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Stories of Faith

The Bishop writes...

Dear Friends,

I have often wondered what it takes to be the lead singer of a band. There are some people who are just larger than life and naturally fit the bill. Their charisma oozes out and it is as if they are a magnet for our eyes and ears. I wish that I could have seen Johnny Cash live, I suspect that he would have been like this. I did see Tex Perkins play in a show pretending to be Johnny Cash, Tex certainly was larger than life and the perfect front man!

The reason I ponder this is because although I've played in bands I do not think that I would be a particularly good lead singer. The state of my singing is one thing (I am very good at singing in the key of flat), but I also do not have the charisma to be up front. My role is elsewhere, important, but different.

In our church year we celebrate Pentecost and Trinity Sunday as sort of like a divine double-header! At Pentecost we make a time to meet up with the often overlooked member of the Trinity – the Holy Spirit – and on Trinity Sunday celebrate our One God, Father Son and Spirit. As we do this there is often a question that gets asked, why do we only have one Sunday in which to celebrate the Holy Spirit. Why is the Spirit absent for the rest of the year? This is a good question!

Trinity Sunday reminds us that we do not worship a God who is one but simply appears to us in three different ways. It also reminds us that we do not have three Gods who happen to line up behind each other and simply appear to be one. However, we do have one God with three persons. Each person is real, yet they each share all of what it means to be God. But being a real person means having one's own character, or if you like, personality. And here is where we get to being the lead singer in the band.

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At Pentecost we celebrate the great work of God's Spirit. This was the amazing moment at which God's plan for the world suddenly slipped the boundaries and flowed out of Israel marking the radical inclusion of anyone who trusted in Jesus into God's family. The Spirit was visible because here they were at work applying what Jesus had won to his people. It was a pivotal and exciting time!

But where is the Spirit at work now? Friends, the Spirit is at work in our lives and the lives of churches up and down Australia whenever Jesus is honoured and glorified and whenever what Jesus has done for individuals and communities is made active in a life. Pentecost is a little like that time in a concert when the rhythm section comes out to play a few notes for the audience to hear, but they are there all along lifting up the singer (and even the lead guitarist) so that they may soar.



**Bishop
Matt Brain**

It is my dream that we will be people of the Spirit, because it is the Spirit who will enable us to be transforming agents in a transformed world. How will we know that this is happening? Because we will love Jesus, value what Jesus has done for us and begin to look (please God) a little more like Jesus!

This magazine is of course 'The Spirit'. The name is well appropriate as you will read of the stories from people around the diocese as to how it is that God's Spirit has enlivened them. These stories show how Jesus' great work is seen amongst us.

Matt



FROM THE HEART OF THE COUNTRY
Stories of Faith

Darcy Vaughan

A recent study found that 46% of those under 30 use TikTok to help in their spiritual life at least once weekly. 77% of these young people were also found to believe social media is an appropriate space to talk about religion and spirituality, compared to 53% of those in the baby boomer generation. Even the least online of us have likely used the internet to check out a local church or confirmed an upcoming service time. And we know many are asking their religious questions and even finding spiritual nourishment not in person at their local church, but online.

We all know the world is moving at a dizzying pace, and the role of technology in every part of our lives is increasing all the time. It was for this reason that our diocesan strategy included the goal to be innovative in developing and embracing new forms of online ministry. How might we as a diocese keep up with the rapid advancement of the online world? And how might we not just keep up, but innovate and engage? How could the diocese support local churches and their congregations to live out and share their faith online?

As the 'Diocesan Storyteller' the task of considering these questions was

given to me! I looked around online to see what was already out there. There are some great church websites, some valuable archives of sermons, and social media accounts that spark discussion and create communities of like-minded people. Interestingly, there was very little I found that looked like us; Australian, country and Christian. Where were the accounts of what it is like to follow Jesus and proclaim the gospel when you live in country Australia?

There is no doubt in my mind that our experiences are unique, and the insights we have gained are worth sharing. Each of us can call to mind those in our churches who have an inspiring story of faith to share. I began to wonder, what if our online ministry was to share who we are? With one another, with our local communities, and even with those in our major cities and across the world?

And so, while it may seem unlikely the world needs another podcast, I became convinced that there was no podcast out there like the one we could create. I began my search for stories of faith from our diocese in the hope that if I could capture some of the wonder of what God is doing in our patch, we might be able to share it online and be a

blessing to many. I went from Mildura to Echuca, Cohuna to Daylesford, sitting at the kitchen tables of those kind enough to welcome me in and share their stories.

The result is our new diocesan podcast: *The Spirit – Stories of Faith*. My hope is that the stories shared will be an inspiration and an encouragement to you. I hope that you can find ways to share them, with your community, family and friends. By posting, texting or emailing the podcast to those we know we can share the distinct faith that we have been given. And I hope that as we put these stories out into the big wide online world, many will be inspired and give thanks for all God is doing in our little patch.

What follows is an introduction to the wonderful people who shared their stories with me. You can listen to the full conversations by searching for *The Spirit - Stories of Faith* wherever you listen to podcasts, or by going to the website: www.thespiritstories.com.au. You can also find the podcast on YouTube by searching 'The Spirit - Stories of Faith'. And you can find and follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with the latest developments and easily share the podcast with others. Enjoy!



The Light Ignited in Me

Kane - Kangaroo Flat

Early on in life Kane found substances that would soothe his troubled mind and soul. But the drugs led to living on the streets of Melbourne and crime that led to stints in jail. For years nothing else mattered except the addiction which hid the self-loathing and Kane's ultimate desire to be part of a loving family.

But it felt like God still had a plan for Kane, and when he ended up in hospital in Bendigo it was a doctor named Katie who helped him to see what God saw; someone who was worthy. Someone who was still loved. This was the spark that ignited a flame in Kane, and in the years that followed he would come to have faith that he was loved by God and could find an expression of that love in the church. Kane says:

"I feel peace. I feel love. I feel joy. I have things in my life, I volunteer, and help. I just wanna give, give, give, you know? Because of the amazing love that I feel. I'm free from drugs and addiction. I'm now not homeless. I have nothing to do with crime or jail.

With all of that I just said, I feel special. I feel that I'm His. Specifically. And that's what Katie says to me today: you're that man that I saw way back then.

You know, there's still troubles. I am still working through them. But I am in a better place, so I am able to take on those challenges."

Listen to the full conversation with Kane now on The Spirit - Stories of Faith podcast or at www.thespiritstories.com.au.



Relax, Enjoy and Build

Sandra - Bendigo

In 1971 Sandy graduated from the Victorian Police Force at the age of twenty-one. At that time women could only work in the women's division. The general public assumed female police officers didn't have the same authority as males. With equal opportunity laws more women entered the police force, but not all the guys appreciated this change. Initially female police officers were not issued hand cuffs, or firearms. They were given a short truncheon and a handbag, and were told that if they needed to restrain a crook, to remove their pantyhose and tie them up!

A transfer from Melbourne to Bendigo in 1983 found Sandy working in 'community policing' with a focus on child and sexual abuse. Country policing meant that if you were the first person on the scene, you did the job. And with this 'can-do' mentality the small team in Bendigo became pioneers in policing family and domestic violence and abuse.

Sandy sustained faith throughout the incredible pressures and challenges of her policing career. God was always with her, tapping her on the shoulder, or guiding and protecting her in her times of greatest need. Sandy says:

"I still walk along saying 'stop it God, you're tapping me on the shoulder.' And I can feel myself being pushed and prodded. Occasionally when very serious and really scary things happened to me, of feeling protected. As in, not necessarily protected while it's happening, but in the split second that I realised I'm safe, feeling guided and looked after."

Listen to the full conversation with Sandy now on The Spirit - Stories of Faith podcast or at www.thespiritstories.com.au.



The Only Way is Love

Sonia - Red Cliffs

Sonia found herself as a mother of three children in a relationship of domestic violence. She could see the patterns of abuse so clearly in those around her, but struggled to know what to do for herself. Escaping the abuse took a long time, and some help from an unexpected ally. Sonia is now an advocate in the family and domestic violence space, using her experiences and insights to help others and the church. Sonia says:

“I’ve run with anger, hate and hurt. And it never won. you know and it eats you up. So I just refuse to go there anymore, like it has to be love. Has to be love even for the people you cannot get along with, and you might not want to associate with or know.

But at the end of the day, if we’re all God’s people, and we’re all created in God’s image, we’re all here for a reason. And someone in a bad situation, doesn’t want to be in that situation. A woman didn’t want to be in domestic violence. An alcoholic didn’t want to grow up to be an alcoholic. Same as with drug addiction.

So I think open minds, open hearts, and be prepared to believe the unbelievable, and be OK to not understand somebody’s thought process, or their safety process. Because a woman knows when it’s safe for her to leave or not, so you have to trust in that, too.”

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From Strength to Strenth

Dave - Epsom

Dave was born in England and grew up believing he would join the army, joining the officer core as he went through uni. But when Dave turned up at a work training session and found it was just him and Alana, he immediately knew she was special and his life took a very different turn! They were married and moved to Australia, but Dave still felt like an imposter whenever they would go to church.

His wife Alana never stopped praying or believing, and after a lot of time spent researching and asking questions, Dave decided he was going to let Jesus into his life. From that point on Dave has experienced himself being transformed; as a husband, dad and friend. He can see now how he had become hardened and critical, and how on a daily basis Jesus is softening his heart and completely changing him as a person. Dave says:

“There’s a lot of toxic masculinity that comes from this place of insecurity, of needing to feel like you are this stereotypical man. Feeling that love from my family and feeling that love from God just makes me feel really complete and whole and gives me that confidence to actually show up and be the dad and husband I want to be to my wife and my kids, because I’ve got their love and acceptance, because I’m not actually striving for the acceptance of society and this view of the man I should be. I would say if someone is out there feeling a little bit worried about becoming a Christian for the judgment, don’t be, you’re going to find that love and that peace and that comfort from knowing Jesus and finding his love.”

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Nothing Left To Do

Faye - Cohuna

Faye grew up curious about spiritual things. So when her mum suggested she go and speak to Mrs Robinson, the local spiritualist, Faye felt perhaps she had found her people. Faye was told she was very psychic. But when the visions changed, and Faye saw a sword and shield, a loaf of bread, and a door to Jesus, Mrs Robinson's explanations seemed inadequate. It was an unexpected word from a speaker at one of their meetings that led Faye to the truth, and changed the trajectory of her life from that point on. Faye says:

"Then the Sunday came along. A gentleman came into the spiritualist church, he stood up in front of everybody in this gathering, and said 'well, I'm here today to tell you that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that Jesus Christ came to Earth to take care of your sin, to make you completely new, he took your sin upon himself, he buried it in the tomb, and he rose again, because he's coming back again.' I thought; 'Wow, why hasn't anyone ever told me this! I've never heard this in my whole life. I was absolutely astounded. So this man says 'anyone who wants to become a Christian just raise your hand' so of course I raised my hand. And I felt this burden fall off me that I'd never even knew I had. I was absolutely astounded that this would happen... So from that point on there was nothing left to do but follow Jesus, and that's what I've done, as much as possible."

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He Lifts The Weight

Jess - Kennington

When Jess moved from Melbourne to Bendigo she didn't realise it would be the beginning of such an isolating period of her life. Becoming a mum at the same time as she had moved away from her community and a job, not knowing anyone near her new home. For two years she felt hugely isolated, and lonely.

But all it took was an invitation from a stranger at a playgroup to change things.... slowly! While it took six months for Jess to accept that invitation, it eventually led to her going to church and attending an Alpha course. Through these years Jess was brought to the difficult realisation that her will power and strength of character were not enough to absorb all the hits she kept taking. On her own she was inadequate to handle the chaos waters that had come. How was she to carry it all? And how could Christianity possibly help her? Jess says:

"When the word church is used in the Bible, it's actually looking to the people. And when you have two or more gathered in Jesus' name that's when the church connects. And for me, that has become my life blood. Because it is only through this body of Christ that I am still standing today.

Because the chaos waters have just risen and risen and there have been times when it has just overwhelmed me. And it is that church: someone will message or call or turn up with dinner or just hold me. And there's a sense of Christ being in with that moment. And then when we pray to him it's like he lifts the weight of those collective burdens. And he literally carries that load."

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The Only Answer to Everything

Lena - Echuca

Lena grew up in Gippsland and trained to be a nurse. When her husband bought their new family home in Echuca, she started a new life there. Lena soon found herself with five daughters under the age of five! But when she approached her Catholic Priest for dispensation to use a contraceptive, he said no. This led Lena to walk into the local Anglican church to see if perhaps she could find the support she needed there.

Her whole life Lena has heeded the call to show compassion and care to those in need. After retirement she devoted herself to volunteering to visit and care for those in hospitals and residential aged care. This tireless work saw her awarded an Order of Australia. She continues this ministry to this day, sustained by the belief that God is with her in every moment, no matter where she is. Lena says:

"I don't know how anyone survives without having faith. Because you've just got to have that faith there, that helps you through, leaping over that big crevice that's there. And you've got to have the faith to jump that hurdle. And just leave it in God's hands. He's the only answer to everything. That's how I feel anyway. And I think that's what children and people must remember, that when they're saying a prayer, that they're really talking to someone. Don't let it just be a lot of words that are prattled on, one after another. Just realise that there's a person, a heavenly person, but still a person behind there, that you're talking to, and that listens to you."

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All Our Life

John - Epsom

John was born in Colchester in Essex, England in 1934. After an administrative mix up his father was posted to Singapore in the second world war, and the family went to live in the now infamous Changi prison. This very unorthodox childhood didn't stop John from getting up to some typical mischief; making the most of the regular downpours to slide down the city's storm water drains with the centipedes and out into the sea.

But in 1942 when the bombing started they had to be evacuated, and John together with his five siblings and mother were stowed in the hold of a ship. "No portholes, no windows, no nothing" said John. "You could only hear the water slapping up against the side of the ship. And everybody got woken up at just the crack of daylight, and the machines guns were going, and the pom poms were going, and they were blowing up mines in the water." After ten days at sea the family arrived at Freemantle in Western Australia and eventually settled in Sailors Falls, near Daylesford, where John met his wife to be. John says:

"We got married in Christ Church, Daylesford on the 18th of April 1953. We were married for 69 years when the wife passed away. We've had six children. They were all baptised at Christchurch. Five of them have been married there, two of the boys have been leaders, and the girls were leaders, so we've had a long to do, 73 years or something like that, with Christ Church. With me church has always been family. The church was a second home, really. Church has been part of our life, all our life, and I still go, every Sunday."

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Revd Peter Dyke, MU Diocesan Treasurer; Sarah Muling and Jennifer Devlin, MU Diocesan President

Mothers' Union Takes Over Radio Station

Revd Peter Dyke

Yes, it is true! In June Mothers' Union took over our local Christian radio station 105.1 Life FM, based in Bendigo. It was all part of our 150th Birthday celebrations and an opportunity to promote Mothers' Union to our city. 105.1 Life FM is primarily a music station that brings the good news of the Christian faith to both encourage believers and challenge listeners. The station characterises itself with the phrase 'Bendigo's positive choice'. The station is faith based and entirely listener supported. Further information can be found at www.life1051.org.au.

Our Chaplain, Revd Hannah, gathered responses from a survey using questions including 'What does your branch do to tackle injustice and help others?' Hannah used these responses to promote Mothers' Union and its Bendigo branches. Additionally, Hannah interviewed members who described how they joined and why they stayed as members. Hannah even invited us to play air-guitar as she introduced the music!

Our Treasurer, Peter, prepared nine conversations called 'Grandparenting Matters' based on a bible study booklet *Grandparenting – Loving Your Children's Children* by Phyllis and Andrew Le Peau, a LifeGuide Bible Study published by InterVarsity Press. In recent years Mothers' Union Bendigo has been focussed on supporting grandmothers in their ministry to their adult children, their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Practical topics such as praying for our grandchildren, favouritism and forgiveness were discussed. Working with Peter were Jennifer, our Diocesan President and Sarah. The nine sessions were broadcast once in the morning and again in the evening.

Our thanks to Jennifer for thoughtfully witnessing to her faith as a grandparent in both the responses and discussions. Huge thanks to Katie, Alida and Ray for welcoming us to the radio station and for sewing together the many recorded segments into the rich tapestry that was Mothers' Union take-over day.

Mothers' Union Celebrates 150

Rev'd Peter Dyke

Mothers' Union in our Diocese celebrated the 150th anniversary of Mothers' Union global mission in June. We had decided to make this an outreach event and chose Rochester Anglican Church as our venue. Rochester had been badly affected by flooding with some residents leaving the town whilst others slowly rebuilt their homes and lives. We were grateful to Rev'd Samuel Kelly, our host, and the congregation for welcoming us so warmly. We wanted to connect with our contacts and diocesan members in this part of north-central Victoria.

We were delighted to be overwhelmed with the response. So much so that we had to make two cakes and double the catering! Members and friends came from all the groups in our diocese as well as many diocesan members. Three former members renewed their memberships on the day. Our Chaplain, Rev'd Hannah Gregory prepared our liturgy and led our worship. Our guest speaker was Canon Tracey Wolsley,

our local archdeacon. Tracey shared her testimony of a strong sense of not belonging, coming from her childhood. As an adult she was found by Jesus and the feeling was replaced by a sense of belonging to God and his family. This was followed by brief speeches and the cake-cutting. Our Treasurer/Secretary reported on our appeals for MU ministries and welcomed each group. Our Chaplain reported on our partnership with 105.1 Life FM, our local Christian radio station. Our President, Jennifer, shared the cake cutting ceremony with our oldest member and with our youngest member.

Lunch was served and enabled us all to meet and greet one another with celebratory laughter. There was time for fellowship, looking at the displays provided by the groups and catching up with one another. The conversations gave rise to a number of ideas for new initiatives that we might undertake in the coming months. It was a very happy occasion.



Kath, Jennifer and Lily

Unity in Kerang

Jacqui Minnis

Once again, all five churches across Kerang took part in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18-24th May.

The materials were prepared by the Inter-Church Relations Department of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. The resources are jointly published by the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches (WCC).

Each weeknight, approximately 40 faithful Christians from all denominations gathered in a different host church for a short worship and prayer service in the style of that church. Each night we were presented with some questions to ponder in small groups. The questions were drawn from Ephesians 4 and prompted us to

consider how we might come together as the body of Christ in our community.

St. John's had the pleasure of hosting the service on Thursday night and were given the question 'What collaborative initiatives can our various communities undertake to celebrate our shared faith in Jesus Christ and the unity established through baptism?' Many great ideas were raised and our prayer is that these will bear fruit.

The week concluded on a high point of an ecumenical service to celebrate Pentecost in worship together.

People from all churches commented on feeling God's Spirit present throughout the week and a true sense of unity amongst those present. We are looking forward to what God brings about next through God's people here in Kerang.



An ecumenical service in Kerang for Pentecost



Revd Hannah Gregory at Synod

Can You RAP?

The process of developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is facilitated by Reconciliation Australia, an independent not-for profit organisation established in 2001. Reconciliation Australia is the lead body for reconciliation in the nation. The diocesan RAP Working Group has registered the diocese to develop a 'Reflect RAP', the first of four types. A Reflect RAP helps to prepare an organisation to engage in reconciliation meaningfully, nurturing understanding and relationships which will form the basis for further developments. This Reflect RAP process is expected to take twelve to eighteen months.

The RAP Working Group invited the diocese into this journey at this year's Synod. A survey was conducted, and the process was committed to God in prayer.

The RAP Working Group are currently putting together a Consultative Committee to help guide what the RAP will look like for our diocese. We're keen to have a variety of perspectives.

If you have interest or experience in this area, please do consider joining the Consultative Committee. It would require participating in three facilitated meetings (either in person or on Zoom, depending on location) over the next six months. If you're interested email Rev. Lauren Porter: lauren.porter@bendigoanglican.org.au

Synod Wrapped

The first session of the 43rd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Bendigo brought together clergy and lay representatives from across the diocese.

One of the most important discussions at Synod concerned the diocese's approach to redress for survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Bishop Matt Brain presented a session entitled 'Repairing Wrong: Redress and the Diocese', outlining the diocese's ongoing commitment to addressing past abuse through the '3-Doorway Method' adopted by Synod in 2019. Synod passed a motion that:

- Recognised the value of the existing Redress Loan facility, which allows the Diocese to meet redress payments promptly.
- Supported extending the life of the loan facility beyond its planned 2026 expiry.
- Expressed the view that as much of the current redress debt as possible should be forgiven and asked diocesan trustees to explore ways to achieve this.

This decision reflects a strong commitment by Synod to justice, healing, and taking responsibility for historic wrongs, while also seeking to reduce the long-term financial impact on parishes and the Diocese.

Synod debated and passed the Bishopric (Amendment) Bill 2026, making several changes to the legislation governing the future appointment of bishops. A number of amendments were proposed during debate, with some accepted and others rejected. The amended Bill was ultimately passed by both the House of Clergy and the House of Laity. Although largely procedural, bishopric legislation shapes how future episcopal leadership is selected and supported, making it one of the most significant governance decisions made by Synod.

Many parish leaders were interested in proposed reforms to the Parish Administration Act and parish governance structures.

Although a conference on parish governance had been scheduled, time constraints meant it could not proceed during Synod. Instead, the Bishop advised that governance materials would be circulated. Parishes have been encouraged to conduct local workshops and discussions to provide feedback back to the Bishop.

Bishop Matt provided an update on the diocese's strategic property initiative, Every Property Has a Purpose. The project is now entering the stage where specific sites may be identified and confirmed. This remains one of the most significant strategic projects in the diocese and could influence how church land and buildings are used to advance ministry, community service, housing, and mission.

A report was also presented by the recently formed Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) team. The work of reconciliation and strengthening relationships with First Nations peoples remains an important area of diocesan ministry and mission.

The Registrar, Sarah Crutch, presented reports for the two Diocesan Corporations with the aid of some engaging graphics inspired by Spotify Wrapped (see below)! Synod also received reports highlighting ministry work across a wide range of organisations and sectors, including: Anglican Board of Mission, Bush Church Aid, Bencourt Care, The Curnow Centre, Healthcare Chaplaincy, Prison Chaplaincy, Mothers Union, New Horizons Welfare Services, Korus Connect, Kooyoora, La Trobe University Multifaith Spiritual Wellbeing Team. These reports reflected the broad ministry footprint of the diocese in welfare, chaplaincy, mission, community service, and pastoral care.

Synod unanimously endorsed the audited 2025 financial statements for the Bendigo Anglican Diocesan Corporation and Bendigo Diocesan Trusts Corporation. A number of diocesan positions were filled during Synod. And finally, Synod gave thanks for the lives of: Ross Everett (Parish of Eaglehawk) and Shirley Heather (Parish of Inglewood), who were noted for the significant contribution they made to the ministry of the diocese and who have died since the previous Synod.

Your Year in Numbers

49 Eddington Cottage bookings

224 Leave requests

91 Service Relief requests

5 Long Service Leave requests

10 Clergy & staff onboarded

12 Clergy & staff offboarded



Celebrating Genius

Frank Page

Earlier this year Christ Church, Daylesford hosted the Maestro Jakob Lindberg's Lute recital in our heritage listed Stanbridge Hall. It was truly delightful in such a beautiful and intimate setting. The concert celebrated the genius of John Dowland, acclaimed renaissance composer, this year being the 400th anniversary of his death.

Rosemary Hodgson, Lutenist, commented on the 'deep listening' audience. The Maestro himself identified the Stanbridge Hall as one of the nicest halls he has played in, this being his second concert in the hall. Of course he has performed all over the world too! Acclaimed Harpsichordist Ann Morgan comparing other venues described them as "nowhere as good as the acoustic for yesterday's concert."

The promise of Jakob's interpretation of Dowland's music, capturing the depth of human emotions in the compositions, was certainly realised. And yes, we heard the melancholic pavaes and the joyous galliards. This was precious, gentle music to soothe our souls and envy the Tudor courts who once enjoyed this as their daily fare.

Thank you to Jakob Lindberg and Rosemary Hodgson for this wonderful addition to our Christ Church Concerts 2026 Series. The next concert in the series will be 'London Calling' on Saturday the 15th of August, featuring highly underrated Baroque composers for the London theatre scene of the 1700's.

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