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*The Parish Paper of
MOE-NEWBOROUGH*

St Aidan's Newborough

St Luke's Moe

St James Yallourn North

Parish Prayer Bountiful God,
give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfill our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment, and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake Amen

OCTOBER 2024

Greetings on behalf of the Anglican Parish of Moe-Newborough.

This is the first edition of our Parish Newsletter **Alive & Linked** since the outbreak of COVID in early 2020. COVID certainly had its effect on the parish during 2020-2022 and it has taken time to get the parish program back up and running. The retirement of our Rector, Fr. Sathi Anthony, also was a contributor to our slow restart.

This being said the parish has recommenced many of its activities. Worship of course continues thanks to the support of Locum Priests, Archdeacon Philip Muston, Canon David Head, Canon John Morgan and the Rev'd Bruce Charles assisted by our team of Lay Readers. Sunday Worship is at 10.00a.m. at Saint Aidan's Newborough and there is a Wednesday Service at Saint Lukes Moe at 10.00a.m. We also hold services of worship at Narracan Gardens Aged Care and Hostel and Latrobe Valley Village Hostel.

Thanks to our local retired priests Canon John Morgan and the Rev'd Bruce Charles who continue to offer Pastoral Care as required.

Our Opportunity Shops are providing their usual valuable service to the community and this year we saw the opening of our new shop at Anzac Street Moe in our own premises. The Madge Vinnell building which also is on our Anzac Street site houses weekday programs. Firstly we have our Parish Drop In Centre which offers a place to drop in for a cuppa & morning tea on a Friday Morning between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. This is open to everyone. On a Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Anglicare Care Gippsland also operates a Drop In Centre through their Get Out for Good Program. The newest program at this facility is a Prayer and Meditation Group again open to all interested from 7.30 p.m. on a Wednesday evening. We are also pleased that we are able to offer support through food relief for those who require assistance. This is available from our Opportunity Shop and the Drop In Centre or through contact with the parish. The parish also contributes to the food voucher program co-ordinated by the Moe Presbyterian Church.

We look forward to further activities and programs opening up in the near future and the appointment of a new parish priest.

John Morgan Celebrates Fifty Five years as a Priest



Reverend Professor John Morgan AM celebrated the 55th anniversary of his ordination as a priest on Sunday, 29 September at St Aidan's Newborough, on the feast day of St Michael and all Angels.

John was ordained as a priest in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford by the Bishop of Oxford, Harry Carpenter with Letters Dimissory

from the Bishop of Gippsland, Bishop David Garnsey. John had been ordained deacon on St Thomas' day in 1968 in St Paul's Cathedral, Sale by Bishop Garnsey

John returned to his hometown of Moe after retiring as Warden of St John's College in the University of Queensland on 30 January 2013. He had been warden of the college for 31 years and 1 month.

Apart from 3 years in Cambridge in United Kingdom from 2014 to 2017, he has lived in Moe and has been an associate priest of this parish since then.

John has a distinguished career as priest, pastor and educator. His expertise in the areas of Christian, medical and business ethics was acknowledged when he was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003 and awarded an AM (Order of Australia – Member of the Order) in the Australia Day awards in 2020.

Listing his achievements leading to these awards, is beyond the scope of this article and is readily available by doing an Internet search. We will, in the near future, provide more details on our website. For the moment, the story not told in his list of achievements, is his journey to faith in Christ and to ordination.

John came to Moe with his mother and brother when he was 18 months old to live with his grandmother as his father had gone to war after Pearl Harbor. His grandfather had died years before his birth. Various circumstances led to John staying in Moe with his grandmother and Herb who was to become his guardian, after his mother and brother returned to Melbourne to live with his father after the war.

This family were Church of England and his grandmother, a devout member of the Moe Parish. His father was a Roman Catholic.

John first went to the Methodist Sunday school which was just down the road from his home, where surprise, surprise, he won a prize. When he was old enough, he started going to Sunday School at Holy Trinity as well as attending worship. After a time which he describes 'as drifting a little bit', he started attending confirmation classes and was confirmed when he was thirteen by Bishop Blackwood who had a habit of making all whom he confirmed, if possible, sign a pledge to abstain from alcohol. John thought it was a bit much to be signing such a pledge at the age of thirteen. It was later burnt by a priest who said, in his opinion, it was "an illegal document".

John enjoyed going to church, feeling drawn by the deep vision of something that the church represented. John says how he 'kept praying that God would somehow make himself known to him'. At the same time, he had a highly educated Jewish friend who did not believe in God but also a number of

Christian teachers at Moe High School who had a significant influence on him. A number of clergy also had a significant impact on him especially the Rev Houghton Pilkington, whom he saw as a very devoted priest. John describes the various clergy he encountered as being 'people who had a broad approach to the nature of faith, and they saw the faith as being concerned with transmitting or showing God's love for the congregation'. These were interesting and formative times in the parish. Both the church at Newborough and St Luke's in Moe were tents at the time!

Apart from regular attendance at church, John was a member of CEBS where he came under the leadership of Bill Adams and then became a server, a lay reader and exploring his faith in greater depth.

After confirmation, he had a time where he drifted from the faith, having been affected by a couple of people who attacked his faith.

During this time he did not go to church regularly but continued to reflect on his faith. At the end of Form 5 (year 11 now), John decided he would attend church regularly and investigate the ways of God with a view to possibly becoming a priest. John says how there seemed to be 'an invisible voice calling me to take this seriously'.

John says of his response to this invisible voice:

"And I prayed about it very hard. And one day, I decided to receive communion, because I went sometimes to the communion service without receiving communion. But I prayed to God that God could somehow indicate to me the nature of relationship between him and human beings, and especially myself. I went and decided to take communion one day, and when I stood up from receiving communion and going back to my seat in the old Holy Trinity Church, a change came over me. It was as though I'd seen a light, or a light had shone upon me, and something moved me inside, and I simply said, Lord, I believe. And that was the acceptance of the Christ story"

At the end of his matriculation year, John decided to become a teacher, for a time, as he believed 'that clergy ought to have world experience and hold a job, a secular job, that might be related to ministry'

After gaining an honours Arts Degree in history and a Diploma of Education from the University of Melbourne, John taught for a few years before his ordination as a deacon in 1968. He was also a resident tutor of Trinity College. He then went to England to study at the University of Oxford where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts, and a Doctor of Philosophy; all in theology'.

His journey as a priest began with various appointments including Chaplain of Oriel College, Oxford, between 1969 until 1976; Assistant to the Governor of California, between 1977 and 1978; and Ecumenical Chaplain to The University of Melbourne, from 1979 until 1982, when he became warden of St John's College and University of Queensland with a semester at Harvard as a Visiting Scholar.

With this as his base, John built his distinguished career of service to the church and the community through his work at the college with the students, building up the college and its facilities as well as a part time lecturer at several Universities, serving on many committees related to ethics and social justice as well as serving the church, particularly in Queensland, in many and varied ways.

It is a privilege for us to have him amongst us.
(editor)

Get out for Good - using restorative justice for the Kingdom of God.



Since April, the Moe/ Newborough/Yallourn North Anglican parish have been in partnership with the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry in supporting a Drop In space for people who have been in prison

and are navigating the path to a pro-social life and reconnection with their family, friends and community. The Drop In Space is needed because often people leaving prison have lost -or never had- a supportive network of family and friends. Disconnection drives a lot of criminal offending, which is compounded by imprisonment. So how do we restore those who have experienced prison to a pro-social life in our community? How do we provide spaces where people are not judged by what they have done, but are supported in their efforts to grow and change?

This is the key principle of restorative justice - to work alongside those who have harmed others to set relations right, but also to cause no further harm. This is a tight line to walk. The Get out for Good Drop In Space on Tuesdays does not always have many attend who have been in prison, but that is ok. We are building a community of people who are welcoming and friendly and can provide a conduit for restoration if and when and wherever it is needed. This is a stance of humility, where we are not the ones with the 'answers' but the ones without judgement, which takes mindful concentration. Where we can hold a space that allows people to be themselves, but also enables conversations around how to build positive relationships and connections. It is now a year since we launched the Get out for Good Drop In space at St Stephen's Anglican Church in Richmond and we are starting to see fruit there. We have participants who have found the momentum

to have much needed difficult conversations with loved ones and make small changes to their lives. It is hoped that, in time, the same will be true in Moe. Please keep praying for those who turn up to the Drop In on Tuesdays as well as those with whom you interact with at the Friday Drop In and in the Op Shops. Pray also that the Church in Gippsland might be focused on the restoration of relationships in our families, our workplaces and our streets.



From the Editor

Welcome to this new begging for our Newsletter. We are looking for people to contribute to it in the months ahead. We hope John Morgan's story of his faith journey might encourage some of our parishioners/readers to share your story. Sharing our faith is a profound way of giving life to our faith community

I am happy to interview anyone that is interested. I record your story then transcribe it. You can then have a copy and an edited version will be printed in this newsletter. It will also be on our website.

I also want to encourage those who have access to the internet to look at our website. Recordings of the Sunday services are posted sometime during the week as well as any Parish News and weekly activities.

<https://moenewboroughanglian.org.au>

We are also looking for people who might like to join our team that produces this Newsletter. At the moment, we are a small team. I am very appreciative of their hard work to produce this edition.

(Rev) Bruce Charles (editor)



OUR PRAYERS FOR

Those on our Sunday Parish Prayer List and others who would seek our prayers for them at this time.

If you wish to ask for prayers to be acknowledged on a Sunday please contact the parish.



Birthday Greetings for OCTOBER to

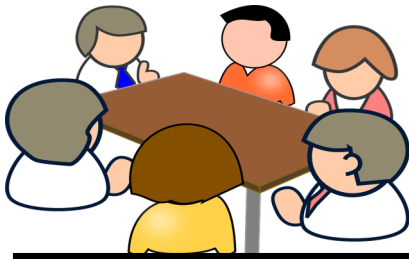
Rev'd Bruce Charles 2/10, Marizel Gattica-Charles 4/10

Nancye Goodman 6/10, Judyth Van Maurik 26/10

Rest In Peace



We remember with thanksgiving Archdeacon Edward (Ted) Gibson who died in his 90th year on Monday 30th September. Archdeacon Ted is well known to many in the Parish but especially to the older members of the Moe Parish where he served as Rector from 1965-1970. He was particularly known for his bringing the Church into the life of the local community. During Archdeacon Ted's time in the parish he was responsible for the building of St Luke's Church and the new Holy Trinity Church..



PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The September Meeting of the Parish Council comes at the end of the churches financial year and therefore involved preparations for the Annual Meeting, including reports and formulating the budget.

The Council has also continued to slowly work on the Visioning process which was a priority from the consultation held at the start of the year. As part of this process a group has been established to review the Parish Roll to make sure that we are keeping in touch with our parish community. The Council also established a Pastoral Care Team and a meeting is to be held at St Aidan's at 4pm on Thursday October 10th to discuss this ministry and would welcome any ideas as to how this ministry can be strengthened.

Parish Council also gave the go ahead to reestablish the Community Garden at St Luke's. A group of willing workers has already begun this work. (read further details on this elsewhere in this addition). Parish Council also has the responsibility of caring for all our parish buildings and grounds. This is an area that the Council would welcome assistance with. You might like to consider a day out to Walhalla and do a little cleaning at St. Johns while you are there or some weeding around our other church and Trinity House gardens.



The Annual General Meeting of the Parish

Will be held on Sunday November 17th

following the 10a.m. Eucharist.

The Meeting will be chaired by Archdeacon Sue Jacka. People responsible for preparing reports should get them to the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. We also encourage parishioners to consider offering themselves for various roles such as Parish Councillors, Wardens etc. Those doing so need to meet safe Ministry compliance. Please check that your compliancy is up to date. If you are not sure or need assistance please contact our Safe Ministries Officer, Stephen Heath. (A separate article concerning safe Ministry is included in this issue).

A meditation group is being established in the parish at the moment.

The group meets every Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Madge Vinnell Centre, located at the back of the Op Shop at 7 Anzac Street Moe.

The group has three basic aims:

- to provide an opportunity for people to learn how to meditate either through individual instruction or in the group or both.
- to develop a group that explores Christian meditation through reflecting upon teachings on the practice both within the Christian tradition and other traditions that teach the practice.
- through sitting in silence together for a time, being in the presence of God and reflecting on faith issues.

The Group, as it is forming at the moment, has people who have experienced meditation in various faith traditions and practices. The group is facilitated by the Rev Bruce Charles, a retired priest in the parish, who has practised and studied meditation from various faith traditions and cultures for over 50 years.

Meditation is a term used in our current secular society for all the various practices of 'Mindfulness' or other similar practices that focus on stilling the mind and experiencing deeper levels of our self.

In Christian traditions, has been described in various ways and particularly as 'Silent Prayer' or 'Prayer of the Heart'.

Meditation generally described a deep reflective process on passages of Scripture.

As the Psalmist says:

"Be still, and know that I am God!" Psalm 46:10

"commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still" Psalm 4:4

THIS MONTH IN THE PARISH

WORSHIP

SUNDAY

-HOLY COMMUNION 10am

AT SAINT AIDAN'S NEWBOROUGH

(EXCEPT FOR October 20th– see separate note)

WEDNESDAY

-HOLY COMMUNION 10am

AT SAINT LUKE'S MOE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH

SAINT LUKE'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL

SUNG EUCHARIST 10am AT SAINT LUKES MOE

Followed by a Parish Luncheon

OUR MINISTRY TO THE AGED



Communion by extension from our Sunday Eucharist

Latrobe Valley Village Hostel 11.00 am First & Third Tuesday

Narracan Gardens Hostel 10.30 am Second & Fourth Monday

Narracan Gardens Nursing Home 11,00am Second & Fourth Wednesday



OUR OPPORTUNITY SHOP MINISTRY continues within our Parish with our three shops. The Donation Bin is located behind St Aidan's Church

The Newborough Shop is in Rutherglen Road and is open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm & Saturday 10 to 12 noon

The Moe Shop is in Anzac Street Monday to Friday 10 am to 2pm

The Yallourn North Shop in Reserve Street Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm

Check out our Facebook Page [Moe & Newborough Anglican Op Shops.](#)

Our thanks to our wonderful volunteers and there is always room for more if you would like to join us.



A monthly MENS BREAKFAST is held at Gippsland Heritage Park Tea Rooms on the first Saturday of each month at 8.30am. All are welcome for this time of fellowship. If you are a new person interested in attending please contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572 to help with booking arrangements

Table Talk for the Kids

Don't avoid the big questions. Try asking our young people, who can give us new perspectives. Around the table, this week, or in the car. Try this one.... **How BIG can our God be?**

Here are some clues and a challenge..

My God is so big,

So Strong and so mighty

There is nothing my God cannot do! That's true

The mountains are His ,

The Valleys are His,

The Stars are His handiwork too.



CHALLENGE: Here are three words to describe God: **Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omnificent.**

What do they mean? Try to pronounce them? (Phonetics works).

CLUE: "Omni" in the Latin language means "ALL"

If God is all these things, How does he help us when we ask Him through prayer?

A story from "The Song of the Bird" by Anthony de Mellow

"Have you found Him? The Master asked one of one who came seeking God. "No I have not ,Have you?" What could the Master say? The evening sun was sending shafts of golden light into the room. Hundreds of sparrows were twittering on a banyon tree. In the distance one could hear the highway traffic. A mosquito droned a warning that it was going to strike..... and yet this man could sit there and say he has not found Him.

After a while the man left, disappointed, to search elsewhere.

Stop searching. There isn't anything to search for. All you have to do is look and wonder.

Find Our Young Parish Friends

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TARA
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BAILEY
MITCHELL
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Spring and our Community Garden

Our Parish Community Garden, first initiated by Peter and Susan Lendon, with two garden beds on the dis-used St Luke's Tennis courts (circa 2009) and then transplanted to the current site behind the South St Rectory, has contributed significantly to the life journeys of many visitors as a place for community building, creativity, skill sharing and /or as a place of solitude/ reflection, catering for all ages.

Its enforced and over extended "season of fallow" (some 5 years) is over and all are invited to join in little or big ways for its revival growth and development. IT IS NOW THE SEASON!

Covid reminded many of us of the restorative role nature, gardens, fresh air, and fellowship provides for our mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Community Gardens help here along with the potential of fresh consumable fruit and vegetables. Here is our opportunity.

So far, a small group, (Peter Towns, Peter Lendon, Beryl Brien and Mary Nicholls), met to case out the area and vision for some restoration, however we DO NOW INVITE ANYONE INTERESTED TO CONTACT US WITH SUGGESTIONS or OFFERS OF SUPPORT (labour or donations of vegetable seedlings for October planting).

This month our major aim is weeding, restoration, and preserving of the existing resilient plants (apple, lemon, rhubarb, herbs, and some flowering stalwarts (bulbs and alstroemerias). Garden plots will be made ready for spring planting in a few weeks. Perhaps propagate seedlings now.

Your help and that of your family and friends in the community is invited to join one of the to be advertised working bees or just turn up to independently "potter" or "reflect or relax" in the area.

A COMMUNICATIONS NOTEBOOK will be found (for your ideas or reports on any contributions, plantings etc. you have initiated) in the milk crate shelf at entrance to our garden behind the oak tree and shed at rear of St Luke's Church.





Mothers Union was started in England in 1876 by Mary Sumner. Its aim is the advancement of Christian religion in the sphere of Marriage and family life.

It's 5 Objects are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the church.
3. To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Membership (male and female) is open to all who are baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and who declare support for the Aim and Objectives of Mothers Union.

The Moe-Newborough branch of the Anglican Mothers Union Australia meets 12.30 every 3rd Monday at St. Aidan's Church Newborough.

The current president is Gwyneth Jones 0421 501 024 and the Secretary is Beryl Brien 5127 4028



THANKS to all who contributed to our CAKELESS CAKE STALL last month. The money raised supported the Mothers Union Annual Family retreat

This year's Mothers' Union/St Barnabas Annual Family Retreat ran from 30 September to 3 October at Raymond Island. This is an opportunity for a time of relaxation and rejuvenation for several families who would benefit from a short break, over the school holidays, provided by Gippsland Mothers' Union. Catered meals! Lovely accommodation!

Our Parish Team. Can you help?



Our thanks is extended to all those who currently undertake a variety of roles necessary for parish life, particularly during the vacancy for a Priest. We have a relatively small team doing this however. The appeal is quite urgent in seeking assistance, to open up our ministry doors. We can encourage one another in identifying or recognising each other's interests, skills and abilities (many exist in our parish family). Please seriously consider your ability to offer help in an area of interest (e.g. hospitality, cuppas and catering, Drop in centre, Op Shop, church cleaning, worship preparation, etc.)

In all these things, we as individuals represent the wider Church and ourselves, so "Compliance Protocols" are applied to all who serve. They look "**OVERWHELMING**" — **BUT NOT NECESSARILY SO**. **Stephen Heath**, our Parish Safe Ministry Guide, will aid you through the appropriate process, dependent on the role an individual chooses/offers to perform. You may well be surprised the process is not so difficult when shown.

"Compliance" is not and should not be a divisive, judgemental word. It is a process of uniting, fellowship and safety and well being.. For us, it signifies an opportunity for us all to fulfill our baptism promise to use our individual giftedness to serve our God, Church and community, within a safe, hopefully intergenerational and welcoming environment. On occasions, having used foresight, "compliance, does it's utmost to protect ourselves and visitors from perceived insecurity or harms (fortunately, most of us can only imagine). One benefit of this newer "society Imposed requirement of paper (or technological) once our applications are sent off, the application exercise represents our best effort in promoting our family friendly church as "A Place To Be", and to use our abilities/gifts in full fellowship and growth as we continue to worship and serve God in our Parish.. **Let's be prepared now to be equipped and available to support the parish ready for a new Priest's appointment.** (Once submitted the external application response is currently taking time to finalise so we try to take the initiative in timely applications)

As, in the broader society now, a Working with Children's Card (or Vulnerable People), and a Police Check is normalised and relatively easy to obtain. Your possession of these cards will assist you also for your wider community involvement as you access a multitude of groups or offer to support children and grandchildren in their school or club related activities. The world has changed. We want to be accountable.

A Church Worker (more visible volunteer role perhaps does involve one extra diocesan form to be completed and attendance of a Safe Ministry Workshop is required (An on-Line workshop will be available from mid October, if preferred.)

The next Safe Church Awareness and Refresher workshops

(Book now Visit Gippsland Anglicans.org .au)

13th September St Paul's Anglican Church Korumburra

15th November Christ Church Drouin

For All Parish Enquiries re Applications or Safe Church Awareness please contact Stephen Heath on 0438913572.

Current Volunteers are asked to check the expiry dates on your WWC cards and need for Refresher Workshop trainings in case they need updating.

Our commitment to a safe church

The Anglican Diocese of Gippsland is committed to ensuring our centres of worship and outreach are safe places for all, and it does not tolerate abuse or misconduct by church workers.

If you have any concerns, for yourself or someone you know, please contact our Professional Standards Office for a confidential discussion.



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The Rector: (The parish is currently vacant)

For Pastoral Care

- Rev'd Canon John Morgan 51273091
- Rev'd Bruce Charles 0429 073 148

If undeliverable return to:

P O Box 224
MOE VIC 3825

For information about sacraments of the church: baptism, reconciliation, first communion, marriage or to speak to someone concerning your faith or life, please contact the Parish .

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St. James Yallourn North: Reserve Road Yallourn North

ORGANISATIONS AND CONTACTS

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Meets 3rd Monday at St Aidan's 12.30 pm.

MENS BREAKFAST 8.30 am Gippsland Heritage Park Tea Rooms 1st Saturday of the month.

Contact: Stephen Heath 0438 913 572

THE PARISH OF MOE-NEWBOROUGH BANK ACCOUNT

The Parish Account is titled "MOE-NEWBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL" . The account is held with the National Australia Bank BSB 083 773 Account Number 915154737.