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*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 kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

OCTOBER 2025

BY THE RIVER OF BABYLON

- Rev'd Giles Motisi—Priest in Charge

There were many things I learnt as a child that I find helpful when reading the scriptures. Some of you will remember that I shared a few with you in my sermons. One of my childhood experiences was about Psalm 137. This week in particular this Psalm is read at worship which keeps reminding me of it that I want to share it with you.

My grandfather was still single when his brother and sister-in law died leaving behind three daughters and a son. As is the practice the orphans were taken by the relatives and my grandfather though single took the older girl as his own.

This aunt grew up and married into a family that were great musicians, and my aunt's husband was known for composing song, sing and dancing. As little kids whenever we had the opportunity to visit, we would happily go to hear him sing.

There was this occasion when my dad slaughtered a few pigs and gave a feast and in the evening he and mum were taking aunts share to visit them, and I went with them. Every time we visited uncle would have his drum beside his bed but this time, he had it hung above his bed. As a child out of curiosity I asked uncle why his drum was hanging above his bed. And he gently said, "I am mourning that's why I hang my drum".

As we walked home my dad explained that when people are mourning or in pain they can't sing and dance. They can only weep and cry and the hanging of the drum is a sign of mourning, a time of sharing the loss.

When the Israelite set by the rivers of Babylon, they were in mourning, they were a shattered and broken people, and their sign was they hang their harps on the Willow trees nearby.

The Babylonians saw the harps hanging and knew what the sign meant but they wanted to torment the Jews, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." They were not just asking for an ordinary song no, they asked for one of the songs of Zion, a song they sang in worship.

"How can we sing the lords song in a strange land?" There was nothing familiar, no Zion, no temple, strange people and strange gods, but also in their hearts was pain, confusion and grief. And taking their harps down and playing and singing is forgetting Jerusalem and their God. The pain reminded them of who they were.

There are times when we too like the Israelite say, "How can we sing the lords song in a strange land?"

The book of Daniel tells of Daniel and his three friends

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who did sing the lords song in Babylon. Just the four of them and yet they lived and served their God, the God of Israel in this strange land.

We too can live and serve God in our time even when we may ask like the Israelites, “How can we sing the lords song in a strange land?”

Coming Events

Parish

Community Garden Working Bee: Saturday 11th October 10am at Community Garden St Luke’s
St Luke’s Patronal Festival and Celebration of the Parish of Moe Centenary

Sunday 19th October, 10.30am followed by Lunch at the Moe Hotel.

Please register by putting your name on the List in the Narthex or call Julie Bruce

Please note change of time for the service.

Diocese

Traralgon Op Shop Fashion Show - Friday 10 October, 7pm

Only \$5 to enter this fun-filled event, including supper and music from St Paul’s Anglican Grammar students. All proceeds in support of Anglicare Victoria.

Ordination of Sarah Gover, Josh Hasan, and Ken Spackman as Deacons in the Church of God.

Saturday 18 October at 11am at St Paul’s Cathedral, Sale.

The Abbey, Raymond Island—October

9th Celtic Music session

10th – 12th Women’s Storytelling weekend retreat. Facilitator: Lee Palumbo

24th – 25th Diocesan retreat *Grace and the Holy Spirit*. Facilitator: Revd Kate Campbell

26th – 31st *Meditation and Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition*. Facilitator: Roland Ashby

Weekly Eucharist every Wednesday at 11.00am in St Barnabas chapel.

EVERYONE is welcome -to all of events and the Abbey has retreat rooms, offering single-room, get-away-from-it-all accommodation at an affordable price.

St Paul's Cathedral Choir.

The Cathedral is forming a cathedral choir, made up of lay clerks and choral scholars.

Anyone interested or who knows of someone interested contact Julie Bruce for more information.

Advent Conversation

led by two of Australia’s preeminent biblical scholars: Brendan Byrne, SJ and Dorothy Lee

Friday 28th November 9.30am to 3.30pm at St Mary’s Roman Catholic Cathedral, Sale.

Modawa Institute Newsletter

Flyers and information for these events are in the Narthex, on the Parish Web Page or can be emailed on request. Contact details page 16

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The Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE to become 106th Archbishop of Canterbury

Bishop Richard Treloar in announcing this appointment to our Diocese wrote:

“I have great pleasure in forwarding today’s announcement from the Anglican Communion Office that the Bishop of London - The Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, DBE - is to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

I commend to you the text of the announcement below, and invite you to join with me in giving thanks to God for this significant appointment and praying for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to be installed as Archbishop of Canterbury in March next year”.

Almighty God,

by your Son Jesus Christ you gave many excellent gifts to your apostles, and commanded them to feed your flock:

bless your servant Sarah, now called to the office of Archbishop of Canterbury.

So fill her with your truth, and clothe her with holiness, that as a shepherd of the Anglican Communion she may diligently preach your word, and rightly teach your people, to the glory of your name, and the benefit of your Church.

We ask this in the name of the Good Shepherd, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglican Communion Office Announcement

His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Rev'd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government’s Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as “an opportunity to reflect the love of God”.

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) for Canterbury nominated Bishop Sarah following a process of public consultation and prayerful discernment that began in February this year. The Canterbury CNC was made up of representatives from across the Church of England, global Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Canterbury.

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as primus inter pares - or first among equals - of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual.

Bishop Sarah said: “As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager.

“At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen

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deeply - to people and to God's gentle prompting - to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing.

"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and for it to shape our actions.

"And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion.

"I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has."

Lord Evans, Chair of the Crown Nominations Commission for Canterbury, said: "It has been a great privilege to have chaired the Crown Nominations Commission as it sought to discern who God is calling to lead the Church of England and Anglican Communion as Archbishop of Canterbury. That discernment began with the public consultation, which heard the voices of thousands of people as they expressed their hopes for this nomination, and continued all the way through to the Commission's final meeting. I would like to thank all those who took part in this process, particularly those who took time to share their views in the consultation and the members of the Commission who worked so diligently over several months, ably assisted by the Appointments Secretaries and by the Appointments and Vocations team at Lambeth Palace. I shall be praying for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to take up this new ministry in the coming months."

Bishop Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, said: "I welcome and commend the nomination of Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury and invite the churches of the global Anglican Communion to pray for her as she prepares to take up this important ministry. May God grant her wisdom and discernment, as she seeks to listen to Member churches, encourage mutual support, and foster unity.

"The Anglican Communion Office is fully committed to supporting her ministry as she works with other Provinces and the Instruments of the Anglican Communion. Let us pray that God will pour out His Spirit on the Anglican Communion to boldly share Christ's transformational love and the hope of the Gospel in today's world."

Further news of Bishop Sarah's appointment can be found on these three Anglican websites

[Anglican Communion Office](#), [Anglican News](#) & [Home | The Archbishop of Canterbury](#)

Editorial

The Visioning group continues to meet each month. At our last meeting, thanks to the work of Canon Jefferey Richardson, after significant discussion that acknowledged that it will not be easy to find a consensus, the Group has come up with the following acknowledgment for discussion in the Parish. One key issue was that, in the context of worship, the acknowledgement would best be done as a prayer. The following is a suggestion from the group:

"As we gather in the presence of God, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land upon which we meet. In his wisdom and love, our heavenly Father gave this estate to the Brayakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai Nation. Upon this land they met for many generations until the coming of Other nations. As we continue to learn to live together on these ancestral lands, caring for the environment, a role God gave to humanity at the beginning of creation, we acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians elders, past and present, as we also pay our respect to our forebears, particularly in this Parish. We pray that God will unite us all in a knowledge of his Son, in whom all things were created, in heaven and on earth, whether visible or invisible – for all things have been created through him and for him".

The Group would appreciate constructive feedback from members of the Parish.

Please submit to Russell Savige, Chair of the Group Tel 5127 10311 Mob 04732938661

Email: russellsavige1953@gmail.com

Worship Services in the Parish

St Aidan's 111 Torres St, Newborough

Sundays, 10am

Preceded by Prayer Time 9.30am to 9.45am

St Luke's, 47 South St, Moe

Wednesdays, 10am

Both services followed by Morning Tea



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

Newborough Shop 46 Rutherglen Road.

Open Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm & Saturday 10 to 12 noon

Moe Shop 7 Anzac Street Open Monday to Friday 10 am to 2pm

Yallourn North Shop Reserve Street Open 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. Support of our Food relief program is much appreciated. Contact Stephen Heath 0438 913 572



Get out for Good—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". Contact



Prayer and Meditation Group.

The group meets every Wednesday, 7.00pm 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. Contact 0429 045 132



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 at the centre, on webpage and Pew Sheet)

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.

The Listening Post also has a food bank that provides some essential food items for anyone in need. The food is free as is attendance. Contact 5127 1119

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



Are you on the Parish Roll. If you are not receiving news from us it is possible that you are not or perhaps your details have not been updated.

Travelling the road to Emmaus in 2025

The passage in the Bible of the two disciples walking home to Emmaus after the tumultuous days of that Passover, unknowingly having the Saviour walking with them and opening their eyes to the scriptures, came to mind when I was asked to write this article concerning significant times in my spiritual journey. Looking back, I can see how Jesus has walked with me along the way and has guided and encouraged me, a nervous child, lacking in confidence to become a member of His church and serving in His community of faith.

Being brought up in the 50s, Sunday School in Geelong was part of my life and GFS was the nurturing of a young person in the way she should go. Later, after a move to Melbourne, churchgoing stopped until at the age of 13, when a dear gentleman took on a difficult Form 2 at Blackburn South High School for Religious Instruction. He told us stories of His life as a Christian and how to repent and ask the Lord Jesus into our lives. This I did and my spiritual eyes were opened and my heart "burned within" as God became real to me, answering prayers and helping me to read His word with fresh understanding.

When passing an Anglican church in Forest Hill, I had a strong inclination to attend, and there I was encouraged to grow in my faith, teaching Sunday School and attending the youth group. My confidence was growing. But there were always faith challenges along the way. Later at university, I had a spiritual crisis and was ceremoniously going to give it all away when I read the passage about Jesus calming the storm as my final Bible reading. I felt a loving presence envelop me, calm and reassure me that God was really there. I became involved in the Evangelical Union and in the Anglican Department of Christian Education's camping program and became a leader on many bushwalking camps for teenagers. It was through this connection that David and I met, and the rest is history!

An important phase in my faith journey, a time when God's great love broke through, was through involvement in the Cursillo Movement. My first Cursillo was truly a blessed time of sharing in the faith story of others and learning the disciplines which encourage growth to become a more active member in the church. I became more trusting of God's enabling when called to serve in some specific way out of my comfort zone. In that space at Cursillo I again felt God's loving presence and felt a calling to become a committee member to share such blessing with others.



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OUR PRAYERS FOR

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

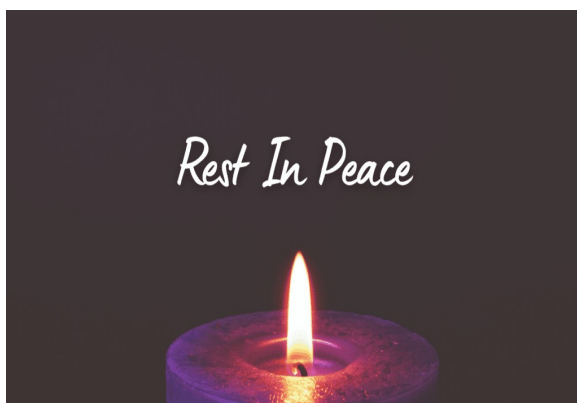
If you wish to ask for prayers to be acknowledged on a Sunday please contact the parish.



Birthday Greetings for OCTOBER Margaret

Raymond, Bruce Charles, Marizel Gatica-Charles, Nancye Goodman, Kelly Koschade, Ray Jackson, Susan Lendon

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:

In our Lectionary calendar we remember

OCTOBER 4th. Francis of Assisi, friar and preacher,

6th. William Tyndale, biblical scholar,

15th Teresa of Avila, teacher,

16th. Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley bps and martyrs,

17th Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr,

18th. LUKE, Evangelist and Martyr

23rd. James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr,

28th. SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles and Martyrs

31st. Martin Luther and other Continental reformers.



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Since attending Moe-Newborough Anglican Church, I have served in children's ministry, assisted in services as a Lay Reader, been a Chaplain at two local primary schools and acted as Secretary on Parish Council. As a possible road to ordination there have been opportunities to complete a four-year Theological course known as EFM (Education for Ministry) and a two-year MDP (Ministry Development Program) which will conclude soon. Then comes the time to check with the One who walks beside and dwells within by the Holy Spirit. What would you have me do Lord? Enable me through your power to do your will.

Julie Bruce



Around the Parish

Julie Bruce—Parish Secretary

Around the Parish

September was another month of action around the parish. Below are

- On 11th September, Bishop Richard de-consecrated St Thomas Church, Erica with Fr Giles, Fr Bruce, and warden Helen Davis attending. The property sale remains under diocesan control.
- Abbey events August-October have been placed in the Narthex for those who are interested.
- The diocese has been notified about the open hall at 4 Luke St. and unknown individuals using it. If you are in the community garden, please work with at least one other person until the hall is secured.
- Funerals were held for Elsie Stayches, Simon May, and Tina Daniels. We offer our support and prayers to their families during this time of loss.
- A heartfelt vote of thanks was extended to Father Bruce Charles for his dedicated service as Acting Treasurer of the Parish Council. His steadfast support has been invaluable as we have navigated the challenges of the past year. Joseph Gormally, the diocesan Financial Officer, has now assumed this role until our AGM in November when a new elected treasurer may resume this parish responsibility. In the meantime, Jan Misiurka, a former treasurer, will oversee the sending of accounts to Joseph in Sale.
- Speaking of the AGM, people interested to serve as members of the Parish Council must ensure that they meet the Safe Ministry requirements. Please check with Stephen Heath concerning the procedure. It is a wonderful opportunity to support our church and a great privilege to serve on this team.
- We are in continuing dialogue with the diocese concerning the division of funds from the sale of the 4 Luke St property.
- The most recent meeting of the Mothers' Union was a time of reflection upon the role of our fathers following Fathers' Day. It was a lovely time of sharing.
- For our Op Shop Volunteers, A high tea is to be served at the meeting in late October. A date for the end of year function together with the Parish Council has yet to be set. Also, the Opportunity Shop volunteers would like some sort of activation device installed as a warning system in the shops if a security issue arises. This request is under consideration.
- After two break-ins, wardens received a \$4,500 quote for roller doors at 7 Anzac St's Sunday School building. More quotes are being gathered, and Bruce will investigate iron doors with bars for added security.
- Extensive plumbing works have also taken place at the Luke St Rectory. Water pipes have been replaced for the flow must go on.
- From the Community Garden, the Parish Council has approved the purchase of a pump and the associated plumbing and electrical works for the community garden. Recently, new wooden garden beds have arrived and are ready to be positioned, assembled, filled, and planted.
- New roses have been planted to replace those lost, funded by memorial contributions for John Davis, Ralph Harvey, Ken Brien, and Reverend Peter Rickards.
- A service starting time of 10.30am at St Lukes to celebrate St Luke's Day and 100 years of ministry in Moe on October 19th will be followed by a luncheon at the Moe Hotel at 12pm. If attending, please place your name on the lists in the Narthex or let Julie know on 0407 073 148.
- Finally, Parishioners are encouraged to attend upcoming events and actively participate in community activities, fostering fellowship and strengthening our church family. Your involvement not only supports the ongoing work of the Parish Council but also helps sustain the vibrant spirit of Moe-Newborough Anglican Church.

Julie Bruce (Secretary)

Dedication of Grand Piano at St Paul's Sale

(The Article is based on information published in St Paul's Cathedral Sunday Bulletin and information publicizing the concert)

On Sunday 28th September, the Feast of Michael and all Angels, during the morning service, a grand piano was dedicated for use in the Cathedral music program. It was dedicated in memory of Heather Castles, Roger Doyle and Beryl Morris. It was a time to 'celebrate, recognize, remember and thank these three very musical and music loving people'.

Heather and Roger both left a bequest to the Cathedral, and Paul and Christine donated money in memory of their mother Beryl.

In the afternoon, the piano was featured in a concert given by pianist, Zachary Dunbar playing works from Debussy, Liszt & Chopin as well as Mozart and Beethoven Sonatas.



In memory of
Heather Castles
Roger Doyle
Beryl Morris ALCM

Dr Zachary Dunbar is an Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne. He is an accomplished concert pianist, trained in the US and UK, and performed as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician in Sweden, the Netherlands, the UK, and the US.

He developed a parallel career in theatre as a director, writer, and actor-trainer. He has created original works and scripts in Melbourne and the UK and published internationally, co-authoring an award-winning book on Greek tragedy and acting.

Zachary in giving the concert, generously donated his time to support ASRC, an organisation that the concert was a fund raiser for. Mitchell Harvie, one of the cathedral musicians showcased the cathedral organ after the intermission.

ASRC, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is an independent not for profit whose programs support and empower over 7,000 people seeking asylum each year to maximise their physical, mental and social wellbeing. They don't take Federal Government funding, and much of their financial resources come from the community.

Jan and Anton Misiurka from our Parish attended both the dedication and the concert. They represented the Parish, particularly to honour Roger Doyle, a Parishioner in Moe and also in other Parishes in the Diocese in his earlier years. Roger also left a very generous bequest to the Parish of Moe which appears in our Trust Accounts.

Roger was born in Horsham, moving to Maryborough when he was in Grade 4. He completed his secondary education there, being Dux of the School in 1951. He then obtained a Bachelor of Arts from Melbourne University before pursuing a career as a secondary school teacher in English and History. His first school was Yallourn Tech in 1956, then Morwell High School, Traralgon High School and Newborough High School before being appointed deputy principal of Moe High School in 1972; a position he held until his retirement in 1989.

During this time Roger pursued his passion for music. He wrote of that journey in the following eulogy read at his funeral:

"I was appointed choir master at Saint Johns Yallourn in 1956. I had little experience of choirs except in a group of Gregorian singers based at Saint Peters Eastern Hill. No familiarity with four part singing. No experience as a conductor. I largely accepted the appointment to escape teaching Sunday School (which was expected of a school teacher).

I was confronted with choir stalls filled with North County English migrants who regarded me with some suspicion. They were quirky, and cranky at times but I grew to love them. They sang with robust enthusiasm; but left to their own devices recognised only two expression marks: VERY LOUD and EVEN LOUDER. Saint Johns choir combined with Saint Marys Morwell (conducted by Albert Cardwell) and Saint

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James Traralgon (conducted by Thelma Edebohls) to sing works such as Stainer's Crucifixion.

Throughout this time Elsie Leiper was organist and she remained a lifelong friend.

At this time the old and noisy reed organ was replaced with a small pipe organ. I was on the committee of three which recommended the purchase. The organ today sits in Saint Aidan's Newborough.

At Yallourn I was a Vestryman, secretary to the vestry, choirmaster, on the Clergy Appointments board and a Lay Reader.

As the township of Yallourn declined, I moved to Morwell where Albert Cardwell who had been in the choir at Saint Pauls Cathedral Melbourne had established a superior repertoire which I tried to retain....some old Yallourn Choristers joined the choir. A useful association was continued with Traralgon with things such as the Royal School of Church Music festival services being sung. Jess Cardwell was the parish organist. She eventually held this post for over 50 years.

In the Church of England rows between choirmasters and rectors were legendary (and I was involved in some of these) but in Morwell I developed an exceptional relationship with Archdeacon Frank Lowe based on mutual respect. Once again the old reed organ was discarded and a new electronic instrument was installed. It remains in effective use today.

In Morwell I was choirmaster, on the clergy appointments board and a Lay Reader.

On retirement I became part of the parish of Moe as a member of the congregation though I was also an occasional organist (as I had been at Yallourn and Morwell) and at Moe once again became acquainted with a Reed Organ.

Fittingly and interestingly Roger Doyle's Epitaph is 'Roger Doyle—Choir Master'

The Grand Piano is a rare Yamaha C5A(PE) Conservatory Standard Grand Piano ~ (1995) This extremely rare find in Australia, the C5E(PE) was a limited edition piano manufactured in the original Yamaha piano factory in Hamamatsu, Japan.

At 212cm in length, 12cm longer than a standard C5 of the time or current CX5 model. The C5E was released with upgraded bridges, soundboard and string scale. A popular choice among musicians, music teachers, and recording studios and is known for its rich, warm sound and exceptional touch sensitivity, which make it ideal for a variety of musical styles, from classical to jazz.

Designed as a concert standard instrument the C5E was carefully engineered to mimic a concert grand piano in tone and sound quality.

Widely regarded as one of the best conservatory standard home grand pianos that Yamaha ever produced, a brand new comparable Japanese made Yamaha C5X grand piano now costs in excess of \$75,000 AUD. Year of Manufacture: 1995



MENS BREAKFAST

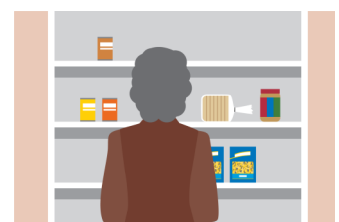
First Saturday of each month at 8.30am, at THE MADGE VINNELL CENTRE behind the Op Shop at 7 Anzac Street Moe. Parking at the rear of the site accessed by Trinity Lane.

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. Cost \$10. Profits to Parish Food Relief Program

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 p16)





God's Tool Shop

Thinking Challenge

In a Blacksmith's workshop there are three types of tools:

- * There are those tools in the junk pile, outdated, broken, dull, rusty.
- * There are those on the anvil, melted down, molten, hot, mouldable, changeable.
- * There are those tools of usefulness, sharp, primed, defined, mobile. They are ready in the blacksmith's tool chest, available to their master, fulfilling their calling.....



God loves us and made us all special with gifts to be shared.

what talents and abilities can you identify in yourselves, families and friends

How can they be used in God's service to build up his church of believers. .?

Are we all primed, ready to be used as God calls us. ?

We are all somewhere in the Blacksmith's tool shop. We are either on the scrapheap, on the anvil, in the Master's hands, or in the Tool Chest (Some of us have been in all three)

From the shelves to the workbench, from the water to the fire surely somewhere you will find yourself: the rubbish pile of broken stuff, the anvil of re-casting, the hands of the Master... it's a simultaneously joyful and painful journey.

And for those who make the journey—who leave the heap and enter the fire, who dare to be pounded on God's anvil, and doggedly seek to discover your own purpose—take courage for you await the privilege of being called "God's chosen instruments".

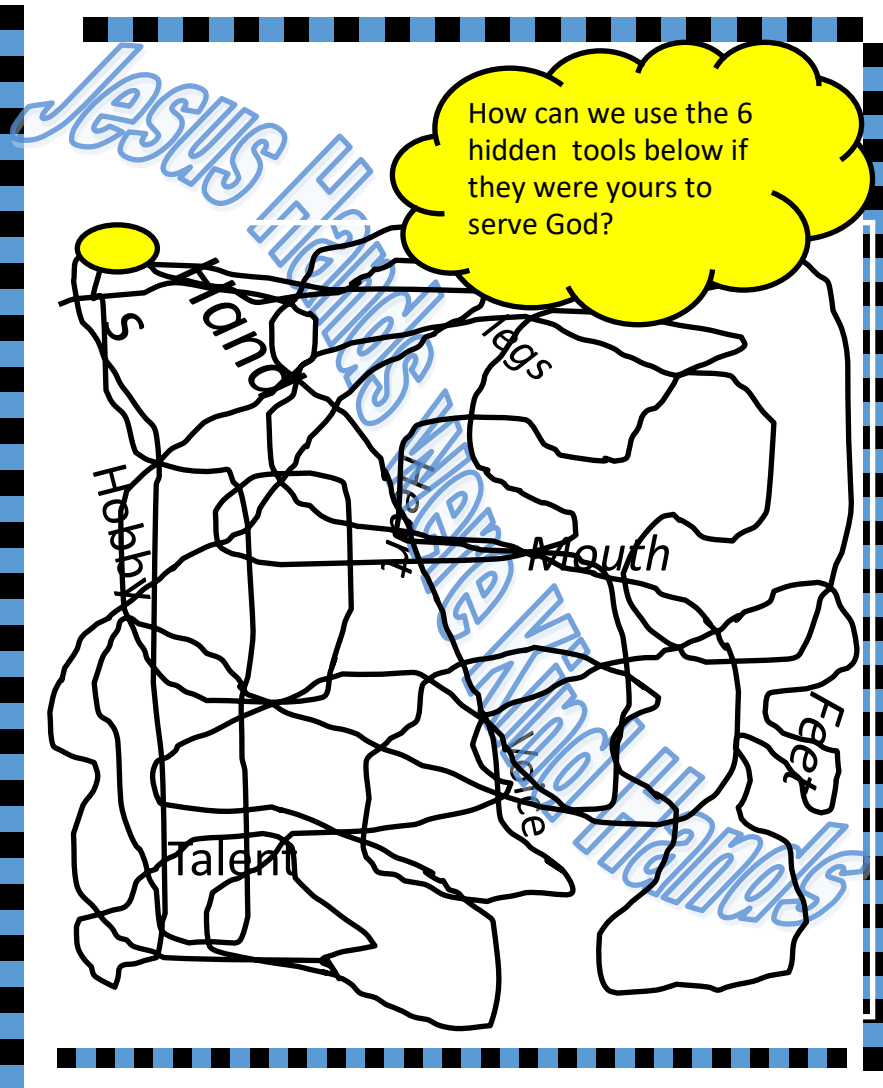
(From: "On the Anvil" by Max Lucado)

Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me! *NOT ALWAYS EASY but Jesus also said, "I WILL BE WITH YOU". With God, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!*



Our Hands for God





Song words from Margaret Cooper

Jesus hands were kind hands
 Doing good to all
 Healing pain and sickness
 Blessing children small.
 Washing tired feet
 And saving those who fall.
 Jesus hands were kind hands,
 Doing good for all
 Take my hands Lord Jesus
 Let them work for You.
 Make them strong and gentle,
 Kind in all I do.
 Let me watch you Jesus
 ,Till I'm gentle too. Till my
 hands are kind hands
 Quick to work for you. .




Can you find anyone at Church or home who knows this song and the tune?

Bible Dingbat Challenge

Combination of words and pictures form clues to answer of a common phrase. Race family members and friends to the answer.

SMTWTF BREAD	SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP SHEEP	SUPPER SUPPER SUPPER SUPPER ←
BUSH	GOD FAITH	
SPIRIT		

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Word list:

BUILD	HUMBLE
CARE	KIND
COMPASSIONATE	LOVE
ENCOURAGE	MIND
FORGIVE	NEIGHBOR
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HEART	SHARE
HELP	TREAT



OUR PARISH STORY OVER TIME

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In August our story commenced with the vision and building of Holy Trinity Moe. It should be noted that the original church was very small and so further funds were raised to extend the building and the improved building was dedicated by Bishop Pain on 10th July 1904.

While we have been concerned with Holy Trinity, this was not the first Church to be build in what was to become the Parish of Moe (remembering that Moe did not become a parish of it own until 1925). The first was **St. Matthews Coalville** which was opened on the 3rd. June 1892. The site was given by a Dr. Lawrence (he had a practice in Collins Street Melbourne) . The site was on top of a hill in the area opposite where Rosato Road meets Coalville Road. The land is currently the Hasthorpes farm. The little church used to sway in the wind and the congregation was convinced it would blow over so they managed to obtain a new site on the corner of school road and the church was relocated. It closed in 1971 and was demolished in 1973.



Other churches to be built in the parish were Saint James Hill End and Saint Georges Tanjil South.

Saint James like most other places began as a congregation meeting in a hall or a home. A Mrs. Lovibond gave an acre of land and it was believed that she advanced the sum of money for the building. It was opened by Bishop Pain on the 26th April 1908.

It was destroyed by bushfires in 1939, was rebuilt, licensed and dedicated on November 9th 1940. The Church was eventually



closed and sold in 2014.



Saint Georges also began as a congregation meeting in various premises. In 1927 Mr George Adler of Tanjil South wrote to the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. M. Whittakers offering an acre of land adjoining the state school. It was accepted surveyed and handed over. Mr F.H Galden of Moe drew up plans and specifications and by the end of September 1930 the building was complete. It was Licenced and Dedicated by the Bishop on March 28th 1931. The last services were held in 1970. The building was then removed to Gormandale in the Parish of Rosedale and re-established as St Lukes Gormondale.

In 1947 Church of Our Fathers records that “services were held in Willowgrove, and now quite a little settlement is springing up between Moe and Yallourn. It is called Newborough.

At the same time the parish had negotiated an area of land in South Street Moe where a Marquee Church was erected to serve the growing Moe South Area. The Parish was successful in securing an agreement with the Government to build a pre-school on the South Street land to serve as a kindergarten, church and combined church and community hall. At the time this was one of the biggest growth areas in the Diocese.

The Bishop noted that his advisors estimated that

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they would need to provide, at once, buildings in this developing area at a cost of 20,000 pounds and to provide at least four extra clergymen.

In 1947 Moe and surrounding area had a population of 2811 by 1954 this had grown to 12427.

Similarly the congregation at Holy Trinity averaged 66 in 1947 but by 1954 Holy Trinity had 54, Saint Lukes 53 (107 in total) and Newborough 100. The parish also had flourishing Sunday Schools, Girls Friendly Society (GFS) and Church of England Boys Society (CEBS) at both Moe and Newborough.

With the growth in the Moe population being centred on the South side of the railway community facilities began in that direction. The South Street Primary School was opened in February 1951, Moe High School in February '53 and the Elizabeth Street School in July '56. The first St Kieran's Roman Catholic Church was built adjacent to Holy Trinity in 1900 and then moved to Lloyd and Wirraway Street in 1950. The Vale Street Oval opened in 1959. The Church taking note of this development looked for an opportunity to also develop on the Southern side. A parishioner offered to sell land which he owned in Fowler Street where the current Community Health Centre is situated but the Shire had land in South Street which they proposed could accommodate the Church of England, Methodist, Baptist and Roman Catholic Churches. As the other denominations took up other sites the total area was taken up by the Church of England. This was a great act of faith at the time in growing the churches ministry in Moe. As mentioned before services began in a Marquee until the new Kindergarten /Church / Hall was built in what is now known as Luke Street thanks to the support of a Government Grant. The Kindergarten operated here until 2019. The building hosted community activities such as Table Tennis, Volley Ball, film nights and dances as well as Sunday School and Childrens and Youth Groups and then was transformed into a place of worship every Sunday. Eventually in 1966 it was decided to build a stand alone Church on South Street. This building was opened and dedicated in 1967. The Kindergarten / Hall then became more available for a wider range of activities which included a Coffee Shop and a catering venue where the church ladies hosted many Weddings and Birthday celebrations.

In 1969 a new Holy Trinity Church was built and opened with the old church being relocated to Gippsland Heritage Park. The Hall was relocated to the Anzac Street block. Holy Trinity celebrated its Centenary in 1979 .

In 1982 a new Rectory was built beside St . Luke's and the old Rectory was leased by Anglicare and later to Gippsland Employment Skills Training and then became part of our parish Opportunity shop program. St Lukes Church was eventually enlarged with a new Narthex, Office Area, Kitchen and toilets. This was paid for by the sale of three blocks of land along Luke Street and into South Street. With the completion of the building the Church was Consecrated in 1990. The Parish of Moe began to consider centralising its activities on the South Street block and after an extensive consultation process this was agreed.

This also occurred at the same time as the Parish was asked by the Diocese to sponsor a Ministry to the Sudanese population that had moved into the Valley. At first that Ministry was established at Holy Trinity and we attempted to gain funding to improve the facilities to allow for the large congregation of over 100. This was unsuccessful so they moved to St Lukes having a service following the parish service and allowing them to use the hall for the large Sunday School. Unfortunately due to the lack of employment most of this cohort moved back to Melbourne and those remaining joined local churches in Traralgon and Morwell.

We continued to develop plans for the up grading of the South Street facilities. A plan for a new Church Centre was produced by a building designer in consultation with the Diocese and an in principal decision was made to proceed. At the same time, we began consulting with the parish of Newborough regarding shared ministry and eventually this led to the formation of a single parish.

St. Lukes was still a very active centre for worship and activities such as play groups, childrens and youth groups etc until COVID hit and the parish closed all activities other than worship which was centred at St Aidan's where we could spread out.

God's Grace at work in Mission and Ministry.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of my priesting in the Anglican Church. During this time, I served in the parishes of Glenroy, Balaclava / Elwood, and Cheltenham in the Diocese of Melbourne and then Bunyip and Traralgon in Gippsland. And in my retirement the parish of Moe / Newborough.

In my years of priestly ministry, I was blessed with many opportunities to share my faith in many different circumstances. I would like to share with you one outstanding experience of my ministry, which remains one of the pivotal moments in my life.

While in Glenroy (1985) I become acquainted with one of the "Broadie Boys" (a notorious street gang in Broadmeadows) and having spent many hours of ministry and building up a friendship and trust with this 15-year-old young person, he introduced me to his family in Broadmeadows.

His family consisted of a middle-aged mother in a de facto relationship with a young man, and six boys from various fathers and the seventh boy an infant from the current relationship. The family lived in a three-bedroom Commission Home. The home was cramped to say the least, and to the outsider an unworkable environment, yet the parents made it work, and it was a seemingly happy home.

So, it seemed! While a seemingly happy home within, there were dark secrets percolating in the lives of some of the children, ranging from ongoing molestation from a mother's friend to petty theft at the hands of the young person I was ministering to. As a priest I was not qualified to deal with the secret issues emanating from the young boys in this family, but I knew that through the compassion and love of God he would use me to rescue these persons from further harm.

For several months I regularly visited the family, armed with my ultimate trust in God, an unbending love for each of the family members, and a transparency of faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Several of the children and the mother asked: "If God is real, prove it?" I never directly answered this question. I knew in time God would simply answer: "The truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

Like scales lifting from their eyes, the truth was revealed almost immediately to this family living with some of the most heinous sexual abuses and the life of a young person caught up in a street gang and crime. As a priest I needed to spend considerable time simply listening, offering support, and practical pastoral care. This also resulted in me alerting the authorities regarding the paedophile and encouraging the young person to leave the gang and give himself into the police.

While getting to the truth to set this family free from the secrets that were manifesting a range of unacceptable behaviour, it also brought with it much emotional pain, which needed healing and something as God's representative and along with professional councillors, we were able to offer. However, the scars of this dark period in this family's life remain forever.

Healing can be tough. The young person who was in the gang was jailed twice, and after the last stint he called me, saying he experienced a change while serving his sentence, and is now married, has a child and working in a secure job. I also regularly hear from two of the other boys and they keep me up to date with other family members, though two of the boys have passed.

My ministry to this family was costly in many ways. It cost me months of regular visitations, and sitting with the family listening to their stories, demonstrating God's impartial love and goodness, instinctively realising the presence of evil in the form of sexual abuse and convincing the mother of the fact her friend was the predator. The ultimate cost was that of trusting in God's grace, that he would bring light to the darkness overshadowing this family, and out of which bring new life. Ultimately, truth did set this family free – free to experience the richness of God's love, in a spiritual way by enveloping their lives in such a way that for some they came to faith and no longer needed anyone to prove God is real!

As a gesture of my ministry with the family the mother's partner (a carpenter) made me a special hallway cabinet, that is situated in my home as a reminder of how God's grace came into the lives of these people through the early days of my priestly ministry.

When considering the Mission of our parish, there may be times when you are confronted with people living in "darkness" and you feel a calling to minister to these people. It will be costly. However, God will equip you spiritually to stand firm in your faith and to trust in the Good News of Jesus. And it may take time, a lot of time, before you see God's Spirit at work in the lives of these people and through the light of God's grace some people may come to faith and into the life of the church. But always remember the opposite cost of ministry is when people reject you and ultimately God. Canon Emeritus Jeff Richardson

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