Christmas Blessings

Of Love, Hope, Joy & Peace

By Fiona Tinney

Christmas is such a busy time, we run from one thing to another and rarely get the opportunity to stop, to think, to breathe, to pray and even to just enjoy Christmas. We race from shop to shop in search of that perfect gift and fill our baskets with all kinds of festive food. Christmas trees in a range of size and shapes glisten with gold and silver tinsel and endless lines of lights start to twinkle as the sun goes down. Cards are sent and decorations are hung and together we sing Carols to herald this Holy time. This can be such a wonderful time of year. It is a time to embrace friends, neighbours and family, perhaps even those we don’t know so well. Across our Diocese we celebrate the birth of Christ in many different ways, we work together and we give thanks. Every person and every parish has a different story to tell, we each have our own expectation of what Christmas means and how it should be experienced. It is a time to rejoice in the love of God and this is reflected in how we share our love with others.

All of us are blessed with the amazing love that Jesus Christ shared with us and as we come together to celebrate his birth we are reminded of what Christmas is really about. This Christmas take the time to enjoy the blessings, share the love, the hope, the joy and the peace.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

By Fiona Tinney
As Sri Lanka rebuilds, Australian churches give support through Christmas Bowl

Support for the Christmas Bowl helped Kamala and her husband, from Sri Lanka, to survive in refugee camps in India, and to provide vital health care to their children, and counseling. The Christmas Bowl is the Christmas Appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

“We left for India because of fear, but promised to return when things were safe again,” said Kamala. “Returning to Sri Lanka has not been difficult because of the help we have received.”

The costs of the civil war remain high, and Sri Lanka faces a huge challenge in resettlement, rehabilitation, large scale infrastructure reconstruction and reconciliation between and within ethnic communities. Act for Peace supports programs in the refugee camps to help refugees prepare for a return to this environment. They participate in self-help groups to support community leadership, peace building and human rights, assisting safe return and resilience. Act for Peace, working with a local project partner, also helps to provide refugees with the documentation they need to ensure that they can prove their Sri Lankan citizenship and obtain the benefits they are entitled to on their return.

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Interested in Spirituality and The Enneagram?

BY FR ROB WHALLEY

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The proposed dates for our meetings in 2013 will be: 27 February, 24 April, 27 June, 28 August and 25 October. Each meeting will last for two hours, and may also include a shared lunch. The meeting location (perhaps movable) will be determined by the participants.

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ENNEAGRAM: MEET THE 9

1: THE PERFECTIONIST
2: THE WATCHER
3: THE HERO
4: THE CRITIC
5: THE INVESTIGATOR
6: THE PERMISSION SEEKER
7: THE ENERGETIC
8: THE FEARLESS
9: THE PEACE LOVER
I join with the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia in welcoming the calling of a Royal Commission into institutional responses to child sexual abuse.

A decade ago Archbishop Aspinall called for a national royal commission into child sexual abuse. This call was dismissed by the Prime Minister of the time. I therefore welcome this new commitment by the Federal Government which presents an opportunity for the evil of child sexual assault to be addressed nationally, without fear or favour. It is essential that all federal members and senators ensure that the royal commission is well-resourced, independent and free from political agendas. All victims of child sexual abuse should be looked to by the royal commission for answers and validation, including the vast majority of victims who are abused in family settings.

On behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta, I pledge our full cooperation in this landmark process. I again call for victims of abuse to come forward and inform the relevant authorities of their suffering. I know this has been done on multiple occasions previously yet we know that victims of abuse are sometimes prompted to reveal their trauma when the issue is in the public spotlight. I appeal to people to suffer in silence no longer.

I trust and pray that the royal commission will have constructive outcomes, that it will operate with courage, commitment and compassion, and that it will bring healing for those affected by sexual abuse and help protect future generations.

The Right Reverend John Parkes AM Bishop of Wangaratta

Holy Trinity Nathalia celebrates 125 years.

BY MERLE COBBLEDICK

AFTER months of preparation Sunday November 4th dawned a fine and warm day when 120 young and old Anglicans celebrated 125 years of continuous worship at Holy Trinity Nathalia.

Fr. Kim Benton, priest of the Numurkah Nathalia parish led the service. The registry staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Jesus came into the world as an outcast, born in a stable because there was no room at the inn to house his father and heavily pregnant mother on their journey to the national census. And if we read Matthew's account of the events surrounding his birth, Jesus himself became a refugee in Egypt, fleeing from the wrath of King Herod (2.13-18).

We Australians are so blessed. We live at peace, in a country which provides abundantly for our material needs. We have developed a national identity based on freedom, inclusion, opportunity and justice. Jesus came into the world in the midst of a world of fear, hate and disgust for anyone considered different. He came into the world as an outcast, born in a stable because there was no room at the inn to house his father and heavily pregnant mother on their journey to the national census.

We Australians are so blessed. It is in the midst of this abundance that we need to remember Jesus and his suffering. Jesus came into the world as an outcast, born in a stable because there was no room at the inn to house his father and heavily pregnant mother on their journey to the national census. And if we read Matthew's account of the events surrounding his birth, Jesus himself became a refugee in Egypt, fleeing from the wrath of King Herod (2.13-18).

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The tradition has associated the words of the prophet Isaiah (9.6) with this one.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

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created by Eunice Elsman Wodanga
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NO SILENT NIGHT IN SHEPPARTON

BY CANON ANDREW NEALUM

The car's radio blared forth a hideous, cacophonous rendition of frenzied music. Its back seat was piled high with suitcases, blankets, smuggled nappies, slabs of cake and packets of cigarettes. Next to the next looking fellow was a young woman, doubtless more de facto than de jure his wife, heavily pregnant, less than graciously dressed in bulging track pants, and thongs. They were not the sort of couple I easily associate with. I share no enthusiasm whatsoever for tattoos, ear rings, track pants and souped up Kingwood cars. The man rushed inside to the hospital desk, the woman trailing laboriously behind him. He said to the receptionist on duty, "My wife's pregnant, due at any time. What's your address? Who's your doctor? You need a doctor. Do you come from this? This is a smoke free zone. Please get rid of your cigarette." She added, under her breath, looking for support, "Phew, he stinks of booze!" Then to the man: "Where's your medicare card?" He looked at the form waiting to be filled in, gave her a drop-dead look, turned round and shouted to his woman, "The bloody place is full. To get in we need a doctor and to give up blankety blank smoking... and fill in blankety blank forms and to bow and scrape to a smirking blanket bitty with a lip. We'll look into a pub so that you can rest. I'll go and find a doctor..." Said the pregnant woman, "You'd better hurry." The Kingwood wheel-spinned out of the hospital car park. That was the last I saw of it... So I missed the birth of Messiah!

Hell's angels

Rumour has it that none of the pubs would put up the wild looking couple and this was why the baby was born, just before Midnight Mass, in the inadvertently left open garage of a St Augustine's parishioner in Orr Street. That he was heralded by a band of ruffian angels and raucous music on a portable CD player which kept half the street up all night. I missed the birth of Messiah.

Messiah is born not only in an expected context, in a predictable and miraculous fashion, a safe two thousand years later, but among a man now ready to make a stable. He's born anywhere and everywhere, even in Shepparton, even in our own black little heart, lighting up and bringing music and joy even to that hopeless place.

Light to my black heart

Our amazing, lovely, sad, glorious world, is no fluke, no accident, didn't just happen to be. Behind all that is there lies a great and tender and all embracing love that transforms and enlightens everything. That gives meaning and purpose to the darkest places. To a Palestinian cave, to an Orr Street resident's garage, to my blank little heart and life, even to a set of gallows on Golgotha Hill.

A brief slack moment! Val Cockrell, Sue Boyle, Diana Cherry, Sue Moss, Beth Page and Marg Ackerman behind the stall.

Spring Luncheon in Marysville

BY DIANA CHERRY

The Anglican Parish of Marysville held its annual luncheon on Sunday, 14th October. Following the morning service, 37 past and present members of Christ Church Marysville and St Thomas' Buxton gathered at Saladin Lodge in Narbethong, where the beautiful grounds and a sunny day guaranteed a successful event.

Joy Clark, wife of our locum priest Fr Ian, was our speaker. Joy shared from her day-to-day contacts with young mothers and the elderly, and also her experience as a national leader in Mothers' Union. Father Ian has worked in several dioceses and in very different parishes, so Joy's gardening skills have been honed in climates as varied as Mansfield and Broken Hill!

Saturday 3rd November brought the Guild's annual Cup-weekend street stall. We have two stalls each year to finance our support for St Theresa's Mission near Alice Springs and for several remote schools in the Northern Territory. With a changed streetscape since the bushfires, our stalls are now set up in the foyer of Marysville Central — the former Marysville Car Museum. Home-cooked cakes and pies, jams and pickles, are popular items. As always the local community gave us wonderful support, and the stalls raised over $1100.

Transport of bones to the Northern Territory still remains the greatest single cost in our mission work. Please, does anyone have a contact in the transport industry?

PARISH OF MANSFIELD - ANNUAL FETE

BY VEN EDEN-ELIZABETH NICHOLLS

SATURDAY 20th October dawned a beautiful morning and the annual fete was opened with the ringing of the church bell. Ropes were dropped and people flocked in (some coming from as far away as Yea for this well-known annual event).

White elephant, cakes, books, produce, craft, plants, BBQ, raffles, and beautiful handmade cards were all for sale, with Devonshire tea and children's activities also available.

Parish of Central Goulburn

BY DIANE GRANT

The Christian ministry is not an easy path to follow, much more for a priest. These servants of God give their heart, soul and mind to their work and pastoral love and concern to all they associate with as well as conducting weddings and funerals and holding baptisms and church services. These services are not the only role of an Anglican priest. The range of counseling, pastoral care, community associations and much more, fill the life of a priest in charge of a parish.

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Farewell and thanks from a grateful parish. Left Fr David Valentin, Margaret Hurren, Fr Prem, Russell Hurren, Yogi Premanarajah and David Watson.

Early birds arrived more than 30 minutes before the fete opened (some coming from as far away as Yea), so they could survey the plants for sale.
RSCM Silver Award – Lyn Winnel

BY LYN WINNEL

It is spiritually uplifting to be a chorister in the St. Matthew’s Church Choir in Albury with Fr Peter MacLeod-Miller as our Rector and Mr. Adrian Wistle as our Music Director and Organist.

On the 26 October 2012 in Sydney I sat the external examination, the Royal School of Church Music “Voice for Life”, to complete the Silver Award with Merit. I was examined by Mrs. Megwanya Matthews (ARSCM) has given and long distinguished service to RSCM Australia. Choral conductor; workshops; organized school festivals and National Summer Camps (RSCM). Also host of a weekly sacred music programme at 2MBS-FM. She has been awarded Associate for important achievements in church music and liturgy of national significance within the RSCM. Also present on the day was Dr James Forsyth (FRSCM) has been committed to the RSCM for over 50 years. Some of his professional skills as composer; choral conductor, organ accompanist, liturgist, arranger, choirmaster and conducting workshops. He has been awarded Fellowship for exceptional achievements in the church music and liturgy of international significance within the RSCM. The syllabus for the award was based on five different modules.

Module A: Using the voice well:
Learning in this section was how to keep the voice healthy; looking after it and making the best use of it. Singing is a physical activity which requires stamina, concentration and dedication. In this section I had to sing a musical performance: a hymn; psalm; anthem and a song.

Module B: Musical skills and understanding:
An important section understanding the musical shapes and terms on the music score. As a choir member it is important to learn new music quickly and confidently as possible. I am broadening my knowledge in the language of music notation and music theory. I was examined on sight reading; singing intervals; clapping rhythm patterns and singing back echo phrases; identifying triads and singing the middle or lowest notes. It also involved musical notes and values; Italian terms; accidentals; signs; time and key signatures (major and minor).

Module C: Repertoire:
This made you aware of why you are singing and what you are singing about. I had to understand my prepared anthem and others which were contrasting and similar (origins, mood, genre, musical period, style, text, liturgical and historical). Also many church music composers; meaning of the text and how the music reflects the text.

Module D: Belonging to the church:
A written testimonial by Adrian Wistle on my historical and practical aspects in music and being apart of the church, with the counter-signed by Fr Peter was required. I have come to learn and love music simply because I had the chance to join a church choir. It is spiritually uplifting and helped me to understand God’s messages. To serve others through music is a wonderful feeling and brings great rewards. It brings joy to people in the church. It helps me to praise and worship, drawing closer to God. Doing things to help others and bring joy to people in the church.

Module E: Choir in context:
To me this section was rewarding in knowledge that I researched about the liturgy and ministry side of the church. From the Bible, knowledge on biblical origins and their liturgical texts was needed. I had to describe the structure of the form of Eucharist and chose a season that is celebrated in the church. To learn all the church’s calendar, the Christian Year in Seasonal Time and Ordinary Time. The churches colours used to mark the seasons of the Christian year: How music helps people to prayer and the awareness of the choir contribution to the worship life in the church.

On completing the necessary training for the RSCM “Voice for Life” scheme has been challenging and hugely fulfilling. It has helped me to understand more clearly the religious and musical aspects of the church. I have begun to develop my own patterns of worship and to understand the Liturgy of the church. I’ll keep on developing my knowledge and understanding of music as I continue to go down the path of musical appreciation.

Lyn Winnel pictured with Dr James Forsyth and Meg Matthews (the examiners).
EGYPT’S JOURNEY WITH GOD - II
St Catherine’s Monastery – Mt Sinai

BY DR JOHN PRYOR

St Catherine’s Monastery, situated in the loneliness of the Sinai Peninsula and at the foot of Mt Sinai, holds an amazing collection of ancient treasures. In particular, it houses the world’s second largest collection of ancient Christian manuscripts (after the Vatican Library). Here are two stories about those manuscripts.

THE OLDEST BIBLE

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Gibson, wealthy and devout Presbyterians, recovered the ancient Christian manuscripts. They offered the Soviet government for £100,000. But be quick – numbers are almost full. We had a bible hundreds of years older than any other known bible.

Tischendorf immediately recognised the importance of this manuscript ‘lost’ in the library of this isolated monastery. Suddenly, we had a bible hundreds of years older than any other known bible.

Today, we know this Greek text as Codex Sinaiticus, or Codex Aleph, and it is one of the most important early biblical texts that we have. Today, a few of its pages are in St Petersburg, Leipzig and at St Catherine’s, but most of it can be displayed in the British Museum. How did it get there? The monks loaned it to the Russian Tsar, Alexander II, in 1859. It was never returned, and so it came into the possession of the Soviet Union after 1917. Short of cash, in 1933 the Soviets sold it to the British Government for £100,000.

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Diocese benefits from Anglicare’s personal support worker program

BY MARGARET BRIODIH & JOAN COCHRANE

SO that Anglicare Victo-
ria in the Hume Region could be better prepared to help in emergency sit-
uations Jill Allen issued an invitation for leaders of Anglicare’s churches to undertake the two-day Personal Support Worker training intense courses run by Anglicare, pri-
vided by the Victorian Council of Churches.

Less than two months later we had the opportuni-
ties to put our training into practice in supporting people affected by being washed across the border areas – in evacu-
ation centres, relief centres and in outreaches.

Jill Allen said that it was fantastic that this summer could see fires in Victoria, it is good to have had opportunities to put the contributions which Perso-
nal Support Workers, along with Community Chaplains, made during emergencies.

Joan Cochrane is a member of the Uniting Church Victoria and is a leader in the diocese through study groups and Cur-
silo. Joan has been a sec-
tary, an organist and a choirm-
ader. She also worked in student welfare for more than twenty years. This extensive experience has

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HOLY Trinity Cathedral has enjoyed a feast of music this spring.

Towards the end of October, the cathedral resonated with the sound of massed voices and brass music at two events by three visiting groups of musicians from the Melbourne area.

Legends of Brass joined forces with the Box Hill Chorale and the Australian Children’s Choir to perform at the 10am Eucharist. After lunch at Purbrick House, they lead an ecumenical Songs of Praise to raise funds for Loaves and Fishes (Christians Caring), the new name for Christian Emergency Relief Wangaratta based at the Anglicare office.

On 4 November, the annual Jazz Mass took place in the Cathedral, attracting another capacity crowd. Music was provided by the classic jazz band The Australians, and the appropriately themed and delightful sermon was delivered by Fr Michael Farragher, a jazz musician of some note, of All Saints Anglican Church, Ainslie, ACT.

The Jazz Mass is a traditional feature of Wangaratta’s Jazz Festival, which brings up to 20,000 visitors to the city at the start of November each year.

And on 11 November, the Australian Welsh Choir was scheduled to give an afternoon concert in aid of the Wangaratta High School Chaplaincy Committee.

Thinking of studying Theology?

TRINITY College Theological School (TCTS) offers a broad range of courses for people of all ages and backgrounds, according to the Dean of the Theological School, Rev’d Professor Dorothy Lee. ‘Women and men, young and old, those thinking about ordination and those wanting to learn more about their faith – all are welcome to join Trinity’s friendly, inclusive community,’ she said.

Trinity’s community gathers primarily on campus at Trinity College at the University of Melbourne, but also online, and in a parish-based study program.

Trinity is a community where the ordained ministry of women is not only celebrated but modelled, with Dorothy herself, an Anglican priest. The School recently hosted a conference and book launch to commemorate 20 years of women priests in the Anglican Church of Australia. ‘Australia’s first woman bishop, Kay Goldsworthy, was a student here – something we are very proud of,’ Dorothy added.

Trinity is also proud of its status as the theological college for the Anglican Province of Victoria. Trinity’s students come from the other Victorian dioceses – and interstate – as well as from Melbourne, ensuring a vibrant student body.

Trinity is part of MCD University of Divinity, Australia’s first specialising university and one of the oldest ecumenical institutions in the world. Dorothy and the Warden of Trinity College, Professor Andrew McGowan, are among MCD University’s inaugural 10 professors.

Dorothy, who has taught New Testament for more than 20 years, is an acclaimed biblical scholar, specialising in the Gospels of St John. She has published widely in this area. Andrew lectures for Trinity in Patristics, the study of early Christian writers known as the Church Fathers. Both of them are highly regarded scholars internationally.

At Trinity, students have access to the ecumenical Dalton McCaughey Library, acknowledged as the largest and best theological library in the southern hemisphere. A short walk from Trinity, it is housed in a state-of-the-art centre offering superb facilities and online access to the leading databases for theological research. There is also Trinity’s own Library available to all students.

According to Dorothy, Trinity is known for its academic rigour and commitment to excellence. ‘At TCTS, students study with internationally regarded scholars and priests committed to the pursuit of high standards, and who also possess significant pastoral experience and a deep commitment to the task of preparing men and women for ministry,’ she said.

The faculty staff include the Rev’d Canon Dr Ray Cleary, former Chief Executive Officer of Anglicare Victoria, who brings a wealth of experience in welfare issues not only in Australia, but also internationally. He has a strong biblical commitment to social justice, and a deep understanding of the challenges facing Australian society and the Anglican Church’s role in it. Ray has helped Trinity broaden its commitment to the emerging church. Dr David Gormley-O’Brien and Dr Meg Warren, also add to the School’s wealth of knowledge, teaching Greek and Patristics and the Old Testament,’ Dorothy said.

As well as its academic program, Trinity also runs a Ministry Formation Program where students come together to worship, to be formed for ministry – both lay and ordained – and to enjoy fellowship with each other. They look at the practicalities of preaching, leading worship, and engaging in pastoral care, evangelism, mission, educational chaplaincy, and justice issues.

Like to know more? We’d love to hear from you!

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Children's Christmas

Dot to Dot
Connect the dots to discover the hidden image

Ingredients
60g softened butter
1 cup chopped apricots
2 cups self-raising flour
1 cup boiling water.

Method
Put butter, sugar and apricots in a saucepan with boiling water, bring back to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 5 minutes, then stand until cool. Add flour and mix, adding a little extra water if needed. Bake at 180 degrees (160 degrees fan forced oven) 45 minutes. May be iced with lemon icing.

Provided by Mary Muntz

READER RECIPE

APRICOT LOAF

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ACROSS
1. Rehearing (court case)
5. Defrost
7. Sketched
8. Scrambles up
9. Direction changes (1-5)
12. Cut first teeth
15. Gets worse (of crisis)
19. Rises up (against)
21. Fibre
22. Achievement
23. US/Europe alliance
24. Dummy move

DOWN
1. Half-diameter
2. Boat athlete
3. Ancient Peruvians
4. Hockey keeper
5. Pill
6. Hoped
10. Push for
11. Cat’s lives
12. It is (poetic) (3)
13. If not, or ...
14. Immense
15. Impair hearing
16. Spud
17. Story books
18. Depleted (4.2)
19. Ranked
20. Waits, ... one’s time

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Monthly Movie Review

Return to Paradise (1998)

Return To Paradise (1998) directed by Joseph Ruben is one of the best films you’ve never heard of - I had not until a couple of weeks ago when I chanced upon it on Foxtel.

It is a quite incredible little drama with superb performances and some moments of great power. Although the opening prologue is Bangkok Thailand, three friends end up on holiday in Malaysia. Two leave. The police arrive and find hash (marijuana) where they were staying.

The third is put in jail. Two years later a lawyer finds the two remaining men in New York and tells them that their friend was found guilty of trafficking. They must go back to share the punishment or he will die in 7 days. Its a frightening dilemma and you can’t help but ask yourself the same question. Would you go back? All of the arguments are put forward, making the answer not seem as clear as originally imagined.

Joaquin Phoenix is superb as ‘Lewis’ the conservationist who is imprisoned, David Conrad is ‘Tony’ an upwardly mobile career and marriage getter who comes over all moral, and Vince Vaughn plays our hero ‘Sheriff’ who doesn’t always act in the morally correct way we expect him to.

The script is based on the film Force Majeure (1989) by Pierre Joliet, with the English language performances and some moments of great power. Although the performances and some moments of great power.

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Church Mice

by Karl Zorowski

I selected the music for the children’s holiday concert

What are the little angels going to sing?

They’re singing “Jingle Bells” and “Frosty the Snowman”...

No hymns or carols? Why no songs about the birth of Jesus?

Some people might get offended if our concert presents any type of Christian view of the holiday!

We’re a church, not a public school!

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BOOK REVIEW

Review by - The Cathedral Shop

The Sparkle Box
Written by Jill Hardie and brought to life by the rich illustrations of Christine Kornacki.

Inspire a new family tradition this holiday with this heartwarming story. Beautifully hardbound with a jacketed cover, this book comes with your own fold-out glitter box to use this Christmas season!

It’s almost Christmas and Sam is so excited for the parties and presents – but there’s one mysterious gift, a sparkly box sitting on the mantel – that leaves him puzzled. In the midst of the festivities, Sam and his family participate in various acts of kindness for others. On Christmas morning when Sam opens the Sparkle Box, he finds slips of paper that record the family’s good deeds.

Sam’s parents explain that these kind acts are a gift for Jesus – for Jesus said that whatever we do for the least of these, we do for Him. Recommended for ages 4+.

Comes with your own sparkle box, to start your own tradition of giving.

Available from the Cathedral Shop. Hurry while stocks last.

The shop is well stocked with gifts and cards for Christmas.

Please note that the Shop will be closed from the 21st December until the end of January. For your convenience, the Shop is decorated for the annual Floral Festival, and a pleasant Sunday afternoon concert by the Cappella Singers.

Below: The Cappella Singers.

The Cathedral Shop staff wish all a very merry and peaceful Christmas.

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Annual Floral Festival and Cappella Concert

By Ven Eden-Elizabeth Nicholls

The first weekend of November was a busy one for the Parish of Murchison, with hundreds of Devonshire Teas sold at the Bushmarket, the church beautifully decorated for the annual Floral Festival, and a pleasant Sunday afternoon concert by the Cappella Singers.

If you would like to advertise your business in The Advocate please contact the Diocese of Wangaratta on (03) 5721 34 84.

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NOVEMBER PUZZLE
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24th – 26th January
Featuring – 2013 YEa Rotary Art Show, Opening Event – 6pm 24th Jan – corner of Lyons & Pelissier Street, Yea, Enquiries Phone – 0451 677 702

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CLEANER
Does your place need a good scrub? Why not place an ad in the Advocate for only $11.00 including GST Ph. (03) 5721 3484

DON’T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR CLASSIFIEDS IN THE NEW YEAR!! 2013

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LEFT: Our three BBQ chefs were kept busy throughout the day (pictured are two of the chefs, including Simon Ritchie in a stunning “Domestic Goddess” apron).
RIGHT: The church beautifully decorated for the annual Floral Festival.

The beautifully decorated entrance to St Matthew’s Albury for Christmas 2011.

The Venerable Dr John Davis, Vicar, assisted by Rector Fr. Kim Benton. The service was followed by lunch in the Nathalia Community Centre.

TOP (L&R): Nathalia Holy Trinity Anglican Church inside and out
BOTTOM (L&R): The celebrations commenced with a Thanksgiving Eucharist with The Venerable Dr John Davis, Vicar, assisted by Rector Fr. Kim Benton. The service was followed by lunch in the Nathalia Community Centre.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
From The Advocate Team

Bequests

John has been enriched in life. He has been blessed by God with a wonderful family and good health. After fulfilling his dreams with a successful career he has now retired and spends his time volunteering within his parish as a church warden. During his time volunteering he learned that his fellow parishioners have been generous and supportive of the work of God through the church and he wanted to follow in their footsteps.

So John went to visit his family lawyer to revise his will and to find a way he could help support the work of God. His lawyer suggested to him that he could name his parish as beneficiary in his will. So in addition to providing bequests for his grandchildren’s education, John decided to provide ten percent of his estate to his parish church. This way, what he practices every Sunday as a committed parishioner will continue on, John’s generosity will make a significant difference with in the life and work of his parish.

For more information please contact;
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Remember to take heaps of photos over the Christmas and new year break for The Advocate.