Over the past few months, I have opened our Parish Council meetings by sharing excerpts from a great little book titled: *5 Things to Pray for Your Church* by Rachel Jones (Croydon, UK, The Good Book Company, 2016). Jones reminds us that the best kind of prayer is that which is in accordance with God's will as He has revealed it in His Word. Each chapter of the book is based on a Bible passage, and contains five prayer points for the church based on the main theme of that text. Thus far, we have been encouraged to pray that our church would:

- ◇ remember who we are (i.e. the holy calling, purpose and identity of God's people as outlined in 1 Peter 2:9,10)
- ◇ be devoted to one another (in teaching, fellowship, prayer, generosity and the welcoming of new believers - Acts 2:42-47)
- ◇ love and serve one another (as per the characteristics of Christian love listed in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - e.g. patience, kindness, forgiveness, etc)
- ◇ hold to the truth (i.e. cultivate an unwavering trust in and love of God's Word, and submit to its authority - Psalm 19:7-13)
- ◇ make known God's glory (i.e. unashamedly proclaim the good news of eternal salvation in Jesus Christ - Romans 1:14-17)



These are not merely platitudes to fill out our prayers. They are key priorities and goals for any church. If these kinds of qualities were to characterise our own community of faith in increasing measure, we would certainly have a bright future under God. We do not have to "reinvent the wheel", so to speak. Simply do the basics well: stick to what the Bible tells the church to prioritise. If, however, we seek to run the church like a business or a secular community organisation, it will continue to decline. Why would God bless and multiply something that no longer honours him?

During the lead up to Easter, maybe it is fitting for us to rededicate ourselves to praying for the church. After all, without Christ's sacrificial death for our sins and His triumphant, historical, literal resurrection, there would be no church at all. No Christianity, no good news. These truths are what the church is founded upon and they must continue to shape our life and mission in this world.

May we be diligent, faithful and intentional in our prayers for the church, that we would be a spiritually unified and mature community centred on the Lord Jesus Christ, and that He would use the worship and witness of a few to save many.

Yours in Christ's love and service
Rev. David Rajasekaram



COME WORSHIP with us!



These are our regular weekly services times

*Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker
Psalm 95:6 (NIV)*

We hope you can join our common worship

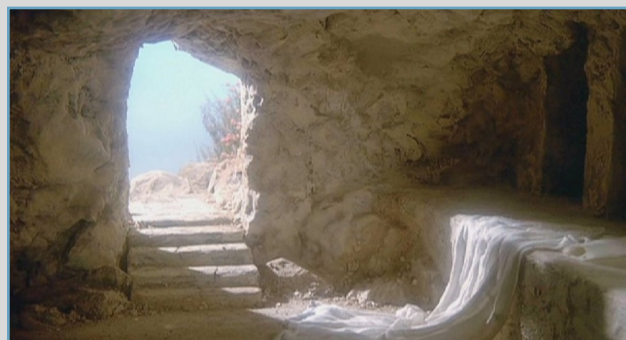
FIRST SUNDAY	9.00am Holy Communion, All Saints' 11.30am St Paul's Talbingo 4.00pm The Well
REMAINING SUNDAYS	9.00am Holy Communion, All Saints' 4.00pm The Well
EVERY MONDAY	10.30am Blakeney Lodge Holy Communion/Morning Prayer
EVERY WEDNESDAY	7.30am Holy Communion, All Saints'
FIRST and THIRD WEDNESDAY	2.00pm Holy Communion, All Saints'
SECOND WEDNESDAY	2.00pm Holy Communion, Murray Glen Village
SECOND and FOURTH FRIDAY	2.00pm Uniting Care Prayer and Praise/Holy Communion

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES

Sunday	29 March	9.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' (Palm Sunday) The Well
Wednesday in Holy Week	1 April	2.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints'
Maundy Thursday	2 April	6.00pm	Shared Maundy Thursday meal, followed by Holy Communion at All Saints' (in Parish Hall)
Good Friday	3 April	9.00am	Service of Music, Reading and Reflection at All Saints'
Easter Eve	4 April	4.00pm	Holy Communion at Holy Advent, Tumorrroma
Easter Day (Aust Eastern Standard Time)	5 April	9.00am 11.30am 4.00pm	Holy Communion at All Saints' Holy Communion at St Paul's Talbingo The Well

EASTER COLLECT

Glorious Lord of life,
by the mighty resurrection of your Son
you overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, who celebrate with joy
Christ's rising from the dead
may be raised from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



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.



ALL SAINTS' WINDOWS TO INFORM YOUR EASTER MEDITATION

THE EAST WINDOW

As we look to the east to experience the renewal of each dawning day of God's creation, we are reassured by this enduring image of the Crucifixion of Christ: the seemingly irredeemable depths of human cruelty and depravity highlighted by the glory of God's eternally dawning day.

This is a colourful and artistic representation of God's redemptive plan for his creation and its working out through the Old and New Testaments, culminating on the Cross. Here is Christ (prophet, priest and king), represented in company with Isaiah (great prophet of Israel), David (great king of Israel), Moses (great leader of Israel) and Abraham (partner in God's covenant with Israel).

The four markers in the framework of the story are:

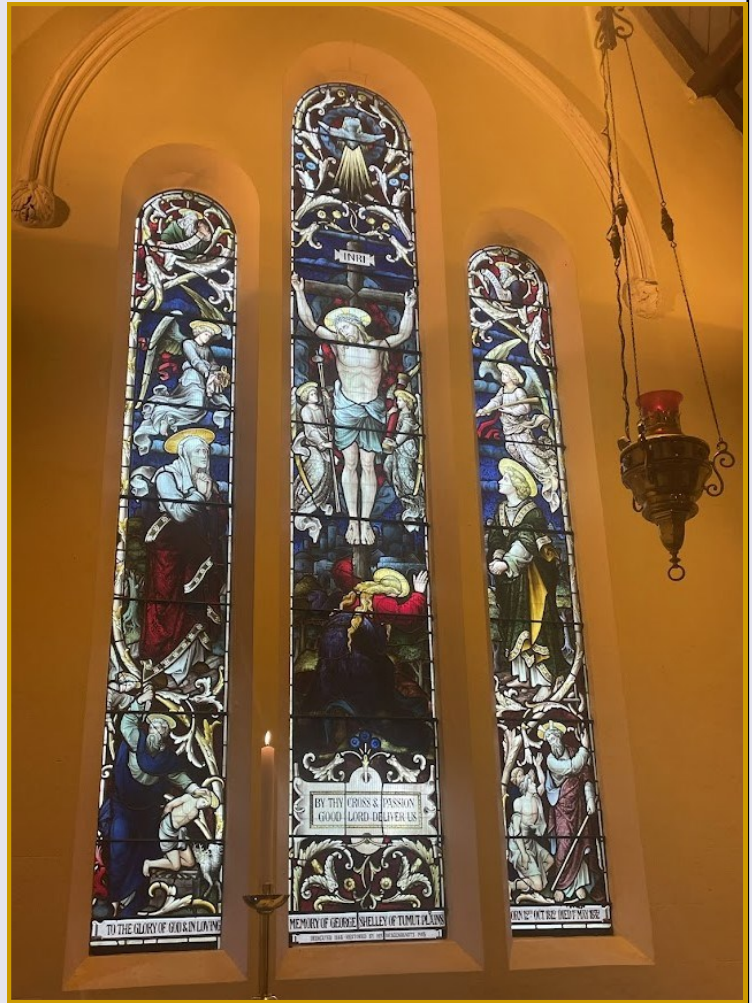
1. Isaiah (top left panel) - the greatest prophet of the Old Testament, touched by God and foretelling Christ's birth and ministry.

2. David (top right panel) - the great king of the Old Testament, anointed by Samuel and from whose line Jesus arose. (1 Samuel 16:1-13; Matt 1:1, Luke 1:67-71).

3. Abraham (bottom left panel) - the one with whom God made his covenant (Gen: 12:1-4, 17:3-8). The God-fearing father is committed to sacrificing his only son, Isaac, now bound on the altar. The fire is in the urn. God is present in the angel behind Abraham, staying his hand and pointing to the ram caught in the thicket. Abraham's willing obedience to God is reflected in Christ's obedient submission to God's will. (Gen: 22:1-14, Matt. 26:36-44).

4. Moses (bottom right panel) - the great leader of the exiled Israelites in their exodus from Egypt. Moses, confronted by a supplicant enveloped by serpents, holds aloft in his right hand the serpent of gold (Numb. 21:7-9) and, in his left, holds the rod that unleashed the waters of Meribah (Numb. 20:7-11). Like Abraham, Moses represents the deliverance effected through faith and obedience.

In the central panel the crucified Christ is supported by an angel on either side: one with the sponge and spear (John 19:28-34) and one on the right symbolically holding the pillar of the temple (John 2:18-21, Luke 21:5-6). Above Christ is the sign prepared at Pilate's direction, reading INRI (Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum : Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews) - intended to mock but stating a startling truth. At the foot of the cross is Mary Magdalene, a sinner dressed in red and purple, her hair loose. She embraces the cross and its misery, unlike Mary, the mother of Christ, and John, the beloved disciple (with a tear on his cheek), who

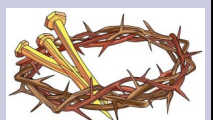


stand a little aloof. Behind the cross are the city of Jerusalem, the trees of the garden and a blue void surrounded by red, representing the temple curtain torn in two. Above the entire scene the dove appears, from a similar blue opening, imbuing the story with the light of God and the life of the Spirit.

Linking Isaiah to the New Testament story is the archangel in the left panel above Mary, holding the hot coals and tongs of dedication (Isaiah: 6:6-8), evocative of the words of Christ's ministry. Above the figure of John, on the right, is an archangel with an heraldic trumpet - the trumpet of the resurrection (Rev. 11:15-19a).

The whole triptych is tied together by the vine that travels around each panel and by the gradation in depth and intensity of colour - the dark and deep sorrow dragging us towards the earth at the bottom of the picture, relieved by the lightness of the upper half, drawing us ever upwards to the glory of the deliverance granted to the world by Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

When life is a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns.



THE RESURRECTION WINDOW

A study of the North transept Resurrection window, along with that of the Crucifixion window, befits this Eastertide. This triptych window holds an overwhelming Easter message of new birth, new life and hope, and of life eternal which Jesus, in his resurrection, offers to all who believe in him.

The three portions are held together by the “ribbons”, the strips of fabric symbolizing the bindings used to wrap the body of the crucified Christ prior to his interment in the tomb in the garden. The bands now flow freely, signifying the breaking of the bonds of sin and death through Christ’s sacrifice and resurrection.

The lowest point of the left panel shows Jerusalem and Calvary, outside the city wall - the darkest hour - juxtaposed with the open tomb in the Garden of Gethsemane, the stone rolled away - the promise of hope represented in Christ’s foretold resurrection. Our gaze is led upwards from the nadir of despair and confusion into the centre panel and the empty cross, itself reaching upwards towards the dove descending from the apex of the triptych. The dove, the Holy Spirit, is straining downwards towards the cross and God’s created world, clutching in its beak the olive branch, symbol of peace and creation. It provides an echo of the Old Testament promise of a new creation as the dove returned to Noah after the flood subsided. The new creation of the New Testament is revealed in the empty cross and the open tomb.

Overarching the complete narrative are the Alpha and Omega in the top portions of the side panels, representing God and the Word, present at the beginning and present at the end. They are eternally bound into the picture by the flowing bands of Christ’s grave clothes. These in turn bind in the continuing story of the new creation: the net is cast amongst the fish in the lower right hand corner. The exhortations of Christ: “Follow me and I will make you fishers for people” (Matt. 4:19) and “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19) cannot be ignored by the reader of this

window.

The white banner, edged in red, contributes to the cohesion of the panels and carries the words of Luke: “He is not here...He is risen!” (Luke 24:5). The banner is left open at the right extremity leaving the reader with the certainty that the story continues past the point represented here.

Artistically and in its execution there are elements of this window which tie it irrevocably to the Nativity window opposite: the surrounding, traditional, purple and green “frames”, the red-edged white banner carrying the text and the use of the ribbon theme to create continuity, and the image of the dove surmounting the whole

The overall impression from the window is of great light and transparency: the darkness and confusion of the crucifixion have been overcome and light, new life and hope are symbols with which we are sent forward on our faith journey.



BIBLE STUDIES AT ALL SAINTS'

There are three Bible Study groups ready to welcome you, not only to help you explore and deepen your understanding of our Christian faith and practice, but also to share a special time of informal social gathering and prayer together.

Tuesday - at Murray Glen Village at 1.30pm
(contact Rev Liz Sloane 0427 633 981)

Wednesday - All Saints' parish hall at 7.00pm - currently in recess
(contact Rev David 0413 629 128)

Thursday - KYB (Know Your Bible) afternoon study group
(contact Maureen Osborne 0409325309)



PEW ENDS

Have you ever noticed that the ends of each of the pews in All Saints' has a hand-carved rosette? These were all part of the detail of Blacket's design for the church and no two are quite the same. Takes some time to study them - they are a delight to the eye!



These are merely three examples of the designs which include many varieties of rosettes, fleurs-de-lys, oak leaves, corn flowers and many more. Have fun studying the intricacies of these treasures.



TIMES OF FELLOWSHIP



Sunday lunch with friends



Christmas party 2025



Sunday morning tea

Thanksgiving Service



Mothering Sunday



CHURCH GROUNDS and GARDENS



As has been experienced in all our gardens, public spaces and farm paddocks this summer the extreme heat and lack of rain have adversely affected our lawns, shrubs and even mature trees. The Church gardens have not been exempt from this and are now slowly recovering as the heat has lessened and some rain has been received on parched earth.

These conditions have highlighted the need for volunteers to mow, to garden, to prune, to water and generally care for our church grounds. There are many small tasks that can be done at any time (trimming dead heads off agapanthus plants, deadheading roses, trimming suckers and unwanted growth on trees, cleaning concrete paths, etc). If you see something needs doing, please indulge yourself! There are green bins at the Rectory and behind the hall to take all the waste.

If you are able to offer to join those who mow (there is a ride-on mower as well as a hand mower) please let Rev David or a member of Parish Council know. Every little bit, every hour given, makes all the difference.

Maybe you? There is a need for someone to nominate as a Coordinator in this area (and general maintenance issues) - not to do all the work but to be the one to whom maintenance concerns may be communicated and that information passed on to the appropriate person. Please pray on this matter.

MAINLY MUSIC



mainly music commenced its 2026 meeting schedule on Wednesday 11 February with an encouraging group of families promising involvement. It was a joy to be able to welcome them back to the Parish Hall in its newly painted glory, but challenging to cater for all their needs without the kitchen which was in the midst of its renovation. The group was very understanding and the volunteers ensured that the days have been full of their usual joy and interest. Well done to all, volunteers and clients.



THE MAN FROM GALILEE

My mind travels back to a large crowd of people,
Instructed in grace by the sea;
With trust and intention the faithful were hearing
The Teacher from Galilee.

His love and His wisdom directed their hearts
To truth and divine history;
His thoughts were eternal and so many trusted
The Prophet from Galilee.

He blessed, healed, delivered, gave hope to the helpless;
The demons before him did flee.
His friends and disciples all gratefully followed
The Leader from Galilee.

Disciples were fearful in dark stormy waters,
From danger they sought to be free.
Delivered and peaceful, they gratefully worshipped
The Master from Galilee.



The sinless Redeemer bore Calvary's judgment,
Exhausting God's wrath on the Tree.
There's life and forgiveness for those who've accepted
The Saviour from Galilee.

The Lord and Creator will come soon as Sovereign
And true to God's promise we'll see,
In brightness and glory and absolute power
The Ruler from Galilee.

Brian Willy

THE WELL

One of the simplest ways to evangelise is to invite someone to church. But Sunday morning "church" is not always an experience that many people are familiar with or feel comfortable about. Since November last year, Rev. David and Rachel have been heading up an initiative to address this.

The Well has been a meeting place every Sunday afternoon at 4pm in All Saints hall, and a growing number of people are appreciating the experience. With an emphasis on making young families and children welcome, the atmosphere is informal, the gospel is clearly presented, the music is something to be experienced, and there is plenty of time to connect one-on-one.

It has been great to welcome mums, dads and little ones from the *mainly music* programme, as well as other older kids. There is always a children's song (fun for everyone to join in!) and Rachel leads special activities for children during the meeting.

We know that many parents are eager to find somewhere their children can hear about Jesus. We know from experience with "Scripture" teaching in schools that children themselves are very happy to learn about Jesus and the Bible. We also know that in our supposedly secular culture, many adults are quite open to conversation about spiritual matters: an invitation to *The Well* on a Sunday afternoon would be well received.

Invitation fliers are available, so make sure you always have a couple, and make it your goal to pray and give some out, along with a smile and a kind word. It's easier than you think to point someone to Jesus!

Douglas Rand



Kids' program available

Sundays 4pm
Anglican Church Hall
River St, Tumut

Phone: 0413 629 128 (David)
Web: tumutanglican.com/the-well

Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst...it will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

COMMUNITY PANTRY REPORT

The Tumut Community Pantry continues its service through the dedication of its volunteers, the generosity of community donations and the support of the major supermarket chains. At the close of 2025 there was, once again, much joy spread to the recipients of Christmas hampers and some "special" provisions.



Your support is always appreciated. You can help fill the Pantry cupboards by donating non-perishable foods, laundry essentials, personal care items and other useful household items. Always welcome are fresh garden produce items which can be delivered on Friday morning. All non-perishables can be dropped in the basket as you enter Church on Sundays, or anytime at Ray White or PRD Estate Agencies.

OR

Why not drop in to the Pantry on Friday mornings with your donations, and see for yourself what goes on?



The Tumut Community Pantry is a Combined Churches initiative to help people in our communities who are in need of basic food items.
Located at - **Uniting Church Hall, Wynyard St, Tumut**
10-12 noon Fridays, from 19th Jan

We provide a bag of basic food items valued \$25-30 for \$10 cash, plus free donated fruit, vegetables and bread, eggs and meat (as available) and very reduced priced non-essential grocery items.

Open to all, no proof of need required.

More information contact Liz Sloane 0427 633981 or Sue Fisher 0427 538219.



PARISH HALL RENOVATIONS

The Parish owes an enormous debt of gratitude to many people for the work that has gone into the renovation of the Parish Hall over the last couple of years. The major donation towards the costs of the current kitchen renovation has been made by Mr George Manning and the major painting works in the body of the Hall, the Supper Room and the new kitchen have been carried out by Graham and Dianne Smith, painting even throughout the heat of summer and keeping one step ahead of the building team. In all this there has been a dedicated team of planners, movers, shakers and 'doers' who have initiated the projects, kept them on track and moved many mountains to get as close to the finishing line as we now are. Thankyou to all those people for the work they have done in further enabling God's mission through the Parish.

Photos tell a great story:



Now we have the opportunity and the responsibility to make it known abroad that we have a wonderful facility to hire for conferences, meetings, family gatherings, parties, weddings - you name it, we have the space! All booking enquiries to Lorraine Wysman (0427 471 722) or the Parish Office (02 6947 1155).

The Complaint of Simon of Cyrene

Simon of Cyrene had no way of preparing for what happened to him when he found himself amongst the crowd accompanying Jesus on His journey to the cross (Mark 15:21). Simon was a farmhand, a family man, coming in from the fields out of town when the soldiers forced him to carry Jesus' cross through the streets. He may have been heard to complain to himself: "Why me?"



Don't you dare condemn Simon. You would have been startled, reluctant and bitter too if you had been in his place.

You must learn, as Simon did, that much in life is not just and fair. You will be startled by crosses thrust upon you when you least expect them. When that happens, the Father and Jesus will not hold against you your reflexive cry of "Why me?" But you must quickly move beyond that. You must not spend your life looking for "reasons" for your crosses. You may never know until you die.

Learn this from Simon's plight. The Father uses anything and anyone to accomplish salvation. He used Simon, so Simon could be said to have done the will of the Father.

But that alone doesn't make one holy, because holiness is **willing** what the Father wills, **wanting** what He wants, accepting it and embracing it and making it your own. Only you, in the depths of your freedom, can do that.

PARISH ELECTORAL MEETING Dec 2025

At this meeting the following members were elected/re-elected to ministry roles for 2026:
Parish Councillors: Dianne Smith, Naida Murphy, Deb Brennan. There are vacancies yet to be filled.

CAB members: Judy Cooper, Chris Dehnert, Lynne Withers

Synod representatives: Chris Dehnert, Elizabeth Stanford. There is one vacancy yet to be filled.

Wardens: Judy Cooper (Rector's warden), Chris Dehnert (People's warden). There is a vacancy yet to be filled.

Thankyou to all these people who have so willingly offered their services in these capacities.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

That's you and me and each and every one of the members of the Parish who share their time, talents and love with others. It's the little things that make a difference - the phone call just to say 'hello', the visit just to share a hug and a cup of tea, the meal dropped on the doorstep when days are hard, the offer of transport and/or company to appointments or events, the loan of a book for quiet times, the sharing of the love of Jesus when everything looks bleak, the sharing of celebrations when things are joyful, a note or a letter sent when contact is not straightforward, the ready acknowledgement that we are always on the journey together, facing similar obstacles and experiencing similar highs and lows. Each time you open your heart and mind to another's



circumstances you are involved in the pastoral care practised at All Saints', a part of God's team in this mission field.

On the last Wednesday of each month those who are interested in discussing some of this work meet together briefly over lunch to share ideas, develop strategies, encourage one another and pray together and for one another and the ministry in the Parish. You too are always welcome to be part of that lunch fellowship.

If you wish to talk about matters of pastoral care please refer to our Deacon, Rev Liz Sloane (0427 633 981), or to Rev David (0413 629 128) or to others that you know are committed to this ministry amongst our people.

Remember our Prayer Chain ministry: contact Shirley Breed (02 6947 1724).

NEW2U

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40 Russell Street Tumut

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

DONATIONS of good quality items delivered during opening hours are always appreciated

NEWS FROM NEW2U

As noted in the report submitted to the Parish at the AGM in March 2026, 2025 was a challenging year for our retail outlet. Sensitive and ongoing pastoral care of our workers and supporters became the focus for much of the year as many personnel experienced health and family challenges that meant energies had to be redirected away from the store to personal concerns. We pray that these folk have found comfort in the support of their fellow travellers and in the opportunity to "debrief" at the store. For many, *NEW2U* represents a new meaning of "family".

We continue to serve the community well and thereby also provide financial support to the Parish. We are privileged to be able to be part of this achievement.

Why not come and join us in our service? It may take courage to make the first step towards volunteering but the joy of being involved soon overtakes any trepidation. Small commitments of time or larger are all welcome and contribute to our service in God's name to our local community. **Come in to meet us sometime!**

The Management Committee

Why did the Easter egg hide? *Because he was a little chicken.*

How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket? *Only one - after that it's not empty anymore.*

What do you call naughty Easter eggs? *Devilled eggs.*

What do you call a mischievous egg? *A practical yolk-er.*

What do Easter chicks have to do before they can become hens? *Pass their eggs-ams.*

Why do you need an Easter egg hunting licence? *Because no poaching is allowed.*



LIDS 4 KIDS

ref: www.lids4kids.org.au



Save your plastic bottle tops to create mobility aids for children, as well as other resources such as park benches, kitchen splashbacks, cubby roof tiles, etc. Clean lids from water bottles, soft drink bottles and milk bottles are all accepted. Please rinse the lids and remove any inserts.

Polymer types 2,4 and 5 are used (non-toxic).

Lids can be deposited at *NEW2U* in Russell Street

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 Parish 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 (Thurs, Fri am) on 02 6947 1155



From our Registers



Funerals



Anthony John Oddy	9 Jun 2025
Shirley Gladys Bamblett	8 Nov 2025
Perla Joyce Haris	8 Nov 2025
Fay Doreen Hartshorn	11 Nov 2025
Valma Dulcie Carter	16 Nov 2025
William John Alexander (Bill)	27 Nov 2025
Sandra Bye	14 Dec 2025
Phyllis Roche	10 Jan 2026
Noaleen May Stuckey	23 Jan 2026
Lloyd Cecil Blundell	4 March 2026

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wed 1 April	2.00pm Holy Communion All Saints'
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Fri 3 April	9.00am All Saints' <i>Good Friday</i> Service of Music, Reading & Reflection
Sat 4 April	4.00pm Holy Communion at Holy Advent Tumorrroma
Sun 5 April	9.00am <i>Easter Day</i> All Saints' 4.00pm The well
Sun 24 May	<i>Pentecost</i> 9.00am HC All Saints' 4.00pm The well
Sun 31 May	<i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9.00am HC All Saints' 4.00pm The well

Baptisms



Zachary Matthew Kembrey	14 Dec 2025
Leonardo Graham Rodgers	15 Feb 2026

It was a wonderful joy and privilege to baptise Zach Kembrey on Sunday 14 December 2025 in the Tumut River (near the Riverside Café). A group of twenty parishioners gathered for this brief but moving service of baptism by full immersion.



Earlier that morning at the All Saints' 9am service, Zach shared his testimony of salvation with us. He had once been an atheist, but started to feel dissatisfied with worldly values. Influenced by authors like C.S. Lewis (who, interestingly, had also converted from atheism to Christianity) and the Bible itself, Zach eventually came to believe the good news of the Lord Jesus.

While it was sad to farewell Zach in January, his six months as a member of our All Saints' congregation was a great encouragement to us, and we continue to pray for him in his new chapter of life, work and discipleship in Cooma.



Rev David Rajasekaram

SUNDAY LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

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



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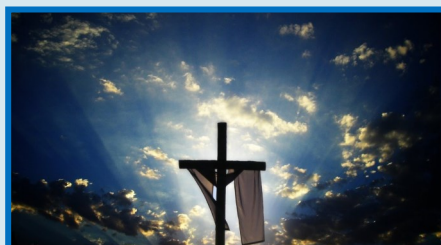
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Rev David, the Wardens and Parish Councillors wish all members of our All Saints' family, our friends and our visitors a very happy and holy Easter. May the grace of our risen Lord be known to you in the hope, joy and peace that are at the centre of the resurrection story.

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