



## Cyber Security

A number of parishes across several dioceses have been subject to a sophisticated text message scam, which utilised the recipient's names, that of the priest and some language consistent with the church. It appears information is gleaned from details posted on the parish website and Facebook page.

This serves as a good reminder for all to consider what information is posted publicly and where, for example, it might be best to use the parish office number or parish email rather than individuals on posters, flyers, websites and any other public platform.

It is also a good prompt to review how personal information is collected and stored, including on church computers and networks, and how such information is transmitted. Email is not necessarily secure and neither are parishioners devices!

Finally, it would be wise to alert parishioners, without causing undue alarm, of this scam as other parishes may be targeted. In doing so you could affirm that their generosity and giving is appreciated, and that we welcome gifts through the plate (in whatever form you use) or through electronic giving but that we will never solicit such giving through text message or in the form of Amazon (or other) gift vouchers. You might also mention for those giving electronically to check bank details and any request to change them.

## COVID-19 Information

The regulations which enabled, and required, us to collect vaccination status of clergy and volunteers has recently expired. We are not otherwise permitted or required to hold this information and can assure all that those records have now been destroyed.

Parishes should not have collected or held such records themselves, except in those occasions where it was done to facilitate collection of volunteers information to pass on to the Registry. Where this occurred such records should already have been deleted, but now is a good reminder to double check and delete.

[Expiry of COVID-19 vaccination information regulations | WorkSafe Victoria](#)

## Ordination

An ordination is scheduled for the last weekend in November. Details of the candidates will be circulated soon.

**When:** Saturday 25 November

**Where:** St Paul's Cathedral

**Time:** 11.00am

**Colour:** Red

Please keep this date in your calendar for now. More details will be circulated closer to the time.

## Bishop Matt's calendar

| Week         | M         | T                                  | W                     | T         | F                  | S | S         |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|---|-----------|
| 21 August    | In Office | In Office                          | DAY OFF               | In Office | In Office          |   | Kyabram   |
| 28 August    | In Office | In Office/<br>Bishop in<br>Council | DAY OFF               | In Office | In Office          |   | TBC       |
| 4 September  | Executive | DAY OFF                            | Anglicare<br>Victoria | In Office | Sunraysia<br>South |   | Cathedral |
| 11 September | In Office | Provincial<br>Council              | DAY OFF               | In Office | In Office          |   | Swan Hill |



## Clergy Retreat

An email with registration details will be circulated soon.

- When:** 2 - 5 October
- Where:** Rutherford Park, Blampied
- Leaders:** Ruth and Andrew Newmarch
- Theme:** Seeing where God is already at work  
God the Missionary

## Safe Church Training – In person

Zan has been running parish based Safe Church training workshops around the diocese and developing related resources with lots of positive responses. Please don't hesitate to contact her to discuss how she can support you to either run your own training day, or visit and lead the day for you: [mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au](mailto:mdo@bendigoanglican.org.au)

## The Curnow Centre for Rural Ministry Training

The Curnow Centre has two upcoming free Zoom workshops designed to equip clergy and lay leaders. Please promote this in your parishes and networks.

### Winter Worship Workshop #3 Service of the Word

Thursday 24 August  
12.00 – 1.30pm

The ins and outs of Services of the Word, including engaging with children and lay led services

### Stewardship with Bishop Andrew Curnow

Thursday 14 September  
12.00 – 1.30pm

Equipping clergy and lay leaders to speak to congregations about finances and giving

### REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.bendigoanglican.org.au/workshops-registration/>



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## ABM Gathering - Maldon

An ABM Auxiliary Rally is being hosted at Holy Trinity Maldon on Wednesday 23 August. Details are in the attached flyer.

## Commemorating the New Guinea Martyrs

Each year on 2 September the Anglican Church of Australia (and many other churches of the Anglican Communion) celebrate New Guinea Martyrs Day. This day commemorates 12 Anglican martyrs from among the 333 Christian church workers from many denominations who lost their lives during the Japanese invasion of New Guinea in 1942 and 1943.

ABM AID commemorates the day in part by raising an annual appeal to support the work of the contemporary Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG). This year our Martyrs Appeal will support ACPNG to provide a series of trainings to its members aimed at strengthening capacity to engage in locally led community development. You can find out more by visiting [www.abmission.org/Martyrs2023](http://www.abmission.org/Martyrs2023) where you will find the appeal prayer and can download the flyer.

Parishes around Australia are encouraged to also commemorate this day, with either a special service on 2 September or as part of their regular services on Sunday 3 September, and to take up a special collection for the Martyrs Appeal, to support the work of the Anglican Church of PNG.

Resources are attached for you to use in a Martyrs Day service and to promote the appeal. There's also details on where to send your Martyrs' Day collection. By supporting training which strengthens the whole church, you will be honouring the memory of the Martyrs of New Guinea in a practical and tangible way.

**The Revd Canon Ian Howarth**  
**ABM Diocesan Representative**

## Resources for Understanding The Voice

The Public Affairs Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia has compiled resources for use by Anglican Parishes to help understand the Referendum to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

It includes FAQs, links to various online resources, theological resources and Bible studies.

The suite of resources is attached separately to this Update for your use and circulation.

Canon Glenn Loughrey, a Wiradjuri priest, also has a [blog that answers some key questions about The Voice to Parliament](#) on his website [Red Shoes Walking](#).

Glenn also hosted a webinar discussing The Voice with Noel Pearson. The recording of the conversations can be accessed here on [YouTube](#).



## Acknowledgement Plaques

Parishes in Djaara Country can order a plaque to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of this Country.

An order form is attached.

For parishes in other Traditional Owner lands, we encourage you to contact your Traditional Owner group for a similar acknowledgement plaque.

## Gone Walkabout

25 April - 6 May 2024

Expressions of Interest are now being called for to join Canon Shannon on the Gone Walkabout 2024 trip to the Northern Territory.

A flyer with details is attached. Expressions of interest close 31 August 2023.

Contact Canon Shannon Smith at [shannonsmith1@gmail.com](mailto:shannonsmith1@gmail.com).

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### Environment and Sustainable Development The Communion Forest

The Lambeth Call on the Environment and Sustainable Development provides a theological rationale for why creation care is a global mission imperative. It also outlines some bold commitments in tackling environmental crisis, including just financing, community resilience building, advocacy, biodiversity restoration and promoting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Through a series of webinars, Bible Study materials and resources, churches of the Anglican Communion are invited to take the Lambeth Call forward in their settings.

You can [sign up](#) to two webinars  
on 20 and 21 September.

You'll learn about:

- Themes from the Lambeth Call and how your church can take them forwards.
- Bible study resources to help your church develop a theology of creation care.
- How you can grow The Communion Forest, by continuing or starting an environmental project.
- Advocacy on environmental issues, and how to influence decision makers before COP28.



# Invitation

## Anglican Board of Mission Auxiliary Rally

You are invited to Holy Trinity Maldon in the Mount  
Alexander Deanery

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

Eucharist 11am

followed with a warm winter lunch, tea and coffee and good company.

Cost \$15pp with proceeds to ABM

in support of Newton Theological College PNG.

Online Guest Speaker Meagan Schwartz

Relationships Manager ABM and past Missionary with ABM in PNG.

RSVP by Saturday 20th August for catering purposes to

Revd Darcy Vaughan Tel: 0407 245 951

Email: [maldoninglewood@gmail.com](mailto:maldoninglewood@gmail.com)



# New Guinea MARTYRS DAY



www.abmission.org

## Resources for Commemoration Services

*Extracts taken from a resource prepared by Margaret Bride*

### Questions and Answers

#### Who were the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea who are commemorated on September 2nd

The Anglican Church in Australia has set this day aside to remember the twelve Anglicans who died in Papua New Guinea in 1942-3, during the Japanese invasion and occupation of the country we now know as Papua New Guinea.

They were:

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|---|--|
| John Barge, priest                      | Lilla Lashmar, teacher                 |
| Margery Brenchley, nurse                | Henry Matthews, priest                 |
| John Duffill, builder                   | Bernard Moore <sup>1</sup> , priest    |
| Leslie Gariardi, evangelist and teacher | Mavis Parkinson, teacher               |
| May Hayman, nurse                       | Vivian Redlich, priest                 |
| Henry Holland, priest                   | Lucian Tapiedi, evangelist and teacher |

#### Were any of these people PNG Nationals?

Yes, both Lucien Tapiedi and Leslie Gariardi.

#### What did they have in common?

Each of them died because, as an individual, they chose to continue to serve the people entrusted to them by God rather than travel to safety when they had the opportunity. It is this act of personal self-denial in the face of imminent personal danger to their life that led inevitably to the death of each of them.

#### Why is it observed on September 2nd?

This has been chosen as one day to commemorate 12 people who died on various dates in 1942 and 1943. In a number of cases the actual dates of their deaths are unclear. The first synod of the Diocese of New Guinea after the war ended requested that such a date be set aside. At first they suggested September 1st since by that day in 1942 it was believed that all the martyrs from the Northern Province and Port Moresby were already dead. This was later amended to September 2nd and has been observed since 1947<sup>2</sup>. In 1996 the date was agreed to be used as a commemorative date for all 333 Christian martyrs of the PNG in World War II.<sup>3</sup>

#### Are these the only Christian Martyrs of PNG in 1940s?

Far from it. Members of all the major churches were killed in the hostilities. It is difficult to know exact numbers. At different times the lists have varied but Theo Aerts<sup>4</sup> in 1994 gives the following numbers:

- Anglicans 12
- Roman Catholic 197
- Evangelical Church of Manus 5
- Lutheran 16
- United Church 77
- Salvation Army 22
- Seventh Day Adventists 4

A total of 333

<sup>1</sup> Bernard died of illness during the Japanese occupation.

<sup>2</sup> *The Good Shepherd: Bishop Strong and the New Guinea Martyrs*, Bishop Phillip Strong, Melbourne, St Peter's Bookroom, 1983

<sup>3</sup> "The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea" Paul Richardson, Magazine insert in *Church Scene*, Vol 5 No39, August 9th 1996.

<sup>4</sup> Aerts, Theo, *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby*, University of Papua New Guinea Press, 1994. Pages 36-7

### **Does the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea Observe this day?**

Yes, indeed. It is one of the big days of celebration in many parishes. There is traditional dancing in the Eucharist and the kundu drums are played. At the Martyr's Memorial School it is always a very important occasion.

### **Why does the Australian Church keep this day?**

Three good reasons:

1. Papua New Guinea is Australia's nearest neighbour, closer than New Zealand or Indonesia.
2. From 1896 to 1973 the Territory of Papua was an Australian dependant territory. From 1919 to 1973 the Protectorate of New Guinea was an Australian responsibility first under the Charter of the League of Nations and then under the United Nations. Today Australian governments always recognise that there is a special responsibility that we have for the nation of Papua New Guinea. This government responsibility is mirrored in the responsibility that the Anglican Church of Australia has for the Anglican Church of PNG which is taken up by the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia.
3. Many of the martyrs were missionaries of the Anglican Church in Australia on behalf of our Church.

### **What can we learn today from the lives and deaths of these people in 1942 and 1943?**

One answer to this is that they were ordinary Christian people, doing the tasks they believed God had called them to do. It is easy for us to find among them some particular person with whom we can identify and see that we are never too old, too young, too ordinary, too unskilled, to perform a part in the mission of God to bring his love and justice to this broken world.

## **Martyrs' Day Prayers**

### **A Prayer for the Martyrs from PNG**

#### **Let Us Pray**

Father, we thank you for your martyrs of Papua New Guinea; they obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ to take up the cross and follow him, and so they glorified you by their deaths. May their witness and their prayers make strong your Church in this land: and may we, your servants today, follow their example of faithfulness and courage, work for your kingdom, and be joined with them forever: through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives and rules with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>5</sup>

#### **Collects:**

All powerful and ever-living God, turn our weakness into strength: As you gave the martyrs of Papua New Guinea the courage to suffer death for Christ, give us the courage to live in faithful witness to you. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OR

Living God, You made your Church to grow Through the zeal, courage and unflinching witness Of your servants martyred in New Guinea: Give to us and all your people Such steadfast faith in your good purposes That we may serve you faithfully Wherever you have stationed us: Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.<sup>6</sup>

### **A Prayer for us and our Brothers and Sisters in PNG**

Almighty God, there is no greater love than to give our lives for your friends. Grant us and the people of Papua New Guinea the courage to make our own sacrifice. And may we, in the company of your Martyrs, gaze with joy upon the face of Christ. Amen

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<sup>5</sup> 1 Prayers for Martyrs – Diocese of Papua New Guinea Prayer Book 1975.

<sup>6</sup> 2 Collects from *A Prayer Book For Australia* 1995 63 1ff. Copyright The Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation.

## **A Liturgy for the Martyrs**

Liturgy written by Bishop Denys Ririka, Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Aipo Rongo PNG. The following Liturgy of Prayers were written by Bishop Denys Ririka and have been generously given to ABM for the use of the Australian Church. It is taken from a service held for Martyr's Day at All Soul's Lae in 2004. It has been translated into English and also includes a prayer for the Melanesian Brothers murdered in the Solomon Islands.

### **1. Miss Mavis Parkinson**

Lord Jesus Christ, we see in your servant, Mavis Parkinson, the loving concern for the children's education; help us in our time to give quality loving care to our children and all other students under our care, so that they may grow in wisdom and truth.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **2. Sister May Hayman**

God of love and faithfulness, bless us all with your wisdom, as we remember your servant, May Hayman today, that we may, like her, think, care and serve a little more for others and a little less for ourselves.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **3. Reverend Henry Holland**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your servant, Henry Holland, who saw in Andrew Uware the qualities that were necessary for the mission of the gospel and so shared the task. Mercifully pour upon us your insight that we may discern your gifts in others, and value them, work together for your glory and the extension of your Kingdom.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **4. Sister Margery Brenchley**

God of hope and love, your servant Margery Brenchley gave loving hope of healing and health to the sick. Bless the doctors and nurses in their work; guide and strengthen us to be your instruments of hope to the hopeless, the helpless, the suffering and the poor.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **5. Miss Lilla Lashmar**

God, our Father, rekindle and deepen our love for you so that we may with our whole being want to be a good soldier for Jesus Christ, as did your servant Lilla Lashmar.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **6. Reverend Vivian Redlich**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life of Vivian Redlich, who in obedience to your call, left the comforts and security of his homeland and with others ministered your word and sacraments. Stir up the hearts of all ordained ministers to serve you well in all circumstances to hold high your light of truth and love.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **7. John Duffill**

God, our Father, you call people in different ministries to build your Church. We thank you for your servant, John Duffill, whose keen desire to help you well as a carpenter, carrying his share of the cross and laying down his life with others, is an example for us. Lord, guide and strengthen us in all that you call us to do – to be faithful and devoted to you and to each other.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **8. Lucian Tapiedi**

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for your servant, Lucian Tapiedi, who volunteered to go back and collect items left behind – a decision in the face of danger. Pour upon your Church such bravery, that we too may be ready to stand up and defend the rights of the helpless among us.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **9. Reverend Henry Mathews**

God, our Father, Creator and Preserver of all, we thank you for your servant Henry Mathews whom you called as priest to minister to your Word and sacraments in Port Moresby. Bless the work of clergy in the urban centres that they may be faithful in their calling.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **10. Leslie Gariadi**

Lord God, we thank you for Leslie Gariadi, for example of faithfulness, support and companionship to his priest, together in life and together in death. Holy and gracious God, help us to be true to each other and to you in faith and love.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **11. Reverend John Barge**

We thank you, Lord Almighty, for your servant John Barge who met you on a track near a village garden “with a shot and a sword” at Moewe, Kandrian. Clothe us with your peace and enrich us with your grace, that we, like John Barge, may face challenges and dangers with courage and love.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **12. Reverend Bernard Moore**

Lord, God of all creations, we thank you for your servant Bernard Moore, priest, teacher, sailor, supplier and transporter of goods and services to the outlying islands on the Southwest coast of New Britain. Mercifully give us grace to be the means to present your peace and love to those you have called us to care for and those we meet each day.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **PRIESTS**

God, Creator and Preserver of all, we thank you for your servants, Henry Holland, Henry Mathews, John Barge, Bernard Moore, Vivian Redlich whom you called to serve as Priests and to minister your word and sacrament among your people in PNG. Stir up the hearts of all ordained ministers to serve you well in all circumstances. To hold high your light of truth and love.

V. Lord in your mercy.

R. Hear our prayer.

### **BROTHERHOOD**

We also remember with thanksgiving, the life and witness of the late Melanesian Brothers who gave their lives in your service on the beaches of the Solomon Islands: ROBIN LINDSAY, ALFRED HILLY, TONY SHRIHI, PATERSON GATU, FRANCIS TOFI, NATHANIEL SADO and INI PARATABATU.

O Lord, you equipped these men with different gifts and talents to serve you with courage and conviction. We pray that your Holy Spirit may enable us each day to know the truth from falsehood and like them, stand firm to proclaim what is right.

Where there is hatred let us show love

Where there is injustice, forgiveness

Where there is division, unity

Where there is sorrow, hope

Where there is darkness, light

Where there is sadness, joy

Where there is fear, courage

V. Lord in your mercy. R. Hear our prayer.



# Payment Options

## MARTYRS APPEAL 2023



This appeal is **Tax-deductible**



### CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER

**Made out to:** Anglicans in Development Ltd

**Posted to:** Anglican Board of Mission  
Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building  
NSW 1230 Australia

*Please include a note advising that proceeds are in support of the Martyrs Appeal.*



### BANK TRANSFER

**Account name:** Anglicans in Development Ltd

**BSB:** 032 135

**Account:** 691271

**Reference:** Name and Donor ID *(If known)*

*Please include the words **Martyrs Appeal** in the reference also if possible.*



### DONATE ONLINE

Payments may also be made **online** via:

[www.abmission.com/Martyrs2023](http://www.abmission.com/Martyrs2023)

Or scan the QR code:



## Thank you

for choosing to support the MARTYRS APPEAL 2023



## Acknowledgement Signage Order Form



For internal or external use and easily mountable with screws or nails this sign acknowledges the land where your house or business is as the traditional Country of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

### 2 SIZES AVAILABLE:

Digitally printed on 3mm aluminium composite, laminated with UV protection.

**Large — 450x300mm**

**Small — 300 x200mm**

| SIZE     | PRICE                                    | QUANTITY |
|----------|--|----------|
| LARGE    | \$88.00<br>inc. GST                      |          |
| SMALL    | \$44.00<br>inc. GST                      |          |
| Postage: | \$23.00 Large sign<br>\$11.00 Small sign |          |
| Total:   | Text                                     |          |

### Your Details

Name:

Contact Number:

Email:

Postal Address

### PAYMENT METHOD

Items will be available once payment has been received

Cheques made payable to:

**Dja Dja Wurrung Clan Aboriginal Corporation**

PO Box 1026, Bendigo 3552

Or Electronic Funds transfer:

**BSB 633 000 A/C 147292007**

Ref: your phone number

Anglican Province of Victoria

# Gone Walkabout 2024

Expression of Interest

Join Canon Shannon on  
Walkabout for 25 April to 6

May 2024



Expressions of Interest are now being called for to join Canon Shannon on the *Gone Walkabout 2024* trip to the Northern Territory. The heart of the trip will be to explore Aboriginal culture and Ministries as we visit various Aboriginal Communities and explore our way across the Northern Territory Top End including Darwin, Tiwi Islands, Jabiru, Kakadu National Park, Katherine Gorge and attend the Katherine Christian Convention.

Contact Canon Shannon Smith at [shannonsmith11@gmail.com](mailto:shannonsmith11@gmail.com) or Ken Hutton at [Khutton@melbourneanglican.org.au](mailto:Khutton@melbourneanglican.org.au).

Expressions of interest close 31 August 2023.

Approximate cost per person is \$3000.