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Dear Friends,

I have an awful lot of things to thank God for!

The welcome my family and I have received from all around the diocese has been warm and generous. The hard work and preparation to smooth our move has been significant. The effort and thought given to public and private 'beginnings' has been unselfish and kind. The witness to and worship of Christ we have enjoyed has been deep and joyful.

Thank you for your part in this. It is a privilege to be called to serve with you here, particularly as Bishop Andrew's successor. I had admired his skillful and tireless work from afar, so it is a blessing to be able to share with you in some of the fruits God has been pleased to grow from Bishop Andrew and Jan's ministry.

As you read this edition of *The Spirit* you will see a number of fantastic stories of great work being done around the diocese. You will also read reflections on how we as God's family in this corner of his world can think about and make sense of our life together. I have been enriched by getting an 'advance read' of them. Seeing one's face in so many photos is a bit of a shock (I hope it does not put you off your Weeties!), as is working with others' reflections on how God may be at work in the world.

Reading one of the articles (you will have to read on to find out which one) reminded me of one of the most comforting conversations I have ever had. Newly relocated to Canberra, following seven happy years of life and ministry in the North of Western Australia, I found myself chauffeuring

Bishop Stephen Pickard to the airport from the clergy conference. Bishop Stephen is a great conversationalist as well as being a wise theologian.

After discovering that I had five children with our twins only 6 months old he remarked, "Now that was a prophetic act, you have declared that this is a world worth bringing children into!" Bishop Stephen does not remember saying this to me, but as a tired and somewhat ragged dad these words were like balm to the soul. Yes, my children were a declaration that life with God was worth living; and introducing others into! Indeed, by taking responsibility for this family, Rachael and I were showing the world that God is good enough and big enough for us. Even in the midst of tiredness and uncertainty.

I was surprised at how comforting I found Bishop Stephen's words as I had an ambivalent relationship with the notion of the prophetic. I loved the bravery and faithfulness of the Old Testament prophets like Elijah, Elisha and Jeremiah. I loved the searing insight into the heart of Isaiah and Amos. Yet I found it hard to imagine how I could have the gall and confidence to declare 'Thus saith the Lord' into the vagaries of life.

Similarly, I read of Philip's daughters and then Agabus who prophesied over Paul as he made his way for the last time to Jerusalem (Acts 21) and I'd wonder how they were able to know what played out for Paul with such clarity. I could see how important those great ones were in disclosing God's work for us. I could not see how I participated in this prophetic work. Yet that little car ride with Bishop Stephen helped me to see how I did.

By taking God at his word and seeking to act according to the beat of his drum (in my case that children are a blessing (Ps 127:3) and that God is determined to redeem his world (Rom 8:18-21)) I was living out a life shaped by God-ward priorities and values. Sometimes this will call for explanation (think Isaiah and the beautiful 'servant' passages we read in Advent), sometimes this will give rise to action (think Elijah confronting the false priests of Baal) – but in any case it is taking God at his word that he is determined to bring a world shaped by and for Jesus to fulfilment.

So friends it is my hope and prayer that we may be a prophetic people. In whatever situation or set of circumstances we find ourselves we will declare and show what it means to be established in and enlivened by Jesus.

It is for this reason that I chose to remove my shoes when preaching at the installation service reported in this edition. The best way for us to live out a radical (and winsome) dependence on God is to be people shaped by Humility and Hope. Too often we are proud and self-satisfied.

Our world has reminded us through critiques like those given by the Royal Commission that we have much to grieve and repent over. We must, as it were, remove our shoes and 'walk in the dust'. Yet unlike any other way that I know, we have the opportunity to be both broken at our weakness and hopeful to the core, and this is because we also have Jesus.

If we humbly throw ourselves at his mercy and declare the goodness of God seen through his Son we will discover 'life and life to the full!' (Jn 10:10).

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Bishop Matt installed



Entry: Bishop Matt knocks on the doors, requesting entry into the Cathedral

Photo: The Bendigo Advertiser

Bishop Matt Brain installed as 10th Bishop of Bendigo

Sarah Crutch

Bendigo has a new diocesan bishop, with Bishop Matt Brain being welcomed and installed as the next Bishop of Bendigo at a service of celebration in St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, 17 February.

A full procession of visiting and diocesan clergy, canons, deans, bishops and archbishops flowed into St Paul's Cathedral, with over 300 local and interstate guests present to welcome the new bishop.

Shortly after the service began, three loud knocks were heard as Bishop Matt requested entry into the Cathedral. After some questioning, Vicar General and Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, John Roundhill, formally installed Bishop Matt by placing him in the episcopal seat of the Cathedral, and handing him the diocesan pastoral staff.

The congregation was moved as Bishop Matt walked to the chancel step and removed his shoes and socks prior to giving his first sermon as Bishop of Bendigo, reflecting the

need for the Church to be grounded and face its challenges with humility.

"We today are confronted with a humbling reality that for those abused within our churches we have too often been Herod pursuing, Israel wandering from God's path. This is a reality that we must not try and explain away, resile from or avoid," he said, referring to Herod's persecution of the infants in Bethlehem.

"Friends we live in an exciting time to be God's people, to be God's church. The demands upon us that bring us low are also a grace for us so that we may be a people of humility, desperate to experience provision through Jesus... and in doing so holding out hope to a world in despairing need."

Words of welcome were offered by Federal MP Lisa Chesters, Archbishop Philip Freier and gifts were presented to each of Bishop Matt's five children on behalf of the diocese.

A full copy of Bishop Matt's sermon can be found on the diocesan website.



Installed: Bishop Matt Brain became the 10th Bishop of Bendigo on Saturday 17 February, welcomed to the role by a full congregation of parishioners, clergy and guests.

Bishop Matt installed



Waiting: Bishop Matt prior to entering the Cathedral



Bishop of Bendigo: John Roundhill installs Bishop Matt as the 10th bishop



Collegiality: The clergy, deans, bishops and guests gathered on the front steps of St Paul's Cathedral following the service to install



Symbolic: Bishop Matt took off his shoes and socks before preaching



Warm welcome: Bishop Matt greeted the clergy and guests outside on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral



Install Bishop Matt Brain as the 10th Bishop of Bendigo

Around the Diocese

Inglewood parishioner Alice Leach Citizen of the Year



Recognition: Alice with her husband Ron and daughter Kerri

Inglewood parishioner Alice Leach has been named Loddon Shire's Citizen of the Year at the Australia Day ceremony.

Alice moved to Inglewood early in her life to be a teacher, and was part of the Uniting Church until it closed, then began worshipping at St Augustine's, Inglewood. She is a member of the parish council, on the catering team, involved in organising the local World Day of Prayer service each year and volunteers as a visitor to the hostel and nursing home residents.

Alice goes about her work in the community very quietly, in a humble and unassuming way, representing the Christian community in exemplary fashion. This award is fitting recognition of Alice's contributions to the Inglewood community over many years.

- Sue Brown

Mothers Union welcomes new President

There have been some changes in MU (Mothers Union) Executive this year with Gail Brabazon stepping down after four years of service as President. Leone Tress from the Parish of Swan Hill has been appointed as Diocesan President for the next two years. Gail will continue on the Executive as Past President and also as database manager.

Barry Rainsford and John Gault have taken up the roles of Vice President and Assistant Secretary respectively and we welcomed Anne Roberts who offered to look after magazines. Jenny Rainsford will look after our diocesan members.

We look forward to continuing to care for families across this diocese and on the broader spectrum, prayer for MU projects here and around the world.

- Ronda Gault



Leadership: Leone Tress is the new President of MU

Inter-galactic guests travel to church on special mission



Understand: A creative exploration of the Christmas story

The Family Church Christmas Eve service was a bit different from normal, as two visitors from outer space popped in on a special mission 'to find out what Christmas is about'.

They joined in as carols were sung, the Gospel was presented using a tea bag, socks were used to tell the Christmas story and many 'Dad' jokes were told.

At the end of the service, our visitors were able to head back to their planet with an understanding of why Christmas is a special time of the year and that Jesus did not stay as a baby. Jesus grew up and when he was an adult, he died on a cross and rose again so that we can be God's friend forever!

- Rob Edwards

Around the Parishes

Parish of Sunraysia South working to help financially troubled

The Anglican Parish of Sunraysia South (APOSS) is partnering with Australia's largest debt counselling charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), in running a free budgeting course 'CAP Money' during February and March.

The CAP Money Course teaches people budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system will help anyone to get more in control of their finances, so they can budget, save and prevent overwhelming debt.

Rector Dale Barclay is looking forward to bringing the program to the Red Cliffs community.

"CAP Money has been running in Australia for five years and we are really excited to be bringing it to our community for free," he said.

- Contributed



Support: The CAP program is being introduced in Red Cliffs

Christ Church Echuca creates virtual reality to tell journey of the wise men



Creative: A new way of exploring the Christmas story

Everyone at Christ Church Anglican on Christmas Eve had the opportunity to explore the story of Jesus' birth in new and creative ways. The church had teamed up with the staff and students at Moama Anglican Grammar to design, recreate and craft a number of engaging displays and experiences.

A highlight was the virtual reality journey with the wise men. Every member of the congregation was invited to get into the interactive retelling of the really good news of Christmas. Tim Bowles, chaplain at Moama Anglican Grammar and a member of the Anglican Church said the display was a huge success and that there were plans to expand it next year, both with new displays and by opening up the experience to members of the community during the week leading up to Christmas.

- George Hemmings



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Leaving: John Roundhill will move to Brisbane in mid-March

Dean appointed Assistant Bishop

Sarah Crutch

John Roundhill, Vicar General and Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, has been appointed an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Brisbane.

The appointment, which was made at the end of 2017, will see John return to Brisbane where he was previously ministering prior to moving to Bendigo in 2012. John will be working in episcopal ministry with other assistant bishops and the Archbishop of Brisbane.

One of the great challenges and achievements of John's time in Bendigo has been nurturing the Cathedral congregation while worshipping without a building, and also his advocacy for social issues and community connections particularly with the Interfaith community and the 'Believe in Bendigo' campaign.

John will be consecrated a bishop by Archbishop Philip Aspinall in a service at St John's Cathedral, Brisbane in mid-April, and will formally finish at St Paul's Cathedral in Bendigo in mid-March before relocating with his wife Frances to Brisbane.

Prior to his departure, John offered the following reflections on his time in the Diocese of Bendigo:

It was about six years ago that I came to this diocese to be the Dean of the church hall. I could take some pride in being the only Dean in Australia with such a title. From a personal point of view, much has happened over those six years, not least the reopening of the cathedral in 2016 and then at the end of 2017 the laying up of the pastoral staff of Bishop Andrew and the joyful installation of Bishop Matt Brain in early 2018.

Yet my time in the diocese was not just as Dean, I was honoured to be asked to be Vicar General at the end of my first year here and since then I have had the pleasure of working with our bishop in various capacities.

It seems to me Bendigo is a remarkable diocese. To those beyond our diocese, they might have heard about the closure of the cathedral (had it not fallen down) and the financial worries around the closure of Girton (which was in 1992 but in some people's mind was only last week). These events seem, to many, to define the character of the Diocese of Bendigo, poor old Bendigo!

But dioceses are not just about schools nor about cathedrals, not even about money or the lack of it. What they are about are people and the attitudes we bring forward, about the faith we share.

Here I think Bendigo is remarkable in a whole new way. Perhaps because of some of the challenges we have faced, there has been a renewed spirit here. Some of the politics of larger dioceses are absent here (hurrah!). At diocesan events and at Bishop in Council meetings there is not the division that is a characteristic of some other Anglican dioceses around the world.

Equally significant, there is not the fearful 'holding onto things' attitude that again can be seen in other places. We have lost much, survived and even thrived.

How this manifests itself for me at least, is that the clergy team in this diocese not only look out for those who come to their churches, but look out for each other. That is good; it is healthy and deeply Christian, and that is remarkable. It is worth talking about.



Proud: Edward Barkla with wife Maree prior to his leg of the Queen's baton relay

Cycling minister carries Queen's baton for community of Christ

Edward Barkla

Iwoke bright and early on the awaited day 14 February 2018 and sat with my Lord to commit the day to His pleasure and savour the daily readings of His living word.

The words of Psalm 115:1 were in my mind and heart; "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory Because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth and faithfulness".

As the morning progressed emotions came in like a rushing flood; "How proud dad and mum would be to see this event and their youngest son's participation?" along with, "How much my family has sacrificed to allow the work in the cycling community" as well as, "What an amazing journey the Lord has blessed us with in the cycling community and fellowship through Him".

Before the relay began we heard the story of the baton and its journey across the Commonwealth, the enclosed Queen's message in the spinifex to be opened and read by Prince Charles. We were also told of the material the baton is made from, being specially selected wood from the Traditional Owners of the Land where the Games will be held combined with re-cycled plastics collected off the beaches of Queensland.

After a reception and photoshoot we boarded the shuttle bus to our

nominated points along the route. We were asked to give a summary of why we were nominated for selection. My turn came and I replied, "How blessed I am in community as a follower and believer in the Lord Jesus Christ that this has been made possible."

We were dropped off at the point of change over and the baton arrived. It was a privilege to receive the Queens Baton from Russell Jack and place my arms around him to tell him what a beautiful man he is and the contribution he makes in community. We then had photos taken with my beloved wife Maree of 35 years who has suffered much in my time of works in community.

Now it was my turn on the road with the Queen's Baton. I could see many people that I know waving and cheering, and I was flanked by a group of local cyclists in support. Feeling elated and uplifted by the Spirit of God, after the 200 metres of walking the moment has passed, but my face was beaming with the joy of the Lord. I was overwhelmed with the number of good wishes from the community.

The truth remained. God is abundantly good and faithful. To Him be the glory. I feel very blessed to be in the communion of saints and the community where we have been planted.

Looking forward to seeing you on the road soon, God willing.

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Fools for love?

Charles Sherlock

This year Ash Wednesday coincided with St Valentine's Day – the first time for at least forty years. Ash Wednesday is in our Church calendar, Valentine is not (though it used to be). Valentine's Day is very much in the media and commercial calendar these days, but Ash Wednesday is not (though sometimes the 1983 bushfires get a mention).

As I participated in the 'ashing' service at St George's Trentham, Elizabeth Smith's hymn, 'Love will be our Lenten calling' (*Together in Song* 614) came to mind. The 'love' this celebrates is far wider, deeper and more costly than Valentine's Day 'luurve'. But why shouldn't commercial and civic celebrations inform our Christian living, if they awaken in us a gospel truth?

Looking ahead to Holy Week, I realised that Easter Day falls on April Fools' Day (it will again in 2029, then not for decades). My immediate response – what a gift for Christian communication and reflection!

How seemingly foolish is the notion of God bringing someone back from the dead! How apparently foolish it is to stake life on this truth. But is it as foolish as living for a debt-free funeral (the latest fad in TV ads when oldies like me are watching)? Our calling is to live in the 'foolish' hope of God's new creation in Christ (cf 1 Corinthians 1.20-25).

In the Christian calendar, Lent is framed by Ash Wednesday and Easter Day. This year it is also framed by Valentine's Day and April Fools' Day – a coincidence offering opportunities for rich conversation about life, the universe and everything loving and foolish.

Above all, this 2018 framing invites us – for Christ's sake – to be fools for love. Fools for the love that was willing to lay down life in a disgusting and humiliating death, so that the world might be transformed.

PS: Peta and I were wedded on the middle Saturday of February 1970, Valentine's Day, though few were aware of it then. Ash Wednesday made it a 'different' anniversary this year!

True all-round health



You could say, "Anything goes. Because of God's immense generosity and grace, we don't have to dissect and scrutinize every action to see if it will pass muster." But the point is not to just get by. We want to live well, but our foremost efforts should be to help others live well.

- 1 Corinthians 10:23 (The Message)

Edward Barkla

A couple of years ago a regular visit to the doctor revealed that my health was not travelling all that well. It looked like I needed to go onto medication. Such a thought is not something I cherish! Here I am, regular bike rider commuting around 50 km a day, reasonably aware of my dietary intake, but being faced anew with health choices.

The old adage, *an ounce (gram?) of prevention is worth a ton (tonne?) of cure* was rattling around my mind. Medication for the rest of my life was not my first option. Years before I'd faced a similar prognosis, and undertook some radical body cleansing. I lost a considerable amount of weight, and made dietary choices that changed my lifestyle considerably in removing toxins from my intake.

This was prior to coming to faith, but the change after a couple of weeks I could describe as like coming to faith: being set free from sin and death by the cleansing blood of the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus.

This time some more radical self-imposed disciplines were needed.

I attended some Bendigo Health seminars on healthy lifestyle choices and watched the *Sugar Story Movie*, the start of a new pathway.

What has the last couple of years taught me? The Lord is good, but we fall short of God's glory. I've let some things occasionally slip, particularly over a weekend when we meet with others, and I take a more casual approach to what goes in the mouth. Over the next few days my body suffers, my joints ache, I am lethargic, I feel bloated and exercise is more of a struggle.

What happens in the natural world happens in the spiritual. Sin is like poor choices of food. Failing to have a regular intake of the word of God makes our spirit lethargic, bloated, not being exercised. Filling the mind with worldly influences distracts attention on being right with the Lord our healer, the prevention and the cure all in one.

Without the indwelling of the Spirit of God, the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the grace of God, we would not be fit in mind body and soul. We are created by God's word, and fulfilled by having his indwelling presence.

See you on the road, God willing!



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Celebrating Lady Day in March

Ronda Gault

Mothers Union members and friends will be celebrating The Annunciation (Lady Day) on Wednesday 21 March at Holy Trinity, Keck St, Flora Hill.

The service, prepared by the Revd Linda Osmond (MU Chaplain), will begin at 11am.

We look forward to celebrating with all members but especially those who will receive scrolls for 50 years or 60 years of service and membership of Mothers Union. We will also remember in our prayers those members who have died during the past year. We are delighted that Archdeacon Greg Harris will deliver the homily.

Our afternoon guest speaker this year is Revd Lesley McLean of Adelaide, who was formerly a member of this diocese and currently leads the MU Australia Executive Prayer and Spirituality Department. Lesley is looking forward to returning to Bendigo and sharing Lady Day with us as well as finding time to renew old friendships.

We look forward to gathering on this day as Mothers Union members do around the world and we would love to have you join us, MU member or not!

Registration is \$5.00. Contact Barry and Jenny Rainsford on 5448 3912 or register on the day. This is a BYO lunch event however morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

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Leaving a lasting mark

If you are like me, you will have noticed that significant amounts of graffiti have emerged in Bendigo over the past year. The first time I noticed the graffiti was on the old abandoned Gillies building just as you go over the train line overpass on Myrtle Street.

Now this original tag is one of many littering the building. The tag really struck me when I first saw it; it reads 'alone'. It seemed reasonable to me, in seeing this tag, that the graffiti's meaning was an expression of the internal feelings swirling through the mind of the person who tagged the building.



Originally I was moved with compassion for this person. I would pray for them that they would find some people to connect with and that they would also come to know that they were not in a cold dark universe where we are ultimately left alone. I hoped they would comprehend that we are in an existence where God is closer than we can hope, think or imagine.

After a few months this 'prayerful' attitude gave way to annoyance, partly because my roller door and fly screens and front door were graffitied but also because of the sheer volume of tags that were being distributed around my cherished historical city. Where I once had compassion for the people who were outworking their internal pain in paint, now I was getting angry that they were wrecking my town.

On reflecting about this, I think both attitudes were correct in their own



place and this can transfer to not just graffiti, but to many circumstances where bad behaviour or sin exists. We must be able to show, as Jesus did, grace and prayerful tenderness towards someone who, because of brokenness, exhibits difficult or sin-filled actions.

That being said, there is also a time for us to not accept damaging actions when this brokenness is poured out on others. I love the grace and truth that Jesus showed the Lady in John chapter 8, whom others were condemning. He extended wonderful healing grace and also exhorted a call to transformation; "go now and leave your life of sin".

On 8 December last year, my attitude towards my friends who graffiti shifted once more so that I began to pray again for them. In fact, I began to wonder whether one of the taggers might have even somehow been prophetic. A recent addition to the tagging in August was the word 'brain'. This tag, in light of Bishop Matt being elected and installed as our next bishop, now gives me hope and encouragement.

The tag reminds me that God raises up people in the right time, for the right task. This tag is now a reminder to me that God knew what he was doing in electing Bishop Matt. I pray for us as a diocese and as God's people that:

1. We will continue to be a people who love those who need grace
2. That we will continue to call to transformation the people and structures that need restoration and reforming
3. That we will fully get behind our new leader whom God has placed among us.

Bishop Jeremy captured in cartoon



Resemblance: Bishop Jeremy captured in cartoon form as a thank you gift from the Mission to Seafarers

We're used to seeing bishops in portraits, dressed in their copes and mitres, but it's not often we see a bishop in a cartoon.

This is a photocopy of the cartoon by David Rowe of the Australian Financial Review which was presented to Bishop Jeremy Ashton when he retired from the Board of Mission to Seafarers after 17 years in December.

Bishop Jeremy would often ride his bike from Southern Cross Station to Docklands to attend meetings. Bishop Jeremy was presented with the cartoon by Chairman Neil Edwards.

Congratulations Bishop Jeremy!



Thanks: Chairman Neil Edwards



Diocesan Executive meeting

Monday, 5 March

Safe Church Workshop

Saturday, 24 March, Flora Hill

Blessing of the Oils

Monday, 26 March

Good Friday

Friday, 30 March

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Sunday, 1 April

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Saturday, 14 April, Brisbane

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