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Vision: Bishop Matt delivered his second Bishop's Charge to the Synod of the Diocese of Bendigo on Friday, 24 May 2019

Bishop's dream for diocese unveiled in charge to Synod

Sarah Crutch

"My dream is that there is a congregation of people worshipping God in every community in the diocese, bearing witness to God's love for the world in Jesus."

These opening words of Bishop Matt's vision for the Diocese of Bendigo were central to his second charge to Synod as

he outlined five first steps for the diocese to take in working towards this dream.

Bishop Matt focused on John 20:21, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you", encouraging the people of the diocese to work together to fulfil Jesus' mission to us.

"As the Father has sent me, so he sends us so that we may have peace and so that the world may be transformed by peace."

He then went on to explain each of the five steps; loving our neighbours, working together, developing ministers, growing ministries and God's hands and feet (see page three).

A full copy of Bishop Matt's vision for the diocese is available from the diocesan website.

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Ascension Day has a habit of quietly slipping by in the church's year. It comes Forty days after Easter Day, and this year even after Synod (I'll leave you to work out which of those events was more important!). Having risen from the dead Jesus ascended to heaven, much to the amazement of his disciples who had only just gotten over the surprise of his resurrection from the dead.

It goes without saying that Jesus is full of surprises and his example and work enabling us to become a new humanity is constantly opening new possibilities for us. Jesus' return to his father's side so utterly changes the earth-bound track of what we so often assume is 'natural' for us people that our vision for what is possible is irrevocably changed.

Let me give you five reasons why Jesus' 'leaving' this earth is the greatest thing that could have happened for a people made alive by his resurrection:

1. Jesus has taken my body into God's realm with his!

Really spiritual people back in Jesus' day would deny the role of our body with all of its possibilities (and embarrassing realities). This would cause either ascetism where the beauty of bodily life is needlessly denied, or hedonism when revelling in pleasure reduced people to something like pigs rolling in mud. Jesus showed us that to be truly human means for us to be embodied: able to feel pleasure,

delight in beauty, do things and create, weep and ache and hope for a fulfilled future. He took his wholeness back to the father...he will also take mine. See Acts 1:9-11.

2. Jesus has taken my frailties into God's heart with him!

While I yearn for the fullness that God's New Kingdom will bring, I am currently a bag of bones and nervous tics. As Jesus ascended, wounds in his hands, feet and all, he knows our suffering and advocates for our needs before God. No-one can accuse God – Father, Son, and Spirit, of being insensitive to our limitations and hurts because Jesus is there, still with his wounded side, saying within the perfect relationship of the trinity – 'Yes, that one with the nervous tics and all, is with me. See Father, see my hands and side, I know that pain.' See Hebrews 2:14-18.

3. Jesus has taken my hopes and aspirations into God's kingdom with him!

But my life is not solely one of frailty and pain. I have hopes and dreams. Jesus' ascension as a whole person assures me that my hopes and dreams have a place in God's New Kingdom. Just as he took all of who he was and what he learned as a human being back into the God-head, so my being is not only permissible, but part of the fabric of what God is preparing. Yet it is not me unconstrained. Suddenly I have a canvas upon which to paint, a field in which to play, for I want my hopes and dreams to be fitting in this place that Jesus has gone to prepare. See Rev 21:22-27.

4. Jesus is sending blessings that belong in God's fulfilled kingdom back for me to enjoy!

Some describe our hope as being simply 'pie in the sky when you die', a cynical ploy to get us to put up with bad stuff now. Nothing could be further from the truth! In returning to the Father's side Jesus effectively tag-teamed with the Spirit so that the reality that belongs to the fulfilled Kingdom of God can begin to grow even now. So as we find that our trust in God is vindicated by his faithfulness...then we experience the kingdom! As we discover joy in working with other Christians to share the material blessings we have with others...then we experience the kingdom! As we have our hearts lifted to God in response to worship...then we experience the kingdom! See Eph 1 and Phil 2.

5. Jesus is shaping us to fit the world as God is re-forming it so that I may be fully human!

I am not only formed to be like Jesus, but share in the benefits of being with him. I am never more truly human than when I am dwelling in close proximity with Jesus. I am never more fulfilled than when I am living a life given energy and motive force by Jesus. I am never more at rest, useful, energised and capable than when a reflection of the 'firstborn' out of death...Jesus. See 1 John 2:3-6.

And the ascension has made this possible.

Matt

The Bishop's five steps... Synod 2019



Loving our neighbours

Following Jesus' command to love one another, the growing **relationship with the Dja Dja Wurrung Corporation** is a specific way the diocese can love our neighbours. Bishop Matt indicated the Dja Dja Wurrung will help in developing concrete actions that we can take in partnership with our first peoples to work towards reconciliation.

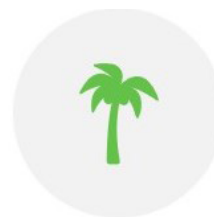
Providing redress for those who have been abused is another specific way to show love that the diocese will be committing to doing transparently and in good faith. "In confronting our failure we are in the blessed position of being able to make right something that is so wrong," Bishop Matt said.



Working together

Worship and witness were emphasised as the way to keep 'the main thing the main thing' as Bishop Matt pursues his **dream to have a congregation worshipping God in every community in the diocese**. "In a broken world where disharmony reigns we're called to bear witness to what God has done, to rectify the wrong in this world, in Jesus," he said.

Bishop Matt outlined the importance of parishes **collaborating with one another and being diligent when organising ourselves for growth**. He also reinforced the diocese's commitment to locally embedded ministry, "so that God's people can worship wherever they are planted."



Developing ministers

Nurturing young leaders as they begin training was identified as a strategy to recruit people to serve in the diocese. Bishop Matt hopes to establish **student ministry placements** in hand-picked places so those seeking to serve can come to the diocese before getting settled in a more urban place.

He also reiterated the great ministry of OLM and OPM ministers, and the hope to continue to **grow more locally embedded leaders** for congregations. "As we look to the future we must pray and we must trust that God will raise up people to follow in the footsteps of our OLMs and OPMs," he said.



Growing ministries

A focus on **youth and children's ministry** will be the role of the Revd Trevor Bell as he seeks to nurture the faith of young people. "I'm constantly encouraged by the grandparents who want to talk with me about how they might grow faith in their young ones...Trev's there to provide resources and encouragement," Bishop Matt said.

Bishop Matt also spoke of continuing **pioneering ministry** to, "discover new ways of connecting with those who don't come to church." He noted Fiona Preston has begun a new ministry seeking to be a Christian presence outside the church environment to point people towards church.



God's hands and feet

Bishop Matt has invited the diocese to join him on the **Diocesan Prayer Adventure**, to pray for three people known to them that their hearts may be opened to know God, and that we are given opportunities to share with them why Jesus is important to us.

"My challenge in 2019 for all of us who regularly worship God in the Diocese of Bendigo is to be active in praying for others," he said. "We will talk to God about people before talking to people about God. Choose three people to pray for each day for a year, knowing that God already knows them and praying that they might come to know God."



Bush Church Aid Society celebrates 100 years

The Revd Dr Adrian Lane, the Victorian Regional Officer of Bush Church Aid (BCA) attended Synod to celebrate the 100th anniversary of BCA on 26 May. Adrian particularly noted BCA's special association to the Diocese of Bendigo, with its first missionary Syd Kirby originating from Bendigo. He spoke of many of the BCA field staff across Australia serving to share the gospel in the most outer parts of Australia, including those within the Diocese of Bendigo. A book *Never too far never too few* has been published for the centenary which looks back at the various ministries of BCA over the past 100 years, along with a reprint of *Bush Parson* by Leon Morris, available online.

Registrar talks business

Naomi Fountain (Registrar) gave an overview of the many and varied tasks undertaken by the Registry Office and how the team celebrates their achievements. Andrew Apostolou (Financial Accountant) then reported on the 2018 financials. The surplus from the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation, which manages daily operations of the diocese, has been transferred to the redress fund. However, the Common Fund received a disappointing return of 0% due to a widespread poor investment market in the latter part of 2018. It was noted though that the average return for the past nine years is 4.2% meaning no change in strategy is needed.



Julia Nutting lays down prison ministry

Bishop Matt was pleased to acknowledge Julia Nutting as she concludes her role as a lay Anglican Prison Chaplain in Middleton, Loddon and Tarrengower prisons. "The number of people who have been impacted by your ministry is significant," Bishop Matt said.

The Synod recognised the unseen ministry Julia has had to broken people, particularly her compassion, listening ear and example to those who didn't know the love of Christ.

New ministries

Trevor Bell and Jacob Kelly were formally commissioned in their new ministries, supported by BCA. Trevor will be the Diocesan Youth and Children's Ministry officer, while Jacob will be a student minister placed with the Parish of Echuca with a focus on children's ministry.





Leadership

Synod was capably overseen by the diocesan leaders:

- Greg Harris (Vicar General)
- Ian Dallas (Chancellor)
- Bishop Matt Brain (Bishop)
- Naomi Fountain (Registrar)
- Derek Shepherd (Chair of Committees)

Farewell to Archdeacon Michael Hopkins

Bishop Matt made a presentation to Archdeacon Michael Hopkins and his wife Kris as they conclude their ten years in the diocese.

Bishop Matt noted Michael's years as Rector of Northern Mallee and Archdeacon of St Arnaud since 2009, highlighting his patience with small, shrinking communities. He also spoke of Michael and Kris' care for the refugees in the Mildura community.

Bishop Matt and the Synod wished them every blessing as they enter a new chapter of life and ministry in Geelong.



Synod says goodbye to Archdeacon Greg Harris

Archdeacon Greg Harris and his wife Karen were also acknowledged by Synod as they prepare to move to Sydney where Greg will take up the role of National Director of the Bush Church Aid Society.

Bishop Matt noted Greg's capacity to see opportunities for the future and make them happen, highlighting the building renovations at the Parish of South East Bendigo along with their obvious love for God, the sharing of their musical talents and winsome desire to have God at evidence in their lives.

Parish snapshots

Brendan McDonald gave an enthusiastic overview of the Harvey Town cluster; Melissa Clark spoke of the activities in the parish of Woodend-Trentham and Keith Nicholas in Mildura also gave an insight into his chaplaincy with the CFA and the incredible support he provides to the team members.



Around the Diocese

Holy Trinity Bridgewater celebrates 90 years of worship



A special service was held on the 16 May 2019 to celebrate 90 years of worship at Holy Trinity, Bridgewater.

The present church is built on land given by Mr J Howe who also laid the foundation stone on May 18 1929.

The service to mark the wonderful years of worship at Holy Trinity was led by Revd Christine Kimpton, the current locum of the Parish of Inglewood, who was ably assisted by the Revd Peter Monsborough, another well known priest to the parish.

The faithful congregation at Bridgewater were glad to be able to celebrate and thank God for this place of worship and be gathered in His name.

- Sue Brown

Celebrate: The congregation gather for 90 years of worship

Blessing of the plough services as cropping season underway

"In fair weather and foul, in success and disappointment, in rain and wind, frost and sunshine, God speed the plough". The plough is the sign of all our labour in the country as the plough is the foundation of the farmer's work. Before the seed can be sown, or the grain be reaped, or the bread baked, or the people be fed, we must plough the paddocks.

As is tradition in the Parish of Charlton-Donald, we again blessed the symbolic plough. As part of our service, farmers led the congregation in prayer before a blessing was given to the plough and to all who work on the farms in our parish. St Paul's Birchchip has also recorded the full cycle of the sowing of the seed from 2018 - from sowing to making bread. You can watch this on *You Tube* by searching 'The Pentecost Garden'.

- Judi Bird



Growth: The plough and this year's crop at St Paul's Birchchip

Bush Church Aid Society 100th anniversary celebrated in Swan Hill



Celebration selfie: Dale Barclay with Faye Donaldson

On 26 May the Parish of Swan Hill held a combined service in celebration of 100 years of Bush Church Aid. The Revd Canon Dale Barclay preached from John 20 about the peace that Jesus offers us through his death and resurrection. He also spoke of how BCA seeks to share that message in many places around Australia and their desire to build up and support God's people wherever they are meeting.

This was followed by a panel who shared their experiences with BCA. The panel included Kerrie Brownscombe - Tennant Creek (NT), Jeannette Blundell - Blackwater/Winton (Central QLD), Faye Donaldson - BCA Nomad.

Thanks God for a great day, people, BCA and the peace that Jesus brings!

- Dale Barclay

Around the Parishes

Inglewood all set for reopening after labouring over renovations

A working bee was recently undertaken by parishioners at St Augustine's Inglewood to prepare the church for its reopening on Sunday 16 June by Bishop Matt. St Augustine's had to close in 2017 after a storm which hit the town brought down a large cypress tree in the church grounds falling against the church, but not causing significant damage except it brought down the power line to the church.

This however triggered a series of works including rewiring, a new underground power connection built, connection to the town water and sewerage system, building a new toilet in the church vestry, a hospitality area in the church, a large section of the floor being replaced, treatment of white ants, repainting and new floor coverings. The congregation cannot wait to get back to worshipping in the beautiful church.

- Bishop Andrew Curnow



Help: Duncan Campbell, Allan Brown, Michael Hooper, Clause Menich and Tim Johns

Support all around for ministry colleagues in South East Bendigo



Team: Fiona Preston, Karen Reid, Greg Harris, Steve Weickhardt, Rob Edwards & Trev Bell

The Parish of South East Bendigo is excited to welcome Fiona Preston and Karen Reid to the ministry team. Karen has joined the parish as an Assistant Curate while Fiona is parishioner who is exploring Pioneer Ministry in local educational and community settings.

Trev Bell is reducing his ministry time in South East Bendigo to focus on a new BCA-funded role within the diocese to develop children and youth ministry, while Steve Weickhardt (Strathfieldsaye) meets with the Parish Ministry Team for prayer, training and encouragement.

The ministry team are looking forward to working with the new members along with Rob Edwards (Youth and Children Minister).

- Steve Weickhardt

ABM supporters recognised

The Board of ABM agreed to present the Frank Coaldrake Award in recognition of the work of two Bendigo Diocesan supporters of ABM over many years.

At the 10.00am Eucharist at Christ Church Swan Hill on Wednesday 8 May 2019 Archdeacon Michael Hopkins presented these awards to Joan Blackman of Swan Hill and Heather Lawrence of Robinvale.

These presentations followed on from the same award being made in November 2017 to Myrtle Shay of Bendigo. The award takes the form of a medal, named after the Revd Canon Frank Coaldrake who served with distinction, first as a missionary and later as Chairman of the Board.

- Barry Rainsford

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Diocesan Prayer Adventure

There are many things we can and should do to be faithful witnesses to God. These involve learning how to share what God has done for each of us and living as consistent disciples of Jesus.

However, the first step is for us to be diligent in speaking to God about people before speaking to people about God. Bishop Matt's challenge for all of us who regularly worship God in the Diocese of Bendigo is to be active in praying for others.

Will you do this in 4 ways:

1. Prayerfully select 3 people you believe God led you to. These do not need to be 'unknown' people, or even 'far away' people. Indeed, God has given us 'near' people. Filling out the circles of relationship (in the brochure) may help you work out who God has placed on your heart.

2. Write their names on the bookmark that comes with the brochure. Put the bookmark in a place that will remind you to pray for your 3 people each day. Ideas for placement may include, your current book, blutacked to the bathroom mirror, or taped to the fridge.

3. Pray that God will open your three people's hearts and give you an opportunity to bear witness to what Jesus has done. Your prayer could be something like:

*Dear Lord,
You know (name/s). Please open their heart so that they may know you too. Please may I have the opportunity to share with them why Jesus is important to me.*

Amen

4. Look for ways to be a blessing to your three people. This may be through finding ways to be encouraging, inviting them for a cuppa, sharing a meal, or looking for a way to serve a need they have.

Will you be part of this adventure?

Watch Bishop Matt's
Diocesan Prayer Adventure video and
download the explanatory brochure:
www.bendigoanglican.org.au



Leadership: Bishop Matt outlined how the diocese will respond to redress claims

Redress way of making right something so wrong, says Bishop

Sarah Crutch

Redress was the focus of the Saturday session of Synod, with Bishop Matt and Ian Dallas sharing their experiences with survivors and the process for making a redress claim.

Ian Dallas, who works with survivors as a lawyer, emphasised how difficult it is for survivors to tell their story.

"It is incredibly painful for them to tell their story and if they're wanting to make a claim unfortunately they must go into some level of detail,"

He also shared how important the trust between a client and their lawyer is, which can take time to build and can be easily disturbed if claims are taking too long to resolve.

"Bringing those stories and claims forward to a reasonably speedy conclusion is part of keeping faith with that trust," he said.

"While this process is mainly targeted towards resolution through compensation, most clients are focused on being heard and being believed."

Bishop Matt then explained how the diocese is preparing for redress.

"We are doing this because it is right, because it is overdue, because we must earn back the trust which has been broken and because those who have survived abuse should not be abused once more," he said.

He went on to describe the way the diocese needs to respond as a whole and not as individual parishes.

"We do this together because abuse has occurred throughout the diocese and because we are a body who hurts and rejoices together."

He referenced 1 Corinthians 12:26, "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it, but if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it."

"Whether abuse literally happened in your parish or not is actually immaterial because we all suffer because of what was done."

Redress settlements will be paid with money borrowed from the Common Fund, to be paid back by parishes over 20 years. A number of historical claims is expected over the next seven years, with the loan able to smooth the impact, rather than needing to pay off the full costs immediately.

Each parish will have their share of the repayments calculated based on their current capacity to pay, being current activities and liquidity, together with their historic capacity, being interest earned from trust capital.

But redress is not something Bishop Matt intends to impact on his vision for healthy, worshipping congregations throughout the diocese.

"We need to be able to continue in ministry in every place in the diocese because we're not closing down."

"You've heard my dream that there be a congregation worshipping in every community. That is a dream I have at the same time as the expectation that we will deal justly with those who have been abused."



The Bell family: Trevor with wife Cindy and children Levi, Charlotte, Corben and Josiah

Student ministry in Echuca to support youth children's ministry

Jacob Kelly has recently started a new ministry role in the Parish of Echuca with the support of Bush Church Aid, serving as a student minister while he undertakes theological study.

Jacob will be working to grow the children and youth ministry at Christ Church Echuca.

"The main focus of my role is to connect with the children and youth at Christ Church Anglican as well as children in the wider community," says Jacob. "This will involve running weekly children's ministries, organising and developing Sunday ministries for children and working with parents and families. I will also undertake various other ministry roles across the parish."

Jacob grew up in Echuca and has lived most of his life in the region.

"I was especially attracted to Echuca as it gives me an opportunity to serve amongst a community I am familiar with and have been part of before," he says.



New ministry: Jacob and Sarah Kelly

Youth and Children's Ministry Development Officer appointed

Trevor Bell has been appointed Youth and Families Ministry Development Officer for the diocese in partnership with Bush Church Aid.

Trevor will work to establish and grow connections and fellowship with children and young people across the diocese. This work includes establishing camping ministries, weekly discipleship via digital platforms, creating appropriate Sunday school resources for small churches and raising up new leaders and youth champions across the diocese.

As the role progresses he will also look to initiate schoolies mission trips for high school leavers and potentially a gap year program.

"I came to faith in Jesus as a late teenager, through the influence of my brother whose life had been turned around by an encounter with God at a camping ministry," says Trevor.



"This change in him, first made me persecute him, but then after his resolve to show God's love, it caused me to be interested in going to one of these camps myself. From there I heard the message of God come close in Jesus afresh and experienced His love through the Holy Spirit."

Because Trevor was so influenced by camping ministries, he is excited to think that God might use him in this task. "I do not underestimate how much God can use these moments in the lives of searching teenagers."

Trevor will work in the Youth and Families Ministry role part time from the Registry Office and continue part time at South East Bendigo.

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Community chaplain aims to connect with people outside the church

Fiona Preston is beginning a new ministry as a Community Chaplain, looking to engage with people in the community beyond the church environment.

A parishioner of South East Bendigo, Fiona has been encouraged by her Rector, Greg Harris and Bishop Matt to serve in a broader capacity while she discerns ordination as a pioneer minister.

Fiona hopes to be a Christian presence in the community and connect with people not currently associated with the church. Her role will involve engaging women unfamiliar with the church, co-leading a multi-cultural playgroup, organising a women's conference and looking into broader chaplaincy opportunities.

"I believe our churches are doing great work within their buildings, looking out for their people and welcoming new comers," Fiona explained. "But what about women

in Bendigo who aren't part of one of these church communities? What can I do to reach them?"

Trained as a Spiritual Director and with her experience working as a chaplain in universities, Fiona thrives on meeting new people, getting to know them and then being able to talk with them about Jesus.

Fiona initially hesitated at the thought of ordination, but was encouraged after reading a book about diaconal ministry and seeing the example of Edward Barkla, a pioneer minister to the Bendigo cycling community.

Fiona will be supported collegially by the ministry team in the Parish of South East Bendigo, but will primarily be outside a parish rather than in a parish.

Her role is funded by financial supporters who give to support her ministry, which she hopes will continue to grow with other Anglican partnerships.



The Preston family: Fiona and husband Nigel with children Samuel and Tobias



Presence: Flags fly outside the Maiden Gully Community Hall to show the presence of the church community

New look for Common Ground

Brendan McDonald

This month Common Ground celebrates eight years of worship in Maiden Gully. Throughout that time the church has seen growth from a handful of people to now having a substantial, intergenerational group of believers.

Nonetheless, communicating the gospel effectively and fostering a credible presence in the local community has been very hard.

"With no permanent place to call home many people still don't know there's a church in Maiden Gully," Revd Brendan McDonald explains.

"Letting them know that we exist has been an ongoing problem and that is why we are always trying creative ways to strike up a conversation with the community."

With the challenge of 'no place' and 'no signage allowed', the church council adopted a plan to use social media as a primary way of creating a sense of presence. They wanted to do this with a 'look and feel' that conveyed something which was authentically true to the identity of the church in Maiden Gully.

A decision was made to engage a local designer with Simone Fawcett agreeing to work alongside the church council. With her help and guidance Common Ground embarked on a strategic re-branding process.

As Simone describes, "Creating a 'brand' isn't as simple as creating a logo. A brand is everything that your organisation represents, from the way you look, the way you communicate, to the way you are perceived".

The outcome for the church is a new brand mark that encapsulates a narrative of how the church plant has developed over eight years and continues to grow.

For Brendan and the church council it was critical to get this right as in Simone's words, "Your branding needs to send a clear message. You want to send a message that expresses your vision and how it addresses the needs of your target audience".

Brendan suggested, "We have the best message in the world, a message of God's love for the world and salvation in his Son Jesus Christ, we have a vision of life together in the goodness of God... where we



struggle is delivering that message effectively and we hope that our new brand mark will be helpful."

Now that this work is complete assorted social media will be utilised to connect and invite people into the various activities and gatherings of Common Ground.

Charlotte Healy, church administrator and councillor, is taking up the challenge to use the new graphic elements and tools to develop a social media strategy with a view to further the conversation with the community, develop engagement with the church and ultimately share the gospel.

Parish Snapshot: Woodend-Trentham

Melissa Clark

The Parish of Woodend-Trentham is the southern most parish in the diocese. We meet on the lands of the Jaara Jaara people where the language groups of the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Woi Wurrung are prevalent.

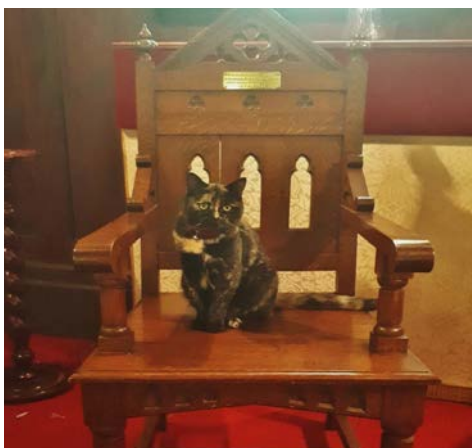
St Mary's Woodend is positioned right near a major border, Mount Macedon (known as Terrawaite by the Jaara Jaara people) for three groups; the Jaara Jaara, the Wurundjeri, and the Taungurong.

Our parishioners range in age from 1 to 95 years and we have a mix of people with various talents, occupations and histories who come together to worship God every Sunday in both centres.

The most important parishioner is Dottie the cat, who spends most of her time in St Mary's and always finds a lap to snuggle in on Sundays.

Despite our cool temperatures our parish is absolutely committed to welcoming anyone who wishes to come and worship or learn more about Jesus, or if they're just curious. We strive to welcome as Jesus did: without question, without judgement, and with open arms.

We worship in the traditional style and we have a strict 'no question is a silly



Companion: Dottie the cat

question' policy. The kids enjoy being able to take time to have their questions heard. They also love joining in with the worship at every opportunity and there are usually at least a couple of children behind the altar with Revd Mel as she says the Eucharistic prayer on Sundays.

Parish activities include a weekly Australis group, a monthly movie night, an annual trivia night, community Christmas carols and a community pancake day along with the St George's Trentham Guild Annual Flower Show and the St Mary's Woodend Guild street stalls and knitting days.

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at Christ Church, Echuca

Saturday, 9 November
at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

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at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

Saturday, 21 September
at Holy Trinity, Flora Hill

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St Paul's Kyneton
Friday, 14 June

12.00 to 2.00pm with a light lunch

St Mary's Lockington
Friday, 21 June

1.00 to 3.00pm with afternoon tea

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