



FOUR RIVERS

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*A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden
and there it divided and became four rivers.*

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St Alban's Cathedral Centre for Theological Education

Our inaugural residential workshop for the Diploma of Ministry-In Context, commenced on the 12th and 13th February 2016. This course is designed to equip Clergy and lay people in rural and regional areas for effective ministry in local communities. www.ridley.edu.au.

The *In Context* element of the course will be, students spending periodic time at a

Residential weekend to share in tutorial sessions and experience parish life in areas such as, pastoral care, liturgy, preaching and others. This *field education* will be their opportunity to reflect theologically, combining their on-line studies and parish settings.

Five students from across the Diocese attended the workshop which was conducted by Rev Canon Richard Trist, Dean of the Anglican Institute at Ridley Theological College.

On Friday, these students were introduced to Ridley College and the Anglican Institute, Online Study, the library, e-books and Logos. Friday evening, Bishop Rob, Janine, our Diocesan Registrar Michelle Catanzariti and John Eades our Chancellor were with us for a Commissioning and Dedication Service at



Pictured outside St Alans Cathedral Griffith are The Very Reverend Rob Harris, The Reverend Canon Richard Trist, Jocelyn Heazlewood, Bishop Rob Gillion, Leeola Davis, Brendan Webster and Jenifer Bedding.

the Cathedral Chapel followed by a convivial dinner at the Deanery.

Students were then billeted with parishioners of the Cathedral and returned for Morning Prayer at 9.00am in the Chapel.

On Saturday, Bishop Rob attended the workshop to address and encourage the students.

The students were introduced to the topics of their first essay, the de-

veloping of good study skills and how to write an essay according to under graduate practice.

It is our intention to meet for a *Residential* twice a semester. The Cathedral meeting room, known fondly as the *Upper Room* has been equipped with wi-fi and soon a Smart TV to provide online access while at the *Residential*.

Please keep these students and the Centre for Theological Education in your prayers as we go forward in this new venture of outreach in ministry and mission in our local communities and indeed the wider Diocese.

Dean Rob Harris

BELL RINGERS AT MANGOPLAH



Photo R-L: Elaine Campbell, Ruth Rush, Marge Mathers, Margaret Bradford & Lorna Ireland

BISHOPS LETTER



Bishop's Message

The Gift of Waiting:

"They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"- (Isaiah 40.31)

I will be celebrating the days of Easter in the parish of Barham, pulling together as a community after the sad death of their parish priest The Venerable David Bond. The journey to Easter Day is one of suffering but results in ultimate joy and culminates in these special days Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday.

There will be much said on Good Friday—Seven words from the Cross, perhaps a solemn liturgy.

On Easter Sunday words and songs of rejoicing and joy, "Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed" but what of Holy Saturday. Well I describe it as "Silent" or "Tranquil" or "still".

It possesses the most wonderful sense of silent stillness, very different from the other days of Easter. The suffering, darkness and pain of Good Friday are over together with all its grieving and flurries of activity. As a righteous man Joseph of Arimathea brings the body of Jesus into the stillness of the garden tomb. Then there is the holiness, the silence, the sacrament of waiting.

There is no celebration of the Eucharist on this Holy Saturday, no receiving of holy communion. The day is simply given over to a blessed waiting. As we wait let us cultivate before our Lord the blessedness of anchoring ourselves into the Holy Saturday stillness, so that it may become a mark and pattern of our lives for then everyday will contain elements of such stillness that will be cherished by us and communicated to those around us.

Prayer

Lord Jesus into the still silence of this day may your glory shine as we turn our faces towards the light of Easter and the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Right Reverend Rob Gillion
Bishop of Riverina*

Vale The Venerable Emeritus David Bond

The death occurred on Friday the 15th January 2015 of Archdeacon Emeritus The Venerable David Bond at Barham NSW.

David was born in Merriwa in 1948.

He studied at St Johns College Morpeth and after completing his studies was appointed to the Aria Park-Ardlethan parish in 1991, he served there for 5 years. He was appointed as the Rector of Barham parish in 1996 and continued serving the parish until his death.

His Funeral service was held at St John's Barham on Thursday 28th January. The Rt Reverend Rob Gillion led the Eucharist service assisted by the Reverend Edwin Byford.

David was a Police Chaplain, RSL Chaplain, involved with local community radio 2 State FM and he wrote a weekly article for the Bridge newspaper called the Bush Parson, and was a keen Jazz musician.

The Police, SES, Ambulance, and Clergy formed a guard of honour.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.



EASTER SERVICE TIMES 2016**ARIAH PARK-ARDLETHAN****Easter Sunday 27th March**

11.00am St Marks Ardlethan

BROKEN HILL & THE FAR WEST

Lenten Studies: 5.30pm Tuesdays 11.00am Wednesdays

Good Friday 25th March

10.00am Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

Easter Sunday 27th March

8.30am St Peters Lane Street

10.15am St James Wilson Street

COOLAMON-GANMAIN**Maundy Thursday 24th March:**

5.00pm St Peter's Ganmain

Good Friday 25th March:

10.00am St Andrew's Coolamon

Easter Sunday 28th March:

8.45am St Peters Ganmain

10.15am St Andrew's Coolamon

DENILIQVIN**Palm Sunday 20th March**

8.00am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Eucharist

Good Friday 25th March

8.00am Liturgy of The Cross & Veneration

Easter Eve Saturday 25th March

6.00pm Lighting of New Fire & Paschal Candle & Eucharist

Easter Sunday 26th March

8.00am Renewal of Baptism Vows and Eucharist

GRIFFITH**Holy Monday 21st March**

9.00am: Holy Eucharist St Albans Cathedral

Holy Tuesday 22nd March

11.00am: Service of the Oils St Albans Cathedral

Holy Wednesday 23rd March

9.00am: Holy Eucharist St Albans Cathedral

Maundy Thursday 24th March

7.00pm: Holy Eucharist (Foot washing and Vigil)

at St Albans Cathedral

Good Friday 25th March

9.30am: Solemn Liturgy of the day.

Reserved Sacrament at St Albans Cathedral

9.30am: Morning Prayer at St George's Yenda.

11.00am: Combined Churches Pilgrimage (Griffith)

3.00pm: Stations of the Cross at St Albans Cathedral

5.00pm: Solemn Liturgy of the day.

Reserved Sacrament at St Luke's Rankins Springs

Easter Day 27th March6.30am: Service of the First Light and Holy Eucharist
St Albans Cathedral

9.30am: Sung Eucharist at St Albans Cathedral

9.30am: Morning Prayer at St George's Yenda

5.00pm: Morning Prayer at St Luke's Rankins Springs

LAKE CARGELLIGO**Palm Sunday 20th March:**

10.00am & 5.00pm Lake Cargelligo

Holy Monday 21st March: 9.30am Lake Cargelligo**Holy Tuesday 22nd March:** 6.00pm Lake Cargelligo**Holy Wednesday 23rd March:** 9.30am Lake Cargelligo**Maundy Thursday 24th March:** 7.00pm Lake Cargelligo**Good Friday 25th March:** 8.00am & 3.00pm Lake Cargelligo

10.00am Tullibigeal

Holy Saturday 26th March: 7.00pm Lake Cargelligo**Easter Sunday 27th March:** 8.00am Tullibigeal

10.00am Lake Cargelligo

LEETON**Palm Sunday 20th March**

6.00pm Saturday Blessing of palms & Vigil Mass

9.30am Blessing of Palms, procession (Mountford park) and Solemn Mass

Holy Monday 21st March—6.00pm Mass**Holy Tuesday 22nd March—7.30am Mass****Holy Wednesday—10.00am Mass****Maundy Thursday 24th March**

8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and Watch

Good Friday 25th March

8.00am Mattins & Litany

9.30am Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

LOCKHART

Each Friday during Lent 10.00am St Aidan's Lockhart

Morning Prayer followed by Lenten Discussion Group

Monday 21st—Wednesday 23rd March 3.15—5.00pm

Easter Kids Club St Aidan's Hall

Maundy Thursday 24th March:

6.00pm St Aidan's Lockhart

Good Friday 25th March

10.30am Woodhaven Aged Care Facility Ecumenical Service

Easter Sunday 26th March: 9.00am St Aidan's Lockhart

5.00pm St Philip's Urana

MOAMA**Palm Sunday 20th March**

10.30am Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Eucharist

Maundy Thursday 24th March

6.30pm Liturgy of The Last Supper & Vigil

Good Friday 25th March

9.00am Liturgy of The Cross St James Uniting Church

Mathoura

10..30am Liturgy of the Cross and Veneration St James Moama

Easter Sunday 26th March

10.00am Lighting of Paschal Candle and Eucharist Holy Cross

Anglican Church Mathoura

10..30am Lighting of The Paschal Candle, Renewal of Baptism

Vows and Eucharist.

MULWALA-BERRIGAN with OAKLANDS**Palm Sunday 20th March:** 9.00am Eucharist Mulwala

11.00am Holy Eucharist St Aidan's Berrigan

Maundy Thursday 24th March: 7.00pm Holy Eucharist, Feet

washing, stripping of Altar & Vigil at St Aidan's Berrigan

Good Friday 25th March: 9.00am Liturgy Mulwala

11.00am Stations of the Cross St Aidan's Berrigan

Easter Day 27th March

9.00am Holy Eucharist St Andrew's Mulwala

11.00am Holy Eucharist St Aidan's Berrigan

NARRANDERA**Maundy Thursday 24th March:** 7.00pm**Good Friday 25th March:** 8.00am**Easter Saturday 27th March:** 5.00pm**Easter Sunday 28th March:** 7.00am**THE ROCK****Palm Sunday 20th March**

9.00am Eucharist at Scots Church Mangoplah

Easter Day 26th March: 9.30am Eucharist St Peters The Rock**TOCUMWAL-FINLEY with JERILDERIE****Good Friday 25th March:** 8.30am St Alban's Tocumwal

10.00am Holy Trinity Finley

Easter Day Sunday 27th March:

8.30am St Alban's Tocumwal

10.00am Holy Trinity Finley

6.00pm St Stephens Jerilderie

Adrian & Bridget Plass

Present:



“An Evening of Laughter & Tears”

When: Friday 26th February, 2016, 7:30pm

Where: Cathedral Church of St Alban the Martyr
Griffith

Cost: \$ 10:00 per person

Adrian and Bridget,
authors of forty or more books, are back in Australia
after ten years to delight audiences once again
with a lively mixture of humorous stories,
sketches and poems.

As passionate but bemused followers of Christ
who enjoy intermittent shalom, they aim
for absolute truth, and occasionally almost achieve it.

Tickets on sale from Pam Kensett-Smith

Mob: 0409 393 290 or 6962 1020

BISHOPS DIARY

February

- 21 10.00am Hillston Parish
- 23-25 Clergy Conference Narrandera
- 25 12.30pm Bishop in Council Narrandera
- 26 7.30pm An Evening of Laughter and Tears St
Albans Cathedral Griffith
- 28 Landline Program ABC
9.00am Barellan
11.15 Weethalle

March

- 2 7.30pm Barellan AGM
- 4 Anglicare Meeting
- 6-10 Bishops Conference Claire South Australia
- 12 Mothers Union
- 13 Hay AGM
- 18-19 Consecration Hobart
- 22 Blessing of the Oils St Alban's Cathedral Griffith
- 25-27 Barham Parish

APRIL

- 2-4 Hay
- 9-10 Tocumwal-Finley
- 11 ABM Conference Griffith
- 14 Education & Evangelism Meeting Narrandera
Bishop in Council
- 16 Aria Park Deb Ball
- 26 Consultation Meeting -Ridley College
- 29,30 Bishops Diocesan Conference Griffith

MAY

- 1 Bishops Diocesan Conference Griffith

JUNE

- 3-5 Diocesan Synod Griffith

The Education & Evangelism Committee plan 2016 Conference.

'The Healing Wisdom of the Bible'

The 2016 Bishop's Diocesan Conference will draw upon the great wisdom of the bible and other sources that enrich important areas of our personal, parish and community life.

The Conference is to be held at Griffith, beginning at 10am Friday 29th April and concluding after the Eucharist on Sunday 1st May. Brochures will be available in your Parish soon, as well as being available from the Registry.

There will again be a variety of presentations from invited guests and from our own people. This Conference is one of the very significant ways that we are able to come together with our Bishop to celebrate being a Diocesan family, to enjoy the fellowship of one another, and to be uplifted by the worship and studies. All are most welcome, and especially those who have not had the opportunity previously to be part of such a valuable gathering.

AROUND THE DIOCESE CONTINUED BALRANALD



FOUR RIVERS DEADLINE

The deadline for the Autumn Edition of Four Rivers will be Monday 9th May 2016. Articles and Photos can be posted to the Editor, Coleen Light at The Registry, PO Box 10, Narrandera 2700 or emailed to: rivdio@bigpond.com

Messy Church at The Rock



Photo: R-L Jocelyn Heazlewood, James & Bill Turtle, Stephen & Marion Klimpsch, Front: Annaliese & Lewis Klimpsch, Hugo and Ted Turtle

BROKEN HILL



Bishop Rob welcomes Broken Hill Anglican Deacon Rev'd Neville Naden (BCA) after preaching at St Peters and St James Broken Hill, his message was well received.

St Barnabas Oxley Church in the Bush



*“Christ is Risen,
He is Risen indeed”*

St Barnabas Oxley



Photo: Bob McFarland, Bishop Rob, Peter & Lee Caspersonn & Edna Hanna

The Oxley community gathered on 13th December 2015 for their annual pre-Christmas church service and also to farewell local property owner, Bob McFarland, who recently sold Oxley Station and is retiring from the land.

The village of Oxley is 85 km northwest of Hay, on the Lachlan River. St Barnabas Church is a centre for the whole community and is used for both Anglican and Catholic church services.



Photo: Bishop Rob joined in playing cricket

The church was filled with local families and some of Bob's friends from Hay and elsewhere. Bishop Rob Gillion, led a communion service, assisted by Mrs Edna Hanna from St Paul's Hay. Peter Caspersonn, BCA Co-worker based in Hay, led the early part of the service, and his wife, Lee, provided the music.

Everybody adjourned after church to the Oxley Recreation Shed, for the annual Christmas Dinner. There was some backyard cricket, Santa Claus visited in a big fire engine, and the community presented Bob with a beautiful sketch of one of his favourite scenes, by world renowned local artist Chris McLelland.

Several members of Hay Shutterbugs camera club attended, thanks to Margie McLelland and Aileen Honeyman for the photos.

Baptism at St Albans Booligal



Bishop Rob Gillion baptised Ollie, son of Kate and Chris Taylor and grandson of Bill and Jenny Sheaffe, at Booligal on 22nd December. It was a combined baptism and carol service at St Alban's Anglican Church. The service was well-attended with over 30 locals, and some from Hay, Ivanhoe and Broken Hill. All adjourned to the Booligal pub for good conversation and delicious finger food.

THE ROCK



The three centres of the Rock Parish combined for a Service to commence activities in the Parish for 2016. The Service was held in the Mangoplah Hall on Sunday evening, 31 January, the themes being thanksgiving for good experiences of the past year, and using our gifts as we commit to the year ahead.

Bishop Rob and Janine were in attendance, a magnificent supper followed, and it was truly an uplifting occasion.



Photo: Bishop Rob, Reverend Colin Rush and Peter Savage