

# ALIVE & LINKED

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH  
OF AUSTRALIA  
DIOCESE OF GIPPSLAND**

*The Parish Paper of  
MOE-NEWBOROUGH  
St Aidan's Newborough  
St Luke's Moe  
St James Yallourn North*

## **A Parish Prayer**

**God our Creator, when  
you speak there is light  
and life.**

**Fill us with your Holy  
Spirit so that we may  
listen to one another,  
speak the truth in love,  
and bear much fruit in  
the service of your king-  
dom; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**AUGUST 2025**

## THE 175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIAN BOARD OF MISSION.(ABM)

- [Rev'd Giles Motisi—Priest in Charge](#)

In these last two weeks I have been thinking about the work of ABM in the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea. These thoughts were strengthened by an Email I received from Mr Robert Maclean who works with ABM, someone, I came to know from many of his visits to PNG.

As part of their lead up work to the actual event on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October this year they wanted to produce some vignettes from some of their friends that feature a special memory about ABM or something similar. It took me a while to decide on what to write about, because the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea has been from its beginning and its formative years under the Archdiocese of Brisbane since 1891. It was then known as the Diocese of New Guinea.

Finally, I decided to write about the Modawa tree (New Guinea Rose wood). This tree constantly reminds us of the pioneer missionaries Albert Maclaren and Copland King. It grew from the corner post of the first Chapel built by the two missionaries at Dogura in 1891. The tree has five branches which is seen as a symbol of the growth of the Anglican Church now having five Dioceses. The tree simply known as Modawa is a symbol of the physical and Spiritual growth of Anglicanism in the country.

In 2017 Mr Robert Maclean took Bishop Jeffrey Driver a former Diocesan Bishop of Gippsland and retired Archbishop of Adelaide to assess the situation at Newton College and produce a report for the Australian Bishops conference. They arrived in Popondetta around the same time I did. I had just finished my studies at a Catholic Theological Institute and was sent to join the teaching staff. Though Bishop Driver was sent to produce a report, he ended up staying on for the last eight years as the Principal and I as the Deputy Principal.

The only theological college for the whole of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea known as Newton College had steady growth over those years under the leadership of



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Bishop Jeffrey Driver. Financial support came from Partners and friends from as far as Scotland through, PNG Church Partners London, New Zealand Board of Mission, Australian Board of Mission and from many friends and associates of Bishop Jeffrey Driver mainly here in the Archdioceses of Melbourne and Adelaide.

The College started to grow and today it has grown into an Institute with three different schools, Teaching, Nursing and Theology, under one umbrella. It was here that we settled with the name Modawa Institute of Higher Education. The name was chosen because it was historical, connecting the Church to its past pioneers who planted the tree and over the years took care of it

### Congregational Visioning Meeting

Thirty people came out on a cold winter's night on Sunday 20th July, to begin the next step in our Parish Visioning Process.

Father Giles in his introduction to the meeting spoke of the process he went through in discerning that it was God's will for him to come to be the Priest in Charge of this parish for the next four years. He spoke of a moment when he knew it was God's will for him and his family to come here, even though it would be a big journey for them, to say the least, coming to this culture from Papua New Guinea. Yet in his knowing, he did not really know why God wanted him here. When he returned to Papua New Guinea, he told Julia and his family 'I think my heart is here [in Moe Newborough]'

This has set an important tone for us in our visioning process. We are on a journey which in the visioning documents, I likened to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus when Jesus came and walked with them. He explained the scriptures to them and then they recognised Him in the breaking of the bread.

to grow. The name also reflects another phase of the growth of the Church in modern times preparing men and women for the future.

Australian Board of Mission played a big role in planting the tree, the Church and making it grow since 1891 and continues to support today the Modawa Institute of Higher Education. Bishop Richard and some parishes have supported the institute through sponsorship of the students, and I am one of those students.

The tree is a symbol of the spiritual growth of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and as the first Archbishop David Hand, wrote 'Strongly grows the Modawa Tree' so it is our hope that the tree, a symbol of the Church will continue to grow.

We all have a heart for more people to come to know God in Christ and have this faith community both grow in faith coming to a maturity of faith in the knowledge of the Son of God, as St Paul says, and in this faith serve and nurture the people in our local community. For the moment, we are not sure how best to do this in the time we live in.

Over the next three months, we will visit anew the foundations of our faith and how we can express and live that faith within both our community, the wider community and ultimately all creation.

In this time, we need to follow Fr Giles leading and listen to our hearts. Listening to our hearts for a vision that is based on the love of God. For as John wrote in his first Epistle, 'God is Love'.

There are many seeds being planted at the moment. Farmers, especially in the wheat country, know that July and August is the time for planting. For now, we cannot list all the ideas that were expressed at the Visioning Meeting, except to say that it is heartening that quite a number of people have volunteered to join the Visioning Group, which will be meeting on every

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### **COST OF LIVING RELIEF:**

Our Op shop staff report that the need for food and other basic commodities continues to be a major priority. If you are able to assist you can :

- drop off goods at the Op Shop,
- place them in the box provided at the Church
- ask someone to collect them
- make a donation in the collection plate on Sunday in an Envelope marked Food Relief Make a Donation by Direct Debit (See Parish Banking details on p12)



## Parish Website



Don't forget to check out our website. You will find copies of past newsletters and pew notes, recordings of the Sunday Sermons if you missed out or would like to hear again and up to date news of what is happening in the parish.

**[www.moenewboroughanglican.org.au](http://www.moenewboroughanglican.org.au)**

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second Sunday at 4.30pm for the next four months, at least.

One of the seeds that has been planted is expressed in the article by Canon Jeff Richardson in this Newsletter. He has shared something of his faith journey. This has been a theme in our Parish which we want to keep developing. Encouraging people to share of their faith journey. It can seem much more sophisticated to quote scripture and doctrine and that is foundational, yet it can be more challenging to speak of our own experience. Sadly, I have been criticised for this in recent times, yet it is essential that we learn to articulate how we personally experience God. Where would we be if the witnesses of Jesus life, death and resurrection, did not share their stories? Peter says that they ate and drank with Jesus after the resurrection. 'God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead'. (Acts 10: 40-41)

The Wednesday Prayer and Meditation Group will also be making an important contribution in this process.

One idea that we are exploring is to visit members of our Parish, particularly those who are in the later years of their lives and encourage them to reflect on and share their faith story. With the aid of modern technology, we will also, with the appropriate permissions record these stories and in so doing help people to have their story in their own words as a legacy for their family, friends and this Parish.

These, together with the various eulogies we have, will be part of our Parish Archives that record the faith journey of the people of our Parish.

We hope to continue the process that we begun last year in this newsletter and include these stories month by month. These will include obituaries of those who have died.

We have had six funerals in the past six weeks, including three devoted members of this Parish; Judy Van Maurik, Shirley Ryan and Elsie Stayches and one former member of the Parish, Norma Page. In saying this, we are not minimising the lives of Evelyn Flanders, Angela Anfried, Marilyn May and Simon May, whose memorial service is on the 27th of August, as they too are a part of God's Church too. We will be printing all these Obituaries in the months to come.

(Rev Bruce Charles—Editor)

## St John's Church, Walhalla

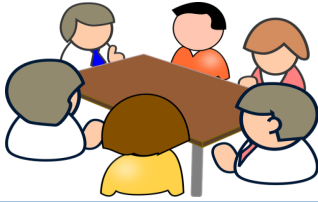


Every 6 weeks or so, a small band of willing parishioners from our church go on a pilgrimage up into the hills to the historic town of Walhalla. Nestled into the side of the hill is the Anglican Church of St John, its wooden structure clinging to the hillside and its interior bearing a testimony to the glory of God for over 100 years. Bristling with mops, dusters,

carpet sweepers and fragrant oils, St John's is lovingly cleaned and tended by the crew, who then, satisfied that St John's is good for another 6 weeks, adjourn to the local cafe for a well-earned cup of coffee. It is a joy to be of service in the upkeep of this delightful little church, so much part of the historical town of Walhalla.

(Peter and Susan Lendon near the entrance of the church)





# Around the Parish

Julie Bruce—Parish Secretary

**Please pray for your Parish Councillors.  
They are volunteers who act on your behalf  
serving our Parish.**

An outline of the happenings over the last month not mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

- A builder/carpenter has been approached to quote for repairs to the Sunday School Building.
- He will be in contact in a few weeks due to current commitments.
- The Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2026 order form to go in pew sheet in the near future.
- Sound System has been reviewed and two new microphones have been purchased. One a lapel microphone for the celebrant and the other a wireless microphone which has been donated by the Stayches family in memory of Elsie. People who previously had times when they could not hear clearly, are thrilled with being able to hear much better.
- Alan Middleton is to be thanked for his reorganisation and test and tag of the sound system.
- A Deanery clergy meeting took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July at St Aidan's. A catering team from our church organised food and helpers for 5-6 clergy. Father Motisi reported that it was a special time of fellowship for the deanery.

- Invoices are now being required for funeral expenses. Costings for funerals at our current rate means it is GST free.
- After the attempted burglary at St Aidan's (where nothing was taken apart from our vacuum and a red bin) we are looking to repair the damaged door frame at St Aidan's.
- The outside light over the St Aidan's sign seems to be on continuously. To be investigated.
- Keys to be organised for Rectory garage door (key broken in lock) and side sliding door.
- A clothesline has been purchased and placed in a more suitable position than the broken, old line in the Rectory back yard.
- A new refrigerator will be purchased of a similar size to replace the current one in St Aidan's kitchen.
- Funeral catering: After discussion it was decided that catering for funerals of our church family and public plays an important role in our mission. We could offer to cater for church family and the public (paid) for 50 or less people depending on the availability and ability of our people to manage this undertaking at the time.
- The Lay readers attended their annual diocesan meeting. They have recently renewed their Safe Ministry requirements.

## Parish Car



In late May, after a fairly extensive research project, the Parish purchased a Parish Car for Fr Giles' ministry.

We purchased a GWM Havel Jolion Lux Hybrid. Our preference was for a Hybrid, which although

dearer initially, is more fuel efficient long term and more environmentally friendly. A fully electric car seemed too expensive as well as being more demanding in terms of daily charging. As it is still running in the car is starting to record about 6litres/100kms and should continue to improve. This is a great result. Tests show 5.1l/100k

The Toyota Rav 4 is regarded as the benchmark in this class of SUV's and, consequently, has a premium price tag. The Diocesan Registrar had referred us to the Valley Motor Group's, Ben Gittens, the dealer principal's family having strong connections with the Diocese.

His advice was that the GWM vehicles were underpriced and with a 7 year unlimited km warranty, the car would be a good investment.

After the Sub-committee, including Fr Giles, road tested three vehicles, and although few decisions if any decisions, are absolutely right, we decided on this one. So far, it has exceeded our expectations. Virtually all the negatives uncovered in our research not being an issue. It is a great car to drive with virtually all the latest safety features, which are necessary for us to have in a Parish Car.



## 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



## OPPORTUNITY SHOP MINISTRY

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

**The Newborough Shop** 46 Rutherglen Road, Newborough

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm

**The Moe Shop** 7 Anzac Street, Moe Monday to Friday 10 am to 2pm

**The Yallourn North Shop** 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.



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

Every Tuesday in the Madge Vinnell Centre, 10am—2pm.

A program in partnership with the Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry established by Anglicare Victoria. An Anglican Church Welfare Agency.

The “Get out for Good” program, provides social and emotional support for people who have been released from prison to find social and emotional support. It provides a safe space to talk about what they are going through and encouragement to reconnect with family, friends and community. The program acts to strengthen people’s ability to identify and develop their own resources and build capacity while making the adjustment from prison to the “outside”.



## Prayer and Meditation Group.

The group meets every Wednesday, 7.30pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre.

Our current focus is ‘Reflecting on how we experience God in our time together’, particularly in a time of Silence.



## The Listening Post

Every Friday from 10am to 12 pm in the Madge Vinnell Centre, at the back of 7 Anzac St, Moe.

(If it is closed for any reason, it will be advertised on this site)

The Listening Post provides an opportunity for anyone in the community who would like to come and share in an enjoyable social morning and chat about their lives, if they feel the need.

It also provides an opportunity to discuss a variety of social and life issues including discussing matters of faith.

Tea, Coffee and a scrumptious morning tea are provided. Recent numbers have varied from 1 to 10.



## 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 AUGUST**

Jeanette Ringin, Debbie White

**and others who celebrate at this time.**



You are invited to forward the names (&dates) of loved ones who have died so that they may be remembered, especially those who have been fellow worshippers.

We remember those who have died in the past month:

Elsie Mary (Billie) Stayches

Elsie passed away peacefully at home in the early hours of Wednesday Morning, 30<sup>th</sup> of July. Our deepest sympathy to her husband, Roy and children: Daryl, his wife Trisch, their daughter Danielle, Bradley, Lynne and Elsie's family

Elsie's family have generously donated the second new microphone that we have just purchased as a memorial for her. Fittingly, it was used for the first time at her funeral, which was last Friday 8th August. Over 200 people attended and it was a wonderful celebration of her life and faith.

### **The Communion of Saints**

*In our Lectionary calendar we remember  
AUGUST 1st Holy men and women of the old  
testament,*

*4th John Vianney parish priest of Ars France,  
d.1859*

*5th Oswald king and martyr,*

*8th Dominic priest and friar, d. 1221*

*9th Mary Sumner founder of Mothers Union, d.  
1921*

*10th Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr d. 258*

*11th Clare of Assisi, d.1253*

*13th Jeremy Taylor bishop and spiritual writer, d.  
1667*

*14th Twentieth Century Martyrs,*

*15th MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD,  
(Assumption of Mary)*

*20th Bernard of Clairvaux abbot and teacher, d.  
1153*

*24th BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE AND MARTYR, d  
approx. 71*

*28th Augustine of Hippo bishop and teacher, d.  
430*

*29th Beheading of John the Baptist d. 29  
(approx.)*

*31st Aidan of Lindisfarne d. 651*



A monthly MENS BREAKFAST is held the first Saturday of each month at 8.30am. WE CURRENTLY MEETING AT THE MADGE VINNELL CENTRE behind the Op Shop at 7 Anzac Street Moe. Parking at the rear of the site accessed by Trinity Lane.

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 catering arrangements.

After trialling the new venue for a few months **we have decided to reduce the cost to \$10.00. Profits are donated to the Food Bank.**



As a Christian (leaving aside that I am a priest) there have been many occasions when my faith has been tested by those who seem to be paranoid about people like me who

believe Jesus is the Son of God, who lived, died and rose again. Usually, such people tend to be rather antagonistic and aggressive and will endeavour to make light of your beliefs especially when talking about the person of Jesus Christ. They can be so antagonistic and negative towards you that you tend to feel spiritually battered and abused, and it takes the strength of your faith to overcome the direct insults, which come from their ignorance of not knowing the foundation of the Christian faith, that is within holy scriptures and the history of the Church.

The point here is that Christians are grounded in holy scriptures and do normally maintain the premise that faith undergirds who they are in all aspects of life. Many of us will remember the many stories from the Bible that were part of our Sunday School experiences and the Confirmation classes that brought us closer to an understanding of the significance of the gospel story of the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We hold these things dear to our hearts and as we grow older, we often find other opportunities to delve into scripture and other spiritual sources to come to a fuller understanding of God's work of salvation in history.

As a child I experienced these things yet after confirmation I went away from the church and experienced being in the world and becoming a chef. Some years after I completed my apprenticeship and worked in several restaurants and hotels, I still had a basic appreciation of the Christian faith, yet I did not practise my faith by going to church. At one point during this time, I felt a desire to reach out to God, and in doing so I read the entire Gospel of Matthew in a night; going to sleep with the words of Jesus and the gospel writer on my mind, the next day as I woke, the world seemed different and the gospel became real and the

desire to seek more from scripture, occupied my ongoing thoughts. I returned to church going to each of services on Sunday, including 8am communion, 10am sung morning prayer, and 5:00pm evensong and of course the Wednesday communion. Soon the rector realised there was a person in his congregation that didn't fit the usual group of people! Finally, he approached me and offered to meet with me each week to study the Bible [the Old Testament] and then I went to another study group who were studying the Book of Acts, which I found exhilarating and fed my spirituality in a new and dynamic way. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit working in me as I became more excited by the reality of knowing that God was alive and active in the person of Jesus Christ.

Stepping into the world with this newfound faith was incredibly challenging. My work colleagues found it difficult to accept and even my family and friends were a bit suspicious. One night as I was sitting in the lounge room with my family watching TV, when my older brother unknown to me went outside with a torch shining it through the window, calling out: "The ID [short for idiot] has seen the light!" Later he would become one of my strongest supporters. After a few months I felt a calling to the ordained ministry, so I went home and told mum; her reply: "You're not educated, you have to have a university degree!" Of course, my reply was: "with God anything is possible." And so, it was! In the end my family and many of my friends were very proud of the fact that I had successfully obtained the necessary qualifications to become an ordained person. It also goes without saying that my mother who was a very devout Christian and Anglican would always be right on matters of theology or scripture interpretation, because mother knows best!

As a priest/Christian, I found myself in many situations when my faith was tested. One of my first experiences was with a social worker, who, on our first encounter said: "I am a social priest and am gay" and she went on to say that she was doing what the church should do in society. She worked for St Kilda Family Support Unit an organisation that reached out to hundreds of families in the St Kilda/Elwood area. After some time working alongside the staff and families at the Unit, families wanted to explore Christianity and attending church. I began a service called

“MIDCHURCH” (meaning Midday Church). Around sixty people attended these fortnightly services, after each service we shared in a fellowship lunch.

Evolving from my contact with Jan the “social priest”, several of us organised a community celebration simply called ‘An Early Christmas in St Kilda’, it was held at All Saints’ East Kilda and it started off with a church service (preacher the late John McIntyre) and about seven hundred people attended; then they flowed out into the park behind the church to an afternoon of entertainment for young and old. The estimate number of people attending the afternoon event was one thousand and two hundred – children, parents, grand-parents, other people of all ages, Santa and Ronald Macdonald! St Kilda Maccas supplied 800 cheeseburgers, fries and drinks for the kids and several thousand dollars in donations (raised over several months at the store) – “Why McDonalds?” The owner of the store Abe (a Muslim) had suffered the trauma of almost losing his young son to cancer and he was compassionate about helping families doing it tough.

Jan the “social priest” soon dropped her antagonism and negative attitude toward the church and in the end became a great advocate for what Christianity and the church can do in partnership with existing community programmes.

I met many Jans in the communities where I ministered and in time most of them once realising Christians/churches are on the same “justice page” and can work alongside and with many community programmes when the barriers of suspicion, doubt, prejudice, ignorance, bigotry, and basic distrust of faith driven Christians are broken down by the central tenets of Jesus’ teachings.

The word that keeps me moving forward as a Christian in a hostile world, often associated with non-Christian-community-based-groups-and-programmes, is “PERSISTENCE” = remaining steadfast in your faith in Jesus Christ,

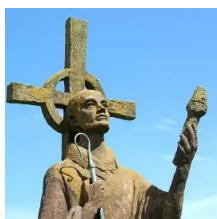
remaining a living presence among the people involved in community programmes, remaining true to your own self in the power of God’s love (enabling you to expect the unexpected – to see the beauty and ugliness in people – to experience people’s hopefulness and hopelessness), remaining spiritually grounded in prayer and inspirational reading, and the most important thing that drives your persistence is the fact that we have also been broken, [as the people seeking community programmes are coming from their own brokenness] – thus we are persistently empathetic.

To relate to you here all the occasions in which I faced hostile antagonistic anti-Christian sentiment are so numerous to tell within the limitations of this reflection, but they do indeed, range from politicians, media personalities, nationwide social welfare organisations, medical practitioners, church leaders, people in pubs, guests at weddings, baptisms and funerals, family members, teachers, so on, so on, and so on! In all cases successfully or unsuccessfully I remained PERSISTENT, in faith, in my association with people, myself in God’s love, in my spirituality and always acknowledging that I am a broken person – restored, renewed, and filled with hope.

Any Parish Vision requires persistence. The mission/s emanating from our vision will be challenged both within and without our parish community, remaining persistent in achieving our goal (vision), will be invariably positive and most likely successful, as long as we remain true to our core belief, that Jesus is Lord, and through God, the Holy Spirit will bring us wisdom and power.

Canon Jeff is a retired Priest in the Parish. He has been a Priest for 36 years, He spent the first twenty two years of his ministry in the diocese of Melbourne in inner city and urban ministries before coming to the Gippsland Diocese as Rector of Bunyip 2007-2012 and Rector of Traralgon 2012-2022.

St Aidan’s Patronal Festival  
Sunday, 31st August 10am  
at St Aidan’s  
Followed by Premium  
Morning Tea



**Mothers’ Union:** A Soup and Sandwich luncheon **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 12pm at St Aidan’s.** All monies raised go to the MU/St Barnabas Family Retreat Fund to help families in need of a few days break on beautiful Raymond Island.

TABLE TALK  
WITH THE FAMILY



# Buddak Travelling

At first I saw God as an observer, my judge, keeping track of all things I did wrong. He was out there, sort of like a Prime Minister. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him.

But later on when I learned to trust, it seemed as though life was like a bike ride, on a tandem bike and God was in the back helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since!

When He took the lead, whether on rolling or knobby tyres, sometimes it was all I could do to hang on! He knew delightful paths, up mountains and through rocky places and at breakneck speeds. breaking grip, clean gearing, pumping the trails, bunny hops, with line skills through all cambers Even though it

looked like madness, He said, "PEDAL".

I was worried and anxious and asked, "where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't even answer, but I learned to trust. I forgot my ordinary life and entered into an adventure.

When I 'd say, "I'm scared", He'd lean back and touch my hand. At first I did not trust Him to control my life. I thought he might wreck it. But He knows bike (life) secrets.

He knows how to make it lean, take sharp corners, dodge large rocks and speed through scary passages and I am learning to listen, follow, obey, and pedal in the strangest places.



## Let's Talk!

How do we get to know God?  
What or who has helped you? How?

How can we help others know Him?

Have you asked or wanted to ask for God's, help, hope and guidance encouragement? Remember He invites us to TRUST HIM to travel with us.

Author: Corrie Ten Boom reminds us....

*"Don't jump out of a train when going through a dark tunnel..... Trust the Driver!"*

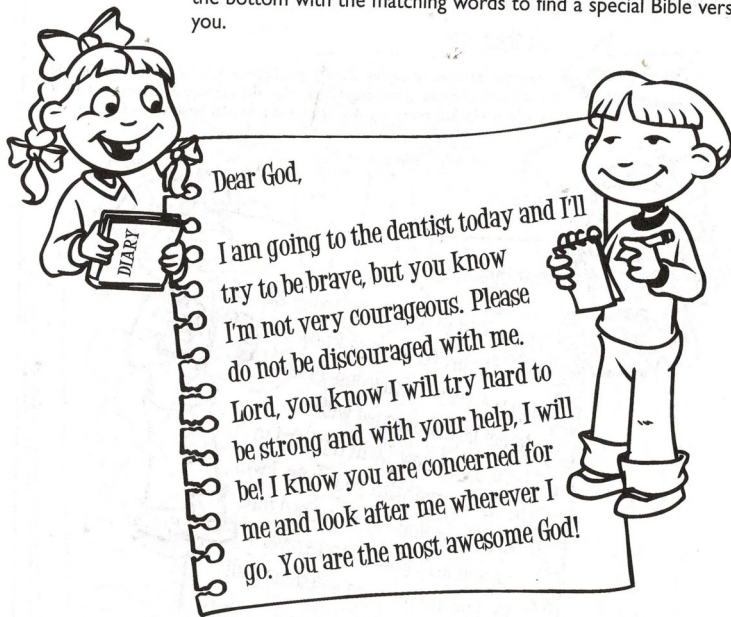


# DEAR DIARY!



Joshua 1:9

Number each word on the diary page (Dear = 1, God = 2, and so on) till you reach the end of the page. Then fill in the numbered blanks at the bottom with the matching words to find a special Bible verse for you.



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26 \_\_\_\_\_ 39 \_\_\_\_\_ 54 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 22 \_\_\_\_\_ ..... 24 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

14 \_\_\_\_\_ 27 \_\_\_\_\_

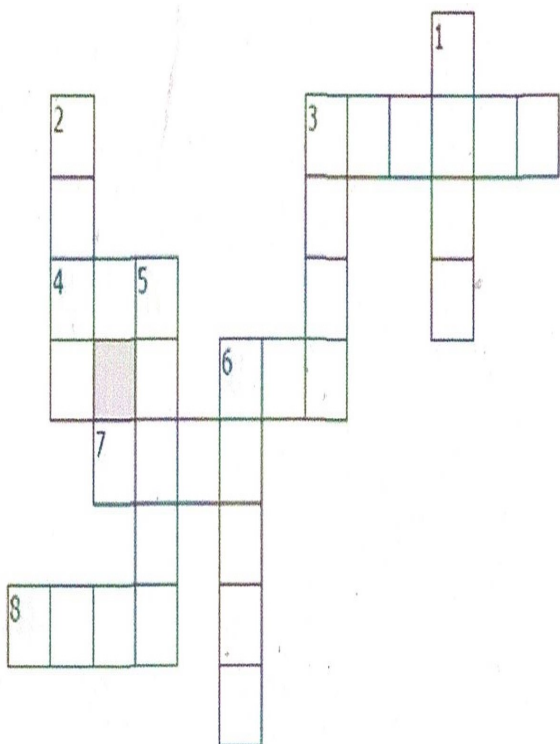
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\_\_\_\_\_ 49 \_\_\_\_\_ 58 \_\_\_\_\_ 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 60 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Jesus Teaches About Prayer: "So I say to you "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you". Luke 11:9**

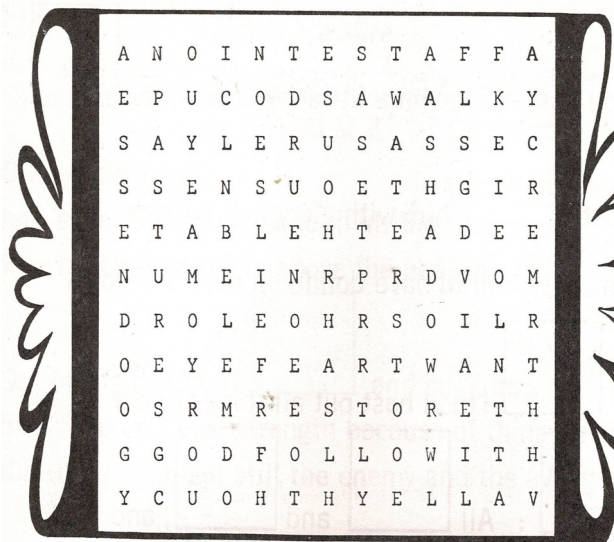


## ACROSS

- 2. A person you know, trust and like
- 4. To make a request for something
- 6. A piece of furniture for sleeping
- 7. A moveable structure used to close off and entrance to a room
- 8. A device operated by a key and used to keep a door from being opened.

## DOWN:

- 1. To look for something
- 2. To talk to Go
- 3. To locate something by searching
- 4. To strike a series of blows with your fist, as on a door
- 5. A food made from flour and water and baked and other ingredients



## 26. FIND-A-WORD

Hidden in this puzzle are words from the Twenty-third Psalm. You may find them up, down, backward, or sideways. Not all the letters are used, but some letters are used more than once. How many words can you find without using the word list?

ART	GOODNESS	SURELY	FEAR	ME	MERC
THY	PASTURES	FOLLOW	WITH	OIL	STAFF
OVER	RESTORETH	COMFORT	THOU	ROD	TABL
WALK	ANOINTEST	VALLEY	GREEN	CUP	SHAD
WANT	RIGHTEOUSNESS	SHEPHERD	HOUSE	LIE	WATE

## OUR PARISH STORY OVER TIME

### —The Early Struggle

Extract taken from "Church of Our Fathers" by A E Clark quoting from an article written by the Rev C.J.Chambers one time Vicar of "Waterloo (Yarragon), Trafalgar and Moe.

Moe presented me with an inaugural congregation of seven souls, including children. Someone had kindly swept out the large Mechanic's Institute Hall and the peculiar musty air, which, of course, was a great thing for us. I do not remember who played. It was Morning Prayer and Litany for Holy Communion. Our congregation remained at about seven for approx. eight months, when the Venerable Henry Langley, on a visitation tour, peremptorily ordered me to cut out Moe and concentrate on other places, or try to find a way over the swamp to Willowgrove, or somewhere. Moe had never been a success, and, in his opinion, never would be. "Tell them I say so, waste no more time there." Well, I did not like this at all. I had a feeling that something was really moving, and asked for three months more. The request was granted, and I made the most of the facts—and succeeded. Of course, all were delighted and none more than the Archdeacon, who was simply grand. This was the way of it. I told the little congregation the position and quietly talked it over with some of them privately. There seemed, however, to be no stir among the dry bones, beyond an expressed sadness. However, somehow or other I felt happy. A fortnight after my public announcement, one day I called on the Bank. The young accountant, Mr. Deschamp, upon my leaving, called me back and informed me of a credit balance to the church account, about £13, and asked for instructions concerning the same. How long it had been lying there unused in the bank or how it was raised, or for what it was originally intended, he did not know. I could not by any means learn more about the matter. {Services had been

However, Mr. Chambers continues:—"I at once visited Mrs. Jardine, Coffee Palace Proprietor, and one of the dispirited faithful seven, and told her that God had saved the amount for us as a nest-egg for a church at Moe, and at last persuaded her to this view. About six weeks later, while Mrs. Jardine was busily engaged on a Tea-cosy for a Roman Catholic Bazaar, about to be held in Moe for the building of a church, conscience suddenly awoke, and the lady immediately ceased her work, changed her dress, and made straight over the railway line to Mr. Fechner, saddler, and professing atheist, with a smiling demand that he should attend church. He gave her £1 but refused to go to church.

Astonishment gave way to interest and the lady's smile succeeded, for she was sent by Fechner to Haigh Bros., Wheelwrights, etc. She collected £2 from this source and then came to Mr. Savige, total something more than £4.

This was good news for me on the following Sunday morning, and its argument was unanswerable. Excepting for one person, all the subscribers to date were either professed infidels or absolute non-church-goers. The congregation increased. Very gently a spiritual inquiry became apparent, and having enlisted the sympathy and co-operation of a good German farmer, who kindly prepared drawings while I prepared the specifications and, within little more than a year from that date the little Church of Holy Trinity was built, not only free from debt, but with a credit balance of 6/6. Except for the high dado, the building was only a skeleton, but a church none the less. As nearly as I remember the Archdeacon opened and dedicated it." [The actual date, although not given by Mr. Chambers, was December 3rd, 1895.] "From that time onward the building was never large enough for the ordinary congregations. God raised up a Lay helper, and my brother sometimes came from Melbourne, so we found it possible to give Evensong periodically.

**The Moe Mechanic's Institute Hall**



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